

G.R.S. Form #114-B

Co-The A. G. O.

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JUN 1 - 1928

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293

FULL NAME ..... ARMSTRONG, John

RANK ..... Pvt 1/c ..... SERIAL ..... 52460

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION ..... Co.I, 6th Inf. 5 Air

DATE OF DEATH ..... 10/20/18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME ..... Ky

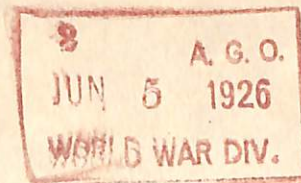
MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED.

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION ..... 32 1 E  
Date Grave Row Block

Meuse-Argonne, #1232

Cemetery

23/306/ARK



Rec'd World War Div.  
2 APR 2 1928



# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Armstrong 52460 John  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Co. A 26th Inf  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL Oct 29/18

PLACE OF BURIAL FRANCE

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

83.9 x 08.5 Map of Montfaucon

1/50000 US Engrs.

About 400 yds E of Romagnes.

GRAVE NUMBER Amer # 16.

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Yes Cross? No

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes

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

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

REPORTED BY: 1st Lieut US Army, Chaplain 6th Inf.  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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



*Armstrong, John*

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From Ashland, Ky. (Boyd Co) To New York and return

Name Mrs Mary Armstrong

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Going Route

*Armstrong, John*  
*M-1232*

Road

Junction

C&O Ry

To Washington

Penna RR

To New York

To \_\_\_\_\_

To \_\_\_\_\_

Train Schedule

Lv. Ashland 1:04 PM No.6 May 5

Ar. New York 9:20 AM 117 May 6

Lv. \_\_\_\_\_

Ar. \_\_\_\_\_

Sleeping car from Ashland To New York

Elapsed Time 21 hours



Date 7th., May, 1919REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: ARMSTRONG, JohnNumber: 52460Rank: UnknOrganization: Unkn

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

11th., April, 1919Grave #18 B. A. Cty. ROMAGNE. MEUSE.Map. 35 N. E. E. 308.35 N. 284.75

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

11th., April, 1919Grave #89 Section #16 Plot #2Amer. B. A. Cty. #1232 ROMAGNE. MEUSE.Map. 35 N. E. E. 308.16 N. 284.87

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

Burial good. Body buried in uniform and blanket. Body decomposed.Was one identification tag found upon the body? NoWhat other means of identification were found on the body? None

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: 2nd. Lt. A. E. Wilson.R. H. ROSENTHAL2nd Lieut. O. M. C. U. S. A.

G.O. Group \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_



CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB- HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>ARMSTRONG</i>	<i>Arm</i>	3	<i>18 30</i>
<i>John</i>	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>32</i>	2	<i>32</i>
	ROW <i>1</i>	2	<i>01</i>
	BLOCK <i>6</i>	1	<i>5</i>
STATE	<i>Ky</i>	2	<i>20</i>
RANK	<i>Post 1/c</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>5</i>	2	<i>05</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>6</i>	3	<i>006</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Armstrong</i>	<i>Arm</i>	3	<i>18 30</i>
<i>Mrs Mary</i>	STATE <i>Ky</i>	2	<i>20</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Boyd</i>	2	<i>10</i>
<i>Gen Del</i>	CITY <i>Ashland</i>	3	<i>001</i>
RELATION	<i>mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Bad</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>no</i>	1	<i>63</i>
29/514/PJ.	<i>age</i>		

AUDITED

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

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

**Armstrong John (MA)**

**July 7, 1932**

**Mrs Mary Armstrong**  
**Ashland**  
**Ky**

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Armstrong, John (MA)

November 22, 1932.

Mrs. Mary Armstrong,  
*Gen del*  
Ashland, Kentucky.

Dear Madam:

In order that the best available accommodations may be secured for the mothers and widows making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, it is necessary that hotel and steamship reservations be made several months in advance.

It will therefore be appreciated if you will advise at this time whether or not you believe you will be able to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private first class John Armstrong, next summer.

A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

Encl.

Env.

*Nov 26*

*Ashland Ky*

*Chas. W. Dietz Captain Q.M. Corps  
I can not make this trip on the  
account of my health*

*Mrs Mary Armstrong  
Gen del Ashland Ky*



QM 293 A-M  
Armstrong, John (MA)

August 26, 1932

Mrs. Mary Armstrong,

Ashland, Kentucky.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date advising that you are undecided about making a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private first class John Armstrong, during the summer of 1933.

The pilgrimage was authorized by Congress in an endeavor to bring a measure of comfort and solace to the hearts of the mothers and widows whose loved ones made the supreme sacrifice for their country during the late war, and it would seem from the many letters received from women who have made the journey that this effort has not been in vain. It is believed that you too would receive great consolation from visiting the grave of your son.

Properly qualified personnel will be provided to care for the comfort and needs of the mothers and widows making the pilgrimage and doctors and nurses will be available. Should you make the trip you are assured that everything possible will be done for your welfare.

You will be communicated with at a later date relative to your desire to make a pilgrimage next summer.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Armstrong John (MA)

July 7, 1932

Mrs Mary Armstrong  
Ashland  
Ky

Dear Madam:

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

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


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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933? undecided  
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Mary Armstrong  
Ashland Ky



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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Armstrong, John Pvt. 1 cl (M-A) M

June 9, 1931.

Mrs. Mary Armstrong,  
Ashland, Ky.

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.

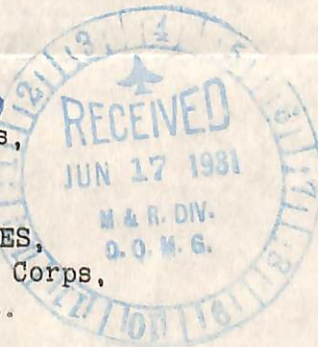
As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

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



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? no

Write answer here

*Mrs Mary Armstrong*  
Sign here



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Armstrong, John - 1232 M

June 18, 1930.

Mrs. Mary Armstrong,  
Ashland, Ky.

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, G. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? no

(Write answer here)

Mary Armstrong  
(Sign here)



Amica 57-30 1232  
8 RETURN RECEIPT

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

Mary Armstrong  
(Signature or name of addressee.)  
Badge returned and reassigned  
to  
Postmaster 5/28/30  
(Signature of addressee's agent.)

APR 23 1930  
Date of delivery, \_\_\_\_\_, 192

Form 3811

1232  
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Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 926007

INSURED PARCEL

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

Return to Gen General

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,  
or Post Office Box, Minuteman Bldg.

WASHINGTON

D. C.



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

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING  
OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY



8- c Ammika 5-7-30  
RETURN RECEIPT 232

~~Canceled 4/26/30~~

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

*Mrs Mary Armstrong*  
(Signature or name of addressee.)

*UP at 4/25/30*  
DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE ONLY  
(Signature of addressee's agent.)

*APR 24 1930*  
Date of delivery, \_\_\_\_\_, 192



**Post Office Department**

**OFFICIAL BUSINESS**

**REGISTERED ARTICLE**

No. 926239

**INSURED PARCEL**

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

Return to

J. M. Linnell

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,  
or Post Office Box,

Munitions Bldg

**WASHINGTON,**

**D. C.**

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE  
TO AVOID PAYMENT OF  
POSTAGE \$1.00





Washington, D. C., May 1, 1930.

Mr. C. A. Eitz, Chairman,  
Central Passenger Association,  
609 South Dearborn Street,  
Chicago, Illinois.

*Key*  
YOUR WIRE APRIL THIRTIETH MARY ARMSTRONG PAGE ONE DASH ONE PLEASE  
1  
RETURN TRANSPORTATION REQUEST  
QM 250

DEWITT  
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

QM 253 A-C Armstrong, John 1233

Declined by letter 4/25/30  
Answer. May 7-1930



# Signal Corps, United States Army

Received at

War Department Message Center,  
Room 3441, Munitions Building,  
Washington, D. C.

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CAPTAIN R E SHANNON  
OFFICE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON DC

ROUTING SHEET NUMBER ONE COVERS MRS MARY ARMSTRONG ASHLAND  
KENTUCKY MAY FIFTH AND TRANSPORTATION ORDERS SENT CANDO APRIL  
EIGHTEENTH YOUR MEMORANDUM TWENTY SIXTH EFFECTS CANCELLATION  
HAVE HAD NO REQUEST TO RETURN ORDERS ADVISE ✓

C A FOX

1043AM.

*John*  
*12 3 2*

*Declined by letter 4/25/30*  
*Answer May 7-30*  
*82*



QM 293 A-C  
Armstrong, John 1232 H

April 29, 1930.

Mrs. Mary Armstrong,  
Ashland,  
Kentucky.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter (undated) declining the invitation extended you to sail on the SS America May 7, 1930 to visit the grave of your son, the late Private 1st Class, John Armstrong, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

It is requested that you return to this office identification badge and check forwarded you for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York. Your name has been placed on the list of those mothers and widows who will receive an invitation to make the pilgrimage during the summer of 1931. In the event that you accept the invitation to go at that time, the badge will be returned to you.

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  
Armstrong, John 1232-M

April 21, 1930.

Mrs. Mary Armstrong,  
Ashland, Kentucky.

Dear Madam:

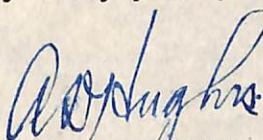
There is enclosed herewith Check No. 291559 in the amount of \$ 10.00 to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST THIS CHECK BE CASHED AND USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED.

If for any reason, you are not able to sail on the date mentioned in your invitation, the check must be returned to this office immediately.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl.  
Check No.

#10 <sup>00</sup> check rec'd 4/25/30  
(withdrawn) EAS

File R



Armstrong, John - Ma.

April 19th, 1930

Mrs. Mary Armstrong,  
Ashland,  
Ky.

Dear Mrs. Armstrong:

I am very glad to hear from you and hope you are well. I am well and hope you are the same.

I am very glad to hear from you and hope you are well. I am well and hope you are the same.

Very truly yours,  
John Armstrong

Enclosed for you are  
the books and  
the letters

Very truly yours,  
John Armstrong

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Armstrong, John 1232-M

April, 16, 1930.

Mrs. Mary Armstrong,  
Ashland,  
Kentucky

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. Ashland 1:04 PM, C&O No. 6, May 5th,

Ar. New York 9:20 AM, May 6th.

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





i am sorry i have  
put you to so much  
trouble i will write  
Before you send my ticket  
i have Bin sick not able  
to make the trip no way  
later, and i am not able  
to sit up as ever yours  
Mary Armstrong & stand  
by

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

March 13, 1930.

Armstrong, John 1232 M

Mrs. Mary Armstrong,  
Ashland, Ky.

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.

1232✓

*America*  
*May 7-1930*

*Armstrong, Jno*  
*Port, Wash*  
*Co 9-6th Inf.*  
*4-25-30*

I *declines by letter*  
*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.

*1931*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mrs. Mary Armstrong

(Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ashland, Boyd County, Kentucky

(Town or City)

(State)



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON March 4, 1930

IN REPLY REFER TO OM 2934-C John 1232 N

Mrs. Mary Armstrong,  
Ashland, Ky.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "America" on May 7, 1930.

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

In the event no reply is received from you before March 15, 1930, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Armstrong, John 1232 M

Mrs. Mary Armstrong,  
Ashland,  
Kentucky.

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>59</i> Health <i>(Poor)</i>	(Years) (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <i>yes</i> (No)	Other language (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Armstrong, John

August 12, 1929

Mrs. Mary Armstrong,  
Ashland, Kentucky

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private, first class, John Armstrong Co. I, 6th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow  
~~who has not since remarried?~~

No.

2. If so, give her complete address.

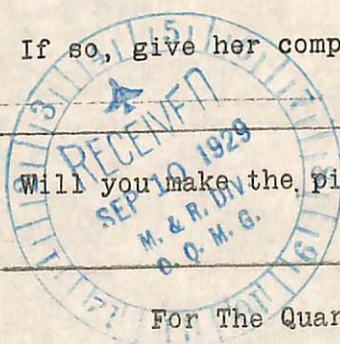
3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

Yes.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

*Mother*  
*Mrs. Mary Armstrong*  
*Ashland,*  
*Ky*

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29 , 1929.

Armstrong, John

*(Road)*  
Mr. George Armstrong,  
Olive Hill,  
Kentucky.

*James (7)*  
*C 5-4632*

Dear Sir:

*28846 John (7) 7-27*  
*C 124146*  
*27/29*

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Private 1cl., John Armstrong, Co. I, 6th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty., Romagne, Sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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





QM 298 A-M  
Armstrong, John (MA)

November 22, 1932.

Mrs. Mary Armstrong,

Ashland, Kentucky.

Dear Madam:

In order that the best available accommodations may be secured for the mothers and widows making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, it is necessary that hotel and steamship reservations be made several months in advance.

It will therefore be appreciated if you will advise at ~~time~~ time whether or not you believe you will be able to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private first class John Armstrong, next summer.

A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Armstrong John (MA)

July 7, 1932

Mrs Mary Armstrong  
Ashland  
Ky

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Write answer here)

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



QM 293 A-M  
Armstrong, John (MA)

August 26, 1932

Mrs. Mary Armstrong.

Ashland, Kentucky.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date advising that you are undecided about making a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private first class John Armstrong, during the summer of 1933.

The pilgrimage was authorized by Congress in an endeavor to bring a measure of comfort and solace to the hearts of the mothers and widows whose loved ones made the supreme sacrifice for their country during the late war, and it would seem from the many letters received from women who have made the journey that this effort has not been in vain. It is believed that you too would receive great consolation from visiting the grave of your son.

Properly qualified personnel will be provided to care for the comfort and needs of the mothers and widows making the pilgrimage and doctors and nurses will be available. Should you make the trip you are assured that everything possible will be done for your welfare.

You will be communicated with at a later date relative to your desire to make a pilgrimage next summer.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Armstrong, John Pvt. 1 cl (M-A) M

June 9, 1931.

Mrs. Mary Armstrong,  
Ashland, Ky.

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



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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 18, 1930.

Armstrong, John - 1282 H

Mrs. Mary Armstrong,  
Ashland, Ky.

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)

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(Sign here)

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QM 293 A-C  
Armstrong, John 1232 M

April 29, 1930.

Mrs. Mary Armstrong,  
Ashland,  
Kentucky.

Dear Madam:

*See Comm. Div.*  
Receipt is acknowledged of your letter (undated) declining the invitation extended you to sail on the SS America May 7, 1930 to visit the grave of your son, the late Private 1st Class, John Armstrong, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

It is requested that you return to this office identification badge and check forwarded you for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York. Your name has been placed on the list of those mothers and widows who will receive an invitation to make the pilgrimage during the summer of 1931. In the event that you accept the invitation to go at that time, the badge will be returned to you.

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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Armstrong, John 1232-M

April, 16, 1930.

Mrs. Mary Armstrong,  
Ashland,  
Ken Derby 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. Ashland 1:04 PM, C&O No. 6, May 5th,

Ar. New York 9:20 AM, May 6th.

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,

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Washington D. C., April 16, 1930.

Mrs. Mary Armstrong,  
Ashland, Kentucky.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Armstrong, John 1232-M

March 19, 1930

Mrs. Mary Armstrong,  
Ashland, Kentucky

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

**March 13, 1930.**

**Armstrong, John 1232 M**

**Mrs. Mary Armstrong,  
Ashland, Ky.**

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.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

March 4, 1930

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Armstrong, John 1252 H

Mrs. Mary Armstrong,  
Ashland, Ky.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "America" on May 7, 1930.

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

In the event no reply is received from you before March 15, 1930, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Armstrong, John 1232 M

Mrs. Mary Armstrong,  
Ashland,  
Kentucky.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

**Armstrong, John**

August 12, 1929

**Mrs. Mary Armstrong,  
Ashland, Kentucky**

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late **Private, first class, John Armstrong Co. I, 6th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.**

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

Write answers in space below:

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried?

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress  
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JOHN T. HARRIS,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29 , 1929.

Armstrong, John

Mr. George Armstrong,  
Olive Hill,  
Kentucky.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Private 1st Cl., John Armstrong, Co. I, 6th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne Amer. Ctry., Romagne, Somme-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

September 12, 1922.

FILE: 293.8 C-R #71986-

SUBJECT: Permanent Grave Location of Private 1st class John Armstrong,  
Company I, 6th Infantry.

TO: Mr. George Armstrong, Olive Hill, Ky.

1. The permanent grave of this soldier is No. 32 Row 1 Block E, Meuse-Argonne American cemetery at Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse, 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:

GEORGE H. PENROSE,  
Assistant.

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 CTY. NAME 89 NUMBER 2  
Sec. 16.

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION BAC 18 Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse  
 GRAVE 35NE 284.75N 308.35E COMMUNE  DEPT.   
 COORDINATES

CONCENTRATED TO 4/11/19 89 16 2  
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT  
Meuse Argonne 1232  
 CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Identified by cross

data f-1/pfb

### SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

*M. B. BIRDGEY*  
 1st Lt., Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 2/14/22 32 1 E  
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT  
Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.  
 CEMETERY

X PLOT  
 BLOCK.

AUDITED BY  
 Sgs 8/14/22





## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.

2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.

3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.

4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form 16, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.



## REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

ARMSTRONG, John.

52460.

1. REMAINS OF

Pvt. *id*SERIAL NUMBER  
Co. A. 26th Inf.

RANK

ORGANIZATION

2. Disinterred (date):

Feb 14, 1922

From (give complete location):

gr 89, sec 16, plot 2. Cty. 1232.

By: Group

Strong.

Unit

sec 1

3. Reburied (date):

In (give complete location):

Meuse Argonne Cty 1232 Feb 14 1922 Gr.32 Bl. E. Row 1

By: Group

Reburial

S

Unit

Unlined Casket

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

wooden box and burlap and U.S. uniform. body decomposed, unrecognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body?

no

On grave marker?

no

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

identified by cross only.

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

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

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

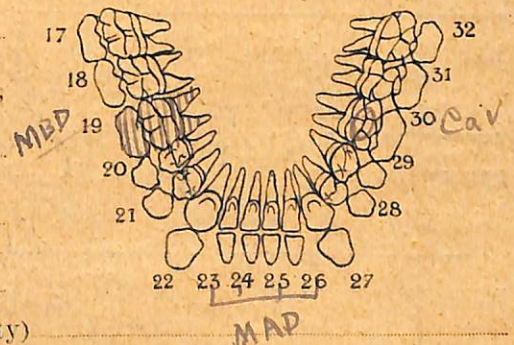
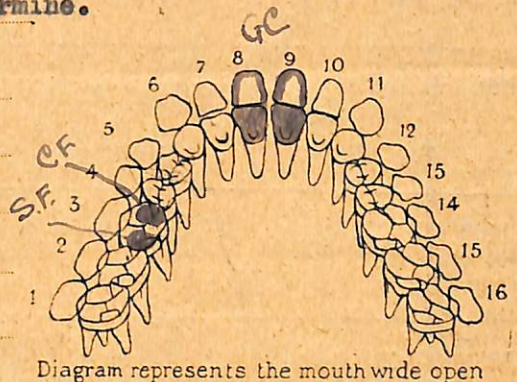
Location do

Quantity do

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

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

base of skull shattered, lower jaw fractured.

7. Disinterment  
supervised by

H.E. Strong.

Approved:

P. Overheiser, Capt. U.S.A.

(Title)

8. Reburial

Supervised by

W.B. Sheild

Approved:

A. E. Dewey 1st Lt

Q.M.C.



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

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

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.

4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.

5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".

(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No 6.

6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspid (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

### MISSING TEETH

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



### CROWNED TEETH

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



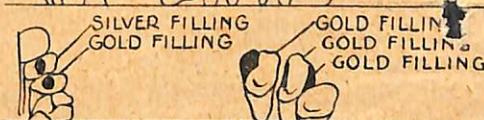
### BRIDGE WORK

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



### FILLINGS

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



### CARIES (CAVITIES)

Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:



### DENTURES (PLATES)

Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp"

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

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





To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE

Feb 14 1922.

## 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 ARMSTRONG, John  
 2. No. 52460  
 3. Rank Pvt.  
 4. Org. Co. A. 26th Inf.  
 5. D.D. Oct. 6th.  
 6. C.D. KIA

10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_  
 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) D.B. None

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 89 Sec. 16  
 8. Plot 2 Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 17. None

18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer.19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon20. Dept. or County Meuse.21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. \_\_\_\_\_

1232 - 1623. Disinterred (Date) Feb 14 1922By H E Strong

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name John ArmstrongSerial No. 52460Rank PvtOrganization Co A 26 Inf25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? No On body? No

John H. Crawford  
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant

## PREPARATION

John H Crawford

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).

Identified by cross only27. Condition of body Badly decomposed features unrecognizable28. Nature of burial US Uniform burlap and box29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Feb 14 1922 By H E Strong31. Casket sealed by H E Strong

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

H E Strong  
E Strong



SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-22433

32. Designation of body:

Name John ARMSTRONG. Serial No. 52460

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. A. 26th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

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

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Feb 14 1922 By H E Strong

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 F Overheiser, Capt. QMC

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Feb 14 1922 00

To point of Concentration Morgue Romagne

(Name)

Convoyer W J Royed Signature Shipping Officer G F Spann, Capt. QMC

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery

(Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cty 1232 Feb 14 1922

(Date)

42. Grave No. 32 Section

43. Block E Row 1  
Plot  
XXXX

G.R.S. Representative A E Dewey

A.E. Dewey 1st Lt Q.M.C.



FILE

FILES.

October 26, 1920.

293.8 Cem. Div. - #71986 Registration.

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Cemeterial Division).  
To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C.  
Subject: Case of Private John Armstrong, #52460, Company A, 26th Infantry.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of communication from your office, dated October 16, 1920, requesting information in regard to date and place of burial of the above named soldier.

2. It is necessary to institute a detailed investigation in this case, results of which may not be reached for some time, due to the nature of the work and limited personnel.

3. When definite information is discovered in this case same will be forwarded.

FW

H. L. ROGERS,  
Quartermaster General, U.S. Army.

*DRG*  
DRG

By:

Inv. S.S.  
Inv. & Adj.

M. N. GREENEY,  
Captain, Q.M.C.

*CMP*

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*mail*  
OCT 26 1920



AG201 (Armstrong, John)WW

April 27, 1921.

Date and place of burial.

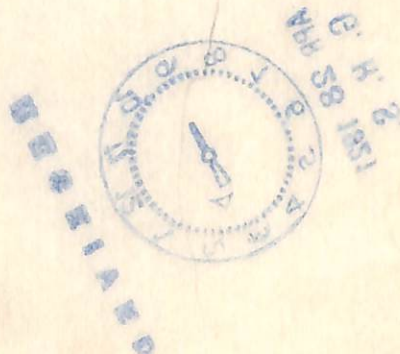
The Quartermaster General of the Army,  
Washington, D. C.

1. Referring to prior correspondence concerning the search for a grave location for Private John Armstrong, #52,460, Company I, 6th Infantry, it is requested that this office be advised as to whether or not there is now a grave location registered for this soldier.
2. This soldier's record cannot be completed and his accounts closed until this report is received.
3. For your information, you are advised that this office is in receipt of the following report from Headquarters, 6th Infantry, Camp Gordon, Ga.: "The Chaplains' burial records on file in this office show Armstrong, John, #52460, Co. A, 26th Infantry, buried October 18, 1918 by Chaplain O.L. Owens, 6th Infantry."

By order of the Secretary of War:

R Brown

Adjutant General.





FROM. O.Q.M.G.  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
Munitions Building  
Room

PLEASE  
EXPEDITE

WAR DEPARTMENT  
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-H  
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 3-30-21

File No. Requisition

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division) (SPECIAL)  
To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.  
Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed, Request confirmation of all information shown.

- |                   |                        |                      |                           |
|-------------------|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| a. Surname        | ARMSTRONG, OK          | f. Date of death     | 10-20-18                  |
| b. Christian name | John OK                | g. Cause of death    | K/A OK                    |
| c. Serial Number  | 52460 OK<br>or (52480) | h. Authority (C.O.#) | 390                       |
| d. Organization   | Co.A, 26th Inf. OK     | i. Emergency address | George Armstrong          |
| e. Rank           | Pvt. 1/c               | j. Relationship      | Alive Hill, Ky.<br>Father |

BODY DESCRIPTION  
(See page #2 of the Service Record)

DENTAL CHARTS  
(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

- |   |                                 |
|---|---------------------------------|
| a. Age of enlistment  | a. Strike out teeth missing     |
| b. Color of eyes  | 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 |
| c. Color of hair  | upper right upper left          |
| d. Height   | 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 |
| e. Weight   | lower right lower left          |
| f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks) |                                 |

Donnelly - Enos  
EPS- 748- 3/31/21

CW

H. L. ROGERS,  
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.

BY:

H. J. COOPER,  
1st. Lieut. Q.M.C.

CEMETERY NO: 1232-Sec.16

SHEET NO: 10

TYPED BY: VH.

S/713/LML

Rec'd War Dept. Div.  
MAR 31 1921

Rec'd S & S Div., A.G.O.

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1st Ind.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div. -#71986 (ARMSTRONG, John)  
From: O.Q.M.G., Cemeterial Division, May 5th, 1921. To: The Adjutant  
General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D. C.

1. Returned. There is on file in this office a Grave  
Location Blank signed by Oscar Lee Owens, 1st Lieutenant, U. S. Army,  
Chaplain, 6th Infantry, which states Private ARMSTRONG, was buried  
October 20, 1918.

2. The records of this office show the above named soldier  
to have been buried October 20, 1918, in Grave 18, American Battle  
Area Cemetery 1719, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, (Meuse) and to have been  
disinterred and reburied April 11, 1919, in Grave 89, Plot 2, Section  
16, Argonne American Cemetery 1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, (Meuse).

H. L. ROGERS,  
Quartermaster General, U. S. Army,

By:

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

Inv. & Adj.

EG

FWW

MAILED

MAY 7 1921

G.R.S.



File # 71986

CASE NO. Armstrong, John 52460 Co A 26th Inf. Put 1/cl.  
 Name Serial # Rank & Org.

	Sources of Information
a Registration Cards 5x8 4x6	D Prep. of Data Files Form 16 Forms 1-A
b Administrative Files	Photographic field records
Communal Lists & Sketches	7 A. G. O.
A.R.C. Searchers Reports Chaplain Reports	Engineers Maps
Location Index File	Misc. Info. to be found in Administrative Files, E series slips, Etc.

## REASON FOR INVESTIGATION

Grave location &amp; date of death

## AGO Special

A. 5x8 confirmed w/c records this man k/A 10-20-18 and buried same date in B/A cty. 1719 Romagne <sup>Sous Montfaucon, Meuse</sup> Gr. 18 Shown on Form 1-A <del>8-9427</del>	F. A.G.O. requests grave location for Armstrong, John 52460 Co. I 6th Inf. An 8-W-A # dated March 31 confirms this soldier in Co. A 26th Inf.
B. Adm. files shows Grave location blank which states Armstrong, John 52460 was buried about 400 yards east of Romagne	G.
C. 10-20-18 This g.l.b is signed by Chaplain Oscar Owens 6th Inf. and states that one tag was buried with the body and one attached to the grave marker. (Name peg.	H.
D. Form 1-A <del>9427</del> shows this burial in gr. 18, BAC. Romagne 1719	I.
D. Form 1-A <del>10531</del> shows reburial in grave 89-Plot 2 Sec. 16 Cty 1232 Romagne Sous Montfaucon Meuse. Reb. 4-11-19	J.

## SUMMARY

A.G.O. reports that they are in receipt of the following information from Camp Gordon, Ga. "The Chaplains' burial records on file in this office show John Armstrong #52460 Co. A 26th Inf. buried Oct. 18-18 by Chaplain Oscar Owens, 6th Inf." This coincides with G.L.B on file in this office with the exception of date of burial which is given thereon as Oct. 20th-18. It is thought that date of death may have been Oct. 18-18 and date of Burial Oct. 20th-18

Action Requested Advise A.G.O.Mary A. Hawkins.

Investigator

Corr. Handled By \_\_\_\_\_

Date Completed 5-4-21Checked By [Signature]

Adjusted By \_\_\_\_\_



May 9th, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div.Cor.Br.

Re: Armstrong, John Pvt.1/cl.  
Ser.No. 52460, Co.A. 26th  
Infantry.

Mrs. Mary Armstrong,  
Olive Hill, Ky.

Dear Madam:

Your shipping inquiry dated April 25th, 1921, requesting that the remains of the deceased soldier named above be left in France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery, has been forwarded to the Cemeterial Division, Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington, D.C., for necessary action.

The Cemeterial Division, Washington, D.C., will furnish you the grave location in the permanent American Cemetery as soon as possible after the body has been placed therein.

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

BY:

F.C. PALLAS,  
Executive Assistant.

*aw*

MAILED  
MAY 11 1921  
COR. BR. G. R. S.





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

Form 115 and records held in Hoboken for adk. letter to Mother.  
**WAR DEPARTMENT  
QUARTERMASTER CORPS  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
HOBOKEN, N. J.**

May 5th-1921 1921.

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

Name Armstrong, John ✓ Ser. No. 52460  
Rank Private 1/class Organization Company A, 26th Infantry  
Cemetery No. 1232-Sec. 16 Cable Reference No. (Sheet No.) 10

Request shown below dated April 25th-1921 is latest in this case:

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

Widow \_\_\_\_\_

Children \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Father \_\_\_\_\_

Mother Mrs. Mary Armstrong, Olive Hill, Ky.

Brother \_\_\_\_\_

Sister \_\_\_\_\_

Others \_\_\_\_\_

Body ~~to be shipped to~~ or for interment in: France, in a permanent

American Cemetery. (Gen. 1232)

MM

Cable May 14 1921 forwarding advice to Europe dispatched \_\_\_\_\_ 1921.

S-744 EB

2-5/13/21 C/M

MAILED  
MAY 6 1921  
COR. BR. G. R. S.

RECEIVED

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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Armstrong 52460 John  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Co. A 26th Inf.  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

Oct 20/18  
DATE OF BURIAL.

FRANCE  
PLACE OF BURIAL.

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

83.9 x 08.5 Map of Montfaucon

1/50000 US Engrs.

About 400 yds E of Romagnes.

Amer # 16.  
GRAVE NUMBER.

Yes No  
HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Yes  
Was one buried with body?

Yes  
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:

(mouse)  
CMME. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon

(C-280) SHT. 35 N.E. COORD E 308.5  
N 289.9

REPORTED BY: Oscar LeQuere  
1st Lieut US Army, Chaplain 6th Inf.  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

28-920

Communist Party of America  
Daily Report Co.



Armstrong, John 52,480  
(Surname.) (Christian name in full.) (Army serial number.)

Pvt 1/cl. Co A 26th Inf  
(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased Mother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? Yes  
(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery? Yes - one nearest home  
(Yes or no.)

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

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

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

(Sign here) Mrs Mary Armstrong

Oliver Hill 14  
(Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

checked - BOR

3-29-21

Brown in 10  
1232 - Sec 16 - 10  
3-29-21



WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

WASHINGTON

AG201 (Armstrong, John)WW

May 18, 1921.

IN REPLY  
REFER TO

Adjustment Made

MAY 31 1921

File No.

From: The Adjutant General of the Army.

To: The Quartermaster General of the Army,  
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Date of death of Pvt. 1st Cl. John Armstrong.

1. Upon investigation, it has been ascertained that the date of death of the above man heretofore communicated to you, is erroneous, and that Private 1st Class John Armstrong, #52,460, Company I, 6th Infantry, was killed in action October 20, 1918, in France.

2. For purposes of identification, you are advised that the records show that the deceased was enlisted Feb. 26, 1917, and the name of the person to be notified in case of emergency was given as: George Armstrong, (father), Olive Hill, Ky.

*P. C. Harris*  
The Adjutant General.

Per: *m. J. K.*



# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

See Form 115  
att 4/20/22

## I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #71986

(a) Name ARMSTRONG, John Ser. No. 52460  
(b) Rank Pvt. 1/cl. (4-5-21) Organization Co. A, 26th Infantry } TYP. DMA  
(c) Date of death 10/20/18 (4-5-21) (d) Cause of death K/A } 30

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

(a) Grave No. 89 Row - Plot 2 Sec. 16 TYP. DMA  
(b) Emerg. Address George Armstrong (father) Olive Hill, Ky.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases CKR. 30

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

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
letter of transmittal on 4/6, 1921  
Sub 6  
Part to be returned LPW

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., APR 12 1921, 192

## VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.
<u>May 5, 1921</u>	<u>Mother (4/25/21)</u>	<u>To remain</u>	<u>5/14/21 Europe advised</u>
<u>Form 129</u>	<u>Mrs. Mary Armstrong</u>	<u>in France by proposed cable</u>	<u>298 - To remain</u>
			<u>5/16/21 L.S.</u>

VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J. 5-12, 1921

COUNTRY CEMETERY No. SHEET No.



8273

## COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

## I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #71986

(a) Name ARMSTRONG, John Ser. No. 52460  
 (b) Rank Pvt. 1st Organization Co. A, 26th Infantry  
 (c) Date of death 10/20/18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. DMA

CKR. 30

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

(a) Grave No. 89 Row - Plot 2 Sec. 16 TYP. DMA  
 (b) Emerg. Address George Armstrong (father) Olive Hill, Ky.

III. ~~Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases/~~ CKR. 30

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

Date of receipt None

(a) Name Mrs. Mary Armstrong (b) Relationship Wife  
 (c) Address Olive Hill, Ky.  
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? yes  
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at yes, we want home.  
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. -

(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. -

Examiner's Initials JD Date 3-29, 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 JD Date 3-29, 1920.

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

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes

Examiner's Initials JD Date 3-29, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCECEMETERY No. 1232-sec. 16SHEET No. 10

CARDED

4/5/22 Examined  
 4/22/22 Concentration  
 for Mense - Argonne 1232  
 att 4/20/22



VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by *Joe*, 1920

RECEIVED BY  
MAIL UNIT

MAY 12 1921

VIII. FINAL ACTION

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on *4/6*, 1920  
*Per 16*  
*Part to be returned SPW*

Cemeterial Division  
Overseas Project Sub-Section

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*4/25/21 (F# 120) Mary Armstrong  
mother - Olive Hill, Ky, request  
that the body remain in Europe.  
2/5/3/21 CMS*

*Force 129 to hold body. Fred Wash 5/6/21 B. F.  
5/14/21 PROPOSED CABLEGRAM NO. 298 TO EUROPE-BODY TO REMAIN 5/16/21  
114*

*Let. from Europe 6/8/21 states return cancelled as  
per cable. 10/28/21*

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.



Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

3-29-21

JP

A.G.O. Card & Corr.

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

G. R. S. Corr.

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

Checkers

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

841 30-21  
3-29-21  
checked



WAR DEPARTMENT 1232 Sec. 16-10 ep  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
WASHINGTON

APR 21 1921

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

To: Mr George Armstrong, Olive Hill, Ky.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. 1/c John Armstrong, Ser. No. 52460, Co A 26th Inf

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above-named  
~~soldier to be returned to the United States and interred in the~~  
~~nearest National Cemetery to your home.~~ *Remain in Europe*

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

GEORGE H. PENROSE,  
Colonel, Q. M. G.

5/14/21 PROPOSED CABLEGRAM NO. 298 TO EUROPE-BODY TO REMAIN 5/16/21 111.9

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

Was soldier married? .....

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

Date .....

Signature .....

Address .....

Relationship .....

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



April 21, 1921

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

RECEIVED BY  
MAIL UNIT

MAY 12 1921

1. ~~As stated on first page of this sheet.~~
2. ~~To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to~~ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name.)  
Cemeterial Division  
Overseas Project Section  
(R. R. station.)
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 Mary Armstrong

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instructions for the disposition of a body are not received from the next of kin within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.
2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.
3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT of kin IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.
4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest next of kin in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.
6. If YOU are not the nearest next of kin, please ask the nearest next of kin, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
7. If YOU are not the nearest living next of kin and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.
8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

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



Station.....

Date....., 192

rln. 4/8/21.

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

DISINTERMENT

## COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records Office Chief G. R. S.

Discrepancy found upon examination of body.

1. Name <u>ARMSTRONG, John.</u>	10. Name .....
2. No. <u>52460.</u>	11. No. ....
3. Rank <u>Pvt. 1/cl.</u>	12. Rank .....
4. Org <u>Co. A, 26th Inf.</u>	13. Org .....
5. D. D. <u>10-20-18.</u>	14. (a) D. D. ....
6. C. D. <u>K-A.</u>	15. (b) D. B. ....

Discrepancy found upon disinterment.

7. Grave No. <u>89</u>	Sec. <u>16.</u>	15. Grave No. ....	Sec. ....
8. Plot <u>2</u>	Row <u>-</u>	16. Plot <u>111</u>	Row .....
9. <u>-</u>		17. <u>111</u>	

18. Cemetery Argonne Amer.19. Commune or town ROMACHE-sous-MONTFAUCON.20. Department or county Meuse.21. Country France.22. G. R. S. Headquarters Code No. 1232-Sec. 16.

23. Disinterred ..... (Date.) By .....

24. Inscription on grave marker	Name .....	Serial No. ....
	Rank .....	Organization .....

25. Was identification disk found on grave marker?..... On body?.....

Signature of Junior Technical Assistant.

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

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Sec. 16. Cable Ref. No. 10.

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PREPARATION

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

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27. Condition of body-----

28. Nature of burial-----

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29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G. R. S. records quoted above?  
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30. Body prepared and placed in casket----- (Date.) By-----

31. Casket sealed by -----

Signature of Embalmer (Supervisor)-----

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

32. Designation of body { Name John Armstrong. Serial No. 52460.  
Rank Pvt. 1/cl. Organization Co. A, 26th Inf.

33. CONSIGNEE—Name Quartermaster General, Graves Registration Service.

Address Hoboken, N.J.

34. Casket boxed and marked----- (Date.) By-----

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

Signature of G. R. S. Inspector-----

36. Remarks-----

37. Shipped from cemetery----- (Date.) To----- (Point of concentration.)

Convoyer----- Signature Shipping Officer-----

38. Received at point of concentration----- (Date.)

Signature Receiving Officer-----

39. Shipped from point of concentration----- (Date.)

To----- (Port.) Convoyer-----

Signature Shipping Officer-----

40. Received European port----- (Date.)

Signature of G. R. S. Representative-----

41. Shipped to----- (U. S. port.) On----- (Boat.)

Date----- Convoyer----- (Signature of Shipping Officer.)

42. Received----- (Date.) By G. R. S. Representative----- (Signature.)

43. Shipped to destination----- (Date.) { B/L or Express Order No.-----

Convoyer----- { Shipping Office-----

WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

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IN REPLY  
REFER TO 201(Armstrong, John)WW

WASHINGTON

October 16, 1920.

SUBJECT: Burial record of Private John Armstrong.

To: The Quartermaster General of the Army,  
Washington, D. C.

1. It is requested that this office be furnished with a complete burial report in the case of Private John Armstrong, #52,460, Company A, 26th Infantry, setting forth the date and place of original burial and present location of remains.

By order of the Secretary of War.

*J. E. Quinn*  
Adjutant General.

100. Cemetery Div., U. S. A.  
INC 293.8  
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*Armstrong, John*

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