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DATE 3/2/22

1. NAME ^{ms} ARSMTRONG, William A. ^{of} *1st Div* SERIAL No. 105492

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. B., ^{2nd} 1st Brig. MG. Bn.

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Arg. Amer. Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon. Meuse. 1232, Sec. 11
CTY. NAME NUMBER

199 Sec. 11 GRAVE ROW PLOT 4

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 2 Bac. Baulny, Ardennes
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES Verdun 35 SE 278.5 N 302. 0 E

CONCENTRATED TO 4/10/19 199 Sec 11 4
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse Argonne Cemetery 1232
CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on body and cross.

DATE OF DEATH October 4, 1918.

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Oklahoma.

data F-1.

REGALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none. 1/1/20.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS
ccg. DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

W. H. BIRDSEYE
1st Lt., G.M. Corps, U.S. Army

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 3/2/22 39 15
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Block

Robert O. Davis,
Major General,
The Adjutant General.
By *vol*

Meuse-Argonne American Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse) 1232
CEMETERY

AUDITED BY *B.W.* 3/15/23

MAR 18 1925

Verified. 3/17/25. *gc.*

RECEIVED
GRAVES REGISTRATION
AUG 18 1922

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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OCT 7 1922
M. & R. DIV.
O. G. M. G.

Rec'd World War Div.
SEP 22 1922

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

GRAVE LOCA

Armstrong 105492 William
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

LOCATION OF

Co B. 2nd M.G. Bn
(Rank.) (Organization.)

Armstrong 105492
(Surname.) (Number.)

PLACE OF DEATH:

Co. #3
(Rank.)

CAUSE OF DEATH:

DATE OF BURIAL: *Oct*

DATE OF BURIAL: *October 10, 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL: *301.9*

PLACE OF DEATH: *X 301.9004 278 450*

(Give Cemetery, Town and must specify clearly what map is used)

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

GRAVE NUMBER: *2*

Co. B: 2
1

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

GRAVE NUMBER: *2* Headboard? Bottle?

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

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Was one buried with body?

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

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

Was one buried with body?.....

Was one fastened to name peg stake used as a grave marke

If name unknown and tags should be given here: NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

REPORTED BY: *Oliver Hart Chaplain 5FA*
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

Chaplain Ho
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Armstrong 105492 William
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Co. "B" 2nd M.G. Bn.
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL Oct. 10, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL X 301.600 Y 279.450

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

Co. B. 2
1

James G. - Pvt 105492

GRAVE NUMBER 2

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

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

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

James G. killed at 5.30 A.M. in Beau woods and 500 meters was killed while advancing through several places in the cemetery.

James G. - Sgt 105458
2nd M.G. Bn

LUSX - 1st Lt. Inf.

REPORTED BY:

Chaplain Hart

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

I certify
on October
10, 1918
that the
above
information
is correct
and true
to the best
of my
knowledge
and belief.

Co. B: 2nd M.G. Bn
1st Div

ARMSTRONG, William G. - Pvt 105492

I certify that I saw Pvt. William G. Armstrong killed at 5.30 A.M on October 4th 1918, 200 meters south of Montabeau woods and 500 meters east of the Fleville-Charpentry road. He was killed while advancing through an enemy barrage and was hit in several places in the head and body . He was buried in the Bauley cemetery.

Informant: TODD, Elmer - Sgt 105458
Co. B 2nd M.G. Bn

Signed: Jas. G. LUSX - 1st Lt. Inf.

SE

*Armstrong, Wm. G.
Post.*

WESTERN MILITARY BUREAU

ROUTE AND SCHEDULE

EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE SAILING FROM NEW YORK CITY JULY 23, 1930

WOODS

County, State of OKLAHOMA

Name ARMSTRONG, MRS ROSA B (M-6)

Address ALVA, OKLAHOMA

Route going: CRI&P-MEMPHIS, SO RY-BRISTOL, N&W-LYNCHBURG, SO RY-WASHINGTON, PENNA-NEW YORK.

Return: SAME ROUTE.

		ROAD	TRAIN	TIME	DATE	
Itinerary going	✓ Lv	Alva	CRI&P	727	1:45PM	July 18
	✓ Ar	Oklahoma City	"	"	8:35PM	" "
	✓ Lv	" "	"	42	9:15PM	" "
	✓ Ar	Memphis	"	"	12:45PM	" 19
	✓ Lv	"	So Ry	26	9:10PM	" "
	Ar	Bristol	" "	"	1:05PM(CT)	" 20
	Lv	"	N&W	"	2:15PM(ET)	" "
	Ar	Lynchburg	"	"	7:50PM	" "
	Lv	"	Sou Ry	"	7:55PM	" "
	Ar	Washington	" "	"	1:00AM	" 21
	✓ Lv	"	Penna	108	1:50AM	" "
	✓ Ar	New York	"	"	6:40AM	" "
	Lv	(Penna Station)				
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Accommodations: Coach Alva, Okla to Oklahoma City, Okla. Standard sleeper Oklahoma City, Okla to Memphis, Tennessee and Memphis, Tenn. to New York, N Y.

Elapsed Time: 63 hours - 55 minutes. *23/24*

Extra Fare:

*M.P.S.
424
H.C.*

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates) 8-4-30 Lonsellitis, follicular, Bitateum.

Treatment and Progress: (include dates) 4.8.30. T. 102 P. 106 at 4 p.m. 101.6 P. 106 at 7 p.m.
Aspirin 5 gr. to gargle and swallow every 3 hrs. 5.8.30. 79.8 P. 90 " 8 a.m.
Soft diet. Milk of magnesia R.F.F. 6.8.30. 98.8 80 6 p.m.
98.2 80 " 8 a.m.
98 84 " 9 p.m.

Disposition: (include dates)

Remarks:

Aug 13-30 Rochester Beach

Nurse
P. Knudsen

Armstrong, Wm. J. Party in. Group 1
MEDICAL RECORD

Prof. Co B, 2 M & B tn.
Station: *Verden France*

Date: *4.8.1930*

Name *Armstrong Mrs. Rosie*

Home address *Elva Oklahoma*

Address of Nearest friend or relative *Armstrong J. F. (husband)*
same address

Religion *R. Catholic.*

Age *62*

History of Present complaint: *Headache & Sore Throat.*

INSTRUCTIONS. — This card will be started in all cases of Pilgrims requiring medical attention by the Medical Officer or Nurse first rendering such attention. Subsequently it will be carried by the nurse in attendance upon the group to which the Pilgrim is assigned. All Medical Officers rendering any assistance in the case will make an appropriate entry which will include date, time and signature. Upon final disposition of the case the Nurse in charge will deliver the card to the Office of the Chief Surgeon. Pilgrims sent to the American Hospital will be accompanied by this card properly completed, which will be authority for admission, in which case a duplicate card will be made and sent without delay to the Office of the Chief Surgeon.

(over)

Armstrong, Mrs. G. (M.A.)

Party "M" - Itinerary - Meuse-Argonne Group

Sailed July 23, 1930 on SS GEORGE WASHINGTON. Capt. J. A. Cistaro and 1st Lt. H. R. Emery in charge. Arrived Cherbourg at day break on July 31st. Tender arrived 5.50 am, bearing Major Bailey and 9 other officers; 6 nurses and 3 civilian employees. Tender returned to dock at 7.30 am. Train left at 8.28 am. Arrived Invalides in Paris at 2.20 pm. Met by Col. Ellis, Members of his Staff and a detail of interpreters and nurses.

August 1st. Morning devoted to transaction of personal business. Exchange of money, preparation of laundry, etc. Left hotel by autobus in the afternoon for Arc de Triomphe where Mrs. Mary Saboe placed a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Mrs. Grace Forbes and Mrs. Martha Stewart each in turn also placed a wreath on the Tomb. After this ceremony, tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent. Returned to hotel for dinner.

August 2nd. Sightseeing - Paris Louvre and Notre Dame.

August 3rd. Left 7.15 am Via Porte de Pantin, Meaux, La Ferte-sous-Jouarre. Arrived Montairail 10.00 am. Rest stop Hotel du Vert Gallant. Left 11.00 am and arrived Chalons s/ Marne 1.00 pm. Lunch Hotel Haute-Mere-Dieu. Left 3.00 pm and arrived Ste. Mencheuld 4.15 pm. Rest stop Modern Hotel. Left 4.45 pm and arrived Verdun 6.15 pm. Dinner and sleep at hotels.

August 4th, 5th, 6th. Daily trips from Verdun to Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery.

August 7th. Left Verdun 9.15 am. Lunch at Cemetery. Left 2.00 pm Via Charpentry, Argonne Forest, Four de Paris, Vienne-le-Chateau, Vienne-la-Ville, Soume-Bienne. Arrived Suippes 4.00 pm. Rest stop Hotel Champagne. Left 4.30 pm Via Jemchery, St. Hilaire-le-Grand. Arrived Reims 6.00 pm. Dinner and sleep Hotel Bristol Crystal.

August 8th. Visited Reims & Cathedral. Lunch Hotel Crystal. Left 1.30 pm Via Champfleury, Ay, Spornay, Dormans. Arrived Chateau Thierry 3.30 pm. Rest stop Hostellerie du Bonhomme. Left 4.00 pm Via Le Thiolet, Montreuil-aux-Lions, La Ferte-sous-Jouarre. Arrived Paris 6.45 pm. Dinner at Hotel.

August 9th. Fontainebleau Via Barbizon. Lunch Hotel Legris. Visit Chateau. Arrived Paris 6.30 pm. Dinner at Hotel.

August 10th. Morning free. Lunch at Hotel. Napoleon's Tomb. Dinner at Hotel. Sightseeing Night Trip.

August 11th. Morning free. Lunch at Hotel. Afternoon free. Dinner at Hotel.

August 12th. Versailles. Lunch at Belle Cycliste. Afternoon free. Dinner at Hotel.

August 13th. Left Hotel between 8 & 8.30 am for Invalides Railway Station. Train left at 9.22 am and arrived Cherbourg 3.08 pm. The departure of the train was witnessed by Col. Ellis and Members of his Staff. Transferred to tender and arrived alongside the SS REPUBLIC at 6.00 pm and sailed shortly thereafter. Capt. Cistaro and Lt. Emery in charge. Arrived New York August 22nd.

Mrs. Rosa Barba Armstrong

NAME ARMSTRONG, MRS. ROSA BARBA

2238

S.S. AMERICA AUG 23 1930

HOME ALVA WOODS COUNTY OKLA.

R.R.

Penn to Wash

STATION

San to Lynchburg

TRAIN #

N + W to Bristol

CAR #

San to Memphis

BERTH OR SEAT

KC + MR + B to Bridge

TIME

Det - CR 1 + P to dest

DATE

Sept-18-30

Mr J F Armstrong

Rt #6 Alva

OKla

Name ARMSTRONG, Rosa Barba

HOTEL COMMODORE

Paris Hôtel BOULEVARD HAUSSMANN

Home address Route 6, Alva, Woods Co., Texas

Party M Group I Unit WASHINGTON

Date of arrival July 31-1930 Date of departure Aug-13-1930

Relationship Mother

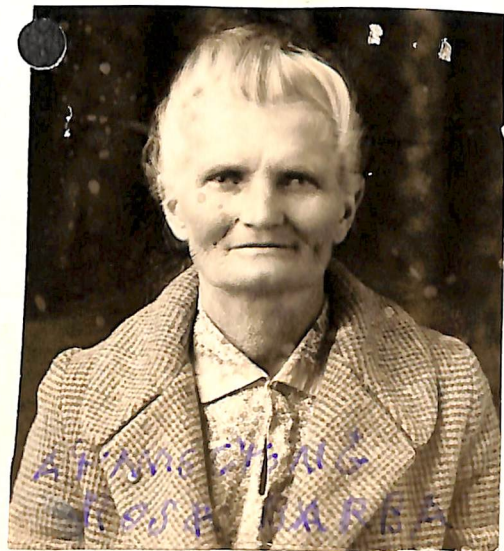
Name of deceased ARMSTRONG, Wm. G.

Rank Pvt Organization

Cemetery Meuse Argonne Gr. 39, Row 15, Block A.

REMARKS

Desires quarters with Mrs Laura Spangler



WAR DEPARTMENT
 "PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"
 ROOM 901
 225 WEST 34TH ST., NEW YORK, N. Y.

ARMSTRONG, William G. M.A.

Party **M**
 Number **2238**

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

MRS. ROSA BARBA ARMSTRONG
 Actual cost of through Pullman.
 Name of Traveler
ALVA, WOODS COUNTY, **ALVA, OKLA.**
 Home Address
OKLAHOMA. \$
ALVA, OKLA.
 New York, to
 Destination

Via **PENN TO WASH - SOU TO LYNCHBURG - N & W TO BRISTOL -**
SOU TO MEMPHIS - KC & MR & B TO BRIDGE JCT. - CRI&P TO DEST.
LIMIT - SEPT 18-30. AUGUST 27, 1930.
 Date of Departure

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	Car	U. S. G. Order No.	Actual Cost
LV	PENN STA	P RR						
AR	MEMPHIS	Sou	8-26	650A	L12	K39 #25		12.75
LV	"	CRIP	" "	215P				
AR	GEARY	"	8-27	845A	L4	8V #880 - coach from Okla City		6.65 6.99
LV	"	728	" "	900A				
AR	ALVA	"	" "	125P		107-1023300.		
LV								
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TOTAL **18.75**

Remarks: *Escorted to train by Capt. Wm Keskette*

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Armstrong	3	18 ⁰ 3 ⁰
BURIED	Y.		
	CEMETERY	1	1
	GRAVE	2	39
	ROW	2	15
	BLOCK	1	1
STATE	Okla	2	42
RANK	Post	1	2
DIVISION		2	01
ORGANIZATION	2	3	003
ARM	MSB	1	2
MARTIAL	No	1	2
NAME	Armstrong	3	18 ⁰ 3 ⁰
RESIDENCE	Mrs Rosa J Barba		
	STATE	2	42
	COUNTY	2	76
	CITY	3	003
RELATION	mother	1	1
OTHER	Father	1	1
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Good	1	1
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	yes	1	61
29/514/PJ.	Case		

Added July 1930

Audited OCT 7 1931 MSB RM

Armstrong, ^WWilliam G. 2nd M.G. Bn.

Ukla ● XC 145-900

Mother sailed

~~Widow?~~

Single

QM 293 A-M
Armstrong, Wm. G. - 1232 M

August 29, 1930.

Mrs. Rosa Barba Armstrong,
Route #6,
Alva, Oklahoma.

Dear Madam:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of the testimonial expressing your appreciation for the pilgrimage you have recently made to the cemeteries of Europe, which you and the other mothers and widows who sailed on the SS George Washington July 23rd, were so kind as to send me.

It is gratifying to know that your trip was entirely satisfactory and that the officers of the Army, the nurses, and the personnel connected with the pilgrimage rendered such courteous and efficient service. The Quartermaster Corps, which is charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages, has expended every effort that those making the pilgrimage might have a comfortable and pleasant journey. I feel, however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the mothers and widows.

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

Sincerely yours,

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

ADH
JTH
WRG

RS
27K

NAME Armstrong, Mrs. Rosa Barba M

ADDRESS Route #6, Alva, Woods County, Oklahoma

DATE Aug. 27, 1930

TO: OFFICER-IN-CHARGE,
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

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

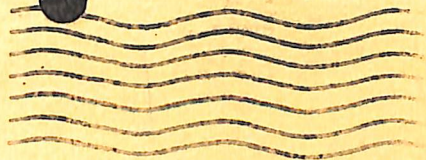
SINCERELY,

(SIGNED) Rosa Barba Armstrong

WAR DEPARTMENT

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS



PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

STATE

OKLAHOMA

Armstrong, W^r. G.

M

NAME Armstrong, Mrs. Rosa Barba HOME ADDRESS Route #6, Alva
Woods County

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN Mrs. J. Armstrong Same

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE July 21 HOTEL MCALPIN ROOM NO. 561

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE July 23 VESSEL Washington CABIN NO. 333 C

DESTINATION CHERBOURG CEMETERY M. A.

RETURN NEW YORK

AUG 22 1930

DATE

Route # 6
Woods County
Alva, Oklahoma.

M **Armstrong, Mrs. Rosa Barba**
NAME HOME ADDRESS

S/S REPUBLIC

M CALPIN

RETURN ON S. S. HOTEL ROOM NO. 673

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

AUG 23 1930

DATE

ROAD *Leun* TRAIN *149* CAR *1539* BERTH or SEAT *112*

REMARKS

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MEDICAL RECORD

123

Party M

P. Knowles, R.N.

Station: Verdun

Date: Aug. 4, 1930

Name Armstrong, Mrs. Rosie

Home address Elva, Okla.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Husband, J.F. Armstrong,
same address

Religion Cath.

Age

62

History of Present complaint: Headache & sore throat.

(over)

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Diagnosis and complications: (*include dates*)

Aug. 4, 1930 Tonsillitis, follicular, Bilateral.

Treatment and Progress: (*include dates*)

Aug. 4th: T. 102, 106, at 4 p.m. 101.6, 106 at 9 p.m.

Aspirin gr v to gargle and swallow q 3 h. Soft diet, Milk of Magnesia
R.H.E.

Aug. 8th, 98, 80-

Disposition: (*include dates*)

Remarks: Aug. 13th, to Cherbourg, Beach.

2401-c

1232

RETURN RECEIPT

Washington 7-23-30

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

Russ B. Armstrong
(Signature or name of addressee.)

J. F. Armstrong
(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, 6/27, 1930

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 9232

INSURED PARCEL

No.

Return to

Street and Number,
or Post Office Box,



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

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING
OFFICE

O. M. GENER
(NAME OF SENDER)

MUNITIONS BUILDING
DIV.

WASHINGTON,

D. C.



QM 293 A-M
Armstrong, Wm. G. 1232

September 23, 1930

Mr. H. W. Siddall, Chairman
Western Military Bureau,
516 W. Jackson Boulevard,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a copy of a letter received from the Finance Officer, which is self-explanatory. The routing sheet for Mrs. Rosa B. Armstrong, Alva, Oklahoma, (M-6) was submitted by your office.

It is requested this matter be taken up with the railroad company and endeavor to have them submit a new bill in accordance with this statement.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.
Copy of letter

July 15, 1930, Washington, D. C.

MRS ROSA BARBA ARMSTRONG
ROUTE 6,
ALVA OKLAHOMA

IDENTIFICATION BADGE TO BE WORN ON PILGRIMAGE WILL BE DELIVERED TO YOU
BY OFFICER IN CHARGE OF PILGRIMAGE AT NEW YORK. 1410 GSM

DEWITT
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

ADH

QM 293 A-M
Armstrong, Wm. G. 1232

✓ QM 298 A-11

July 11, 1930

Armstrong, William G. 1882 M
Spangler, James H. 1882 M

Mrs. Ross Armstrong,
Route #8,
Alva, Oklahoma.

Dear Madam:

This office is in receipt of a telegram from Sue Edwards relative to the desire of you and Mrs. Laura L. Spangler to be quartered together when you make the pilgrimage to the graves of your sons, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the S S "Washington" July 23, 1930.

Notation has been made of your desire and it is believed that your wishes can be complied with and that you can be placed in the same cabin aboard ship and in the same hotel rooms in New York and Paris.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Signal Corps, United States Army

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

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH CO.

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VQ ALVA. OKLA JULY 9 1930

A D HUGHES CAPTAIN QUARTERMASTER CORPS
OFFICE OF QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON DC

Wm. G. Armstrong 1232M Woods Co.

MRS ROSA ARMSTRONG GOLDSTAR MOTHER OF ALVA OKLAHOMA AND MRS

James H. Spangler 1232M

LAURA L SPANGLER OF SEMINOLE OKLA WISH TO BE QUARTERED

TOGETHER FOR THE PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE JULY TWENTY THIRD

SUE EDWARDS

807A JULY 10

Quarters Noted

capt. J. S.

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7/10/30

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
~~XXX A-M~~
Armstrong, Wm. G. -- 1232

July 1, 1930.

Mrs. Rosa Barba Armstrong,
Route #6,
Alva, Oklahoma.

Dear Madam:

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Armstrong, Wm. G. 1232-M

June 24, 1930.

Mrs. Rosa B. Armstrong,
Route 16,
Alva, Okla.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. 342,579 in the amount of \$ 22.50 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.

XIX A-M

June 24, 1930

Armstrong, Wm.C.-1232

Mrs. Rosa B. Armstrong,
Alva, Okla.

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. Alva	CRI&P	Train 727	1:45 PM	July 18
Ar. Oklahoma City	"	" "	8:35 PM	July 18
Lv. " "	"	" 42	9:15 PM	July 18
Ar. Memphis	"	" 42	12:45 PM	July 19
Lv. " "	So Ry	" 26	9:10 PM	July 19
Ar. New York (Penna Sta)	Penn	" 108	6:40 AM	July 21

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.

Office of Court Clerk, Woods County

EMMA RINGER, CLERK
EVA D. LEWIS, DEPUTY

ALVA, OKLAHOMA

June 25, 1930.

QM 293 A-M

Armstrong, William G. 1232 M

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

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 19th inst. you are advised that I made application sometime ago for passport to visit the grave of the ^{late} William G. Armstrong; that receipt of said application was acknowledged by the Passport Division, department of State. In case said application has been misplaced will you so advise and send necessary blanks as I am anxious to sail July 23rd., and oblige,

Yours very truly,

Rosa Barba Armstrong

Route #6, Alva, Okla.



Office of Court Clerk, Woods County

EMMA RINGER, CLERK
EVA D. LEWIS, DEPUTY

ALVA, OKLAHOMA

June 23, 1930.

QM 293 A-M

Armstrong, W.m. G. - 1232

Mr. R.E. Shannon
Captain Q.M. Corps,
Assistant.

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of June 19th inst. you are advised that I have made application for passport to visit American Cemeteries in Europe and have receipt of acknowledgment of same from Passport Division, Department of State, Washington, D.C. dated May 12, 1930, which reads as follows;

"The Department acknowledges the receipt of your application for a (Special Pilgrimage Passport). Such a document will be issued thereon and forwarded to the Quartermaster General of the War Department."

Yours very truly,

Rosa Barbara Armstrong
Route #6, Alva, Okla.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C ~~XXXX-M~~

Armstrong, Wm. G., - 1232

June 19, 1930.

Mrs. Rosa Barta Armstrong,
Route #6,
Alva, Okla.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

The person to whom you should apply is the Clerk of the District Court at Alva, Woods Co., Okla.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M

Armstrong, William G. 1282 M

June 19, 1930.

Miss Sue Edwards
Chairman Legislative Committee
American Legion Auxiliary,
Alva, Oklahoma

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of June 14, 1930, relative to the pilgrimage to be made by Mrs. Rosa B. Armstrong, to the grave of the late William G. Armstrong, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

For your information, there is enclosed herewith, a copy of a letter forwarded Mrs. Armstrong, under even date, relative to her desire to sail on July 23rd, when she makes the journey.

In the event Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. Morey desire to be quartered together, it is requested you notify this office immediately, in order that arrangements may be made accordingly.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-M

Armstrong, William G. 1232 M

June 19, 1930.

Mrs. Rosa B. Armstrong
R. D. #8,
Alva, Oklahoma

Dear Madam:

This office is in receipt of a telegram dated June 14, 1930 from Miss Sue Edwards, American Legion Auxiliary, Alva, Oklahoma, advising that you desire to sail on July 23rd, to visit the grave of the late William G. Armstrong, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

Accordingly, your name has been placed on the list of mothers and widows scheduled to sail on the SS "Washington," July 23, 1930, and there is enclosed herewith, a formal invitation to sail on that date, together with a letter of instructions relative to the obtaining of your passport. It is requested you make application at the earliest possible date.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Mrs. Fannie B. Mary
May, Harper Co. Okla.

1232 accepts Washington 7-23-30

Mrs. Laura L. Spangler
Seminole, Okla.
accepts Wash. 7-23-30

1237 Mrs Addie May Siffing
R# 2 Box 94
Vian, Okla.

accepts America 7-30-30

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 ~~292A-11~~

Armstrong, Wm. G. - 1232

June 19, 1950.

Mrs. Rosa Barba Armstrong,
Route #6,
Alva, Okla.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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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

June 18, 1930.

Armstrong, William G. 1232 M
Washington 7-23

Mrs. Rosa Barba Armstrong,
Route #6,
Alva, Okla.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Mr. J.F. Armstrong,

Name

Route #6, Alva, Oklahoma.

Address

noted

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes

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

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Signal Corps, United States Army

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

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VQ ALVA OKLA JUNE 14 1930

DEWITT, QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON DC

MRS ROSS ARMSTRONG GOLD STAR MOTHER 326 ALVA OKLA DESIRES TO SAIL ON
WASHINGTON JULY 23RD WILL COMMUNICATE WITH MRS MOREY
OF MAY OKLA SHE WAS DISCOURAGED BUT NOW ENTHUSIASTIC SEND
PASSPORT AND DIRECTIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WE APPRECIATE YOUR
COURTESY.

SUE EDWARDS

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

902A JUNE 15

*See
message furnished
name of soldier 293
AP#*



*Int. Washington
7/23/30 attached
Listed as "occupy"*

*293
Armstrong, Mrs. S.
1232*

Washington, D. C. June 18, 1930.

MISS SUE EDWARDS
CHAIRMAN LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, DEPARTMENT OF OKLAHOMA
ALVA OKLAHOMA

MRS FANNIE B MERRY MAY OF HARPER COUNTY OKLAHOMA AND MRS LAURA L
SPANGLER OF SEMINOLE OKLAHOMA ACCEPT FOR WASHINGTON JULY 29 AND
MRS ADDIE MAY GIFFING ROUTE 2 BOX ⁷⁴ 98 VIAN OKLAHOMA ACCEPTS FOR AMERICA
JULY 30 TELEGRAPH COLLECT WHICH SAILING MRS ARMSTRONG DESIRES. GSM 1526.

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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Armstrong - Wm. G. - 1232

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JUN 13 1930

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FROM

Dept. of State Alva Okla 12 June 1930

Passport Division

State Washn

*1467 To War Dept May 12
(Husband Frank J)*

Gold Star Mother Rosa Armstrong Alva Oklahoma
did not receive passport what ships will yet sail
this summer and when we desire names of gold star
mothers near Alva who sail later wire answer
immediately collect ten thirty Alva Oklahoma

SUE EDWARDS

CHAIRMAN LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF OKLAHOMA

732am June 13, 1930

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Armstrong, William G. -1232 M

June 7, 1930.

Mrs. R. B. Armstrong,
Route 6
Alva, Okla.

*Answer made in sending this let.
being on July 23 - 1930*

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



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

No. ✓
(Write answer here)

Mrs. R. B. Armstrong
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Dear Madam:

The following instructions prepared by the Secretary of State contain the necessary instructions to be followed by you in obtaining the passport or travel document to be utilized in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. Please read the directions carefully and call in person upon the nearest Passport Agent or clerk of a Federal or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. In large cities there are usually two or more courts and at each county-seat a state court authorized to accept these passport applications.

When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

The instructions prepared by the Secretary of State are as follows:

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than $2\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$ 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.

Washington

~~7/25/30~~

1232

Armstrong, Wm S

*also by wire Am. Legion
6-16-30*

I _____ accept _____ the invitation extended
(Accept or decline)

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

Mrs. Rosa Barba Armstrong

(Name)

Route #6, Alva, Woods Co., Okla.

(Town or City)

(State)

Alva, Okla.

April 15-1930.

Mr. John I. Harris; Woods Co.
Major. S. M. Corpe,
Assistant.

Dear Sirs:

I, Mrs. Rosa Barla Armstrong
mother of William C. Armstrong ¹²³²
whose number is D.M.-273-A-C
refused the first invitation
sent me for to make the
pilgrimage to France as there
was no one else to travel
with me.

As I have heard from a
lady, Mrs. ^{James D. Green - 1233} Annie D. Green,
1316, 6th st. Woodward Okla
wanting me to make this

trip with her and be traveling companions, I would very much like to go.

She has made arrangements to sail on the "Roosevelt" ship May 28, 1930. I wonder if it is too late to accept that invitation as I now have some one to be my traveling companion.

My health is in the best of shape and there isn't a thing to hinder my going.

If it is possible and arrangements could be made I want to sail with Mrs. Annie D. Green, on the

"Russell" ship which is to
sail May 28th Mrs. Green
has all her arrangements
made to sail on the date.

Please let me know by
return mail if I have
waited too long to get to
make this wonderful
journey in honor of my son.
Your promptness will be
appreciated.

Yours truly:
Mrs. Rosa Berba Armstrong
Ada,
R.D. 6. Okla.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Armstrong, William G. 1232 M

Mrs. ^{so} ~~Rob~~ ^{Burbo} Armstrong,
Route #6,
Alva, Oklahoma.

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 61	Health fair
	(Years)	(Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (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, William * *g*
1232

August 30, 1929.

Mr. Frank J. Armstrong,
~~Box 83,~~ *Rt 6*
Alva, Okla.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated **June 27, 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?

Mrs R. B. Armstrong
R. B. Alva, Okla
Mother

No.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

John T. Harris
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, William G.

June 27, 1929.

Mr. Frank J. Armstrong,
Box 83,
Alva, Okla.

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 William G. Armstrong, Co. B, 2nd M.G. Bn., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, 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.

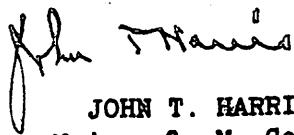
Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relative is a stepmother, mother through adoption, or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. If he was survived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

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.


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

WESTERN MILITARY BUREAU

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WESTERN PASSENGER ASSOCIATION

ROOM 428 NEW UNION STATION
516 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD
(CANAL STATION)
CHICAGO, ILL.

H. P. BRONSON
SECRETARY
CHICAGO

G. C. RONEY
PASSENGER TRAFFIC REPRESENTATIVE
2317 MUNITIONS BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D. C.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE

September 27, 1930

GOLD STAR MOTHERS

Pilgrimage sailing from New York City, July 23, 1930

Mrs Rosa B Armstrong Alva, Oklahoma

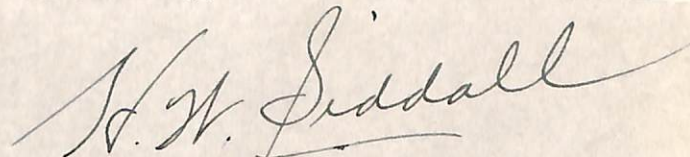
The Quartermaster General
United States Army
Washington, D C

Dear Sir:

293 Referring to your letter of September 22nd, file QM 293 A-M
Armstrong, Wm. G. 1232, in regard to transportation of Mrs Rosa B Armstrong
From Alva, Okla. to New York City and return, transportation request
WQ-1,005,176 included in CRI&P bill 8126 at \$113.32:

The CRI&P Ry advise that they are entirely agreeable to the
acceptance of the net fare \$108.70, which is the net fare applicable via
Kansas City, and it will be satisfactory for you to advise the Finance
Officer, Transportation Branch, U S Army accordingly.

Yours truly,



Chairman

10-M

HWT 9/30/30
File

QM 592.01 A-M Pilgrimage Gold Star 1st Ind.
September 29, 1930
Finance Officer, Transportation Branch, Washington, D. C.

1. With reference to the above, the matter has been taken up with Mr. H. W. Siddall, Chairman of the Western Military Bureau and a copy of his letter is enclosed for your information.

2. Payment is, therefore, authorized in the amount of \$108.70 for the transportation of this pilgrim.

For The Quartermaster General.

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

Encl.
Copy of letter.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE

September 24, 1930

GOLD STAR MOTHERS

Pilgrimage sailing from New York City, July 23, 1930

Mrs Rosa B Armstrong Alva, Oklahoma

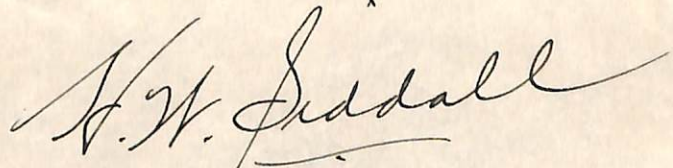
The Quartermaster General
United States Army
Washington, D C

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 22nd, file QM 293 A-M Armstrong, ^{29th} Wm G 1232 in regard to transportation of Mrs Rosa B Armstrong from Alva, Okla. to New York City and return on transportation request WQ-1,005,176 included in CRI&P bill 8126.

We have taken the matter up with the CRI&P Ry and upon conclusion of correspondence shall advise you further.

Yours truly,



Chairman

10-M

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9/29

WESTERN MILITARY BUREAU

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TO CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE


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516 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD
(CANAL STATION)
CHICAGO, ILL.

September 24, 1930

GOLD STAR MOTHERS

Pilgrimage sailing from New York City, July 23, 1930

Mrs Rosa B Armstrong Alva, Oklahoma

 The Quartermaster General
United States Army
Washington, D C

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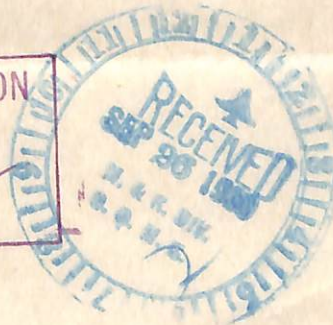
Yours truly,

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

H. W. Siddall

Chairman

10-M



QM 293 A-M
Armstrong, Wm. G. - 1232 M

August 29, 1930.

Mrs. Rosa Barba Armstrong,
Route #6,
Alva, Oklahoma.

Dear Madam:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of the testimonial expressing your appreciation for the pilgrimage you have recently made to the cemeteries of Europe, which you and the other mothers and widows who sailed on the SS George Washington July 23rd, were so kind as to send me.

It is gratifying to know that your trip was entirely satisfactory and that the officers of the Army, the nurses, and the personnel connected with the pilgrimage rendered such courteous and efficient service. The Quartermaster Corps, which is charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages, has expended every effort that those making the pilgrimage might have a comfortable and pleasant journey. I feel, however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the mothers and widows.

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

Sincerely yours,

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

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DISPATCHED

✓ X 330.13 PILGRIMAGE, GOLD STAR

July 15, 1930, Washington, D. C.

MRS ROSA BARBA ARMSTRONG
ROUTE 6,
ALVA OKLAHOMA

IDENTIFICATION BADGE TO BE WORN ON PILGRIMAGE WILL BE DELIVERED TO YOU
BY OFFICER IN CHARGE OF PILGRIMAGE AT NEW YORK. 1410 GSM

DEWITT
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

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QM 295 A-M
Armstrong, Wm. G. 1232

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July 15, 1930, Washington, D. C.

MRS ROSA BARBA ARMSTRONG
ROUTE 6,
ALVA OKLAHOMA

IDENTIFICATION BADGE TO BE WORN ON PILGRIMAGE WILL BE DELIVERED TO YOU
BY OFFICER IN CHARGE OF PILGRIMAGE AT NEW YORK. 1410 GSM

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QM 293 A-M
Armstrong, William G. 1232 M
Spangler, James H. 1232 M

Mrs. Rosa Armstrong,
Route 76,
Alva, Oklahoma.

Dear Madam:

This office is in receipt of a telegram from Sue Edwards relative to the desire of you and Mrs. Laura L. Spangler to be quartered together when you make the pilgrimage to the graves of your sons, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the S S "Washington" July 23, 1930.

Notation has been made of your desire and it is believed that your wishes can be complied with and that you can be placed in the same cabin aboard ship and in the same hotel rooms in New York and Paris.

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 ~~XXI~~ A-M

July 1, 1930.

Armstrong, Wm. G. - 1232

Mrs. Rosa Barba Armstrong,
Route #6,
Alva, Oklahoma.

Dear Madam:

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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June 24, 1930

Armstrong, Wm.G.-1232

Mrs. Rosa B. Armstrong,
Alva, Okla.

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. Alva	OR&P	Train 727	1:45 PM	July 18
Ar. Oklahoma City	"	"	8:35 PM	July 18
Lv. " "	"	42	9:15 PM	July 18
Ar. Memphis	"	42	12:45 PM	July 19
Lv. " "	So Ry	26	9:10 PM	July 19
Ar. New York (Penna Sta)	Penn	108	6:40 AM	July 21

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.

OM 293 A-M

Armstrong, William G. 1282 M

June 19, 1930.

Miss Sue Edwards
Chairman Legislative Committee
American Legion Auxiliary,
Alva, Oklahoma

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of June 14, 1930, relative to the pilgrimage to be made by Mrs. Rosa B. Armstrong, to the grave of the late William G. Armstrong, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

For your information, there is enclosed herewith, a copy of a letter forwarded Mrs. Armstrong, under even date, relative to her desire to sail on July 23rd, when she makes the journey.

In the event Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. Morey desire to be quartered together, it is requested you notify this office immediately, in order that arrangements may be made accordingly.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M

Armstrong, William G. 1232 M

June 19, 1930.

Mrs. Rosa B. Armstrong
R. D. #13,
Alva, Oklahoma

Dear Madam:

This office is in receipt of a telegram dated June 14, 1930 from Miss Sue Edwards, American Legion Auxiliary, Alva, Oklahoma, advising that you desire to sail on July 23rd, to visit the grave of the late William G. Armstrong, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

Accordingly, your name has been placed on the list of mothers and widows scheduled to sail on the SS "Washington," July 23, 1930, and there is enclosed herewith, a formal invitation to sail on that date, together with a letter of instructions relative to the obtaining of your passport. It is requested you make application at the earliest possible date.

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, William G. 1232 M
Washington 7-23

~~May~~ 18, 1930
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Mrs. Rosa Barba Armstrong,
Route #6,
Alva, Okla.

Dear Madam:

Requests for stop-overs on return from the pilgrimage to the American cemeteries in Europe are being received by this office, in some cases, too late to take action.

Transportation arrangements for the round-trip are made a month before departure and requests for stop-overs on return must be in this office at that time.

Stop-overs can not be allowed on the trip to New York or in Europe, but may be allowed at any point on return from New York provided there is no additional cost or, if there is, that it is paid in advance by the pilgrim.

If you desire stop-overs at any point on return, please advise this office AT ONCE as to the cities where you desire to stop and we will be glad to arrange accordingly, or advise you if there is any additional cost to be paid by you. Send your request direct to this office and do NOT include it with your passport application.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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

June 18, 1930.

Mrs. Rosa Barba Armstrong,
Route #6,
Alva, Okla.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 18, 1930.

Armstrong, William G. 1232 M

Mrs. Rosa Barba Armstrong,
Route #6,
Alva, Okla.

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.

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"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.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

June 18, 1930.

Armstrong, William G. 1232 M

Mrs. Rosa Barba Armstrong,
Dear Madam:
Alva, Okla.

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

ed to a first class hotel where reservations have been made. Duration of your stay in New York will be from 24 to 48 hours. At a later time, you will be escorted to the steamship upon which passage is engaged for Europe. All of the women making this trip will be provided with cabin class accommodations aboard steamers which means that two to four will be quartered in the same stateroom. If you have a 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

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.

1 Enclosure.
Regulation.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 18, 1930.

Armstrong, William G. 1232 M
Washington 7-23

Mrs. Rosa Barba Armstrong,
Route #6,
Alva, Okla.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Name

Address

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

June 7, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Armstrong, William G. -1232 M

Mrs. E. B. Armstrong,
Route 5
Alva, Okla.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

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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, William G. 1232 M

Mrs. R. B. Armstrong,
Route #6,
Alva, Oklahoma.

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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Act
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Armstrong, William C.
1232

August 30, 1929.

Mr. Frank J. Armstrong,
Box 83,
Alva, Okla.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 27, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
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, William B.

June 27, 1929.

Mr. Frank J. Armstrong,
Box 83,
Alva, Ohio.

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 William C. Armstrong, Co. B, 2nd M.C. Bn., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, 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,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

In reply refer to:
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March 20, 1923.

Mr. Frank J. Armstrong,
Box 83
Alva, Fla.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of Pvt. William C. Armstrong, Co B, 2d M.G. Bn is No. 39, Row 15, Block A, Meuse-Argonne American cemetery Romagne-sous-Montfaucou (Meuse) France.

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, 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 maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

H. J. Conner,
Assistant

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Armstrong

(Surname.)

William C

(Christian name in full.)

105,492

(Army serial number)

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Pvt

Co B, 2nd M G Bn
(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Father

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

Yes

(Yes or no.)

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

No
(Yes or no.)

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

W Armstrong

Alva

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

Okla
(State.)

(Sign here)

W Armstrong

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

Okla
(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

E. 14

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110-2-21
The check is on

drawn by ~~MT~~
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3-19-21

Date 7, MAY 1919.REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: ARMSTRONG, William G.Number: 105492Rank: Unkn.Organization: Unkn.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

10, April 1919.Grave# 2, APREMONT, ARDENNES. B/A CTY.Map 35 SE E 302. N 278.5

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

10, April 1919.Grave# 199, Sec. 11. Plot 4 .AMER. B/ A CEMETERY 1232, ROMAGNE, MEUSE.Map 35 NE E 308.16 N 284.87

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

Body buried in uniform, badly f decomposed.Was one identification tag found upon the body? YesWhat 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: Lieut. Lewis.R. H. ROSENTHAL2nd Lieut. O.M.C.U.S.A.C.O. Group Unit

Place Romagne s/s Montfaucon

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date March 1, 1922

1. REMAINS OF ARMSTRONG, William C. SERIAL NUMBER 105492
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. B, 1st. Brig. M.G. Bn

2. Disinterred (date): March 1, 1922. From (give complete location): Gr. 199, Sec. 11, Plot 4, Cem. 1232

By: Group 1 Unit Section 1

3. Reburied (date): Mch 2, 1922, In (give complete location): Mouse Argonne Cty 1232, gr 39, bl A, row 15

By: Group Reburial 3 Unit Nature of reburial unlined casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: U.S. Uniform, Burlap and pine box, Badly decomposed.

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

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

Body tag agrees

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Imp. to Det.

(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) Imp. to Det.

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

Imp. To. Det.

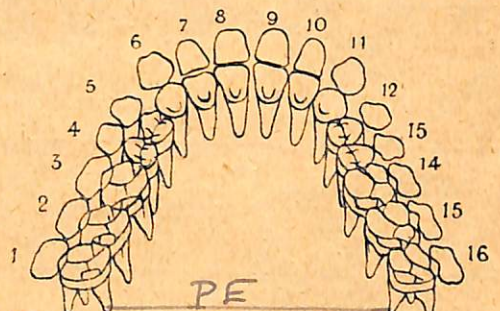
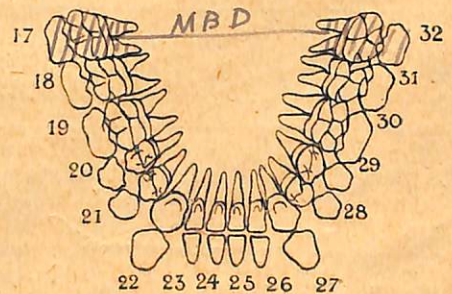


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



7. Disinterment supervised by [Signature]

Approved: [Signature]
R. Richards,
(Title)

8. Reburial Supervised by C.V. RUSSELL
W.B. Sheild

Approved: [Signature]
A.E. Dewey, 1st Lt, QMC,
(Title)

concentration






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:	 <p style="text-align: center;">TOOTH MISSING TOOTH MISSING</p>
CROWNED TEETH	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:	 <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD CROWN PORCELAIN CROWN GOLD CROWN</p>
BRIDGE WORK	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus:	 <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD AND PORCELAIN BRIDGE GOLD BRIDGE</p>
FILLINGS	Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:	 <p style="text-align: center;">SILVER FILLING GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING</p>
CARIES (CAVITIES)	Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:	 <p style="text-align: center;">CAVITY DECAYED DECAYED DECAYED</p>
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 March 1 1922

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

⁵⁰ DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name ARMSTRONG, William C.
 2. No. 105492.
 3. Rank Pvt.
 4. Org. Co. B., 1st Brig. ^{2nd} M.G. Bn.
 5. D.D. Oct. 4-18
 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. 199 Sec. 11
 8. Plot 4 Row _____
 9. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 17. none

18. Cemetery Meuse-Arg. Amer.
 20. Dept. or County Meuse
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232, Sec. 11

19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon
 21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) March 1 1922

By C V Russell

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name William C Armstrong
 Rank Pvt

Serial No. 105492
 Organization Co B 1st Brig MG Bn

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker?

On body? Yes

Signature Junior Technical Assistant

J L White

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 US Uniform, burlap pine box.

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 March 1 1922 By C V Russell

31. Casket sealed by C V Russell

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor C V Russell)

AUDITED BY

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-21693

32. Designation of body:

Name William C. ARMSTRONG Serial No. 105492

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. B., 1st Brig. M.G. Bn.

33. Consigned to:

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

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) March 1 1922 By C V Russell

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

R Richards
R Richards 1st Lt. QMC

36. Remarks _____

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) March 1 1922

To point of Concentration M orgue Romagne

Convoyer P H Doran Signature Shipping Officer G F Spann, Capt. QMC
(Name)

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date _____

By G.R.S. Representative _____

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date _____

To Permanent Cemetery _____

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____
(Name)

40. Received: Date _____

G.R.S. Representative _____

41. Reinterred: Meuse Argonne Cty 1232, Mch 2, 1922
(Date)

42. Grave No. 39 Section _____

43. ~~Block~~ Block. A Row 15

G.R.S. Representative A E Dewey
A. E. Dewey, 1st Lt, QMC.

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #40328

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name ARMSTRONG, William C. Ser. No. 105492
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. B, 2nd M.B. Bn. TYP. als
 (c) Date of death 10/4/18 (d) Cause of death K/A CKR. B.J.

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

(a) Grave No. 199 Row -- Plot 4 Sec. 11 TYP. als
 (b) Emerg. Address William C. Armstrong, (Father) Alva, Okla. (over)

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

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt _____

(a) Name J. F. Armistead (b) Relationship Father
 (c) Address Alva, Okla.
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? Yes
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at No
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. J. F. Armistead
Alva, Okla.

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

Examiner's Initials JFH Date 3-19, 1920.

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

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

No correspondence

Examiner's Initials JFH Date 3-19, 1920.

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

Feb. 21/19 - Mrs. P. B. Armistead (mother) Alva, Okla.
Request photograph of grave

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes

Examiner's Initials JFH Date 3-19, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232-Sec. 11 SHEET No. 3

CARDED

AP. 4/12/21

Checked M
4-12-21

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VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made 3/28/21, 1920.

Typed by ob Checked by JOR MAY 9 8 1921, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION

Cemeterial Division
Overseas Project Section

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 1920
letter on 3/28/21, 1920



Sec. 11.
Par. 1. To be returned (E.G.S.)

IX. CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: WRBA — Mr. Frank J. Armstrong, (father)
Box 83, Alva, Okla. (4-8-21) 1921
4/25/21 Form 120 Frank J. Armstrong, Alva, Okla. (father)
requests remains left in Europe. No widow. H 5/5/21 B.F.
Form 129 to hold body, Ind Wash 5/5/21 B.F.

5/13/21 PROPOSED CABLEGRAM NO. 296 TO EUROPE-BODY TO REMAIN 5/14/21
Let from Europe 6/20/21 states return cancelled as
per cable ^{at} 11/2/21

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

CEMETERIAL DIVISION

WASHINGTON

APR 20 1921
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FROM: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. G.

To: Mr. Frank J. Armstrong, Box 83, Alva, Okla

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. William C. Armstrong Ser. No. 105492 Co. B, 2nd M.G. Bn

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above-named

~~soldier be returned to the United States and shipped to you at Alva, Okla.~~

Remain in Europe & CS

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

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

5/13/21 PROPOSED CABLEGRAM NO. 296 TO EUROPE BODY TO REMAIN 5/11/21 G.S.

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? *No*

APR 28 1921

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Father	<i>Frank J. Armstrong</i>	<i>Box 83</i>	<i>Alva Okla</i>
Mother	<i>Rosie B. Armstrong</i>	" "	" "
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1	<i>W. H. J. Armstrong</i>	" "
	2	<i>P. A. L. Armstrong</i>	" "
	3		
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1	<i>Emma Mary</i>	" "
	2	<i>Ira F. Harris Armstrong</i>	" "
	3		

Date *Apr 25/1921*

Signature *Frank J. Armstrong*

Address *Alva Okla. Box 83*

Relationship *Father*

Apr. 25 - 1921

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

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1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to _____
(Name.)

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_____ (R. R. station.)

Cem. (State) Division
National Cemetery.

3. To be returned to the U. S. and buried in _____

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

Leave the Remains in Europe

Signature *Frank J. 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.

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

*Do not
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Harlow C.W.

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER	CEMETERY NO.	DATE
Armstrong, William C. Pvt.	1232 - Sec. 11. - 3	3/21/21.

SERIAL NUMBER	ORGANIZATION
105492	Co. B, 2nd M.G. Bn. Date of Death - 10/4/18.

Copy forwarded to	WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION
Adjustment Department	
Date <u>4-9-21</u>	DATE <u>April 4, 1921.</u>

NAME OF BENEFICIARY	RELATIONSHIP
Mr. Frank J. Armstrong,	Father
Address	

Box 83, Alva, Oklahoma.

S/709/LML

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 ARMSTRONG, William C. 10. Name
- 2. No. 105492 11. No.
- 3. Rank Pvt. 12. Rank
- 4. Org Co. B, 2nd M.G. Bn. 13. Org
- 5. D. D. 10-4-18 14. (a) D. D.
- 6. C. D. k/a 15. (b) D. B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment.

- 7. Grave No. 199 Sec. 11 15. Grave No. Sec.
- 8. Plot 4 Row -- 16. Plot Row
- 9. --- 17.

Cancelled
5/14/21
MS

- 18. Cemetery Argonne Amer.
- 19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon
- 20. Department or county Meuse
- 21. Country France 22. G. R. S. Headquarters Code No. 1232-Sec.11.
- 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.)

Sec. 11, Cable Ref. No. 3.

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).....
27. Condition of body.....
28. Nature of burial.....
29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G. R. S. records quoted above?
30. Body prepared and placed in casket..... (Date.) By.....
31. Casket sealed by
- Signature of Embalmer (Supervisor).....

RECEIVED

MAY 9 1921

Cemeterial Division
Overseas Project Section

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

32. Designation of body { Name ARMSTRONG, William C. Serial No. 105492
Rank Pvt. Organization Co. B, 2nd M.G. Bn.
33. CONSIGNEE—Name J. F. Armstrong,
Address Alva, Okla.
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

40. Received European port..... (Date.)
Signature of G. R. S. Representative.....

41. Shipped to..... (U. S. port.) On..... (Boat.)
Date..... Convoyer

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

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

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

Form #129 and Records
held in Hoboken for ack.
letter to father.

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

Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. O. M. G.
File # 2938-40328

May 5th, 1921.

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

Name Armstrong, William C. Ser. No. 105492
Rank Pvt. Organization Co. B, 2nd M. G. Bn.
Cemetery No. 1232 Sec. 11 Cable Reference No. (Sheet No.) 3

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 <u>None</u>			
Children _____			
Guardian _____			
Father <u>Frank J. Armstrong, Box 83, Alva, Oklahoma.</u>			
Mother _____			
Brother _____			
Sister _____			
Others _____			

Armstrong, William C.

Body ~~to be shipped to you~~ for interment in: a perm. Amer. Cty.

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Cable Letter May 13 1921 forwarding advice to Europe dispatched _____ 1921.

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

Form #129 and Records
held in Hoboken for adv.
letter to father.

WAR DEPARTMENT
QUARTERMASTER CORPS
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
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Name of Relative	<u>Return</u>	<u>Remain</u>	<u>Special</u>
	to	in	
Widow <u>None</u>		<u>France</u>	
Children			
Guardian			
Father <u>Frank J. Armstrong, Box 85, Alva, Oklahoma.</u>			
Mother			
Brother			
Sister			
Others			

Body to be shipped to, or for interment in: a pers. Amer.

MAILED
MAY 5 1921
COR. BRIG. R. S.

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Cable Letter May 13 1921 forwarding advice to Europe dispatched _____ 1921.

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Handwritten: R 5-11-21 MW

May 6, 1921.

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

Re: Armstrong, William C.,
Private, Serial Number
105492, Co. B, 2nd M/G Bn.

Mr. Frank J. Armstrong,
Box 83,
Alva, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Your shipping inquiry dated April 25, 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.

[Handwritten signature]
MAILED
MAY 7 1921
COR. BR. G. R. S.

BY:

R. F. C. PALIAS,
Executive Assistant.

WHS/BR

RECEIVED



MAY 9 1921

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #40328

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name ARMSTRONG, William C. Ser. No. 105492
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. B, 2nd M.B. Bn.
 (c) Date of death 10/4/18 (d) Cause of death K/A

} als
TYP.
B.J.

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

(a) Grave No. 199 Row -- Plot 4 Sec. 11 TYP. als
 (b) Emerg. Address William C. Armstrong, (Father) Alvin, Okla.

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

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 3/28/21, 192
Sec. 11.
Par. 1. To be returned (EES).

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., APR 13 1921, 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.
<u>May 5, 1921</u> <u>Form 129</u>	<u>Father (4/25/21)</u> <u>Frank J. Armstrong</u>	<u>Remain in France by proposed cable</u>	<u>5/13/21 Europe advised</u> <u>296-30 remain</u> <u>5/14/21 End</u>

Let. from Europe 6/20/21 states return can-
celled as per cable 11/2/21

VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J. 5-9, 192

COUNTRY _____ CEMETERY No. _____ SHEET No. _____

WRBA. 4-4-21.

Mr. Frank J. Armstrong,
Box 83, Alva,
Oklahoma.

COPY

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

Harlow C.W.

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

Armstrong, William C. Pvt.

1232 - Sec. 11. - 3

3/21/21.

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

105492

Co. B, 2nd M.G. Bn.

Adjustment Made

Date of Death - 10/4/18.

5-15 1922

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Original Attached to
Form 115

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

Date 4-9-21 326

DATE 4-4-21

File No.

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Mr. Frank J. Armstrong
Address

Father

Box 83, Alva, Oklahoma

40328

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Armstrong 105492 William
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

C. B., 2nd M. G. B.
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH:

CAUSE OF DEATH:

DATE OF BURIAL: October 10, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: X 301.900 y 278.450

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

GRAVE NUMBER: 2

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

Olevis Hart, Chaplain S.F.A.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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2 #105492

3 NAME ARMSTRONG WILLIAM G.

4 RANK PVT. CO. B. 2 M.G. BN. U.S.A.

5 X

6 X BATTLE AREA CEMETERY

7 1 1/2 KILO. E. OF APREMONT MEUSE

8 GRAVE NO. 2 PLOT A

9 CROSS

Sketch 66

10 TAG ATTACHED TO CROSS

11 X

12 301.0 N. 278.5 N. VENDUN S.E. 35
15 feet N. of road.

13 X

SIGNED *Orville Hamilton*.....

GROUP 2

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Chief, Grave Registration;
C. E. F.

Dear Sir:

We received your most kind and welcome letter, concerning the death of our beloved brother and son, Mr. W. S. Armstrong.

We would appreciate a picture of his grave, or any information that you could give us.

Wishing to thank you for your kindness,

Mrs. R. B. Armstrong

Alva A. Wa.