

(7513)

Barns, Edward

2,905,750

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt

247 Co MP

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased. *wife*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? *no*

(Yes or no.)

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

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

*Mrs. Edward Barns
I. Small
Tex*

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by Am

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1/3/21

FULL NAME BARNES, Edward

RANK Pvt. *1/c* SERIAL 2905750

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION *mil. Police*
247th Co., M.P. *Cps.*

DATE OF DEATH *Feb 4 1919*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *Texas*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED: *None*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION.....	8	7	A
Date	Grave	Row	Block
	Suresnes, #34		
		
	Cemetery		

FORWARDED WAR DIV.
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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BARNS

(Serial Number) *2905750* (First Name and Initials) *Edward*

(Rank) *Private* (Organization) *247 M.P.C.*

PLACE OF DEATH: *Camp*
Base Hospital 53

CAUSE OF DEATH: *Broncho Pneumonia*

DATE OF BURIAL: *Feb. 6, 1919.*

PLACE OF BURIAL: (Give Cemetery, Town and Department) *Cemetery 513*
Map references must specify clearly what map is used.

Cant.
Base sec. 6, 1 *Marseille, France.*

GRAVE NUMBER: *675*

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?..... Cross? *Yes*
Headboard?..... Bottle?.....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:
Was one buried with body? *No (bottle 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? *Yes*

NEAREST RELATIVE: *Mrs. Edward Barnes*

ADDRESS: *Thrall Texas*

RELATIONSHIP: *Wife.*

REPORTED BY: *J. M. Lary*
Chaplain
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

This portion to be forwarded to Central Records Office, A. G. O., A. E. F.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

file

Oct. 30, 1922.

FILE: 293.8 C-R #94400
SUBJECT: Permanent Grave Location of Private Edward Barnes,
247th Company, Military Police.
TO: Mrs. Edward Barnes, Thrall, Texas.

1. The permanent grave of this soldier is No. 8, Row 7,
Block A, Suresnes American Cemetery at Suresnes, Department of Seine,
France.

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

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

For the Quartermaster General:

MAILED

OCT 30 1922

G.R.S.

A
E. E. DAVIS,
~~GEORGE H. PENROSE~~
Executive Assistant. G. R. S.

LN
7C7

39 (b) Shipped from Paris Morgue, Oct. 15, 1921----- 1921. To Permanent
Cemetery No. 34, American, Suresnes (Seine) by Shipping Officer,
Convoysed by:


H. L. WARD,
Major, Q.M.C.

(a) RECEIVED AT POINT OF CONCENTRATION A.G.R.S., PARIS MORGUE,
AUBERVILLIERS, APRIL 29TH, 1921, BY G.R.S. REPRESENTATIVE:


EDW. J. TURGEON
Captain Q.M.C.

SHIPMENT (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. G-62

32. Designation of body:

Name BARNES, Edward Serial No. 2905750
Rank Pvt. 1/c1 Organization 247th Co., 124th M.P. Corps.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Suresnes American Cemetery #34.

34. Casket boxed and marked: Date 3/19/21 By Perry F. Nangle

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 C.R. Ozias
C.R. Ozias,
1st Lieut., M.C.

36. Remarks:

Paper found in bottle with remains with name, number, rank and organization. Apparently hospital case.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: Date 3-25-21
to point of Concentration Toulon (Var).

Convoyer J. Ferretti NAME

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 3-26-21
by G.R.S. Representative S. D. CAMPBELL CAPT. Q.M.C.

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 6 APR 1921
to Permanent Cemetery Suresnes #34

Convoyer Serge Paulange in charge NAME

40. Received: Date October 15th, 1921.

G.R.S. Representative R. G. RICHARDS, 1st Lieut. Q.M.C.

41. Reinterred Suresnes Cemetery. October 15th, 1921.

42. Grave No. 8. DATE Section

43. Plot Block A. Row 7

G.R.S. Representative R. G. RICHARDS, 1st Lieut. Q.M.C.

TO BE PREPARED IN TRIPLICATE.

114B did not reach this office

AUDITED BY
S.B.K. 3/25/22

C.B.K.
3/25/22

STATION Marseille (B-du-Rhone)DATE 3/19/21

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENTCOMPARATIVE REPORT

RECORDS OF G.R.S. HEADQUARTERS

DISCREPANCY FOUND UPON EXHUMATION OF BODY

1. Name BARNES, Edward
 2. No. 2905750
 3. Rank Pvt. 1/cl.
 4. Org. 247th Co., 124th M.P. Corps
 5. D.D. Feb. 4th, 1919.
 6. C.D. Broncho Pneumonia

10. Name Edward Barnes
 11. No. _____
 12. Rank Pvt.
 13. Org. 247 Co. - M.P.C.
 14. (a) D.D. _____
 (b) D.B. _____

DISCREPANCY FOUND UPON DISINTERMENT

7. Grave No. 675 Sect. _____
 8. Plot _____ Row _____
 9. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sect. _____
 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 17. No discrepancy

18. Cemetery American (Le Canet)
 19. Commune or town Marseille
 20. Dept. or County Bouches-du-Rhone
 21. Country France.
 22. G.R.S. Hdqs. Code No. 513

23. Disinterred Date 3/19/21 By Perry F. Nangle

24. Inscription on Grave Marker:

Name Edward Barnes Serial No. 2905750
 Rank Pvt 1/c Organization 247th Co. 124th M.P. Corps.

Signature of Junior Tec. Assistant H. E. Stonecipher

PREPARATION

25. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date 3/19/21 By Perry F. Nangle

26. Casket sealed by Perry F. Nangle

Signature of Embalmer Super. Preparations Perry F. Nangle

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER COMPLETION OF G. R. S. FORM NO. 16-A

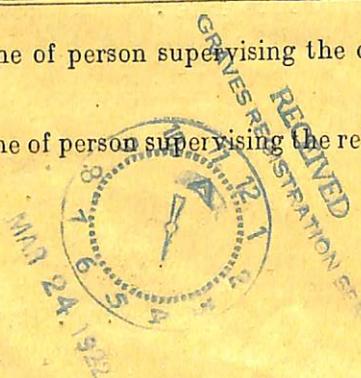
Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Question 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

1. Show soldier's name, serial-number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".
(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No. 6.
6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

MISSING TEETH	All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :	
CROWNED TEETH	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :	
BRIDGE WORK	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :	
FILLINGS	Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :	
CARIES (CAVITIES)	Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :	
DENTURES (PLATES)	Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp."	

7. Show name of person supervising the disinterment and the name and title of the person approving same.

8. Show name of person supervising the reburial and the name and title of the person approving same.



COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA file # 94400

1. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name Barns, Edward Ser. No. 2905750)
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization 247th Co. of M.P.) TYP. VFM
(c) Date of death 2/4/19 of death Broncho Pneumonia) CKR. Call

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

(a) Grave No. 675 Row - Plot - Sect. -) TYP. HW
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Edward Barns, (Wife) Thrall, Texas.

111. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; NO CARD) CKR. Call

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt None

(a) Name Mrs. Edward Barns (b) Relationship Wife
(c) Address Thrall, Texas
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at -

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

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

Examiner's Initials A.E.S. Date 8-10-1920

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

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

No Correspondence

Examiner's Initials PMW Date 8-10-1920

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes HW

Examiner's Initials HW Date 8-11-1920

*St. Denis for
Survived 3x
10-1-21
4/6 In pl. of
concentration into
Call*

*HW
PM*

HW

VII. G. R. S. FORM No. 114 made _____, 1920

Typed by _____ Checked by _____ 1920

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by- (cable on _____ 1920
(letter on 1/5/ 1920

Par. #2. Not to be returned (E&S) 1-7-21

IX. CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE	ACTION TAKEN
Desires body be	
Body to be shipped to	

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: *Form 120 1/28/20, Mrs. Edward Barnes, (widow) Thral, Texas, requests body remain in France, 9-24-20. J. L.*

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

AUG 18 1920

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

TO: Mrs. Edward Barnes, Thrall, Texas.

SUBJECT: Remains of Private Edward Barnes, 247th Co. of M.P. Ser. No. 2905750

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body
Remain in France.

no change
Push Answer

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OVERSEAS PROJECT

RECEIVED
AUG 20 1920

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:
CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Major, U.S.A.

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

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow	Mrs. Edward Barnes	Thrall	Texas
Soldier's Children (Name oldest first)	1. 2. 3. None.		
Father	Dead.		
Mother	Mary Barnes	Chillicothe	Texas
Brothers (Name oldest first)	1. Bob Barnes	Chillicothe	Texas
	2. Louie Barnes	Chillicothe	Texas
	3. Jacob Barnes	Chillicothe	Texas
Sisters (Name oldest first)	1. Katie Barnes	Chillicothe	Texas
	2. Mrs. May Leudtke	Zolbert	Texas

Date Aug 28 1920

Signature Mrs. Edward Barnes

Address Thrall, Tex.

Relationship Wife

Noted on 9/1/20
9-24-20

1920.

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

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

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

(R.R. Station) (State)

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

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

Signature Mrs. Edward Barrow

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT

1. If definite instructions as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative within 2 weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.
2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.
3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT of kin IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.
4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.
6. If YOU are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
7. If YOU are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.
8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
9. Use the enclosed envelope - pay no postage.

94400

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Barnes **2905750** **Edward**
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Private **247 M.P.C.**
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: ^{Camp} **Base Hospital 53**

CAUSE OF DEATH: **Broncho Pneumonia**

DATE OF BURIAL: **Feb. 6, 1919.**

PLACE OF BURIAL: **Am. E. F. Cemetery 513**
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department). Map references must specify clearly what map is used.

Base sec. 6, ^{Caret} 1/1 Marseille, France.

GRAVE NUMBER: **675**

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: .

Was one buried with body? **No (bottle with body)**

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?
513

NEAREST RELATIVE: **Mrs. Edward Barnes**

ADDRESS: **Thrall Texas**

RELATIONSHIP: **Wife.**

REPORTED BY: **J. M. Lacy**
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).
Chaplain



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



Base sec. 8, Franklin, France.

Ms. Lewis & Clark
Third Series
Vol. 1

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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Barnes, Edward Bar	3	218 ⁰
BURIED	CEMETERY 34	1	6
	GRAVE 8	2	08
	ROW 7	2	07
	BLOCK a	1	1
STATE	Texas	2	49
RANK	Priv 1/cl.	1	2
DIVISION	Military Police	2	53
ORGANIZATION		3	XXX
ARM		1	X
MARITAL	Remarried	1	3
NAME	Vitley, Mrs. Sonora	3	
RESIDENCE	Fentress, Texas	2	
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	
	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	no fm no low Mother	1	1
OTHER	no	1	
ELIGIBILITY	Dead - since war	1	6
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

AUDITED

SEP 22 1932

RS

QM 293 A-C
Barns, Edward

November 19, 1929.

Mr. Marvin C. Culbertson,
Attorney-at-Law,
Vernon, Texas.

Dear Sir:

This office will appreciate your furnishing any information you may have in regard to Mrs. Mary Barns, mother of the late Private Edward Barns, 247th Company, Military Police, whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, France.

A communication addressed to Mrs. Barns at Chillicothe, Texas in connection with the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act of March 2, 1929, has been returned by the Post Office Department marked unclaimed.

A self-addressed envelope requiring no postage is enclosed for your use in making reply.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

SC:LS
1 Encl.
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

October 8, 1929.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Barns, Edward 34 M

Mrs. Mary Barnes,

R. R. #

Chillicothe, Texas.

Put-2905750-247 Co. M. A. Address given by widow 5-24-29

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.
Act
Envelope

BARNES, Edward

Put. 2905750 1/2 247 Co M.P.

167-463

Mother

Mrs Mary Barnes

Mother dead,
Chillicothe

Tex

widow remarried 7-26-21

Her Address

Mrs. Sonora Nannie Utley

Taylor

Texas

3-18-27

BARNES Edward
Pvt. 241 Co. M.P.

17 463

Sn 2905-750 mother Mrs

Sonora N. UTLEY
TAYLOR TEX. 3-18-27
7-27-21

widow remarried

Think mother dead. - name Mary Barnes

write to Marvin C Culbertson

For positive information

(attorney at law)

Vernon
Texas

Business, Tex.

May 24, 1929.

The Quartermaster General
Washington, D.C.

The address of
Mrs. Barnes, the mother of
Edward Barnes No. Q.M. 293rd
A-C, to the best of my
knowledge is.

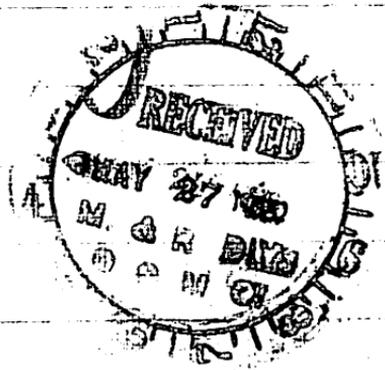
Mrs. Mary Barnes,
Chillicothe,

R. R. #.

Tex.

Mrs. Sonora Utley.

The widow of Edward Barnes
but now married wish
I could go ^{to} my husband's
grave too.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

QM 298 A-C

IN REPLY REFER TO
Barnes, Edward

May 3, 1929.

Mrs. Edward Barnes,
Thrall,
Texas.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the widow of the late Private Edward Barnes, 247th Company, Military Police, whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

LPH

QM 298 A-C
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November 19, 1929.

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Assistant.

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1 Encl.
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M. G. 714

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WASHINGTON

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The records of this office show that you are the widow of the late Private Edward Barns, 297th Company, Military Police, whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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