

in Service
Mrs. J. D. Armstrong, mother, % J. D. Armstrong, father,
National Fire Insurance Co. of
Hartford, Hayward, Calif.

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G.R.S. Form #114-B

✓ CAUSE OF DEATH

Aeroplane accident.

✓ FULL NAME..... ARMSTRONG, Ralph..... *de St.*

✓ RANK..... 2nd Lt. SERIAL..... *15*

✓ DIVISION & ORGANIZATION..... 7th Avia. Inst, Center. *Kansas*

✓ DATE OF DEATH..... 10-11-18 *as man*

✓ STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME..... *Calif.*

✓ MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED..... *none*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION..... 41 10 B.....

Date

Grave

Row

Block

11/11/21
61-79-54 A.G.O. MAY 9 1927 1764 ✓

Cemetery

27/86/-

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

..... **Armstrong** **Ralph S**
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)
..... **2nd Lt. A.S.** **Hqrs. Detach**
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL..... **Oct. 12, 1918**

PLACE OF BURIAL..... **U. S. Cemetery**

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

..... **Section 1 - Aviation Plot**

..... **Clermont-Ferrand**

GRAVE NUMBER..... **Seven**

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

Headboard?..... **yes**..... Bottle?.....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS :

Was one buried with body?..... **yes**.....

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

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

H. O. Williams
..... **Capt. H. O. Williams, Inf.**

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Mr. A. G. O. 193.8 Armstrong, Ralph &
Aug 20, 1938

Ralph S. H. 6.
Rev. G. H. B.

Etters Pw.

Cardinal Aug 11th 1919

Treasury Dept. ^R ₁

treasury expt. In reply
to your letter recd today.

that Private Ralph S. Armstrong
is not dead, as we have
been notified by the Stars
Dept June 11th that he died
there has been a mistake
as we have been receiving
letters every week since last
of June Private Ralph S. Armstrong
belongs to Co B. 26. Inf. W.C. F. 2
1st. Division yours very truly
Mrs Clara Armstrong.

man alive

filed per ^{for} B.

DO NOT USE SMALL SLIPS.

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Each clerk will sign his surname to steps
taken by him, adding his room number.

Indicate dates thus: 4-8-18.

DO NOT USE SMALL SLIPS.

THIS SPACE FOR OFFICE MEMORANDA.

Casualty Division

This man is alive. Please note different organization on card than letter,

Burial Records Section,
7th & B Sts. 8-18-19

E. Jakobe

293.8 (Armstrong, Ralph S.)
Burial Records Section, 7th & B

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August 18, 1919.

Mrs. Clara Armstrong,
Etters, Penna.

Dear Madam:-

With further reference to the communication recently sent you by the War Department, I beg leave to state that as indicated by that communication, the representatives of our deceased soldiers are being called upon for an expression of their desires regarding the final disposition of the bodies. It happened in a few instances that the names of relatives of soldiers who were reported wounded or missing were placed among the names of relatives of deceased soldiers, which fact accounts for your having received the communication.

In expressing regret for this occurrence it is also desired to say that the Department rejoices with you in the fact that this soldier is alive.

Very respectfully,

The Adjutant General

Per

W. H. B.



filed Aug 19 1919
Burial Records Section

BACKING SHEET

NUMBER _____ **DATE** _____

PERSON _____ **PLACE** _____

SUBJECT.....

DATES ON WHICH THIS FILE IS CHARGED OUT

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	ARMSTRONG	3	183
	Ralph		
BURIED			
	CEMETERY 1764	1	4
	GRAVE 41	2	41
	ROW 10	2	10
	BLOCK B	1	2
STATE	CALIF	2	04
BANK	IND ST	1	1
DIVISION	AIR SERVICE	2	44
ORGANIZATION	7	3	007
ARM	A.I.D. B.	1	3
MARTIAL	70	1	2
NAME	ARMSTRONG	3	183
	Mrs. Sara		
RESIDENCE			
	STATE CALIF	2	04
	COUNTY Alameda	2	01
	CITY Hayward	3	029
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER	Father	1	1
ELIGIBILITY	Previous visit 8/25/31	1	3
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	Yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Good	1	1
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR. 1933	1	4
ACCEPTANCE	260	1	2
	Age 67	1	67

Nov 30 1931
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QM 293 A-M
Armstrong, Ralph (AM)

December 6, 1932

Mrs. Sara Armstrong,
1204 A Street,
Hayward, California.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date advising that you are unable to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Lieutenant Ralph Armstrong, during the summer of 1933.

I am indeed sorry that illness in your family prevents you from accepting this last offer of the Government to make a pilgrimage. It is hoped, however, that conditions will improve and that you will be able to make the journey before the conclusion of the pilgrimages next year. In the event you later find that you can make the trip please notify this office, and arrangements will be made for you.

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, Ralph (AM)

November 17, 1932

Let ✓
Mrs. Sara Armstrong,
1204 A Street,
Hayward, California.

Dear Madam:

In order that the best available accommodations may be secured for the mothers and widows who are to visit the cemeteries of Europe next year, it is necessary that steamship and hotel reservations be made several months in advance.

It is therefore requested that you advise at this time whether or not you believe you will be able to make a pilgrimage during the summer of 1933, in order that arrangements may be made accordingly.

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

Enclosure:
Envelope.



*So sorry not to be able to accept of this
trip to Europe but on account of
continued illness in my family will
not be able to go. Thank you so much.*

Sincerely.

Sara Armstrong 1204 A St. Hayward

Leviathan

6-28-32

A M

Armstrong, Ralph 2nd Lt.

(Letter to Miss ~~boys~~)

we will be bound
I decline
(Accept or decline)

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

.....Mrs. Sara Armstrong.....

(Name)

.....1204 "A" St., Hayward, Alameda County, Calif......
(Town or city) (State)

QM 293 A-M
Armstrong, Ralph (AM)

August 27, 1932

Mrs. Sara Armstrong,
1204 A Street,
Hayward, California.

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 Second Lieutenant Ralph Armstrong, during the summer of 1933.

The pilgrimage was authorized by Congress in an endeavor to bring a measure of peace 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.

You will be communicated with at a later date relative to your desire to visit the grave of your son next summer. It is sincerely hoped you will be able to make the journey, as it is believed you would derive great comfort and consolation from the trip.

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, Ralph (AM)*

July 13, 1932

Mrs. Sara Armstrong,
1204 A St.,
Hayward, Calif.

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,

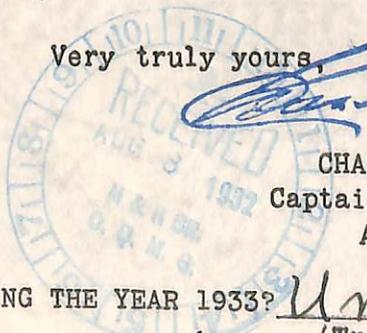
2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Sara Armstrong



QM 293 A-M
Armstrong, Ralph 2nd Lt. (A-M) M

January 20, 1932.

Mrs. Sara Armstrong,
1204 A Street,
Hayward, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date declining the invitation to sail June 28, 1932 on the LEVIATHAN to visit the grave of your son, the late 2nd Lieut. Ralph Armstrong.

It is regretted that circumstances prevent your making the pilgrimage this summer and it is hoped that you will be able to take advantage of the offer of the Government next year. You will again be communicated with relative to your desire to visit your son's grave when the pilgrimages are being arranged for 1933.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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1204-Q St. Hayward.
California

I am so sorry not to be able
to accept your very kind
invitation to visit the
grave of our late son Ralph
Armstrong but owing to the
serious illness of my
husband I will not be
able to accept of it.

Sincerely,

Sara Armstrong.
Armstrong, Ralph 1764

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March 2, 1931

QM 293 A-M
Armstrong, Ralph 2nd Lt 1764 M

Mrs. Sara Armstrong,
1204 A Street,
Hayward, California.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your recent communication, declining the invitation to sail on the Republic June 3, 1931, to make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Second Lieutenant Ralph Armstrong.

It is regretted that, due to ill health, you will be unable to make the pilgrimage this year. Accordingly, reservation made for you on the Republic has been cancelled and your name has been placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the pilgrimage in 1932. You will be communicated with when the pilgrimages for that year are being arranged. Pilgrimages will be made also during the months of July and August of this year and in the event you are able and desire to take the trip during one of these months, it is requested that you so advise this office in order that the necessary arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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per telegraph

Republic

Armstrong, Ralph

6-3-31

1764

I regret that I am compelled to decline the invitation on account of ill health. If a later opportunity is offered I may be able to accept. Sara Armstrong

I decline the invitation extended
(Accept or decline)

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

Mrs. Sara Armstrong

(Name)

1204 "A" St., Hayward, Alameda Co., California

(Town or City)

(State)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Armstrong, Ralph - 1764 M

July 28, 1930.

Mrs. Sara Armstrong,
1204 "A" St.,
Hayward, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage? Yes

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

3. Please give your age and state your health. 64

Age 64

Condition of Health Good

4. Do you speak English? Yes

5. What other language do you speak? None

For The Quartermaster General,



Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:
Envelope
Act
Amendment

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 10, 1930

Armstrong, Ralph 1764-M

Mrs. Sara Armstrong
1204 "A" St.
Hayward, Calif.

Dear Madam:

The Act of March 2, 1929 excluded from its benefits those mothers and widows who had made former visits to the graves of their loved ones in Europe. On May 15, 1930 that Act was amended to remove this restriction. Therefore, you are now eligible to make the pilgrimage at the expense of the Government.

arrangements are being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, and to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation 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 have previously visited their sons' or husbands' graves, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Yes
(Write answer here)



Sara Armstrong
(Sign here)

QM 295 A-C
Armstrong, Ralph S.

September 10, 1929.

Mr. J. D. Armstrong,
c/o Nat'l Fire Insurance Co. of Hartford,
Hayward, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 26, 1929, relative to the pilgrimage of the Gold Star Mothers and Widows to Europe.

In reply it is regretted to have to advise that Mrs. Armstrong is not eligible to make the pilgrimage to your son's grave in Aisne-Marne Cemetery in France in view of the fact that she has made a previous visit to his grave. It has been held that the obvious purpose of Section 2 (b) of the Act of March 2, 1929, is to exclude those who have previously visited the cemeteries described in Section 1 regardless of the fact that the body was buried in a temporary location or the work on the cemeteries had not been completed at the time of the visit.

With reference to your question as to whether a husband is eligible to accompany his wife on this pilgrimage at his own expense, you are informed that the Act of March 2, 1929, does not contain any provision for any member of the family to make the trip except the mother or unmarried widow, nor does it permit of the mother or widow being accompanied by any member of her family either at Government or personal expense.

The War Department has been charged with the execution of this Act and its efforts therefore must be restricted to making the arrangements necessary for the transportation, entertainment, etc. of those named as eligible under the Act.

Any arrangements which are desired to be made by relatives or friends of such eligibles to visit the Cemeteries in Europe must be made by them personally. The limited accommodations available in the small towns in the neighborhood of the Cemeteries in Europe, and the fact that it is contemplated that the War Department will utilize these accommodations to the limit for those mothers and widows

eligible under the above mentioned Act, make it necessary for those ineligible under the Act to make their own arrangements.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

sc/vp

Hayward Cal

Aug. 26, 1929

John T. Harris
Major Q M Corps

Washington D.C.

Dear Sir.

In reply to query relating to visits by mothers of deceased soldiers, I will say that the mother of Ralph S. Armstrong deceased visited France in 1921. At that time the body of deceased soldier lay in a temporary grave at Clarmont Ferrand. It is now interred at Bellean Woods. Mrs Armstrong does not know if she is eligible for the trip or not.

She also ~~now~~ wishes to know if her husband could accompany her, of course he paying his own way.

Answer to these queries will be
thankfully received

Very truly

J D Armstrong



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Armstrong, Ralph S.
1764

Aug. 21, 1929.

Mr. J. D. Armstrong,
c/o Nat'l Fire Insurance C. of Hartford,
Hayward, Calif.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 11, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

no

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

*Survived by mother
Sara Armstrong
1204 4th Hayward
Cal.*

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

See note attached

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Incls.

Act of Congress
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 12 1929.

Armstrong, Ralph S.

Mrs. J. D. Armstrong,
½ Nat'l Fire Insurance Co. of Hartford,
Hayward, Calif.

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 Second Lieutenant Ralph S. Armstrong, 7th Aviation Instr. Gns. Air Serv., whose remains are now interred in the Aisne-Mauns American Cemetery, Bellouau, Aisne, 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,

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

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Act of Congress.
Envelope.

QM 293 A-M
Armstrong, Ralph (AM)

December 6, 1932

Mrs. Sara Armstrong,
1204 A Street,
Hayward, California.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date advising that you are unable to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Lieutenant Ralph Armstrong, during the summer of 1933.

I am indeed sorry that illness in your family prevents you from accepting this last offer of the Government to make a pilgrimage. It is hoped, however, that conditions will improve and that you will be able to make the journey before the conclusion of the pilgrimages next year. In the event you later find that you can make the trip please notify this office, and arrangements will be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Armstrong, Ralph (AM)

November 17, 1932

Mrs. Sara Armstrong,
1204 A Street,
Hayward, California.

Dear Madam:

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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Armstrong, Ralph (AM)

August 27, 1932

Mrs. Sara Armstrong,
1204 A Street,
Hayward, California.

Dear Madam:

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You will be communicated with at a later date relative to your desire to visit the grave of your son next summer. It is sincerely hoped you will be able to make the journey, as it is believed you would derive great comfort and consolation from the trip.

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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, Ralph (Al)

July 13, 1932

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Hayward, Calif.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

QM 293 A-M
Armstrong, Ralph 2nd Lt. (A-M) M

January 20, 1932.

Mrs. Sara Armstrong,
1204 A Street,
Hayward, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date declining the invitation to sail June 28, 1932 on the LEVIATHAN to visit the grave of your son, the late 2nd Lieut. Ralph Armstrong.

It is regretted that circumstances prevent your making the pilgrimage this summer and it is hoped that you will be able to take advantage of the offer of the Government next year. You will again be communicated with relative to your desire to visit your son's grave when the pilgrimages are being arranged for 1933.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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March 2, 1931

QM 293 A-H
Armstrong, Ralph S 2nd Lt 1764 N

Mrs. Sara Armstrong,
1204 A Street,
Hayward, California.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your recent communication, declining the invitation to sail on the Republic June 3, 1931, to make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Second Lieutenant Ralph Armstrong.

It is regretted that, due to ill health, you will be unable to make the pilgrimage this year. Accordingly, reservation made for you on the Republic has been cancelled and your name has been placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the pilgrimage in 1932. You will be communicated with when the pilgrimages for that year are being arranged. Pilgrimages will be made also during the months of July and August of this year and in the event you are able and desire to take the trip during one of these months, it is requested that you so advise this office in order that the necessary arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M

February 10, 1931

Armstrong, Ralph 1764-M

Mrs. Sara Armstrong,
1204 "A" St.,
Hayward, Calif.

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 "Republic" on June 3, 1931.

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 17, 1931, 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

Armstrong, Ralph - 1764 M

July 26, 1930.

Mrs. Sara Armstrong,
1204 "A" St.,
Hayward, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:

Envelope

Act

Amendment

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 10, 1930

Armstrong, Ralph 1764-41

Mrs. Sara Armstrong
1204 "A" St.
Hayward, Calif.

Dear Madam:

The Act of March 2, 1929 excluded from its benefits those mothers and widows who had made former visits to the graves of their loved ones in Europe. On May 15, 1930 that Act was amended to remove this restriction. Therefore, you are now eligible to make the pilgrimage at the expense of the Government.

arrangements are being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, and to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation 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 have previously visited their sons' or husbands' graves, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

QM 295 A-G
Armstrong, Ralph S.

September 10, 1929.

Mr. J. D. Armstrong,
c/o Nat'l Fire Insurance Co. of Hartford,
Hayward, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 26, 1929, relative to the pilgrimage of the Gold Star Mothers and Widows to Europe.

In reply it is regretted to have to advise that Mrs. Armstrong is not eligible to make the pilgrimage to your son's grave in Aisne-Marne Cemetery in France in view of the fact that she has made a previous visit to his grave. It has been held that the obvious purpose of Section 2 (b) of the Act of March 2, 1929, is to exclude those who have previously visited the cemeteries described in Section 1 regardless of the fact that the body was buried in a temporary location or the work on the cemeteries had not been completed at the time of the visit.

With reference to your question as to whether a husband is eligible to accompany his wife on this pilgrimage at his own expense, you are informed that the Act of March 2, 1929, does not contain any provision for any member of the family to make the trip except the mother or unmarried widow, nor does it permit of the mother or widow being accompanied by any member of her family either at Government or personal expense.

The War Department has been charged with the execution of this Act and its efforts therefore must be restricted to making the arrangements necessary for the transportation, entertainment, etc. of those named as eligible under the Act.

Any arrangements which are desired to be made by relatives or friends of such eligibles to visit the Cemeteries in Europe must be made by them personally. The limited accommodations available in the small towns in the neighborhood of the Cemeteries in Europe, and the fact that it is contemplated that the War Department will utilize those accommodations to the limit for those mothers and widows

eligible under the above mentioned Act, make it necessary for those ineligible under the Act to make their own arrangements.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Q. M. G. M. & R. DIV.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Armstrong, Ralph S.
1764

Aug. 21, 1929.

Mr. J. D. Armstrong,
c/o Nat'l Fire Insurance Co. of Hartford,
Hayward, Calif.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 12, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incles.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Armstrong, Ralph S.

June 11 1929.

Mr. J. D. Armstrong,
§ Nat'l Fire Insurance Co. of Hartford,
Maywood, Calif.

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 Second Lieutenant Ralph S. Armstrong, 7th Aviation Instr. Cen. Air Serv., whose remains are now interred in the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, Bellenglise, Aisne, 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.

Very truly yours,

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

2 incl.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Oct 6th 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

cc

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

1. Name	ARMSTRONG Ralph S.	10. Name	
2. No.		11. No.	10
3. Rank	2nd Lt	12. Rank	
4. Org.	7th Avia. Inst. Center S.P.	13. Org.	
5. D.D.	Oct 11, 1918	14. (a) D.D.	
6. C.D.	Aeroplane accident	(b) D.B.	none

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No.	9	Sec.	Aviation	15. Grave No.		Sec.
8. Plot		Row		16. Plot		Row
9.				17.		none
18. Cemetery	American	19. Commune or town	Clermont-Ferrand			
20. Dept. or County	Puy-de-Dome	21. Country	France			
22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No.	519					
23. Disinterred (Date)	Oct 6th 1921	By	E.T. Anderson			

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name	Ralph Armstrong	Serial No.	-----
Rank	2nd Lt.	Organization	7th Avia. Inst. Center.

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

Signature Junior Technical Assistant

J.A. Dougherty

PREPARATION

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

none

27. Condition of body badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial wooden box and uniform.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? none

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Oct 6th 1921 By E.T. Anderson

31. Casket sealed by E.T. Anderson

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

E.T. Anderson

E.T. Anderson

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-11526

32. Designation of body:

Name ARMSTRONG Ralph Serial No.

Rank 2nd Lt Organization 7th Avia. Inst. Center

33. Consigned to:

Aisne-Marne American Cemetery 1764

Name of Permanent Cemetery Belleau Aisne

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Oct 6th 1921 By E.T.Anderson

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

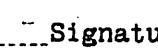

F. Overheiser, 1st Lt. QMC

36. Remarks none

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date)

To point of Concentration

(Name)

Convoyer  Signature Shipping Officer

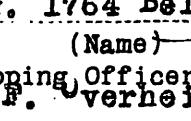
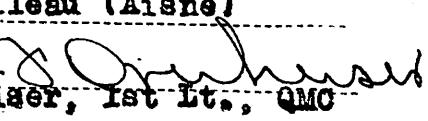
38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date October 14, 1921

To Permanent Cemetery Aisne-Marne Amer. Cty. 1764 Belleau (Aisne)

(Name)

Convoyer  Signature Shipping Officer 
F. Overheiser, 1st Lt., QMC

40. Received: Date October 19, 1921

 G.R.S. Representative G.F. WAUGH, Major, Inf., Supervisor, Area #2.

41. Reinterred: Date 19, 1928.

Aisne-Marne Cem. 1764.

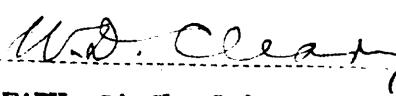
(Date)

42. Grave No. 41

Section

43. Plot BLOCK B Row 10

G.R.S. Representative


W.D. CLEARY, Lt. Chaplain USA.

Place Clermont Ferrand

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date October 6, 1921.1. REMAINS OF Armstrong, Ralph S.

SERIAL NUMBER

RANK 2nd Lieut

ORGANIZATION

7th Avia Inst. CenterSig. Cooke

2. Disinterred (date):

From (give complete location):

October 6, 1921.Gr. 9 Cemetery 519

By : Group

Unit

3. Reburied (date):

In (give complete location):

Dec. 19, 1922Grave 41, Row 10, Block B, Cem. 1764, Belleau (Aisne)

By : Group

re-burial group

Unit

Nature of reburial lined casket

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

unrecognizable, in pine box, badly decomposed, in uniform5. (a) Identification tags : Buried with body ? noOn grave marker ? no

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

right arm fractured6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items? alloy fil.2 3 4 5 13 14 15 gold fil
7 8 9 10 12

(a) Height (actual measurement)

(b) Weight (estimated) unable to report(c) Hair—Color noneQuantity noneCharacteristics none

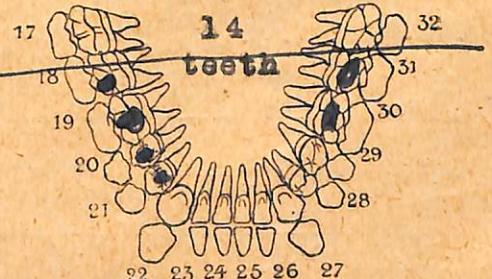
(d) Hair on face—Color

none

Location

none alloy fil 18 19 20 21 30 31Quantity none

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities,

or missing parts) unable to report

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

impossible to determineJ. A. Dougherty7. Disinterment
supervised byE. T. Anderson

Approved:

E. T. Anderson, Supervising Emb

(Title)

F. Overheiser
1st Lieut QMC

8. Re-burial

supervised by

L. D. Hays

Approved:

W. D. ClearyW. D. CLEARY, Lt. Chaplain USA.

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

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

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

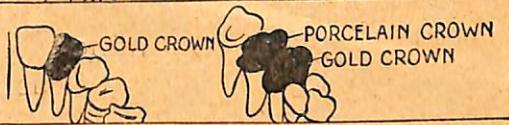
MISSING TEETH

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.

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181011-1

DATE

1. NAME ARMSTRONG Ralph S. SERIAL No. Q.S.S.C.

RANK 2nd Lt ORGANIZATION 7th Avia. Inst. Center

GRAVE LOCATION Amer. Cty Clermont-Ferrand Puy-de-Dome 519

CTY. NAME NUMBER

9

Aviation Section

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES

CONCENTRATED TO Remains are in orginal grave.

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

None

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS Has not been exhumed.

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

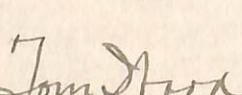
GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR



Tom Ward, Captain, Q.M.Corps.
3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Dec. 19, 1922

DATE

41

GRAVE

10

ROW

Block B.

PLOT

SEARCHED

Aisne-Marne American Cem. #1764 Belleau (Aisne)
CEMETERY

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.

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Graves
location

1918

asse ak

In reply refer to: V. 1
QM - 293 C-R

In reply to Aug. 1st, 1923.

Mr. J. D. Armstrong,
c/o National Fire Insurance Co. of Hartford,
Hayward, Calif.

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

2nd Lieut. Ralph S. Armstrong, 7th Aviation
Instruction Center, Signal Corps, is

Grave 41, Row 10, Block B, Aisne-Marne American Cemetery,
This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries
to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be
marked by headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with
name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State
from which he came. The headstones will be placed at all graves in
connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as
possible and without waiting for special action or request on the
part of relatives.

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

Very truly yours,

In

O.Q.M.C.
Central Mail & Files B.

H. J. Conner,
Assistant.



AUG 1 1928

P. B.

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293 - Armstrong, Ralph S. (Ltr)

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OFFICES
374 PINE STREET
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.
PHONE DOUGLAS 3665

Hayward, Cal.

July 23, 1923

U.S. War Dept
G.R.S.

Gentlemen:

Last September I wrote to you asking for grave location of the remains of Lt. Ralph S. Armstrong formerly buried in Aviation section of American Cemetery at Claremont Ferrand.

Your reply of Oct 4, 1922 was that you believed that re-interment had been accomplished but that advice of new location had not yet been received and that you would let me know new grave location and number as soon as you knew. No information since has been received here. All that we know is that the body was to be interred in the Aisne-Marne Cemetery at Bellicourt. Awaiting definite information

I am very truly J. D. Armstrong
THERE IS ONLY ONE "NATIONAL" '23

See 115
11-10-21

COMPIILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

Sect. 10 (9-29-21) MKM

(a) Name ARMSTRONG, Ralph ~~Shaffer~~ Ser. No. ... TYP vbb 3/20/20
 (b) Rank 2nd Lieut. Organization 7th Aviation Instruction Cen. Sig. Coys
 (c) Date of death 10-11-18 Cause of death Aeroplane Accident 2PM

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

(a) Grave No. 7 Row ... Plot ... Sect. Aviation TYP vbb

(b) Emerg. Address J. D. Armstrong (father) 1132 B. Street Hayward, Calif.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious ~~diseases~~ CKR 11B

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

No A.S.O. Card in file also. Correspondent Joseph D. Armstrong, father, requests that they be given more time to decide disposition, they are continuing trip to France & will decide upon return. No request in A.S.O. files - J.D.A. - 12-7-20

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 192) (Letter of transmittal on 11-29-1920)

Par 2. Not to be returned - J.D.A.

DEC 15 1920

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

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken
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VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. 6-8- 1921

On hand 8-29-21
M.K.M.

COUNTRY

CEMETERY NO.

SHEET NO.

G.R.S. FORM 115-A
August 1920

FRANCE

519

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5-566 AMB

M812-13-20

Hoboken advises over telephone that they have written J D Armstrong the father of whether son was survived by widow or child but have had no reply

BREAKFAST

over. (1/9/21)

Temp no
suspend for
later decision

519
S. 1000
Short
term
of
12
months
beginning
January 1, 1921
Drive
Sect.

11/29/20

not return

no request
from NYK
except to
suspend for
later decision

C-86185

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

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER	CEMETERY NO.	DATE
Armstrong, Ralph	519-9	2/21/21
STAFF NUMBER	ORGANIZATION	Date of Death.
-----	7th Aviation Instruction.	10-11-18
WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION		
NAME OF BENEFICIARY	DATE <u>March 17, 1921.</u>	
Mr. Joseph D. Armstrong, Address 1132 B St., Hayward, Calif.	RELATIONSHIP	<u>Father</u>
Cor. Sec.		

*Copy forwarded to
Adjustment Department*
Date 3/19/21 B

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● COMPILED OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name ARMSTRONG, Ralph Sheldon (8-29-21) MKM Ser. No. 9,8,8,C (98 & 100) TYVb
 (b) Rank 2nd Lieut. Organization 7th Aviation Instruction CKR. 280
 (c) Date of death 10-11-18 (d) Cause of death Aeroplane Accident 11-10-21

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

(a) Grave No. 7 Row - Plot - Sec. Aviation TYP.vb
 (b) Emerg. Address J. D. Armstrong (father) 1132 B. Street Hayward, Calif.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

CKR. 11-10-21

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt 10-10-21

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

Examiner's Initials _____ Date _____, 1920.

V. A. G. G. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from Joseph D. ArmstrongHayward, Calif., dated July 5, 1919

confirming request in Par. IV., item _____, above, or requesting that they be given
more time to decide disposition, they are contemplating a
trip to France & will decide when return.

Examiner's Initials 10 Date 11-10, 1920.

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

No request for disposition(a) Cancellation memos referred to?Yes PFExaminer's Initials PF Date 11-11, 1920.COUNTRY FRANCECEMETERY No. 519SHEET No. 9G. R. S. Form No. 115
Amended April 6, 1920

3-7729

Make Form No. 114

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

CARDED

MB 12-13-20

Check
Ave 11-17-20

RECEIVED BY
MAIL UNIT

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made

1920.

Typed by *✓*, Checked by *✓*

JUN 3 1921, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION

Cemeterial Division
Overseas Project Sub-Section

Following advice forwarded to Europe by *✓* cable on _____
letter on *Nov. 29*, 1920

Par 2- Not to be returned - J. D. A.

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: 1-18-21- Letter - Father, J. D. Armstrong
Hayward, California advises he and mother
wishes to visit grave in France before making
final decision and wishes to know if he
may have until April or May - (H-1-26-21-8)

3/15/21 WREA Joseph D. Armstrong (father) 1132 B. St. Hayward, Cal. H-3-31-21 BF

6-17-21- Son advises father it will be
necessary to advise this office as to his
wishes in the matter of disposition of
body will be transferred to a permanent
American City in France - HD 6/24/21

Let. 9/23/21- Father desires body remain in
France. Understands body will be transferred
to Bellview Wood Amer. Ctg.

Let. 9/16/21- Father advised his request for par.
int. abroad will be complied with. According
to present policy body will be removed to the Rose-
Marie Amer. Ctg. which was formerly Bellview Wood Amer. Ctg.

293.8 C-R #33832.
Armstrong, Ralph [redacted], 2nd Lt.

1st Ind.

O.Q.M.G., Washington, D.C., October 4, 1922. To: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.

1. Returned. Such disposition is authorized of the headstone referred to in basic communication as will prevent misapplication or desecration of same and report will be submitted of the action taken.

2. Mr. Armstrong has been advised regarding the grave location of his son.

By order of the Quartermaster General:

R. J. CONNER
R. J. CONNER,
Assistant.



1 encl.
Questionnaire.

RECORDED

✓ 293.6

2nd Ind.

HW.NWA

Hqrs., American G.R.S., QMC., in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris. Nov. 3, 1922.
To: The Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.

1. Certificate covering destruction of tombstone mentioned in basic communication is forwarded herewith.



R. P. Harbold
R. P. HARBOLD
Chief.

2 Encls.

8/11/23

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, Q.M.C., IN EUROPE
6, AVENUE D'IEA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE SERVICE. HW-NWA

PARIS, France.
August 22nd 1922.

File No. 293-6

SUBJECT: Disposition of Monument.
TO: The Quartermaster General, Munitions
Building, WASHINGTON, D.C.

1. Forwarded herewith Form letter "A" and questionnaire concerning a monument removed from the grave of the following officer in American Cemetery 519, CLERMONT-FERRAND, (Puy-de-Dome), whose remains are now in storage awaiting permanent concentration into Aisne-Marne American Cemetery #1764, HELLEAU (Aisne):

ARMSTRONG, Ralph, 2nd Lieut. 7th Avia. Inst. Center.

This monument is now held in storage at St. Ouen, Paris (Seine).

2. It is recommended that form letter "A" and questionnaire be forwarded to the Next of Kin for necessary action and this office be advised at your earliest convenience what disposition is desired of this monument.

FOR THE CHIEF OF THE SERVICE:


R. P. HARBOOLD

R. P. HARBOOLD
Assistant.

2 Encls. (in duplicate).

Armstrong, Ralph

RECORDED, Cemeterial Div., O. M. C.
File # 2938
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QUESTIONNAIRE

(Place)

(Date)

1. It is desired that the monument formerly erected over the grave of 2nd Lieut. Ralph ARMSTRONG, 7th Avia. Inst. Center, at American Cemetery #519, CLERMONT-FERRAND (Puy-de-Dome), be returned to the United States, the necessary arrangements for crating and shipment at my expense having been made with _____ Company.

(Signature)

* * * * *

Hayward, California Sept 22, 22

(Place)

(Date)

2. I hereby relinquish all rights and claims to the monument formerly erected over the grave of 2nd Lieut. Ralph ARMSTRONG, 7th Avia Inst. Center, at American Cemetery #519, CLERMONT-FERRAND (Puy-de-Dome). The United States Government, through its Graves Registration Service, is herewith authorized to make such disposition of said monument as is compatible to the best interests of the Service.



Joseph D Armstrong
(Signature)

Kindly advise as to location of grave of above named deceased, by number or otherwise
Very truly, J D Armstrong

H E A D Q U A R T E R S
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE. Q.M.C. IN EUROPE.
Paris, France.

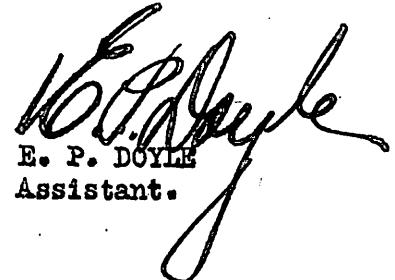
(Date) October 30, 1922.

I CERTIFY that I have this date personally witnessed the destruction of the headstone formerly over the grave of

ARMSTRONG, Ralph, 2nd Lieut. 7th Avia. Inst. Center.

The following discrepancies were noted: None.

Instructions of Office, Quartermaster General reference disposition of this monument have been complied with.


E. P. DOYLE
Assistant.

295.6

2nd Ind.

HW.NWA

Hqrs., American G.R.S., QMC., in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris. Nov. 3, 1922.
To: The Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.

1. Certificate covering destruction of tombstone mentioned in basic communication is forwarded herewith.

2 Encls.

R.P.HARBOLD
Chief.



In reply refer to
293.8 C-R #33832.

File

SUBJECT: Grave Location.

October 4, 1922.

TO: Mr. Joseph D. Armstrong, 1132 B Street,
Hayward, Calif.

1. In reply to your inquiry of recent date, regarding the grave location of your late son, 2nd Lt. Ralph S. Armstrong, 7th Aviation Instruction Center, Signal Corps, you are advised that the records of this office show that the remains of the deceased have been exhumed for concentration into the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery at Belleau, Department of Aisne, France. It is believed, judging from the usual progress of the work, that reinterment has been accomplished, but advice of new grave location, which comes by mail, has not yet been received. Upon receipt of such advice you will be promptly advised of the new grave number.

For the Quartermaster General:

E. E. DAVIS,
Executive Assistant, G. R. S.

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OCT 4 - 1922

G.R.S.

293.8 C-R #93032.
Armstrong, Ralph S., and t.

File

1st Ind.

O.Q.M.G., Washington, D.C., October 4, 1922. To: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.

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2. Mr. Armstrong has been advised regarding the grave location of his son.

By order of the Quartermaster General:

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Questionnaire.

H. J. CONNER,
Assistant.

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OCT 4 - 1922

G.R.S.

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Form Letter "A".

September 19, 1922.

Subject: Disposition of Monument.

To: Mr. J. D. Armstrong, 1132 B St., Hayward, Calif.

1. The remains of 2nd Lieut. Ralph ARMSTRONG, 7th Avia. Inst. Center, formerly buried in Grave 9, Aviation Section, American Cemetery #519, CLERMONT-FERRAND (Puy-de-Dome) and now awaiting reburial in Aische-Marnes American Cemetery #1784, BELIEAU (Aisne). *Frise*

2. The monument which was on this grave in American Cemetery #519, CLERMONT-FERRAND (Puy-de-Dome) is now held in storage at St. Ouen, Paris (Seine).

3. As the nearest of kin, you are requested to inform this office what disposition you desire made of this monument. A questionnaire is attached, and an addressed penalty envelope is enclosed for the prompt forwarding of your reply.

4. Description of monument:

Material: Granite. Approximate weight: 400 lbs.

Dimensions: 4' x 2' x 5'

Inscription thereon: "To the memory of Lt. Ralph S. Armstrong
Air Service, U.S. Army
Died October 11, 1918

In performance of his duty."

Practicability of monument withstanding shipment: Can be safely crated and shipped.

5. The cost of crating, handing and shipping this monument to any designated point will be at the expense of the consignee who will make all necessary arrangements with an express company or any other agency, advising such agency to call upon the American Graves Registration Service, St. Ouen, Paris (Seine) for the monument that is to be crated and shipped.

6. Should no disposition be indicated by you, it is requested that the clearance certificate on the questionnaire be duly accomplished and mailed to this office.

For the Quartermaster General:

STP 12 1922
R. E. DAVIS, C
Executive Assistant, Q.M.C.

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QUESTIONNAIRE

(Place)

(Date)

1. It is desired that the monument formerly erected over the grave of 2nd Lieut. Ralph ARMSTRONG, 7th Avia. Inst. Center, at American Cemetery #519, CLERMONT-FERRAND (Puy-de-Dome), be returned to the United States, the necessary arrangements for crating and shipment at my expense having been made with _____

Company.

(Signature)

* * * * *

(Place)

(Date)

2. I hereby relinquish all rights and claims to the monument formerly erected over the grave of 2nd Lieut. Ralph ARMSTRONG, 7th Avia Inst. Center, at American Cemetery #519, CLERMONT-FERRAND (Puy-de-Dome). The United States Government, through its Graves Registration Service, is herewith authorized to make such disposition of said monument as is compatible to the best interests of the Service.

(Signature)



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File

September 6, 1921.

MOH 9/7/21

295,8-Gem. #33832 (Armstrong, Ralph S., 2nd Lt.)

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

Mr. Joseph D. Armstrong, 1152 B St., Hayward, Calif.

Case of 2nd Lieutenant Ralph S. Armstrong.

FILE

1. In reply to your letter of August 23, 1921, requesting that the body of your son, the late 2nd Lieutenant Ralph S. Armstrong, 7th Aviation Instruction Center, Signal Corps, remain permanently interred in France, you are advised that instructions have been issued that your wishes be complied with.

2. According to the present policy of concentration the body of the deceased will be removed to the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, which was formerly designated as Belleau Wood American Cemetery, Department of the Aisne, where the grave will be perpetually maintained by the Government in a most careful and reverent manner.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES J. WINNE, *MOH*
Captain, U. S. A. C. *NY*

MAILED
SEPT - 1921
Q.R.S.

Noted on Form No. 115

Date *MOH 9/7/21*

Copy filed in 050.

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Royal Insurance Company, LIMITED of Liverpool

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ROYAL INSURANCE BUILDING,
N.W.COR. PINE & SANSOME STS.
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J. D. ARMSTRONG, RESIDENT AGENT

HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA,

Aug 23, 192

Recorded, Cemetery Div. 1, 0, 0, M. G.
File # 292-8433832

Chas J Wynn
Capt. Q.M.C.
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir: Your letter dated June 17th. relative to the remains of the late Ralph S. Armstrong was received by me on my return from Europe where Mrs Armstrong and I went to visit the grave of our son. It was impossible for us to determine whether to have the remains brought home or not until we made our visit to Clam mont Ferrand where the body now rests. After our visit we have decided to allow the body to remain in France. We understand that the body will finally removed to the American Cemetery of Bellean Wood. *Confirm in writing*

Very truly,

Joseph D Armstrong

*OTW*Noted on Form No. 115
Date 27th Aug 1922

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June 17, 1921.

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293.6 Gem. #33832 (Armstrong, Ralph Sheldon, 2nd Lieutenant)

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

Mr. Joseph D. Armstrong, 1132 B Street, Hayward, California.

Disposition of remains.

1. Pursuant to the letter from this office of March 25, 1921, it is again requested that the legal next of kin of your son, 2nd Lieutenant Ralph Sheldon Armstrong, 7th Aviation Instruction Center, Signal Corps, advise this office as to his final decision in the matter of the disposition of the remains of this officer. In the event this decision is not received within a reasonable length of time, instructions will be issued that the body of the deceased be transferred to a permanent American cemetery.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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CHARLES J. WYNNE,
Captain, M. C.

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FORWARD TO O.S.P.

MAILED

JUN 17 1921 BY

MAIL UNIT

G.R.S.

JUN 21 1921

RD 6/24/21
NOTED ON 115

Cemeterial Division
Records Project Sub-Section

Copy filed in O.S.P.

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

June 3rd, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div., Cor.Br.
(ARMSTRONG, Ralph Sheldon)

Records, Cemetery Div., Q. M. C.
File 293.8 file 3832

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Cemetery Division,
Office of Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

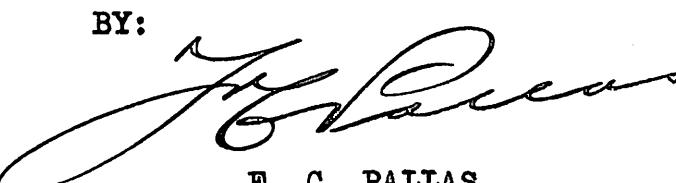
SUBJECT: Return of records-Cemetery #519,
Ref. #9, Transmittal Memorandum #3308.

1. Returned herewith are records pertaining to the case of the late Ralph Sheldon Armstrong, 2nd Lieut., 7th Aviation Instruction.

2. Attention is invited to communication dated January 18th, 1921, copy of which was forwarded to your office on February 4th, 1921.

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

BY:


F. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
Quartermaster Corps
Graves Registration Service
Pier 2, Hoboken, N.J.

April 18th, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cam. Div., Cor. Br.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Cemetery Division, Q.Q.M.C.,
Washington, D. C.

1. Returned herewith are G.R.S. Forms 8-N-A-0, as
corrections have been made on Form 115 pertaining to the cases of
the following soldiers:

22730	1233-760	- Criner, John W., Pvt. 1/c, 2224734, Co. C, 359th Inf.
73206	266-19	- Finley, Cleophas, Pvt., 1972069, Co. I, 369th Inf.
65816	302-91	- Hazel, Norman L., Pvt., 2418415, Co. E, 146th Inf.
39909	642-79	- Donerson, Willie V., Pvt., 1515331, Co. C, 119th Inf.
16783	617-910	- Miksell, Elmer E., Pvt., 3173500, Co. E, 110th Inf.
34488	434-31	- Seehausen, Walter A., Mech., 2061881, Co. C, 311th Sup. Train
94591	1233-2251	- Love, Ernest A., 1st Lieut., 147th Aero Sqd.
525	152-1-1	- Holbrook, Newberry, Pvt. 1/c, Sect. 644 U.S. Amb. Serv.
3453	98-A-121	- Bazill, Orville, Pvt., 92676, Co. A, 156th Inf.
11353	608-734	- Davis, Joseph Carleton, Capt., Bty. E, 103rd F.A.
53665	536-149	- Sausek, Edward A., Pvt. 1/c, 1466551, Bty. C, 13th F.A.
21083	608-2774	- Rupholt, Louis C., Cpl., 551128, Co. G, 36th Inf.
74378	555-132	- Nonemaker, Fred J., Pvt. 1/c, 1751493, Co. C, 309th M.G. Bn.
33832	519-9	- Armstrong, Ralph Sheldon, 2nd Lt., 7th Aviation Inst.
		Gen. Sig. Corps.
5643	59-17	- Knighten, Otho V., Pvt., 157303, Co. F, 2nd Engrs.
42555	1756-1-9	- Bankford, Edward J.H., Pvt., 2936274, Co. G, 344th Inf.

R. H. SHANNON,
Captain, Q.M.C.,
Officer in Charge

BY:

J. P. BUTLER,
Captain, Infantry

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March 25, 1921.

293.8 Cen. #33832 (Armstrong, Ralph Sheldon, 2nd Lieut.)

FILE

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

To: Mr. Joseph D. Armstrong, 1132 B. Street, Hayward, California.

Subject: Disposition of Body.

1. Your letter of January 18, 1921, addressed to our Hoboken office, has been referred to this office for further reply. You are advised that the American Cemetery at Clermont Ferrand, Department of Puy-de-Dome, in which the remains of your son, the late 2nd Lieutenant Ralph Sheldon Armstrong, 7th Aviation Instruction Center, Signal Corps, are buried will not be maintained permanently and that when the return of the remains project is completed, all bodies remaining in such temporary burial places will be concentrated into the four permanent American Cemeteries established in France. In the case of your late son, his body would be removed finally to the Belleau Wood American Cemetery at Belleau, Department of the Aisne.

2. Owing to the fact that operations incident to the return of the American soldier dead from the American Cemetery at Clermont Ferrand have already commenced, should you desire these remains returned to this country it is not thought that such a transfer could be effected at the present time. In such event, it will not be until our Field Forces return to the cemetery at the time final concentration operations are commenced, that this body could be returned.

By authority of the Quartermaster General

MAILED

MAR 26 1921

Q.R.S.

Copy Hoboken
sent to Hoboken
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CHARLES J. WINNIE,
1st Lieut., Q.M.C.

Office of the Quartermaster General
Quartermaster Division
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INVESTIGATION & ADJUSTMENT DEPARTMENT

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

return this form to Washington
 1. Form 115 A corrected by *4-4-10-21* *3*
 OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
 2. Form 115 A corrected by *10-4-21*
 3. Reg. Rec. corrected by *WASHINGTON*

File No. **33632** Registration.Date **March 16, 1921**

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, Sixth and B Streets NW, 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** ✓ f. Date of death. **10-11-18** ✓
 ✓ b. Christian name. **Ralph or Ralph S.** ✓ g. Cause of death. **Aeroplane Accident** ✓
 - c. Serial number. ✓ h. Authority (C. C. No.) **288** ✓
 ✓ d. Organization. **17th Aviation Instruction** ✓ i. Emergency address. **J. D. Armstrong** ✓
 ✓ e. Rank. **2nd Lt.** ✓ **Cen. Signal Corps** ✓ **1132 B. St., Hayward, Calif.** ✓
 ✓ j. Relationship. **Father** ✓

BODY DESCRIPTION.

(See page 2 of the Service Record.)

a. Age at enlistment. *IN* *World War Division* **MAR 17 1921**
 b. Color of eyes. ✓
 c. Color of hair. ✓
 d. Height. ✓
 e. Weight. ✓
 f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment. (Old fractures or breaks.) ✓

DENTAL CHARTS.

(See physical report of examination prior to enlistment.)

a. Strike out teeth missing:

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 OUT *World War Division* **MAR 17 1921** Upper right. Upper left.

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APR 4 1921

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

By

H. J. CONNER,
1st Lt. Quartermaster, Q. M. C.

HAS (return to Mr. Wilson)

Rec'd 2 & 3 Div. A.G.
MAR 17 1921

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W A R D E P A R T M E N T
CEMETERIAL DIVISION, GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE,
Room 350, Pier 2, Hoboken, N. J.

February 4th, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div., Cor.Branch.
(ARMSTRONG, Ralph)

Recorded, Cemeterial Div. 0.0. M 6
File #293.8 433832

Mr. Joseph D. Armstrong,
1132 B Street,
Hayward, California.

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Dear Sir:

Receipt of your communication dated January 18th, 1921, relative to the remains of your son, the late Ralph Armstrong, 2nd Lieutenant, 7th Aviation Instruction, is acknowledged.

In order that the records of this office may be complete in the matter of final disposition of the remains of the late officer, it is necessary that you advise whether the deceased is survived by a widow or children.

The above information is necessary due to the fact that instructions for the disposition of remains can be issued by this office only upon properly executed authority of the legal next of kin.

Your communication has been referred to the Chief of the Cemeterial Division, Washington, D. C., from whom you may expect an early reply relative to the permanency of the grave.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

F. C. FALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

293.8 Cem.Div., Cor.Branch. 1st Ind.

FF/tlm

Graves Registration Service Officer, Hoboken, N. J.
February 4th, 1921 - To: The Quartermaster General,
(Cemeterial Division), Washington, D. C.

ARMSTRONG, Ralph

WAR DEPARTMENT
CHIEF ROLL DIVISION, GRAVE REGISTRATION SERVICE,
Room 359, Pier A, Hoboken, N. J.

February 4th, 1921.

File No. 203-C Com. Div., Corp Branch.
(ARMSTRONG, Ralph)

Mr. Joseph D. Armstrong,
1132 B Street,
Hayward, California.

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By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

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R. E. MANNON, Executive Assistant 1/2/tlm
203-C Com. Div., Corp Branch, 1st Ind.

Grave Registration Service Officer, Hoboken, N. J.
February 4th, 1921 - To: The Quartermaster General,
(Cemetery Division), Washington, D. C.

File No. 293.8 Com.Div., Cor.Branch.
(ARMSTRONG, Ralph)

1. Forwarded, for furtherance of reply.
2. Status of this case, taken from the records of this office, is as follows:

Lieut. Ralph Armstrong, 7th Aviation Instruction, Com. #519 - Cable No. 9; So far as this office has been able to ascertain, Mr. Joseph D. Armstrong, 1132 B Street, Hayward, Calif., Father, has requested that remains be left in France.

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

BY:

F. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

RECORDED-O.P.D.

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AGENCY OF

Royal Insurance Company,

LIMITED

of Liverpool

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PACIFIC COAST BRANCH.
ROYAL INSURANCE BUILDING,
N.W.COR. PINE & SANSOME STS.
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

J. D. ARMSTRONG, RESIDENT AGENT

1132 B St.

HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA,

Jan. 18th, 1921

Grave Registration Service

Pier #2

Isoboken N.J.

NOTED ON FORM #115
H-1-26-21-8

Gentlemen: Blanks were received to day relative to the disposition of ^{the body of} my son the late Lieut. Ralph S Armstrong whose body is buried at Clarendon Grand France.

We had about decided to allow the body to lie where it is now interred, thinking that was to be a permanent American Cemetery. If the body is to be removed from that place then we would prefer to have it brought to our home town.

Together with my wife I am going to France in April or May to pay a visit to the grave, I would prefer not to make any final decision until that time when I could ascertain whether it would be left where it is or be re moved to some other spot in France if it were not brought home.

Please inform me if I may have the time when I visit France to make my final decision

Very truly Joseph D Armstrong

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY

Hayward, California.

1132 B Street

Jan. 18th, 1921.

Graves Registration Service,
Pier #2, Hoboken, N. J.

Gentlemen:

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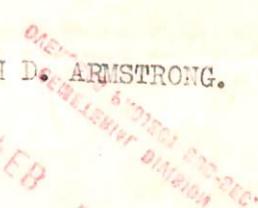
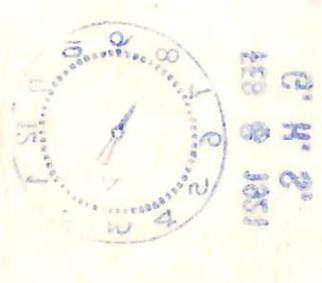
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Very truly,

JOSEPH D. ARMSTRONG.

Held in D.S.P.
Pending investigation



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293.8 Gem. Div., #33832, ARMSTRONG, Ralph

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY
Hayward, California

1132 B Street

Jan. 18th, 1921.

Graves Registration Service,
Pier #2, Hoboken, N. J.

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Very truly,

JOS EPH D. ARMSTRONG.

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Hdqrs. Graves Registration Service
Quartermaster Corps
American Expeditionary Forces

Reference-33832.

January 6, 1919.

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E. F.

TO: Captain A. H. Morris, Infantry, Army School of the Line,
A. P. C. 714, American E. F.

SUBJECT: Lieutenant Ralph Armstrong, Aviation Section, Signal
Reserve Corps, American E. F.

In reply to your letter of December 17, 1918, the records of this office show that the above officer was killed in an aeroplane accident on October 11, 1918, and was buried the next day in American Cemetery at Clermont-Ferrand, Grave No. 7, Aviation Plot, Section 1, Department of Puy-de-Dome.

By direction

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Lieut.-Colonel-Q.M.C., A.E.F.

per

MAURICE B. DIX,
Captain, American Red Cross,
Representative assigned to
Graves Registration Service.

MBD-dn

December 17th. 1918.

From: Capt. A. H. Morris, Capt. Inf.
Army School of the Line, A. P. O. 714.
To: Headquarters Graves Registration Section, A. E. F.
Subject: Grave Lieutenant Ralph Armstrong.

1. Request information as to location of grave of 2nd. Lieutenant Ralph Armstrong Aviation Section, Signal Reserve Corps.

2. I have received the news of the death of Lieut. Ralph Armstrong by accident some two months ago while on duty at the Front. This information was received from relatives at home. I was personally acquainted with Lieut. Armstrong and know his family intimately and for that reason make the above request that I may in case I come within that locality, visit his grave.

A. H. Morris.

A. H. MORRIS,
Capt. Inf.



1132 B Street

Hayward Calif

July 8, 1919

#33832

P.C. Harris

The Adj General

Dear sir,

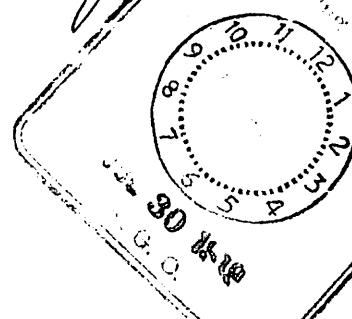
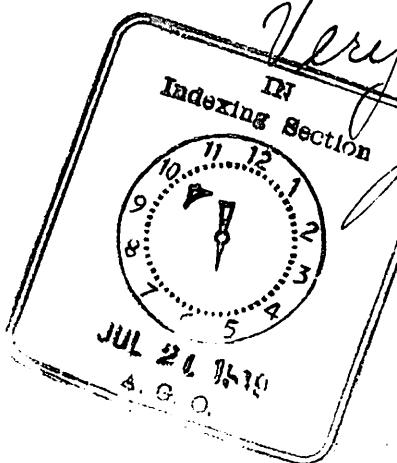
Your letters of ~~July 8th and~~ June 10th relative to the disposition of the remains of my son, the ~~late~~ ^{JUL 10th 1919} Capt. Ralph D Armstrong were both received.

It has been a very difficult question for my wife and I to decide. And we desire more time. As soon as conditions will permit, we contemplate a trip to France and after viewing the spot where our boy lies we will definitely determine whether we wish his remains disturbed or not.

Very truly

Joseph D Armstrong

JUL 15 1919



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BACKING SHEET

NUMBER

DATE

PERSON

PLACE

SUBJECT

DATES ON WHICH THIS FILE IS CHARGED OUT

A.G.O. 293-8

ARMSTRONG, RALPH D. Lieut.

33832

ARMSTRONG, RALPH S.

2nd Lt. Air Service

Plot #1, Grave #7 Aviation Sec

Amer Com #519 at Clermont-Ferrand

619

B560

✓

(Office)

Refer to this

No.

33832

INQUIRY

Request by Mr. J. D. Armstrong.European address Hotel Richmond.Hayward, Calif.Relationship to dec'd Father.

For location grave of:

Armstrong, Ralph.

Last name. Serial No. First name

2nd Lt. 7th Avia. Inst. Center.

Rank Org. Date of death

Date of request 5/13/21Rec'd. by JMK

(Initials) Other information:

INFORMATION FURNISHED

Location of grave Country

#519. Clermont-Ferrand.

Cemetery Commune (town) Dept.

American Cty. Puy-de-Dome.Grave No. 9 Section Avia.

Plot Row

Furnished by Date
(Initials)

33832
GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Armstrong..... Ralph S.....
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

2nd Lt. A.S...... Hqrs. Detach
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL Oct. 12, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL U. S. Cemetery

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

Section 1 - Aviation Plot

Clermont-Ferrand

GRAVE NUMBER Seven

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

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS :

Was one buried with body?..... YES.....

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

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

519

REPORTED BY : *H. O. Williams*

Capt. H. O. Williams, Inf.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

16 OCT 1918

File Number 33832

TO: REGISTRATION BRANCH, G. R. S.
FROM: INQUIRY BRANCH.

Date March 23, 1921.

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

NAME: ARMSTRONG, Ralph S. Serial Number
RANK: Lieutenant. ORGANIZATION:

No.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with records?	1. No. ARMSTRONG, Ralph Sheldon, 2nd Lieut. 7th Aviation Inst. Cen. Sig. Corps.
2.	Date of death.	2. 10/11/18.
3.	Cause and place of death.	3. Aeroplane Accident.
4.	Number of casualty cablegram.	4. 288.
5.	Date buried.	5. 10/12/18.
6.	Grave location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of cemetery or commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	6. Grave #7, Aviation Section #100, American Cemetery #519, Clermont Ferrand, Puy-de-Dome.
7.	Who reported burial?	7.
8.	Confirmed by G. R. S.?	8.
9.	Report as to grave marker.	9. Cross.
10.	Identification tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	10. (a) No Record. (b) Yes.
11.	Complete emergency address?	11. Mr. J. D. Armstrong, (Father) 1132 B. St., Hayward, California.
12.	Has been notified? (Give date.)	12. Yes. 12/6/18.
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record.)	13.
14.	What is the photograph number?	14. A-8527.
15.	Inquiry made by.	RELEASED BY INFORMATION CONTROL DEPARTMENT X Confirmed. Unconfirmed.
N. B.—All proper names to be typewritten, or printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.		MDT/I&A.D.