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MRS EMMA JANE L BANKS
5840 CALHOUN AVENUE
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

WIRE COLLECT AT ONCE WHETHER YOU ARE OBTAINING PASSPORT STOP IF NOT
DO YOU WISH TO CANCEL YOUR ACCEPTANCE PILGRIMAGE QSM FOUR FOUR FOUR THREE

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QM 293 A-M
Banks, Will (Sur) x

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QM 293 A-M
Banks, Will (Sur)x

April 17, 1933

Mrs. Emma Jane Banks,
5959 Calumet Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 12th, advising that you are not able to sail on the American Banker, June 23rd, to visit the grave of your husband, the late Private Will Banks.

The reservation made for you has accordingly been canceled. It is indeed regretted that you are unable to take advantage of this last offer of the Government to make a pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 298 A-M
Banks, Will (Sur) x

March 30, 1933.

Mrs. Emma Jane Lofton Banks,
5840 Calmont Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Immediately following receipt of your acceptance of the invitation to make a pilgrimage to Europe, sailing on June 23, 1933, a letter containing general information of importance was mailed to you. In this letter you were told how to proceed to obtain a passport which you must have before you can visit Europe. Your passport has not yet been received in this office.

If it is your intention to make the pilgrimage, you should go at once to the United States Passport Agent, 201 North Wells Street, Chicago, taking with you:

1. Four (4) photographs of yourself on thin paper (unmounted) not more than 3 x 3 inches and not less than 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches in size;
2. Your invitation and any evidence of citizenship which you may have;
3. Someone who has known you for at least two years to identify you.

The Agent will help you fill out the application and HE will forward it to the proper office. The passport will be delivered to you aboard ship. No charge will be made for the application or the passport.

If you have changed your mind and do not intend to make the trip please so inform this office at once. It is necessary to know at this time whether or not you intend to make the pilgrimage in order that reservations and other arrangements may be made for you.

It is requested you advise whether you are making application for passport, or whether you have decided not to make the pilgrimage. A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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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

Banks Will (Sur) x

July 13 1932

Mrs Emma Jane L. Banks
5840 Calmont Ave
Chicago Ill

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Banks, Will (Sur) W

October 6, 1931.

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Mrs. Emma Jane L. Banks,
5840 Belmont Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

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?	

Sign here

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

Banks, Will Pvt. (Sar) W+

July 20, 1931.

Mrs. Emma James L. Banks,
5640 Calvert Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

QM 293 A-M
Banks, Will (Son) Wx

July 8, 1931

Mrs. Emma Jane L. Banks,
5840 Calmont Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

The invitation which was extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe on the AMERICAN BANKER, sailing July 10th, 1931, has been withdrawn due to the fact that no acceptance has been received from you.

Plans provide that pilgrimages will be conducted during the summer months of 1932 also. In the event you desire to visit the grave of your husband next summer, it is requested that you so advise this office, in order that arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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June 29, 1931, Washington, D. C.

MRS EMMA JANE L. BANKS
5840 CALMONT AVENUE
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL JULY TENTH NOT RECEIVED DO YOU
ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER. 3049 GSM

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

QM 293 A-M
Banks, Will (Sur) W

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QM 293 A-M
Banks, Will (Sur) X

May 5, 1931

Mrs. Emma Jane L. Banks,
5840 Calmont Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

It is requested that you advise this office whether or not your health has improved sufficiently to enable you to sail on the AMERICAN BANKER July 10th, 1931, to visit the grave of your husband, the late Private Will Banks.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:
Envelope.

KL

Washington, D. C., April 3, 1931

MRS. EMMA JANE L. BANKS,
5840 CALHOUN AVE.,
CHICAGO, ILL.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL JULY TEN NOT RECEIVED
DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER 237309M

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DEWITT
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

QM 293 A-M Banks, Will 34-W



QM 293 A-M

Banks, Will 54-Wx

March 20, 1931

Mrs. Emma Jane L. Banks,
5840 Calmont Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "American Banker" on July 10, 1931.

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

In the event no reply is received from you before April 24, 1931, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Banks, Will 34x

March 5, 1931

Mrs. Emma J. L. Banks,
6840 Calmont Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 16th relative to the pilgrimage you desire to make to the American Conventories in Europe, sailing on the S. S. AMERICAN BANKER, July 10, 1931.

With reference to your stopovers at Jersey City, N. J. and Philadelphia, Penna. Arrangements will be made to route you via Philadelphia on return without additional cost for either rail or pullman fare. In view of the fact that Jersey City is not on your direct route sufficient time will be allowed you in New York to make a visit to Jersey City and return at your own expense, the approximate cost being \$1.00.

It is, of course, understood that all expenses incurred by you, due to these stopovers, must be paid from personal funds.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 AM
Banks, Will Pvt. 34 W X

January 29, 1931.

Mrs. Emma Jane L. Banks,
5840 Calment Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

In the letter sent you recently containing information in connection with your pilgrimage to the American cemeteries in Europe, on page 2, under "Passports" the address of the U. S. Passport Agent, Chicago, Ill., is shown as 608 South Dearborn St.

This office has moved and the correct address is now as follows:

U. S. Passport Agent,
201 North Wells St.,
Chicago, Ill.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Banks, Mill 34-W

June 19, 1930

Mr. Ensign John I. Banks,
5840 Calumet Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

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)

WASHINGTON D C APRIL 13 1953

MRS EMMA JANE L BANKS
5840 CALMONT AVENUE
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

WIRE COLLECT AT ONCE WHETHER YOU ARE OBTAINING PASSPORT STOP IF NOT
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QM 293 A-M
Banks, Will (Sur) x

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QM 293 A-M
Banks, Will (Sur)x

April 17, 1935

Mrs. Emma Jane Banks,
5959 Calumet Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 12th, advising that you are not able to sail on the American Banker, June 23rd, to visit the grave of your husband, the late Private Will Banks.

The reservation made for you has accordingly been canceled. It is indeed regretted that you are unable to take advantage of this last offer of the Government to make a pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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april 12-1929

War Department
Jun. 293 a.m.

Dear Sir.

I would have died
as I was ask But fell and
Broke my arm and have not
Been able to walk and I dont
think I will Be able to go
for it will Be some time
Before I will able to any walk
very much. I am your Respectly
wife of Will Bank hear
I is my new address

5929 Calumet ave.

Changed from accept to
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Signal Corps, United States Army

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

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U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1930

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Chicago -
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QM 293 A-M
Banks, Will (Sur) x

March 30, 1933.

Mrs. Emma Jane Lofton Banks,
5840 Calmont Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Immediately following receipt of your acceptance of the invitation to make a pilgrimage to Europe, sailing on June 23, 1933, a letter containing general information of importance was mailed to you. In this letter you were told how to proceed to obtain a passport which you must have before you can visit Europe. Your passport has not yet been received in this office.

If it is your intention to make the pilgrimage, you should go at once to the United States Passport Agent, 201 North Wells Street, Chicago, taking with you:

1. Four (4) photographs of yourself on thin paper (unmounted) not more than 3 x 3 inches and not less than 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches in size;
2. Your invitation and any evidence of citizenship which you may have;
3. Someone who has known you for at least two years to identify you.

The Agent will help you fill out the application and HE will forward it to the proper office. The passport will be delivered to you aboard ship. No charge will be made for the application or the passport.

If you have changed your mind and do not intend to make the trip please so inform this office at once. It is necessary to know at this time whether or not you intend to make the pilgrimage in order that reservations and other arrangements may be made for you.

It is requested you advise whether you are making application for passport or whether you have decided not to make the pilgrimage. A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying. o

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Banks Will (Sur) x

July 13 1932

Mrs Emma Jane L Banks
5840 Calment Ave
Chicago Ill

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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

2 Encls.

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

yes
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)



File No.

OUT-CHARGE SHEET

Date charged out

Charged to

Remarks:

Banks, Will

For Mothers Case —

Mrs. Henrietta Haynes

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INSTRUCTIONS.—If a document is taken from the files, charge it to the person to whom delivered. Make charge sheet in duplicate. Place one in record file and one in suspended file used for follow up on "charge out sheets."

Q. M. C. Form 355 (Old No. 492)
Revised July 26, 1918

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Banks, Will (Sur) W

October 5, 1931.

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Mrs. Emma Jane L. Banks,
5840 Galmoht Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

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?	

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Danks, Will Pvt. (Sur) W*

July 20, 1931.

Mrs. Emma James L. Danks,
5940 Calmont Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

QM 293 A-M
Banks, Will (Som) Wx

July 8, 1931

Mrs. Emma Jane L. Banks,
5840 Calment Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

The invitation which was extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe on the AMERICAN BANKER, sailing July 10th, 1931, has been withdrawn due to the fact that no acceptance has been received from you.

Plans provide that pilgrimages will be conducted during the summer months of 1932 also. In the event you desire to visit the grave of your husband next summer, it is requested that you so advise this office, in order that arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M

Banks, Will (Som): W

July 7, 1931

Mrs. Emma Jane L. Banks,
5940 Calment Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

The invitation which was extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe sailing from New York on the AMERICAN BANKER on July 10, 1931 has been withdrawn due to the fact that no acceptance has been received from you.

If you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you communicate your wishes to this office.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

June 29, 1931, Washington, D. C.

MRS EMMA JANE L BANKS
5840 CALVERT AVENUE
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL JULY TENTH NOT RECEIVED DO YOU
ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER. 3049 GSM

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

QM 293 A-M
Banks, Will (Sur) W

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Banks, Will 31-W

June 19, 1930

Mrs. Emma Jane L. Banks,
564 Calmont Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

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)

34 American Merchant

Banks Will

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I declines by letter ^{5/23/30} the invitation extended ^{ans 5/26/30}
(Accept or decline)

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

1931

Mrs. Emma F. Jared Banks
(Name)

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Calment Ave., Chicago Ill.
(Town or City) (State)

Health bad

Married Emma Jane in
1913 - lived together a few
months when he was jailed
In jail till a short time
prior to enlistment -
Married Queenie in 1919
made her an allotment
& insurance beneficiary
She was paid till 1922
when Emma Jane turns
up - Proves they were never
divorced tho they only
lived together a very few
months & had not seen
each other since 1913

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RETURN RECEIPT

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S. S. American Banker

7-10-31

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

Henretta Hayes

(Signature or name of addressee)

Liny Maudie Hayward

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery _____, 19____

Form 3811

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1929

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Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 125419

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____



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

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING
OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,
or Post Office Box, MUNITIONS BUILDING

WASHINGTON,

D. C.

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RETURN RECEIPT

S. American Banker 7-10-31

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

Henretta Hayes

(Signature or name of addressee)

Liny M. May Wood

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery _____, 19____

Form 3811

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1929

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Banks Wilf

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

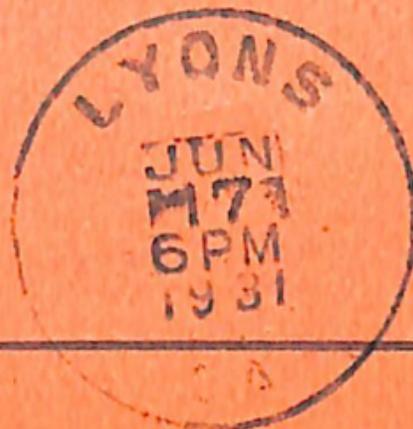
REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 920452

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____

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



Return to **Q. M. GENERAL**

(NAME OF SENDER)

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

WASHINGTON,

D. C.

QM 293 A-C
Banks, Will 34-W

May 26, 1930

Mrs. Emma Jane Lofton Banks,
5840 Calmont Avenue,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date declining the invitation to sail on the SS "American Merchant" July 12, 1930, to visit the grave of your husband, the late Private Will Banks, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

CR

*Not had 2 wives -
married both but
failed to divorce
Emma Jane
before he
married again
Emma Jane OK.*

MEDICAL RECORD

SUR

Party: *K* Hotel *Y. W. C. A.* S. S. *American Banker* ^{Merchant} ~~East~~ *Eastbound* ~~West~~ *Westbound*

Name Haynes, Mrs. Henrietta, (Pvt. Will Banks, 13 - 5- A)

Home Address Lyons, Ga.

Name and address of nearest relative or friend Jonas Haines (or Tiny Maude Haines,
Lyons, Ga.)

Religion Age 57-M

History of present complaint: 7/11/31 Headache, nausea, vomiting, weakness, constipated
7/18/31 Markedly improved. Recovered. N.J.S.
8/2/31 Seasickness H.E.D.
8/10/31 No Complaints H.E.D.

INSTRUCTIONS: This card will be prepared for each Pilgrim treated on ship, east or west bound. Cards to be included in report of Liaison Officer upon return to New York.

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)

7/11/31 Seasickness with constipation (fairly well sick)
8/2/31 Seasickness H.E.D.

Treatment and Progress: (include dates)

7/11/31 Anticausic granules, laxatives, rest, analgaesics, ice cap N.J.S.
7/13/31 Greatly improved today out on deck. N.J.S.
7/18/31 Recovered from seasickness.

8/2/31 Triple Bromides
Brandy -- ginger ale -- chloretone (Continuous)
- 8/8/31 - discontinued treatment.
- Duncan

Disposition: (include dates) 7/18/31 Recovered. N.J.S.

8/10/31 Recovered H.E.D.

Remarks:

Aug 10 returned: Anemic. Pt. leaving for home. Pt. peculiar little way
+ weak, felt better when she got on land. Anemic looking.
Treatment: I.D.S. Tonic from Genl Depeway, 29 Whitehall St.,
N.Y. City I.N.A.

Amer Banker
July 10 - 1931 ✓
34

Banks, will
✗

I Cancelled - no reply to wires
(Accept or decline) Health Poor the invitation extended

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

Banks Mrs Emma J. R
(Name)

5840 Calment Ave. Chicago - Ill
(Town or City) (State)

Cook Co.

QM 293 A-M
Banks, Will (Sur)

May 5, 1931

Mrs. Emma Jane L. Banks,
5840 Calmont Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

It is requested that you advise this office whether or not your health has improved sufficiently to enable you to sail on the AMERICAN BANKER July 10th, 1931, to visit the grave of your husband, the late Private Will Banks.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:
Envelope.

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Washington, D. C., April 3, 1931

MRS. EMMA JANE L. BANKS,
5640 CAINWAT AVE.,
CHICAGO, ILL.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL JULY TEN NOT RECEIVED

DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER 29736CM

A.D.F

DONITT
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

CM 293 A-M Banks, Will 34-W

QM 293 E-M
Banks, Will 34x

March 5, 1931

Mrs. Emma J. L. Banks,
5840 Calmont Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 16th relative to the pilgrimage you desire to make to the American Cemeteries in Europe, sailing on the S. S. AMERICAN BANKER, July 10, 1931.

With reference to your stopovers at Jersey City, N. J. and Philadelphia, Penna. arrangements will be made to route you via Philadelphia on return without additional cost for either rail or pullman fare. In view of the fact that Jersey City is not on your direct route sufficient time will be allowed you in New York to make a visit to Jersey City and return at your own expense, the approximate cost being \$1.00.

It is, of course, understood that all expenses incurred by you, due to these stopovers, must be paid from personal funds.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Cook Co.
5840 Calumet ave, Chicago Ill.

Mr John W. Childress
General Agent, United States Lines
1027 Connecticut ave. N.W. Washington
D.C. To the Gold Star Mothers
and Widows Department

Dear Sir, I Being the wife
of ³⁴²⁰ Will Banks put Cas. 314 2nd dn,
I have been sick for more
then a year & am not able to
take the trip now and dont
know when I will be able

Respectly yours

Mrs Emma Jane ^{Merchant} Banks

Declined
7/12/30
Am. American
Lines
for

UNITED STATES LINES
WASHINGTON D.C.
6-115264
MAY 28 1930

Chicago Ill.
5840 Calmontan.
Feb. 15 - 1931

Quartermaster General
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir I am writing
this letter as Best I can
I not able to use a
pen at the time I am
sick and have been
for three year the
5 of March 1931 I am
not able to leave my
Room. yes I would
like to take trip. far
I am sure this is
the last chance I
will get to see my

293

Room No. 1010

Part - 34 X

Husband Grace But
I sick, and I will
have to explain very
fast to be our able
to go, I am filling
my Blank.

I am very truly
yours

Mrs Emma Jane Lyster Banks
the wife of Will Banks
p. ut. 34XW

Scheduled for American Banker July 10.
As she has filled in stopover form
we shall let the
invitation go out.



UNITED STATES VETERANS BUREAU.

....., 19

RESPECTFULLY REFERRED TO

~~C-88567 Robt J M~~

C-118-264

Ida Banks?

No

Reference
to Ida Banks
in Folder

Will Banks,

MOTHER

Mrs. Henrietta Haynes

Lyons,

Ga.

Widow

11-2-29

Mrs. Emma Jane Lofton Banks

4920 So. State St.,

7-18-26 Chicago, Ill

BANKS, WILL. 54x W

Mothers' & Widows' Pilgrimage
Stopovers on return

Name: BANKS, Mrs. Anna Jane L.

Address: 5840 Calmont Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Party:
K

Stopovers desired at:

New York, N.Y. and Philadelphia, Pa.

Rail

Passenger to purchase own ticket from New York to Jersey City, N.J. and return to New York. (No collection made for Jersey City, N.J. stopover)

Excess

NONE

Pullman

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Value</u>
New York, N.Y.	Philadelphia, Pa.	P.C.	.75
Philadelphia, Penna.	Chicago, Illinois.	L.B.	8.25

Total:

9.00

Thru Pullman Fare:

9.00

Excess:

NONE

Amounts shown as "excess" have been collected by the Quartermaster General and remitted to the Finance Officer, Washington, D.C.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Banks, Will

Oct. 8, 1929.

W
Mrs. Emma Jane Lofton Banks,
4920 S. State St.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the widow of the late Pvt. Will Banks, Co. D, 314th Labor Bn., whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

1. Have you remarried since the death of the above named veteran?
2. If not, do you desire to make the pilgrimage?
3. Is the deceased survived by a mother?
4. If so, give her name and complete address.

No.

yes.

yes

Not known

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Banks, Will 34 -W

Mrs. Emma Jane L. Banks,
~~4920 S. State Street,~~ 5840 Calmont Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

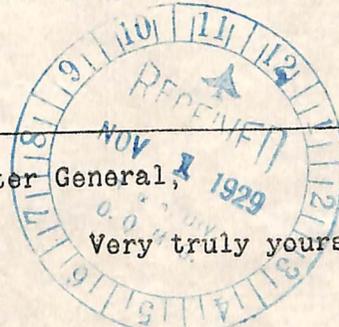
The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries,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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(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 <u>31</u> Health (Years) (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
JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

Encl.
Act
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

September 20, 1922.

file

FILE: 293.8 C-R #17534

SUBJECT: Permanent Grave Location of Private Will Banks,
Company D, 314th Labor Battalion.

TO: Mrs. Queen Rodges Banks, Sandersville, Ga.

1. The permanent grave of this soldier is No. 13, Row 5,
Block A, Suresnes American Cemetery at Suresnes, Department of Seine,
France.

2. 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, organization and date of soldier's death. The headstones will
be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in
progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action
or request on the part of relatives.

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

For the Quartermaster General:

GEORGE H. PENROSE,
Assistant.

MAILED

SEP 20 1922

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DATE 10/25/21

1. NAME Banks, Will SERIAL No 3492759

RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Co. D. 314th Lab. Bn

GRAVE LOCATION Talence (Gironde) 25
CTY. NAME NUMBER

172 - Sec. B
GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 172 Sect. B Talence Gironde
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES

CONCENTRATED TO Sept. 27, 1918 172 Sect. B
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Talence 25 (B section)
CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR W. R. NICHOLS
Major, C. A. C.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 10/25/21 13 5 A
DATE GRAVE ROW Block PLOT

AUDITED BY
SUB 8/25/22

Suresnes American Cty # 34 Suresnes Seine
CEMETERY

Place Talame #25
Date Sept 6-1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF Banks, Will SERIAL NUMBER 3492759

RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Co. D. 314th Lab Bn

2. Disinterred (date): Sept 6-1921 From (give complete location): Talame #25 Gr 12 Co B

By: Group 2 Unit Sec 7

3. Reburied (date): October 25th, 1921 In (give complete location): Suresnes Cemetery - Block A - Row 5 - Grave 13

By: Group Field Operations Branch Unit Nature of reburial Metal Gasket and Blanket

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

Wooden box and uniform. Body decomposed. Features not recognizable.

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

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

Tag corrected so that it reads Ban --- # 3492 ---

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to estimate

(b) Weight (estimated) Indecernable due to decomposition

(c) Hair—Color None Visible M.B.D

Quantity None

Characteristics None

(d) Hair on face—Color None Visible M.A.D

Location None

Quantity None

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

M.B.D

M.A.D

M.A.D

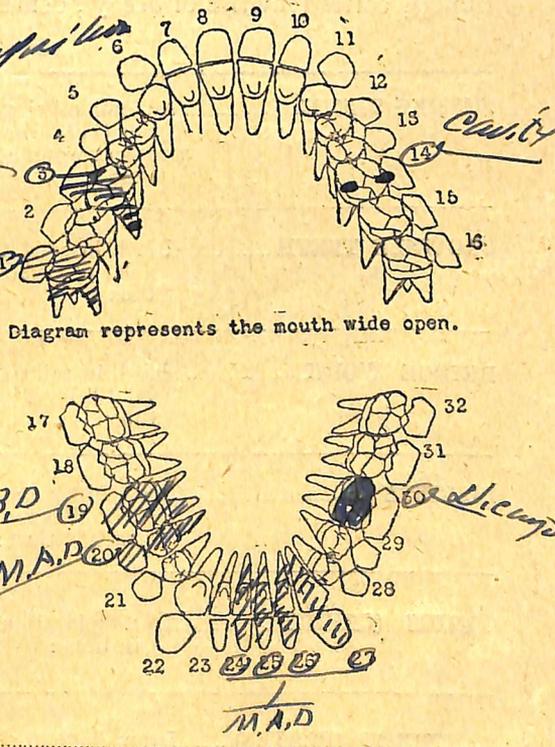
(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty)

Indecernable due to decomposition

Chick Gold

7. Disinterment supervised by A. J. Harvey Approved: [Signature]
A. J. Harvey, Supe Emb. C. S. Demy, 1st Lt., CAC.
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by R. G. Richards Approved: [Signature]
R. G. RICHARDS, 1st Lieut. Q.M.C. R. P. HARBOLD, Major, Q.M.C.
(Title)



60347

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept. 6th, 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name Banks, Will

10. Name

2. No. 3492759

11. No.

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank

4. Org. Co. D. 314th Lab. Bn.

13. Org.

5. D.D. Sept. 26. 18

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. DOD

(b) D.B.



Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 172 Sec. B

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. No discrep.

18. Cemetery American

19. Commune or town Talence

20. Dept. or County Gironde

21. Country

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 85

23. Disinterred (Date) Sept. 6th, 1921

By A. J. Harvey

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Will Banks

Serial No. --

Rank Pvt.

Organization Co. D. 314th Lab. Bn.

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

A. J. Harvey
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).

Body tag corroded which read: "Ban-- ---, 3492-- ---"

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features not recognizable.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box and uniform.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? No discrep.

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Sept. 6th, 1921 By A. J. Harvey

31. Casket sealed by A. J. Harvey

Signature A. J. Harvey Embalmer, (Supervisor)

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **C-1350**

32. Designation of body:
Name **Banks, Will** Serial No. **3492759**

Rank **Pvt** Organization **Co.D.314th Lab.Bn**

33. Consigned to:
Name of Permanent Cemetery **SURESNES AMERICAN CEMETERY #34**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **Sept. 6th, 1921** By **A. J. Harvey**

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 *[Signature]*
C. S. Denny, 1st Lt., Q.M.C.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) **Sept. 6th, 1921**
To point of Concentration **Bassens (Gironde)**
Convoyer **Jack Roberts** Signature Shipping Officer *[Signature]*
S. D. Campbell, Capt. Q.M.C.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date **6 SEP 1921**
By G.R.S. Representative **W. R. NICHOLS**
Major C. A. G.

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration:
39 (a) Received at Paris Morgue, October 17, 1921. *[Signature]*
H. L. WARD,
Major, Q.M.C.
39 (b) Shipped from Paris Morgue, **25 OCT 1921** 1921. To Permanent Cemetery No. 34, American, Suresnes (Seine) by Shipping Officer, Convoyed by: *[Signature]*
H. L. WARD,
Major, Q.M.C.

42. Grave No. **13.** (Date) Section
43. ~~Block~~ **Block** **A.** Row **5.**

G.R.S. Representative *[Signature]*
R. C. RICHARDS,
1st Lieut. Q.M.C.

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **C-1850**

32. Designation of body:
Name **Banks, Will** Serial No. **3492759**
Rank **Pvt** Organization **Co.D.314th Lab.Bn**

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By G.R.S. Representative **W. R. NICHOLS**
Major C. A. C.

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date **Oct 14 1921**
Permanent Cemetery **Paris Morgue**
Convoyer **Jack Roberts** Signature Shipping Officer *[Signature]*

Received: Date **October 25th, 1921.**
Representative **R. G. RICHARDS, 1st Lieut. Q.M.C.**
Buried **Suresnes Cemetery. October 25th, 1921.**
No. **13.** (Date) Section

43. ~~Block~~ **A.** Row **5.**

G.R.S. Representative *[Signature]*
R. G. RICHARDS,
1st Lieut. Q.M.C.

Banks, WILL

ITINERARY OF THE SURVIVORS GROUP Mrs. Henrietta Haynes

PARTY "X" 1931

- July 19th - Arrived on the SS "American Merchant" at Cherbourg harbor at 12:30 A.M. in charge of Col. B.O. Davis as Liaison Officer and Mrs. B.H. Seymour and Miss Ives Nealey, nurses. The tender for the transportation of the pilgrims arrived alongside the ship at 6:45 A.M. with the following personnel connected with the Paris office: Major Francis M. Fitts, Captain Myron J. Womsey, Capt. John P. Lake, Lt. Joseph S. Robinson, Lt. Brendan M. Greeley, 3 nurses and 1 civilian employee. Left Cherbourg at 8:11 A.M. for Paris and arrived at the Gare des Invalides at 2:13 P.M. where met by the Officer in Charge, members of his staff, nurses and runners. Went to the Hotel Splendid.
- July 20th - Free - conference with conducting officer. Attended ceremony at the Arc de Triomphe and tea and reception at the Restaurant Laurent.
- July 21st - Visited cemetery
- July 22nd - Visited cemetery
- July 23rd - Left Paris at 6:30 A.M. Arrived La Ferté s/Jouarre 10:45 A.M. Rest and left at 11:15 A.M. Arrived Chateau-Thierry at 12:15 P.M. for lunch. Visited the Aisne-Marne Cemetery, Belleau Woods and Hill 204 and returned to Paris.
- July 24th - Visited cemetery
- July 25th - Visited Chantilly, Compiègne and Carrefour de l'Armistice
- July 26th - free or church
- July 27th - Visited cemetery
- July 28th - Visited Sacre Coeur and Versailles
- July 29th - Visited Fontainebleau
- July 30th - Visited Colonial Exposition and Napoleon's tomb also Notre Dame
- July 31st - Visited Cemetery for the last time.
- August 1st - Departed for Cherbourg to sail for the United States.

Name Will Banks

Rank Priv. 1st Co. D. {Corps} 314 {Regt.} 1st Br

Date of Death Sept 26 - 1918

Place

Cause

Date of Burial Sept - 27 - 1918

Grave No. 172, Section B.

Cemetery A. E. F. # 25

Identified by { Tag Papers Clothing } Headboard

List of Effects # 3492759

Valence, Bordeaux

Field Record Made by Sgt E E Morris

25 Company A, Graves Registration Service

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Banks, 3492759 Will

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

Pvt. D. 314th Labor Btn

(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL... September 27, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL

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

American Expeditionary Forces

Cemetery No 25 Talence, France

Section B

GRAVE NUMBER... 172

HOW MARKED : Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? yes 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 :

G. W. Everberg, Q.M., U.S.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

This portion to be sent to Chief of Graves Registration Service.

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

25-27
JUL 7 - 1920

2nd 120

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.
TO: Mrs. Queen Rodgers Banks, Sandersville, Ga.
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Will Banks

Push Answer

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

no change

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:

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

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow			
<i>Mrs. Queen Rodgers Banks</i>		<i>Sandersville</i>	<i>Georgia</i>
Soldier's Children			
(Name oldest first)	1. <i>X</i>		
	2. <i>X</i>		
	3. <i>X</i>		
Father			
	<i>X</i>		
Mother			
	<i>X</i>		
Brothers			
(Name oldest first)	1. <i>X</i>		
	2. <i>X</i>		
Sisters			
	<i>X</i>		

Date.....

Signature *Mrs. Queen Rodgers Banks*

Address..... Relationship.....

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

(OVER)

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

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

1. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File # 17534

(a) Name BANKS, Will Ser. No. 3492759)
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. D. 314th Labor Bn.)
(c) Date of death 9-26-18 of death Lymphadenitis Cervical)
(d) Cause)

3/16/22
for Consultation
Surveys att 3/31/22

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

(a) Grave No. 172 Row ----- Plot ----- Sect. B) TYP. MIL
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Queen Rodges Banks (wife), Sandersville, Ga.

111. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases;) CKR. YSA

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Mrs. Queen Rodges Banks (b) Relationship Wife
(c) Address Sandersville, Ga.
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no 7 B 4-24-20
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at

Reverse side of card.

OK you

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U.S.
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U.S.

Examiner's Initials Date 1920

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

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

No Correspondence

Examiner's Initials *me* Date 4-26 1920

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? *Yes - aa*

Examiner's Initials *aa* Date 4-26 1920

**WAR DEPARTMENT
PILGRIMAGE WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS**

225 West 34th. St. New York, N.Y.

Party K

Number 1096

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATIONS.

.....
 Haynes, Mrs. Henrietta
 Name of Pilgrim
 Lyons, Ga.
 City Home Address County
 State
 Lyons, Ga.
 Destination of Ticket

Actual cost of
 Through Pullman at the
 Lower Berth Rate.
 Lyons, Ga.
 New York, to
 \$ 9.00 Savannah

via P. R. R. - Washington: RT&P - Richmond: SAL - Lyons, Ga.

Aug. 11, 1931
 Date of Departure

Sept. 14, 1931
 Expiration Date of Ticket

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Lv. "	"	"	"	8.05a	Coach			
Ar. LYONS	"	"	"	10.45a				
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2 Bags

wrong ticket given out, Mrs. Lyons was placed on some train with out ticket, Station master Harry took care of the case by delivering tickets to Ticket receiver who would conduct on train 115 and also Station master in Wash D.C. to furnish new ticket and pullman south of Wash D.C.

Excess Fare New York, to. Cost \$ Total

Stop Over Capt. E. Burch took her to train Through Rate Excess

NEGRO

Name..... HAYNES, Mrs Henrietta.

Paris Hôtel..... HOTEL IMPERATOR, 70 Rue Beaubourg, Paris

Home address..... Lyons, Toombs County, Georgia

Party..... ~~L~~ K Group..... 6..... Unit SS. AMERICAN MERCHANT

Date of arrival..... July 19, 1931..... Date of departure SS. AMER. MERCHANT, Aug. 1, 1931

Relationship..... Mother, age 57

Name of deceased..... BANKS, Will.

Rank..... Pvt..... Organization Co. D, 314th Lab. Bn.

Cemetery..... Suresnes..... Gr. 13 A 5

REMARKS

Deleted from Party L 7/8/30/



PARTY "K"
June 22nd, 1931

Mrs. Henrietta Haynes
Lyons, Ga.

Dear Madam:

There are enclosed herewith two tags and four identification pasters which have been prepared for the purpose of protecting your baggage while in transit, and to insure its safe arrival at the hotel where you are to stop in New York City. Please attach the tags to the handle of each piece of your baggage and place a paster on each end of each piece of your baggage before leaving your home.

Upon your arrival in New York City, you will be met at the railroad station by an Army Officer who will be in uniform. During your sojourn in New York before sailing for Europe, and upon your return from Europe, you will stop at the Y.W.C.A., 175 W. 137th Street, New York City.

All mail intended to reach you between July 10th, 1931, the day you sail from the United States, and August 1st, 1931, the day you leave Europe, should be addressed to you in care of American Pilgrimage, 146 Avenue des Champs Elysees, Paris, France; for example:

Mrs. Mary Smith,
c/o American Pilgrimage,
146 Avenue des Champs Elysees,
Paris, France.

In making reservations for your journey home from New York City, it is necessary for this office to furnish the railroads with the exact time and date of your departure. The party you are to travel with will be disbanded in New York City on the day following your return from Europe and all arrangements for your accommodations will be made with the railroads by this office accordingly. Upon your return from Europe, it will therefore be necessary for you to remain in the hotel over night as a guest of the United States Government.

There is also enclosed herewith information relative to the cemeteries in Europe.

Very truly yours,

ARNOLD J. FUNK
Captain, Inf. (DOL)
Assistant.

7 Incl.:

2 Baggage Tags
4 Baggage Pastors
1 Copy Cemeterial Information



PARTY K FILE NO.

NAME Haynes, Mrs. Henrietta
Lyons, Georgia

ROUTE OF TICKET

..... Penn. to Wash
 R. F. + L. to Richmond
 S. A. L. to Lyons Ga.
 to
 to

Expiration date Sep. 14-31

The following stop overs are requested.

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.....
(Signature of Pilgrim)

Hayne, Mrs F.

S.A. RY. CO.

CITY

JUL 31

SAVANNAH.
2 GA 2

Handwritten signature

DAILY REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER:
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS-1931
TIME: 10:50 A.M.

August 10, 1931.

DATE.....

Case No.....

"K" WESTBOUND
PARTY.....

Mrs. Henrietta Haynes,
NAME.....

Lyons,
HOME ADDRESS.....
Ga.

Y.W.C.A.
HOTEL.....

ANEMIC
DIAGNOSIS.....

Leaving for home
DISPOSITION.....

Patient sea sick both ways and weak. Felt better when
REMARKS.....
she got on land. Anemic looking.

TREATMENT: I.Q.S. Tonic from General Dispensary, 39 Whitehall St.,
New York City, N.Y.

CIVILIAN DOCTOR IN CHARGE OF CASE.....
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MEDICAL OFFICER.....
JAMES H. ASHCRAFT,
Major Medical Corps., U.S.A.

WFMW

201. Haynes, Mrs. Henrietta

July 9, 1931

Passport Agent
Broad & Wall Sts.
New York City

Gentlemen:

This is to certify that Mrs. Henrietta Haynes, Lyons, Georgia, is a Pilgrim, a guest of the United States Government who is traveling with Party "K" sailing on the AMERICAN MERCHANT, July 10th, 1931 to visit the Cemetery in Europe of her son.

For The Officer in Charge.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE P. R. TAYLOR,
1st Lieut., C.M.C. (DOL)
Assistant

C. B. NEWTON
CLERK SUPERIOR COURT
TOOMBS COUNTY
LYONS, GA.

July 3rd, 1931.

War Department
Pilgrimage, War Mothers & Widows,
225 West 34th St., N. Y. N. Y.

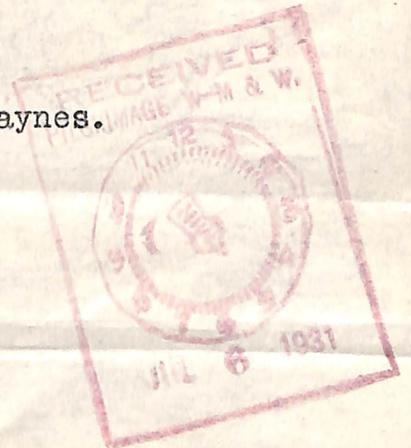
Gentlemen:

Enclose herewith please find application for passport for Heneritta Haynes (Gold Star Mother) to visit France.

Please see that same is executed at once and mailed ~~via~~ % Y W C A 175 W. 137th Street, New York City, N. Y. to her. Your immediate attention to this will be appreciated as it will be necessary for it to be there on or about the 7 inst.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Heneritta Haynes.



WAR DEPARTMENT
THE OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM

July 8, 1930

To all Concerned:

Please make the following changes in passenger
list for:

S.S. AMERICAN MERCHANT, July 12, 1930.

Change #16

Party L

DELETE - Haynes, Mrs. Henrietta

GEORGIA

Page L - 7

Lyons, La.



Y. N. C. A.

For the Quartermaster General:

CC: to: Hotel
Lt. Moore;
Chief Clerk
Rail
Water

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

b/c
Rosen

June 30, 1930

Mrs. Henrietta Haynes,
Lyons,
Georgia.

Dear Madam:

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

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

For the Officer in Charge:

Capt E. Burch met
George F. R. Taylor
her + took her to hotel
1st Lieut. Q. Corp.
Assistant.

Enclosures:
2 tags.

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NAME HAYNES, MRS. HENRIETTA

S.S. AMERICAN MER. AUG 12 1930

HOME LYONS, TOOMBS COUNTY, GEORGIA

R.R.

STATION

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE

Did not arrive

PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

* * * * *

DATE JULY 11, 1930

Received from Mrs. HAYNES, HENRIETTA

Lyons, Toombs County, Georgia

Her Railroad return ticket, which will be delivered to her on arrival from Europe

Signed

Officer-in-charge

Hotel Y W C A

PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

NOTICE

DATE JULY 12, 1930

MRS HAYNES, HENRIETTA
Y W C A
HOTEL _____

Room No _____
NEW YORK CITY.

DEAR MADAM:

KINDLY REMEMBER THAT YOUR STEAMER AMERICAN MERCHANT

SAILS PROMPTLY FROM HOBOKEN, N. J. AT 11:00 A. M.

BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED AT 8:00 A. M.

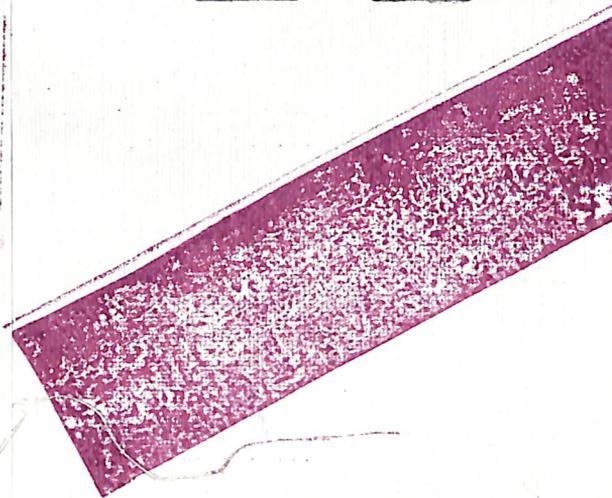
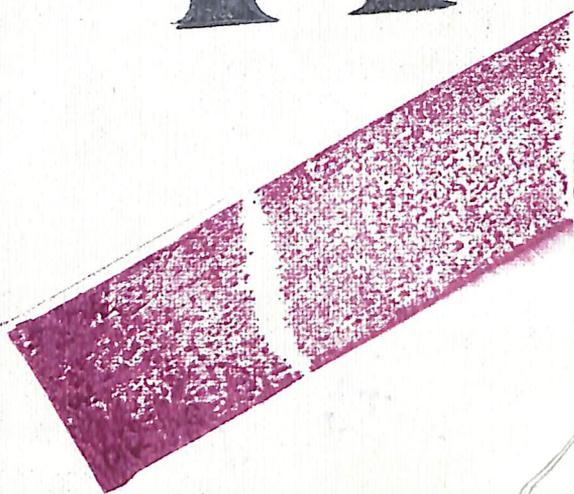
BUS WILL CALL FOR YOU AT 9:00 A. M.

WE HOPE YOU WILL BE READY AND WISH YOU A PLEASANT
VOYAGE.

OFFICER IN CHARGE

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MOTHERS AND WIDOWS
PILGRIMAGE

NAME HAYNES, MRS. HENRIETTA

S/S AMERICAN MERCHANT

U. S. LINES S. S.

DESTINATION CHERBOURG, FRANCE

DATE OF SAILING JUL 12 1930

STATEROOM

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MOTHERS AND WIDOWS
PILGRIMAGE

NAME HAYNES, MRS. HENRIETTA

S/S AMERICAN MERCHANT

U. S. LINES S. S.

DESTINATION CHERBOURG, FRANCE

DATE OF SAILING JUL 12 1930

STATEROOM

12-A

Banks, Will.
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PARTY L, S.S. AMERICAN MERCHANT
SCHEDULES FOR GOLD STAR PILGRIMS LEAVING NEW YORK
JULY 12, 1930

GEORGIA

Toombs County

Haynes, Mrs. Henrietta, (L-7)
Lyons, Ga.

Lv. Lyons	SAL	#12	6:25 PM (ET)	June 10
Arr. Savannah	SAL	#12	9:00 PM (ET)	June 10
Lv. Savannah	SAL	#108	10:50 PM (ET)	June 10
Arr. New York	PennRR	#144	7:55 PM (ET)	June 11

Route Going: SAL Richmond, RF&P Washington, PennRR ~~New York.~~

Return: ~~PennRR Washington, RF&P Richmond, SAL Lyons.~~

→ Coach Lyons to Savannah
Sleeper Savannah to New York

Elapsed time 25 hours, 32 minutes. 1 1/4

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Banks, Will.
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PARTY K

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S. S. American Banker - July 10, 1931

GEORGIA

Toombs County

Haynes, Mrs. Henrietta, (K 6)
Lyons, Ga.

Lv. Lyons	SAL	#12	6:13 PM (ET) July 7
Arr. Savannah	SAL	#12	8:50 PM (ET) July 7
Lv. Savannah	SAL	#108	10:52 PM (ET) July 7
Arr. New York	PaRR	#144	7:50 PM (ET) July 8

Route Going: SAL Richmond, RF&P Washington, PaRR ~~New York.~~

Same route

Return: PaRR Washington, RF&P Richmond, SAL Lyons.

Coach to Savannah, Sleeper to New York.

Elapsed time - 25 hours, 37 minutes.

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CODE SLIP

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HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Banks	3	214
BURIED	CEMETERY	1	6
	GRAVE	2	13
	ROW	2	05
	BLOCK	1	1
STATE	Pa	2	10
BANK	Pvt	1	2
DIVISION	2mc	2	57
ORGANIZATION	314	3	314
ARM	Lab Bw	1	1
MARTIAL	Yes	1	1
NAME	Haynes	5	81 ¹² / ₅
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	11
	COUNTY	2	40
	CITY	3	xxx
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE	BLACK	1	2
ENGLISH	Yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Good	1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
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ACCEPTANCE	1 year	1	
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Mrs Henrietta

~~1931~~

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OUT-CHARGE SHEET

Date charged out

Charged to

Remarks:

Banks, wife

For widows Case

Mrs. Emma Jones

Widow Banks

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Quarries

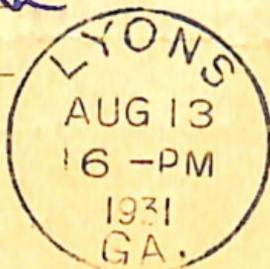
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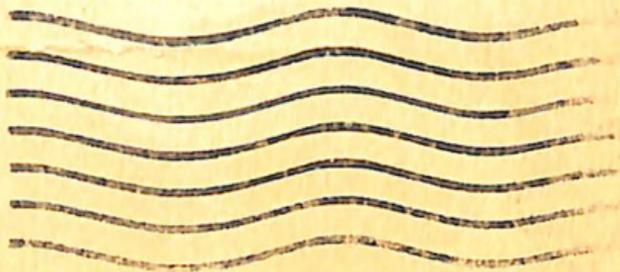
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Haines, Mrs. Hewetta
Lyons, Ga.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS



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



PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

NAME HAYNES, MRS. HENRIETTA

ADDRESS Lyons, Georgia

DATE Aug. 12, 1931. Arrived 10.45 am

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

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

Sincerely,

(Signed) Haynes, Mrs. Henrietta

DAILY REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER:
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS-1931

TIME: 10:50 A.M.

DATE..... August 10, 1931.

Case No.....

"K" WESTBOUND
PARTY.....

Mrs. Henrietta Haynes,
NAME.....

Lyons,
HOME ADDRESS.....
Ga.
.....

Y.W.C.A.
HOTEL.....

ANEMIC
DIAGNOSIS.....

Leaving for home
DISPOSITION.....

Patient sea sick both ways and weak. Felt better when
REMARKS.....
she got on land. Anemic looking.

TREATMENT: I.Q.S. Tonic from General Dispensary, 39 Whitehall St.,
New York City, N.Y.

CIVILIAN DOCTOR IN CHARGE OF CASE.....

.....
MEDICAL OFFICER.....
JAMES H. ASHCRAFT,
Major Medical Corps., U.S.A.

AUG 11 1931
F. H. P.

PARTY
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EASTBOUND
STATE

GROUP
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GEORGIA

Mrs. **Haynes, Mrs. Henrietta**
(Name of Pilgrim)

Address **Lyons**
(Street & No.)

(City or Town)

Georgia

Toombs

(State)

(County)

Jonas Haines (Or Tiny Maude Haines)
(Name of Nearest Kin)

Address (Street & No.)

(City or Town)

Georgia

Toombs

(State)

(County)

ARRIVAL NEW YORK

VIA. R.R. **Pennsylvania** Train No. **144** Date **July 8, 1931 7:50 P. M.**

Hotel **Y.W.C.A. (Dumas)** Room No. **28**

Roomed with **Alone**

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

Date **July 10, 1931** Vessel **AMERICAN MERCHANT** Cabin No. **24 A**

In Cabin with **Mrs. Mattie C. May**

(Over Westbound)

WESTBOUND
ARRIVAL NEW YORK

Date Aug. 10, 1931 Vessel AMERICAN FARMER Cabin No. 24-A
In Cabin with Mrs. Mattie C. May
Hotel Y.W.C.A. Room No. 109
Roomed with Alone

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

VIA. R.R. Penn Train No. 115 Space L 2 Car No. K 47 Date 8-11-31

REMARKS

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(● Eastbound)

Washington, D. C. June 26, 1931

Mrs. Henrietta Haynes
Lyons, Georgia

IF YOU HAVE NOT MADE APPLICATION FOR PASSPORT PLEASE DO SO IMMEDIATELY
AT SUPERIOR COURT LYONS GEORGIA GSM 2349

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

QM 293 A-M
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Banks, Will

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June 10, 1931

Mrs. Henrietta Haynes,
Lyons,
Georgia

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Dear Madam:

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

Lv. Lyons	SAL	Train	No.12	6.15 P.M.(ET)	July 7
Ar. Savannah	"	"	" "	8.50 P.M.(ET)	July 7
Lv. Savannah	"	"	" 108	10.52 P.M.(ET)	July 7
Ar. New York	PHR	"	" 144	7.50 P.M.(ET)	July 8

Accommodations: Coach to Savannah, Sleeper to New York.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE		
NAME	Banks	BAN	3	214	
BURIED	will	CEMETERY	34	1	6
		GRAVE	13	2	13
		ROW	5	2	05
		BLOCK	A	1	1
STATE	ga		2	10	
BANK	Pnt		1	2	
DIVISION	enc		2	57	
ORGANIZATION	314		3	314	
ARM	Sub Bw		1	1	
MARTIAL	Yes		1	1	
NAME	Banks	BAN	3	214	
RESIDENCE	Mrs. Emma Jane	STATE	Ill	2	13
	5929 Calumet Ave.	COUNTY	Cook	2	16
	Lofton	CITY	Chicago	3	028
RELATION	Widow		1	5	
OTHER			1		
ELIGIBILITY	Yes		1	1	
NATIVITY			1		
RACE	negro		1	2	
ENGLISH	Yes		1	1	
ATTENDANT			1		
HEALTH	Good		1	2	
NO. OF SONS			1		
DATE OF TRIP		MO.	1		
		YR.	1	1933	
ACCEPTANCE			1		

Declined Inv. 6-23-33

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G.R.S. Form #114-B

FULL NAME BANKS, Will

RANK Pvt. SERIAL 3492759

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION 314th Labor Bn. Co. D.

DATE OF DEATH Sept. 26, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Georgia

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED. None

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION..... 13 5 A
Date Grave Row Block

..... Suresnes American Cemetery 34
Cemetery

WORLD WAR DIVISION
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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

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LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Banks, 3492789 Will

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

Pvt. D. 314th Labor Bn

(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL. September 27, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL.

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

American Expeditionary Forces

Cemetery No 25 Talence, France

Section B

GRAVE NUMBER. 172

HOW MARKED : Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? yes 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 :

G. W. Everberg
2nd Lieut. G. W. Everberg, Q.M., U.S.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Banks
(Surname.)

Will
(Christian name in full.)

3,492,759
(Army serial number.)

Pvt

Co D 314 Labor Bn
(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased.

Wife

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

No
(Yes or no.)

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

No
(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Miss Queen Beach

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

(over)

02 Rec'd A.C.A. MAR 21 1918

Letter sent to:

Mrs. Queen Rodgess Banks,
Sandersville, Ga.

Received by you
10-18-27

Pratt by GF
25-27
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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

Haynes, Mrs. Henrietta
Lyons
Toombs Co., Georgia
Banks, Will - Pvt. 34x M

Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

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

Jonas Haines, or Tiny Maude Haines
Name
Lyons, Ga.
Address

Very truly yours,

Henrietta Haines

(Your name)

Lyons, Ga.

(Your address)



IF YOU DESIRE STOPOVER ON YOUR RETURN FROM EUROPE PLEASE READ CAREFULLY THE PARAGRAPH, "STOPOVERS IN THE UNITED STATES", ON PAGE 3 OF THE ENCLOSED LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS, FILL IN THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN IT TO THIS OFFICE.

Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Haynes, Mrs. Henrietta
Lyons
Toombs Co., Georgia
Banks, Will - Pvt. 34x M

Sir:

On my return from the pilgrimage to American Cemeteries in Europe, I desire to stop over at the point, or points, listed below, for the number of days shown after the name of the town. If these stopovers will cause me any expense I am to be advised of the amount and may then withdraw this request if I so desire.

<u>Cities where I desire to stopover:</u>	<u>No. of days</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Very truly yours,

(Your name)

(Your address)



QM 293 A-M
Banks, Will Pvt. 34 M

December 17, 1930.

Mrs. Henrietta Haynes,
Lyons, Georgia.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of October 20, 1930, addressed to Mrs. W. D. Rush, relative to the pilgrimage of mothers and widows, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, has been forwarded to this office for notation and reply.

Your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimage during the summer months of 1931, and when plans have been completed for the journeys to be made next year you will be communicated with.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Banks, Will, Pvt.

I Accept ----- the invitation extended
(Accept or decline)

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

Mrs. Henrietta Haynes

(Name)

Lyons, Toombs County, Georgia

(Town or City)

(State)

Am. Banker

Pvt. Will Banks

6-23-33

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Declines by letter 4-12-33

I *Accept* the invitation extended

Accept or decline

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

.....
Mrs. Emma Jane L. Banks

Name

5929
-5840 Calment Ave., Chicago, Cook Co., Ill.
.....

Town or City

State

Mrs Lewis

Sept 13/31

Lynons Georgia
Oct. 20, 1930.

Mrs, W. A. Rush.

Boomb's Co. P. J.
Banks, Will

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Dear Madam

I received your most kind and loving letter and was indeed glad to get a letter from one of The Gold Star mothers or widows

I certainly appreciate your writing and to know of your kindness of writing about the trip you are the first one to write me concerning the trip

I was glad to know you enjoyed your trip, and was well taken care of, and had a nice time.

If it is God will I am going to take the trip next year, I certainly would like to see your face and also talk with you

I certainly enjoy sitting reading your respectfully letter if you put

Thrill to my heart.

yours in Christ
Mrs Henrietta Haynes

QM 293 A-M
Banks, Will (Pvt.) 34

September 12, 1930.

Mrs. Henrietta Haynes,
Lyons, Ga.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not returned the identification badge forwarded you in connection with the pilgrimage you were scheduled to make under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

It is requested that you return the badge to this office immediately. The badge will be returned to you when you are again scheduled to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 295 A-M
Banks, Will - 54 M

July 10, 1930

Mrs. Henrietta Haynes,
Lyons, Georgia.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of form letter of June 16, 1930, together with the check in the amount of \$12.50 which was forwarded you to pay for your meals and incidental expenses relative to the pilgrimage which you expected to make to the grave of your son, the late Will Banks.

It is regretted that your health will not permit you to make the pilgrimage, sailing on the SS American Merchant July 12, 1930. Your name has been placed on the list of mothers and widows who expect to make the pilgrimage in 1931 and you will be communicated with relative to your desire to make the journey when plans are being made for the pilgrimages of 1931.

If you have not already done so you are requested to return to this office, the identification badge sent you to wear while making the journey. The badge will be returned to you when you make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

July 9, 1930

Banks, Will 34-M

Colored

Mrs. Henrietta Haynes
Lyons, Ga.

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?

Yes
(Write answer here)

Henrietta Haynes
(Sign here)



Barker, Will - 34

Washington, D. C. July 9, 1930

Mr. Geo. D. Snow
Southeastern Passenger Assn.
101 Marietta Street
Atlanta, Georgia.

AMERICAN MERCHANT JULY TWELFTH HENRIETTA HAYNES LYONS GEORGIA PAGE I SEVEN

CANCELS RETURN TRANSPORTATION REQUESTS

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Washington D. C.
July 1, 1930.

Mrs. Henrietta Haynes,
Lyons, Ga.

IF YOU HAVE NOT APPLIED FOR PASSPORT PLEASE APPLY AT ONCE TO CLERK
SUPERIOR COURT LYONS GEORGA.

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QM 293 A-M
Banks, Will - 34
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RETURN RECEIPT

American Merchant

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

Henrietta Thompson

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery,

June 21, 1930

Form 3611

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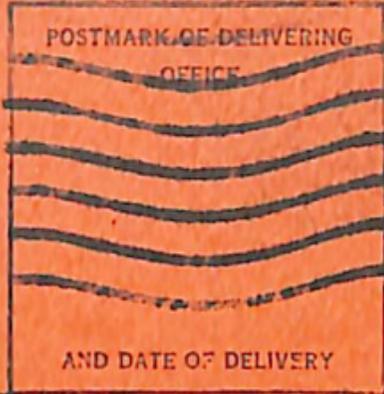
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No. _____

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



Return to Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number, }
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RETURN RECEIPT.

American Merchant

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

Walter Haysnes

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery,

June 21

, 1923

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

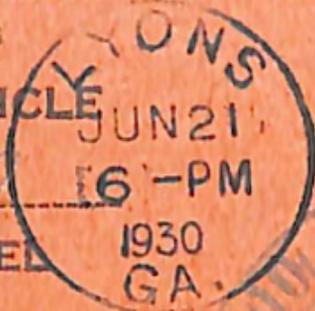
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PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300



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	AND DATE OF DELIVERY

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Q. M. GENERAL

Street and Number, }
or Post Office Box, }

(NAME OF SENDER)
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Post Office at _____

State _____

Washington, Co.

American Merchant

7/12/30

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Banks, Wis.

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declines by letter 7-7-30

I accept the invitation extended
(Accept or decline) *ans. 7-8-30*

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

1931

Mrs. Henrietta Haynes

(Name)

Lyons, Toombs Co., Ga.

(Town or City)

(State)

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MAIL & RECORD BRANCH

File 293 - Banks, Mill (34)
Subject Wt. - Co. D - 314th - Labor Bn.

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Cam Europe, Tickets #7
ck 341,236 - \$12.50
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Est 7/7/30
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Banks, Will 34-M

June 16, 1930.

H.B. 7/8/30

Mrs. Henrietta Haynes,
Lyons, Ga.

Declines Inv.
American Merchant
7-12-30
for 1931
H.B. check void

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. 341,236 in the amount of \$ 12.50 to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes

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



1 Incl.
Check No.

Ch. 7/12/30
ASSISTANT & CHIEF CLERK
JUL - 3 1930
WAR DEPT.

I am returning check for expenses since my health will not permit me to take the trip
Henrietta Haynes

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Banks, Will 34 M
American Merchant 7-12

May 26, 1930

Mrs. Henrietta Haynes,
Lyons,
Ga.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Name

Jonas Haines or Tiny Maud Haines

Address

Lyons Georgia

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes

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

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MAY 9 - 1930

To the President of the United States
Washington, D. C.

As a Gold Star Mother who happens to be colored I wish to protest against the gratuitous insult in the attitude of the War Department of the United States in segregating colored Gold Star Mothers who are entitled to go to France to visit the graves where our loved ones are buried.

When the call to arms came from our Government in 1917, mothers, sisters and wives, regardless of race, color or creed, were asked to give their loved ones to the end that the world might be saved for democracy. This call we answered freely and willingly. In the years which have passed since death took our loved ones our anguish and sorrow have been assuaged by the realization that our loved ones who rest in the soil of France gave their lives to the end that the world might be a better place in which to live for all men, of all races and of all colors.

Ten years after the Armistice, the high principles of 1918 seem to have been forgotten. We who gave, and who are colored, are insulted by the implication that we are not fit persons to travel with other bereaved ones. Instead of making up parties of Gold Star Mothers on the basis of geographical location, we are set aside in a separate group, Jim Crowed, segregated and insulted.

We appeal to you, as Chief Executive of our nation and as Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy, to issue an order abolishing this unjust ruling.

If you as President of the United States refuse to abolish this ruling, we respectfully decline to make the trip to France, preferring instead to remain at home and retain our honor and self-respect.

Respectfully,

Henrietta Haines

Street _____

City Lyons, _____

State Ga. _____

*Will Banks 34
accepts 7-12*

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

October 7, 1929.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Banks, Will 34 -M

Mrs. Henrietta Haynes,
Lyons, Georgia.

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.

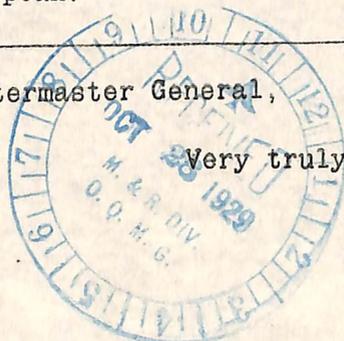
1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(No) <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(No) <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes) <input type="checkbox"/>	(No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <u>57</u> Health <u>Good</u> (Years) (Good) (Poor)	
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (No) <input type="checkbox"/> Other language _____ (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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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Banks, Will

Oct. 8, 1929.

Mrs. Henrietta Haynes,
Lyons, Ga.

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 Pvt. Will Banks, Co. D, 314th Labor Bn., whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried?

No

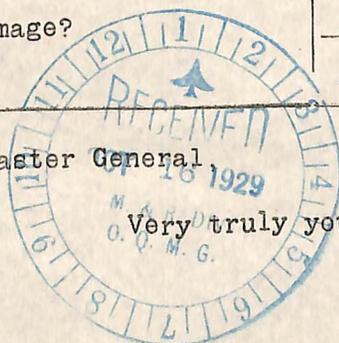
2. If so, give her complete address.

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3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

Yes

For The Quartermaster General



Very truly yours,

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

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Act of Congress
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Banks, Will
34

August 9, 1929.

Mrs. Queen Rodges Banks,
Sandersville, Georgia.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 3, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

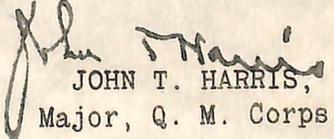
1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried? If so, give her complete address:

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Banks, Will

May 3, 1929.

Mrs. Queen Rodges Banks,
Sandersville,
Georgia.

118-264
(M) Mrs Emma Jane Weston Banks
4920 S. State St. Legal marriage
Chicago, Ill

Dear Madam:

(M) Henrietta Haynes
Lyon, Pa.

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

The records of this office show that you are the widow of the late Private Will Banks, Company D, 314 th Labor Battalion, whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, France.

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

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relationship is that of a stepmother, mother through adoption or a woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. In case you have remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 15, 1931

Banks, Will Pvt.(Sur) M

Mrs. Henrietta Haynes,
Lyons, Georgia.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. ~~645113~~ in the amount of \$ ~~12.50~~ to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Incl.
Check No.

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Washington, D. C. June 26, 1931

Mrs. Henrietta Haynes
Lyons, Georgia

IF YOU HAVE NOT MADE APPLICATION FOR PASSPORT PLEASE DO SO IMMEDIATELY
AT SUPERIOR COURT LYONS GEORGIA GSM 2349

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Banks, Will

Sur

June 19, 1931

Mrs. Henrietta Haynes,
Lyons,
Georgia

Dear Madam:

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

Lv. Lyons	SAL	Train No. 12	6.13 P.M. (ET)	July 7
Ar. Savannah	"	" "	8.50 P.M. (ET)	July 7
Lv. Savannah	"	" 108	10.52 P.M. (ET)	July 7
Ar. New York	PIR	" 144	7.50 P.M. (ET)	July 8

Accommodations: Coach to Savannah, Sleeper to New York.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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December 17, 1930.

QM 293 A-M
Banks, Will Pvt. 34 M

Mrs. Henrietta Haynes,
Lyons, Georgia.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of October 20, 1930, addressed to Mrs. W. D. Rush, relative to the pilgrimage of mothers and widows, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 16, 1930, has been forwarded to this office for notation and reply.

Your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimage during the summer months of 1931, and when plans have been completed for the journeys to be made next year you will be communicated with.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

U. S. M. G. M. C. R. DIV.

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QM 293 A-M
Banks, Will (Pvt.) 34

September 12, 1930.

Mrs. Henrietta Haynes,
Lyons, Ga.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not returned the identification badge forwarded you in connection with the pilgrimage you were scheduled to make under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

It is requested that you return the badge to this office immediately. The badge will be returned to you when you are again scheduled to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Banks, Will - 34 M

July 10, 1930

DISPATCHED

Mrs. Henrietta Haynes,
Lyons, Georgia.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of form letter of June 16, 1930, together with the check in the amount of \$12.50 which was forwarded you to pay for your meals and incidental expenses relative to the pilgrimage which you expected to make to the grave of your son, the late Will Banks.

It is regretted that your health will not permit you to make the pilgrimage, sailing on the SS American Merchant July 12, 1930. Your name has been placed on the list of mothers and widows who expect to make the pilgrimage in 1931 and you will be communicated with relative to your desire to make the journey when plans are being made for the pilgrimages of 1931.

If you have not already done so you are requested to return to this office, the identification badge sent you to wear while making the journey. The badge will be returned to you when you make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

July 9, 1930

Banks, Will

34-M

Mrs. Henrietta Haynes
Lyons, Ga.

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)

Washington D. C.
July 1, 1930.

Mrs. Henrietta Haynes,
Lyons, Ga.

IF YOU HAVE NOT APPLIED FOR PASSPORT PLEASE APPLY AT ONCE TO CLERK

SUPERIOR COURT LYONS GEORGIA.

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QM 295 A-M
Banks, Will - 34
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June 17, 1930.

Mrs. Henrietta Haynes,
Lyons, Georgia.

Dear Madam:

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

Lv. Lyons	SAL	Train No.12	8:23 PM (ET)	July 10
Ar. Savannah	"	" " "	9:00 PM	" "
Lv. Savannah	"	" " 108	10:50 PM	" "
Ar. New York	PennRR	" " 144	7:55 PM	" 11

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Banks, Will 34-11

June 12, 1930.

Mrs. Henrietta Haynes,
Lyons, Ga.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-C
Banks, Will 34-W

May 26, 1930

Mrs. Emma Jane Lofton Banks,
5840 Calmont Avenue,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

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Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date declining the invitation to sail on the SS "American Merchant" July 12, 1930, to visit the grave of your husband, the late Private Will Banks, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 26, 1930.

Banks, Will 34 M

Mrs. Henrietta Haynes,
Lyons,
Ga.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 1930
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Banks, Will 34 M
American Merchant 7-12

Mrs. Henrietta Haynes,
Lyons,
Ga.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

May 20, 1930.

Banks, Will 34 N

Mrs. Henrietta Haynes,

Lyons, Ga.

Dear Madam:

This letter, which contains general information regarding the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, is being sent to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during the calendar year 1930. The general plan for the conduct of the pilgrimage is shown in the Pilgrimage Regulations, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. In addition to the information shown in the regulations, the following explains in detail some of the most important things connected with the pilgrimage.

Formal invitations are being extended to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during 1930. In so far as practicable, these invitations are being extended with a view to keeping the women from each state together and the order in which the invitations to the women from the several states are issued is based on a drawing by lot which was held about one month ago. Inclosed with each invitation is a card for acknowledgment and it is quite important that you accept or decline this invitation promptly in order that the necessary railroad, steamship and hotel reservations may be arranged. The government will defray all the necessary expenses of the pilgrimage, including railroad fare, hotel accommodations, steamship fare and all other incidental expenses. It will not provide anything other than the necessary expenses so that you should bring with you such funds as you may desire to use for making small purchases and for other uses distinctly of a personal nature.

Arrangements have been made with the American Railroad Association which assures us the united support and cooperation of all of the railroads in the United States in handling the movement to and from New York City. The local ticket agent will secure your railroad and sleeper ticket and will make the necessary pullman reservations. Before your departure from your home we will mail you a check, sufficient to pay for your meals and other travelling expenses while enroute to New York. Your railroad ticket will provide for a round trip from your home to New York and upon arrival in New York the army officer in charge of the New York office will collect the return trip stub and hold it until your return to New York from Europe.

Upon arrival in New York, you will be met by an army officer

escorted to a first class hotel where reservations have been made. The duration of your stay in New York will be from 24 to 48 hours. At the proper time; you will be escorted to the steamship upon which passage has been engaged for Europe. All of the women making this trip will be provided with cabin class accommodations aboard steamers which means that from two to four will be quartered in the same stateroom. If you have any friend that you would like to be quartered with we will endeavor to arrange it if you will communicate with this office.

The ocean voyage will last about 8 days and when the ship docks at Cherbourg, France, each party will be met by officers especially detailed for the purpose and taken in a special train to Paris where first class hotel accommodations have been reserved. The first day in Paris will be a day of rest. On the 2d day, the women of each party will place a wreath on the tomb of the French unknown soldier. In the afternoon there will be a reception in which the French war mothers, government officials, and prominent civilians will participate. The following morning the groups going to the different cemeteries will leave Paris, travelling in motor busses, and proceed to the cemeteries where they will remain for about 7 days. Twenty-five women will be assigned to each bus and an army officer will have charge of the bus. The itineraries to and from the cemeteries and the daily itineraries while at the cemeteries have been varied so as to take in points of historical interest as well as some parts of the battlefields where American troops were engaged. Upon return to Paris, each party will remain for about 5 days and during this time an opportunity will be given to see the points of historical interest in Paris and vicinity. The entire duration of your stay in Europe will be 14 days, and the itineraries have been so arranged that each day will be provided for. Except in case of illness or other unavoidable cause it will not be possible for any woman making the pilgrimage to remain in Europe for a longer period than 14 days nor to leave the party with which she is travelling unless she is prepared to pay all of her expenses after leaving the party since the Act of Congress authorizing the pilgrimage specifically states that the government shall not pay the expenses of any woman who willfully leaves her party,

Upon return to the United States each ship will be met in New York City by army officers who will escort the mothers and widows to the trains which will take them home. Before leaving New York each woman will be provided with her return railroad ticket, a sleeping car ticket and funds to cover the cost of meals and other travelling expenses.

Army officers are being used as guides and escorts throughout this entire movement and care has been taken to select officers who will see that proper care is taken of the women who are entrusted to their charge. Arrangements have been made for taking care of women who may be taken sick during the pilgrimage and also to care for the remains of any who may die and provision has been made for returning the remains of any who may die to their homes. It is essential that each woman making the pilgrimage furnish The Quartermaster General with an emergency address of some relative or friend to be notified in the event of an emergency. Medical care will be provided by civilian agencies. If such care is needed in New York City it will be furnished by the hotel physicians or

...al hospitals. Aboard ship, medical care will be provided by the
...s doctors and in Paris arrangements have been made with the American
...spital for the hospitalization and treatment of any women who may need
...t. In addition to this, six doctors of the regular army will be on duty
throughout the pilgrimage.

Baggage will be limited to not to exceed two pieces of hand baggage
and the articles taken should be such as will be required for a trip of
about one month. Laundry service can be obtained in New York and Paris.
Since the climate of Europe is much colder than that of the United States,
each woman should provide herself with sufficient warm clothing to stand
the motor bus trip and the visit to the cemeteries.

Since it is necessary for this office to make all reservations for
your accommodations throughout this pilgrimage, it will be greatly appre-
ciated if you will make prompt reply to any communications received from
this office.

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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your departure from your city we will mail you a check, sufficient to
pay for your travel and other travelling expenses while enroute to New
York. Your railroad ticket will provide for a round trip from your city
to New York and upon arrival in New York the duty officer in charge of
the New York office will collect the return trip, club and hotel for your
your return to New York from Europe.

When you arrive in New York, you will be met by the duty officer.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

May 20, 1930.

Banks, Will 34 W

Mrs. Emma Jane L. Banks,
4920 S. State St.,
Chicago, Ill.
Dear Madam:

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Arrangements have been made with the American Railroad Association which assures us the united support and cooperation of all of the railroads in the United States in handling the movement to and from New York City. The local ticket agent will secure your railroad and sleeper ticket and will make the necessary pullman reservations. Before your departure from your home we will mail you a check, sufficient to pay for your meals and other travelling expenses while enroute to New York. Your railroad ticket will provide for a round trip from your home to New York and upon arrival in New York the army officer in charge of the New York office will collect the return trip stub and hold it until your return to New York from Europe.

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

Banks, Will

Oct. 8, 1929.

Mrs. Henrietta Haynes,
Lyons, Ga.

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 Pvt. Will Banks, Co. D, 314th Labor Bn., whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried?

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Banks, Will 34 -W

Mrs. Emma Jane L. Banks,
4920 S. State Street,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(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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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Banks, Will

Oct. 8, 1929.

Mrs. Emma Jane Lofton Banks,
4920 S. State St.,
Chicago, Ill.

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The records of this office show that you are the widow of the late Pvt. Will Banks, Co. D, 514th Labor Bn., whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

1. Have you remarried since the death of the above named veteran?

2. If not, do you desire to make the pilgrimage?

3. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

4. If so, give her name and complete address.

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
Banks, Will 34 -M

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Henrietta Haynes,
Lyons, Georgia.

Dear Madam:

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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,

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

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Banks, Will
34

August 9, 1929.

Mrs. Queen Rodges Banks,
Sandersville, Georgia.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated **May 3, 1929** making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-C

IN REPLY REFER TO ~~Serials, will~~

May 3, 1929.

Mrs. Queen Hodges Banks,
Sandersville,
Georgia.

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".

late Private ~~Will~~ ~~banks~~, Company D, 31st Air Labor Battalion, whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, France.

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

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relationship is that of a stepmother, mother through adoption or a woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. In case you have remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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