

To The A. G. O.

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G.R.S. Form #114-B

FEB 9 - 1926

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FULL NAME... *BALDWIN, Lester* ✓

RANK... *Sergeant* ✓ SERIAL... *1224715* ✓

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION... *27th Div. Company M, 105th Infantry* ✓

DATE OF DEATH... *Sept. 27 '18* ✓

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME... *New York* ✓

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED... *none* ✓

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION... *9 10 9 B*

Date Grave Row Block

636

Cemetery

FEB 9 1926  
WORLD WAR DIV.

Rec'd World War Div.  
MAR 24 1928  
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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Baldwin, Lester	3	212 <sup>0</sup>
	CEMETERY 636	1	5
BURIED	GRAVE 9	2	09
	ROW 9	2	09
	BLOCK B	1	2
STATE	N. Y.	2	37
RANK	Sgt.	1	2
DIVISION	27th	2	27
ORGANIZATION	105	3	105
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARITAL	Ms	1	2
NAME	Mrs. Mary Watson	3	12, 12 31 8
	STATE N. Y.	2	37
RESIDENCE	COUNTY Saratoga	2	46
191 Grand Ave	CITY Saratoga Sp.	3	134
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Bad	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	NO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	no	1	
29/514/EAB			

2 Audited  
 DEC 15 1931  
 WFB

QM 293 A-M  
Baldwin, Lester (Son)

August 8, 1932.

Mrs. Mary Watson,  
191 Grand Avenue,  
Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to office letter of July 12, 1932, stating that you are physically unable to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Sergeant Lester Baldwin.

It is indeed regretted that your physical condition will not permit you to accept the offer of the Government at this time. However, should your health improve and you desire to make the pilgrimage next year, it is requested that you notify this office, and arrangements will be made for you.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 12, 1932

Baldwin, Lester (Som)

Mrs. Mary Watson,  
191 Grand Ave.,  
Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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


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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

*No I will not try to go*  
(Write answer here) *for health*

(Sign here)

*Mrs Mary Watson*

QM 298 A-M  
Baldwin, Lester (Son) M

January 7, 1932.

Mrs. Mary Watson,  
191 Grand Avenue,  
Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence with this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Sergeant Lester Baldwin. In reply to inquiries as to whether or not you desire to make the trip you advised your health was poor and you did not feel you could stand the strain of the journey.

In the event your health has improved it is believed you should feel no hesitancy in making the trip as competent personnel will be provided to care for the mothers and widows from the time they arrive in New York City until they return thereto. Doctors and nurses will be available and you are assured that everything possible will be done for your comfort and welfare. During the past two summers a number of mothers in poor health and of advanced age made the journey and appear to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

The pilgrimage was authorized by Congress in an endeavor to bring a measure of comfort and solace to the hearts of the mothers and widows whose loved ones made the supreme sacrifice for their country during the late war, and it would appear from the thousands of letters received from the mothers and widows who made the trip in which they express their appreciation, that the effort was not in vain.

Should you desire to take advantage of the offer of the Government and make the trip during the coming summer, it is requested you so advise this office and arrangements will be made accordingly.

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-AM

Baldwin, Lester Sgt. (Som) M

June 15, 1931

Mrs. Mary Watson,  
191 Grand Ave.,  
Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



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

Write answer here

*Mrs Mary Watson*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Baldwin, Lester Sgt 636 M

October 10, 1930

Mrs. Mary Watson  
191 Grand Avenue  
Saratoga Springs, New York

Dear Madam:

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

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

*No I am not well enough to make the Pilgrimage.*

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	<i>Have heard other mothers</i>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	<i>tell of the graves how nice they are kept and they</i>
3. Please give your age and state your health.	<i>have no wish to have it</i>
4. Do you speak English?	<i>Age</i>
5. What other language do you speak?	<i>Condition of health otherwise</i>

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

*Sincerely*  
*Mary M. Watson*

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Amendment  
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Oct 15 - 29. ✓

Quartermaster General. Q.M. 293 A-b.

Hester Baldwin

836-M.

In reply to your letter of Oct 7. I wish to say that it will be impossible for me to take the trip to Europe on account of my health it is not good enough to stand it and such a sad trip surely would not improve any ones health. Therefore I will have to be content to stay home as the strain would be too much for me.

Sincerely yours  
Mrs Mary Watson,  
191 Grand Ave  
Saratoga Springs  
N.Y.



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Saratoga Springs N.Y.

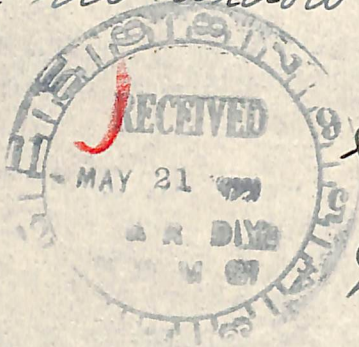
Q. M. 293 A-B.

May 19-28

Fester Baldwin

In reply to your letter of May 15:

My son was never married so there  
are no widow or children.



Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Mary Watson

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO ~~QM 293~~ A-C

Baldwin, Lester

May 15 1929.

Mrs. George Watson,  
191 Grand Ave.,  
Saratoga, N. Y.

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 Sergeant Lester Baldwin, Company M, 105th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Dony, Aisne, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 12, 1932

Baldwin, Lester (Son)

Mrs. Mary Watson,  
191 Grand Ave.,  
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Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Write answer here)

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

QM 293 A-M  
Baldwin, Lester (Som)

August 8, 1932.

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For The Quartermaster General,

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Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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QM 295 A-M  
Baldwin, Lester (Son) M

January 7, 1932.

Mrs. Mary Watson,  
191 Grand Avenue,  
Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

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Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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QM 293 A-M

October 10, 1930

Baldwin, Lester Sgt 636 M

Mrs. Mary Watson  
191 Grand Avenue  
Saratoga Springs, New York

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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-AM  
Baldwin, Lester Sgt. (Son) M

June 15, 1931

Mrs. Mary Watson,  
191 Grand Ave.,  
Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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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

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1931 JUN 15 - 11:11 AM  
Q. M. CORPS & P. O. B.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 6, 1930.

Baldwin, Lester 636 M

Mrs. Mary Watson,  
191 Grand Ave.,  
Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? \_\_\_\_\_

(Write answer here)

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Baldwin, Lester 636 -M

Mrs. Mary Watson,  
191 Grand Avenue,  
Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

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.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Baldwin, Lester

May 15 1929.

Mrs. George Watson,  
191 Grand Ave.,  
Saratoga, N. Y.

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 Sergeant Lester Baldwin, Company M, 105th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne, France.

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

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

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

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

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QM 293 A-C

BALDWIN, Lester - Sergt.

April 23, 1926

Mrs. George Watson,  
191 Grand Ave.,  
Saratoga, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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

This American overseas military cemetery is to be maintained by the United States for all time. The graves will be permanently marked by white headstones inscribed with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves, as soon as possible, and without necessity for special action or request on the part of relatives.

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

Very truly yours,

L.W. REDINGTON,  
Major, Q.M.C.,  
Assistant.

1 Incl.  
Record card.

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To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE March 23, 1928

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 BALDWIN, Lester  
 2. No. 1224715  
 3. Rank Sergt.  
 4. Org. Co. M, 105th Inf.  
 5. D.D. Sept. 27, 1918  
 6. C.D. KIA

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 9 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. Plot Block B Row 10  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 17. \_\_\_\_\_

18. Cemetery Somme  
 20. Dept. or County Aisne  
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. #636

19. Commune or town Bony  
 21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) March 23, 1928

By P.D. WOODMAN

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name BALDWIN, Lester  
 Rank Sergt.

Serial No. 1224715  
 Organization Co. M, 105th Inf.

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

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 \_\_\_\_\_

28. Nature of burial Field burial

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? \_\_\_\_\_

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date March 23, 1928 By P.D. WOODMAN

31. Casket sealed by P.D. WOODMAN

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

*P.D. Woodman*  
P.D. WOODMAN

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. \_\_\_\_\_

32. Designation of body:

Name BALDWIN, Lester Serial No. 1224715

Rank Sergt. Organization Co. M, 105th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Somme, Bony, Aisne

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) March 23, 1928 By J.J. DILLON

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 *J.J. Dillon*  
J.J. DILLON

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

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

To point of Concentration \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)

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

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

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

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

To Permanent Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)

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

40. Received: Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

41. Reinterred March 23, 1928 Somme American Cty.  
(Date)

42. Grave No. 9 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot Block B Row 9

G.R.S. Representative *J.F.V. Brady*  
J.F.V. BRADY  
Superintendent.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF BALDWIN, Lester SERIAL NUMBER 1,224,715

RANK Sgt. ORGANIZATION Co. M. 105th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : March 23, 1928 From (give complete location) :  
Grave 9, Block B, Row 10

By : Group \_\_\_\_\_ Cty. \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

3. Reburied (date) : March 23, 1928 In (give complete location) :  
Grave 9, Block B, Row 9

By : Group \_\_\_\_\_ Cty. \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial Metalic casket

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

5. (a) Identification tags : Buried with body ? yes On grave marker ? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Weight (estimated) \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Hair—Color \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Characteristics \_\_\_\_\_

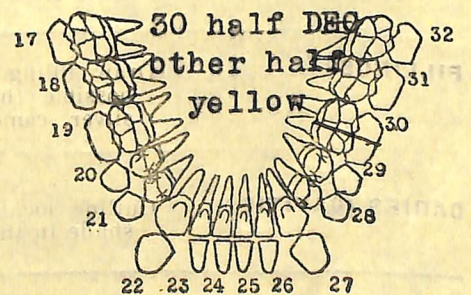
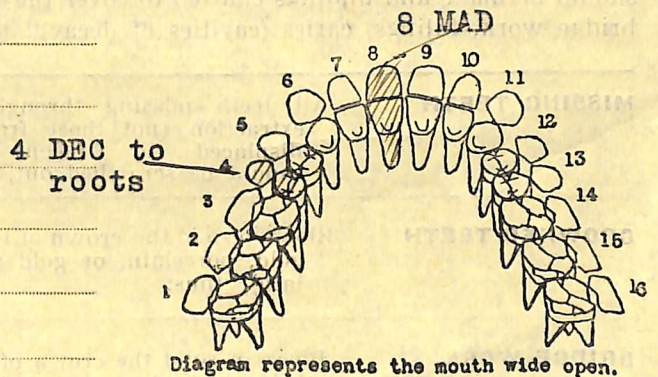
(d) Hair on face—Color \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) \_\_\_\_\_

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



7. Disinterment supervised by J. Woodman

Approved : \_\_\_\_\_  
(Title) \_\_\_\_\_

8. Reburial supervised by J. P. Pillow  
3-7832

Approved : \_\_\_\_\_  
(Title) \_\_\_\_\_

Baldwin,

(Surname.)

Lester

(Christian name in full.)

1,224,715

(Army serial number)

Sgt. Co M ; 105th Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Mother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

Yes

(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery?

no

(Yes or no.)

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

Walter E Robson Hoosick Falls. N. York

(Name of person to receive remains)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

Classie St Undertaker - Town

N.Y.

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mrs Mary Watson

109 Grand Ave Saratoga Springs

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

N.Y.

Drawn by Jm

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #59637

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BALDWIN, Lester Ser. No. 1224715
(b) Rank Sgt. Organization Co. M, 105th Inf.
(c) Date of death 9-27-18 (d) Cause of death K/A
TYP. HB
CKR. [Signature]

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

(a) Grave No. 165 Row 7 Plot F Sec. - TYP. DB
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. George Watson, (Mother) 159 Grand Ave., Saratoga, N.Y.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases NO CARD CKR. [Signature]

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Mrs. Mary Watson (b) Relationship mother
(c) Address 159 Grand Ave. Saratoga Springs, N.Y.
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? yes
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at no

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. Walter E. Robinson OK
Undertaker, Delaware St. Hoosick Falls, N.Y. 685
Exp + Del - Hoosick Falls, N.Y.
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. -

Examiner's Initials BER Date 9-1, 1920.

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

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

Examiner's Initials BER Date 9-1, 1920.

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes. H W
Examiner's Initials H W Date 9-1, 1920.

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No 636 SHEET No. 64

rechecked 7-10-2-8-21

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made Sept. 2, 1920.

Typed by O. J. B., Checked by MST, Sept. 2, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on Sept. 4, 1920

Par 1. Body to be returned. gsd

IX. CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE.	ACTION TAKEN.
Desires body be _____	NOV 3 1920 OVERSEAS ADVISED by proposed cablegram 156 not to return body HBC
Body to be shipped to _____	

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: 9/8/20 Form 120 mother, Mrs. Mary Watson  
159 Grand Ave. Saratoga Springs N.Y. Request  
indefinite

10/2/20 W R gives beneficiary Mrs. Mary Watson  
(mother) 175 Washington St. Saratoga Springs N.Y.

10/9/20 J.S.  
Letter 10/13 to Mother 191 Grand Ave., Saratoga Springs  
N.Y. asking her to state definitely whether desires body  
shipped as previously ins. (Walter E. Robson, Clinic St., Hossick  
Hills, N.Y. remain Europe. Re. address of father) - 10/13 F.  
Let- 10-15-20-mother - Mrs - Mary Watson, 191 Grand  
ave. Saratoga Springs N.Y. Request body remain  
in France since body will not be moved to another  
cemetery. Does not know or care to know any  
thing about the father's whereabouts. Would rather  
have records incomplete than to be troubled  
about the father. M BH-10-29-20.



PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disk or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail)-----  
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27. Condition of body-----
28. Nature of burial-----
29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G. R. S. records quoted above?  
-----
30. Body prepared and placed in casket----- (Date.)----- By-----
31. Casket sealed by -----
- Signature of Embalmer (Supervisor)-----

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

32. Designation of body { Name **Baldwin, Lester** Serial No. **1224715**  
Rank **Sgt.** Organization **Co. M, 105th Inf.**
33. CONSIGNEE—Name **Walter E. Robson, (Undertaker),**  
Address **Classic St., Hoosick Falls, N.Y. (Ex. & Tel., Hoosick Falls, N.Y.)**
34. Casket boxed and marked----- (Date.)----- By-----
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-----

36. Remarks-----  
-----
37. Shipped from cemetery----- (Date.)----- To----- (Point of concentration.)  
Convoyer----- Signature Shipping Officer-----
38. Received at point of concentration----- (Date.)  
Signature Receiving Officer-----
39. Shipped from point of concentration----- (Date.)  
To----- (Port.)----- Convoyer-----  
Signature Shipping Officer-----
40. Received European port----- (Date.)  
Signature of G. R. S. Representative-----
41. Shipped to----- (U. S. port.)----- On----- (Boat.)  
Date----- Convoyer----- (Signature of Shipping Officer.)
42. Received----- (Date.)----- By G. R. S. Representative----- (Signature.)
43. Shipped to destination----- (Date.)----- { B/L or Express Order No.-----  
Convoyer----- Shipping Officer-----

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November 10, 1920.

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File No. 293.8 Gen. #59637 (Baldwin, Lester, Sgt.)  
From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)  
To: Mrs. Mary Watson, 191 Grand Avenue, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.  
Subject: Disposition of remains.

1. In reply to your letter of October 1920, cancelling your previous instructions for the return of the remains of the late Sergeant Lester Baldwin, Company H, 105th Infantry, and directing that his remains be permanently interred in the American Military Cemetery at Bony, Department of Aisne, you are advised that instructions will be issued that your wishes be complied with provided there is no relative whose legal right to direct disposition has priority over yours.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

MR

M. N. GREELY,  
Captain, C.M.C.

BLB

MLP

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**MAILED**  
NOV 11 1920  
**G.R.S.**

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November 10, 1920.

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By authority of the Quartermaster General:

MR

BLB

M. N. GREELEY,  
Captain, Q.M.G.

MJP

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November 5, 1920.

293.8 Gen. # 59637 (Baldwin, Lester, Sgt.)  
The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Cemeterial Division)

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To:

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By authority of the Quartermaster General:

elb

M. N. GREFFLEY,  
Captain, Q.M.G.

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File Number 5-9637.  
Date 11/2/20.

TO: REGISTRATION BRANCH, G. R. S.  
FROM: INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME: Baldwin, Lester Serial Number  
RANK: Sgt. ORGANIZATION:

No.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with records?	1) Yes. (Co. M, 105th Int.
2.	Date of death.	2) 9/27/18. (# 1224715.)
3.	Cause and place of death.	3) K/A
4.	Number of casualty cablegram.	4) #299.
5.	Date buried.	5) 10/4/18.
6.	Grave location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of cemetery or commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	6) Grave 165 Plot F, Row 7, Bony, <sup>mil.</sup> Am., Cty. #636, Bony, (Fisne.) ✓
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G. R. S.?	
9.	Report as to grave marker.	
10.	Identification tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	(10) - a. no record, (10) - b. " " (Moth.)
11.	Complete emergency address?	11) Mrs. Geo. Watson, 159 Grand Ave., Saratoga, N.Y.
12.	Has been notified? (Give date.)	12) 2/24/19.
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record.)	13) B-11915.
14.	What is the photograph number?	
15.	Inquiry made by.	

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RELEASED BY INFORMATION CONTROL DEPARTMENT. L.G.P.  
..... Confirmed.  
..... Unconfirmed.

N. B.—All proper names to be typewritten, or printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

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October 13, 1920.

File No. 293.8 Reg. Sec. Com. Div.  
(BALDWIN, Lester)

Mrs. Mary Watson,  
191 Grand Ave.,  
Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

Dear Madam:-

It is requested that you forward this office definite instructions as to whether you desire the remains of your late son, Sergeant Lester Baldwin, returned to the United States and shipped to Walter E. Robson, Classic St., Hoosick Falls, N.Y., or remain in Europe.

It is also requested in order to complete records of this office, that you furnish the complete address of the father of the late soldier.

Your early reply will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

BY:

T. G. H. J.  
THOS. G. HANSON, Jr.,  
1st Lieut., Q.M.C.

*Es. C.*

**MAILED**

OCT 13 1920

OVERSEAS PROJ. SEC.  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION.

OSP:SS  
(1 Encl.) ✓

Noted on Form No. 115  
Date 10-13-20 7119

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

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*T.G.*

OSP:SS  
(1 Encls.)

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

~~Baldwin, Lester, Sgt.~~  
SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

~~636 --- 64~~

~~10/4/20~~

1224715

Co. M. 105th Inf.

Date of Death 9/27/18

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Address \_\_\_\_\_

5709/MB

Fennington

*gsc*

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION

*Please Rush*

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER	CEMETERY NO.	DATE
Baldwin, Lester, Sgt.	636 -- 64	9/17/20

SERIAL NUMBER	ORGANIZATION
1224715	Co. M. 105th Inf.

Date of Death 9/27/18

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE 10-2-20

NAME OF BENEFICIARY	RELATIONSHIP
Mrs. Mary Watson, Address	Mother

175 Washington St., Saratoga Springs, New York

*c*

SEP 7 1920

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

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O. J. B.

*Rush Answer* *MCH*

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C.

To: Mrs. Mary Watson, 159 Grand Ave., Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

SUBJECT: Remains of Sgt. Lester Baldwin, Co. M, 105th Inf., Ser. No. 1224715<sup>5</sup>

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body be shipped to  
Walter E. Robson, (Undertaker) Classic St., Hoosick Falls, N.Y.

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Major, U. S. A.

*Noted on suspension sheet  
10/7/20 JS*

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 these relatives are STILL LIVING.

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN	STATE.
Soldier's widow	<i>NOV 3 1920</i> <i>no widow by proposed cablegram</i>	<i>OVERSEAS ADVISED</i>	
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	<i>156 no children body 1832.</i>	<i>OVERSEAS ADVISED</i>	
Father	<i>do not know anything about father.</i>		
Mother	<i>Mrs Mary Watson 159 Grand Ave Saratoga Springs N.Y.</i>		
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	<i>1 no brothers</i>		
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	<i>1 Mrs Elva Mann living 93 Robbins Street Waterbury Conn.</i>		



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Date *Sept 8 1920*

Signature *Mrs Mary Watson*

Address *Saratoga Springs N.Y.*

Relationship *Mother*

IMPORTANT.—CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.

Sept 8, 1920.

I, the undersigned, am the Mother and nearest living relative 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.

Signature Mrs Mary Watson



INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instruction as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative 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 living relatives 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 relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
7. 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.
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.

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

636-64  
O.J.B.

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Soldier's widow			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Father			
Mother			
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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

1. G. R. S. Form No. 1.

Hq. G. R. S. File

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2. Soldier's No. 1224715

3. Baldwin Fester  
Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials

4. Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. 9/30/18 K. I. A  
Date of Death Cause, if known

6. 10/4/18 Bonny Mil.  
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. Bonny  
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. 165 7 F  
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

9. Name Peg? Cross?  Headboard? Bottle?  
Check Method of Marking

10. Buried with Bones? Attached to Grave Marker?  
Identification Tags

11. If name unknown and tags missing, give marks and description.

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12. Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

13. Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed

Group Unit 302 G. R. S.

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G.R.S. #106  
DISPOSITION OF BODY

War Department  
Office of the Quartermaster General.  
Graves Registration Service  
Washington, D.C.

11-5-20

For information of:

- (a) The Adjutant General of the Army
- (b) G.R.S., Paris, France.
- (c) Office Files.
- (d) Photographic Section.

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Case of:

Sgt. Lester Baldwin, #  
#1225715  
Co. M. 105th Inf.

Grave Location:

Grave 165 Plot F Row 7  
Amer. Mil. Cty. Bony,  
Aisne.

Request for action checked below:

- (a) Return of Body to the U.S.
- (b) Permanent Burial in France.
- (c) Cancellation of former requests.
- (d) Change of address.
- (e) Photograph of grave.

has been made by:

Mrs. Geo. Watson, (Mother)  
191 Grand Ave.,  
Saratoga Spgs., NY

By authority of the Quartermaster General

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.  
Chief, Graves Registration Service.  
NS-2992/L

elb.

Bald

G. R. S. Form #124  
Disposition Status -  
OFFICE MEMORANDUM. -

REGISTRATION SECTION  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

File No. 59637  
OSPSS Ref. No. 636-64  
Follow-up No. 846

To: Inquiry Section.  
From: Overseas Project Sub-Section.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION on Cemetery No. <sup>636</sup> (furnished by: M.B.H.) (date 10-29-20)

Data sent Overseas None  
Operations to commence (approx.) Not yet advised.  
Operations to be completed (approx.)  
Bodies shipped from European Port  
Bodies arrived at Hoboken

II. CASE OF Baldwin, Lester Sgt. Co. M. 105th Inf. Ser. # 1224715

The following information was abstracted (Date) 10-29-20 from: Form # 115-

SOURCE	CLK.	in OFFICE		Clk.	in OFFICE
A. G. O. Cards	CER.	yes.	Shppg. Inquiry (sent <u>9-7-20</u> )		
A.G.O. Corresp.	CER.	No	To <u>Mother</u>	<u>M.B.H.</u>	yes.
G.R.S. Corresp. relative to disp.	<u>M.B.H.</u>	yes.	OSP S-S Corresp. (see Remarks.)		

Agocard.

DESIRES as to Disposition.

Name of Relative	RETURN			REMAIN	SPECIAL
	N. C.	Pvt.	Int.		
Widow					
Children (Name oldest first)					
Father					
✓ Mother <u>Mrs. Mary Watson,</u> <u>159 Grand Ave.,</u>					
Brothers <u>Saratoga Springs,</u>					
Sisters <u>New York.</u>					

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Body to be shipped to Walter C. Robson (Undertaker) Classic St.,

Horsick Falls, N. Y. was shipped (Date)

REMARKS Cty. 636 Disp. 9-4-20 + 9-16-20

Let. 10-15-20 - noted on form #115 - J. R. 10-23-20 Nov.  
Form #120 - 9-7-20 - Mother - Mrs. Mary Watson 191 Grand Saratoga  
Saratoga, N.Y. Request indefinite status she does  
not know anything about father. M.B.H. - 10-29-20  
(over) OK/SJS

letter 10/13/20 to Miss Mary Watson, 191 Grand  
Ave. Saratoga Springs, N.Y. requesting address  
whether she desires body to be shipped as  
directed in APO card or left in France;  
also requests complete address of  
father. Hs 10/30/20

11/6/20 Europe was advised to hold body  
Nov 3 D+C Group HHC



sorrow and anxiety of having him brought home and the doubt of it being him.

I feel it is wiser to let it rest where it is not to be disturbed in any way.

Also you ask for his father's Address that I can not give you as I do not know it, or do not want to. he is dead to me as far as knowing any thing about him or locating him in any way.

and if my son could speak he would say let the records go uncompleted rather than have that man's name placed there. for my two children and myself suffered the tortures of hell from that man. no one but God

in Heaven knows what we went through while living with him. he is not worthy to be called the name of father. the law is so unjust at times. so let things remain as they are while I live if my son's father cared nothing for him while alive. he cares less now he is dead.

Now I will ask you in the name of God. and my dead son's sake not to humiliate me further asking about that man for I never hear or ask any thing about him. so let the records remain as they are rather than trouble me the little while I have to live. Mrs Mary Watson

P.S. Please do not let anyone disturb my darling's boys body.