

SPTS-MH 6/1/01  
Barnes, Robert J.  
SN 2 388 000  
DOD 10/14/1918

26 May 1971

Mr. George Barnes  
286 North Eighth Street  
Pottsville, Pennsylvania 17901

Dear Mr. Barnes:

Reference is made to your application for a Government flat bronze marker to be placed in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery, St. Clair, Pennsylvania, in memory of your brother, Robert J. Barnes.

Memorial markers are furnished to commemorate those members of the Armed Forces dying in the service whose remains were lost, buried at sea, or were declared non-recoverable.

The official records indicate the remains of your brother were recovered and permanently interred in Block F, Row 11, Grave 3, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

Inasmuch as there is an actual grave, a Government marker may not be furnished as a memorial.

Sincerely yours,

R. L. COLLINS  
Chief, Headstone Branch  
Memorial Division

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cc: Mr. Keiser

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G.R.S. Form #114-B

BARNES, Robert J.

FULL NAME

RANK Pvt.

SERIAL 2388000

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION 61st Infantry Co. I.

5 Div -

DATE OF DEATH 10-14-18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

Pa -

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 10-21-1921 3 11 F  
Date Grave Row Block

Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery 1232

Cemetery

Added World War Div  
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A. G. O.  
AUG 11 1926  
WORLD WAR DIV.

div 7/1/26

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**GRAVE LOCATION BLANK**

KIA 10/14/18 CC 303  
LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Barnes 2388000 Terobert  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt Col. 61st Inf.  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL Oct 26, '18

PLACE OF BURIAL Dan-sur-Meuse  
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

2000 109-843

K.9.A Oct 14, 18  
CC 303

GRAVE NUMBER

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? *yes No*

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:

Chaplain D.O. Louch  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Barnes, Robt. J.  
Pot.

Pennsylvania

GOLD STAR MOTHERS' PILGRIMAGE

S.S. ROOSEVELT, AUGUST 9, 1930

Schuylkill County

Name: Mrs. George Barnes (P-5)

Address: Wade R.F.D.#3, St. Clair, Pa.

Route: Reading Ry., Allentown, Central R.R. of N.J., New York

Lv. St. Clair Bus	7.15 AM August 8
Ar. Pottsville	7.30 AM August 8
Lv. Pottsville Train No. 92	7.35 AM August 8
Ar. Reading	8.23 AM August 8
Lv. Reading Train No. 192	8.28 AM August 8
Ar. Jersey City	11.31 AM August 8

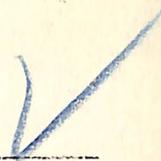
Accommodations: Bus Service, St. Clair to Pottsville  
Parlor Car Seat, Pottsville to Reading  
Parlor Car Seat, Reading to New York

Elapsed Time: 4 Hours 16 Minutes  $\frac{1}{4}$

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CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Barnes B A R	3	218 <sup>0</sup>
BURIED	CEMETERY 1232	1	
	GRAVE 3	2	03
	ROW 11	2	11
	BLOCK 7	1	6
STATE	Pa	2	44
RANK	Post	1	2
DIVISION	5	2	05
ORGANIZATION	61	3	061
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARTIAL	Wid	1	2
NAME	Barnes B H R	3	218 <sup>0</sup>
Mrs George	STATE Pa	2	44
RESIDENCE	COUNTY Schuylkill	2	54
Wade, RD 73	CITY St Clair	3	245
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Good	1	1
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	no age	1	20
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**AUDITED**  
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P.M.

*W.B.M.*

*A.T.*

IN REPLY QM 293 A-M  
REFER TO  
Barnes, Robert J (MA)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

SPECIAL

October 12, 1932.

Mrs. George Barnes,  
RFD 3 Wade  
St. Clair, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Your Government has provided an opportunity for all Mothers and Widows of deceased members of the American Forces who were lost, buried at sea, or whose remains are now interred in Europe, to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. This was done in the hope that all who may make the pilgrimage will derive a measure of comfort and solace from the visit.

You are numbered among those who are privileged to make this pilgrimage.

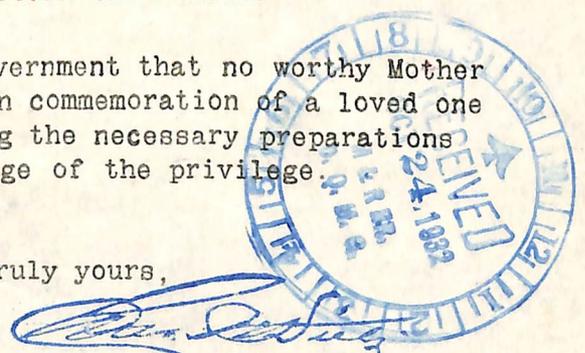
During July and September of this year, inquiries were addressed to you as to whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage to Europe. To these inquiries no reply has been received from you.

You probably do not realize how important it is that a reply be received from you. If we do not receive replies, it becomes very difficult to make the necessary and proper arrangements for those who are to make the trip, as everything must be arranged in advance. Consequently, it is just as important for the Government to know the names of those who do not desire to take advantage of its offer as it is to know the names of those who do.

Will you please devote a few moments of your time to write either the word "YES" or "NO" in the following space *No* thus indicating whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage during 1933 and sign your name here *Mrs. Rose Barnes*. Use the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage, and return this sheet.

This reply will assure your Government that no worthy Mother or Widow has failed to receive its offer in commemoration of a loved one departed, and will greatly assist in making the necessary preparations for those of them who wish to take advantage of the privilege.

For The Quartermaster General,  
Very truly yours,



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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Sept. 6, 1932.

Barnes, Robt. J. (MA)

Mrs. Rose Barnes,  
Wade, RFD #3  
St. Clair, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

In order that your desires may be of record, 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 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	
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

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:  
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Barnes Robert J (MA)

July 7, 1932

Mrs Rose Barnes  
Wade R F D #3  
St Clair Pa

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) \_\_\_\_\_

R.D. #3, Wade, St. Clair, P.O. Pa.

November 14, 1931.

War Department,  
Office of The Quartermaster General,  
Washington , D.C.

(m-a)

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of recent date  
in regard as to whether my son, <sup>293</sup> Robert J. Barnes was married.

I wish to say that he was never married.

Yours respectfully,

*Mrs Rose Barnes*



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Barnes, Robert J. (M-A) M

Oct. 13, 1931

Mrs. George Barnes,  
RFD #3, Wade,  
St. Clair, Pa.

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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 A-M

September 29, 1931

Barnes, Robert J. (M-A) M

Mrs. George Barnes,  
R. F. D #3 Wade,  
St. Clair, Pa.

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?	<i>No</i> ✓
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: <i>63</i> Health: <i>In poor health</i>
3. Do you speak English?	<i>Yes</i>
4. What other language do you speak?	<i>Not any</i>

*Mrs Rose Barnes*  
Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*A. D. Hughes*

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



Encl:  
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

July 22, 1931.

Barnes, Robert J. Pvt. (M-A) 1st

Mrs. George Barnes,  
Wade R.F.D. #5,  
St. Clair, Pa.

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  
Barnes, Robert J. (MA) M

April 23, 1931.

Mrs. George Barnes,  
Wade, R.F.D. #3,  
St. Clair, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your recent communication declining the invitation to sail on the George Washington July 29, 1931, to make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Robert J. Barnes.

It is regretted that due to illness you will be unable to make the pilgrimage this year. Accordingly, reservation made for you on the George Washington has been canceled and your name has been placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the pilgrimage in 1932. You will be communicated with when the pilgrimages for that year are being arranged.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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George Washington

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Barnes, Robert J., Pvt.

*Address*

I *decline*

(Accept or decline)

the invitation extended

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. George Barnes

(Name)

Wade R.F.D. #3, St. Clair, Schuylkill Co., Penna.

(Town or City)

(State)

Postmarked  
Pottsville Pa



QM 293 A-M  
Barnes, Robert J. (M-A)

1232

April 6, 1931

Mrs. George Barnes  
Wade R F D #3  
St Clair, Pennsylvania

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 "George Washington" on July 29, 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 May 12, 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. H. HUGHES,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

QM 293 A-M  
Barnes, Robert J. 1232-M

July 24, 1930

Mrs. George Barnes,  
Wade R. D. #3,  
St. Clair, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication S of July 18, 1930, advising that you will not be able to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Robert J. Barnes, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the S. S. Roosevelt, August 9, 1930.

Check in the amount of \$2.50 sent you for subsistence and incidental expense for your trip to New York is received.

Your name has been added to the list of mothers and widows eligible to make the pilgrimage during the summer of 1931 and you will be further communicated with relative thereto.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

July 23, 1930.

IN REPLY TO OM 293 4-148  
~~Barnes, George, 22, 1252~~

Mrs. George Barnes,  
Wade R.F.D. #3,  
St. Clair, Pa.

Dear Madam:

The Act of March 2, 1929 excluded from its benefits those mothers and widows who had made former visits to the graves of their loved ones in Europe. On May 15, 1930 that Act was amended to remove this restriction. Therefore, you are now eligible to make the pilgrimage at the expense of the Government.

arrangements are being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, and to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation 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 have previously visited their sons' or husbands' graves, 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)

Barnes, Robert J. - M.A.

July 19th, 1930

Mrs. George Barnes,  
Wade R.F.D. #3,  
St. Clair, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

For The Officer in Charge.

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

Enclosures:  
2 tags

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RETURN RECEIPT.

~~Insured 8-9-30~~

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

*[Faint signature]*

(Signature or name of addressee.)

*[Faint signature]*

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

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Form 3811

*Zurebill*

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Post Office Department

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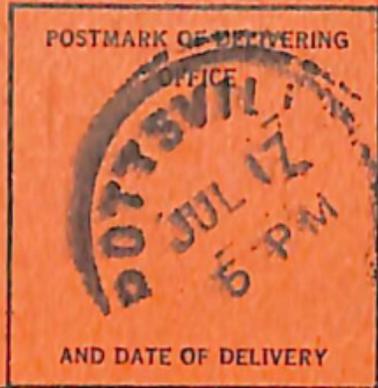
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No. 9247650

INSURED PARCEL

No.



Return to Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

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

Post Office at

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State R.F.D. No 3. St. Clair, Pa.

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293 A-c

July 18, 1930

A.S. Hughes Capt. Q. M. Corps, Asst.  
Star Dept. Washington, D.C.

7/22/30

Dear Sir:

Circumstances under which I have no control will not permit me at this time to accept the offer of the Government to furnish free transportation to France.

Much as I regret to do it.

I am returning <sup>check</sup> for 2.50 (herewith enclosed) to pay for meals and incidentals from my home to New York.

Thanking you and the Government for your kind consideration I remain

Yours respectfully  
M. George Barnes  
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1232 - Barnes, Robert J.

Wade, Pa. R.D. No 3, St. Clair, Pa.

July 18, 1930.

(2 M. 293-A.M.)

R. E. Shannon

Capt. I. M. Corps Asst.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Circumstances has  
arise which will not permit me  
to make the pilgrimage to the American  
Cemeteries in Europe. I regret  
very much that I must decline the  
generous offer of the Government  
at this time.

Thanking you for your kind  
consideration, I remain,

Yours,  
Mr. George Barnes

Wade R.D. No 3, St. Clair, Pa

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Barnes, Robt. J. - 1232 M

July 14, 1930.

Mrs. George Barnes,  
Wade R F D # 3,  
St. Clair, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. 366059 in the  
amount of \$ 2.50, to pay for your meals and incidental  
expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage  
authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Check No.

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Barnes, Robt. J. 1232

July 11, 1930.

Mrs. George Barnes,  
Wade R.F.D. #5,  
St. Clair, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

Lv. St. Clair	Bus Service		7:15 AM	Aug. 8
Ar. Pottsville	"		7:30 AM	Aug. 8
Lv. Pottsville	Reading	No. 92	7:35 AM	Aug. 8
Ar. Reading	"		8:23 AM	Aug. 8
Lv. Reading	"	No. 192	8:28 AM	Aug. 8
Ar. Jersey City	CR&ofNJ		11:31 AM	Aug. 8

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 ~~and~~ A-M

Barnes, Robt. J. - 1232

June 30, 1930.

Mrs. George Barnes,  
Wade R. F. D. #3,  
St. Clair, Pa.

Dear Madam:

This office has not yet received your passport for use in connection with your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe.

It is imperative that EVERY mother or widow making this pilgrimage, whether an American citizen or not, have a passport issued and in the hands of this office before she begins her trip. ~~Also advise if name on passport application was in any way different from that shown above.~~

Please comply as early as possible with the instructions shown in form letter attached, or if you have heretofore taken this action advise this office to that effect.

Should the clerk of the court not have been furnished with "Special Pilgrimage Passport" applications, please request him to take the matter up at once with the Passport Bureau, Room 170, State, War and Navy Building, Washington, D. C., and he will be furnished with these forms.

The person to whom you should apply is the Clerk of the Common Pleas Court at Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa.

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

May 9, 1930.

Barnes, Robert J. 1232 H

Mrs. George Barnes,  
Wade R.F.D. #3,  
St. Clair, Pa.

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.

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Declined by letter  
7-18-30

Barnes, Robert J.

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 provisions of  
the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

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Mrs. George Barnes

(Name)

Wade RFD #3, St. Clair, Schuylkill Co., Pa.

(Town or City)

(State)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Barnes, Robert J. 1232 M

Mrs. George Barnes,  
Wade, R. F. D. #3,  
St. Clair, Pa.

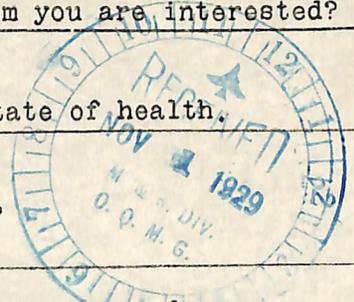
Dear Madam:

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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) <u>YES</u> ( <del>NOT</del> )
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <u>YES</u> ( <del>NOT</del> )
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?	( <del>YES</del> ) <u>NO</u> (No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <u>60</u> Health (Years) (Good) ( <del>POOR</del> )
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) ( <del>NOT</del> ) Other language <u>NO</u> (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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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Barnes, Robert J.  
1232

September 4, 1929.

Mrs. George Barnes,  
Wade, RFD #3,  
St. Clair, Pa.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 29, 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? **YES**

*Mother!*

*Mrs. George Barnes  
Wade R.F.D. #3*

*St. Clair  
Pa.*

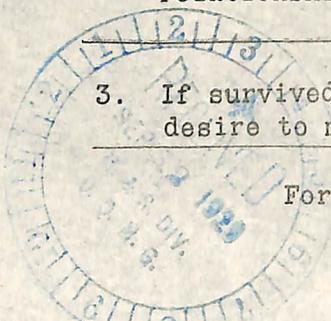
For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*John 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  
Barnes, Robert J.

June 29, 1929.

Mrs. George Barnes,  
Wade R. P. D. #3,  
St. Clair, Pa.

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. Robert J. Barnes, Co. I, 61st Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress.  
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JOHN T. HARRIS,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Barnes, Robt. J. (MA)

Sept. 6, 1932.

Mrs. Rose Barnes,  
Wade, RFD #3,  
St. Clair, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

In order that your desires may be of record, 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 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	
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

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:  
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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Barnes Robert J (MA)

July 7, 1932

Mrs Rose Barnes  
Wade R F D #3  
St Clair Pa

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) \_\_\_\_\_

QM 293 A-M  
Barnes, Robert J. (MA)

November 6, 1931

Mrs. George Barnes,  
R. F. D. #3,  
Wade, St. Clair, Pa.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it will be appreciated if you will advise whether or not the late Private Robert J. Barnes was married and is survived by a widow, and if so, her name and address.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Barnes, Robert J. (M-A) M

Oct. 13, 1931

Mrs. George Barnes,  
RFD #3, Wade,  
St. Clair, Pa.

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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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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Barnes, Robert J. (H-A) H

September 29, 1931 AL

Mrs. George Barnes,  
R. F. D #3 Wade,  
St. Clair, Pa.

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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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

July 22, 1931.

Barnes, Robert J. Pvt. (H-A) H\*

Mrs. George Barnes,  
Wade R.F.D. #8,  
St. Clair, Pa.

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

QM 293 A-M  
Barnes, Robert J. (MA) M

April 23, 1931.

Mrs. George Barnes,  
Wade, R.F.D. #3,  
St. Clair, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your recent communication declining the invitation to sail on the George Washington July 29, 1931, to make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Robert J. Barnes.

It is regretted that due to illness you will be unable to make the pilgrimage this year. Accordingly, reservation made for you on the George Washington has been canceled and your name has been placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the pilgrimage in 1932. You will be communicated with when the pilgrimages for that year are being arranged.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M  
Barnes, Robert J. (M-A)

April 6, 1931

Mrs. George Barnes  
Wade R F D #3  
St Clair, Pennsylvania

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 "George Washington" on July 29, 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 May 12, 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. H. HUGHES,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

QM 293 A-M  
Barnes, Robert J. 1232-M

July 24, 1930

Mrs. George Barnes,  
Wade R. D. #3,  
St. Clair, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication<sup>S</sup> of July 18, 1930, advising that you will not be able to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Robert J. Barnes, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the S. S. Roosevelt, August 9, 1930.

Check in the amount of \$2.50 sent you for subsistence and incidental expense for your trip to New York is received.

Your name has been added to the list of mothers and widows eligible to make the pilgrimage during the summer of 1931 and you will be further communicated with relative thereto.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

July 23, 1930.

Barnes, Robert 293 1282  
IN REPLY REFER TO

Mrs. George Barnes,  
Wade R.F.D. #3,  
St. Clair, Pa.

Dear Madam:

The Act of March 2, 1929 excluded from its benefits those mothers and widows who had made former visits to the graves of their loved ones in Europe. On May 15, 1930 that Act was amended to remove this restriction. Therefore, you are now eligible to make the pilgrimage at the expense of the Government.

arrangements are being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, and to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation 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 have previously visited their sons' or husbands' graves, 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)

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(Sign here)

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Barnes, Robt. J. 1232

July 11, 1930.

Mrs. George Barnes,  
Wade R.F.D. #3,  
St. Clair, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

Lv. St. Clair	Bus Service		7:15 AM	Aug. 8
Ar. Pottsville	"		7:30 AM	Aug. 8
Lv. Pottsville	Reading	No. 92	7:35 AM	Aug. 8
Ar. Reading	"		8:33 AM	Aug. 8
Lv. Reading	"	No. 192	8:26 AM	Aug. 8
Ar. Jersey City	CPRofNJ		11:31 AM	Aug. 8

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO <sup>XXX A-11</sup> QM 293 A-C  
Barnes, Capt. J. - 1232

June 30, 1930.

Mrs. George Barnes,  
Wade R. F. D. #3,  
St. Clair, Pa.

Dear Madam:

This office has not yet received your passport for use in connection with your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe.

It is imperative that EVERY mother or widow making this pilgrimage, whether an American citizen or not, have a passport issued and in the hands of this office before she begins her trip. <sup>Also advise if name on passport application was in any way different from that shown above.</sup>

Please comply as early as possible with the instructions shown in form letter attached, or if you have heretofore taken this action advise this office to that effect.

Should the clerk of the court not have been furnished with "Special Pilgrimage Passport" applications, please request him to take the matter up at once with the Passport Bureau, Room 170, State, War and Navy Building, Washington, D. C., and he will be furnished with these forms.

The person to whom you should apply is the Clerk of the Common Pleas Court at Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa.

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

Barnes, Robert J. 1232 M

June 12, 1930

Mrs. George Barnes  
Care, R. F. D. #3.  
St. Clair, Penn.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Barnes, Robert J. 1232M  
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May 15, 1930

Mrs. George Barnes,  
Wade RFD #3,  
St. Clair, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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Name

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Address

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

May 9, 1950.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
~~Barnes, Robert C. 1252 M~~

Mrs. George Barnes,  
Wade R.F.D. #3,  
St. Clair, Pa.

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  
Barnes, Robert J. -1232 H  
Roosevelt 8-9

May 9, 1930

Mrs. George Barnes,  
Wade RFD 3  
St. Clair, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT

and attached to a copy of the OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 8, 1930.

Barnes, Robert J. 1232 K

Mrs. George Barnes,  
Wade R.F.D. #3, St. Clair, Pa.

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

by local hospitals. Aboard ship, medical care will be provided by the ship's doctors and in Paris arrangements have been made with the American Hospital for the hospitalization and treatment of any women who may need it. 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 appreciated 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.

1 Enclosure.  
Regulation.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Barnes, Robert J. 1232 M

Mrs. George Barnes,  
Wade, R. F. D. #3,  
St. Clair, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl.  
Act  
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

Barnes, Robert J.  
1232

September 4, 1929.

Mrs. George Barnes,  
Wade, RFD #3,  
St. Clair, Pa.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 29, 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,

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  
Barnes, Robert J.

June 29, 1929.

Mrs. George Barnes,  
Wade R. F. D. #3,  
St. Clair, Pa.

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. Robert J. Barnes, Co. I, 61st Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

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# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place ~~Meuse-Argonne~~ **Meuse-Argonne Am. Cemetery #1232.**

**Romagne sous Montfaucon (Meuse).**

Date **June 9, 1926.**

1. REMAINS OF **BARNES, Robert J.** SERIAL NUMBER **2388000**  
RANK **Pvt.** ORGANIZATION **Co. I 61st Inf.**

2. Disinterred (date): **June 9, 1926** From (give complete location):  
**Gr. 3 Block F. Row 11**

By: Group **W.B. Sheild** Unit **Meuse-Argonne Am. Cemetery #1232.**

3. Reburied (date): **June 9, 1926** In (give complete location):  
**A.G.R.S., QMC in E.,**

By: Group **W.B. Sheild** Unit **AGRS, QMC Inf.** Nature of reburial **Regulation**

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: **Buried 6 feet deep in regulation AGRS case, casket, body wrapped in blanket & sheet.**

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

**TOB partly cons. identified of Robert J. Barnes, Pvt. Co. I 61st Inf. USA" reverse side "—88000" Aluminum strip reads "Barnes, Robert J. 2388000 Pvt. Co. I 61st Inf. Gr. 139 Sec. 111 Plot 3 Cem. 1232". Cross over remains reads "Robert J. Barnes Pvt. Co. I 61st Inf."**

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) **Imp to determine**

(b) Weight (estimated) **Do**

(c) Hair—Color **Do**

Quantity **Do**

Characteristics **Do**

(d) Hair on face—Color **Do**

Location **Do**

Quantity **Do**

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) **None visible.**

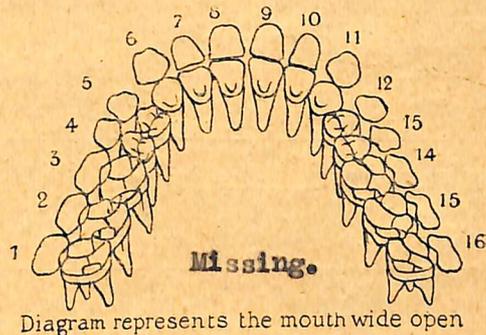
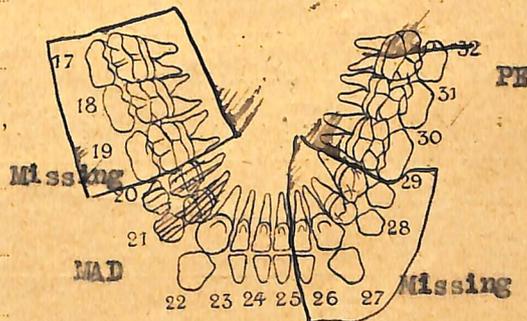


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) **Head shattered. Left humerus shattered, right humerus, lower third, fractured. Left pelvic bone fractured. Lower 2/3 right ulna and radius, lower 2.3 both femurs, both tibia and fibula and both feet missing.**

7. Disinterment supervised by **W.B. Sheild** Approved: **Jam. M. Gentry**

8. Re-burial supervised by **W.B. Sheild** Approved: **W.B. Sheild**

**W.B. SHEILD, Civ. Emp. AGRS,**

*File 200 8/3/26*

*Barnes, Robert J.*  
QM 203 A-C

Kravitch, Virginia, Pvt.

1st Ind.

War Dept., OCMG, Washington, D.C., February 24, 1926--To the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C., in Europe.

1. The records of this office show that Pvt. Robert J. Barnes, Co. I, 61st Inf., Pvt. 1st cl. James T. McCabe, Co. I, 61st Inf., Pvt. Virginia Kravitch, and another soldier, since identified as Pvt. William Moreau, were in the same shell hole and all were killed instantly when a shell struck in the hole. Further reports show that all were badly shot to pieces.

2. Our records further show that the remains of Pvt. Barnes were recovered, in September, 1920, Pvt. 1st cl. McCabe and Pvt. Moreau in July, 1924. Form 16-A for the recovery of the remains of Pvt. Barnes fails to list the recovery of any additional parts; therefore, it is not known whether there were more than the parts for one body at the time of this recovery. Attention is invited to the coordinates given for the place of recovery for Pvt. Barnes, Pvt. 1st cl. McCabe and Pvt. Moreau. Discrepancy may have been due to the different groups reporting the recovery. G.R.S. Form 16-A, item 4, lists remains not buried, etc., in the case of Pvt. Barnes. Forms 16-A for Pvt. 1st cl. McCabe and Pvt. Moreau would indicate that burial had not been made. A re-examination of these three bodies, Pvt. Barnes, Pvt. 1st cl. McCabe and Pvt. Moreau, may result in the finding of more parts of a fourth body.

3. Attention is also invited to G.R.S. Form 16-A, dated August 6th, 1924, for Pvt. 1st cl. McCabe, concentration of Oct. 16th, 1924, paragraph 6, subparagraph f, reading: "Every bone in body shattered and parts missing except THREE PELVIC BONES. Skull shattered". Information is desired as to whether one of these pelvises that referred to in basic letter.

4. It will be noted that Form 16-A, item 2, which accompanied your letter of August 14th, 1923, gives date of recovery as July 8th, 1925, nearly one year later than that given for the recovery of the remains of Pvt. 1st cl. McCabe and Pvt. Moreau. If this date is not correct, advise this office of same and the results of the re-examination of the three bodies above referred to, together with G.R.S. Form 16-A with correct date of recovery and Form 16-A with correct data of parts concentrated as those of Pvt. 1st cl. James T. McCabe.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

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

X  
293 Barnes, Robert J.

Feb. 23, 1926

Case of Pvt. Vagina Kravitch, 2388082- Co. I 61st Inf. KIA 10/14/18

**ACTION REQUESTED.**

Indorsement to Europe, replying to thier letter of Aug. 14, 1925 file 293-Kravitch, Vagina,; subject- Unlocated case of Pvt. Vagina Kravitch, Co. I, 61st Infantry; as follows

Barnes

1. Records in this office show that Pvt. Robert J. Barnes, Co. I 61st Inf. Pfc. James T. McCabe, Co. I 61st Inf., Pvt. Vagina Kravitch, and another soldier since identified as Pvt. William Moreau were in the same shell hole, all were killed instantly when a shell struck in the hole. Further reports, that all were badly shot to pieces.
2. Our records show that the remains of Pvt Barnes was recovered Sept. , 1920, Pfc McCabe and Pvt Moreau July 1924, Form 16-A for the recovery of the remains of Pvt Barnes fails to list the recovery of any additional parts- therefore it is not known whether there were more than the parts for one body at the time of this recovery.
- 3.. Attention is called to the coordinates given for the plate of recovery for Pvt. Barnes and that for Pfc McCabe and Pvt Moreau. ( this may have been due to the different groups reporting the recovery.)
4. GRS F-16A item 4---- lists remain not buried, etc. GRS F-16A for Pfc McCabe and Pvt. Moreau would indicate that burial had not been made--  
A re-examination of those three Pvt. Robert J. Barnes, Pfc. James T. McCabe and Pvt William Moreau may result in the finding of more parts of a fourth body.
5. Attention is called to GRS F-16A of Aug. 6, 1925, concentration of Oct. 16, 1924, par. 6 -sub. par f-- " Every bone in body shattered and parts missing except THREE PELVIC BONES. Skull shattered. Information is desired as to whether one of these is that referred to in your letter of Aug. 14, 1925.
- 6.. Your attention is called to date of F-16A enclosed in letter of Aug. 14, 1925, item 2, gives date of recovery as July 8, 1925 nearly one year later than that given for the recovery of the remains of Pfc. McCabe and Pvt. Moreau, if this date is not correct this office Result of re-examination of the three bodies above referred to. To be furnished with GRS F-16A with correct date of recovery  
" " " " " F-16A with correct date of parts concentrated as that of Pvt 1/c James T. McCabe.

Result.of

E. Kensett Val  
Investigator.

**FILE UNDER NO.** 293 - Barnes, Robert J.

Sept. 24, 1924.

## INDEX SHEET

### SYNOPSIS

Letter -

From - Robert C. Black,

To - Major H.P. Harbold, Q.M.C.

Advising that Privates Kravitch, McCabe, Barnes & another soldier, thinks of 60th U.S. Inf., name unknown were killed, by same shell.

The three men named were all members of Co. "I" 61st U.S. Inf.

**DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO.** Original on file of Pvt. Vagina Kravitch -  
Co. "I", 61st Inf.

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INSTRUCTIONS.—Under "Synopsis" make brief entry showing date of communication and from whom received and synopsis sufficient to identify the papers. When these index sheets become numerous under a subject they will be entered on the consolidated index sheet and then destroyed.

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To be filed.

E. K. Noel

Co. I., 61st Inf.,  
5th Div.

Barnes, Robert J.-Pvt.-2388000.

On October 12, 1918 while this company was in action near Cunel, France, Pvt Barnes was in a shell hole and was killed instantly by a shell landing and exploding in the same hole.

This happened in the general advance of the 1st Army in the Argonne-Meuse Offensive.

Informant: Black, Robert C.-Sgt.-2387944  
Co. I., 61st Inf.  
Home: College Corner, Ohio.  
April 3, 1919.  
Signed: LaRue T. Mead,-1st Lt.-

G.G.C.

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9/14/20

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Sept. 21, 1920

1. REMAINS OF ROBERT J. BARNES SERIAL NUMBER 7388000

RANK \_\_\_\_\_ ORGANIZATION Co. "I" 61st Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Sept. 21, 1920 From (give complete location): Cunel, Meuse. Map 35 NE N284.8- E311.

By: Group E.E. Cox Unit Area #1 GRS

3. Reburied (date): Sept. 21, 1920 In (give complete location): Grave 139 Sec. 111 Plot 3 A.E.F. Cty. #1232

By: Group Capt. W.R. Mann, Inf. Supervisor Area #1 Nature of reburial Concentration

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: Not buried. Bones and pieces of uniform left. Head shattered in small pieces. Tag with body.

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

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

identification made from tag found on body.

CONFIRMED No. R 21116

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Not possible to measure.

(b) Weight (estimated) Not possible to weigh.

(c) Hair—Color None

Quantity None

Characteristics None

(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location None

Quantity None

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) NO flesh left.

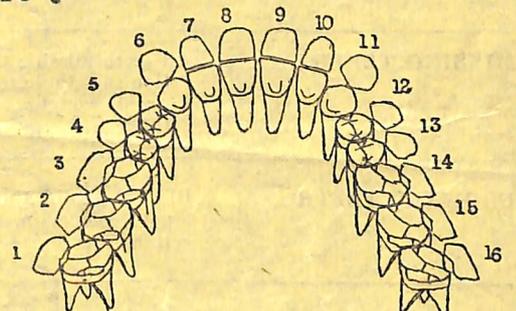
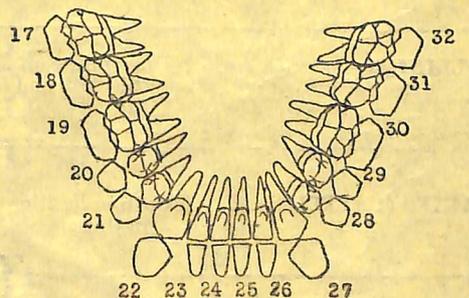


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



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

Not known.

7. Disinterment supervised by E.E. Cox

Approved: [Signature]

(Title) Capt. Inf. Supervisor

8. Reburial supervised by Capt. W.R. Mann, Inf.

Approved: [Signature]

(Title) Capt. Inf. Supervisor

*Capt. W. Mann  
Graves - Area - Meuse*

Barnes,

Robert J.

2,388,000

(Surname.)

Pvt

(Christian name in full.)

Co I 61 Inf

(Army serial number)

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased. ✓

Mother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

Yes.

(Yes or no.)

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

No

(Yes or no.)

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

Mrs. Geo Barnes

Sault Ste Marie

Sault Ste Marie

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

Trade Village

St Clair P.O.

Pa

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mrs. Geo Barnes

RR # 3

Via Pottsville

Pa

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Department record  
this youth's residence  
states: Wynesville  
Dauphin Co. Pa

This is an error

Correct address is

given on reverse  
side. Care should

be given to avoid  
error in shipment of

body

checked 11/11  
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10-6-3-21  
233-111-7

November 9, 1923.

Mrs. George Barnes,  
Wade B.F.D. #3,  
Clair, Pa.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the permanent grave of Private Robert J. Barnes, Company I, 61st Infantry, is Grave 3, Row 11, Block F, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagnic-sous-Montfaucou (Meuse), France.

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

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

Very truly yours,

R. L. FOSTER  
Assistant.

RD

O. S. M. G.  
CENTRAL MAIL ROOM.



NOV 9 1923  
B. O. C.

Place Rognè s/s Montfaucon

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Aug. 31, 1921

1. REMAINS OF Barnes, Robert J. SERIAL NUMBER 2388000

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. I. 61st Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) Aug. 31, 1921 From (give complete location): Gr. 139 Sec. 111 Pl. 3  
Cemetery #1 32

By: Group Poster Unit Sec. #1

3. Reburied (date): Oct 21st 1921 In (give complete location): MeuseArgonne Cemetery #1232 Gr 3 block F row 11

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

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Pine box, US Uniform and burlap. Decomposed. Features Unrecognizable.

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

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

Body tag agrees.

None other identification

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Undeterminable

(b) Weight (estimated) Undeterminable

(c) Hair—Color None

Quantity None

Characteristics None

(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location None

Quantity None

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or

Missing parts Undeterminable

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

Upper jaw missing. Head and body badly shattered. Both femurs

shattered Lower legs missing.

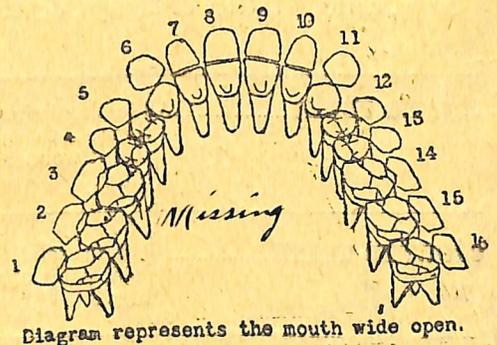
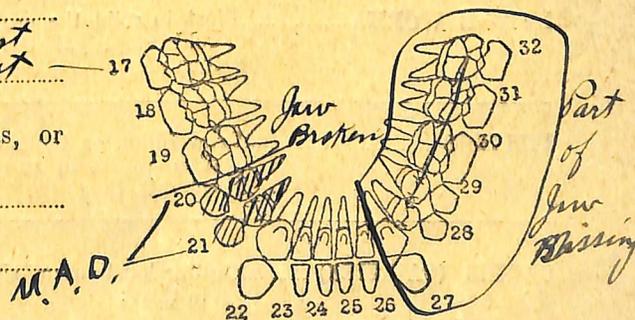


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



7. Disinterment supervised by H. H. Foster, Sup. Embalmer

Approved: H. C. Worthington  
(Title) 1st Lt. QMC Inspector.

8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Dufault

Approved: Tom Ward  
(Title) Tom Ward, Capt QMC.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Aug. 31. 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 BARNES, Robert J.  
 2. No. 2388000  
 3. Rank Pvt  
 4. Org. Co. I, 61st Inf.  
 5. D.D. 10/14/18  
 6. C.D. KIA

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 139 Sec. 111  
 8. Plot 3 Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

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

18. Cemetery Argonne American

19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon

20. Dept. or County Meuse

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. #1232 Sec. 111

23. Disinterred (Date) Aug. 31. 1921.

By H. H. Foster

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name BARNES, Robert J  
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. 2388000  
 Organization Co. I. 61st. Inf.

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

C. R. Rame  
 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 Badly decomposed, Unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Pine box, Uniform & burlap.

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 Aug. 31. 1921. By H.H. Foster

AUDITED BY

31. Casket sealed by H.H. Foster.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) H. H. Foster

*M.H.G.*  
*5/9-23*

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. 0-4266

32. Designation of body:

Name BARNES, Robert J Serial No. 2388000

Rank Pvt Organization Co. I, 61st Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Argonne American Romagne-sous-Montfaucon #1232

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Aug. 31. 1921. By H.H. Foster

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.C. Worthington  
R.C. Worthington. 1st Lt. QMC.

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

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Aug. 31. 1921.

To point of Concentration Morgue Cem. #1232. J. Gerald Cole  
(Name) J. GERALD COLE  
Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer Captain, C. A. C.

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

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

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

To Permanent Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ (Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

40. Received: Date Aug 31, 1921

G.R.S. Representative By Capt. Morgue Dept.

41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cemetery # 1232 Oct 21st 1921  
(Date)

42. Grave No. 3 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot, block, \_\_\_\_\_ Row 11



G.R.S. Representative Tom Ward  
Tom Ward, Capt QMC.

# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

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File #. 43590

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BARNES? Robert J. Ser. No. 2388000  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. I. 61st. Inf.  
 (c) Date of death 10-14-18 (d) Cause of death k/a

TYP hmp  
 CKR. 30

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

(a) Grave No. 139 Row - Plot 3 Sec. 111 TYP. hmp  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. George Barnes (Mother) Wadesville, Pa.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases  
*8. H. A. - May 5, 1921 confirms (C. 6-3-21)*  
*Postal guide gives no Wadesville, Pa., see Wade village, St. Clair, Pa., PF 6-7-20*

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

(a) Name Mrs. Geo. Barnes (b) Relationship Mother  
 (c) Address RR # 3 Via Pottsville, Pa.  
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? yes  
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at no

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. Mrs. Geo. Barnes  
Wade village, St. Clair P. O., Pa.  
Exp & Tele - St. Clair  
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. -

Examiner's Initials SA Date 6/3, 1921

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

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

Examiner's Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_, 1921

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

no request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? \_\_\_\_\_

Examiner's Initials SA Date 6/3, 1921

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232 Sec. 111 SHEET No. 7

CARDED

*6-24-21*

*6-7-21*

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 192

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by *gjo*, *6-17*, 1927.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
letter on *JUN 16 1921*, 192

*Sec. 111*

**Par. 1** To be returned.

*(EW)*

RECEIVED  
JUL 20 1921

IX.

REMARKS

*Form 129 to hold body Ford Wash. 7/12/21 B.F.  
7/19/21 - Europe advised by proposed cable # 354, "Do not return".  
Letter from Europe 8/4/21 states return cancelled as per cable <sup>att</sup> 11/8/21  
LPW-7/28/21*

**WAR DEPARTMENT**  
**OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY**  
**CEMETERIAL DIVISION**  
**WASHINGTON**

*This is not a notice that  
body has arrived in U.S.*

**JUL - 1 1921**

**R**

**FROM:** Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. G.  
**To:** Mrs. George Barnes, R.R.#3, Wade Village, St. Clair P.O., Pa. (via Pottsville)  
**SUBJECT:** Remains of Pvt. Robert J. Barnes, Ser. No. 2398000, Co. I, 61st Inf.

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above-named soldier  
~~be returned to the United States and shipped to you at Wade Village, St. Clair P.O., Pa.~~

*Remain in Europe 7/9/21 ECS*

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

*7/19/21 - Ample advised by proposed cable # 3574,  
"Do Not Return" - 7/19/21*

GEORGE H. PENROSE,  
Colonel, Q. M. C.

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

Was soldier married? *No*

**JUL 9 1921**

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Father	George A Barnes	R.F.D.3 Wade Penna	St Clair Penna
Mother	Mrs George Barnes	R.F.D.3 Wade Penna	St Clair Penna
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1	George Barnes	R.F.D.3 Wade Penna St Clair Penna
	2		
	3		
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1	Mrs John Murray	Tower Tower City Penna
	2	Mrs John Harvey	Port Carbon Penna
	3	Rose Barnes	R.F.D.3 Wade Penna St Clair Penna
	Ellen Barnes	R.F.D.3 Wade	St Clair Penna

Date July 7th 1921

Signature *Mrs George A Barnes*

Address Wade, R.F.D.3 St. Clair, Penna Relationship Mother

RECEIVED

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

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

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

Wade, R. F. D. 3 St Clair, Penna  
(State.)

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

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

**I desire that the body remain in Europe**

Signature Mrs. George A. Banner

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.**

1. If definite instructions for the disposition of a body are not received from the next of kin within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.

2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.

3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT of kin IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.

4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest next of kin in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.

5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.

6. If YOU are not the nearest next of kin, please ask the nearest next of kin, if living near you, to fill out this paper.

7. If YOU are not the nearest living next of kin and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.

8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.

9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

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

6/17/21

MSC

Station

Date

, 192

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, AND SHIPMENT OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records Office Chief G. R. S.

Discrepancy found upon examination of body.

1. Name BARNES, Robert J.
2. No. 2388000
3. Rank Pvt.
4. Org Co. I, 61st Inf.
5. D. D. 10/14/18
6. C. D. R/a

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment.

7. Grave No. 139
8. Plot 3
9.

15. Grave No.
16. Plot
17.

18. Cemetery Argonne American
19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon
20. Department or county Meuse
21. Country France

22. G. R. S. Headquarters Code No. 1232, Sec. 111

23. Disinterred (Date.)

By

24. Inscription on grave marker { Name, Rank, Organization, Serial No.

25. Was identification disk found on grave marker? On body?

Signature of Junior Technical Assistant.

(The following space is reserved for notations to be made by office Chief Graves Registration Service.)

3-7727

Sec. 111-Cable Ref. No. 7

FILE COPY

(OVER)

PREPARATION

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

Signature of Embalmer (Supervisor) \_\_\_\_\_

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

32. Designation of body { Name Robert J. Barnes Serial No. 2388000  
 Rank Pvt. Organization Co. I, 61st Inf.
33. CONSIGNEE—Name Mrs. Geo. Barnes,  
 Address Wade Village, St. Clair P.O., Pa. (Ex. & Tel. St. Clair.)
34. Casket boxed and marked \_\_\_\_\_ (Date.) By \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signature of G. R. S. Inspector \_\_\_\_\_

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

37. Shipped from cemetery \_\_\_\_\_ (Date.) To \_\_\_\_\_ (Point of concentration.)  
 Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

38. Received at point of concentration \_\_\_\_\_ (Date.)  
 Signature Receiving Officer \_\_\_\_\_

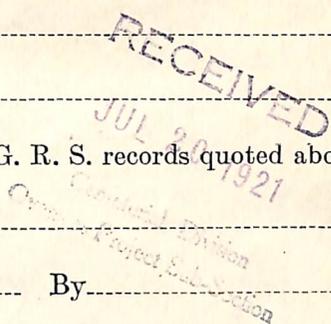
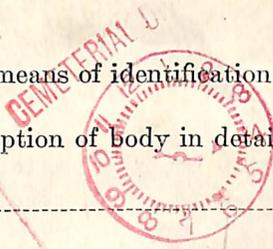
39. Shipped from point of concentration \_\_\_\_\_ (Date.)  
 To \_\_\_\_\_ (Port.) Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

40. Received European port \_\_\_\_\_ (Date.)  
 Signature of G. R. S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

41. Shipped to \_\_\_\_\_ (U. S. port.) On \_\_\_\_\_ (Boat.)  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_ Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature of Shipping Officer.)

42. Received \_\_\_\_\_ (Date.) By G. R. S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature.)

43. Shipped to destination \_\_\_\_\_ (Date.) { B/L or Express Order No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_





WAR DEPARTMENT  
QUARTERMASTER CORPS  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
HOBOKEN, N. J.

July 11th-- 1921.

From: Graves Registration Officer, Hoboken, New Jersey.  
To: Quartermaster General, Cemeterial Division, Washington, D. C.  
Subject: Supplementary Advice concerning:

Name Barnes, Robert J. Ser. No. 2398000  
Rank Private Organization Co. I., 61st Infantry  
Cemetery No. 1232-Sec.111 Cable Reference No. (Sheet No.) 7

Request shown below dated July 9th-1921 is latest in this case:

Name of Relative None Return Remain Special  
to in  
FRANCE.

Widow None  
Children \_\_\_\_\_  
Guardian \_\_\_\_\_  
Father (Same address as Mother)  
Mother (Mrs. George A. Barnes. R.F.D.#3, Wade Village, St. Clair, Pa.)  
Brother \_\_\_\_\_  
Sister \_\_\_\_\_  
Others \_\_\_\_\_

Body to be shipped to, or for interment in: P.A.C.

MM

Cable Letter July 19 1921 forwarding advice to Europe dispatched \_\_\_\_\_ 1921.

S-744 EB

7-21-21 MW

B7c

MAILED

JUL 12 1921

COR. BR. G. R. S.

*Cann*

*7-14-*

July 18, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Gen. Div. Cor. Br.

Re: Barnes, Robert J., Pvt.,  
Serial Number 2388000,  
Co. I, 61st Infantry.

Mrs. George A. Barnes,  
R. F. D. #3, Wade Village,  
St. Clair, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Your shipping inquiry dated July 7, 1921, requesting that the remains of the deceased soldier named above be left in France has been forwarded to the General Division, Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C., for necessary action.

It is requested that any further communications concerning the disposition of the remains be addressed to that office for reply.

The Department desires to express its sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

BY:

F. C. PALLAS,  
Executive Assistant.

ms/m

"MAILED"  
JUL 19 1921  
"COR. BR. G. R. S."

# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #. 43590

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BARNES? Robert J. Ser. No. 2388000  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. I. 61st. Inf.  
 (c) Date of death 10-14-18 (d) Cause of death k / a

} hmp  
TYP.  
*op*

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

(a) Grave No. 139 Row - Plot 3 Sec. 111 TYP. hmp  
Mrs. George Barnes (Mother) Wadesville, Pa.

(b) Emerg. Address 8-9-a - Mar. 5 1921 confirmed (at 6-2-21)

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases \_\_\_\_\_ CKR: *yo*

IV. Information on which advice to Europe in letter of transmittal was based:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
Sec. 111 letter of transmittal on JUN 16 1921, 192  
Par. 1 To be returned (CW)  
JUN 25 1921

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., \_\_\_\_\_, 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.
<u>7-11-21</u> <u>Form 129</u>	<u>Mother 7-9-21</u> <u>Mrs George A Barnes</u>	<u>Remain</u> <u>in France</u>	<u>7/19/21 Europe</u> <u>advised by</u> <u>proposed</u> <u>cable 354</u> <u>"Do not return"</u> <u>att</u> <u>7-23-21</u>
<u>Letter from Europe 8/4/21 states return cancelled</u> <u>as per cable att 11/8/21</u>			

VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J. \_\_\_\_\_, 192

COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_ CEMETERY No. \_\_\_\_\_ SHEET No. \_\_\_\_\_

*op* 6/24/21

43590

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Barnes 2388000 Robert*

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

*Pvt. Co. 1, 61st Inf.*

(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL

*Oct. 26, 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL

*Dun-sur-Meuse*

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

*Map 109-843*

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:

*(Meuse)*  
*COMME. Briettes-sur-Meuse*

*(C-230) SHT. 357. E. COORD. E. 310.92  
N. 284.28*

REPORTED BY:

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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



Annual List No. 754  
Report No. 230

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.  
Washington, D.C.

FILE

DRAFT OF CABLEGRAM  
Transmittal by the Adjutant General requested.

J. R. Lindsey,  
Colonel, Cavalry,  
Acting Director, Supply Div.G.S.

Sent as No. 825      Paragraph 1      Sent from      File No.  
7/19/21      AE      Date July 19, 1921  
Received back

# 43590

To:

Military Attache,

Ambassy, Paris.

For Return: "DO NOT RETURN: Reference 1232 Section 111

Robert J. Barnes 7, Section 116 Ross M. Heard 48.      SUSPEND

FOREIGN ADVICE: 1232 Section 24 Paul Grabowski 70 Lipman

Grabowski, Powiat Wielun, Wierusow, Poland. Section 44 Andrew

Kaval 95, Section 104 Carl S. Rosmussen 165. Return 1750

Charles L. Kaurin 2. Cable approximate date of shipment."

Copies to: Cemeterial Div., Information & Guidance.

FROM: O.Q.M.G.  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
Munitions Building  
Room 1109

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

PLEASE  
EXPEDITE

Date 3/5/21

File No. Registration.

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, Sixth and B Streets NW., 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. Barnes *OK*
- b. Christian name. Robert J *OK*
- c. Serial number. 2388000 *OK*
- d. Organization. Co I 61st Inf. *OK*
- e. Rank. Pvt. *OK*
- f. Date of death. 10/14/18 *OK*
- g. Cause of death. K/A *OK*
- h. Authority (C. C. No.) 303 *OK*
- i. Emergency address. Mrs. Geo. Barnes *OK*  
Wadenville, Pa.
- j. Relationship. Mother *OK*

BODY DESCRIPTION.

(See page 2 of the Service Record.)

DENTAL CHARTS.

(See physical report of examination prior to enlistment.)

- a. Age at enlistment. 18 yrs. 5 mo.
- b. Color of eyes. Blue
- c. Color of hair. Dr. Brown
- d. Height. 5 ft. 6 3/4 inches.
- e. Weight. 130 lb.
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment. (Old fractures or breaks.)  
*R. H. m. right neck. - R. H. m. left cheek.  
L.S. 1" x 1" D. back left lower leg.*

a. Strike out teeth missing:

<del>8</del> 7 6 5 4 3 2 1	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 <del>8</del>
Upper right.	Upper left.
<del>8</del> 7 6 5 4 3 2 1	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 <del>8</del>
Lower right.	Lower left.

*Sweeney - doc. - APS - Wg 8-3-7-21*  
H. L. ROGERS,  
Quartermaster General, U. S. A.,

By  
*[Signature]*  
H. J. CONNER,  
Captain, Q. M. C.

1501 H. Sheriff,  
Invst.

Rec'd World War Div.  
Date MAR. 7. 1921

MAR 7 1921

HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, Q.M.C., IN EUROPE  
8, AVENUE D' IENA, PARIS

January 12, 1921

File No.

From: Chief,

To: Quartermaster General, U.S. Army (Cemeterial Division)

Subject: Acknowledgment of Correspondence.

FILE

FILE

File No., Cemeterial Div., O. O. M. G.  
File # 293.8 - 43590

Receipt this date is acknowledged of the following correspondence from your office:

Letter )

dated: December 29, 1920

~~Indorsement~~ )

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div.- #43590 (Barnes, Robert J.)

Subject: G.R.S. Forms 1-A and 16-A covering burials in Cemetery 1232.

Name:

Metz, Clarence  
Barnes, Robert J., Pvt.

H. F. RETHERS,  
Colonel, Q.M.C.

Barnes, Robert J.

DMK.

43590  
**FILES**

December 29, 1920.

293.8 Com. Div. - #43590 (Barnes, Robert J.)

**From:** The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cometerial Division).  
**To:** Chief, American Graves Registration Service, C.M.C. in Europe,  
#8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, France.  
**Subject:** G.R.S. Forms 1-A and 16-A covering burials in Cemetery 1232.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of communication from your office dated September 27, 1920 submitting G.R.S. Forms 1-A and 16-A covering the misinterments and reburials in Cemetery 1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, of:

METZ, Clarence, Co. H, 49th Infantry,  
Grave 138, Section 111, Plot 3.

BARNES, 2388000, Robert J., Pvt., Co. I, 61st Infantry,  
Grave 139, Section 111, Plot 3.

2. The records of this office show the correct particulars regarding the soldier whose body is contained in grave 139, Section 111, Plot 3, Argonne American Cemetery 1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse to be:

Private Robert J. Barnes, 2388000,  
Company I, 61st Infantry,  
Date of death, October 14, 1918.

3. The records of this office do not afford any information that will establish the identity of the soldier whose body is now contained in Grave 138, Section 111, Plot 3, Argonne American Cemetery 1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse. Should any additional information be discovered, your office will be duly advised.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

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M. H. GRIMLEY,  
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 Memo For: G.R.S. representative, C.R.O.  
 SUBJECT: Information required for G.R.S.

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 ( ) Number: **2388000**  
 ( ) First name: **Robert J**  
 ( ) Rank: **Pvt.**  
 ( ) Company: **I**  
 ( ) Organization: **61st. Inf.**  
 ( ) Date of death:  
 ( ) Cause:  
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Location of hospital:

- Number " "  
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 (✓) Relative: **Mrs. George Barnes**  
 (✓) Relationship: **Mother**  
 (✓) Address: **Wadesville, Pa.**

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