

G.R.S. Form #114-B

FULL NAME ASHE, Anthony D.

RANK Pvt.

SERIAL 1694293

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION Hdqrs. Co. 319th Infantry 80th Div.

DATE OF DEATH 2-25-19

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Massachusetts

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED None

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 6-13-1922 17 4 A

Date Grave Row Block

St. Mihiel American Cemetery 1233

Cemetery



Robert G. Davis, Major General, The Adjutant General, By ase

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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Ashe, 1694293 Anthony D.  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Private Hq. Co. 319th Infantry,  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL February 26th, 1919.

PLACE OF BURIAL

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

American Cemetery,

Ancy-le-Franc, Yonne.

GRAVE NUMBER 42

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?  Cross?

Headboard?  Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?  Yes.

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

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

REPORTED BY:

Arthur H. Brown Senior Chaplain  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

This portion to be forwarded to Adj. Gen'l., G. H. Q., A. E. F.  
30th Div

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

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.  
TO : Mr. Cornelius J. Soper, Fleeting, Mass.  
SUBJECT : Place of Burial.  
Private Anthony D. Ashe, Headquarters Company, 319th Infantry,  
Church Cemetery, Ancy le Franc, Yonne, France.

29 MAR 1919

I am sure that you will pardon the use of a form letter such as we are sending you to-day, when you try to realize under what great stress this office is working in order to give as prompt advice as possible concerning facts which are of such very vital importance to our sorrowing friends, whose brave men have suffered martyrdom on battle-fields within our sphere of European operation.

It is with great sorrow that I am writing you, and only the urgency of your desire to know, prompts me to push forward this notification when my note is required to be so formal because of the great number to which my name has to be signed.

You have probably already received official advice concerning the death of the one whom you gave to your country and the world for the saving of civilization.

You will be comforted in knowing that his body lies buried in a spot which is under our care and control, and that there will be no danger of its loss or neglect.

We are sending you, herewith, a note which gives general answers to a number of questions which our bereaved friends are often asking, and it will probably give information concerning some of the things you are anxious to understand.

Please be sure of our earnest desire to guard your interests in every possible way, and our satisfaction in being able to care for the resting places of our dead.

CCP/CAL

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

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

G.R.S. )  
BULLETIN ) INFORMATION FOR THE FRIENDS OF OUR DEAD.  
NO. 10-B ) -----

1. THE GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, a branch of the Quartermaster Corps, is the official organization of the War Department, charged with the acquisition and control of cemeteries in every country embraced within the Field of Operations. It is also responsible for the marking and preservation of all graves. No other organization shares this authority, or has power to effect arrangements or make promises concerning this work. It must be remembered also that this Service does not bury the dead, but confines its operations to the location and control of graves. It is not prepared to give information on other subjects.
2. CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH. The Graves Registration Service does not receive information relative to the circumstances surrounding the death of soldiers, and inquiries under this heading should be addressed to the chaplain of the organization in which the soldier was serving at the time of his death.
3. OUR FIELD FORCE operates within all areas, and every effort is made to perfect identifications and to guard the resting places of our dead. The Government has undertaken to do every thing which is humanly possible, in view of the extreme difficulties involved in the stress or consequence of the greatest war in the history of the world.
4. THE EXACT LOCATION OF A GRAVE is communicated, whenever possible, to the person whom the soldier had previously registered as the proper one to be addressed, in case of casualty. The great mass of information to be gathered, verified, and transmitted, will generally account for delays in notification.
5. FLOWERS, FLAGS, ETC. We are frequently asked to accept commissions to place flowers, flags and other gifts on separated graves, but such requests must necessarily be denied because of the wide extent of our territory, the exhausting nature of the work, and the impossibility of reaching a thousand or more burial places under the difficult conditions which obtain. Such requests are also discouraged for the reason that there should be no inequality in the treatment of our nation's dead.
6. MONUMENTS. For the same reason, in addition to the fact that the Government would eventually be obliged to transport monuments with bodies to designated places of final burial, it is not at present permitted to erect any permanent monument; all graves being temporarily marked with a cross or the regulation headboard, such as is used in National Cemeteries in the United States. No other markers can be authorized until the final disposition of the dead has been made.
7. PERSONAL EFFECTS. Personal effects are not handled by this Service. Inquiries concerning the same should be addressed to The Adjutant General of the Army, Washington, D. C.
8. DISINTERMENTS. The exhumation of bodies is at present prohibited by the laws of the countries in which we are operating. No exception can be made until the War Department shall have completed its plans for the shipment of bodies to the States. This applies also to disinterments for emplacement in metal caskets; such action, for military reasons, having been disapproved.

9. RETURN OF BODIES to the U. S. will be made in due time, except in cases where a specific request to the contrary is made; which request should be addressed to The Adjutant General of the Army, Washington, D. C., who will issue proper instructions. Due announcement of the return of bodies will be made, and the time cannot be hastened by appeals for priority, precedence, or favoritism in the listing of claims. The final disposition of bodies will be considered and executed as an entire project, at such time, probably after the conclusion of peace, as the vastness and difficulty of this almost inconceivable task may make possible.

10. While some of these restrictions may seem unreasonable to friends in the first outburst of their sorrow, experience has shown the same to be necessary, and our people are asked to accept the sacrifice which they impose, in the same spirit in which our men on the world's battle-field have offered up themselves, viz., for the good of a great cause.

By Authority:

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

PHOTOGRAPHY OF GRAVES  
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

1. PHOTOGRAPHY OF GRAVES is entirely controlled by the Chief of the Graves Registration Service. American Expeditionary Forces, France. No photography of graves should be taken except by the special photographers of this Service, who, under the operation of military orders, are assigned to the Staff of its Chief, by the American Red Cross.
2. An officer of the American Red Cross, designated as Director of Photography, is assigned to the Staff of the Chief, Graves Registration Service, for this work, under his direction, and funds are provided through the War Chest contributed by the American people. No funds should be sent to the Graves Registration Service, the Red Cross, or individual officers for this purpose from any private source.
3. Operators are now photographing graves in France, Belgium, Italy, Great Britain and Ireland, and it is expected that within a very few months the finished photographs will be transmitted to the relatives of our dead.
4. Owing to the difficulties of obtaining the necessary technical staff, and the inadvisability of setting up a large photographic laboratory in France, it has been decided to distribute these photographs through the Bureau of Communication, American Red Cross National Headquarters, Washington, D.C., and all applications for pictures should be filed there, as soon as notification of the location of grave has been received by a relative from the Chief, Graves Registration Service.
5. The photographers work under route instructions issued by the Chief, Graves Registration Service, and in the interest of economy and labor-saving, it has been decided that these operators will not be able to make special trips to distant points to take individual photographs in response to urgent requests received from the United States or elsewhere. The time so consumed would prolong the period of waiting on the part of many others.
6. It is the desire to furnish the best possible service to sorrowing friends at home, and with this end in view, it is earnestly requested that relatives of our dead will be as patient as possible in awaiting these photographs. It will be appreciated that if requests are forwarded directly to the Graves Registration Service of the Army in France, it will only add to the burden of the work, without achieving the end in view; as, for reasons given above, appeals for priority, precedence or favoritism in the listing of claims cannot be considered, and photographs can only be forwarded from Washington.

By direction of Lieutenant Colonel Charles C. Pierce,  
Chief, Graves Registration Service:

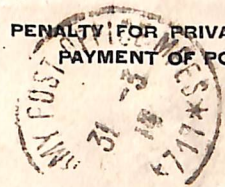
MAURICE B. DIX,  
Captain, American Red Cross,  
Director of Photography,  
Graves Registration Service.

WAR DEPARTMENT

**GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE**

**American Expeditionary Forces**

**OFFICIAL BUSINESS.**



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

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**MISDIRECTED  
RETURNED TO WRITER**

*New York, N. Y.*

Mr. Cornelius J. Soper,

Fleeting, Mass.



*Handwritten signature*  
**U.S. Army  
Signal Corps**

Q. M. G. M. & P. B. R.  
APR 23  
2-PM  
1913

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Ashe, Anthony D</i>	<i>ASH</i>	3	<i>198</i>
	CEMETERY <i>1233</i>	1	<i>3</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>17</i>	2	<i>17</i>
	ROW <i>4</i>	2	<i>04</i>
	BLOCK <i>A</i>	1	<i>1</i>
STATE	<i>Mass</i>	2	<i>25</i>
RANK	<i>Pvt.</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>80</i>	2	<i>80</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>319</i>	3	<i>319</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARITAL	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Soper</i>	<i>SOP</i>	3	<i>988</i>
<i>Mrs. Elizabeth Ashe</i> <i>(sister)</i>	STATE <i>Mass</i>	2	<i>25</i>
RESIDENCE <i>line 8+ Agawam, Mass</i>	COUNTY <i>Agawam</i>	2	<i>67</i>
	CITY <i>Agawam</i>	3	<i>67</i>
RELATION	<i>mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Head</i>	1	<i>6</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE <i>29/514/EAB</i>		1	

**AUDITED**

APR 1 1932

*at*

QM 293 A-M  
Ashe, Anthony D. (StM)

October 12, 1931

Mrs. Elizabeth Ashe Soper,  
Line Street,  
Agawam, Massachusetts.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date advising that your mother, Mrs. Josephine Soper, is deceased.

With reference to your desire to make a pilgrimage to the grave of the late Private Anthony D. Ashe at the expense of the Government, you are advised there is no provision of law which would permit anyone to make the journey in the place of a mother or widow.

Your desire to visit the last resting place of your deceased brother is understood and appreciated. However, I am sure you will realize the War Department has no alternative other than to carry out the law as passed by Congress.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Ashe, Anthony D. M-

1233

October 1, 1931

Mrs. Josephine Soper,  
555 Meadow St.,  
Agawam, Mass.

*Recd March 3, 1931  
Mrs Elizabeth Ashe Soper  
Daughter.*

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

2. Please state your age and condition of health:

Age:  
Health:

3. Do you speak English?

4. What other language do you speak?

*Would it be possible for me as the lead soldier's only sister to take the trip in Mother's place.*

Sign here

*Elizabeth Ashe Soper  
Line St  
Agawam  
Mass.*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



*A. D. Hughes*

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

Encl:  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM  
Ashe, Anthony D. Pvt. (STM) M

June 12, 1931.

Mrs. Josephine Soper,  
555 Meadow St.,  
Agawan, Mass.

↑ died 1931

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? \_\_\_\_\_  
Write answer here

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

June 7, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Ashe, Anthony D. -1233 M

Mrs. Josephine Soper,  
555 Meadow St.,  
Agawan, Mass.

← dized 1931

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



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

(Write answer here)

*Mrs Josephine K. Soper*  
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 8 , 1929.

Ashe, Anthony D. 1233 M.

Mrs. Josephine Soper,  
555 Meadow St.,  
Agawan, Mass.

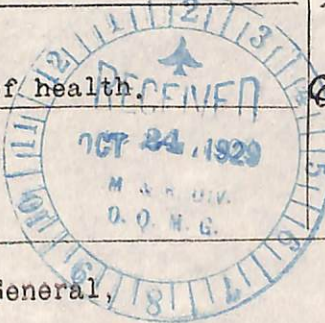
*mother died 1931*

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)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (No)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (No)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (No)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age	Health	
	61 (Years)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Good)	<input type="checkbox"/> (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/> (No)
	Other language	<i>English</i> (Specify language spoken)	



For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Asho, Anthony D

May 25, 1929.

Mrs. Josephine Soper,  
Lano St.,  
Agawam, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Anthony D. Asho, Hq. Co., 319th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

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June 3. 1929.

Quartermaster General.

Dear Sir

In ans to your letter  
just recd: I will say my  
son Anthony D. Ashe

W.M. 293. A.C.

never was married to my  
knowledge so has no  
widow as far as I know  
respectly.

Mrs Josephine Soper  
555 Meadow Street  
Agawan Mass

QM 293 A-M  
Ashe, Anthony D. (StM)

October 12, 1931

Mrs. Elizabeth Ashe Soper,  
Line Street,  
Agawam, Massachusetts.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date advising that your mother, Mrs. Josephine Soper, is deceased.

With reference to your desire to make a pilgrimage to the grave of the late Private Anthony D. Ashe at the expense of the Government, you are advised there is no provision of law which would permit anyone to make the journey in the place of a mother or widow.

Your desire to visit the last resting place of your deceased brother is understood and appreciated. However, I am sure you will realize the War Department has no alternative other than to carry out the law as passed by Congress.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Ash, Anthony D. M-

October 1, 1931 ed

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555 Meadow St.,  
Agawan, Mass.

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

Sign here

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

Encl:  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM  
Ashe, Anthony D. Pvt. (StM) M

June 12, 1931.

Mrs. Josephine Soper,  
555 Meadow St.,  
Agawan, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

June 7, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Ashe, Anthony D. -1233 M

Mrs. Josephine Soper,  
555 Meadow St.,  
Agawan, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 8, 1929.

Asho, Anthony D. 1233 M.

Mrs. Josephine Soper,  
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Dear Madam:

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Ashe, Anthony D

May 25 , 1929.

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The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Anthony D. Ashe, Hq. Co., 319th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Mourthe-st-Meselle, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

Ashe,  
(Surname.)

Anthony D.  
(Christian name in full.)

1,694,223  
(Army serial number)

Pvt.  
(Rank)

Hq. Co. 319 Inf.  
(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Mother

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)

Mrs Josephine Sobel

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Line Street, Agawam, Mass.

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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Drawn by ~~GMH~~

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30 of 20

November 22, 1923,

Mrs. Josephine Soper,  
Line St.,  
Agawan, Mass.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the permanent grave of **Private Anthony D. Ashe, Headquarters Company, 319th Infantry, is Grave 17, Row 4, Block A, St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.**

This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

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

Very truly yours,

R. L. FOSTER  
Assistant.



Place ANCY-LE-FRANC. (YONNE)

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date JAN, 3, 1922

1. REMAINS OF ASHE, Anthony D. SERIAL NUMBER 1694293

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Hq. Co. 319th Inf

2. Disinterred (date): Jan 3, 1922. From (give complete location): Grave No. 42, Amer Mil. Cty, 1341, Ancy-le-Franc

By: Group 3 Unit Section 4.

3. Reburied (date): June 13 1922 In (give complete location): Gr. 17 Bk. A Row 4

By: Group Reburial Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial Casket & shipping case

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
In uniform and wooden box. Badly decomposed.  
Recognition impossible.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:  
Silver souvenir ring bearing the initials (A.D.A.) found on body. Divisional insignia (Green Mountain) on shoulder.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Unable to determine MBD-19-30-, MAD-1.

(b) Weight (estimated) Unable to determine Cavity-4-7-8-9-10-18-32

(c) Hair—Color Unable to determine Broken-8, silver filling

Quantity Unable to determine

Characteristics Unable to determine

(d) Hair on face—Color none

Location none

Quantity none

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

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) none

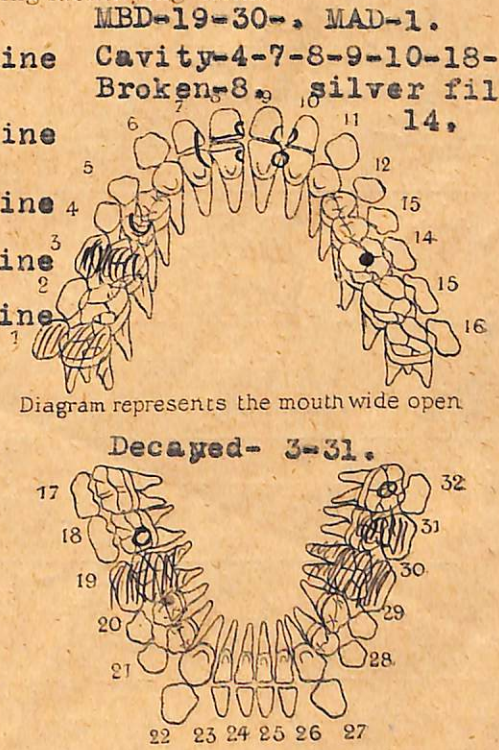


Diagram represents the mouth wide open

7. Disinterment supervised by A.R. CHENEY Approved: R.L. FAIN, CAPT. QMC  
gbr GAD (Title)

8. Reburial supervised by H L Kramer Approved: A E Dewey  
H L Kramer (Title) 1st. Lt. QMC

## 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.

<b>MISSING TEETH</b>	All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :	
<b>CROWNED TEETH</b>	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :	
<b>BRIDGE WORK</b>	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus :	
<b>FILLINGS</b>	Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :	
<b>CARIES (CAVITIES)</b>	Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :	
<b>DENTURES (PLATES)</b>	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.



SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-26072

32. Designation of body:

Name Anthony D. ASHE Serial No. 1694293

Rank Pvt Organization Hq.Co. 519th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel Amer. Cty. #1233 Thiaucourt. M. & M.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Jan 3, 1922. By A. R. CHENEY

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. L. Fahn*  
R. L. FAHN, CAPT. OMC

36. Remarks None

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Jan 3, 1922.

To point of Concentration Tonnerre, (Yonne)  
(Name)

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_

By G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_

To Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel Amer. Cty. 1233, Thiaucourt, (M. et M.)  
(Name)

Convoyer C. L. Rieley Signature Shipping Officer *C. L. Rieley*  
Capt 2nd Reg

40. Received: Date 1-9-22

G.R.S. Representative *R. L. Fahn* to Y of M

41. Reinterred, June 13 1922 (Date)

42. Grave No. 17 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot Blk. A Row 4

G.R.S. Representative *A. E. Dewey*  
A. E. Dewey Ist. Lt. OMC

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AUDITED BY

To be prepared in triplicate

DATE Jan 3, 1922.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name ASHE, Anthony D  
 2. No. 1694293  
 3. Rank Pvt.  
 4. Org. Hq.Co.319th Inf  
 5. D.D. Feb. 25 / 1919  
 6. C.D. Broncho pneumonia, Influenza

10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_  
 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) D.B. none

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 42 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

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

18. Cemetery Amer.Mil

19. Commune or town Ancy-le-Franc

20. Dept. or County Yonne

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No 1341

23. Disinterred (Date) Jan 3, 1922.

By A.R.CHENEY

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Anthony D. Ashe  
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organization Hq.Co. 319th Inf

25. Was identification disc found on <sup>Gr. No. 42</sup> grave marker?

On body? Yes

Glenn A. Dorsey  
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

GLENN A. DORSEY

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).

Silver souvenir ring bearing the initials: (A.D.A.), found on body.  
Divisional insignia (GREEN MOUNTAIN) on shoulder.  
 27. Condition of body Body decomposed. Recognition impossible.

28. Nature of burial In uniform and wooden box.

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Jan 3, 1922. By A.R.CHENEY

31. Casket sealed by A.R.CHENEY

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

A.R. Cheney  
 A. R. CHENEY

(115-continued)

change of request for the return of body will be considered  
after Aug. 15. (ARB-10-7-21).

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File No. 96421

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*4/28/22 Examined  
for Concentration  
Get Mithel 1233  
att 5/22/22*

1. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name **ASHE, Anthony D.** Ser. No. **1694293**  
 (b) Rank **Pvt.** Organization **Hq. Co. 319th Infantry**  
 (d) Cause **Broncho Pneumonia & Influenza**  
 (c) Date of death **2-25-19** of death **Broncho Pneumonia & Influenza**

TYP. **EML**  
CKR. **88**

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

(a) Grave No. **42** Row **---** Plot **---** Sect. **---** TYP. **HDP**  
 (b) Emerg. Address **Cornelius J. Soper (Step-father) Floating, Mass.**

111. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases: **NO CARD** CKR. **J L Z**

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt *none*

(a) Name *Ms Josephine Soper* (b) Relationship *mother*  
 (c) Address *Line St, Agawam, Mass.*  
 (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 *JA* Date *5-25* 1920

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

dated \_\_\_\_\_, confirmed request in Par. IV. item \_\_\_\_\_, above, or requesting that  
*no Correspondence*

Examiner's Initials *MM* Date *5-26* 1920

VI. G.R.S. Files - Correspondence - shows as follows:

*no request for disposition*

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? *yes - MHS*

Examiner's Initials *MHS* Date *5/27* 1920

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

JUN 7 1920

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*Rush Answer*

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.  
TO: Mrs. Josephine Soper, Line St., Agawam, Mass.  
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Anthony D. Ashe.

The records of this office show that you have requested that his  
body be not returned to U.S.

*No change*

*over*

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

Noted on Form No. 115  
Date 1-10-21-P  
CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Colonel, U.S. Army.

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow			
Soldier's Children	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
	3.		
Father			
Mother			
Brothers	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
Sisters			
Date		Signature	

The transfer of bodies will be made entirely at government expense.

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Note:- Instructions on the reverse side of this sheet should be carefully read before filling out this paper. (OVER)

June 10, 1920.

I still wish to leave my son's body in the grave where it is buried. I would much rather think of him as being over there where he gave up his life for his country. He leaves no wife nor children and I am his mother and nearest of kin. His stepfather and I feel the same.

*Josephine K. Soper.*  
Mrs. Josephine Soper.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT

1. This paper MUST be signed by the person who is the NEXT of kin in the order shown in the square on other side of this sheet.
2. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
3. 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.
4. If YOU are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
5. If YOU are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.
6. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
7. Use the enclosed envelope - pay no postage.

964121

**GRAVE LOCATION BLANK**

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Ashe, 1694293 Anthony D.  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Private Hq. Co. 319th Infantry.  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: .....

CAUSE OF DEATH: Pneumonia

DATE OF BURIAL: February 26, 1919.

PLACE OF BURIAL: .....

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

American Cemetery  
Ancy-le-Franc, Yonne

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GRAVE NUMBER: 42

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?  Cross?

Headboard?  CMME. Ancy-le-Franc Yonne

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: C-1019 SHIP. 97 S.E. COORD

Was one buried with body?

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

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

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NEAREST RELATIVE: .....

ADDRESS: .....

RELATIONSHIP: .....

REPORTED BY: .....

Arthur H. Brown, Senior Chaplain  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

This portion to be sent to Chief of General Administration Service.

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

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LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Ashe, 1694293 Anthony D.  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Private Hq. Co. 319th Infantry,  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL February 26th, 1919.

PLACE OF BURIAL

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

American Cemetery,

Ancy-le-Franc, Yonne.

GRAVE NUMBER 42

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?  Cross?

Headboard?  Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes.

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

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

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REPORTED BY:  Senior Chaplain  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

This portion to be sent to Chief of Graves Registration Service. 80th Div.

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE

ASHE, 1694235, Anthony D.  
(Surname) (Number) (First Name and Initials)

Pvt. Hq. Co. 319th. Infantry  
(Rank) (Organization)

PLACE OF DEATH: .....

CAUSE OF DEATH: Pneumonia

DATE OF BURIAL: Feb 26<sup>th</sup> 1919

PLACE OF BURIAL: .....

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

Ancy - C - Franc, Youne  
American Cemetery

GRAVE NUMBER: # 42

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? ..... Cross?

Headboard? ..... Bottle? .....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? 34 Yes

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

If name unknown and tags missing, description and mark should be given here?

NEAREST RELATIVE: Cornelius J. Soper

ADDRESS: Fleeting Hills, Mass

RELATIONSHIP: step father

G.R.S. FORM NO. 12

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

FROM : ADJUTANT GENERAL.

TO : C.O. Hq. Co. 319th. Infantry

SUBJECT : Information for burial Register.

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

By Command of General Pershing:

Robert C. Davis  
Adjutant General.

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OSP SS.

Note:

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

Nearest relative of deceased:

Cornelius J. Soper,

Relationship: stepfather

Address: Fleeting Hills, Mass

October 7, 1921.

293.8-Cem. #96421 (Ashe, Anthony D., Pvt.) Cty. 1341, Sht.1-49.

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

Miss Hazel Heath, American Red Cross, 145 State St., Springfield,  
Mass.

Private Anthony D. Ashe.

File

10/7/21  
AKS

1. In reply to your letter of October 4, 1921, you are advised that the progress of the work in France has rendered it necessary to establish a definite policy governing requests relative to the disposition of remains of soldier dead; therefore, the Secretary of War has directed that no change of requests relative to the return of a body be considered after August 15th. In view of this policy, it is too late to issue instructions for the return of the remains of the late Private Anthony D. Ashe, Headquarters Company, 319th Infantry.

2. When the body has been placed in a permanent American Cemetery, the legal next of kin will be duly advised of the new grave location.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

MAILED

OCT - 7 1921

MVB

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

AKS  
HW

Noted on Form 115  
Date 10-7-21-aks  
C.M.C.

# AMERICAN RED CROSS



HAMPDEN COUNTY CHAPTER

## HOME SERVICE SECTION

145 STATE STREET  
SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

October 4, 1921.

Captain Charles J. Wynne,  
Cemeterial Division,  
Quartermaster Corps,  
Washington, D. C.

Re - Ashe, Anthony D. Pvt.  
#96421 Cty. 1341, Sht. 1-49

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Josephine Soper, mother of the above named deceased soldier, has today been to this office in regard to the letter you sent her on October 1, 1921, advising that the body of her son is to be removed to a permanent cemetery.

Although Mrs. Soper has previously told you that she did not wish her son's body returned to America she now feels that inasmuch as it is to be removed from where it now is she would very much like to have it returned to the United States. Will you kindly advise me if it is now possible for this to be done.

Yours very truly,

*Hazel Heath*

Aftercare Department.

Noted on Form 115

Date 10-7-21-ars

Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. O. M. G.  
File # 938 # 96421

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*Ashe, Anthony D.*

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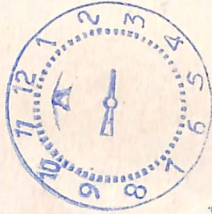
HAMPDEN COUNTY CHAPTER  
HOME SERVICE SECTION

145 STATE STREET  
SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS



Captain Charles J. Wynne,  
Cemeterial Division,  
Quartermaster Corps,  
War Department,  
Washington, D. C.

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OCT 5 1921

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

Oct 1, 1921

FILE

No. 293.8 Cem. Div. - #96421-(Ashs, Anthony D Pvt.)Cty. 1341, Sht. 1-49  
From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Cemeterial Division).  
To: Mrs. Josephine Soper, Line St., Agawan, Mass.

Referring to your request that the remains of the deceased soldier named above be left undisturbed, you are advised that the cemetery in which the body is now buried is a temporary one. It will be necessary, therefore, to remove it to the nearest permanent American Cemetery where the grave will be marked by a suitable headstone and will be perpetually maintained in the most reverent and careful manner by our Government as a memorial to the late soldier's supreme sacrifice.

After the body has been reinterred in one of the permanent American cemeteries you will be notified of its final resting place. You are assured that the Government will never forget your priceless gift to the cause of freedom.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

LN

HCH

Noted on Form No. 115

Date 10/1/21 att

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OCT - 1 1921

1st. Ind.

Headquarters Co., 319th Infantry, Amer. E.F., 22nd. March 1919.  
Burial Officer, 80th.Div. (thru Military Channels)

To: Division

1. Forwarded for information on Grave Location Blank.

*A. J. McBride*  
A.J. McBRIDE  
1st. Lt. 319th. Inf.

FILE

2nd Ind.

Headquarters 319th Infantry, American E. F., France, 22 March, 1919.  
To: The Division Burial Officer, 80th Division.

1. Forwarded.

*James M. Love, Jr.*  
JAMES M. LOVE, Jr.,  
Colonel, 319th Infantry,  
Commanding.

/esf

3rd Ind.

Senior Chaplain 80th Division, American E.F., France, 24 March 1919.  
To: Colonel James M. Love, Jr., Commanding 319th Indantry.

1. Information hereto appended.

*Arthur H. Brown*  
Arthur H. Brown,  
Senior Chaplain.

4th Ind.

Hq., 319th Infantry, American E. F., 26th March, 1919.  
To: Adjutant General, G. CHS. Q., A. E. Division.

1. v Forwarded.

*James M. Love, Jr.*  
JAMES M. LOVE, Jr.,  
Colonel, 319th Infantry,  
Commanding.

Received  
A.G.O.

1 - APR 1919

H.O.A.E.F.

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CASE OF: Ashe, Anth D. Pvt.

Cty. 134. 1

E/A - Cornelius J. Soper (Step-father) Fleeting, Mass.

A.G.O. card - Mrs. Josephine Soper, (mother) Line St., Agawam, Mass.  
not to be returned.

Form 129, 6/7/20, Mrs. Josephine Soper, mother, states son leaves no  
wife, nor children and she and step-father request  
body left "in the grave where it is buried".

CASE OF: Ashe, Anthony D. Pvt.

Cty. 1-1

E/A - Cornelius J. Soper (Step-father) Fleeting, Mass.

A.GCO. card - Mrs. Josephine Soper, (mother) Line St., Agawam, Mass.  
not to be returned.

Form 129, 6/7/20, Mrs. Josephine Soper, mother, states son leaves no  
wife, nor children and she and step-father request  
body left "in the grave where it is buried".

Mr Cole  
Ancestry

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