

Barnes,  
(Surname.)

Lynn Evatt,  
(Christian name in full.)

280,982  
(Army serial number.)

Pvt.

Co. K, 126th. Infantry.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased Father

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? Yes  
(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery? }  
(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) Walter Eugene Barnes

(Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

DUPLICATE

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✓

*Mich*

Drawn by H. P.

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12/30/20.

Checked  
1-3-21  
W.M.

President Harding

Pvt. Lynn E. Barnes

5/17/33

Sur

*Poor health*

I *Decline* 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 provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. May T. Sipe

(Name)

R. R. 3, Clare, Clare County, Michigan.

(Town or City)

(State)

*Thank you.*

FULL NAME ..... BARNES, Lynn E. ....

RANK ..... Pvt. .... SERIAL ..... 280982 .....

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION ..... Co.K, 126th Inf. .... 32 Div .....

DATE OF DEATH ..... Sept 6, 1918 .....

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME ..... Michigan .....

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED. *none*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION, ..... 25 ..... 13 ..... B .....  
Date Grave Row Block

Suresnes, #34

Cemetery

WORLD WAR DIV

23/306/ARK

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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

N.R. 12-8-18  
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LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Barnes, 280982, Lyman  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt. Co. K. 126 Inf.  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL A. E. F. Cem. 34,

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

Surrey.

Pain. Cem.

GRAVE NUMBER 653.

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?  Cross?

Headboard?  Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

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

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

REPORTED BY: Herbert Shipman  
Senior Capt. Dist. of Pain  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Place Suresnes (Seine)

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date 9.6.21

1. REMAINS OF BARNES, Lynn E. SERIAL NUMBER 280982

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. K. 126th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): 9.6.21 From (give complete location):

Gr. 653 Cem. 34. SURESNES.

By: Group 3 Unit Sec. 6

3. Reburied (date): 9.6.21 In (give complete location):

Gr. 25, Row 13, Cem. 34 Suresnes

BLOCK B

By: Group 3 Unit Sec. 6 Nature of reburial Shipping case, metallic casket and blanket.

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

Decomposed - features unrecognizable. Pine box.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? No On grave marker? No

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

None. Body in grave 654 identified by body tag and in grave 652 identified by body tag.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Imp. to det.

(b) Weight (estimated) Imp. to det.

(c) Hair—Color None visible

Quantity None visible

Characteristics None visible

(d) Hair on face—Color None visible

Location None visible

Quantity None visible

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) Imp. to det.

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

Nos. 1, 16, 17 & 32 Undeveloped  
Nos. 3 & 19 Sil. Fil. Nos. 4 & 14 MBD. Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13,

Skull posted. Fractures: Skull. (23, 24, 25 & 26 M.A.D.)

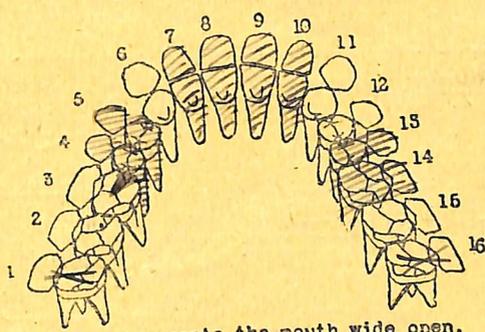
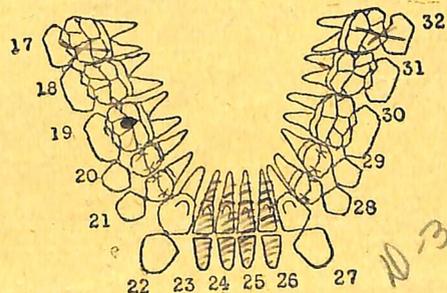


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



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7. Disinterment supervised by W.C. Follmer, S.E.

Approved: R.F. O'Leary,  
(Title) 1st Lieut., QMC.

8. Reburial supervised by W.C. Follmer, S.E.  
JJO

Approved: R.F. O'Leary,  
(Title) 1st Lieut., QMC.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

WASHINGTON

June 20, 1922.

FILE: 293.8 C-R - #69135 (Barnes, Lynn E., Pvt.)  
FROM: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army.  
TO: Mr. Delbert Barnes, 1132 Plainfield Ave., Grand Rapids, Mich.  
SUBJECT: Permanent Grave Location of Pvt. Lynn E. Barnes,  
Co. K, 126th Infantry.

1. The permanent grave of this soldier is No. 25 Row 13

Block B, The American Cemetery of the 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 maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

MAILED  
By authority of the Quartermaster General:

JUN 22 1922

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G.R.S.

GEORGE H. PENROSE,  
Colonel, Q. M. Corps,  
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

File  
6-20-22  
183c

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

1. NAME Barnes, Lynn E SERIAL No. 280982

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. K 126th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION Amer.Cem. Suresnes - Seine CTY. NAME \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER 34

653  
GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 653 SURESNES. Seine  
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES American Cty. #34.

CONCENTRATED TO Original burial.  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

~~Original burial.~~

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS None.  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

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SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR G.V.S. QUACKENBUSH.  
Lieut.-Col., Q.M.C., Chief, Operations Div.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 9-6-21. 25. 133 Block B.  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

SURESNES AMERICAN CEMETERY #34. (Seine) SURESNES  
CEMETERY

el

AUDITED BY  
RJK-3-1-22

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE 9.6.21

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name Barnes, Lynn E  
 2. No. 280982  
 3. Rank Pvt.  
 4. Org. Co. K 126th Inf.  
 5. D.D. 9-7-18  
 6. C.D. \_\_\_\_\_

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 653 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

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

18. Cemetery Amer.  
 20. Dept. or County Seine  
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 34  
 23. Disinterred (Date) 9.6.21

19. Commune or town Suresnes  
 21. Country France  
 By W.C. Follmer

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Lynn E. Barnes  
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. None  
 Organization Co. L. 126th Inf.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? No On body? No

W.C. Follmer  
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).

None.

27. Condition of body Decomposed - features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Pine box.

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date 9.6.21 By W.C. Follmer

31. Casket sealed by W.C. Follmer

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

W.C. Follmer  
 Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-4973

32. Designation of body:  
Name Barnes, Lynn E Serial No. 280982

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. K 126th Inf.

33. Consigned to:  
Name of Permanent Cemetery Suresnes Amer. Cem. #34

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) 9.6.21 By W.C. Follmer

35. I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector R.F.O'Leary, 1st Lieut., QMC.

36. Remarks  
Given new location for the purpose of concentration. Body in adjacent gr. 654 identified by body tag and body in adjacent grave 652 also identified by body tag.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) 9.6.21  
To point of Concentration Suresnes (Seine)  
(Name)  
Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

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

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date  
To Permanent Cemetery  
(Name)  
Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date  
G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred 9.6.21 (Date)

42. Grave No. 25 Section --

43. Plot BLOCK B -- Row 13 (Cem. 34)

G.R.S. Representative R.F.O'Leary, 1st Lieut., QMC.

# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #69135

## I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BARNES, Lynn E. ok (1-8-21) Ser. No. 280982 } TYP. DMA  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. K, 126th Infantry } CKR. [Signature]  
 (c) Date of death 9/6/18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA

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

(a) Grave No. 653 Row --- Plot --- Sec. --- TYP. DMA  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mr. Delbert Barnes (father) 1132 Plainfield Ave., Grand Rapids, Mich.

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

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

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Delbert Eugene Barnes (b) Relationship father  
 (c) Address 1132 Plainfield Ave., Grand Rapids, Mich.  
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no  
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at ---

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. ---

(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. ---

Examiner's Initials H.P. Date 12/30, 1920.

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

\_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_

confirming request in Par. IV., item \_\_\_\_\_, above, or requesting that \_\_\_\_\_

no correspondence

Examiner's Initials H.P. Date 12/30, 1920.

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

no request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes - l&R

EM

Examiner's Initials l&R Date 1-3-, 1921.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 34 SHEET No. 36

G. R. S. Form No. 115  
Amended April 6, 1920

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Make Form No. 114

**FORM 115 - A COMPLETED**

Concentrated into P. A. C. 34 **CARDED**

MB 2/26/21

checked 11-1-21



COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD: File #69135  
 (a) Name BARNES, Lynn H. *ok (1-8-21)* Ser. No. 280982 TYP. IMA  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. K, 126th Infantry  
 (c) Date of death 9/6/18 Cause of death DWRIA

II. REGISTRATION CARD.-(Check Reg., Card Inf. against Loc. Ind. Inf.):  
 (a) Grave No. 653 Plot --- Sect. --- TYP. DMA  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mr. Delbert Barnes (father) 1132 Plainfield Ave.,  
Grand Rapids, Mich.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases ~~NO CARD~~ CKR *GA*

IV. Information on which advice to Europe in letter of transmittal was based:  
*A. G.O. Card - Delbert Eugene Barnes (father)  
 1132 Plainfield Ave., Grand Rapids, Mich.  
 requests body not to be returned - SWR 7/27/21*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by - (cable on 192)  
 (letter of transmittal on JAN 21 1921)  
 Par. #2, Nat. To Be Returned *HA*

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. MAR 10 1921 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

| Date of and Source | Relationship and name | Desires | Action taken |
|--------------------|-----------------------|---------|--------------|
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VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. 192

COUNTRY C.R.S. FORM 115-A  
August 1920  
 S-666/MB FRANCE CEMETERY NO. 34 SHEET NO. 36

69135

From

19473

69135

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Barnes, 280982, Lynn. E.  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt. C. K. 126 Inf.  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL. Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL. A. E. F. Cem. 34.  
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

Suresnes.  
Paris, Seine

GRAVE NUMBER. 653.

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?  Cross?   
Headboard?  Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:  
Was one buried with body?  
Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker?  
If name unknown and tags missing, description and marks should be given here:

34

79 OCT 1918

REPORTED BY: Herbert Shipman  
Senior Chapl. Dist. of Paris  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

17473 GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

B CARNES 280982 Lynn E. (Surname) (Number) (First Name and Initials)

Pvt. Co K 126th Inf. (Rank) (Organization)

PLACE OF DEATH:

CAUSE OF DEATH:

DATE OF BURIAL:

PLACE OF BURIAL:

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

See correspondence-Smith, Garnett 280891

GRAVE NUMBER:

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: Mr. DEE. Barnes

ADDRESS: 1132 Plainfield Ave., Grand Rapids, Mich

RELATIONSHIP: father

REPORTED BY:

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

G.R.S. Form # 607; A.G.O. Liaison.

Date 5-1-20

Memo. For: G.R.S. Representative, A.G.O.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

- 1. Items checked are to be completed.

Surname BARNES

Number 280982,

First name Lynn E

Rank Pvt.

Company Co. K.

Organization 126 Inf.

Date of death 9-6-18

Cause Died of wounds recieved in action

Emergency address, Delbest Barnes.  
1132 Plainfield Ave. Grand Rapids , Mich.

Relationship, Father.

Authority (C.C.#) 259

Note: If this man is not dead show present status, and in case of discharge, show date and place. If case is under investigation, make notation to that effect.

Richards.

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

Chief, Graves Registration Service.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

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FROM : ADJUTANT GENERAL.

TO : C.O., Co. K, 126th Inf.

SUBJECT : Information for Burial Register.

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

By Command of General Pershing:

Robert G. Davis  
Adjutant General.

Note:

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

Nearest relative of deceased:

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

CENTRAL DIVISION  
REGISTRATION SECTION

September 19, 1921

MEMO FOR:

Cards Department.

1.

CASE OF:

Company "K" 126th Infantry

ORGANIZATION (old)

CARNES # 280982 Lynn E. - Private

(Name)

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

ORGANIZATION (New)

FILE NO.

SURNAME

SERIAL NUMBER

FIRST NAME AND INITIALS

RANK

DATE OF DEATH

CAUSE OF DEATH

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

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

5 X 8 White Card File No. 19473 canceled to 5 X 8 White Card File No. 69135  
BARNES # 280982 Lynn E. - Private

BY: D. T. Dodson

~~Adjustment Section.~~  
(Department)

5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made  
on Organization  
File Card:

By mg6

**WAR. DEPARTMENT**  
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington

*Adjustment Made*

**JAN 12 1921**

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-O

Information requested of A.G.C.

Date **1/3/21**

File No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Registration.

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cometerial Division)

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| a. Surname <b>Barnes</b> <i>OK</i>                                    | f. Date of death <b>9/6/18</b> <i>OK</i> |
| b. Christian name <b>Lynn E.</b> <i>OK</i><br><del>(Lynn Evatt)</del> | g. Cause of death <b>DWR1A</b> <i>OK</i> |
| c. Serial Number <b>280982</b> <i>OK</i>                              | h. Authority (C.O.#)                     |
| d. Organization <b>Co. K, 126th Infantry</b> <i>OK</i>                | i. Emergency address                     |
| e. Rank <b>Pvt.</b> <i>OK</i>   | j. Relationship                          |

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

- a. Age of enlistment
- b. Color of eyes
- c. Color of hair
- d. Height
- e. Weight

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

- a. Strike out teeth missing
- |   |
|---|
| 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8         |
| upper right                  upper left |
| 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8         |
| lower right                  lower left |

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

FILE

JAN 8 1921

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

BY: *[Signature]*  
H. J. CONNER,  
1st. Lieut. Q.M.G. & S Div., A.G.O.

*Donnelly, Lynn*  
*1-6-21 Ent Dec Sec 118*

CW  
CEMETERY NO: **34**  
SHEET NO: **36**  
TYPED BY: **JBC**

Rec'd World War Div.  
Date..... **1 6 21**

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S/713/LML

QM 293 A-M  
Barnes, Lynn E. (Sur)

November 16, 1932

Mrs. May T. Sipe,  
R. R. #3,  
Clare, Mich.

Dear Madam:

In reply to a recent questionnaire you advised that you were undecided about making a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Lynn E. Barnes, during the summer of 1933.

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

It is noted you previously stated your health was poor, and in this connection you are advised that properly qualified personnel will be provided to care for your comfort and welfare and doctors and nurses will be available. Should you make a pilgrimage you are assured that every consideration will be given your physical condition at all times, and that everything possible will be done to make your trip comfortable and satisfactory.

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

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:  
Envelope.  
KG

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QCMG M & R

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 12, 1932

Barnes, Lynn E. (Sur)

Mrs. May T. Sipe,  
R. R. 13,  
Clare, Mich.

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?

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

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

August 17, 1931

Barnes, Lynn E. Pvt. (Sur) M

Mrs. May T. Sipe,  
RR #3,  
Clare, Michigan

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

Competent personnel will be provided to care for the mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York until their return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities will be arranged for and in the event you decide to make a pilgrimage, you are assured everything possible will be done for your care and welfare. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 many mothers of advanced age and in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited therefrom.

Your name is being placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make a pilgrimage in 1933. However, should you change your mind in view of the above, and desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, it is requested you advise this office in order that arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Barnes, Lynn E. Pvt. (Sur) M

June 17, 1931

Mrs. O. J. Sipe,  
R. R. #3,  
Clare, Mich.

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

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Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 8, 1929.

Barnes, Lynn E. 34 M

Mrs. O. J. Sipi,  
R. R. #3,  
Clare, Michigan.

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<br>(Years)  | Health<br>(Good) (Poor) |
| 5. What language do you speak?  | English - (Yes) (No)<br>Other language<br>(Specify language spoken) |                         |

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Barnes, Lynn E.  
34

August 9, 1929.

Mr. Dolbert Barnes,  
1132 Plainfield Avenue,  
Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

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.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO  
~~Barnes, Lynn E.~~

May 3, 1929.

Mr. Dolbert Barnes,  
1132 Plainfield Avenue,  
Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Lynn E. Barnes, Private, Company K, 126th Infantry, 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 or widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish the full names and addresses of the mother and widow in order that action may be taken to extend invitations to them to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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CODE SLIP

| HEADING                                    | SUB-HEADING  | NO. OF COLS | CODE             |
|--|--------------|-------------|------------------|
| NAME Barnes                                | BAR          | 3           | 218 <sup>0</sup> |
| Lynn E.<br>BURIED                          | CEMETERY 34  | 1           | 6                |
|  | GRAVE 25     | 2           | 25               |
|  | ROW 13       | 2           | 13               |
|  | BLOCK B      | 1           | 2                |
| STATE                                      | Mich         | 2           | 26               |
| RANK                                       | Pvt          | 1           | 2                |
| DIVISION                                   | 32           | 2           | 32               |
| ORGANIZATION                               | 126          | 3           | 126              |
| ARM  | Inf          | 1           | 1                |
| MARTIAL                                    | no           | 1           | 2                |
| NAME Sipe                                  | SIP          | 3           | 996              |
| Mrs. O. G. (May D)<br>RESIDENCE<br>R.R. #3 | STATE Mich   | 2           | 26               |
|  | COUNTY Clare | 2           | 18               |
|  | CITY Clare   | 3           | XXX              |
| RELATION                                   | Mother       | 1           | 1                |
| OTHER                                      |              | 1           |                  |
| ELIGIBILITY                                | yes          | 1           | 1                |
| NATIVITY                                   |              | 1           |                  |
| RACE                                       |              | 1           |                  |
| ENGLISH                                    | yes          | 1           | 1                |
| ATTENDANT                                  |              | 1           |                  |
| HEALTH                                     | Bad          | 1           | 2                |
| NO. OF SONS                                |              | 1           | RS               |
| DATE OF TRIP                               | MO. YR. 1933 | 1           | 4                |
| ACCEPTANCE                                 | no           | 1           | 2                |
| 29/514/PJ                                  | Age 55       |             | 55               |

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QM 293 A-M  
Barnes, Lynn E. (Sur)

November 16, 1932

Mrs. May T. Sipe,  
R. R. #3,  
Clare, Mich.

Dear Madam:

In reply to a recent questionnaire you advised that you were undecided about making a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Lynn E. Barnes, during the summer of 1933.

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

It is noted you previously stated your health was poor, and in this connection you are advised that properly qualified personnel will be provided to care for your comfort and welfare and doctors and nurses will be available. Should you make a pilgrimage you are assured that every consideration will be given your physical condition at all times, and that everything possible will be done to make your trip comfortable and satisfactory.

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

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Barnes, Lynn E. (Sur)

July 12, 1932

Mrs. May T. Sipe,  
R. R. #3,  
Clare, Mich.

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? Undecided

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) Mrs May T. Sipe



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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

August 17, 1931

Barnes, Lynn E. Pvt. (Sur) M

Mrs. May T. Sipe,  
RR #3,  
Clare, Michigan

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

Competent personnel will be provided to care for the mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York until their return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities will be arranged for and in the event you decide to make a pilgrimage, you are assured everything possible will be done for your care and welfare. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 many mothers of advanced age and in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited therefrom.

Your name is being placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make a pilgrimage in 1933. However, should you change your mind in view of the above, and desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, it is requested you advise this office in order that arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Barnes, Lynn E. Pvt. (Sur) M

June 17, 1931

*May J.*  
Mrs. O. J. Sipe,  
R. R. #3,  
Clare, Mich.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*A. D. Hughes*

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



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? no poor health.  
Write answer here

*Mrs May J. Sipe*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Sign here

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

June 6, 1930.

Barnes, Lynn E. 34 M

Mrs. O. J. Sipk,<sup>5</sup>  
R. R. #3,  
Clare, Mich.

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.

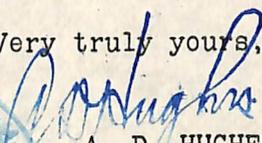
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank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

*etc. See your health*  
(Write answer here)

  
Mrs. O. J. Sipk.  
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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October 8, 1929.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Barnes, Lynn E. 34 M

Mrs. O. J. Sipi,  
R. R. #3,  
Clare, Michigan.

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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                    |
| 2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?  | (Yes)   | (No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                    |
| 3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested? | (Yes)   | (No) <i>Sir</i>   |
| 4. Please give your age and state of health.  | Age<br>(Years) <i>62</i>  | Health<br>(Good) (Poor) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. What language do you speak?  | English - (Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (No)<br>Other language<br>(Specify language spoken) |   |

For The Quartermaster General, R. DIV.  
Q. Q. M. G.

Very truly yours,

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

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Barnes, Lynn E.  
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Dear Sir:

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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:

*No widow*

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.

*mother*

*Mr. W. J. Sipe  
Clare*

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

*R.R. 3. Mich*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C

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Barnes, Lynn E.

May 3, 1929.

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

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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