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To The A. G. O.  
To The A. G. O.

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G.R.S. Form #114 B

Listed as Robert E. Artz.

MAY 14

DATE 10/25/21.

1. NAME ARTZ, Robert E. SERIAL No. 1256682

RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Co. D, 108th M. G. Bn.

GRAVE LOCATION American Brizeaux Meuse 557

CTY. NAME NUMBER

24 1 2 (13)

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Not known.

GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES Not of record.

CONCENTRATED TO Not known.

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.

DATE OF DEATH Oct 2/11

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Pennsylvania

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS Not of record.

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

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SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR Wm M. CLINE Captain Q.M.C.

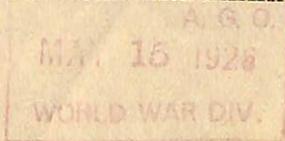
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3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 10/25/21. 25 28 D.

DATE GRAVE ROW Block PLOT

\* Mother prepared app. for Adj. Gen. as Robert Evans Artz \* Corporal 7-2-17 Reduced to Pvt. 1-8-18

Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. #1252 Romagne-sous-Montfaucon. (Meuse)



AUDITED BY M.J.D. 3/1/23

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

ARTZ, ROBERT E. M.A.

Party .. P.....  
 Number . 2978.....

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

..... MRS. JAMES ARTZ ..... Actual cost of through Pullman.  
 Name of Traveler

..... DONALDSON, SCHUYLKILL COUNTY ..... New York, to DONALDSON, PA. ....  
 Home Address

..... PA. .... \$ 1.05 to Reading only

New York, to ..... DONALDSON, PA. ....  
 Destination

Via ..... READING to DEST. via ALL & SCH. HAVEN .....

.....  
 SEPT 10, 1930  
 Date of Departure

LIMIT-OCT. 8, 1930

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Number or Seat	Car	U. S. G. Order No.	Actual Cost
LV	JERSEY CITY	193	9/11	8.13 AM	10	one		
AR	Reading Pa	5	"	11.14 AM			<del>W.D. 11023, 905</del>	<del>1.05</del>
LV	"	5	"	11.21 AM			<u>one</u>	
AR	Pottersville	"	"	12.21 PM				
LV	"	Motor Coach	"	12.25 PM				
AR	Tremont	"	"	1.12 PM				
LV	"	391-	"	3.40 PM				
AR	Donaldson	"	"	3.44 PM				
LV								
AR								
LV								
AR								

*Didn't want pullman riding home with brother*

TOTAL .....

Remarks:

..... ANY TRAIN AFTER 2:00 PM .....

*No Pullman Service beyond Reading*

Name ARTZ, Mrs James

Paris Hôtel HOTEL AMBASSADOR

BOULEVARD HAUSSMANN

Home address Donaldson, Schuylkill Co. Penn.

Party P Group 1 Unit ~~SS~~. ROOSEVELT

Date of arrival Aug-17-1930 Date of departure SS. WASHINGTON-Sept-2-1930

Relationship Mother

Name of deceased ARTZ, Robert E.

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. D. 108th M.G. Bn.

Cemetery Meuse-Argonne

REMARKS



*Mrs James Arts*

Mrs.

James Anty

File

P2978

Address

Donaldson Pa

Stopping at

laying home with brother

With

John L. Evans.

Address

Donaldson Pa

Received Railroad And Pullman Ticket

John L. Evans

Nov  
1939/11

THE PULLMAN COMPANY  
PASSENGER'S CHECK — To identify ac-  
commodations purchased.

READING to NEW YORK, N. Y.

SEAT 16 CAR ✓

LINE NO. 111 VIA ✓ R.R.

OFFICE 9-121

FORM 4

\$1.05

The amount charged is The Pullman Com-  
pany's rate and a surcharge of 50% of that  
amount required by and collected as agent  
for the Railroad Company, as follows:

Pullman Company retains	-	\$ .70
Railroad Company receives	-	.35
Total Charge	- -	\$ 1.05

Property taken into car will be entirely at owner's risk.

U.S. GOVERNMENT  
94387

WAR DEPARTMENT  
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS & WIDOWS  
225 WEST 34TH ST. N.Y., N.Y., ROOM 901

=====  
OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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

*Atz, Mrs. James*

NAME ARTZ, MRS. JAMES

229  
42978

S.S. WASHINGTON SEP 11 1930

HOMEDONALDSON, SCHUYLKILL COUNTY. PA.

R.R. Reading to dest

STATION via all + Sch Haver

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE

Oct 8-30

July 19th, 1930

Mrs. James Artz,  
Donaldson,  
Pa.

Dear Madam:

Please attach the enclosed tags to each piece of baggage, thus to protect the safe arrival of same in New York.

Upon your arrival in this City, you will be met at the Railroad Station by a United States Army Officer, in uniform, who will wear on the left sleeve of his coat a blue cloth band, showing a Gold Star and the word "Pilgrimage". This officer will escort you and your baggage, to your Hotel in New York City.

For The Officer in Charge.

George F. R. Taylor,  
1st. Lieut. Q.M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Enclosures:  
2 tags

*Artz, Robt. E.  
Port.*

Pennsylvania

GOLD STAR MOTHERS' PILGRIMAGE

S.S. ROOSEVELT, AUGUST 9, 1930

Schuykill County

Name: Mrs. James Artz (P-5)  
Address: Donaldson, Pa.  
Route: Reading Ry. to Allentown, Central R.R. of N.J. to New York

Lv. Donaldson Train No. 342-408	6.26 AM August 8
Ar. Reading	8.23 AM August 8
Lv. Reading Train No. 192	8.28 AM August 8
Ar. Jersey City	11.31 AM August 8

Accommodations: Coach Service, Donaldson to Reading  
Parlor Car Seat, Reading to New York

Elapsed Time: 5 Hours 5 Minutes *1/4*

*H.G.F.*

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE	
NAME	Arty Robert E	A R J	3	1 8 0
BURIED	CEMETERY	1232	1	1
	GRAVE	25	2	25
	ROW	28	2	28
	BLOCK	2	1	4
STATE		Pa	2	44
RANK		Pvt	1	2
DIVISION		28	2	28
ORGANIZATION		108	3	108
ARM		mg Bn	1	2
MARTIAL		No	1	2
NAME	Arty Mrs James	A R J	3	1 8 0
RESIDENCE	STATE	Pa.	2	44
	COUNTY	Schuylkill	2	54
	CITY	Donaldson	3	XXX
RELATION		Mother	1	1
OTHER		Sister	1	2
ELIGIBILITY		yes	1	1
NATIVITY			1	
RACE			1	
ENGLISH			1	
ATTENDANT			1	
HEALTH			1	
NO. OF SONS			1	
DATE OF	MO.		1	
TRIP	YR.	1930	1	
ACCEPTANCE		yes	1	

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AUG 9 1930

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Aug 9 1930

*audited*  
OCT 7 1931  
MB

Artz, Robert E, Pvt. Co D. 108 MG Bn Pa.

XC 146293

Mother sailed

Widow

Single

<sup>M</sup>  
NAME ..... MRS. JAMES A. .... P

ADDRESS DONALDSON, SCHUYLKILL COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.

DATE *Sept. 11, 1930*

TO:           Officer-In-Charge,  
                PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

I beg to inform you that I have returned to my  
home safely and in good health.

Sincerely,

(Signed) *Mrs. James A. ....*

WAR DEPARTMENT

Penalty for private use to avoid  
payment of postage, \$300.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

**PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS**

**225 WEST 34TH STREET,**

**NEW YORK, N. Y.**

STATE

*Artz, Robt. E.*

PENNSYLVANIA.....

P

M

NAME *Artz, Mrs. James* ..... HOME ADDRESS *Donaldson, Schuylkill County* .....

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN *Miss Naomi Artz same* .....

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

AUG 8 1930

ASTOR

DATE ..... HOTEL ..... ROOM NO. *229* .....

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

AUG 9 1930

S/S ROOSEVELT

DATE ..... VESSEL ..... CABIN NO. *121C* .....

DESTINATION *CHERBOURG* ..... CEMETERY *M. A.* .....

RETURN NEW YORK

DATE ..... SEP 10 1930 .....

M  
 NAME **Artz, Mrs. James** ..... HOME ADDRESS **Donaldson, Schuylkill County Pennsylvania** .....  
 RETURN ON S. S. **S/S GEORGE WASHINGTON** ..... HOTEL **ASTOR** ..... ROOM NO. **990** .....

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE ..... 9/11 .....

ROAD **CRNJ** ..... TRAIN **193** ..... CAR **1** ..... BERTH or SEAT **110** .....

REMARKS .....  
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1232

RETURN RECEIPT

*Insured 8-9-30*

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

REGISTERED

*Mrs James Artz*

(Signature or name of addressee.)

*Ruth Erdman*

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, \_\_\_\_\_

*7-16, 1930*

# Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 924114

INSURED PARCEL

No. \_\_\_\_\_

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

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING  
OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to Q. M. GENERAL

Street and Number, }  
or Post Office Box, } MUNITIONS BUILDING

Post Office at \_\_\_\_\_

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RETURN RECEIPT

Received 5-9-30

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

Mr. Jas. Aitz

(Signature or name of addressee.)

Ruth C. Erdman

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Deliver to addressee only.

Date of delivery, \_\_\_\_\_, 192

1st Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 924880

INSURED PARCEL

No.

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to

Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

MUNITIONS BUILDING

Street and Number, }  
or Post Office Box, }

Post Office at

State

Washington, D. C.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Artz, Robt. E. - 1232 M

July 14, 1930.

Mrs. James Artz,  
Donaldson, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. ~~356058~~ in the amount of \$ ~~2.50~~, to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST THIS CHECK BE CASHED AND USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED.

If for any reason, you are not able to sail on the date mentioned in your invitation, the check must be returned to this office immediately.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl.  
Check No.

M  
X

Artz, Robert E. 1232

July 10, 1930.

Mrs. James Artz,  
Donaldson, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements have been completed for your transportation to New York City on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe. One week before your departure the railroad ticket agent, of the first road shown below, will deliver your railroad and pullman ticket to you. Your route to New York will be as follows:

Lv. Donaldson	Reading	No. 342-408	6:25 AM	Aug. 8
Ar. Reading	"		8:23 AM	Aug. 8
Lv. Reading	"	No. 192	8:28 AM	Aug. 8
Ar. Jersey City	CRRofNJ		11:31 AM	Aug. 8

All railroad employees have been instructed by their officials to see that you are shown every courtesy and given assistance, particularly at points where it is necessary to change cars.

Should you not receive your ticket six days before the date shown for your departure please take up at once with the ticket agent and if he does not have your ticket, telegraph this office, collect, to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Artz, Robert E. 1232M  
Roosevelt 8-9

May 15, 1930

Mrs. James Artz,  
Donaldson, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Miss Naomi E Artz

Name

Donaldson, Sch. Co. Penryn,

Address

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Env.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Artz, Robert E. 1232-M

May 7, 1930

Mrs. James Artz,  
Donaldson, Penn.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than 2½x2½ inches in size and such documentary

evidence of her American citizenship as she may have in her possession. In the absence of evidence of citizenship, her application should be witnessed by a credible person residing in the same community who is an American citizen, has known her for a long period of time and is able to swear to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that she is a citizen of the United States.

"A mother or widow who does not owe allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Pilgrimage Travel Document through a clerk of a Federal court or a State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens or through a Passport Agent upon the form of application prescribed for that purpose, entitled APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL DOCUMENT, issued under the Act of March 2, 1929, submitting therewith four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches in size and not less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size. When making application she should be accompanied by a credible witness who has known her for a period of two years or more.

"The Act of March 2, 1929, provides that no fee shall be charged for the execution of an application for a passport or travel document or for the issue of a passport or travel document to a mother or widow making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces are now interred.

"Special Pilgrimage Passports and Pilgrimage Travel Documents when issued by the Department of State will be forwarded to the War Department.

"Applicants resident in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle should execute applications at the Passport Agencies in those cities."

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Roosevelt

8/9/30 ✓

1232

I accept the invitation extended  
(Accept or decline)

*Artz, Robert*

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

Mrs. James Artz

(Name)

Donaldson, Schuylkill Co., Pa.

(Town or City)

(State)

*Sanctus, P.*



#1232  
6/29/29

QM 295 A-C  
Artz, Robert E.

August 12, 1929.

Miss Naomi E. Artz,  
Donaldson, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date written in behalf of your mother, relative to the Gold Star Mothers and Widows Pilgrimage to Europe.

You are advised that the Act of March 2, 1929 provides that the pilgrimage shall be extended in the name of the United States to the mothers and widows for whom the pilgrimage is authorized and it does not contain any provision for any member of the family to make the trip except the mother or unmarried widow, nor does it permit of the mother or widow being accompanied by any member of the family. The War Department has been charged with the execution of this Act and its efforts therefore must be restricted to making the arrangements necessary for the transportation, entertainment, etc. of those named as eligible under the Act.

Any arrangements which are desired to be made by relatives or others of such eligibles to visit the cemeteries in Europe must be made by themselves personally, due to the limited accommodations available in small towns in the neighborhood of the cemeteries in Europe, and the fact that it is contemplated that the War Department will utilize these accommodations to the limit for those mothers and widows eligible under the above mentioned Act.

You are assured that competent personnel will be assigned by the War Department to provide for the needs and comfort of those mothers and widows making the pilgrimage.

Within a reasonable time prior to the beginning of the pilgrimage, (May 1930), blanks will be furnished upon which to make application for the journey. Space will be provided thereon for your mother to indicate the time she desires to go.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

SC:LS

OFFICE HOURS:  
8 TO 9 A. M.  
12 TO 1 P. M.  
6 TO 8 P. M.

DR. THEO. C. FEGLEY  
EAST MAIN STREET  
TREMONT, PENNSYLVANIA

BOTH  
TELEPHONES

Donaldson, Sch. County, Penna.

To; Q.M.Generals Office

From; Mrs James Artz

Subject; Trip to veterans graves

Replying to your inquiry of June 29th. 1929 relative to the supervise journey to be given by the U.S.Government. Would like to have the name of Mrs. James Artz enrolled for the year 1930. Mother of Robert E. Artz who is buried in the Meuse -Argonne American Cemetery.

Will it be possiblet for some member of her family to accompany her on this trip either et the expense of the Government or at their personal expense? Q.M. 293 A-C Robert E. Artz.

Very truly yours,

*Sister of Robert E Artz Naomi E Artz  
Daughter.*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
~~Robert E.~~

June 29, 1929.

Artz,

Mr. James Artz,  
Donaldson, Pa.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Pvt. Robert E. Artz, Co. D, 108th MG Bn., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

M  
X

Attz, Robert E. 1232

July 10, 1930.

Mrs. James Artz,  
Donaldson, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements have been completed for your transportation to New York City on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe. One week before your departure the railroad ticket agent, of the first road shown below, will deliver your railroad and pullman ticket to you. Your route to New York will be as follows:

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All railroad employees have been instructed by their officials to see that you are shown every courtesy and given assistance, particularly at points where it is necessary to change cars.

Should you not receive your ticket six days before the date shown for your departure please take up at once with the ticket agent and if he does not have your ticket, telegraph this office, collect, to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Artz, Robert E. 1232 M

June 12, 1930

Mrs. James Artz  
Donaldson, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Artz, Robert E. 1232M  
Roosevelt 8-9

May 15, 1930

Mrs. James Artz,  
Donaldson, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Arts, Robert E. -1232 M  
Roosevelt 8-9

May 8, 1930

Mrs. James Arts,  
Donaldson, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Artz, Robert E. 1232-M

May 7, 1930

Mrs. James Artz,  
Donaldson, Penna.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than 2½x2½ inches in size and such documentary

evidence of her American citizenship as she may have in her possession. In the absence of evidence of citizenship, her application should be witnessed by a credible person residing in the same community who is an American citizen, has known her for a long period of time and is able to swear to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that she is a citizen of the United States.

"A mother or widow who does not owe allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Pilgrimage Travel Document through a clerk of a Federal court or a State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens or through a Passport Agent upon the form of application prescribed for that purpose, entitled APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL DOCUMENT, issued under the Act of March 2, 1929, submitting therewith four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches in size and not less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size. When making application she should be accompanied by a credible witness who has known her for a period of two years or more.

"The Act of March 2, 1929, provides that no fee shall be charged for the execution of an application for a passport or travel document or for the issue of a passport or travel document to a mother or widow making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces are now interred.

"Special Pilgrimage Passports and Pilgrimage Travel Documents when issued by the Department of State will be forwarded to the War Department.

"Applicants resident in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle should execute applications at the Passport Agencies in those cities."

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Artz, Robert E. 1232 M

Mrs. James Artz,  
Donaldson, Pa.

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,

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

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

QM 295 A-C  
Arts, Robert E.

August 12, 1929.

Miss Naomi E. Arts,  
Donaldson, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date written in behalf of your mother, relative to the Gold Star Mothers and Widows Pilgrimage to Europe.

You are advised that the Act of March 2, 1929 provides that the pilgrimage shall be extended in the name of the United States to the mothers and widows for whom the pilgrimage is authorized and it does not contain any provision for any member of the family to make the trip except the mother or unmarried widow, nor does it permit of the mother or widow being accompanied by any member of the family. The War Department has been charged with the execution of this Act and its efforts therefore must be restricted to making the arrangements necessary for the transportation, entertainment, etc. of those named as eligible under the Act.

Any arrangements which are desired to be made by relatives of others of such eligibles to visit the cemeteries in Europe must be made by themselves personally, due to the limited accommodations available in small towns in the neighborhood of the cemeteries in Europe, and the fact that it is contemplated that the War Department will utilize these accommodations to the limit for those mothers and widows eligible under the above mentioned Act.

You are assured that competent personnel will be assigned by the War Department to provide for the needs and comfort of those mothers and widows making the pilgrimage.

Within a reasonable time prior to the beginning of the pilgrimage, (May 1930), blanks will be furnished upon which to make application for the journey. Space will be provided thereon for your mother to indicate the time she desires to go.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

SC:LS

*See Comm. List*

*C. O. M. G. M. & P. DIV.*

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
~~Arts, Robert E.~~

June 29, 1929.

Mr. James Arts,  
Donaldson, Pa.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late ~~Pvt. Robert E. Arts, Co. D, 108th MI Bn., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Remagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.~~

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

Artz,

Robert E.

1,256,682

(Surname)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt.

Co. D. 108th. M.G. Bn.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

*Father*

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?

(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)

*James Artz*

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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DUPLICATE.

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Drawn by: ~~AKC~~

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1-18-21

In reply refer to:  
293 C-R

68357

April 27, 1923.

Mr. James Artz,  
Donaldson, Pa.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of Pvt. Robert E. Artz, Co. D, 108th M.G.Bn., is No. 25, Row 23, Block D, 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. The headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

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

Very truly yours,

H. J. Conner,  
Assistant.

23/236/ARK

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Sept 20-21

1. REMAINS OF Artz, Robert E. SERIAL NUMBER 1256682

RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Co. D. 108th M.G. Bn.

2. Disinterred (date): Sept 20-21 From (give complete location): Gr. 24 pt. 2  
Row 1. Cem. 557.

By: Group 2 Unit F.S.3.

3. Reburied (date): Oct 25th 1921 In (give complete location): Meuse Argonne Cemetery # 1232 Gr 25 block D row 28

By: Group re-burial S Unit  Nature of reburial unlined casket

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

Uniform, Badly decomposed recognition impossible.

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

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

no effects found.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items? MBD 17 18 20

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to estimate

(c) Hair—Color None visible

Quantity None visible

Characteristics None visible

(d) Hair on face—Color none visible

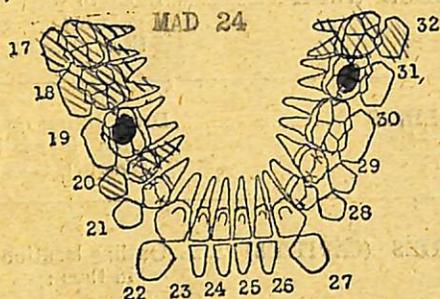
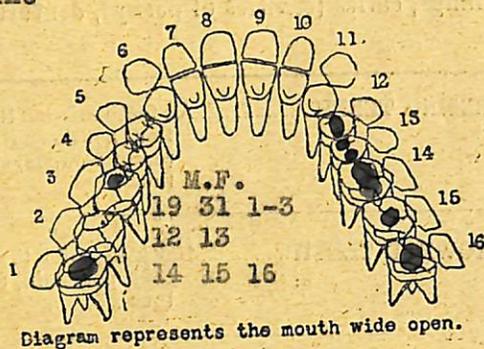
Location None visible

Quantity None

(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



7. Disinterment supervised by H.L. Burlbut

Approved: W.H. Roach, 1st Lt. Col.  
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Dufault

Approved: James W. Younger, Capt. Col.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept 20-21

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 ARTZ, Robert E.  
 2. No. 1256682  
 3. Rank Pvt.  
 4. Org. Co. D, 108th M. G. Bn.  
 5. D.D. Oct. 2nd  
 6. C.D. DOW

10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_  
 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) D.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 24 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. Plot 2 (B) Row 1  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 17. None.

18. Cemetery American  
 20. Dept. or County Meuse  
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 557

19. Commune or town Brizeaux  
 21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) Sept 20-21

By H.L.Hurlbut

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Arts, Robert E.  
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organization Co. D, 108th M.G. Bn.

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

H.L.Hurlbut  
 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).

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed recognition impossible.

28. Nature of burial uniform

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Sept 20-21 By H.L.Hurlbut

31. Casket sealed by H.L.Hurlbut

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) H.L.Hurlbut

ADDED BY

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-8811

32. Designation of body:

Name ARTZ, Robert E. Serial No. 1256682  
Rank Pvt. Organization Co. D, 108th M. G. Bn.

33. Consigned to: Officer in Charge Operations.

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse Argonne Amer. 1232 Romagne/s/Montfaucon  
Sept 20-21 By H.L.Hurlbut

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

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 W.H. Roach, 1st Lt QMC.

36. Remarks \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Sept 20-21

To point of Concentration Romagne sous Montfaucon, Meuse  
Convoyer James Flynn Signature Shipping Officer W.H. Roach, 1st Lt. QMC.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_  
By G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_  
To Permanent Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_  
Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

40. Received: Date Sept 20, 1921  
G.R.S. Representative Alfred H. Younger, 1st Lt

41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cemetery # 1232 Oct 25th 1921  
(Date)

42. Grave No. 25 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot XXXX block D Row 28

G.R.S. Representative James W. Younger, Capt QMC.  
jt.

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# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

## I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #68357 <sup>OK</sup>

(a) Name ARTZ, Robert E. Ser. No. 1256682  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. D, 108th Mch. Gun Bn.  
 (c) Date of death 10-2-18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA

TYP. egg

CKR [initials]

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

(a) Grave No. 24 Row 1 Plot B Sec. - TYP. egg  
 (b) Emerg. Address James Artz (father) Donaldson, Pa.

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10/20/21 - Exhumed for concentration  
FPO-11/17/21

## III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

CKR [initials]

## IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt \_\_\_\_\_

(a) Name James Artz (b) Relationship Father  
 (c) Address Donaldson, Pa.  
 (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 egg Date 1-18, 1920.

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

no correspondence, dated \_\_\_\_\_, confirming request in Par. IV., item \_\_\_\_\_, above, or requesting that \_\_\_\_\_

Examiner's Initials egg Date 1-18, 1920.

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes. PT

Examiner's Initials PT Date 1-20, 1920.

COUNTRY France

CEMETERY No. 557

SHEET No. 5

2/16/21. A.L.

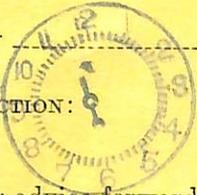
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APR 18 1921

Cemeterial Division  
Overseas Point Sub-Section

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by \_\_\_\_\_



VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on 1-27-21, 1920

FEB 21 1921

*Par #2 not to be returned HA*

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

3/2/21 F.120 - Mr. James Artz, Father of Main Street,

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

Donaldson, Pa. requests body remain in France.

H-3/7/21 aep

*3-23-21 - Letter from father, James Artz, advises soldier was single - (H-3-25-21-8)*

Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
File \_\_\_\_\_  
Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ ✓

Org. \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks:

548 gives - 68367

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A. G. O. Card & Corr. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancies \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Bank \_\_\_\_\_

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

Org. \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks:

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G. R. S. Corr. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancies \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

Org. \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks:

*OK no 8 w sent 1/20/1 B*

Checkers \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancies \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

Org. \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks:

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

3/4/5/21  
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March 17, 1921.

CEMETERIAL DIVISION

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div., Cor. Br.  
(Artz, Robert E.)



Mr. James Artz,  
Main Street,  
Donaldson, Pa.

MAR 23 1921

Dear Sir:

Receipt of the Department's Shipping Inquiry Form #120, executed by you, is acknowledged.

The Department regrets the necessity of having to again address you in this matter, but is desirous of being assured that no relative entitled to a voice in the disposition of the remains of the late Robert E. Artz, Private, Serial No. 1256682, Co. D, 108th M.G.Bn., is denied an opportunity of expressing his or her wishes.

It is, therefore, desired that you kindly inform this office at your earliest convenience whether the late soldier is survived by widow or children, and if so, please furnish the name and address of each.

The Department desires to convey to you renewed assurance of its sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

By:  
*J. J. Butler*  
J. J. BUTLER,  
1st Lieut., Infantry.

*J. J. Butler,  
M.S.A.  
Near Sp...  
The decision giving relative to  
disposition of remain of Robert E. Artz, Private Co D*

108th Machine gun Bn. Serial  
#1256682, was final and there  
are no relatives to ever offer any  
objections relative to same. The  
late Robert E. Artz was single and  
is not survived by any but Parents  
and sisters as recorded in last  
report. Trusting this will be  
final and not require any further  
correspondence, as it simply  
opens old wounds to be compelled  
to communicate concerning the  
Soldier.

Very truly yours  
James Artz Father

NOTED ON FORM #115  
#-3-25-21-*cs*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
~~WASHINGTON~~  
HOBOKEN, NJ.

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FEB 25 1921

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FROM: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. G.  
To: Mr. James Artz, <sup>Main St.</sup> Donaldson, Pa.  
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Robert E. Artz, Ser. No. 1256682 Co. D, 108th M.G.Bn.

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above-named soldier remain in France.

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

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

If all blank spaces below are not filled out, it will necessitate a return of this paper and a SERIOUS DELAY in the shipment of this body. State in each case WHETHER or not these relatives are STILL LIVING.

Was soldier married? \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)			
Father	Main Street	Donaldson	Penna
Mother	" "	"	"
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)			
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)			

Date: March 2 1921  
Address: Donaldson  
Signature: James Artz  
Relationship: Father

March 2, 1921  
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Cemeterial Division  
Overseas Project Sub-Section

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

1. ~~As stated on first page of this sheet.~~

2. ~~To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to~~ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name.)

\_\_\_\_\_ (R. R. station.) \_\_\_\_\_ (State.)

3. ~~To be returned to the U. S. and buried in~~ \_\_\_\_\_ ~~National Cemetery~~

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

*Kindly notify us when remains are permanently buried.*

Signature James. Artz

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instructions for the disposition of a body are not received from the next of kin within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.
2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.
3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT of kin IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.
4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest next of kin in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.
6. If YOU are not the nearest next of kin, please ask the nearest next of kin, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
7. If YOU are not the nearest living next of kin and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.
8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

NOTE.—INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DISPOSITION OF REMAINS will be issued by this office upon the properly executed authority of the legal next of kin in each case. The widow is the first person having disposition of the remains of her husband. Should there be no widow or children, the father and, in turn (upon his decease), the mother, is the proper authority. The brothers, in order of seniority, and then the sisters in order of seniority, if there are no brothers, rank next in authority to decide. Under an opinion rendered by the Judge Advocate General of the Army, if a widow has remarried she forfeits her right, and the next of kin as given above will make decision.

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March 17, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Gen. Div., Cor. Br.  
(Artz, Robert E.)

Mr. James Artz,  
Main Street,  
Donaldson, Pa.

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By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

By:

J.F. BUTLER,  
1st Lieut., Infantry.

MAILED  
MAR 19 1921  
COR BR. G. R. S.

3/17

April 14, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div.Cor.Br.  
(ARTZ, Robert E.)

Mr. James Artz,  
Main Street,  
Donaldson, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt of your letter of recent date is acknowledged.

In accordance with your request, instructions have been issued to leave the remains of your late son, Private Robert E. Artz, Serial No. 1256682, Company D, 108th Machine Gun Battalion, in France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

You are assured that the grave site will always be maintained as a fitting memorial of the late soldier's sacrifice.

Upon transfer of the remains to a permanent American Cemetery, you will be advised of the grave location.

By Authority of the Quartermaster General.

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,  
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"COR. BR. G. R. S."

April 14, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div.Cor.Br.  
(ARTZ, Robert E.)

Mr. James Artz,  
Main Street,  
Donaldson, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt of your letter of recent date is acknowledged.

In accordance with your request, instructions have been issued to leave the remains of your late son, Private Robert E. Artz, Serial No. 1256682, Company D, 108th Machine Gun Battalion, in France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

You are assured that the grave site will always be maintained as a fitting memorial of the late soldier's sacrifice.

Upon transfer of the remains to a permanent American Cemetery, you will be advised of the grave location.

By Authority of the Quartermaster General.

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Name ..... Artz ..... 1256692 ..... Robert E. ....

Rank ..... Co. **68357** ..... Corps }  
Regt. }

Date of Death .....

Place ..... Evac. H. sp. #11 .....

Cause ..... Died of wounds .....

Date of Burial ..... Oct. 2, 13. ....

Grave No. .... 76, Plot 2. ....

Cemetery ..... American Cemetery, Brizeaux, Meuse .....

Identified by { Tag } Tag on Body and Tag on Body  
{ Papers }  
{ Clothing }

List of Effects .....

Field Record Made by ..... Sgt. J. E. Feltus .....  
**557**

Company ..... 302 ..... Graves Registration Service

A.G. 3.

For additional data use reverse side

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FROM: O. ~~Q.~~ M. G.  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
Munitions Building  
Room 1128

PLEASE  
EXPEDITE

58357

WAR DEPARTMENT

Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington

G.R.S. Form 8-W-4921  
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 1-20-21

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.

68367  
Special

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

- a. Surname Artz, OK
- b. Christian name Robert E. OK
- c. Serial Number 1,256,682 OK
- d. Organization Co.D, 108th M.G.Bn. OK
- e. Rank Pvt. OK
- f. Date of death 10-2-18 OK
- g. Cause of death DWRIA OK
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- i. Emergency address
- j. Relationship

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BODY DESCRIPTION  
(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age of enlistment
- b. Color of eyes
- c. Color of hair
- d. Height
- e. Weight
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

DENTAL CHARTS  
(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

- a. Strike out teeth missing
- |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |   |            |   |
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H. L. ROGERS,  
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.

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CEMETERY NO: 557

BY: *H. J. Conner*

SHEET NO: 5  
TYPED BY: egp

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

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