

Brinkley

(Surname.)

Elbert

(Christian name in full.)

3,740,067

(Army serial number.)

Pvt

Co D 538 Engrs

(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 } X  
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:

X  
(Name of person to receive remains.)

X  
(Express office.)

X  
(Telegraph office.)

X  
(Number and street.)

X  
(City or town.)

X  
(State.)

Witness B. Dickens  
(Sign here)

Berry X Brinkley  
Enfield, N.C.

R.F.W. #2 Box 78

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by Pm

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G.R.S. Form #114-B

FULL NAME ..... BRINKLEY, Elbert ✓

RANK ..... Pvt. ✓ SERIAL ..... 3740067 ✓

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION ..... Co.D, 538th Engrs. ✓ *not Div.*

DATE OF DEATH ..... *Feb. 13/19*

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

**MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED!** ✓

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION ..... 13 ..... 1 ..... B .....  
Date Grave Row Block  
Suresnes, #34  
Cemetery

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**GRAVE LOCATION BLANK**

*Binkley*  
LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF *Albert*

(Surname) *Binkley* (Number) *3710067* (First Name and Initials) *Albert*  
*Private* *Co. D. 538 Engrs.* (Organization) *860 Trans C.*

PLACE OF DEATH: *Camp*  
*Base Hospital 53*

CAUSE OF DEATH: *Pneumonia*

DATE OF BURIAL: *Feb. 14, 1919*

PLACE OF BURIAL: *AM. F. F. Cemetery*  
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department. Map references must specify clearly what map is used.)

*Canet, Marseille*

GRAVE NUMBER: *619*

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?

NEAREST RELATIVE: *Mrs. Berry Brensley*  
~~*Mrs. Cora Brensley*~~

ADDRESS: *Enfield N.C.*

RELATIONSHIP: *Father*

REPORTED BY: *J. M. Lacy Chaplain*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

WASHINGTON

Oct. 16, 1922.

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*File*

FILE: 293.8 C-R

SUBJECT: Permanent Grave Location of Private Elbert Brinkley,  
Company D, 538th Engrs.

Mrs. Cora Brinkley, Box 78, Route 2, Enfield, N.C.

TO:

1. The permanent grave of this soldier is No. 13, Row 1,  
B, Suresnes American Cemetery at Suresnes, Department of Seine,  
Block  
France.

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

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

For the Quartermaster General:

**MAILED**  
OCT 16 1922

G.R.S.

*J*  
E. E. DAVIS,  
GEORGE H. PENROSE,  
Executive Assistant, G. R. S.

LN  
707A

STATION Marseille (B-du-Rhone)DATE 3/19/21

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

DISINTERMENTCOMPARATIVE REPORT

RECORDS OF G.R.S. HEADQUARTERS

DISCREPANCY FOUND UPON EXHUMATION OF BODY

1. Name <u>BRINKLEY, Elbert</u>	10. Name _____
2. No. <u>3740067</u>	11. No. _____
3. Rank <u>Pvt.</u>	12. Rank _____
4. Org. <u>Co. D, 538th Engrs.</u>	13. Org. <u>No discrepancy</u>
5. D.D. <u>Feb. 13th</u>	14. (a) D.D. _____
6. C.D. <u>Broncho Pneumonia</u>	(b) D.B. _____

DISCREPANCY FOUND UPON DISINTERMENT

7. Grave No. <u>619</u> Sect. _____	15. Grave No. _____ Sect. _____
8. Plot _____ Row _____	16. Plot _____ Row _____
9. _____	17. <u>No discrepancy</u>

18. Cemetery American (Le Canet)

19. Commune or town Marseille

20. Dept. or County Bouches-du-Rhone

21. Country France.

22. G.R.S. Hdqs. Code No. 513

23. Disinterred Date 3/19/21 By Perry F. Nangle

24. Inscription on Grave Marker:

Name Elbert Brinkley Serial No. 3740067

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. D. 538th Engrs.

Signature of Junior Tec. Assistant H. E. StonecipherPREPARATION25. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date 3/19/21 By Perry F. Nangle26. Casket sealed by Perry F. NangleSignature of Embalmer Super. Preparations Perry F. Nangle

AUDITED BY

CRK 3/27/21

Cab. Ref. #8

114B did not reach this officeCRK/3/25/21

SHIPMENT (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-65

32. Designation of body:

Name BRINKLEY, Albert

Serial No. 5710067

Rank Pvt.

Organization Co. D, 550th Infg.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery European American Cemetery #34.

34. Casket boxed and marked: Date 3/19/21 By Perry F. Nangle

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

*C.R. Ozias*  
C.R. Ozias  
1st Lt. M.C.

36. Remarks:

Identification positive.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: Date 3-25-21

to point of Concentration Toulon (Var)

Convoyer

*J. Lazzarini*

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 3-26-21

by G.R.S. Representative

*H. Humphreys*

39 (a) RECEIVED AT POINT OF CONCENTRATION A.G.R.S., PARIS MORGUE, AUBERVILLIERS, APRIL 29TH, 1921, BY G.R.S. REPRESENTATIVE:

*Edw. J. Turgeon*  
Edw. J. TURGEON  
Captain Q.M.C.

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred

42. Grave No.

Section

43. Plot

Row

G.R.S. Representative

TO BE PREPARED IN TRIPPLICATE.

SHIPMENT (Show actual marking of box.) Box No: 0-05

32. Designation of body:

Name BRIANLEY, Albert

Serial No. 5740067

Rank Pvt.

Organization Co. D, 558th Engrs.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Suresnes American Cemetery #34.

34. Casket boxed and marked: Date 3/19/21

By Perry F. Nangle

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

C.R. Ozias  
1st Lt. A.C.

36. Remarks:

Identification positive.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: Date 3-25-21

to point of Concentration Toulon (Var)

Convoyer

J. Lauretti

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 3-26-21

by G.R.S. Representative

S. D. CAMPBELL CAPT. QMC.

Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 26 AVI. 1921

to Permanent Cemetery Suresnes #34

Convoyer

Serge Paulange in charge

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred

42. Grave No.

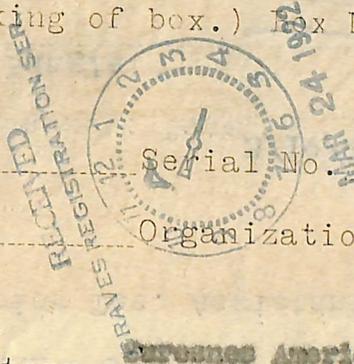
Section

43. Plot

Row

G.R.S. Representative

TO BE PREPARED IN TRIPLICATE.



Place Marseille, B du R

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date 3-19-21.

1. REMAINS OF Brinkley, Elbert SERIAL NUMBER 3740067

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co D, 538th Engrs.,

2. Disinterred (date): 3-19-21. From (give complete location): Marseille.

Grave 619, Cemetery 513,

By: Group 5 Unit Section 5

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

October 11th, 1921. - Suresnes Cemetery. - Plot B - Row 1 - Grave 13.

By: Group Field Operations Branch Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial Metallic Casket and Blanket.

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

Pine box. Hospital Shroud.

Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

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

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

None.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine.

(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) Impossible to determine

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

Impossible to determine.

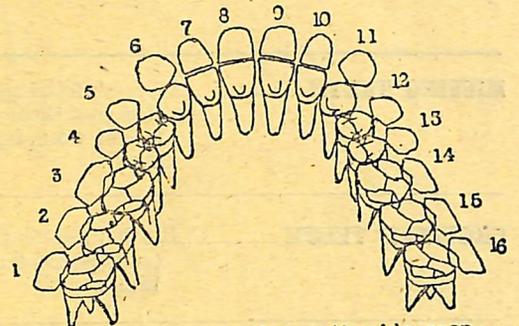
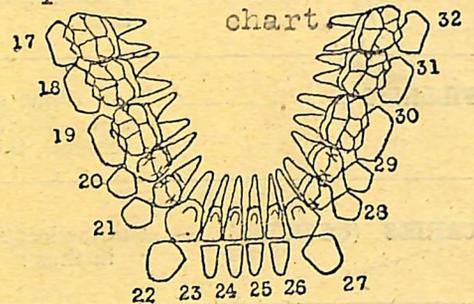


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.

Impracticable to make tooth chart



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7. Disinterment supervised by (Signature) Perry F. Nangle, Sup. Emb.

Approved: (Signature) C. R. Ozias, Capt. M.C.  
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by (Signature) R. G. RICHARDS, 1st Lieut. Q.M.C.

Approved: (Signature) R. P. HARBOLD, Major, Q.M.C.  
(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".

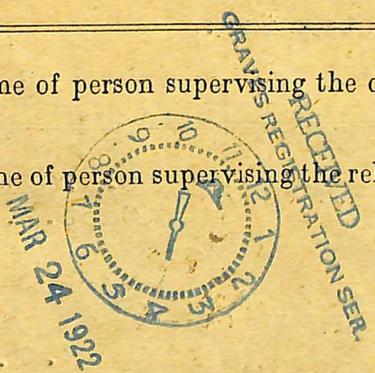
(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying 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), bicuspid (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

<p><b>MISSING TEETH</b>.....All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :</p>	 <p>TOOTH MISSING TOOTH MISSING</p>
<p><b>CROWNED TEETH</b>.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :</p>	 <p>GOLD CROWN PORCELAIN CROWN</p>
<p><b>BRIDGE WORK</b>.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :</p>	 <p>GOLD AND PORCELAIN BRIDGE GOLD BRIDGE</p>
<p><b>FILLINGS</b>.....Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :</p>	 <p>SILVER FILLING GOLD FILLING</p>
<p><b>CARIES (CAVITIES)</b>.....Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :</p>	 <p>CAVITY DECAYED DECAYED</p>
<p><b>DENTURES (PLATES)</b>.....Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp."</p>	

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.



1. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BRINKLEY, Elbert Ser. No. 3740067 )  
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. D, 538th Engrs. ) TYP. VFM  
(c) Date of death 2/13/19 of death Broncho Pneumonia ) CKR. *ED*

11. Registration Card:- (Check Reg. Card Inf. against Loc. Ind. Inf.)

(a) Grave No. 619 Row - Plot - Sect. - ) TYPHW  
(b) Emerg. Address Berry Brinkley, (Father) Enfield, N.C. RFD #2, Box 78

111. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; **NO CARD** ) CKR.

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt *None*

(a) Name *Berry Brinkley* (b) Relationship *Father*  
(c) Address *R.F.D. #2, Box 78, Enfield, N.C.*  
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? *No*  
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at *No*  
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U.S. *No*  
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U.S. *No*

Examiner's Initials *AES* Date *8-10-1920*

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

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

*No Correspondence*

Examiner's Initials *pm* Date *8-10-1920*

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 *8-11-1920*

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY NO. 513 SHEET NO. 8

G.R.S. Form #115 Amended April 6, 1920. Make Form #114  
FORM 115A COMPLETED **CARDED** into P.A.C. 34  
Reviewed 4-7-21 J. G. W. 1921  
1-3-21

*St. Demetrius  
contribution date  
10-1-21*

*see subject*

*Reviewed 4-7-21 J. G. W. 1921*

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VII. TYPED BY JAN 18 1921 FORM No. 114 made 1920 FEB 24 1921  
Checked by \_\_\_\_\_ 1920  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by- ( cable on \_\_\_\_\_ 1920  
( letter on 1/5/ 1920

*Par. # 2. Not to be returned (E&H) 1-7-21*

IX. CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE	ACTION TAKEN
Desires body be	
Body to be shipped to	<p><b>FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN - BODY TO REMAIN IN EUROPE.</b></p> <p><b>FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN - BODY TO REMAIN IN EUROPE.</b> 2-24-21</p>

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*WRJ. Beneficiary 10-23-20  
Mrs. Cora Brinkley - (mother)  
Box 78 - R # 2. Enfield, N.C.  
Letter 11-4 to mother re relatives her desires as to  
disposition - 11-4-20 J.*

1-31-21 Letter from H. S. Harrison, Postmaster, Enfield, N.C. advises soldier was never married; father, dead; mother, Mrs. Cora Brinkley, mother, wishes body to remain in France.

H-2-3-21  
Memorandum (appended to our letter of January 21/21 to Mrs. Cora Brinkley, mother and nearest relative) signed by Mrs. Cora Brinkley, requests body remain in France. H-2-3-21 PW

*2/16/21 Hoboken advises mother, Mrs. Cora Brinkley  
Box 40 R. # 2. Enfield N.C. - that <sup>her</sup> wish  
will be complied with (4-7-21 - J&H)*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
QUARTERMASTER CORPS  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
PIER 2, HOBOKEN, N. J.

February 17, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div. Cor. Branch.  
(BRINKLEY, Elbert)

MEMORANDUM FOR: Cemeterial Division, O.Q.M.G., Overseas  
Project Sub-section, Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT: Return of Records - Cemetery #513.  
Transmittal memorandum Number H - 1318.

1. The records pertaining to the following case are returned herewith, it having been definitely determined that the body is to remain in Europe:

REFERENCE NO:

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Brinkley, Elbert Private, Serial Number  
3740067, Company D, 538th Engineers.

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,  
Officer in Charge.

By:

*F. C. Pallas*  
F. C. PALLAS,  
Executive Assistant.

1 Incl.

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FEB 24 1921  
G. H. S.

CEMETERY DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SEC.

OFFICE IN CHARGE  
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

REFERENCE NO:

3470001, COMBINA D' 23849 EMBLISHED  
BLANKET, KIPOL: BATAPE, COLIT KIPOL

LETTERS IN ENVELOPE:  
CONTAINING PHOTOGRAPHS AND TWO PAGES TO BE  
SEEK AND IDENTIFIED RELATIONS TO IDENTIFY PERSON  
THE RECORDS BE RELIABLE TO THE IDENTIFICATION

SUBJECT:

IDENTIFICATION NIKOLAIKH KIPOL. H - 1278  
RECORDS OF RECORDS - COMBINA 4212

PERSONNEL FILE:

FILED FOR IDENTIFICATION, IDENTIFICATION D. C.  
COMBINATION BATAPE, O. C. H. S. COMBINA

(BLANKET, KIPOL)  
LITR NO 322.3 COM BTA. COM. BLANKET

RECORDS IN 1921

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION  
IDENTIFICATION SERVICE  
MAY DEPARTMENT

February 16th, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Gen. Div., Cor. Branch.  
(BRINKLEY, Elbert)

Postmaster,  
Enfield, North Carolina.

Sir:

Receipt of your communication dated January 31st, 1921, conveying information concerning the next of kin of the late Private Elbert Brinkley, Serial Number 3740067, Company D, 536th Engineers, is acknowledged and your cooperation in this connection is greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. R. SHANNON,  
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,  
Officer in Charge.

BY:

F. C. PALLAS,  
Executive Assistant.

*mlk*  
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FEB 23 1921

COR. BR. G. R. S.

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G. H. S.

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February 16th, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div., Cor. Branch.  
(BRINKLEY, Elbert)

Mrs. Cora Brinkley,  
Route #2, Box #40,  
Enfield, North Carolina.

Dear Madam:

Receipt of your communication of recent date is acknowledged.

In accordance with your wishes instructions have been issued to leave the remains of your late son, Private Elbert Brinkley, Serial Number 3740067, Company D, 536th Engineers, in France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

You are assured that the grave site will always be maintained as a fitting memorial of the late soldier's sacrifice.

The Department wishes to convey to you renewed assurance of its sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

F. H. SHANNON,  
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,  
Officer in Charge.

BY:

F. C. PALLAS,  
Executive Assistant.

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FEB 23 1921

COR. BR. G. R. S.

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United States Post Office

ENFIELD, NORTH CAROLINA

Jan. 31. / 21

H. S. HARRISON,  
POST MASTER

Capt. R. E. Shannon

Hobokem N.J.

Sir. Have seen Mrs Cora Brinkley who is the mother of the soldier in question, & this is what she tells me. My son was never married, his father died some time ago. I do not wish his body brought home, but left in France where he fell. She lives on R.F.D.# 2 & the R.F.D. Carrier saw her, & the above is what she told him. Any further service I can do, command me.

Resptn

H.S.Harrison P.M.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION, GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
PIER 2, HOBOKEN, N.J.

January 21st, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div. Cor. Br.  
(Brinkley, Elbert.)

The Postmaster,  
Enfield, N.C.

Sir:

A communication addressed to Mrs. Cora Brinkley, Box 78, R. #2, Enfield, North Carolina, has received no reply. In view of this, your co-operation is desired in an endeavor to locate Mrs. Brinkley and obtain from her, information as to whether or not the late soldier is survived by a widow, children or father, and if so, the names and addresses.

*Wao*

If the deceased is not survived by either of the above, it is desired that you secure a signed statement from Mrs. Brinkley, indicating whether she wishes the remains of her son left in France in a permanent American Cemetery, returned to the United States and shipped to her, or interred in the National Cemetery, at Arlington, Virginia.

Your assistance in this connection will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

*X I do not want the  
Body brought home*

BY:

*J. F. Butler*  
J. F. BUTLER,  
1st Lieut., Infantry.

*Noted on 1/15  
H-23-21  
Br.*

*Name Cora Brinkley  
Enfield n.c.*

*X R #2 Box # 40;*

*Handwritten notes and signatures at the top of the page, including a large 'X' and some illegible text.*

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FEB 24 1921

BI:  
CEMETERY DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SEC.

OFFICE IN CHARGE  
WASHINGTON  
D. C.

RECEIVED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF RECORDS AND COMMUNICATIONS

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 10/15/2003 BY SP-6 [illegible]

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
CORRESPONDENCE BRANCH



BI: [illegible] FEB 24 1921

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

513-8

November 4, 1920.

File No. 293.8 Reg.Sec.Gen.Div.  
(BRINKLEY, Elbert)

Mrs. Cora Brinkley,  
Box 78, R # 2,  
Enfield, N. Car.

Dear Madam:-

It is requested that you advise this office whether the late Private Elbert Brinkley, Co. D. 538th Engrs., Ser. No. 3740067, is survived by widow, children and father, and if so, furnish the name and complete address of each.

If, however, you are the legal nearest of kin, it is requested that you advise this office whether you desire the body returned to the United States and shipped to you at Government expense, buried in the National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia or remain buried in France in the care and custody of the United States.

The Department wishes to convey to you its assurance of sympathy in your bereavement.

A penalty envelope is enclosed herewith.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Major, U.S. Army,  
Chief, Genealogical Division.

BY:

THOS. G. HANSON, Jr.,  
1st Lieut., Q.M. Corps.



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E.P.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

November 4, 1920.

File No. 222.8 Reg. Sec. Gen. Inv.  
(KIDNAPING, Siberia)

Mrs. Vera Brinkley,  
Box 78, R. 2,  
Rathbone, N. Car.

Dear Madam:-

It is requested that you advise this office whether the late Private Edward Brinkley, Co. B, 528th Regt., Ser. No. 372067, is survived by widow, children and father, and if so, furnish the name and complete address of each.

If, however, you are the legal nearest of kin, it is requested that you advise this office whether you desire the body returned to the United States and shipped to you at Government expense, buried in the National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia or remain buried in France in the care and custody of the United States.

The Department wishes to convey to you its assurance of sympathy in your bereavement.

A general envelope is enclosed herewith.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. BIRGE,  
Major, U. S. Army,  
Chief, Generalial Division.

BY:

THOS. G. HENSON, Jr.,  
1st Lieut., U. S. Army.

C.P.

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**GRAVE LOCATION BLANK**

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Brenkley, Albert* **97313**

**3740067** **Albert**  
(Number) (First Name and Initials)

**Private** **868 Trans C.**  
(Rank) (Organization)

*Camp*

PLACE OF DEATH: **Base Hospital 53**

CAUSE OF DEATH: **Pneumonia**

DATE OF BURIAL: **Feb. 14, 1919**

PLACE OF BURIAL: **A.M.E.P. Cemetery 513**

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

**Canet, Marseille**

GRAVE NUMBER: **619**

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

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? **Yes**

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

**513**

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: **Mr Berry Brenkley**  
~~Mrs. Corp Brenkley~~

ADDRESS: **Enfield N.C.**

RELATIONSHIP: ~~Wife~~ **Father**

REPORTED BY:

*J M Lucy* **Chaplain**  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

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



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

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

Brinkley, Elbert, Pvt.

513 - 8

Oct. 18, 1920

SERIAL NUMBER

3740067

Adjustment Made  
JAN 11 1921

ORGANIZATION

Co. D, 538th Engrs.

Date of death - 2/13/19

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE

Oct. 23, 1920.

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Mrs. Cara Brinkley

Mother

Address

Box 78, Route #2, Enfield, N.C.

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Original attached to 115.  
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97313

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Classification

Adjustment \_\_\_\_\_

CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
REGISTRATION SECTION

Date 5/13/20

## MEMORANDUM:

To: Registration Files Sub-Section.

Subject: Adjustments made on Registration Files.

1. Changes as checked have been made in the Registration Files which will necessitate a corresponding change in the Classification Files.

	CORR.	ADD. DATA		CORR.	ADD. DATA
File Number			Date of Burial		
Name			Date of Reburial		
Serial Number			Burial Information		
Rank			Nearest Relative		✓
Organization			Notified Nearest Relative		✓
Cause of Death			4x6 and 3x5 Blue Card thrown out	✓	
Date of Death			White Card set up		
Casualty Cablegram Number			Cross Reference		✓

O.K. Alphabetical Files Nov. 5-15-20~~O.K. Organization Files~~~~O.K. State Files.~~

✓ Cemetery Audit Department  
Investigation & Adjustment Dept.

By Lois Gillis

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3 Cards attached.

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME BRINKLEY	BRI	3	2 89
Albert	CEMETERY 34	1	6
BURIED	GRAVE 13	2	13
	ROW 1	2	01
	BLOCK 73	1	2
STATE	D.C.	2	38
RANK	Priv.	1	2
DIVISION	Engineers	2	49
ORGANIZATION	538	3	538
ARM	Engns. Regt.	1	1
MARITAL	no	1	2
NAME Brinkley	Bri	3	2 89
Sonniea (Mother)	STATE D.C.	2	39
RESIDENCE	COUNTY Halifax	2	42
R.D.#2	CITY Enfield	3	777
Enfield, D.C.	RELATION Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY MW	Dead (2-15-25)	1	6
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	
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FEB 4 1932

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Brinkley Elbert  
Pvt Co D 538th Engrs

Sur  
x

3740067

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MOTHER

died 2-15-25

father died 1920

WIDOW

single

~~LECO~~

XO-174242

~~SM~~

Brd

Lonnie Brinkley

R.F. D # 2

Enfield - N.C.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Brinkley, Elbert (Sur) Mx

October 2, 1931.

Mrs. Cora Brinkley,  
Rt. #2, Box 78,  
Enfield, N. Car.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Brinkley, Elbert Pvt (Sur) M x

July 1, 1931.

Mrs. Cora Brinkley,  
Route #2, Box 78,  
Enfield, N.C.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

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

QM 293 A-M

May 5, 1931.

Brinkley, Elbert (Sur) M x

Mrs. Cora Brinkley,  
Route 2, Box 78,  
Enfield, N. C.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Brinkley, Elbert 34-M

June 19, 1930

Mrs. Cora Brinkley,  
Rt. #2, Box 78,  
Enfield, North Carolina

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Write answer here)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 225 A-C

Brinkley, Elbert

May 6, 1929.

Mrs. Core Brinkley,  
Route # 2, Box 78,  
Enfield, 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 Elbert Brinkley, Company D, 538th Engineers, whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, France.

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

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

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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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Brinkley, Elbert (Sur) Mx

October 2, 1931.

Mrs. Cora Brinkley,  
Rt. #2, Box 78,  
Enfield, N. Car.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage  
in 1932?

2. Please state your age and condition  
of health:

Age:  
Health:

3. Do you speak English?

4. What other language do you speak?

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Brinkley, Elbert Pvt (Sur) M x

July 1, 1931.

Mrs. Cora Brinkley,  
Route #2, Box 78,  
Enfield, N.C.

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

Brinkley, Elbert Pvt. (Sur) M x

May 5, 1931.

Mrs. Cora Brinkley,  
Route #2, Box #78,  
Enfield, N. C.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?

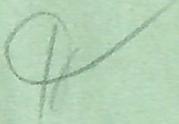
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?

3. Please give your age and state your health.

4. Do you speak English?

5. What other language do you speak?

Age  
Condition of Health

  
For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
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QM 293 A-M

May 5, 1931.

Brinkley, Elbert (Sur) M x

Mrs. Cora Brinkley,  
Route 2, Box 78,  
Enfield, N. C.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M

October 21, 1930

Brinkley, Elbert Pvt 54 M

Mrs. Cora Brinkley  
Route #2, Box 78  
Enfield, North Carolina

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Brinkley, Elbert 34-M

June 19, 1930

Mrs. Cora Brinkley,  
Rt. #2, Box 78,  
Enfield, North Carolina

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Brinkley, Elbert  
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August 9, 1929.

Mrs. Cora Brinkley,  
Route #2, Box 78,  
Enfield, N. Car.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated **May 6, 1929** making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

2. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
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Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 295 A-C

Brinkley, Elbert

May 6, 1929.

Mrs. Cora Brinkley,  
Route # 2, Box 78,  
Enfield, 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".

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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.

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