

OCT 5 - 1926

DATE Oct. 7, 1921

1. NAME Austin, William ASERIAL No. 1592052RANK PvtORGANIZATION Co. F. 7th Inf& DIVISION 3rd DivGRAVE LOCATION Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse) 1232 Sec. 86

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

59 - Sec. 86

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT 2

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

GRAVE

COMMUNE Nantillois, Meuse

DEPT.

COORDINATES 281.9N 310.2E Verdun 35SWCONCENTRATED TO 6-17-19

DATE

59

GRAVE

sec 86

ROW

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PLOT

Meuse Argonne

CEMETERY

1232

CTY. NUMBER

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

DATE OF DEATH Oct 3 1918.STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Mississippi

Data from Form 1.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED None

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

ef/lr

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR Wm M. CLINE

Wm M. CLINE
Captain Q.M.C.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Oct. 7, 1921

DATE

29

GRAVE

24

ROW

Block H

CEMETERY

Meuse-Argonne American Cty 1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse)

CEMETERY

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OCT 5 1926

WORLD WAR DIV.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

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

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

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

4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form I6, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.



Co E 7th Infantry.
3rd Division.

AUSTIN, William A Pvt 1592052

Pvt Austin was killed on October 3, 1918 at about 81-10 on Map BUZANCY SPECIAL. Killed by shrapnel instantly and left no statement. Buried the next day at same place and his grave marked with a wooden cross with his identification tag fastened to it.

Informant Church, William F Pvt I/c 541801
Co F 7th Infantry.
Home: v Mt Zion W Va.,

YS

Date July 1st 1919.REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name AUSTIN, William A.Number: 1592052Rank Unkn.organization: Unkn.

Unit

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

17th June 1919.Isolated grave. NANTILLOIS MEUSENE35 E 310.2 N 281.9

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

17th June 1919Grave No 59 Sec 86 Plot 2ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY #1232ROMAGNE MEUSE

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

Burial good Buried in uniform body badly decomposed

Was one identification tag found upon body?

YesThat other means of identification were found upon the body? None

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon the bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct, as is required by C.O. 170, G.H.A. 1918., after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notation thereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by Lt Howlett

dc

G.O. Group

Unit

R. H. ROSENTHAL2nd Lieut. Q.M.C.U.S.A.12049CONFIRMED No. D

George Washington

6/7/33

MA

Pvt. William A. Austin

Declines by letter 2-3-33

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

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

Mrs. Mattie Austin Kolb

(Name)

Springville, Pontotoc County, Mississippi

(Town or City)

(State)

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Austin</i>	<i>AUS</i>	3	<i>1 12 0</i>
<i>Wm. A</i>	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>29</i>	2	<i>29</i>
	ROW <i>24</i>	2	<i>24</i>
	BLOCK <i>H</i>	1	<i>5</i>
STATE	<i>Miss</i>	2	<i>28</i>
BANK	<i>Pnt</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>3</i>	2	<i>03</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>7</i>	3	<i>007</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>No</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Kolb</i>	<i>KOL</i>	3	<i>0 0 0</i>
<i>Mrs. Mattie Austin</i>	STATE <i>Miss</i>	2	<i>28</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Pontotoc</i>	2	<i>58</i>
	CITY <i>Springville</i>	3	<i>+++</i>
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Bad</i>	1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO. <i>1933</i>	1	
	YR. <i>1933</i>	1	<i>4</i>
ACCEPTANCE	<i>No</i>	1	<i>2</i>
29/514/PJ	<i>age</i>		<i>61</i>

AUDITED

JUL 8 1932

Declined Jan. 6 - 7-3

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QM 293 A-M
Austin, William A. (MA)

February 13, 1933

Mr. R. H. D. Kay,
The American Legion,
Pontotoc, Mississippi.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 6th, with enclosure, in behalf of Mrs. Mattie Austin Kolb, who was invited to sail June 7th on the WASHINGTON to visit the grave of her son, the late Private William A. Austin.

Mrs. Kolb has been communicated with under every date, and there is enclosed herewith a copy of the letter forwarded her.

Your kindness in cooperating with this office is very much appreciated.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:
Cp. of Lt.

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QM 293 A-M
Austin, William A. (MA)

February 13, 1933

Mrs. Mattie Austin Kolb,
Springville, Mississippi.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of February 3rd, addressed to Mr. R. H. DeKey, The American Legion, declining the invitation to sail June 7th on the WASHINGTON to visit the grave of your son, the late Private William A. Austin, has been referred to this office for reply.

It is deeply regretted that your health will not permit you to take advantage of this last offer of the Government to make a pilgrimage. In the event your condition improves sufficiently to enable you to sail June 7th it is requested you notify this office sixty days prior to that date, and arrangements will be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Austin, Wm. (ma)

Feb. 20 1933

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your friend
Mrs Mattie Austin Kall

M. R. HARRISON, TUPELO
VICE-COMMANDER

ARTHUR C. SHORT, JACKSON
VICE-COMMANDER

J. A. TRAVIS, MEADVILLE
VICE-COMMANDER

DEPARTMENT OF MISSISSIPPI

LYON W. BRANDON
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER
COMO



ROBERT D. MORROW
DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT
JACKSON

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DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN

FRED L. TODD, JACKSON
FINANCE OFFICER

Pontotoc, Mississippi
February 6, 1933.

War Department,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I am inclosing a letter from Mrs. Mattie Austin Kolb,
Gold Star Mother, Springville, Mississippi.

Mrs. Kolb has made application for permission to
make the pilgrimage this Summer to the grave of her son who
was killed in action in France, and has had some correspondence
with your office in regard to this trip.

It appears now, that on account of her physical con-
dition she will be unable to make this trip and wishes to with-
draw her application.

You will, therefore, take whatever steps may be necessary
to cancel her reservations.

Very truly,

RADY Key

Executive Committeeman.



PLEASE FILL IN THE INFORMATION CALLED FOR BELOW,
AND MAIL THIS LETTER PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED
ENVELOPE WHICH REQUIRES NO POSTAGE.

Austin, William A. (MA)
Kolb, Mrs. Mattie Austin
Springville, Pontotoc Co. Miss.
Washington June 7 1933.

Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In the blank space below you will find the name,
address, and relationship to me, of the person in the United
States whom I desire to be notified in case I become
seriously ill or other emergency arises while I am making
the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress
approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Quiller Cadenhead,

Name

No. 706 Moor Street, Greenville, Mississippi.

Address

Daughter

Relationship

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Mattie Austin Kolb

Your name

Springville, Mississippi.

Your address



QM 293 A-M

Austin, Wm. S. (MA)

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

October 12, 1932.

Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Austin,
16 Lawson Avenue
Union, S. C.

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

Sept. 6, 1932.

Austin, Wm. S. (MA)

Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Austin,
18 Lawson Ave.,
Union, S. C.

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,

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

Encl:
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Anstin Wm S (MA)

July 7, 1932

Mrs Sarah Elizabeth Anstin
16 Lawson Ave
Union S C

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

QM 293 A-M
Austin, William A. (MA)

July 28, 1932.

Mrs. Mattie Austin Kolb,
Springville, Miss.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 15th advising that your health has improved and that you desire to make a pilgrimage during 1933 to the grave of your son, the late Private William A. Austin.

It is indeed gratifying to know that your health is good and that you will make the trip. Please be assured that you will receive the best of care throughout the journey and that everything possible will be done for your comfort and pleasure.

You will be communicated with at a later date relative to the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Austin William A (MA)

July 7, 1932

Mrs Mattie Austin Kolb
Springville Miss

Dear Madam:

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

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



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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

2 Encls.

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

Yes
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Mattie Austin Kolb

Springville Miss
July 13 - '32

War Dept. Office L.M. General
Washington, D.C.

Dear sir:- I wish to
thank you for your
interest in me
concerning the overseas
trip. My health is
much improved
and it is my wish
to make this trip
next year. I hope
I will be able to
go.

Yours truly
Mrs Mattie Austin Kolb

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Austin, William A. MA M

December 16, 1931.

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Mrs. Mattie Austin Kolb,
Springville, Mississippi

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

Competent personnel will be provided to care for the mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York until their return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities will be arranged for and in the event you decide to make a pilgrimage, you are assured everything possible will be done for your care and welfare. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 many mothers of advanced age and in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited therefrom.

Your name is being placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make a pilgrimage in 1933. However, should you change your mind in view of the above, and desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, it is requested you advise this office in order that arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Austin, William A. M-A M

November 2, 1931

Mrs. Mattie Austin Kolb,
Springville, Mississippi

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. In your reply to the recent inquiry as to whether or not you desired to make a pilgrimage in 1932, you advised you were undecided.

In view of the fact that steamship reservations must be made several months in advance, it is essential that this office know how many mothers and widows must be arranged for. It is possible that you may have made your decision by this time. It is therefore requested that 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. In the event you state you desire to make the journey in 1932 and circumstances prevent your making the pilgrimage, it is requested you notify this office as promptly as possible.

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

No

2. Please state your age and condition
of health:

Age: 61

Health: Good

3. Do you speak English?

Yes

4. What other language do you speak?

None

Mrs Mattie Austin Kolb
Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes

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

Encl:
Env.



Springville Miss
Nov. 11 - 31

The Quartermaster General
Washington D.C.

Dear sir: I'm returning
papers herewith.

I'm sorry but I am
crippled up so with
rheumatism that I
don't believe I can
make the pilgrimage
to France.

Mrs Mattie Austin Kolb



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Austin, William A. Pvt. (MA) M*

July 20, 1931.

Mrs. Mattie Austin Kolb,
Springville, Miss.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Undecided
Write answer here

Mrs Mattie Austin Kolb

Sign here

March 13, 1931

QM 293 A-M

Austin, William A. Pvt 1232 M

Mrs. Mattie Austin Kolb,
Springville,
Mississippi.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 1, 1931, declining the invitation to sail on the President Harding July 8, 1931, to make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private William A. Austin.

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

If your health improves, it is believed you should feel no hesitancy in making the pilgrimage inasmuch as competent personnel has been provided to care for the mothers and widows making the pilgrimage from the time of their arrival in New York City until they return thereto, and the railroad companies have assured this office that their employees will give special care and attention to the mothers and widows in traveling to and from New York City. A number of mothers and widows in poor health made the journey during the past summer and appear to have benefited therefrom. In the event you decide to make the pilgrimage, it is suggested that you request your physician to furnish this office with a complete diagnosis of your condition in order that the proper attention may be arranged for you.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Decline of riding
July 8-

Austin, W. A.
1232

March the 1 1931

Quartermaster general
in regard to the pilgrimage
to the cemetery in Europe I
don't feel like I be able
to make the trip I am
in such bad health

This winter I sure would
like to see my son grave
I haven't been able to
do my work this
winter

Mrs Mattie Austin Hall
yours truly

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President Harding

7-8-31

1232 M

Austin, William A., Pvt.

I decline - letter 3-1-31
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. Mattie Austin Kolb

(Name)

Springville, Pontotoc County, Mississippi

(Town or City)

(State)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Austin, William A. - 1232 M

June 27, 1930.

**Mrs. Mattie Austin Kolb,
Springville, Mississippi.**

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:
Envelope
Act
Amendment

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, William A. 1232-M

May 27, 1930.

Mrs. Mattie Austin Kolb,
Springville, Miss.

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.

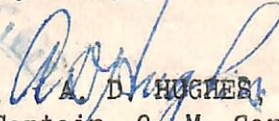
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank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

Yes
(Write answer here)

Mrs Mattie Austin Kolb
(Sign here)

QM 298 A-M
Austin, William A. 1232M

June 27, 1930.

Mrs. Mattie Austin Kolb,
Springville, Mississippi.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 16th relative to your desire to make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son the late William A. Austin, authorized by the Act of Congress, approved March 2, 1929.

Your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the journey in 1931 and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages are being arranged for that year.

In connection with your inquiry as to whether or not your daughter could go in your place, you are advised that under the provisions of the Act, pilgrimages are authorized only for mothers and widows of deceased members of the military or naval forces. Therefore, the privilege of the pilgrimage may not be transferred to your daughter.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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A. L. Hughes Esq. 2711 G.
Wash Dist Columbia

Dear Sir:

I want to visit my
sons grave in
France in 1931. But
my health is so
poor that I'm anxious
to know whether
one of my daughters
could go in my
place if I am not
unable to make the
trip.

Yours truly

Mrs. M. L. Hughes

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Austin, William A. 1232 M

Mrs. Mattie Austin Kolb,
Springville, Mississippi.

October 7, 1929.

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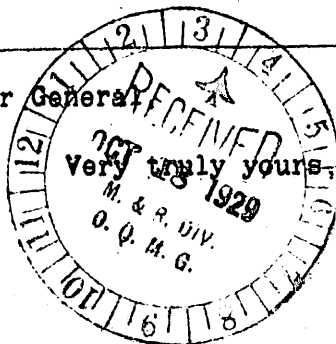
Dear Madam:

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) <u>yes</u> (No) <u>—</u>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <u>—</u> (No) <u>no</u>
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) <u>—</u> (No) <u>no</u>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <u>59</u> Health <u>good</u> (Years) (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <u>+</u> (No) <u>—</u> Other language <u>—</u> (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General



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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Austin, William A.

1232

September 3, 1929.

Mrs. Mattie Austin Kolb,
Springville, Miss.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 29, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

No

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

*Mattie Austin Kolb
Springville Miss*

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

*Yes, a mother
who wishes to go*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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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, William A.

June 29 1929.

Mrs. Mattie Austin, Kolb,
Springville, Mo.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private William A. Austin, Co. F. 7th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Envelope.

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

QM 293 A-M
Austin, William A. (MA)

February 13, 1933

Mrs. Mattie Austin Kolb,
Springville, Mississippi.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of February 3rd, addressed to Mr. R. H. DeKey, The American Legion, declining the invitation to sail June 7th on the WASHINGTON to visit the grave of your son, the late Private William A. Austin, has been referred to this office for reply.

It is deeply regretted that your health will not permit you to take advantage of this last offer of the Government to make a pilgrimage. In the event your condition improves sufficiently to enable you to sail June 7th it is requested you notify this office sixty days prior to that date, and arrangements will be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Austin, William A. (MA)

February 13, 1933

Mr. R. H. D. Kay,
The American Legion,
Pontotoc, Mississippi.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 6th, with enclosure, in behalf of Mrs. Mattie Austin Kolb, who was invited to sail June 7th on the WASHINGTON to visit the grave of her son, the late Private William A. Austin.

Mrs. Kolb has been communicated with under every date, and there is enclosed herewith a copy of the letter forwarded her.

Your kindness in cooperating with this office is very much appreciated.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Enclosure:
Cp. 33 Lt.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Austin William A (MA)

July 7, 1932

Mrs Mattie Austin Kolb
Springville Miss

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, William A. (MA)

July 28, 1932.

Mrs. Mattie Austin Kolb,
Springville, Miss.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 13th advising that your health has improved and that you desire to make a pilgrimage during 1933 to the grave of your son, the late Private William A. Austin.

It is indeed gratifying to know that your health is good and that you will make the trip. Please be assured that you will receive the best of care throughout the journey and that everything possible will be done for your comfort and pleasure.

You will be communicated with at a later date relative to the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

December 16, 1931.

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Dear Madam:

Competent personnel will be provided to care for the mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York until their return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities will be arranged for and in the event you decide to make a pilgrimage, you are assured everything possible will be done for your care and welfare. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 many mothers of advanced age and in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited therefrom.

For The Quartermaster General,

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, William A. M-A M

November 2, 1931

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Mrs. Mattie Austin Kolb,
Springville, Mississippi

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. In your reply to the recent inquiry as to whether or not you desired to make a pilgrimage in 1932, you advised you were undecided.

In view of the fact that steamship reservations must be made several months in advance, it is essential that this office know how many mothers and widows must be arranged for. It is possible that you may have made your decision by this time. It is therefore requested that 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. In the event you state you desire to make the journey in 1932 and circumstances prevent your making the pilgrimage, it is requested you notify this office as promptly as possible.

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

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM
Austin, William A. Pvt. (MA) M.

July 20, 1931.

Mrs. Mattie Austin Kolb,
Springville, Miss.

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.

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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

March 13, 1931

QM 293 A-M
Austin, William A. Pvt 1232 M

Mrs. Mattie Austin Kolb,
Springville,
Mississippi.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 1, 1931, declining the invitation to sail on the President Harding July 8, 1931, to make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private William A. Austin.

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

If your health improves, it is believed you should feel no hesitancy in making the pilgrimage inasmuch as competent personnel has been provided to care for the mothers and widows making the pilgrimage from the time of their arrival in New York City until they return thereto, and the railroad companies have assured this office that their employees will give special care and attention to the mothers and widows in traveling to and from New York City. A number of mothers and widows in poor health made the journey during the past summer and appear to have benefited therefrom. In the event you decide to make the pilgrimage, it is suggested that you request your physician to furnish this office with a complete diagnosis of your condition in order that the proper attention may be arranged for you.

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

June 27, 1930.

Austin, William A. - 1232 M

Mrs. Mattie Austin Kolb,
Springville, Mississippi.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-M
Austin, William A. 1252M

June 27, 1930.

Mrs. Mattie Austin Kolb,
Springville, Mississippi.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 16th relative to your desire to make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son the late William A. Austin, authorized by the Act of Congress, approved March 2, 1929.

Your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the journey in 1931 and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages are being arranged for that year.

In connection with your inquiry as to whether or not your daughter could go in your place, you are advised that under the provisions of the Act, pilgrimages are authorized only for mothers and widows of deceased members of the military or naval forces. Therefore, the privilege of the pilgrimage may not be transferred to your daughter.

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, William A. 1232-M

May 27, 1930.

Mrs. Mattie Austin Kolb,
Springville, Miss.

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

October 7 , 1929.

Austin, William A. 1232 M

Mrs. Mattie Austin Kolb,
Springville, Mississippi.

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, William A.

1232

September 3, 1929.

Mrs. Mattie Austin Kolb,
Springville, Miss.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated ~~June 29, 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.

Austin, William A

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

1,592,052

(Army serial number.)

Pvt

Co F 7 Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

mother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

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(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you 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:

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mattie Austin Ball

no 1

Springville

Miss

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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Drawn P.N.

1232 Sec 86-4

4-20-21

Checked
4/20/21
S.H.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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

June 29 1929.

Mrs. Mattie Austin, Kolb,
Springville, Miss.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private William A. Austin, Co. F. 7th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

September 27, 1923.

Mrs. Mattie Austin Kolb,
Springville,
Miss.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that in the try,
permanent grave of Box 24, Block H, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-
sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, 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.

You are assured in effecting removal of the remains, the utmost care and reverence were exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed this sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

H.H. CHEAL

Assistant.



COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #34765

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name AUSTIN, William A. Ser. No. 1592052
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. F, 7th Inf.
 (c) Date of death 10-3-18 (d) Cause of death K/A

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 CKR. AKS

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

(a) Grave No. 59 Row - Plot 2 Sec. 86 TYP. aeu
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Mattie Austin, Mother, Springville, Miss.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

CKR. AKS

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt

(a) Name Mattie Austin Kolb (b) Relationship Mother
 (c) Address Rt 1, Springville, Miss.
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S.

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

Examiner's Initials Pm Date 4-20-21, 1920.

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

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

Examiner's Initials Date, 1920.

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

Mother, Mrs. Mattie Austin, Springville, Miss, 5-18-20, wishes to know if expense of return of dead is taken out of the insurance,
 (a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes

Examiner's Initials Pm Date 4-20-21, 1920.

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 1232, Sec. 86 SHEET No. 4

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Oct. 6, 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name Austin, William A

10. Name _____

2. No. 1592052

11. No. _____

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank _____

4. Org. Co. F. 7th Inf

13. Org. _____

5. D.D. 10-3-18

14. (a) D.D. _____

6. C.D. KIA

(b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 59 Sec. 86

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____

8. Plot 2 Row _____

16. Plot _____ Row _____

9. _____

17. No desc.18. Cemetery Argonne American19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon20. Dept. or County Meuse

21. Country _____

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232 - Sec. 8623. Disinterred (Date) 10-6-21By W.G. Durisoe

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name William A. AustinSerial No. 1592052Rank Pvt.Organization Co. F. 7th Inf.25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes On body? YesJ. B. Foster
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).

Tag on body corroded illegible,27. Condition of body Badly decomposed features unrecognizable28. Nature of burial US Uniform, burlap and pine box.29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date 10-6-21 By W. G. Durisoe31. Casket sealed by W. G. DurisoeSignature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) W. G. Durisoe

AUDITED BY

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-3410

32. Designation of body:

Name Austin, William A. Serial No. 1592052

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. F. 7th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

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

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) 10-6-21 By W.C. Durisoe

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector

R. Richards
R. Richards, 1st Lt. QMC

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) 10-6-21

To point of Concentration Meuse Argonne Cem. #1232

(Name)

Convoyer G.F. Spann, Capt. QMC 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

(Name)

Convoyer G.F. Spann, Capt. QMC Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cem. #1232. Oct. 7, 1921.

(Date)

42. Grave No. Row 24, Block 2, Gr. 29. Section

43. Plot Row

G.R.S. Representative JAMES W. YOUNGER,

Capt., QMC.

1st.



REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIALDate Oct. 6, 1921.1. REMAINS OF AUSTIN, WILLIAM A. SERIAL NUMBER 1592052RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co., F. 7th Inf.2. Disinterred (date): Oct. 6, 1921. From (give complete location):Gr. 59 sec 86 pt 2, Meuse-Argonne Cem, #1232.By: Group Duriso Unit Sec. 1

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

Oct. 7, 1921. Meuse Argonne Cem. #1232. Row 38, Block A, Gr. 33.Unlined Casket.By: Group Reburial Sec. Unit Nature of reburial

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

In wooden box, U.S. uniform and burlap. body badly decomposed featuresunrecognizable5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? Yes

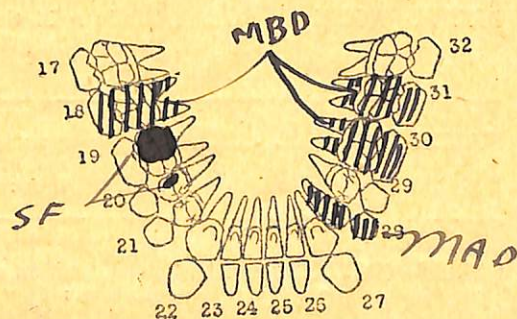
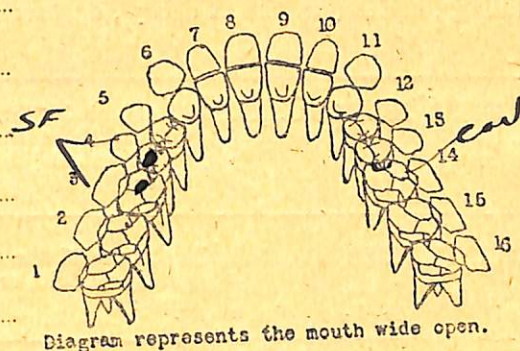
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:

Body tag destroyed by corrosion illegible.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Imp to det.(b) Weight (estimated) Imp to det.(c) Hair—Color one visibleQuantity NoneCharacteristics None(d) Hair on face—Color NoneLocation NoneQuantity None

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

missing parts) None visible

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

left scapula and femur shattered. wound on left ~~basal~~ side of skull.

7. Disinterment supervised by

W. G. Duriso S. E.Approved: Richard
Richard 1st. Lt. QMC.
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by

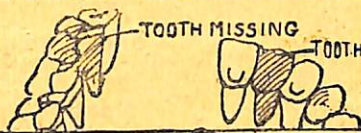




W. B. SHEILDApproved: JAMES W. YOUNGER,
Capt., QMC.
(Title)concentration
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER COMPLETION OF G. R. S. FORM NO. 16-A

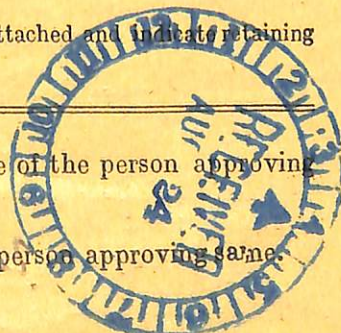
Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Question 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
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:	 TOOTH MISSING TOOTH MISSING
CROWNED TEETH Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:	 GOLD CROWN PORCELAIN CROWN
BRIDGE WORK Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus:	 GOLD AND PORCELAIN BRIDGE GOLD BRIDGE
FILLINGS Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:	 SILVER FILLING GOLD FILLING
CARIES (CAVITIES) Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:	 CAVITY DECAYED
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.



COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #34765

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name AUSTIN, William A. Ser. No. 1592052
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. F, 7th Inf. } TYP aew
 (c) Date of death 10-3-18 (d) Cause of death K/A } ack

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

(a) Grave No. 59 Row - Plot 2 Sec. 86 TYP aew
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Mattie Austin, Mother, Springville, Miss.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases 11/11/18 11/11/18 11/11/18 11/11/18 11/11/18 11/11/18 11/11/18 11/11/18 11/11/18 11/11/18 CKR. ack

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

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
 letter of transmittal on 4/29, 192 /
See 86
Per 2 Int to be returned LPO

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

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.

VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J. _____, 192

COUNTRY _____ CEMETERY No. _____ SHEET No. _____

GRAVE LOCATION FORM

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

AUSTIN, 1592052, William A.

(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials)

Pvt. Co. F 7th., Infantry

(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Montfaucon, France.

CAUSE OF DEATH: Shrapnel

DATE OF BURIAL: Oct. 3, 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL: 1 Kilometer north of

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

town of Montfaucon in an open field.

GRAVE NUMBER:

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? YES Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? YES

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: not known

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY: Capt. Co. F. 7th. Inf.

Pfc. William F. Church.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

Received
A. G. O.

11 APR. 1919

G. H. Q. A. E. S.

Communal List No.
Daily Report No.



Cemeterial

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FILE

June 28, 1920.

293.8 Cem. #24765 (Austin, William A., Pvt.)

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

Mrs. Mattie Austin, Springville, Miss.

Monument and Expense of Returning Body.

1. In reply to your letter of May 18th, you are advised that it would not be possible to have the Woodman of the World grave marker placed over the grave of your son in France, as all monuments that will be erected over graves of soldiers buried in France, must conform with the Government regulations.

2. You are further advised that the expenses of bringing back to this country the bodies of our soldier dead, is borne entirely by this Government and it is not taken out of the insurance.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Colonel, U. S. Army,
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

By:

nr

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

Jts

G. R. B. MAILED

JUL 1 - 1920

Springville, Miss
May 18-20

Office of the Quartermaster General
Washington, D.C.

Dear sir:

My son, Private William A. Austin
#1592052, Co. F, 7th Inf. was a
woodman of the world and
I am anxious to know if
I can have his N.O.W. tomb
placed by his grave in France
and also is the expenses of
bringing the dead back here
taken out of the deceased
insurance? My sons grave is
#59 Sec. #86 Plot #2 Cem. 1232, Arg. Ave, Can.

Very Respectfully,
Mrs Mattie Austin.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

FROM : ADJUTANT GENERAL.

TO : C.O.Co. F 7th., Infantry

SUBJECT : Information for burial Register.

1. You are directed to transmit without delay to the Chief, Graves Registration Service, the information indicated on enclosed Grave Location Blank as necessary for the completion of official records.

By Command of General Pershing:

Robert C. Davis
Adjutant General.

Note: ☐

In case this item is checked, you will note hereon:

Nearest relative of deceased:

Relationship: _____

Address: _____

G.R.S. #104

MEMORANDUM of Grave Location.

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General
Graves Registration Service
Washington, D.C.

November 18, 1919

Case of:

Private W. A. Austin,
Company F, 7th Infantry
(726-Miss)

Grave Location:

Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-
Sous-Montfaucon, Department of
Meuse, Grave #59, Section #86,
Plot 2.

Personal Effects are administered by
the Effects Bureau, Hoboken, N.J.,
this office having no jurisdiction over
the same.

Requests for Photographs are duly noted
and will be attended to by Red Cross
Personnel attached to this Service.

The above information is furnished with
the understanding that relatives shall
be advised as to source from which
it is obtained.

By authority of the
Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE
Colonel Q.M.C., U.S.A.
Chief, Graves Registration Service.
NS-2810/oh

/aan

W.A. FRASER
SOVEREIGN COMMANDER
SUITE 810

Sovereign Camp
Woodmen of the World
W. O. W. Building

LEGAL DEPARTMENT
DE E. BRADSHAW
GENERAL ATTORNEY

Omaha, Neb., May 6, 1919.

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

In re: W. A. Austin, Dec'd.
726-Miss.

Gentlemen:

For the completion of the records of this Society, can you please forward to me a copy of your official record of the burial of W. A. Austin, a private, Company F, 7th Infantry, who was killed in action on October 3, 1918.

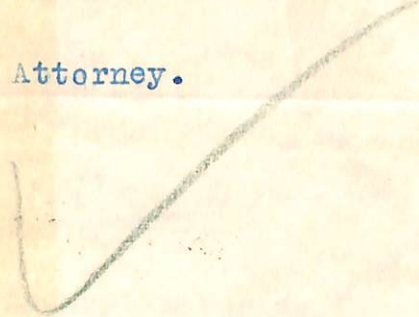
Thanking you for your kindness in furnishing this information, I am

Yours very truly,

De E. Bradshaw

MC

General Attorney.



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LEGAL DEPARTMENT
DE E. BRADSHAW
GENERAL ATTORNEY

Omaha, Neb..

March 11, 1919.

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

Dear Sirs::

In re: William A. Austin, Dec'd,
Mississippi/

For the completion of the records of this Society,
can you please forward to me a copy of your official record
of the burial of William A. Austin, a Private of the United
States Army, Company E, 7th, Infantry, who was killed in
action in France, on October 3rd, 1918?

Thanking you for your kindness in furnishing this in-
formation, I am,

Yours very truly,

De E. Bradshaw

General Attorney.

MF