

Austin

(Surname.)

Pvt

James Montgomery

(Christian name in full.)

Co G 112 inf

1,248,222

(Army serial number.)

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased wife

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? Yes

(Yes or no.)

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

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

Mrs. Ruby F. Austin American Railway Express, Erie, Pa. Western Union

(Name of person to receive remain's.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mrs. Ruby F. Austin
Edinboro Pa.

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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FULL NAME... AUSTIN, James M. *sol. reg.*

RANK... Private, First Class... SERIAL... 1248222

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION... *28th Div.* Company G, 112th InfantryDATE OF DEATH... *Aug. 7 '18*STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME... *Penn.*MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED... *none*FINAL GRAVE LOCATION...
Date Grave Row Block

608

Cemetery

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WORLD WAR DIV.

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB- HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Austin</i>	<i>A U S</i>	3	<i>1 12 9</i>
<i>James M.</i>	CEMETERY <i>608</i>	1	<i>2</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>36</i>	2	<i>36</i>
	ROW <i>36</i>	2	<i>36</i>
	BLOCK <i>C</i>	1	<i>3</i>
STATE	<i>Pa</i>	2	<i>44</i>
RANK	<i>Pvt 1c</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>28</i>	2	<i>28</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>112</i>	3	<i>112</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
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<i>Mrs Ruby 7</i>	STATE <i>Pa</i>	2	<i>44</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Erie</i>	2	<i>25</i>
	CITY <i>Edinboro</i>	3	<i>xxx</i>
RELATION	<i>Widow</i>	1	<i>5</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
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	CITY <i>Erie</i>	3	<i>098</i>
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OTHER		1	
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QM 293 A-M
Austin, James M. OA

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

January 5, 1933

Mrs. Ruby F. Austin
Edinboro
Pa.

Dear Madam:

During the past three years, numerous communications have been forwarded you relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

Under the law, 1933 is the last year you may make the pilgrimage at the expense of the Government, and it is imperative that this office have an expression from you as to whether or not you desire to take advantage of the opportunity afforded you.

It is requested therefore you answer the following inquiry, sign your name, and return this letter to this office.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE IN 1933? _____
(Yes) or (No)

Sign here

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl.:
Env.

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

QM 293 A-M
Austin, James M. (OA)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

Mrs. Nella Austin,
245 West 16 th St.,
Erie, Pa.

January 6, 1933.

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QM 293 A-M

Austin James M (OA)

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

October 12, 1932

Mrs Ruby F Austin
Edinboro
Pa

Dear Madam:

Your Government has provided an opportunity for all Mothers and Widows of deceased members of the American Forces who were lost, buried at sea, or whose remains are now interred in Europe, to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. This was done in the hope that all who may make the pilgrimage will derive a measure of comfort and solace from the visit.

You are numbered among those who are privileged to make this pilgrimage.

During July and September of this year, inquiries were addressed to you as to whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage to Europe. To these inquiries no reply has been received from you.

You probably do not realize how important it is that a reply be received from you. If we do not receive replies, it becomes very difficult to make the necessary and proper arrangements for those who are to make the trip, as everything must be arranged in advance. Consequently, it is just as important for the Government to know the names of those who do not desire to take advantage of its offer as it is to know the names of those who do.

Will you please devote a few moments of your time to write either the word "YES" or "NO" in the following space_____, thus indicating whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage during 1933 and sign your name here_____. Use the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage, and return this sheet.

This reply will assure your Government that no worthy Mother or Widow has failed to receive its offer in commemoration of a loved one departed, and will greatly assist in making the necessary preparations for those of them who wish to take advantage of the privilege.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

September 6, 1932.

Austin, James M. OA

Mrs. Ruby F. Austin,
Edinboro,
Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

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

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	
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4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,
Very truly yours,

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CHAS. W. DIETZ,
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Austin, James M. (OA)

July 9, 1932.

Mrs. Ruby F. Austin,
Edinboro,
Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

QM 293 A-M
Austin, Jas. M. OA

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

October 13, 1932

Mrs. Nella Austin,
245 West 16th St.,
Erie, Penna.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Austin James M QA

Sept 8 1932

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Austin, James M. (JA) -

July 13, 1932.

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Assistant.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

Austin, James M
Pvt 1 cl Co G 118th Inf

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~~MOTHER~~

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WIDOW

~~DOCO~~

Ruby Fern Austin
Edinboro, Pa

~~STEP MOTHER~~

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Mrs R. F Austin
245- W. 16th St
Erie, Pa

(old address)

Austin, James M. 608

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Pvt.1cl, Co. G, 15th Inf. Serial 1248222

~~Mother~~

Widow

~~Loco~~

~~Step-M~~

Ruby F Austin

Edinboro - Pa

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(James F.)

M-Mellie A Austin

245 - W- 16 st

Eric - Pa

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Austin, James M. Pvt 1 cl (CA) V

December 18, 1931.

Mrs. Ruby P. Austin,
Edinboro, Penna.

Dear Madam:

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

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A. D. HUGHES,
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QM 293 A-M

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All necessary expenses of a pilgrimage to the grave of your husband, the late Private first class James M. Austin will be borne by the Government and personnel to care for the comfort and needs of the women making the journey will be provided. Doctors and nurses will be available, and should you make a pilgrimage, you are assured the journey will not only be made at the expense of the United States, but everything possible for your comfort and care will be provided. In other words, you will be the honored guest of the United States Government.

It is the earnest endeavor of this office to discover the wishes of each mother and widow with reference to the pilgrimage so that necessary arrangements may be made. It is hoped that you will decide to make the pilgrimage and will so state; however, if you feel you cannot accept the invitation, it is important that we know that. You can realize that in arranging all details for a trip for so many people it is necessary to have all information at once. For the reasons stated, it will be appreciated if you will complete the questionnaire enclosed herewith and return it to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

This letter is forwarded in a final effort to obtain your wishes, inasmuch as previous letters relative to the pilgrimages for 1931 and 1932 have remained unanswered.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
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QM 293 A-M

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Austin, James H., Pvt 1 cl (01) M

December 13, 1931.

Mrs. Nellie Austin,
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

October 2, 1931

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Austin, James M. O-A H-

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Austin, James M. (O-A) M

September 28, 1931

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Mrs. Molla Austin,
245 West 16th St.,
Erie, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Austin, James M. PFC (O-A) W*

July 22, 1931.

Mrs. Ruby F. Austin,
Edinboro, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Austin, James M. Pvt. 1 cl (O-A) M-

July 9, 1931.

Mrs. Nellie Austin,
245 West 16th St.,
Erie, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Austin, James M. 608-W

June 24, 1930.

Mrs. Ruby F. Austin,
Edinboro, Pa.,

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?

Yes
(Write answer here)

Ruby F. Austin
(Sign here)



QM 293 A-M

Austin, James M. (O-A) W

May 29, 1931

Mrs. Ruby F. Austin,
Edinboro,
Pa.

Dear Madam:

The invitation which was extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe sailing from New York on the GEORGE WASHINGTON on July 29, 1931 has been withdrawn due to the fact that no acceptance has been received from you.

If you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you communicate your wishes to this office.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Washington, D. C., May 15, 1931

MRS. RUBY F. AUSTIN,
EDINBORO,
PA.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL JULY TWENTY NINE NOT RECEIVED
DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER 2945GSM

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

QM 293 A-M Austin, James M. (E-A) W

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

August 12, 1930.

Austin, James M. 608 W PFC

Mrs. Ruby F. Austin,
Edinboro, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?

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

3. Please give your age and state your
health.

4. Do you speak English?

5. What other language do you speak?

Age
Condition of Health

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Austin, James M. 608-W

June 24, 1930.

Mrs. Ruby F. Austin,
Edinboro, Pa.,

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

Austin, James M. 608 H

June 5, 1930

Mrs. Hella Austin
245 West 16th Street
Erie, Pa.

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)

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America
7-30

Austin, James M

I declined by wire 5/26/30 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. *wire 6/2/30 telling her she can go.*

*7/30/30 on
Republican or*

Mrs. Ruby F. Austin
(Name)

1931

Edinboro, Erie Co., Pa.
(Town or City) (State)

Wash
July 29-1931
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Austin James M.

I Cancelled - no reply 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 pro-
visions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Ruby F Austin

(Name)

Edinboro, Erie Co Pa

(Town or City)

(State)

file
June 2, 1930, Washington, D. C.

MRS RUBY F AUSTIN
EDINBORO PENNSYLVANIA

RETEL TWENTYSIXTH NO RESERVATIONS AVAILABLE LATER THAN JULY THIRTIETH
TELEGRAPH COLLECT WHETHER YOU DESIRE TO MAKE PILGRIMAGE ON JULY
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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

QM 293 A-C
Austin, James M.

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MRS RUBY F AUSTIN

1155A

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Night Letter

Washington, D. C. May 24, 1930

MRS. RUBY F. AUSTIN,
EDINBORO, PA.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL JULY THIRTIETH NOT RECEIVED STOP
DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER 1167GSM

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

QM 293 A-C Austin, James M.



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Night Letter

Washington, D. C. May 24, 1930

MRS. RUBY F. AUSTIN,
EDINBORO, PA.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL JULY THIRTIETH NOT RECEIVED STOP

DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER

1167GSM

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

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QM 293 A-C Austin, James M.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Austin, James M.
608

Aug. 27, 1929.

Mrs. Ruby F. Austin,
Edinboro, Pa.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 20, 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:

Mrs. Ruby F. Austin

Edinboro, Pa.

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.

Mrs. Nella Austin,

245 West 16th Street,

Erie, Pa.

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

Widow - Yes

Mother - I do not know

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
~~Austin, James H.~~

June 20 1929.

Mrs. Ruby E. Austin,
Elmhurst, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the widow of the late Private First class James H. Austin, Co. C, 112th Inf. whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Reuleux, Aisne, France.

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

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relationship is that of a stepmother, mother through adoption or a woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. In case you have remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Envelope.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Mr. James M.

June 20, 1929.

Mr. James F. Austin,
245 W. 16th Street,
Erie, Pa.

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 First class James M. Austin, Co. G, 112th Inf. whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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JOHN W. HARRIS
Major, G. M. Corps
Assistant
Assistant

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Austin James M OA

Sept 8 1932

Mrs Nella Austin
248 West 16th Street
Erie Pa

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

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

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE

PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Austin, James M. OA

September 6, 1932.

Mrs. Ruby F. Austin,
Edinboro,
Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

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For The Quartermaster General,

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Encl:
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Austin, James M. (QA) -

July 13, 1932.

Mrs. Nella Austin,
248 W. 16th St.,
Erie, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Austin, James M. (OA)

July 9, 1932.

Mrs. Ruby F. Austin,
Edinboro,
Pa.

Dear Madam:

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

QM 293 A-M

Austin, James M. Pvt 1 cl(OA) M

December 18, 1931.

Mrs. Nella Austin,
245 West 16th St.,
Erie, Pa.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries of Europe for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces. The purpose of the Act is an endeavor to bring a measure of peace and comfort to the hearts of the mothers and widows whose loved ones made the supreme sacrifice, and it appears from communications from women who have made the journey that this effort has not been in vain.

All necessary expenses of a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private first class James M. Austin will be borne by the Government and personnel to care for the comfort and needs of the women making the journey will be provided. Doctors and nurses are available and should you make a pilgrimage, you are assured the journey will not only be made at the expense of the United States, but everything possible for your comfort and care will be provided. In other words, you will be the honored guest of the United States Government.

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33 It is the earnest endeavor of this office to discover the wishes of each mother and widow with reference to the pilgrimage so that necessary arrangements may be made. It is hoped that you will decide to make the pilgrimage and will so state; however, if you feel you cannot accept the invitation, it is important that we know that. You can realize that in arranging all details for a trip for so many people it is necessary to have all information at once. For the reasons stated, it will be appreciated if you will complete the questionnaire enclosed herewith and return it to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

33 This letter is forwarded in a final effort to obtain your wishes, inasmuch as previous letters relative to the pilgrimage have remained unanswered.

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-M

Austin, James M. Pvt 1 cl (QA) M

December 18, 1931.

Mrs. Nellie Austin,
245 West 16th St.,
Erie, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

QM 295 A-M
Austin, James M. Pvt 1 cl (OA) W

December 18, 1931.

Mrs. Ruby F. Austin,
Winboro, Penna.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries of Europe for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces. The purpose of the Act is an endeavor to bring a measure of peace and comfort to the hearts of the mothers and widows whose loved ones made the supreme sacrifice, and it appears from communications from women who have made the journey that this effort has not been in vain.

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This letter is forwarded in a final effort to obtain your wishes, inasmuch as previous letters relative to the pilgrimages for 1931 and 1932 have remained unanswered.

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-M

Austin, James M. Pvt 1 cl (QA) W

December 19, 1931.

Mrs. Ruby F. Austin,
Edinboro, Penna.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

October 2, 1931

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Austin, James M. O-A M-

Mrs. Ruby P. Austin,
Edinboro, Penna.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Austin, James M. (Q-A) W

September 28, 1931ed

Mrs. Ruby F. Austin,
Edinboro, Pa.

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Austin, James M. (O-A) M

September 28, 1931

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Mrs. Fella Austin,
245 West 16th St.,
Erie, Pa.

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A. D. HUGHES,
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Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Austin, James M. PFC (O-A) W*

July 22, 1931.

Mrs. Ruby F. Austin,
Edinboro, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Austin, James M. Pvt. 1 cl (O-A) M-

July 9, 1931.

Mrs. Nella Austin,
245 West 16th St.,
Erie, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? _____
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QM 293 A-M

Austin, James M. (O-A) W

May 29, 1931

Mrs. Ruby F. Austin,
Edinboro,
Pa.

Dear Madam:

The invitation which was extended you to
make a pilgrimage to Europe sailing from New York on
the GEORGE WASHINGTON on July 29, 1931 has been withdrawn
due to the fact that no acceptance has been received from
you.

If you desire to make the pilgrimage at a
later date, it is requested that you communicate your
wishes to this office.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Washington, D. C., May 15, 1931

MRS. RUBY F. AUSTIN,
EDINBORO,
PA.

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QM 293 A-M Austin, James M. (E-A) W

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Austin, James M. (O-A)

April 6, 1931

Mrs. Ruby F. Austin
Edinboro, Pennsylvania

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "George Washington" on July 29, 1931.

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

In the event no reply is received from you before May 12, 1931, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. H. 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

Austin, James M. Pvt. 1cl. 608-M

April 3, 1931.

Mrs. Nella Austin,
245 W. 16th St.,
Erie, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?

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

3. Please give your age and state your
health.

4. Do you speak English?

5. What other language do you speak?

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-M
Austin, James M. Pvt 1 Cl 608 M

October 9, 1930

Mrs. Nella Austin
245 West 16th Street
Erie, Pennsylvania

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	
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For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

August 12, 1930.

Austin, James M. 608 W PFC

Mrs. Ruby F. Austin,
Edinboro, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	
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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Austin, James M. 608-W

June 24, 1930.

Mrs. Ruby F. Austin,
Edinboro, Pa.,

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

Austin, James M. 608 M

June 5, 1930

Mrs. Nellie Austin
245 West 16th Street
Erie, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

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MRS RUBY F AUSTIN
EDINBORO PENNSYLVANIA

June 2, 1930, Washington, D. C.

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WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Austin, James M. 808-W

May 12, 1930

Mrs. Ruby F. Austin,
Edinboro,
Pa.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "America" on July 30, 1930.

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

In the event no reply is received from you before June 7, 1930, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 295 A-C

Austin, James M.

608 W

April 12, 1930

Mrs. Ruby F. Austin,
Edinboro, Pa.
Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Austin, James M. 608 M

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Nella Austin,
245 W. 16th St.,
Erie, Penn.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Austin, James H. 608 W

October 7, 1929.

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For The Quartermaster General,

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Austin, James M.
608

Aug. 27, 1929.

Mr. James F. Austin,
245 W. 16th St.,
Erie, Pa.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated ~~June 20, 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,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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3. If survived by a widow or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Austin, James H.

June 20 1929.

Mr. James F. Austin,
246 W. 16th Street,
Erie, Pa.

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 ~~Private~~ **First Class James H. Austin, Co. G, 112th Inf. whose remains** ~~are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles,~~ **Alain, France,**

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO Encls. James M.
QM 2907A-6

June 20, 1929.

Mrs. Ruby F. Anstis,
Edinboro, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the widow of the late Private James M. Anstis, Co. 4, 12th Inf. whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Norles, Aisne, France.

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

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relationship is that of a stepmother, mother through adoption or a woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. In case you have remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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J. M. S. M. & R. DIV.

QM 293 A-C

Austin, James, M. Pvt. 1st cl.

May 12, 1925.



Mrs. Ruby F. Austin,
Edinboro,
Pa.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that receipt be acknowledged of your letter of May 8th, 1925, requesting information as to the reason why the remains of your husband, the late Private, 1st class, James M. Austin, Company G, 112th Infantry, were not returned to this country in accordance with your requests filed.

Your attention is invited to the inclosed copy of letter dated May 22nd, 1923, addressed to you, advising of the identification of the remains of your husband, and requesting that you submit your final wishes as to the disposition of his body.

The records of this office do not show that a reply was received to this communication. Therefore, it was assumed that it was your desire that the body remain permanently buried in France. After a reasonable length of time having elapsed since inquiry was sent to you, instructions were then forwarded to the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C., in Europe, on October 3rd, 1923, to bury the remains of Private, 1st class, Austin, in the permanent Oise-Aisne American Cemetery.

In this cemetery repose the bodies of thousands of the soldier's comrades, and you may be assured that should you now consent to leave his remains undisturbed in their present resting place, the grave will be properly and tenderly cared for by this Government, for all time.

Very truly yours,

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

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1 incl.

c/let. May 22/23.

Edinboro, Pa, May 8, 1925.
Office of the Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: -

Some time ago I rec'd
notice stating that the body of
James M. Austin, Private, First Class,
Co. G, 112th Inf. had been located and
had been removed to grave 36 Row 3
Block C in the Dixie American Cemetery,
located at Seringes-et-
Texles, Aisne, France. I have made
several requests to have his body
returned to U. S. A. but have been
advised each time that no record
could be found relating to this
soldier. Will you kindly advise me
why his body was not shipped
home when located instead of
locating in a permanent cemetery.
Also advise what procedure must
be followed to have the body sent
home now.

Any information will be

greatly appreciated

Very sincerely

Ruby F. Austin (Mrs.)
Edinboro, Pa.

QM 293 A-C

AUSTIN, James M. - Pvt.1/c

January 23, 1925

Mrs. Ruby F. Austin,
Edinboro,
Pa.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires to invite your attention to the inclosed card which gives the permanent cemetery location of the soldier's grave in which you are interested.

This American military cemetery is one of those to be maintained by the United States for all time in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of dignified design, with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. 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.

Please be assured that in effecting removal of the dead, the utmost reverential care was exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed this sacred duty. For the future, these graves will be perpetually maintained by the Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

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

1-Incl.
Record card.

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QM 293 A-C

AUSTIN, James M. - Pvt.1/c

January 23, 1925

Mr. James F. Austin,
245 West 16th St.,
Erie, Pa.

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

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Record card.

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To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE **Jan 28, 1922**

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

ml 1. Name *Austin, James M* ~~UNKNOWN U-1016~~ 10. Name _____
 2. No. *1248222* 11. No. _____
 3. Rank *Put 1st* 12. Rank _____
 4. Org. *Co G 112th Inf.* 13. Org. _____
 5. D.D. *8/9/18* 14. (a) D.D. _____
 6. C.D. *K/A* (b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. **169** Sec. **N** 15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
 8. Plot **4** Row _____ 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 9. _____ 17. **No discp**
 18. Cemetery **Amer.** 19. Commune or town **FISMES**
 20. Dept. or County **Marne** 21. Country **France**
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. **#617**
 23. Disinterred (Date) **1-28-22** By **E.J. Frank**
 24. Inscription on grave marker:
 Name **Unknown US Soldier** Serial No. **U-1016**
 Rank **- - -** Organization **- - -**
 25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? **No** On body? **No**

Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

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

Reburial bottle record checked

27. Condition of body **Badly decomposed features unrecognizable**
 28. Nature of burial **Wooden box and burlap**
 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 **1-28-22** By **E.J. Frank**
 31. Casket sealed by **E.J. Frank**

AUDITED BY

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

*8013**6/3/24*

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **C-23671**

32. Designation of body:

Name **UNKNOWN U-1016**

Serial No.

Rank

Organization

Co G 112th Inf

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **Oise-Aisne, Amer #608, SERINGES-et-NESLEWS(aisne)**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **1-28-22**

By

E.J. Frank

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. O'Leary, 1st Lt. U.S.M.C.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date)

To point of Concentration

(Name)

Convoyer

Signature Shipping Officer

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery **Oise Aisne, Am. Cty 608 Seringes et Nesles, Aisne**

(Name)

Convoyer

Signature Shipping Officer

R. O'Leary, 1st Lt. U.S.M.C.

40. Received: Date

JAN 30 1922

G.R.S. Representative

R. H. Woods

41. Reinterred **Aug. 28, 1922, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes et Nesles (Aisne)**

(Date)

42. Grave No. **36**

Section -----

43. Plot **BLOCK**

C

Row

36

G.R.S. Representative

W.D. Cleary

Lt., Chaplain, USA.

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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place FISMES (MARNE) CTY. 617Date 3.23.21

1. REMAINS OF

~~UNKNOWN U.S. SOLDIER~~ Austin, James MSERIAL NUMBER U-1016RANK Put 1stORGANIZATION CO.G. 112th INF.

2. Disinterred (date) :

3.23.21

From (give complete location) :

GR.169 PT.4 SEC.N.By : Group BOSSE'SUnit 7

3. Reburied (date) :

3.23.21

In (give complete location) :

GR.169 PT.4 SEC.N.By : Group BOSSE'SUnit 7

Nature of reburial

BURLAP
PINE BOX

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

U.S. UNIFORM AND WRAPPED IN BURLAP.DECOMPOSED. FEATURES UNRECOGNIZABLE.5. (a) Identification tags : Buried with body ? NO On grave marker ? NO

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

NONE

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) IMP TO DETER(b) Weight (estimated) DO(c) Hair—Color NONEQuantity DOCharacteristics DO(d) Hair on face—Color DOLocation DOQuantity DO(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) IMP TO DETER(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) MISS. a.d.FRACTURE OF LEFT ARM BELOW SHOULDER.RIGHT LEG MISSING BELOW KNEE.

7. Disinterment supervised by

H.S. HARPOLE, 2nd LT. MC.

Approved :

M.B. BIRDSEYE, 1st LT. MC.

(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by

H.S. HARPOLE, 2nd LT. MC.

Approved :

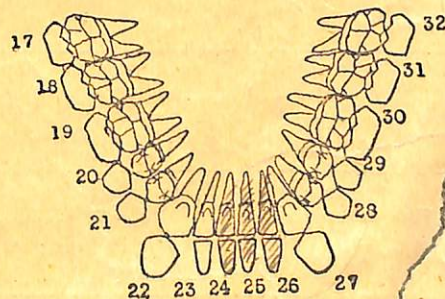
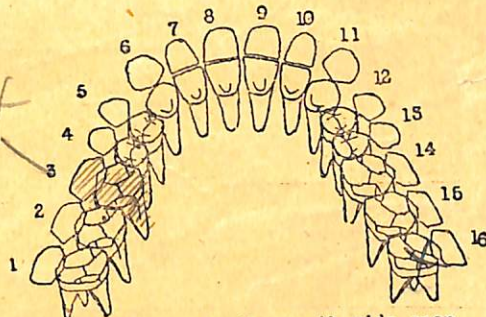
M.B. BIRDSEYE, 1st LT. MC.

(Title)

W.D.W.
B.F.S.

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

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



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



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



CARIES (CAVITIES).....Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :



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

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

Place Pismas (Marne)

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Jan 28-211. REMAINS OF UNKNOWN U-1016 SERIAL NUMBER 124 8222RANK Put 1st ORGANIZATION Co. G, 112th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): From (give complete location):

Jan 28-21 Grave 169, Sec N, Plot 4, Cem 617.By: Group 2 Unit F. S. 7.3. Reburied (date): Aug. 28, 1922 In (give complete location): Gr. 36, Block C,Row 36, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes et Hesler (Aisne)By: Group re-burial group Unit --- Nature of reburial Lined casket

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

Wooden box, burlap. Badly decomposed features not recognizable.5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? No On grave marker? No

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

Reburial bottle record checks.

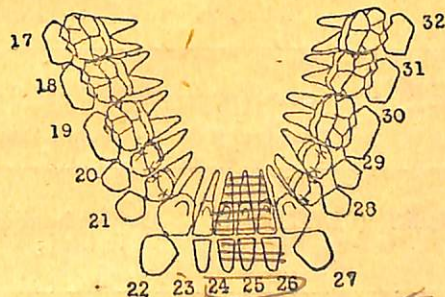
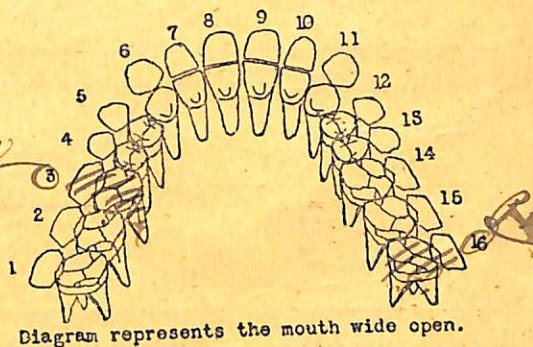
6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items?

(a) Height (actual measurement) Indecernable due to(b) Weight (estimated) decomposition(c) Hair—Color None visibleQuantity None visibleCharacteristics None visible(d) Hair on face—Color None visibleLocation None visibleQuantity None visible

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

missing parts) None visible

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

Left humerus and tibia fractured.7. Disinterment supervised by E. J. FrankE. J. FrankApproved: R. F. O'Leary, 1st Lt., MC
(Title)8. Reburial supervised by L. D. HaysL. D. HaysApproved: W. D. Cleary
(Title) Lt. Chaplain, USA.

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QM 293 C-R

Austin, Jas. M.

Oct. 3, 1923.

SUBJECT: Identification & disposition.

TO: Chief, AGRS, QMC., in Europe,
20, rue Molitor, Paris, (16eme), France.

1. You are advised the records of this office have been adjusted to show the following:

Unknown U. S. Soldier U-1016, in Grave 169, Section N, Plot 4, Battle Area Cemetery, Fismes, Marne, France, Cty. 617, has been identified as Private, 1st class, James M. Austin, 1248232, Co. G, 112th Infantry, (Remain case).

Private Wilmar J. Larson, 3757924, Co. G, 312th Infantry, identified in Grave 80, Section 13, Plot 2, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, concentrated into Grave 10, Row 41, Block H, same cemetery. (Reference letter from your office dated Feb. 18th, 1921, subject: correct identification, of William J. Mason, in Grave 80, Section 13, Plot 2, Cty. 1232).

Private Hugo W. C. Meyer, 1488093, Company I, 141st Infantry, identified in Grave 100, Section W, Plot 3, Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, under the cross of Private William M. Myers, 110376, Co. B, 103rd M. G. Bn., whose grave location is now under investigation. (Reference 2nd Ind., your office, dated Dec. 12, 1922, 293.9 Disp. Cty. 1764.)

Private, 1st class, Zygmunt Baranski, 105333, Co. A, 1st Brig. M. G. Bn., identified in Gr. 80, Plot B, Cty. 176, concentrated into Grave 10, Row 34, Block C, Cty. 636.

2. The bodies of Private Larson, Private Meyer and Private, 1st class, Zygmunt Baranski, are to remain buried in France.

3. With reference to your letter dated Feb. 18th, 1921, referred to above, concerning identification of William J. Mason, you are advised that The Adjutant General of the Army, cannot identify this soldier among the A.E.F. dead.

4. It is requested that Forms 15-A for exhumation from Cemetery de Mionandre, Commune de Suippes, Marne, reburied into Cemetery 1764, be furnished;

Section V, Graves 100; 101; 102; 103; 104; 105; 106; 107; 108, and Grave 109 from French Mil. Cty. Suippes, Marne.

By order of the Quartermaster General:

H. H. CHAL,
Assistant.

Noted by
Date 10/2/23 PD.

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September 25, 1923.

MEMO TO MISS NICHOLSON:

In accordance with instructions from Mr. E. E. Davis today, there is to be no further follow-up on the attached case, owing to the fact that considerable time has elapsed without reply from the next of kin.

Notification is to be sent Europe of the identification, stating that the body is to remain. If a reply is received from relatives later requesting that the body be returned, disposition advice can at that time be changed.

Suggest that the letter now in use advising the next of kin of identification and requesting disposition be re-worded so as to positively require a reply and that suspensions be made long enough to give ample time for reply, not less than 60 days.

CS-SWS

QM 393 C-1

Austin, James M. Pvt. 1st cl.

May 22, 1923.

Mrs. Ruby F. Austin,
Edinboro,
Pa.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be advised that the investigation which has been conducted with a view to locating the grave containing the remains of your late husband, Private 1st class James M. Austin, Company G, 112th Infantry, has been successfully concluded - the remains having been identified in Grave 169, Section N, Plot 4, Battle Area Cemetery, Fismes, Department of Marne, France.

There is on file a request made by you to the effect that you desired the remains of this soldier returned to this country for private interment. As some time has elapsed since you made the request, this letter is to inquire as to whether it is still your wish that this action be taken. Should it still be your desire that the remains be returned, this office will be unable to state definitely at this time as to when the particular case of your husband will be reached, as the Army Transport Service between this country and Europe has been discontinued and shipments will now have to be made by commercial or naval vessels at such times as can be arranged for.

In the event it is not now your wish that the return of the remains be effected, they will be buried in one of the permanent American Cemeteries in Europe, where you are assured perpetual care of the grave by this Government.

While it is not the policy of the Department to attempt to influence relatives in their decision, it is always gratified to receive their consent to leaving the graves of their soldier dead in its care. We are thereby enabled to fittingly honor our comrades who gave their lives for the Nation, and this solemn duty will continue to be performed so long as this Government endures. If agreeable to you, the Department will be glad to receive your permission for final burial among the comrades with whom this late soldier served and where his grave will be tenderly cared for by a grateful Nation.

Kindly advise this office as soon as possible with reference to your final wishes; using the inclosed envelope, which requires no postage, for your reply.

Very truly yours,

1 incl.
LN envelope,

H. J. CONYER,
Assistant.

MAY 22 1923
C. E. B.

Date May 24/19REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name ~~Unknown~~Austin James MontgomeryNumber: ~~None~~ 1248222Rank: ~~Pvt 1st Class~~Organization: Co.G. 112th. Inf.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

1

Unit

304

Disinterred (Date)

May 24/19

From: (Give complete location)

From

Grave #1 Sketch #247-Forsberg. Comm Fismes-C-72. north of town
of Fismes near border of comm
Blangy-le-Fismes-C-105 Aisne.34NW E204.95 N288.70Reburied (Date) May 24/19

in:

(Give complete location)

Grave # 169 Section N. Cemetery #18 Fismes (Marne)Map #34 Reims. SW. 286.25N-205.75E(617)

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

Buried 4 feet deep---Badly decomposed.Was one identification tag found upon the body? No tags.

What other means of identification were found upon the body?

Co.G. 112th. Inf. on collar ornament found on body.

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon the bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct, as is required by G.O. 170, G.H.2, 1918., whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Sgt. C.F. Pitt1st. Lt. Oscar W. Forsberg.C.O. Group 1

Unit

304

7/21/24

5/18/23

Memo for I & C

Letter

1. ~~telegraph~~ next of kin re identification
and determine disposition
2. If body to be returned, CABLE Europe for
return, if remain, send letter

U 1016 gr 169 Sec N plot 4 Cty 617 identified as
James Montgomery Austin, Pvt 1/c Co. G 112 Inf

Scott

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

FILE #12192

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name AUSTIN, James M Ser. No. 1248222
 (b) Rank Pvt. 1/cl Organization 112th Infantry Co. G. } TYP. GR
 (c) Date of death 8-9-18 (d) Cause of death K/A } CKR. M.J.D.

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

(a) Grave No. 169 Row -- Plot 4 Sec. N TYP. GR
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs Ruby F. Austin (Wife) Edinboro, Pa.

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

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt -----

(a) Name Mrs Ruby F. Austin (b) Relationship Wife
 (c) Address Edinboro, Pa.
 (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. To above address.

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

Examiner's Initials ----- Date -----, 192

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

-----, dated -----

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

Examiner's Initials ----- Date -----, 192

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

Letter, from Hon. Milton H. Shreve
House of Representatives, dated April 6, 1922 asks for
information as to return of the body.

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? -----

Examiner's Initials M.J.D. Date 5-21, 1923

COUNTRY

FRANCE

CEMETERY No.

617

SHEET No.

1684

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TYP. GR

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(a) Grave No. 169 Row -- Plot 4 Sec. N TYP. GR

(b) Emerg. Address Mrs Ruby F. Austin (Wife) Edinboro, Pa.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases ----- CKR. _____

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt Wife

(a) Name Mrs Ruby F. Austin (b) Relationship Mother

(c) Address Edinboro, Pa.

(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. To above address.

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

Examiner's Initials _____ Date _____, 192

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

_____, dated _____

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

Examiner's Initials _____ Date _____, 192

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

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? _____

Examiner's Initials _____ Date _____, 192

COUNTRY

FRANCE

CEMETERY No.

617

SHEET No.

CASE OF James Montgomery Austin 1248222 G 112 Inf Pvt. 1/c

GRAVE 169 Sec N plot 4 Cty 617 Unknown 1016

DECISION That body is that of Austin

DENTAL CHART

Date of Enlistment		Report on Disinterment			
A.G.O.		Emergency Address			Miss A.D.
Missing	Dental Work	Dental Work	Missing B.D.	Dental Work	
U.R.					
3 5			3		
U.L.			16 partly erupted		
L.R.					24
L.L.					25 26

Above discrepancies can be accounted for as follows;

BODY DESCRIPTION

A.G.O. Report	E/A Report	Report on Disinterment
Height 5 8 1/2		
Weight 160	none	none
Hair dark		
Fractures		

IDENTIFICATION TAGS

Found on Body

Found on Cross

none

OTHER IDENTIFYING MARKS

Found on Body

none collar ornament G 112th Inf

ORIGINAL BURIAL DATA

Body in this Grave concentrated from original burial
This man reported buried originally Commune of Times, 34 NW 8-20345 N-287.25-
Organizations of other men buried around original location

2000

Investigator
T. C. Scott

Concur:

J. W. Lech

APPROVED:

Collar ornament Co. G. 112th Inf found on body. This is the only man in the organization that does not have a confirmed grave.

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

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

Date

5/18/23

File No. 12192 Registration.

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, Graves Registration Service.
To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.
Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

a. Surname *Austin*

f. Date of death

8/9/18

b. Christian name *James Montgomery*

g. Cause of death

M. G. Bullock

c. Serial Number *148222*

h. Authority (C.O.#)

d. Organization *G. 1/2*

i. Emergency address

e. Rank

j. Relationship

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

a. Age of enlistment

b. Color of eyes

c. Color of hair

d. Height

e. Weight

f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

DENTAL CHARTS

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

a. Strike out teeth missing

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
upper right upper left

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
lower right lower left

W. 9/7/18 - 2 8 6 "Value 6 7 1/2"
1 Fracture 205.45 287.25
Lambert

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

CEMETERY NO:

BY:

SHEET NO:

Charles J. Wynne,
Captain, Q.M.C., U.S.A.

TYPED BY:

S/3310/LML

Place Fismes (Marne)

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Jan 28-21

1. REMAINS OF ~~UNKNOWN U-1016~~ Austin, James Montgomery SERIAL NUMBER 12418222
 RANK Pvt 1/c ORGANIZATION Co.G, 112th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : Jan 28-21 From (give complete location) : Grave 169, Sec II, Plot 4, Cem 617.

By : Group 2 Unit P. S. 7.

3. Reburied (date) : _____ In (give complete location) : _____

By : Group _____ Unit _____ Nature of reburial _____

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

Wooden box, burlap. Badly decomposed features not recognizable

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

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

Reburial bottle record checks.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Indecernable due to

(b) Weight (estimated) decomposition

(c) Hair—Color None visible

Quantity None visible

Characteristics None visible

(d) Hair on face—Color None visible

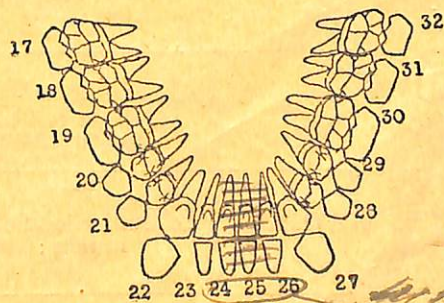
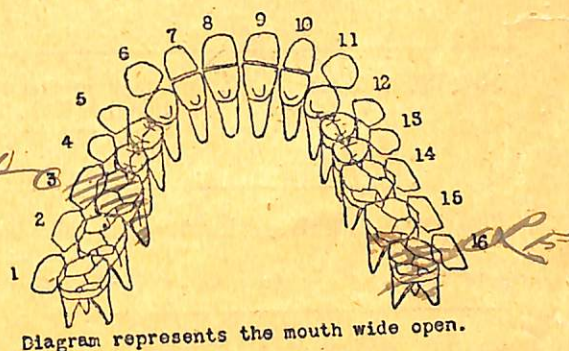
Location None visible

Quantity None visible

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) None visible

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

Left humerus and tibia fractured.



7. Disinterment supervised by E. J. Frank

Approved : R. F. O'Leary, 1st Lt., MC
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by _____

Approved : _____
(Title)

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

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

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

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



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



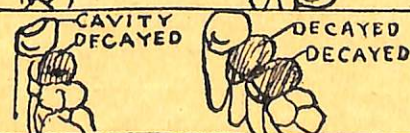
BRIDGE WORK.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :



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



CARIES (CAVITIES).....Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :



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

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

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

File

12192

Austin, 124822, J. M.

Pvt. Co. C. 112th, Inf.

Date of Death:

File No:

Date Buried:

9-7-18

Cemetery:

Grave No:

Sect:

Commune (No. 72..) Fismes.

Dept:

Marne

Map:

34NW

"Reims"

Coordinates:

E205.45,

N287.25

Remarks:

Sketch No:

NP

CROSS

HD BD

BTTL

Ident. Tag on Gr. Mkr:

b.w.b.

Authority:

12 SEP 1918

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7. IDENTIFICATION TAGS. - Mention of square tags and that they be worn habitually. (G.O. 30, G.H.Q.A.E.F., 1918.)

IDENTIFICATION TAGS, DISPOSITION OF. - In case of death one tag is to be buried with remains. The duplicate is to be securely fastened to the name peg or stake used as temporary marker. (G.O. 30, G.H.Q.A.E.F., 1918.)

8. G.R.S. ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL. - "Needs in personnel can be secured by using convalescent and disabled soldiers for this work." (Cable C-in-C, Dec. 30, 1917.)

Communal List No. 72-1500
Daily Report No. 72-1500

FILE

April 6, 1922.

Hon. Milton W. Shreve,
House of Representatives.

My dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of April 3rd, you are advised that the files of this office contain only a record of the so-called unconfirmed grave location of the late Private First-class James M. Austin, Company "G", 112th Infantry; that is, the grave location reported by the officer who had charge of the burial, but when searching parties of the Graves Registration Service tried to locate the body, it could not be found in the location reported. Investigation in this case will be continued so long as any hope of identifying the remains can be entertained, and should the confirmed grave location be registered in this office, instructions will be issued that the request of the widow for the return of the remains be observed.

Very truly yours,

H. L. ROGERS,
Quartermaster General.

Chief, GRS.

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Office of the Quarter Master General
Cemeterial Division,
Washington, D.C

In re: Austin, James M.
Pvt. 1/c 112th Inf.
28th Div. Co. G.

Dear Sir:-

The widow and parents of the above named late soldier have requested the return of his body from Fismette, France.

News of the last shipment of these bodies did not give any information concerning the body of Mr. Austin, and if you can tell me anything about it, I will appreciate it very much.

Very truly yours,

Milton W. Shreve
Milton W. Shreve

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CEMETERIAL DIV.
O. O. M. G.

Austin, James M.

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File No.

March 3rd. 1922.

FROM: Chief.
TO: The Quartermaster General, Munitions Building,
WASHINGTON, D. C.
SUBJECT: Identification.

1. Attached herewith are G.R.S. Forms #16-A. covering disinterment of UNKNOWN U.S. Soldier U-948, Grave #125, Sect. F. Plot #3, Cemetery #617, FISMES, (Marne) and UNKNOWN U.S. Soldier U-1016, Grave #169, Sect. N. Plot #4, Cemetery #617, FISMES, (Marne). The remains of above mentioned soldiers are now in the Morgue at Oise-Aisne American Cemetery #608, SERINGES-et-NESLES, (Aisne) awaiting permanent reburial.

2. The records of this Office show above mentioned UNKNOWNs to have been members of Company G. 112th. Infantry, and the following members of Company G. 112th. Infantry to be Unlocated :

110367 SIMPSON, #1248272, William M. Pvt.1/cl. Co.G. 112th. Inf.
AUSTIN, #1248222, James M. Pvt.1/cl. Co.G. 112th. Inf.

3. It is suggested that a comparison of original place of burial of above mentioned UNKNOWNs with reported places of burial of above mentioned soldiers and a comparison of Tooth Chart on Form #16-A. attached for UNKNOWN U-1016 with Tooth Charts for above mentioned soldiers may establish the identity of these UNKNOWNs.

R. P. HARBOLD.

H. F. RETHERS,
Colonel, Q.M.C.

HW/ym.

2 Incls.



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O P I N I O N

3/25/22 1001*

CASE OF Austin, James M. #1248222 Pvt 1/c Co G, 112th Inf.

GRAVE 125 Sec, F, Plot 3, City 617

DECISION Insufficient evidence to identify as Austin

DENTAL CHART

Date of Enlistment		Report on Disinterment			
A.G.O.		Emergency Address			
Missing	Dental Work	Dental Work	Missing B.D.	Dental Work	Miss A.D.
U.R.					
# 4 & 6				Head missing	
U.L.					
L.R.					
L.L.					

Above discrepancies can be accounted for as follows:

BODY DESCRIPTION

A.G.O. Report	E/A Report	Report on Disinterment
Height 5ft 9 1/2 in		Impossible to determine due to decomposition
Weight 160lbs		" " "
Hair Brown		" " "
Fractures None		None

IDENTIFICATION TAGS

No Found on Body

No

Found on Cross

OTHER IDENTIFYING MARKS

Found on Body

Collar ornaments: Co G, 112th Inf.

ORIGINAL BURIAL DATA

Body in this Grave concentrated from

This man reported buried originally

Organizations of other men buried around original location

Do not identify at this time.

R.L. Edwards

Investigator

Concur:

APPROVED

OVER

Charles W. Hughes
Hold for elimination 4/6/22

WAR DEPARTMENT
FIRST DISTRICT OFFICE, CONSTRUCTION SERVICE
QUARTERMASTER CORPS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

No.

From:

To:

Subject:

B.D & D.C of Austin was also checked with 16-A on grave #169,
Sec. N, Plot 4, Cty. 617 but no identification could be made.

OK
OH 4/6/22

R.L. Edwards

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A

Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 3/21/22

File No. 12192

Registration.

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

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

✓ a. Surname Austin, ✓ f. Date of death 8/9/18
✓ b. Christian name James M. ✓ g. Cause of death k/a ✓
✓ c. Serial Number 1248222 ✓ h. Authority (C.O.#) 236 ✓
✓ d. Organization Co G. 112th Inf., ✓ i. Emergency address Mrs. Ruby Simpson
Elmhurst, Pa. *This & a. not shown.*
✓ e. Rank Pvt. 1/c ✓ j. Relationship Wife
James F. Austin (father)
245 W. 16 St., Erie, Pa.

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

✓ a. Age of enlistment 23 yrs. & 3 mos.
✓ b. Color of eyes Brown
✓ c. Color of hair Dark
✓ d. Height 5 ft. 8 1/2 in.
✓ e. Weight 160 lbs.

✓ f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

2 moles L. breast, 1 mole on back.
Scar lower left leg.

DENTAL CHARTS

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

a. Strike out teeth missing

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
upper right | upper left

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
lower right | lower left

Donnelly, Dms., 3/23/22,
P.D., Wg. 8.

EDWARDS

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

CEMETERY NO:

BY:

H. J. Conner
H. J. CONNER,
1st. Lieut. Q.M.C.

SHEET NO:
TYPED BY:

REC'D ARCHIVES BR.

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FILE

May 24, 1921.

293.9 Com. #12192 (Austin, James M., Private 1st Class)

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

Colonel George C. Rickards, General Staff, Room 358,
State, War and Navy Building.

Case of Private 1st Class James M. Austin.

1. In reply to your letter of May 15, 1921, you are advised that the records of this office show only the unconfirmed grave location of the late Private 1st Class James M. Austin, Company G, 112th Infantry. By unconfirmed is meant that the grave location originally reported by those familiar with the burial has not been confirmed by the Graves Registration Service.

2. This case is now being investigated by this office and if, after a thorough search of the records, maps and sketches in this office the grave of this soldier is still unlocated, the Chief of Operations in Europe will be instructed to make further physical search of the area in which this soldier was reported to be buried.

3. It is therefore evident that this investigation must be conducted in a painstaking manner and that some time may yet elapse before definite information can be given in this case. You are assured, however, that everything humanly possible will be done in order that the grave location in question may be determined.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

MAILED

MAY 26 1921

G.R.S.

ssg

CHARLES J. WYNN,
Captain, Q. M. G.

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May 24, 1921.

FILE

293.8 Cem. #12192 (Austin, James M., Private 1st Class)

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

Mr. James F. Lavery, Lavery, Pennsylvania.

Case of Private 1st Class James M. Austin.

1. In reply to your letter of May 12, 1921, relative to the unconfirmed grave location of the late Private 1st Class James M. Austin, Company G, 112th Infantry, you are advised that the records of this office contain a report signed by Stanley M. Cleveland, Chaplain, 307th Infantry, which states that the body of Private 1st Class Austin was buried, along with the remains of several other members of his organization, by the 1st Pioneer Infantry, which organization located these bodies in Fismette and buried them at the left side of the bridge between Fismes, Department of the Marne and Fismette.

2. As stated in letter from this office to you under date of April 29, 1921, you are assured that everything humanly possible will be done toward locating the grave of this soldier.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

MAILED
MAY 25 1921

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CHARLES J. WYNN,
Captain, Q. M. C.

Wynn
JTC

~~FORWARD TO O SP~~

WAR DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF.

Col. Connor:

Have you given me any
information as to the disposition
of the body of

Priv. 1st Class James M. Austin

Co. B, 112d Inf. 25th Div.

Killed at Shivers, Aug. 8, 1918.

Gen. O. Rientander
Colonel U. S.

Room 358 S. W. 2d Bldg.

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File Number 12192

TO: REGISTRATION BRANCH, G. R. S.

Date May 18, 1921.

FROM: INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME: AUSTIN, James M

Serial Number

RANK: Pvt. 1/c

ORGANIZATION:

No.	QUESTION	REPLY
		No. #1248222, Co. G, 112th Inf.
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with records?	
2.	Date of death.	2. 8-9-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	3. Killed in action.
4.	Number of casualty cablegram.	4. 236
5.	Date buried.	5. 9-7-18
6.	Grave location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of cemetery or commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	6. C-72, Fismes Marne. Memo.
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G. R. S.?	
9.	Report as to grave marker.	9. No record.
10.	Identification tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	10. No record.
11.	Complete emergency address?	11. Mrs. Ruby F. Austin, (Wife) Edinboro, Pa.
12.	Has been notified? (Give date.)	12. 8-29-18 and 2-5-19
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record.)	14. No record.
14.	What is the photograph number?	15. James F. Leher, Levery, Pa.
15.	Inquiry made by.	
N. B.—All proper names to be typewritten, or printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.		RELEASED BY INFORMATION CONTROL DEPARTMENT.
		Confirmed.
		Unconfirmed.

To be returned for further investigation

Sammy Pa
May 12 - 1921.

File No - 293.8 Am #12192

Received, Cemeterial Div., U. S. M. G.
File # 293-8
#12192

Cemeterial Division,

War Dept

Washington, D. C.

Replying to your letter April 29,
please let me know the un-
confirmed grave location of
priv 1st James M. Austin, as
shown by the records of
your office. I am inquiring
on behalf of his widow. My
information, from his cap-
tain, is that he and sixteen
others were buried on the river
bottom below the stone bridge,
in Frisquette. With the in-
formation you can furnish
me, I hope to locate persons
who have been at his

grave,

Respectfully
James F. Gavery



Austin J. M.
Co. G. 112th Inf.

"B" Series Report # 152
Made by Stanley M. Cleveland.
Chaplain. 307 Inf.

State buried ~~by~~ by 1st Pioneer Inf.
when cleaning up streets of
Fismette. Buried left side bridge
between Fismes & Fismette.

J.T.G.

File # 12192.
co G. 112th Infantry
28th Division

Austin, James M. pvt I/c I248222
Home; Edinboro, Pa.

Killed on bridge between Fismes and Fismette, aug.9/1918. Death practically instantaneous. When hit, turned to Lt Joseph Landry and said " Joe, they got me". Buried at Fismette.

Informant: Schmelzer, Edward Capt. Co G. 112th Inf.
Home: Erie, Penna.

Emergency address:
Ruby F. Austin (wife)
Edinboro, Pa.

Searcher; Ben E. Turner,
2nd Lt, 112th Inf.

April 29, 1921.

293.8 Cem. #12192 (Austin, James M., Pvt. 1st Cl.)

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

Mr. Jas. F. Lahery, Lavery, Pa.

FILE

Non-registration of Grave Location.

1. In reply to your letter of April 23, 1921, you are advised that the records of this office show only the unconfirmed grave location of Private 1st Class James M. Austin, Company G, 112th Infantry, that is, the grave location reported to this office by the officer in charge of the burial of this soldier, but this report has not been confirmed by the Graves Registration Service. All the bodies buried in isolated graves, the original grave location of which has been confirmed by this Service, have been concentrated into the concentration cemeteries, but there is no record in this office showing that the body of this soldier has been located at the place at which it was reported to be buried, nor is there any record of the body having been placed in a cemetery.

2. In the event that no such record can be found, a search will be made by the Field Forces of the Graves Registration Service in Europe, in the vicinity of the reported grave location to discover, if possible, the body.

3. It is therefore evident that this investigation must be conducted in a painstaking manner and that some time may yet elapse before definite information can be given in this case. This office assures you, however, as soon as the grave location of this soldier is determined, the widow will be immediately advised.

4. The request for the effects of this soldier has been referred to the Chief, Effects Bureau, Q. M. C., Room 427, Pier #3, Hoboken, N. J., for reply direct to Mrs. Ruby F. Austin.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

MAILED

APR 29 1921

G.R.S.

NR

CHARLES J. WYNNIE,
Captain, Q. M. C.

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Janey - Pa
April 23 - 1921

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APR 25 1921
G. H. S.



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Div. 1, O. O. M. G.
#12192

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

In your files, as I used to
see them when your office
was at 18 & B Sts. is the record
of the burial of soldiers killed
in action, giving:

- a - date of death.
- b - date of burial.
- c - exact location of temporary
grave.
- d - whether identification tags
were buried with him.
- e - who was burial chaplain.
- f - whether any trinkets or
other effects were found.
- g - where removal was

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made to M. S. Arnetary in
France; what was condition
of body when exhumed, whe-
ther identification tag was
on it, and what is location
of permanent grave.

I am very desirous of
obtaining the above infor-
mation for Pvt 1st class
James M Austin, Co G, 112 Inf,
K.A. Aug 9-1918, near Fismes.
Your courtesy in this matter
will be appreciated by me and
by the soldier's widow, who
has never had any word
of him since the telegram
of his death, and never got
any of his effects.

Respectfully
Jas F. Baker
(former Captain - 4 F.A.)

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AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE..

Reference-12192.

April 11th 1919.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.
TO :
SUBJECT : Pvt. Anthony Priano, Sales Commissaries 1 st Repl. Depot,
A.P.O. 727 American E.F.
Pvt. James Austin, CO G. 112th Inf. American E.F.

In reply to your letter of inquiry, with reference to the regretted death of this soldier, according to the records at these headquarters he is buried in

Commune of PISMES, Department of the MARNE.

2. The grave location has not as yet been confirmed by the field force of this Service, but the notification of burial has been made to us, as herein stated, and is officially entered.

By direction

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Lieut.-Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.

(Enclosure G.R.S.)
(10-B. .004.5)

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

MBD-jeg.

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St. Aignan, France Mar. 8, 1919

Graves Registration Service:

Dear Sirs:-

Can you furnish me the location of the graves of the following enlisted men:-

Private James Austin, of Erie, Pa. in Co. G

Dr. Dudenhoefer also of Erie, Pa.

Is there any possible way of having photos taken of these two graves to send back to the parents? Kindly advise as soon as possible and oblige,

Yours truly,

Anthony Piske

Pvt. Anthony Piske
Sales Commissaries 1st Repl. Depot
A.P.O. 727 Amer. E. F.

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G. M. Fisher
2nd Lieut. Inf. U.S. Army

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GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

Reference-12192.

May 8, 1919

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.
TO : Mrs Ruby F. Austin, Edinboro Pa.
SUBJECT: Pvt. James M. Austin, Co.G. 118th Inf. American E.F.

1. In reply to your letter of inquiry, with reference to the regretted death of this soldier, according to the records at these headquarters he is buried in Commune of FISMES, Department of MARNE.

2. The grave location has not as yet been confirmed by the field force of this Service but the notification of burial has been made to us as herein stated, and is officially entered.

By direction:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Lieut.-Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.

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Per

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

MBD-jej.

Edinboro, Pa., 3/21/19.
Chief, Graves Registration Service
Sir, -

Will you kindly send
me any information that
you may have concerning
the grave location of my
husband, Private James M.
Austin, Co. G., 112th Inf. Also
will you send a photograph.
Thanking you in advance
for your services I am,

Respectfully,

Mrs. Ruby F. Austin
Edinboro, Pa.