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1. NAME AUTH, William Sylvester DATE
RANK Pvt. 1/10 ORGANIZATION Hq. Co, 2nd Prov. Mail Det.
GRAVE LOCATION Amer. Plot. Grand Cty. LE MANS (Sarthe) #419 sec B.
CTY. NAME NUMBER
53 sec.B. Amer.

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 53 LeMans Sarthe
As shown by cemetery directory AGRS GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.
Nov. 26, 1919.

COORDINATES Not given

CONCENTRATED TO Nothing of record
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

Nothing of record.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS None of record
DATE OF DEATH 7 Feb. 10, '19 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Ill. DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

STANLEY J. Grogan, CAPT. INF. USA.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 8/17/22 6 2 Blk. C
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Oise Aisne American Cty #608, Seringes-&-Nesles, Aisne

CEMETERY

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A. G. O.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

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

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

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

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



GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Auth 1561954 William
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Private Hdq. Co. Classification Camp
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Grand Cimetiere, LeMans

CAUSE OF DEATH: Lobar Pneumonia

DATE OF BURIAL: February 12th, 1919.

PLACE OF BURIAL:

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

Plot 20, Section B

GRAVE NUMBER: # 53

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Yes Cross? Yes

Headboard? No Bottle? No

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: Mrs. Rose C. Auth.

ADDRESS: Rankin, Illinois

RELATIONSHIP: Wife

REPORTED BY: J. A. Hamilton Lt. Chapl.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

Wash
6-7-33
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Auth, Wm. S.

I Decline by letter rec'd 2-17-33
(Accept or decline) the invitation extended

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

Mrs Rose C. Auth

(Name)

Rankin, Vermilion Co., Ill.

(Town or City)

(State)

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Auth</i>	<i>AUT</i>	3	<i>1 7 0</i>
<i>William S.</i>	CEMETERY <i>608</i>	1	<i>2</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>6</i>	2	<i>06</i>
	ROW <i>2</i>	2	<i>02</i>
	BLOCK <i>C</i>	1	<i>3</i>
STATE	<i>Ill</i>	2	<i>13</i>
RANK	<i>Port 1/2</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>Replenish</i>	2	<i>58</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>1</i>	3	<i>XXX</i>
ARM	<i>Draft</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARITAL	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NAME <i>Auth Mrs</i>	<i>AUT</i>	3	<i>1 7 0</i>
<i>Rose C.</i>	STATE <i>Ill</i>	2	<i>13</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Vermilion</i>	2	<i>92</i>
	CITY <i>Rankin</i>	3	<i>X</i>
RELATION	<i>widow</i>	1	<i>5-</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Bad</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR. <i>1933</i>	1	<i>4</i>
ACCEPTANCE	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
29/514/EAB	<i>age</i>		<i>40</i>

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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Auth</i>	<i>A U T</i>	3	<i>1 X 8</i>
<i>William S.</i>	CEMETERY <i>608</i>	1	<i>2</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>6</i>	2	<i>06</i>
<i>Enlisted 5-24-18</i>	ROW <i>2</i>	2	<i>02</i>
<i>S.M. 156 1954</i>	BLOCK <i>C</i>	1	<i>3</i>
STATE	<i>Ill</i>	2	<i>13</i>
RANK	<i>Pvt 1st</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>Replacement</i>	2	<i>58</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>-</i>	3	<i>XXX</i>
ARM	<i>Infantry</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARITAL	<i>Yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NAME <i>Auth Mrs</i>	<i>A U T</i>	3	<i>1 X 8</i>
<i>Bridgett</i>	STATE <i>So Dak</i>	2	<i>47</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Minnibaha</i>	2	<i>50</i>
<i>Mother dead</i>	CITY <i>Sioux Falls</i>	3	<i>011</i>
RELATION	<i>S-mother</i>	1	<i>3</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1 -</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Bad</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	
29/514/EAB	<i>no</i>		

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U. S. WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Auth, William S. (OA)

Feb. 13, 1933

Mrs. Rose C. Auth,
Rankin, Illinois.

Declines

Dear Madam:

No reply has been received to the invitation forwarded you to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe, sailing on the Washington, June 7th.

In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you accept or decline the invitation. It is requested therefore you complete AT ONCE the card enclosed with the invitation forwarded you, signifying whether you accept or decline the invitation. If you have lost or misplaced the card, please write "Accept" or "Decline" on the bottom of this letter and return it to this office.

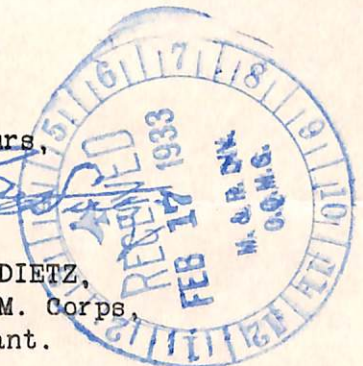
PLEASE REPLY PROMPTLY.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

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



"Decline"

Dear Sir:

I am sorry to state the fact that Mrs Rose C. Auth due to illness must "decline" U. S. Army kind invitation. She is not able to walk,

Mrs Rose C. Auth
S. P.

QM 293 A-M
Auth, William S. (OA)

November 16, 1932

Mrs. Rose C. Auth,
Rankin,
Illinois.

Dear Madam:

In reply to a recent questionnaire you advised that you were undecided about making a pilgrimage to the grave of your husband, the late Private, first class, William S. Auth, during the summer of 1933.

In order that the best available accommodations may be secured for the mothers and widows it is necessary that steamship reservations be made several months in advance. It is therefore requested that you advise at this time whether or not you believe you will be able to make a pilgrimage next summer, in order that arrangements may be made accordingly.

Properly qualified personnel will be provided to care for the comfort and needs of the mothers and widows, and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past three years over six thousand women, many of whom were in poor health and past seventy years of age, have visited the cemeteries of Europe and appeared to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received. Should you make the journey you are assured that every consideration will be given your physical condition at all times, and that everything possible will be done to make your trip comfortable and satisfactory.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:
Envelope
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OA

Auth Wm S

Case first
I declined by wire 4/12/32 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 Rose C. Auth

Name

Rankin, Vermilion Co. Ill

Town or City

State

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Auth, William S. (QA)*

July 13, 1932

Mrs. Rose C. Auth,
Rankin, Ill.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

Undecided
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Mrs. Rose C. Auth

QM 293 A-M
Auth, William S. (OA) s

August 8, 1932

Mrs. Bridget Auth,
800 N. Summit Ave.,
Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to office letter of July 13, 1932 stating that you are physically unable to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private first class William S. Auth.

It is indeed regretted that you are unable to accept the offer of the Government at this time. In the event your health should improve and you later desire to visit your son's grave next year it is requested that you notify this office and arrangements will be made for you.

Properly qualified personnel will be provided to care for the comfort and needs of the mothers and widows making the pilgrimage and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past three years many who were in poor health made the trip and appeared to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received. Should you make the pilgrimage you are assured that everything possible will be done for your comfort and welfare.

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

Auth, William S. (OA) s

July 13, 1932.

Mrs. Bridget Auth,
800 N. Summit Ave.,
Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

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?

No
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Cannot go on account of poor health
Mrs Bridget Auth
Thanks lot

Signal Corps, United States Army

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

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH CO.

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THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL=

WAR DEPARTMENT MEMORIAL BRANCH=

DECLINE INVITATION FOR JULY 6=

MRS ROSE C AUTH.

293

Auth - Mrs. S.

Declined
Harding
7-6-32

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RECORD ATTACHED



Washington, D. C., April 11, 1932

MRS. ROSE C. AUTH,
HANKIN, ILL.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL JULY SIX NOT RECEIVED

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DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER 4174GSM

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

QM 293 A-M Auth, William S. (O-A) W
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Washington, D. C., April 11, 1932

MRS. ROSE C. AUTH,
RANKIN, ILL.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL JULY SIX NOT RECEIVED

DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER 4174GSM

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

QM 293 A-M Auth, William S. (O-A) W
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Auth, William S. (O-A) W

Feb. 15, 1932

Mrs. Rose C. Auth,
Rensselaer,
Ill.

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, as amended, sailing on the PRESIDENT HARDING, July 6, 1932.

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 immediately. If you have lost or misplaced the card, please write "Accept" or "Decline" on the bottom of this letter and return it to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before April 25, 1932, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

July 27, 1931.

Auth, William S. PFC (O-A) SM

Mrs. Bridget Auth,
800 N. Summit Ave.,
Sioux Falls, S. D.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



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

No

Write answer here

Mrs Bridget Auth
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Auth, William S. (OA)

June 19, 1931

Mrs. Bridget Auth,
800 N. Summit Avenue,
Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date, advising that the natural mother of the late Private, first class, William S. Auth is deceased.

It is requested that you advise this office of the date of your marriage to the father of this late soldier. For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed, herewith, a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:
Envelope.



*I Reply to your letter as to when
I Married William Auth Father
well I Married him 25-july 1911
Yours Sapp Mrs C Auth*

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

June 9, 1931.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Auth, William S. PFC (OA) SM

Mrs. Bridget Auth,
800 N. Summit Avenue,
Sioux Falls, S. D.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to office
letter of May 14, 1931, advising that you are the stepmother
of the late Private First Class William S. Auth.

It will be appreciated if you will advise as to
whether the late Private Auth is survived by his natural mother,
and if so, furnish her name and address.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,



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

Enclosure:
Envelope

No William Auth's Mother was dead
for quite awhile before he died
So I am the only Mother Surviving him
his Father is living still
yours respt. Mrs Auth

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M.

May 14, 1931

Auth, William S. PFC (OA) SM

Mrs. Bridget Auth,
800 N. Summit Avenue,
Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested that you advise whether or not the late Private 1st class William S. Auth is survived by his natural mother, and if so furnish her name and address.

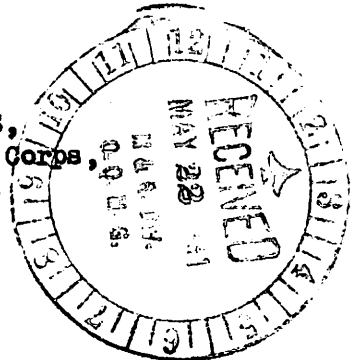
For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed herewith a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:
Envelope



*Dear Sir in reply to your inquiry
I am not his natural Mother I am
his Step Mother
Yours Sesp Mrs Auth*

QM 293 A-M

Auth, William S., Pvt. 608 SM

February 19, 1931.

Mrs. Rose C. Auth,
Rankin,
Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication declining invitation to sail on the President Harding, May 20, 1931, because of ill health.

It is regretted that your physical condition will not permit you to make the journey at this time. Your name has been placed on the list of mothers and widows eligible to make the pilgrimage in 1932, and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages for that year are being arranged. Pilgrimages will be made during the months of May, June, July and August, 1931, and should your health improve and you desire to make the journey during the period mentioned, it is requested that you advise this office the month in which you would prefer to sail, so that arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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*per decline card
Harding 5-20-31*

Harding
5-20-31
608

Auth, William S.

Ans 2/19/31
I decline - Listed for 1932
(Accept or decline) the invitation extended

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

Mrs. Rose C. Auth
(Name)

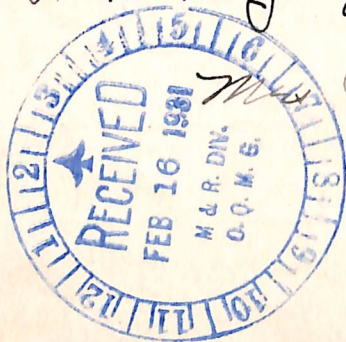
Rankin, Vermilion Co., Illinois
(Town or City) (State)

over please

would like to go at a
later date as my health will
not permit me to go this
time.

Thanking you I am

Rose E. Ault,



Washington, D. C., February 14, 1931

MRS. ROSE C. AUTH,
RANKIN, ILLINOIS.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL MAY TWENTIETH NOT RECEIVED STOP
DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER 2646 GSM

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

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A.D.H.

QM 293 A-M Auth, William S. 608-W



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Auth, William S. 608-W

January 31, 1931

Mrs. Rose C. Auth,
Rankin, Ill.

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 "Harding" on May 20, 1931.

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

In the event no reply is received from you before March 3, 1931, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Auth, William S. 608 SM

June 21, 1930

Mrs. Bridget Auth,
800 N. Summit Avenue,
Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date advising that you do not desire to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son during the year 1931, and inquiring whether or not one of your daughters would be permitted to make the journey in your place.

In this connection, you are advised there is no provision of the law which would permit the transfer of an invitation to make the pilgrimage from any mother or widow to any neighbor or friend.

Should your health improve and you desire to make the pilgrimage during the years 1932 or 1933, it is requested that you communicate with 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.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

June 7, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Auth, William S. -608SM

Mrs. Bridget Auth, -
800 N. Summit Ave.,
Sioux Falls, S. D.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

on account of poor health

P.S. Is it possible to transfer this privilege to one of the daughters?

Mrs. Bridget Auth
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 26, 1930.

Auth, William S. 608 W

Mrs. Rose C. Auth,
Rankin, Ill.

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 Rose C. Auth
(Sign here)

Dec. 22 1929

Dear Sir

Your letter received. In
reply to it I am sorry I cannot
accept the invitation.

As I am in very poor
health for the last year
I am under Dr. care
at present so cannot think
of making such a long trip.
Many thanks for invitation.

Yours Truly

Miss Bridget Ruth
800 Nor Summit Ave
Sioux Falls
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QM 293 A-C
Auth, William S. 608

December 18, 1929.

Mrs. Bridget Auth,
805 North Summitt Avenue,
Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Dear Madam:

According to our records this office has received no reply from you in response to our recent letter which read as follows:

"Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, enabling the mothers and widows of the members of the military and naval forces of the United States now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries.

"The records of this office indicate that you were the stepmother of the late Private William S. Auth, and in order to determine your eligibility under the Act to make the pilgrimage to his grave it will be appreciated if you will furnish the following information:

- (1) Date of your marriage to the father of Private Auth.
- (2) Were you married to Mr. Auth at the time his son entered the military service?
- (3) Were you married to Mr. Auth at the time of his son's death?
- (4) If not, give date of your separation from him.
- (5) If Mr. Auth is deceased, give date of his death."

In order that there may be the least possible delay in obtaining the above requested information you are invited to use for your reply the enclosed Government envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C
Auth, William S. 608

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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
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QM 293 A-C
Auth, William S.
608

November 6, 1929.

Mrs. Bridgett Auth,
805 North Summitt Avenue,
Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, enabling the mothers and widows of the members of the military and naval forces of the United States now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries.

The records of this office indicate that you were the step-mother of the late Private William S. Auth, and in order to determine your eligibility under the Act to make the pilgrimage to his grave it will be appreciated if you will furnish the following information:

- (1) Date of your marriage to the father of Private Auth.
- (2) Were you married to Mr. Auth at the time his son entered the military service?
- (3) Were you married to Mr. Auth at the time of his son's death?
- (4) If not, give date of your separation from him, or of his death.

For the Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C
Auth, William S.
608

November 6, 1929.

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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
Auth, William S. 608 W

October 7, 1929.

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Mrs. Rose C. Auth,
Rankin, Ill.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes) <i>yes</i> (No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) (No) <i>no</i>
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes) (No) <i>no</i>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age Health (Years) <i>37</i> (Good) <i>fair</i> (Poor)
<i>would prefer to take up the study of the French language first and make the trip later.</i> 5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <i>yes</i> (No) Other language <i>no</i> (Specify language spoken)

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
Auth, William S. 603 W

October 7, 1929.

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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.

RANKIN, ILLINOIS

June 25, 1929.

Qt. Master General Hohn T. Harris,
Washington, D.C.

My Dear Sir: In reply to QM 293 A-C
Auth, Wm.S.

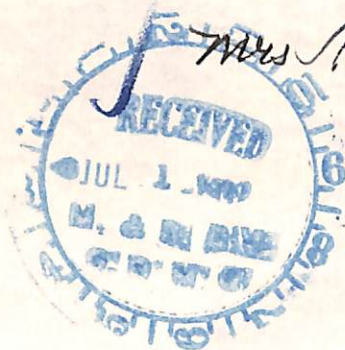
of June 20 I wish to state that the
late William S. Auth's stepmother

Mrs. Briget Auth, lives at 805 N. Summitt Ave.
Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

I hope we will both be able to make
the trip.

I have not remarried. I thank you
very kindly for your interest in trying
to lessen our grief.

Very Truly Yours,



Mrs. Rose C. Auth.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 20, 1929.

Attn, William S.

Mrs. Rose C. Atch,
Bardonia, Ill.

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 William S. Atch, Hq. Co., 2nd Prov. Regt., 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 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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QM 293 A-M
Auth, William S. (OA)

November 16, 1932

Mrs. Rose C. Auth,
Rankin,
Illinois.

Dear Madam:

In reply to a recent questionnaire you advised that you were undecided about making a pilgrimage to the grave of your husband, the late Private, first class, William S. Auth, during the summer of 1933.

In order that the best available accommodations may be secured for the mothers and widows it is necessary that steamship reservations be made several months in advance. It is therefore requested that you advise at this time whether or not you believe you will be able to make a pilgrimage next summer, in order that arrangements may be made accordingly.

Properly qualified personnel will be provided to care for the comfort and needs of the mothers and widows, and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past three years over six thousand women, many of whom were in poor health and past seventy years of age, have visited the cemeteries of Europe and appeared to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received. Should you make the journey you are assured that every consideration will be given your physical condition at all times, and that everything possible will be done to make your trip comfortable and satisfactory.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:
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QM 293 A-M
Auth, William S. (OA) s

August 8, 1932

Mrs. Bridget Auth,
800 N. Summit Ave.,
Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to office letter of July 13, 1932 stating that you are physically unable to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private first class William S. Auth.

It is indeed regretted that you are unable to accept the offer of the Government at this time. In the event your health should improve and you later desire to visit your son's grave next year it is requested that you notify this office and arrangements will be made for you.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Auth, William S. (OA) s

July 13, 1932.

Mrs. Bridget Auth,
800 E. Summit Ave.,
Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

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

Auth, William S. (QA)*

July 15, 1932

Mrs. Rose C. Auth,

Rankin, Ill.

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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-11

Auth, William S. (O-A) W

Feb. 15, 1932

Mrs. Rose C. Auth,
Rankin,
Ill.

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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, as amended, sailing on the PRESIDENT HARDING, July 6, 1932.

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 immediately. If you have lost or misplaced the card, please write "Accept" or "Decline" on the bottom of this letter and return it to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before April 25, 1932, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

July 27, 1931.

Auth, William S. FFC (O-A) SM

Mrs. Bridget Anth,
800 N. Summit Ave.,
Sioux Falls, S. D.

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

QM 293 A-M
Auth, William S. (OA)

June 19, 1931

Mrs. Bridget Auth,
800 N. Summit Avenue,
Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date, advising that the natural mother of the late Private, first class, William S. Auth is deceased.

It is requested that you advise this office of the date of your marriage to the father of this late soldier. For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed, herewith, a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Auth, William S. PFC (OA) SM

June 9, 1931.

Mrs. Bridget Auth,
800 N. Summit Avenue,
Sioux Falls, S. D.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to office
letter of May 14, 1931, advising that you are the stepmother
of the late Private First Class William S. Auth.

It will be appreciated if you will advise as to
whether the late Private Auth is survived by his natural mother,
and if so, furnish her name and address.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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May 14, 1931

Auth, William S. PFC (OA) SM

Mrs. Bridget Auth,
800 N. Summit Avenue,
Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested that you advise whether or not the late Private 1st class William S. Auth is survived by his natural mother, and if so furnish her name and address.

For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed herewith a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Auth, William S.

June 20, 1929.

Mrs. Rose C. Auth,
Rancho, Ill.

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 William S. Auth, Hq.Co., 2nd Prov.Reg't., 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 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,

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

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Auth.

(Surname.)

William S.

(Christian name in full.)

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(Army serial number.)

Pvt.

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Hq Co, 2 Prov Rgt.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased. *Wife*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? *no*

(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery? *no*

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mrs Rose C. Auth.

Rankin

Ill

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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AUTH, William S. - Pvt.1/c

April 15, 1924

Mrs. Rose C. Auth. 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.

Dear Madam: 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,

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Record card.

Assistant.

Q.M.G.
Central Mail & Files B. R.P. HARBOLD



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Cemetery No. 419.

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File No.

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COMPILATION N/R REQUESTS

I. DATA COMPILATION

A. Location Index Card:-

(1) Name AUTH, William S. Ser. No. 1561954)
 (2) Rank Pvt. 1/c Organization Hdq. Co. 2nd Prov. Regt.) TYP. JDB
 (3) Date of death 2/10/19) CKR. alt

B. Registration Card:- (Check Reg. Card Inf. against Loc. Ind. Inf.)

(4) Cause of death Lobar Pneumonia) TYP. JDB
 (5) Grave No. 53 Row -- Plot Amer. Sect. B) CKR. EP

II. FILES EXAMINATION

A. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; No card

B. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD

Date of receipt none

(6) Relationship Wife
 (7) Name Mrs. Rose E. Auth
 (8) Address Rankin, Ill.
 (9) Desires remains brought to U. S.? no
 (10) Desires remains brought to U. S. and interred in National Cemetery at ✓
 (11) If brought back, what shipping instructions?

C. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE

Date of communication 3-5-19

(12) Does correspondence Change or qualify request as made on A.G.O. card?

If so, specify such information.

Rankin, Ill. Requests date when she can expect body be returned. Mrs. Rose Auth, Wife

(13) A. G. O. Files EXAMINED by EWC (Date) 4-19-20

D. (14) G R S Files - Correspondence. (Has reference been made to File No. Cancellation memos. yes MAO. Does such correspondence, if containing request for disposition, reconcile with that of A. G. O.? MAO (Specify "Yes or "No".) If "No", give date of communication, the name, address, and relationship and substance of request.

No request for disposition. Grave location blank only.

(15) G. R. S. Files EXAMINED by

(Date)

(over)

checked by
 Dunn 3-25-21

1/24 Examined
 1/22
 for Concentration
 #1608
 1/21 - Aisne 608
 alt 5/18/22

III. FINAL ACTION

A. MEMORANDUM to D. M. O. in E. made (Date) _____

(16) Removal of Remains (within custody of G.R.S.) to _____

(17) Instructions that remains be left undisturbed _____

(18) Typed by _____ Checked by _____ (Date) _____

B. G. R. S. FORM NO. 114 made (Date) _____

(19) Typed by _____ Checked by _____ (Date) _____

C. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*Form 120, 4-28-20, Wife Rose C. Auth
Rankin, Ill., prefers body left in France*
(Comm. 3-25-20)

D. Dispatched (Date) _____ (Let. Trans. No. **APR 24 1920**)

Approved by _____

(Date) _____

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE 12/1/21

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

ml Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name ~~AUTH, William Sylvester~~

10. Name William S. Auth

2. No. 151954

11. No.

3. Rank Pvt 1/10

12. Rank

4. Org. Hq, Co 2nd Prov, Mail, Det.

13. Org.

5. D.D. Feb 10-19

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. Lobar-Pneumonia

(b) D.B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 53 Sec. B

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot Amer. Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. No discrepancy

18. Cemetery Amer. Plot. Grand Cty

19. Commune or town LE MANS

20. Dept. or County Sarthe

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. #419

23. Disinterred (Date) 12/1/21

By J.A. Lee.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name William Sylvester. Auth

Serial No. None

Rank Pvt.

Organization Hq. Co. 2nd Prov. Mail Det

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes. On body? Yes.

Thomas L. Collins
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).

None

27. Condition of body Decomposed - unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Wooden coffin and uniform

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? See Item #10.

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date 12/1/21 By J.A. Lee.

31. Casket sealed by J.A. Lee.

rf Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

J. Lee

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-17375

32. Designation of body:

Name William Sylvester, AUTH Serial No. 1561954

Rank Pvt. Organization Hq. Co 2nd Prov. Mail. Det.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne, Amer. Cty #608, SERINGES-et-NESLES
(Aisne)

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) 12/1/21 By J.A. Lee.

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.F.O'Leary
1st Lieut., MC.

36. Remarks

Tag on body reads' William S. Auth1561954 USA.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) 12/1/21

To point of Concentration Le Mans Morgue

Convoyer A. DeWach (Name R.F.O'Leary
Signature Shipping Officer 1st Lieut., MC.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 12/1/21

By G.R.S. Representative Walter F. Brown
Capt., M.C.

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 12 DEC. 1921

To Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne Amer. Cty. #608.

Convoyer A. DeWach (Name Walter F. Brown
Signature Shipping Officer Walter F. Brown
Capt., M.C.

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative G. F. WAUGH

41. Reinterred 8-17-22. Oise-Aisne Cem. 608. Seringes et Nesles. Aisne

42. Grave No. 6 (Date) Section

43. Plot Blk. C Row 2

G.R.S. Representative C.J. Blake.
Capt., MC.

EL.

Place Le Mans (Sarthe)

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date 12/1/21

1. REMAINS OF AUTH, William ~~Sylvester~~ SERIAL NUMBER 1561954
 RANK Pvt. 1/c ORGANIZATION Hq. Co. 2nd Prov. Mail Det.

2. Disinterred (date): 12/1/21 From (give complete location):

Gr. 53, Sec. b. Cem. 419 Le Mans.

By: Group 2 Unit Sec. 6

3. Reburied (date): 8-17-22. In (give complete location): Gr. 6. Blk. C. Row. 2.

Cise-Aisne Cem. 608. Seringes et Nesles. Aisne.

By: Group Re-burial. Unit Nature of reburial Lined Casket.

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

Wooden coffin and uniform. Decomposed - unrecognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes. On grave marker? Yes.

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

Tag on body reads: "William S. Auth, 1561954, U.S.A."

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 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)

None visible

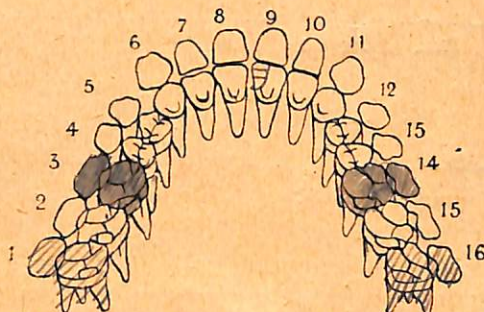
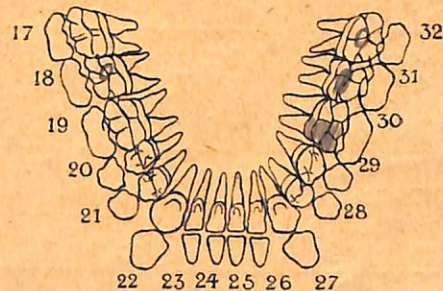


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



Not erupted. 1 & 16.
Gold crown 3 & 14.
Broken #9. Cav. 18 & 32.
Sil. Fil 30 & 31.

7. Disinterment supervised by J.A. Lee, S.E.

Approved: A.F.O'Leary
1st Lieut., C.

8. Reburial Supervised by L.D. Hays

(Title) C.J. Blake
 Approved: C.J. Blake

(Title) Capt., QMC.

Place

Le Mans (Sarthe)

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date

12/1/21

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 RANK Pvt. 1/c ORGANIZATION Hq. Co. 2nd Prov. Mail Det.

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Gr. 53, Sec. b. Cem. 419 Le Mans.

By: Group 2 Unit Sec. 6

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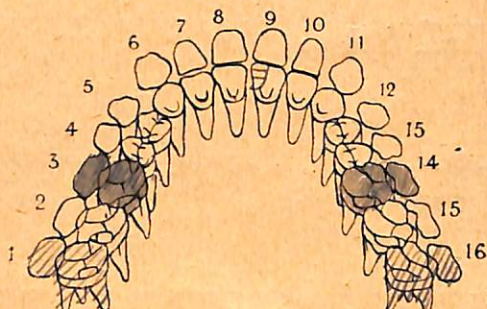
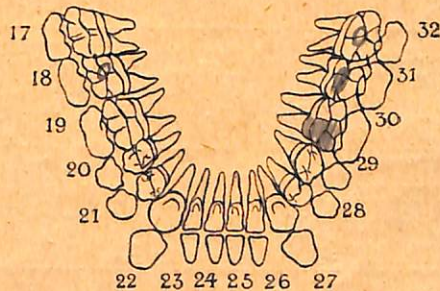


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Approved: C. J. Blake

(Title)
Capt., OMC.

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.

Verify Name & Organization , Rank
Auth, 1561954, William Sylvester
Pvt. Hq. Co. 2nd Prov. Mail Det.
or

Auth, 1561954, William S.
Pvt. 1 cl Hq. Co. 2nd Prov. Regt.

AGO-2/2/24.

Signature of soldier-

William S. Auth .

Pvt. 1/cl Hq.^{co} 2nd Prov. Regt. APO # 762.

/bw.

D-61125

The American Red Cross

sends you the photograph of the grave of

this American Soldier

who gave his life for his country

FILE

CEMETERIAL DIVISION
REGISTRATION SECTION

File No. 95085

October 12, 1921. ~~1922~~

MEMO FOR:

Cards Department.

1.

CASE OF:

Hq. Co. 2nd Prov. Regt.ORGANIZATION (Old)AUTH, 1561954, WilliamPvt.(Name)

Correction or additional data changes as shown below have been made on the Registration Card of the above-mentioned soldier and a corresponding change will be necessary on the Organization Card:

ORGANIZATION (New)

FILE NO.

SURNAME

SERIAL NUMBER

FIRST NAME AND INITIALS William S.

RANK Pvt. 1/c

DATE OF DEATH

CAUSE OF DEATH

	Date	Place	F-1A No.
Orig.			D-
1st Reb.			D-
2nd Reb.			D-
3rd Reb.			D-

(Note: In the above spaces below double line fill in ONLY the new data and data correcting previous information)

BY: M. K. McCarthy

Investigation and Adjustment
(Department)

5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made
on Organization
File Card:

By 13

S/1105/LML

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

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

Date 3/26/21.

(SPECIAL)

File No. Requisition

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 Auth. *OK*

f. Date of death 2/10/19. *OK*

b. Christian name William S. *OK*
or (William)

g. Cause of death L. Pneumonia. *OK*

c. Serial Number 1561954 *OK*

h. Authority (C.O.#)

d. Organization Hq. Co., 2nd Prov. Regt. *OK*

i. Emergency address

e. Rank *Pvt.* *Pvt 1/c*

j. Relationship *Wife*

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

DENTAL CHARTS

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

a. Age of enlistment

a. Strike out teeth missing

b. Color of eyes

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

c. Color of hair

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

d. Height

e. Weight

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

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

BY:

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

CEMETERY NO: 419

SHEET NO: 19
TYPED BY: I.W.

713/LML

Rec'd World War Div
MAR 20 1921

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
WASHINGTON

APR 24 1920

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.G.
TO: Mrs. Rose C. Auth, Rankin, Ill.
SUBJECT: Disposition of remains of Pvt. William Auth.

Records of this office show your request to be as follows:

Remains to be Not returned to United States ~~Interred~~ *no change*

~~Shipped to~~ *no change*

If any modifications of the foregoing are desired please write same fully on the other side of this sheet.

The nearest living relative may choose between, (1) return of remains to homes for burial; (2) interment in Arlington, Va., National Cemetery; or (3) remain in France.

You are requested to fill out the following without delay and return in enclosed penalty envelope, which does not require postage.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE
Colonel, U.S. Army.

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Widow <i>Mrs Rose C. Auth</i>			
Children (Name oldest first)			
Father <i>Chris Auth</i>	<i>1006 W. 6th St.</i>	<i>Sioux Falls</i>	<i>S. Dak.</i>
Mother		<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>S. Dak.</i>
Brothers <i>Joseph A. Auth</i> <i>John A. Auth</i>	<i>1006 W. 6th</i>	<i>Elkton</i>	<i>S. Dak.</i>
Sisters <i>Leo Auth</i>		<i>Sioux Falls</i>	<i>S. Dak.</i>

Date *April 28 - 1920*

Signature *Mrs Rose C. Auth*

Address *V.A.H.*

Relationship *Wife*

Prefer to have body left in France [unless
all bodies of soldiers are returned to U.S.
(If all bodies are brought back would
like to have it interred in home cemetery)]

95085
Auth WM. S. #1561954

1st *2nd Prov. Regt.*
Pvt. Hdqs. Co. Glass Camp

DD 2/10/19

DB 2/12/19

BURIED AMERICAN CEMETERY # 419

Le Mans Sec B Grave 53

419



B 707

G.R.S. Form No. 8; Central Records Division.
Memo For: G.R.S. representative, C.R.C.
SUBJECT: Information required for G.R.S.

1. Items checked are to be completed:

() Surname: AUTH
() Number: 1561954
() First name: William
() Rank: Private
() Company: Hdqrs.
() Organization: 2nd Prov. Regt.
() Date of death:
() Cause:
() Place:

Location of hospital:

Number : " "
Class " "
(X) Relative: *Mrs. Rose C. Auth*
(X) Relationship: *Wife*
(X) Address: *Rankin, Illinois*
() Authority:
Cablegram No: 460
Telegram from:

dated:

- () Reported to Washington:
C.C. Nos:
(Underscore the "official" C.C.)
() Remarks:
() Show present status on reverse side.

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

Initials of Reporter: *AK*

REVIEWED
OSP SS.

Drawn by C
419-19
3-24-2

REVIEWED
OSP SS.

HL-R

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Rankin, Illinois.
March 5th, 1919

Mr Harris the Adg. General;

My Dear Sir;

With sorrow we have learned of the death of my husband, Private William S. Auth ^{7th} Provisional Regiment, who died of Lobar Pneumonia February tenth in Le Mars France. Please let me know the date we may expect the body sent home.

RECEIVED WISCONSIN DIV

MAR 10 1919

Yours respectfully

Mrs. Auth

REVIEWED
OSP SS.

13 Received A MAR 8 1919

49293.8 Auth Mrs. J.

FILE

Date

Sig.

293.8 Auth, Wm. S.
(Enl. Div.)

March 11, 1919.

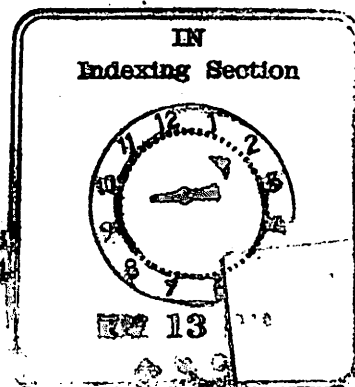
Mrs. Rose Auth,
Renkin, Ill.

Dear Madam:

In response to your letter of March 5th, relative to the return of the body of your husband, Private William S. Auth, I beg leave to advise you that the plans for the transfer of the bodies of our soldiers who have lost their lives in the service abroad are being formulated and the Department will have ready within a few days instructions which will be sent to the persons whose names were given by the soldiers to be notified in case of emergency.

Permit me to extend to you the deep sympathy of the Department on account of the great loss you have sustained.

Very truly yours,



R. C. Harris,
The Adjutant General,
Per W. V. Carter.

FILE

Date 3/31/19
MAR 31 1919
SP 53

BACKING SHEET

NUMBER

DATE _____

PERSON

PLACE

SUBJECT

DATES ON WHICH THIS FILE IS CHARGED OUT