

G.R.S. Form #114-

To The A. G. O.

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FULL NAME... BRANCH, Levi C. *Sol. sig*

FEB 6 - 1926

RANK... Private SERIAL... 1877966

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION... Company K, 118th Infantry 30

DATE OF DEATH... *Sept 26, 1915*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME... *M.C.*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED... *No rec*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION... *253 1113 A*

Date Grave Row Block

636

Cemetery

Stamp: FEB 8 1926 A.G.O. General... *Swa 2-16-26*

AUDITED BY *202 3-23-25*

FEB 12 26
M. & R. BRANCH
O. Q. M. C.

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BRANSON-1877966-L.C.

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

Pvt - Co. K - 118th Inf.

(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL 9/28-1918

PLACE OF BURIAL HESBECOURT

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

SK-63-L1308.5

GRAVE NUMBER 35-Row A

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? -

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

Information taken from gas mask

REPORTED BY:

M. Robinson S. Chaplain 3rd Div

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

BRANSON Levi ? C. Pvt. I877966

Home Address: Bentonville N.C.

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Witness says Branson was mortally wounded, September 26th I918 and that he

62 B and W L I7 B I.5-2.7

als. No other man of same name in information intelligent and seemingly

ant: HARRISON Montgomery Pvt. I878138

Co K. II8th Infantry

ne: Chestnut Ridge, N.C.

January 29th I919

Jay W. Franklin- Searcher. Ist Lt. Co K, II8th Infantry

BRANSON, L.C. 1837966 Pvt., Co. K., 118th. Inf. 9/9 10/2/18 Buried in Hesbecourt Church Yd. Cemetery (Map ref. 62b K 13 c 85).

CO. K. 118th Infantry

BRANSON Levi ? C. Pvt. 1877966

Home Address: Bentonville N.C.

Died September 26th 1918

" Eye witness . Ground was held . Witness says Branson was mortally wounded by High Explosives near Villerette , September 26th 1918 and that he died at First Aid Station .

Buried at Map Reference Sheet 62 B and W L I7 B I.5-2.7

Knew Christian name and initials . No other man of same name in Company. No scars , marks or nick name . Information intelligent and seemingly accurate . "

Informant : HARRISON Montgomery Pvt. 1878138
Co K. 118th Infantry
Home : Chestnut Ridge , N.C.
January 29th 1919

Emergency address :-
Bentonville N.C.

Jay W. Franklin- Searcher .
1st Lt. Co K, 118th Infantry

C.F.

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Buried in Hesbecourt Church Yd. Cemetery (Map ref. 62b K 13 c 85).

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BONY, FRANCE.

Date JUNE 6, 1919.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: BRANSON, L.C.

Number: 1877966

Rank: CPL.

Organization: CO K 118TH INF.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group #2 Unit 302

Disinterred (Date) JUNE 4, 1919. From: (Give complete location)

GRAVE 35, ROW 1, PLOT A, HESBECOURT CHURCH YARD CEMETERY, MAP RFS.

CAMBRAU S.W. EAST 170.1, NORTH 359.7.

Reburied (Date) JUNE 4, 1919. in: (Give complete location)

GRAVE 131, ROW 6, PLOT B, BONY MILITARY CEMETERY, MAP RFS 13 S.W.

EAST 176,3, NORTH 363.8.

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

NO WRAPPING, CONDITION POOR.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? NO.

What other means of identification were found on the body? NONE.

11222
CONFIRMED N° D

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct as is required by G.O. 170, G.H. 2, 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: Paul J. Dixon C. E. Braden 2ND LT. QMC

C.O. Group #2 Unit 302

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name:

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NO EXCESSIVE CONDITION BOOK

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name: C.B.

organization: CO K 11311 INC

name: BRUNSON, J.C.

number: 1011300

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GUILFORD COUNTY

Branson, Mrs. Sarah E.,
Route #1, Greensboro, N. C.

*Branson, Levi C.
Pvt.*

Lv. Greensboro	SoRy	#34	5:55 PM (ET) June 23
Arr. New York	PennRR	#108	6:40 AM (ET) June 24

Route Going: SoRy Washington, PennRR ~~New York.~~
Return: ~~PennRR Washington, SoRy Greensboro.~~

same route

→ Sleeper Greensboro to New York.

Elapsed time 12 hours, 45 minutes.

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Name BRANSON, Mrs Sarah E.

Paris Hôtel HOTEL CARLTON

AV. DES CHAMPS-ÉLYSÉES

Home address Route I, Greensboro, Guilford County, North Carolina

Party I Group 5 Unit ~~§§~~. REPUBLIC

Date of arrival July 9-1930 Date of departure ~~§§~~. AMERICA-July 17-1930

Relationship Mother

Name of deceased BRANSON, Levi C.

Rank Pvt. Organization Co.K. II8th Inf.

Cemetery Somme

REMARKS



Party "I" - Itinerary - Somme Group

Sailed June 25, 1950 on SS REPUBLIC. Capt. F. M. Child and Lt. G. E. Young in charge. Arrived Cherbourg 10.30 pm July 5th. Tender arrived 8.35 am July 6th, bearing Major Bailey and 3 other officers; 4 nurses and 2 civilian employees. Train left at 8.21 am. Arrived Gare des Invalides 2.15 pm. Met by Col. Ellis, members of his staff and a detail of interpreters and nurses.

July 7th. Morning devoted to transaction of personal business. Exchange of money, preparation of laundry, etc. Left hotel by bus at 3 pm for Arc de Triomphe where Mrs. Emeline Heubert placed a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent after ceremony. Returned to hotel for dinner. Evening free.

July 8th. Left 8.15 am Via Porte de la Chapelle & Ecouen. Arrived Chantilly 10.00 am. Rest stop Hotel du Parc. Left 10.50 am Via Senlis. Arrived Compiègne 12.00 noon. Lunch Hotel Grand Royal. Left 2.00 pm and arrived Carrefour De L'Armistice 2.15 pm. Left 2.45 pm Via Compiègne & noyon. Arrived Saint Quentin 6.00 pm. Dinner and sleep Hotel de France.

July 9th, 10th. Daily visits from St. Quentin to Somme American Cemetery.

July 11th. Visit to Cemetery. Left Cemetery 11.00 am and arrived Cambrai 12.00 noon. Lunch Brasserie La Tavernes. Left 2.00 pm and arrived Lille 4.00 pm. Dinner and sleep Hotel Royal.

July 12th. Morning free. Lunch at Hotel. Left Lille 2.15 pm Via Seclin, Carvin, Lens, Vimy Ridge. Arrived Arras 4.00 pm. Rest stop Brasserie Moderne. Left 4.30 pm and arrived Amiens 4.45 pm. Dinner and sleep Hotel de l'Univers.

July 13th. Morning free. Visit Amiens & Cathedral. Lunch at Hotel. Left 1.30 pm Via Breteuil. Arrived Beauvais 3.20 pm. Rest stop Hotel de France. Left 4.00 pm and arrived Paris 6.15 pm. Dinner at Hotel.

July 14th. Sightseeing trip Paris Notre Dame. Lunch at Hotel. Sightseeing trip Paris Napoleon's Tomb. Dinner at Hotel.

July 15th. Morning free. Lunch at Hotel. Versailles. Refreshments Belle Cycliste. Dinner at Hotel.

July 16th. Fontainebleau Via Melun. Lunch at Hotel Legris. Visit Chateau. Dinner at Hotel.

July 17th. Boat train for Cherbourg 10.30 am. Arrived Cherbourg 4.15 pm. SS AMERICA sailed shortly after 6.10 pm. Capt. Child and Lt. Young in charge. Arrived New York July 26th.

WAR DEPARTMENT
 "PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"
 -- ROOM 901 --

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

Party I
 Number 1576

BRANSON, LEVI C. — SOM

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

MRS. SARAH E. BRANSON
 Name of Traveler
GREENSBORO, GUILFORD COUNTY,
 Home Address
NO. CAR.

Estimate cost of through Pullman.
 New York, to GREENSBORO, NO. CAR.
 \$ 5.63

New York, to GREENSBORO, NO. CAR.
 Destination.

Via PENN TO WASH. - SOU TO DEST.

JULY 27th, 1930
 Date of Departure

	Road	Tr. NO.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	car	U.S.G. Order NO.	Est. Cost
LV	PENN. STA.	PENN	7-27	6:40 P			W/ 1, 022, 271	
* AR	GREENSBORO	SOU-RR	7-28	7:30 A	2-8	168	372	5.63
LV								
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TOTAL 5.63

Remarks::

* THRU CAR
 Escorted to train by Capt. Merrill Ross

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1503^a

NAME BRANSON, MRS. SARAH E.

S.S. [AMERICA]

JUL 25 1930

HOME GREENSBORO, GUILFORD COUNTY
NO. CAROLINA

R.R. *Penn to Wash.*

STATION *Sou to det*

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE *Aug. 23-30*

1MB

WAR DEPARTMENT
PRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS & WIDOWS
20 WEST 34TH ST., N. Y., N. Y., ROOM 901

A.C. TIPTON
MAJOR INF. (DOL).

JULY 26 1930.

VIA WESTERN UNION

R RAY H BRANSON
C/O TEXAS OIL COMPANY
GREENSBORO N.C.

*122*22*IV*22*

RS BRANSON WILL ARRIVE AT GREENSBORO AT 7:30 A.M. STANDARD TIME.
ONDAY MEET HER.

COLONEL WILLIAMS.

MRS SARAH E. BRANSON PARTY "I" HOTEL MCALPIN

AEW:FVR

File 201,
(Branson, Mrs. S.E.)

June 17, 1930

Reverend B. Russell Branson,
Clintondale Friends Meeting,
Clintondale, New York.

My dear Mr. Branson:

I have your letter of June 16th relative to meeting your mother while she is passing through New York. She will stop at the Pennsylvania Hotel on June 24th and leave there at 9 A.M. on the morning of the 25th for Pier 4, Hoboken. Suggest that you visit her either at the Pennsylvania Hotel on the afternoon or evening of June 24th, or at Pier 4, Hoboken, from about 10 A.M. until 11:30 A.M., when visitors are required to leave the boat.

Sincerely yours,

A. E. Williams,
Colonel, C.M. Corps,
Officer in Charge.

DO NOT DETACH THIS SLIP.

DATE. *6/17/30*

---ROUTING AND REFERENCE SLIP---
Port of Embarkation,
Pilgrimage, War Mothers &
Widows, NYC.

FOR ACTION AS INDICATED.

TO:

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✓ *B*
COMMANDING OFFICER
ASSISTANT TO C.O.
MEDICAL OFFICER
FINANCE OFFICER
LIAISON OFFICER:

FOR:

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
ACTION
✓ REPLY
CORRECTIVE ACTION
DRAFT OF REPLY
COMPLIANCE
RECOMMENDATION
REMARK
INVESTIGATION
FOLLOW UP
INFORMATION
SEE THE C.O.
COPIES FURNISHED

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CHIEF CLERK
ADMINISTRATION DIVISION:
FISCAL & ACCOUNTING
PERSONNEL
HOTEL ASSIGNMENT
TRANSPORTATION:
RAIL
WATER
MOTOR
MAIL AND RECORDS

REMARKS:

INSTRUCTIONS:

Indicate to whom sent and action desired by check marks to the left.

Receipt will be acknowledged by initial to the right of the Official indicated.

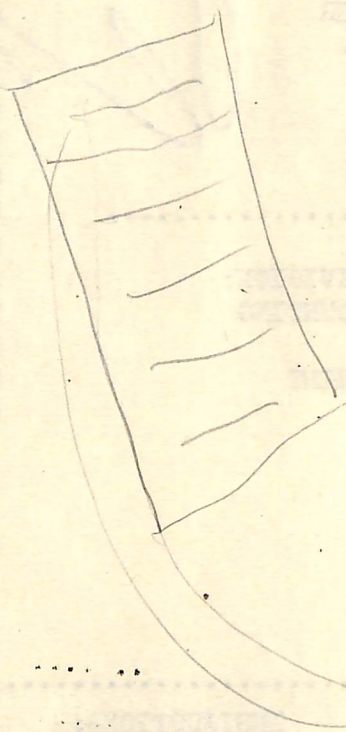
Original of this slip will remain with the papers to which attached until action is completed or the papers filed. A copy will be attached to the record file pending completion of action. After completion of action file original slip with record.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: [Illegible]

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Clintondale Friends Meeting

Clintondale, N. Y.

B. RUSSELL BRANSON, MINISTER

June 16, 1930

Col. A. E. Williams
Pilgrimage Port Of Embarkation
New York City.

6:40 AM rec'd
Pa

201 Branson, Mr. J. C.

Dear Mr. Williams:

I wrote to The War Department in Washington expressing my desire to visit with my mother, Mrs. Sarah E. Branson, during her stay in New York City before sailing on the SS REPUBLIC June 25th. 1930 on the pilgrimage to the American cemeteries in Europe.

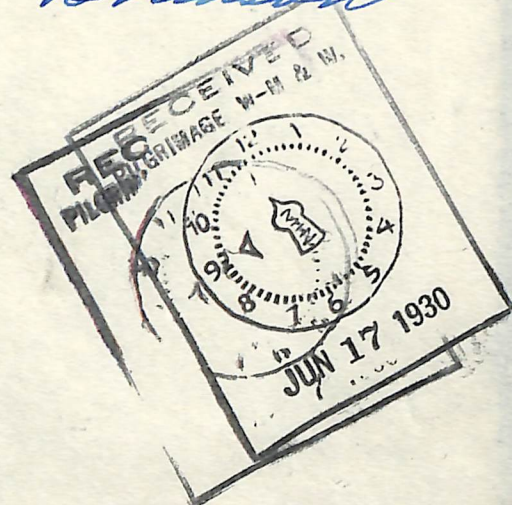
I received an immediate reply informing me to refer my request to you with the suggestion that you could tell me when and where I might be privileged to see her for a little while.

I am sending herewith a copy of the letter which I sent to Washington and the reply which I received.

Unless the SS REPUBLIC sails very early in the day I would like to visit with her on the day she sails if possible. Otherwise I shall be happy to visit with her at the time you shall designate.

Sincerely,

B. Russell Branson



June 10, 1930

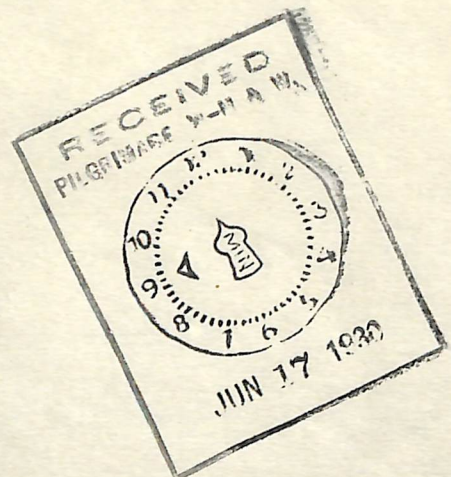
Gold Star Mother Section
United States War Department
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

Mrs. Sarah E. Branson of Greensboro, N.C., is a Gold Star Mother. She sailed for France on June 25~~th~~th. I am her youngest son, a minister of the Friends Church, and at present living in Clintondale, New York. Clintondale is just across the Hudson River from Poughkeepsie, N.Y. I would like to get permission to run down to New York City and see my mother before she sails. I am not concerned just what time I should see her. I shall be glad to see her when and where the War Department shall designate. I have not seen my mother for some time and would like this opportunity to see her for just a little while before she sails for France.

If you will just inform me when and where I may see her I shall be very grateful.

Sincerely,



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Branson, Levi C. - 636

June 14, 1930.

Rev. B. Russell Branson,
Clintondale, New York.

Dear Mr. Branson:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 10, 1930 relative to your desire to visit your mother, Mrs. Sarah E. Branson, during her stay in New York City before sailing on the SS REPUBLIC June 25, 1930 on the pilgrimage to the American cemeteries in Europe.

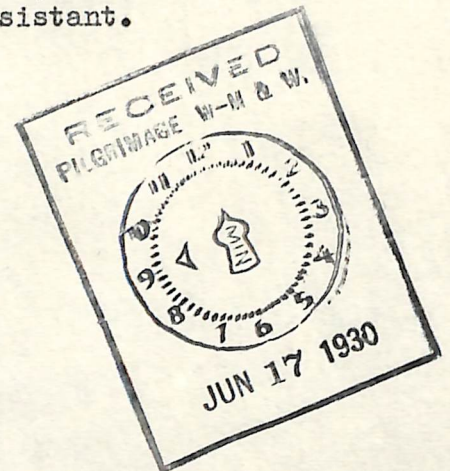
If you will communicate with Col. A. E. Williams, Officer in Charge, Pilgrimage Port of Embarkation, 901 Pennsylvania Bldg., 225 West 34th Street, New York City, he can advise you the hotel at which Mrs. Branson will stop in New York City. She will arrive at 6:40 AM June 24th on Penna. Railroad, Train No. 108.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

R. E. Shannon

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



June 10th, 1930

Mrs. Sarah E. Brenson,
Route #1,
Greensboro, No. Car.

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. G.M. Corps
Assistant

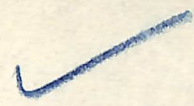
Enclosures:
2 tags

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Branson, Levi b	3	281
	CEMETERY 636	1	
BURIED	GRAVE 3	2	03
	ROW 13	2	03
	BLOCK A	1	1
STATE	M. Can.	2	38
RANK	Priv.	1	2
DIVISION	30th	2	30
ORGANIZATION	118th	3	118
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARITAL	Mar	1	2
NAME	Mrs Sarah E. Branson	3	281
	STATE M. Can.	2	38
RESIDENCE	COUNTY Guilford	2	41
	CITY Greensboro	3	017
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	Yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Good	1	1
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO. YR. 1930	1	1
ACCEPTANCE	Yes	1	1
	Age 64		64

SOLD 11-1-1935
 JUNE 25 1931

AUDITED
 SEP 25 1931 KPB



QM 293 A-M
Branson, Levi C. 636-M

August 9, 1930.

Mrs. Sarah E. Branson,
Route #1,
Greensboro, N. C.

Dear Madam:

The testimonial dated July 25th to the Secretary of War, which you and the other mothers and widows returning on the SS America were so kind as to send regarding your pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, has been referred to me for reply.

It is gratifying to know that the officers of the Army and the nurse in charge of your group rendered such courteous and efficient service. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages and has expended every effort that those making the journey might have a comfortable and pleasant trip. I feel, however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation shown by the mothers and widows who are making the pilgrimage.

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

Sincerely yours,

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

ADH
JTH
WRG

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NAME Branson, s. Sarah E.ADDRESS Route #1, Greensboro, North CarolinaDATE July 28 - 1930TO: OFFICER-IN-CHARGE,
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

I BEG TO INFORM YOU THAT I HAVE RETURNED
TO MY HOME SAFELY AND IN GOOD HEALTH.

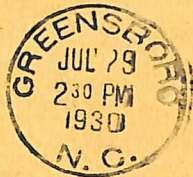
SINCERELY,

(SIGNED) Mrs. Sarah E. Branson

WAR DEPARTMENT

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300.



PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

STATE

NORTH CAROLINA

Greensboro
BRANSON, Levi C.

M.

NAME BRANSON, MRS. SARAH E. HOME ADDRESS ROUTE #1, GREENSBORO

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN Mr. Ray Branson, Texas Oil Co.
Winston-Salem, N. Car.

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE June 24 HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA ROOM NO. 1503A

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE JUNE 25, 1930 VESSEL S.S. REPUBLIC CABIN NO. 400-A

DESTINATION CHERBOURG CEMETERY SOM.

RETURN NEW YORK

DATE

July 26, 1930

NAME *M. Brauson Mrs Sarah E* HOME ADDRESS *Route #1 Greensboro, N. Car.*

RETURN ON S. S. *S/S AMERICA* HOTEL *MCALPIN* ROOM NO. *620*

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE

7/27

ROAD *Penn R.R.* TRAIN *139* CAR *1568* BERTH or SEAT *L8*

REMARKS

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Branson, Levi C. 636-M
Republic 6/25

May 12, 1930

Mrs. Sarah E. Branson
Rout #1
Greensboro, N. C.

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.

Mr. Ray H. Branson
Name
of Texas Oil Co., Winston Salem, N. C.
Address

Noted

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

Encl.
Env.

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RETURN RECEIPT

6 34

Register 6-25/30

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

Mrs Sarah E. Branson

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, 5 31, 1925

Form 3811

#5-3116

Deliver to addressee only.

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE 1

No. 9268864

PM
1939

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____

Return to _____

Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,
or Post Office Box, _____

MUNITIONS BUILDING

WASHINGTON,

D. C.

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



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636

RETURN RECEIPT

Republic 6/25/30

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

Mrs Sarah E Branson

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, 6 9, 1920

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 927296

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____

Return to _____

Street and Number,
or Post Office Box, _____

WASHINGTON,

D. C.



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

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING
OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Q. M. GENERAL

MUNITIONS BUILDING



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 14, 1930.

Branson, Levi C. - 636

Mrs. Sarah E. Branson,
Route #1,
Greensboro, N. C.

Dear Madam:

With reference to previous correspondence on this subject, you are informed that your passport has been received and will be delivered to you aboard ship.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

*mailed
6/14*

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Clintondale, New York.

Dear Mr. Branson:

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

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6/14*

Clintondale Friends Meeting

Clintondale, N. Y.

B. RUSSELL BRANSON, MINISTER

June 10, 1930

Gold Star Mother Section
United States War Department
Washington, D. C.

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Sincerely,



B. Russell Branson

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195 Branson
B. Russell

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Branson, Levi C. - 636

June 3, 1930.

Mrs. Sarah E. Branson,
Route #1,
Greensboro, N. C.

Dear Madam:

This office has not yet received your passport for use in connection with your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe.

It is imperative that EVERY mother or widow making this pilgrimage, whether an American citizen or not, have a passport issued and in the hands of this office before she begins her trip.

Please comply as early as possible with the instructions shown in form letter attached, or if you have heretofore taken this action advise this office to that effect.

Should the clerk of the court not have been furnished with "Special Pilgrimage Passport" applications, please request him to take the matter up at once with the Passport Bureau, Room 170, State, War and Navy Building, Washington, D. C., and he will be furnished with these forms.

The person to whom you should apply is the Clerk of the Superior Court at Greensboro, Guilford Co., N. C.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

R. E. Shannon

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

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Capt. R. E. Shannon's application was made as of May 20th and I have notice that same had been received. Also that passport was being prepared and mailed to New York - Mrs. Sarah E. Branson

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Apr 11, 1930.

Branson, Levi C. 636 K

Mrs. Sarah E. Branson,
Route #1,
Greensboro, N.C.

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.

Republic

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Branson, Levi, C.

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. Sarah E. Branson

(Name)

Route #1, Greensboro, Guilford County, N. C.

(Town or City)

(State)



QM 295 A-C
Branson, Levi C. 636

December 28, 1929.

Mrs. Sarah E. Branson,
Route #1,
Greensboro, N. C.

Dear Madam:

This office is in receipt of your letter of December 16, 1929, which was forwarded by the U. S. Veterans' Bureau for reply relative to your desire to make the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act of March 2, 1929 in the year 1930.

In connection therewith, you are advised that your name has been placed on the list of eligible mothers and widows as desiring to make the pilgrimage in the year 1930 to the Somme American Cemetery in France, where the remains of your son, the late Private Levi C. Branson, are now interred.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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December 20, 1929

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Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Branson,
Route 1,
Greensboro, North Carolina.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 16, 1929, relative to the legislation providing trips at Governmental expense to 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 administration of the legislation in which you are interested is under the jurisdiction of the War Department, to which department your letter is being referred for attention.

For the director,

ASSISTANT & CHIEF CLERK
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Handwritten signature

GEORGE P. HUGHES
Chief, Law Division



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Connelly Rt. 1, Greensboro N.C.

Dec. 16 - 1929

United States Veterans Bureau
Washington, D.C.



When I answered questions sent me with reference to visiting my sons grave in France in 1930 I sent an explanation of conditions in my home at that time.

This is to inform you that these conditions have changed, my husband died Nov. 21, I am now at liberty to say I want to go in 1930.

Respt

Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Branson



Veterans name
and number

Branson, Levi C.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Branson, Levi C 636 -M

Mrs. Sarah E. Branson,
Route #1,
Greensboro, N. C.

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

For The Quartermaster General

Very truly yours,

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

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SALES DEPARTMENT
NORFOLK DISTRICT
L. T. BASS, DISTRICT MANAGER

NORFOLK, VA.

Greensboro, N.C.
May 22, 1929

QM 293 A-C
BRANSON, LEVI C.

Major John T. Harris,
Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir;-

In reply to yours of the 16th above subject.

This is to advise that my son Levi C. Branson, of
Company K, 118th Infantry AEF did not leave a widow. Trust
this is the information you desired.

Very truly yours.



Mrs. Sarah E. Branson
(Mrs. Sarah E. Branson,
(Route # 1.
(Greensboro, N.C.

New Address -----

An explanation.

Yes I want to visit my
sons grave in France in
1930 if my husbands health
will permit.

He has Paralysis and is nearly
helpless. If above mentioned
condition prevents my going
in 1930 then I want to go as
soon thereafter as possible

Mrs. Sarah E. Branson

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Branson, Levi C.

May 16, 1929.

Mrs. Sarah E. Branson,
R.F.D. #1,
Goldsboro, N. C.

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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 Levi C. Branson, Company K, 118th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, 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 an invitation to her to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

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QM 293 A-M
Branson, Levi C. 636-M

August 9, 1950.

Mrs. Sarah E. Branson,
Route #1,
Greensboro, N. C.

Dear Madam:

The testimonial dated July 25th to the Secretary of War, which you and the other mothers and widows returning on the SS America were so kind as to send regarding your pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, has been referred to me for reply.

It is gratifying to know that the officers of the Army and the nurse in charge of your group rendered such courteous and efficient service. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages and has expended every effort that those making the journey might have a comfortable and pleasant trip. I feel, however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation shown by the mothers and widows who are making the pilgrimage.

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

Sincerely yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 14, 1930.

Branson, Levi C. - 636

Mrs. Sarah E. Branson,
Route #1,
Greensboro, N. C.

Dear Madam:

With reference to previous correspondence on this subject, you are informed that your passport has been received and will be delivered to you aboard ship.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C
Branson, Levi C. - 636

June 14, 1930.

Rev. B. Russell Branson,
Clintondale, New York.

Dear Mr. Branson:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 10, 1930 relative to your desire to visit your mother, Mrs. Sarah E. Branson, during her stay in New York City before sailing on the SS REPUBLIC June 25, 1930 on the pilgrimage to the American cemeteries in Europe.

If you will communicate with Col. A. E. Williams, Officer in Charge, Pilgrimage Port of Embarkation, 901 Pennsylvania Bldg., 225 West 34th Street, New York City, he can advise you the hotel at which Mrs. Branson will stop in New York City. She will arrive at 6:40 AM June 24th on Penna. Railroad, Train No. 108.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,
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

Branson, Levi C. 636-M

June 13, 1930

Mrs. Sarah E. Branson,
Route #1,
Greensboro, North Carolina.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Branson, Levi C. 636 H

June 4, 1930

Mrs. Sarah E. Branson
Route #1,
Greensboro, North Carolina

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. Greensboro	So Ry	No. 34	5:55 PM	(ET)	June 23
Ar. New York	Penn	" 108	6:40 AM	(ET)	" 24

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-0

Branson, Levi C. - 636

June 3, 1930.

Mrs. Sarah E. Branson,
Route #1,
Greensboro, N. C.
Dear Madam:

This office has not yet received your passport for use in connection with your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe.

It is imperative that every mother or widow making this pilgrimage, whether an American citizen or not, have a passport issued and in the hands of this office before she begins her trip.

Please comply as early as possible with the instructions shown in form letter attached, or if you have heretofore taken this action advise this office to that effect.

Should the clerk of the court not have been furnished with "Special Pilgrimage Passport" applications, please request him to take the matter up at once with the Passport Bureau, Room 170, State, War and Navy Building, Washington, D. C., and he will be furnished with these forms.

The person to whom you should apply is the Clerk of the Superior Court at Greensboro, Guilford Co., N. C.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, U.S. Corps,
Assistant.

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QM 293 A-C

Branson, Levi C. 636

June 2, 1930

Mrs. Sarah E. Branson
Route #1, Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Madam:

The acceptances from the mothers and widows who are to make the pilgrimage to France, sailing on the SS REPUBLIC, June 25, 1930, are far in excess of the number anticipated, and due to this fact this boat will be somewhat crowded and the accommodations will not be as satisfactory as The War Department desires to furnish. Over 300 women have accepted invitations to sail on this boat and it is desired if possible to reduce this number to around 200 by voluntary transfers of women who are booked to sail.

Much more comfortable accommodations can be furnished on the SS REPUBLIC, sailing August 30, 1930, and should you change your sailing date to August 30th, a more comfortable trip can be assured.

If you desire to change from June 25th to August 30th, please notify this office at once, in order that the necessary adjustments can be made.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Brunson, Levi C. 636-M
Republic 6/25

May 12, 1930

Mrs. Sarah E. Brunson
Rout #1
Greensboro, N. C.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Name

Address

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Branson, Levi C. 636-M
Republic 6-25

May 9 1930

Mrs. Sarah E. Branson,
Route #1,
Greensboro, N. C.

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

April 11, 1930.

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C
Branson, Levi C. 536 M

Mrs. Sarah E. Branson,
Route #1,
Greensboro, N. C.

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 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.
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Very truly yours,

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Branson, Levi C. 636 K

Apr 11 11, 1930.

Mrs. Sarah E. Branson,
Route #1,
Greensboro, N.C.

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.

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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.

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"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.

QM 293 A-C
Branson, Levi C. 636

December 28, 1929.

Mrs. Sarah E. Branson,
Route #1,
Greensboro, N. C.

Dear Madam:

This office is in receipt of your letter of December 16, 1929, which was forwarded by the U. S. Veterans' Bureau for reply relative to your desire to make the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act of March 2, 1929 in the year 1930.

In connection therewith, you are advised that your name has been placed on the list of eligible mothers and widows as desiring to make the pilgrimage in the year 1930 to the Somme American Cemetery in France, where the remains of your son, the late Private Levi C. Branson, are now interred.

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

October 7, 1929.

Branson, Levi C 636 -M

Mrs. Sarah E. Branson,
Route #1,
Greensboro, N. C.

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

Branson, Levi C.

May 16, 1929.

Mrs. Sarah E. Branson,
R.F.D. #1,
Goldsboro, N. C.

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 Levi C. Branson, Company K, 118th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, 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 an invitation to her to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

Q. M. G. T. R. DIV.
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JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE April 3, 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 BRANSON, Levi G.
 2. No. 1877966
 3. Rank Pvt.
 4. Org. Co. K, 118th Inf.
 5. D.D. 9-26-18
 6. C.D. KIA

10. Name _____
 11. No. _____
 12. Rank _____
 13. Org. _____
 14. (a) D.D. _____
 (b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 26 Sec. _____
 8. Plot Block A Row 11
 9. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 17. _____

18. Cemetery Somme
 20. Dept. or County Aisne
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. #636
 23. Disinterred (Date) April 3, 1928

19. Commune or town Bony
 21. Country France
 By L. Gordon

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name BRANSON, Levi G.
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. 1877966
 Organization Co. K, 118th Inf.

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

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 April 3, 1928 By L. Gordon

31. Casket sealed by L. Gordon

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

L. Gordon
 L. GORDON

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

32. Designation of body:

Name BRANSON, Levi C. Serial No. 1877966

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. K, 118th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Somme, Bony, Aisne

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) April 3, 1928 By J.J. Dillon

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector _____

J.J. DILLON
J.J. Dillon

36. Remarks _____

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) _____

To point of Concentration _____

Convoyer _____ (Name)
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 _____

Convoyer _____ (Name)
Signature Shipping Officer _____

40. Received: Date _____

G.R.S. Representative _____

41. Reinterred April 3, 1928 Somme American Cty.

(Date)

42. Grave No. 3 Section _____

43. Plot Block A Row 13

G.R.S. Representative _____

J.F.V. Brady
J.F.V. BRADY
Superintendent.

Place Somme Cty. 636.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date April 3, 1928.

1. REMAINS OF BRANSON, Levi C. SERIAL NUMBER 1877966

RANK Private. ORGANIZATION Co. K, 118th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): April 3, 1928. From (give complete location):
Grave 26, Block A, Row 11.

By: Group Cty. Unit _____

3. Reburied (date): April 3, 1928. In (give complete location):
Grave 3, Block A, Row 13.

By: Group Cty. Unit _____ Nature of reburial Metallic Casket.

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

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

(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 _____

Characteristics _____

(d) Hair on face—Color _____

Location _____

Quantity _____

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

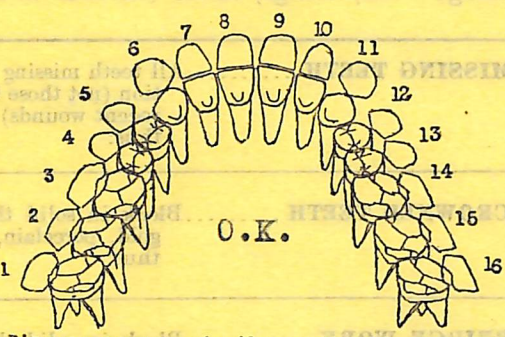
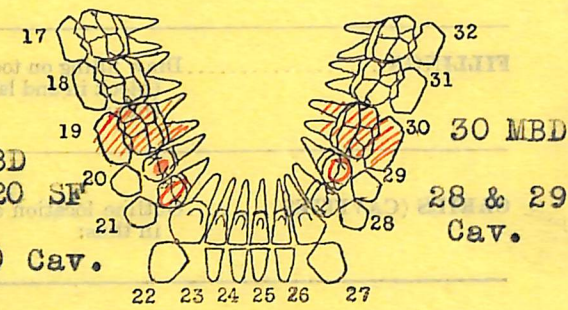


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



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

Left humerus fractured, middle third.

7. Disinterment supervised by L. Gordon

Approved: _____ (Title) _____






8. Reburial supervised by J. J. Dillon

Approved: _____ (Title) _____

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

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

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

MISSING TEETHAll teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus:	
CROWNED TEETHBlock in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:	
BRIDGE WORKBlock in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus:	
FILLINGSDraw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:	
CARIES (CAVITIES)Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:	

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

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

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

QM 293 A-C

BRANSON, Levi C. - Pvt.

April 24, 1926

Mr. Joseph A. Branson,
R.F.D. #1,
Goldsboro, N.C.

Dear Sir:

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 overseas military cemetery is to be maintained by the United States for all time. The graves will be permanently marked by white headstones inscribed with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves, as soon as possible, and without necessity 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 by those who performed this sacred duty. For the future, these graves will be perpetually maintained by the Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

1 Incl.
Record card.

L.W. REDINGTON,
Major, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.



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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Branson, Levi, C. Pvt.

June 29, 1925.

SUBJECT: Discrepancies.

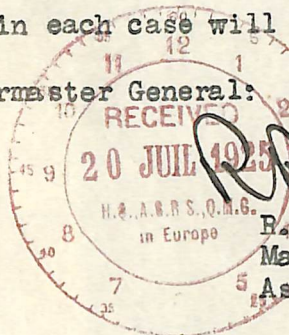
TO: Chief, AGRS, QMC., in Europe.

1. Correspondence received from your office in the case of Pvt. Levi C. Branson, 1877966, Co. K, 118th Inf., shows the body buried in Grave 26, Row 11, Block B, Somme American Cemetery, whereas the 70,000 series show the body buried in Grave 26, Row 11, Block A, same cemetery.

2. In the case of Pvt. 1st cl. Albert G. Ayscue, 1320089, Co. D, 120th Inf., correspondence from your office shows the body formerly buried in Grave 17, Plot D, Row 7, Cty. 636, whereas the records of this office show Grave 172, Plot D, Row 7, Cty. 636.

3. Correct grave numbers in each case will be furnished this office.

By order of The Quartermaster General:



R. P. Harbold
R. P. HARBOLD,
Major, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

293.8 Discrepancies, Cty. #636.

X-293 Branson, Levi C.

X-293 Ayscue, Albert G.

1st Ind.

Hqrs. American G.R.S., Q.M.C., in E., 20 rue Molitor, Paris, France, Aug. 12, 1925. To: The Quartermaster General, Munitions Bldg., Washington, D.C.

JK 1. Reference paragraph 1 above, correct grave location for Pvt. Branson is Grave 26, Row 11, Block A, Cemetery 636, and renumbering correspondence on file here has been corrected accordingly.

JK 2. Reference paragraph 2, all records on file here show the body of Pvt. 1/cl. Ayscue to have been buried in Grave 172, Plot D, Row 7, Cemetery 636, and correspondence on renumbering has been corrected to read accordingly.



AUG 27 1925



W. O. Smith
W. O. SMITH,
Lieut. Col., Q.M. Corps,
Chief. *16*

File 4/26/26

COMM B
293 Branson Levi C.

Branson,

(Surname.)

Levi C

(Christian name in full.)

636-128

1,877,966

(Army serial number)

Pvt

Co K, 118 Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Father.

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

No.

(Yes or no.)

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

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Joseph A. Branson

Route 1, Bentonville, N.C.

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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QM 293 A-C

Branson, Levi, C. Pvt.

June 29, 1925.

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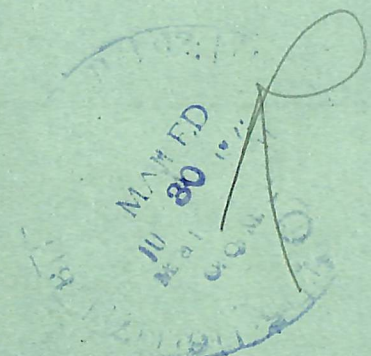
2. In the case of Pvt. 1st cl. Albert G. Ayscue, 1320089, Co. D, 130th Inf., correspondence from your office shows the body formerly buried in Grave 17, Plot D, Row 7, Cty. 636, whereas the records of this office show Grave 172, Plot D, Row 7, Cty. 636.

3. Correct grave numbers in each case will be furnished this office.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

R. P. HARBOLD,
Major, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

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✓ X 293 Ayscue, Albert G.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File -52202

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name Branson, Levi G. Ser. No. 1877966
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. K. 118th Inf.
(c) Date of death 9-26-18 (d) Cause of death K/A
TYP. ZK
CKR. g.m.c.

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

(a) Grave No. 131 Row 6 Plot B Sec. --- TYP. ZK
(b) Emerg. Address Mr. Joseph A. Branson (Father) RFD #1, Bentonville, N.C.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases NO CARD CKR. L.S.

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Jos. A. Branson (b) Relationship Father
(c) Address Route 1 Bentonville N.C.
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No!
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S.
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S.

Examiner's Initials MDM Date 9-1-, 1920.

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

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

No Correspondence

Examiner's Initials MDM Date 9-1-, 1920.

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes. HW

Examiner's Initials HW Date 9-1-, 1920.

COUNTRY France

CEMETERY No. 636

SHEET No.

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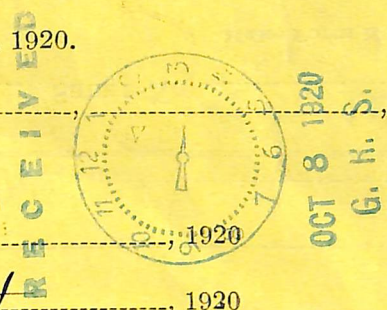
checked 10/28 2-8-21

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made _____, 1920.

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 1920
letter on 9/4, 1920



Par. # 2. Not to be returned (mactB)

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

9/22/20 Form # 120 Father nearest of kin confirms previous wishes and would like a picture of grave, address is changed to Goldboro, N.C. Route 1 - (10-1-20-88)

SEP 7 1920

SEP 17 1920

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

WASHINGTON

Rush Answer

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C.

To: Mr. Joseph A. Branson. Route 1, Bentonville, North Carolina.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Levi G. Branson.
Co. K. 118th Inf. Ser. No. 1877966

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body

be not returned to U.S.

This is correct

We do not want his body returned to U.S.

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Major, U. S. A.

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** these relatives are **STILL LIVING**.

was soldier married?

NAME OF—	INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT	NO. AND STREET	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow		<i>Not married</i>		
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1			
	2	<i>Had none</i>		
	3			
Father		<i>Joseph A. Branson R. D. 1</i>	<i>Goldsboro, N.C.</i>	
Mother		<i>Sarah E. Branson</i>	" "	" "
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1	<i>Carey C. Branson</i>	<i>Burlington N.C.</i>	
	2	<i>Chester D. Branson</i>	<i>Graham N.C.</i>	
	3	<i>The above named all living</i>		
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1			
	2	<i>Had none</i>		
	3			

*noted #115
10/11/20 EC*

Date *Sept 22 - 1920*

Signature *Joseph A. Branson*

Address *Route 1
Goldsboro, N.C.*

Relationship *Father*

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

We do want a picture of this grave as promised us over a year ago.

Address _____, 1920.

I, the undersigned, am the Father and nearest living relative of the within-named
(Relationship)

soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:
(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

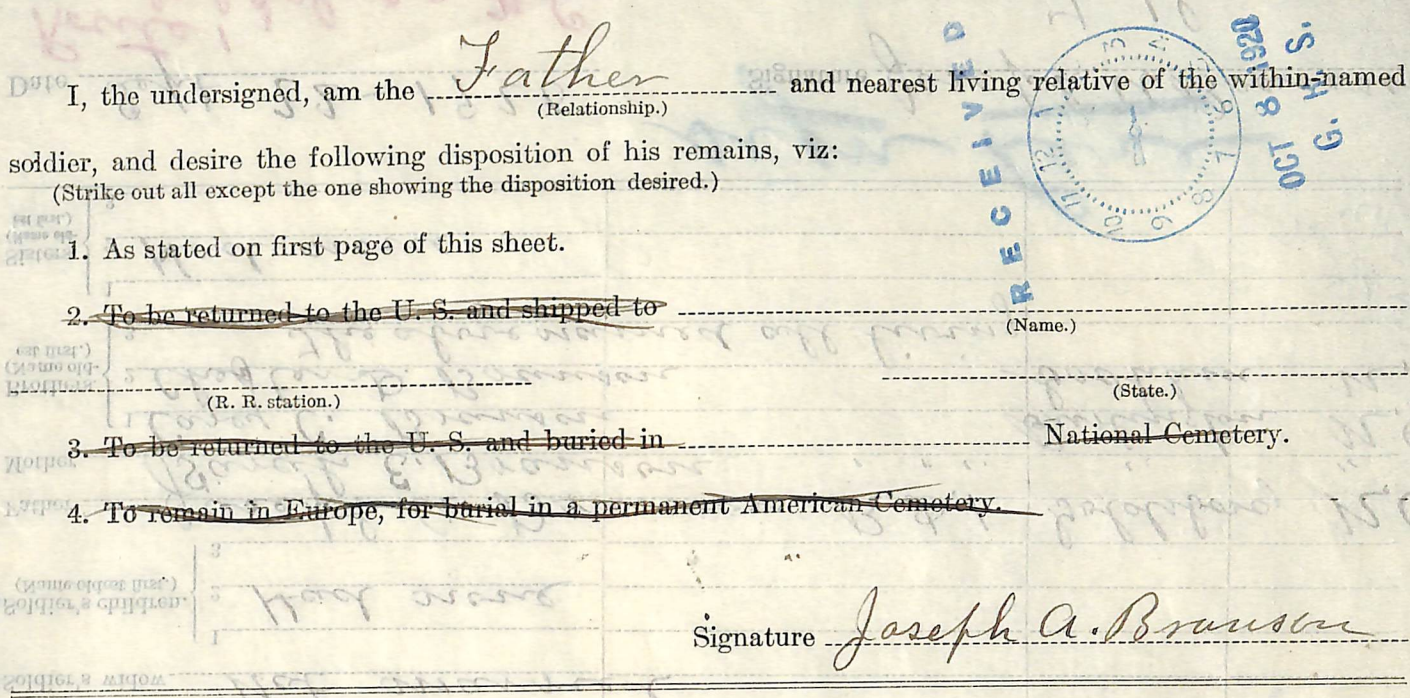
1. As stated on first page of this sheet.
2. ~~To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to _____ (Name.)
_____ (R. R. station.) _____ (State.)~~
3. ~~To be returned to the U. S. and buried in _____ National Cemetery.~~
4. ~~To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.~~

Signature Joseph A. Branson

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instruction as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further delay 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 NEAREST LIVING RELATIVE. 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 living relatives 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 relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
7. If YOU are not the nearest living relative 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.

Please note the change in my address from
Route 1, Bentonville N.C. to
Route 1, Goolsboro, N.C.



File #52202

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BRANSON, Levi C. Ser. No. 1877966
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co.K, 118th Inf.
 (c) Date of death 9/26/18 Cause of death K/A

TYP ZK
JMC

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

(a) Grave No. 131 Row 6 Plot B Sect. --
 (b) Emerg. Address Mr. Joseph A. Branson (father) RFD #1, Bentonville, N.C.

ltw
ZK

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases NO CARD CKR LS

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

A. G. O. Card: Jos. A. Branson (father) Route #1, Bentonville, N. C. requests body not to be returned to U. S. EES. 9/22/20.

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 9/4 1920) (letter of transmittal on 9/4 1920)

Par. #2. Not to be returned (MacB)

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. SEP 24 1920 - 1920

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken

VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. 10-8-1920

COUNTRY France CEMETERY NO. 636 SHEET NO. 128
 G.R.S. FORM 115-A
 August, 1920

S-666/MB

RETURN TO OSP-33

52202

52202

GRAVE LOCATION BANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

⁽⁷⁾
BRANSON-1837966-L.C.

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

Pvt. Co. K-119th Inf.

(Rank) (Organization)

PLACE OF DEATH: A.H.S. JEAN COURT

CAUSE OF DEATH: Unknown

DATE OF BURIAL: 9/28-1918

HEBDE

PLACE OF BURIAL: JEAN COURT

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

Sheet 63 = DRAWING L13-C 8.5

GRAVE NUMBER: 1-#35-A-Row

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? no Cross? yes

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: none

Was one buried with body? ~~yes~~ no

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker? no

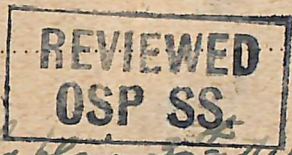
If name unknown and tags missing, description and marks should be given here:

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:



J.M. Robinson - Sr. Chaplain 5th Div.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)



G.R.S. # 104
MEMORANDUM of Grave Location.

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General
Graves Registration Service
Washington, D.C.

November 18, 1919.

Case of:

Pvt. Levi C. Branson,
Co. K, 118th Inf.
(H. C.)

Grave Location:

Bony Military Cemetery, Bony, Department
of Misno, Grave 131, Row 6, Plot B.

Personal Effects are administered by
the Effects Bureau, Hoboken, N.J.,
this office having no jurisdiction over
the same.

Requests for Photographs are duly noted
and will be attended to by Red Cross
Personnel attached to this Service.

The above information is furnished with
the understanding that relatives shall
be advised as to source from which
it is obtained.

By authority of the
Quartermaster General:

**REVIEWED
OSP SS.**

CHARLES C. PIERCE
Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.
Chief, Graves Registration Service.
NS-2810/oh

TO: - REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.

Date 11/12/19

FROM: - INQUIRY BRANCH.

Please furnish information as checked (✓) below regarding the following soldier:

NAME Branson, L. Clark

Serial Number

RANK Private

ORGANIZATION

U.S. Infantry



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NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	<i>W. Branson, Levi C.</i>
2.	Date of Death.	<i>Co. K. 118 Inf. Serial #1877966</i>
3.	Cause and place of death.	<i>2 9-26-18</i>
4.	Number of Casualty VCablegram.	<i>3 R/A</i>
5.	Date buried.	
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	<i>6. Reb'd Grave 131, Row 6, Plot B, Bang Military Cty., # 636</i>
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	<i>(Father)</i>
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	<i>11 Mr. Joseph A. Branson</i>
12.	Has above been notified? (Give date)	<i>R.F.D #1</i>
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	<i>Bentonville, N.C.</i>
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	
15.	Inquiry made by?	

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Dept. Directory
+ Cards 5 x 8
Cards 4 x 6

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

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W. A. FRASER
SOVEREIGN COMMANDER
SUITE 810

Sovereign Camp
Woodmen of the World
W. O. W. Building

LEGAL DEPARTMENT
DE E. BRADSHAW
GENERAL ATTORNEY

Omaha, Neb.,

March 5, 1919.

Graves Registration Service,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

In re: L. Clark Branson, dec'd. N.C.

For the completion of the records of
this Society, will you kindly forward to me your
official record of the burial of L. Clark Branson,
a private of the U. S. Infantry who died at France
on September 26th, 1918?

Thanking you for your kindness in
furnishing this information, I am,

Yours fraternally,

De E. Bradshaw

General Attorney.

AC.



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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BRANSON-1877966-L.C.
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt - Co. K - 119th Inf.
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL 9/28-1918

PLACE OF BURIAL HESBECOURT

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

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COMM. Hesbecourt (Somme)

(C59) (SIT) 135 W. COORD { E 170.0

GRAVE NUMBER 35 - Row N. 359.0

HOW MARKED: Name Peg *appoy*

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:

Information taken from gas mask

REPORTED BY:

Mr Roberson - S. Chaplain 3rd Div
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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27 OCT 1918

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2. Soldier's No. 1837966

3. Branson L O
Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials4. Pvt K 118 Inf
Rank Company Regt. or Corps5. 9/9/18
Date of Death Cause, if known6. 10/2/18 Hesbecourt Church Yd
Date of Burial Cemetery7. Hesbecourt
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department8. 35 1
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter9. Name Peg? Cross? Headboard? Bottle?
Check Method of Marking10. Buried with Body? Attached to Grave Marker?
Identification Tags

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

12. 62C L 13 c 85 1119
Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery13. A. I. Foster
Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed... Chas. E. DeLaur

Group... Unit 300 G. R. S.

