

LIST OF PAPERS

File under No. 293- BARTON, Lester Clement

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G.R.S. Form #114-B CAUSE OF DEATH

FULL NAME..... ~~UNKNOWN U-1338~~ -----BARTON, Lester Clement *Off. Sig.*

RANK..... 2nd Lieut. SERIAL.....

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION..... Bty. B, 101 F.A. 26 Div.

DATE OF DEATH..... July 21, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME..... *Illinois*

AWARDS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED..... *No record*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION..... 12/8/22 79 6 B
Date Grave Row Block

..... 1764
..... Cemetery

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Rec'd World War Div.

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GEORGE P. BARTON
ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA

F E B R U A R Y
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The Graves Registration Service, A.E.F.,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

My son, 2nd. Lt. Lester Clement Barton, was killed in action at Belleau Woods, during the offensive that began on July 18th, 1918.

He was of Battery B, 101st, F. A. of the 26th, Division.

He was acting as liaison officer with the 103rd, Infantry, at the time. I have not been able to satisfy myself as to the day or hour when he fell, nor as to the exact place.

Nor can we locate his grave.

Will you please give me any information you may have on the subject ?

Officially, he was reported as killed in action, July 21st, 1918.

My daughter, Mrs. Sherman W. Dean, YWCA, and my son, Sgt. William S. Barton, 20 years old, of Medical Department, on January 12th, last, visited the location, and the cemetery at the east of Belleau Woods: they did not find his name on any of the markers.

Astounding, as it seems, William did find a handkerchief, at the north point of the hill of Belleau Woods, on the level, and at point nearest to the village of Belleau, which handkerchief was clearly marked, Lester C. Barton.

My inference is that he may have died there. I wish to know the day and the hour, and the location of his grave.

Very respectfully,

George P. Barton

file No.
293.2-Cemeterial

March 7, 1919.

Office, Director of Purchase and Storage.

Mr. George P. Barton, Altadena, California.

Location of the grave of Lt. Lester Clement Barton.

1. This office is in receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo, in regard to the location of the grave of Lt. Lester Clement Barton, Battery B, 101st Field Artillery, 26th Division, who was killed in action July 21, 1918.

2. It is regretted that this information cannot be furnished to you, as the report of place of burial of your son, has not yet been received in this office.

H. L. Rogers,
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.,
Director of Purchase and Storage.

By:

H. R. Lemly,
Major, Quartermaster Corps.

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MAILED
MAR 8 1919



CODE SLIP



NAME *Barton*
Lester C.
 BURIED
Enl-11/27/17
Born 6/27/84

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
	<i>Bar</i>	3	<i>218</i>
	CEMETERY <i>1764</i>	1	<i>4</i>
	GRAVE <i>79</i>	2	<i>79</i>
	ROW <i>6</i>	2	<i>06</i>
	BLOCK <i>B</i>	1	<i>2</i>
STATE	<i>Ill.</i>	2	<i>13</i>
RANK	<i>2nd Lt.</i>	1	<i>1</i>
DIVISION	<i>26th</i>	2	<i>26</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>101st</i>	3	<i>101</i>
ARM	<i>I.A.</i>	1	<i>3</i>
MARITAL	<i>No</i>	1	<i>2</i>

NAME <i>Mrs. Emma St. Barton</i>	<i>Bar</i>	3	<i>218</i>
STATE	<i>Calif</i>	2	<i>04</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Los Angeles</i>	2	<i>19</i>
	CITY <i>Pasadena</i>	3	<i>05-6</i>
RELATION	<i>Step mother</i>	1	<i>3</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>Yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Bad</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Barton, Lester Clement (AM) S

July 13, 1932

Mrs. Emma W. Barton,
336 Palmetto Dr.,
Pasadena, Calif.

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.

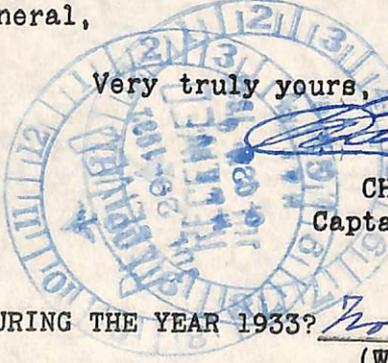
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In order to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations for the mothers and widows making the journey in 1933, reservations for steamship transportation must be made by this office several months in advance. It is requested that you answer the questions 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
CHAS. W. DIETZ,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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

No, thank you
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Emma W. Barton

QM 293 A-M
Barton, Lester C. (AM)

March 30, 1932

Mrs. Emma W. Barton,
336 Palmetto Drive,
Pasadena, California.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 21st advising that you are unable to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your stepson, the late Second Lieutenant Lester C. Barton, this summer.

It is deeply regretted that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage at this time, and it is sincerely hoped that you will improve rapidly. You will be communicated with again when pilgrimages are being arranged for next summer. It is hoped you will be able to take advantage of the offer of the Government at that time, as 1933 is the last year for which pilgrimages are authorized.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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opportunity to make the pilgrimage to France.

I am still on a diet, purried vegetables etc., which makes travelling most inconvenient, and, besides, I am not strong.

It would therefore be unwise to undertake so long a journey.

Again thanking you,

Very truly yours -

Emma H. Barton

[Mrs. George P.]

QM 293 A-M
Barton, Lester C. 2nd Lt. (A-M) SM

March 10, 1932.

Mrs. Emma W. Barton,
336 Palmetto Drive,
Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your stepson, the late 2nd Lieut. Lester C. Barton. In reply to a questionnaire you advised that you did not desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer of 1932.

It is noted that you are hesitant about making the journey on account of your physical condition, and in this connection your attention is invited to the fact that competent personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided and doctors and nurses will be available. You are assured that should you make the pilgrimage every consideration will be given your physical condition at all times. During the past two years many mothers who were in poor health and of advanced age made the pilgrimage and appeared to benefit by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

The Government pays all the necessary expenses incident to your pilgrimage from the time you leave home until your return thereto, including transportation, hotel accommodations, meals, medical attention and incidental expenses. Arrangements have been made with the railroad companies that special attention be given pilgrims enroute to and from New York City. Upon arrival in New York you will be met at the station by an officer of the United States Army who will escort you to the hotel at which reservation has been made for you. An officer of the United States Army will accompany your party at all times thereafter up to the time you leave New York City for your home.

Special care is given pilgrims who have suffered recent illnesses. They are requested to have their family doctor forward a brief history of such illnesses to the Officer in Charge of the Pilgrimage in New York City in the event they accept the invitation to make the pilgrimage. If they require a special diet, this is also furnished. It will therefore be seen that every possible care and attention is given to the pilgrims throughout the journey in order to assure their welfare and happiness.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that you will experience no difficulty in making the journey, and it is sincerely hoped you will reconsider and decide to make a pilgrimage during the coming summer. In the event you decide to make the pilgrimage, it is requested that you notify this office at the earliest practicable date in order that the necessary 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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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 095 A-M

Barton, ~~Emma W.~~ *a-m*
Lester C.

September 21, 1931.

Mrs. Emma W. Barton,
7228 Monte Vista,
La Jolla, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 26, 1931, stating that you are not able to visit the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

In order that your communication may be properly filed along with other correspondence and papers on the case in question, it would be appreciated if you would furnish the full name, rank and organization of the deceased service man in whom you are interested.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Inclosure:
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*I am the step-mother of
Lester C. Barton, 2nd Lieutenant
Battery B, 101 Field Artillery, a-m
who fell at Belleau Wood in July 1918*

Very truly yours -

Emma W. Barton

[Mrs. George P.]



San Diego Co 7228 Monte Vista

name? La Jolla, Cal. Aug. 26th '31
Barton, Lester Clement
A.M.

A. D. Hughes, Captain
L. M. Cooper, Assistant

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My dear Sir:

Replying to
your letter, designated
as L M 293 A. M., I wish to
tell you that the kind-
ness and thoughtfulness,
expressed in it for the
mothers and widows of



Permanent address
336 Palmetto Drive
Paradise, Cal.

deceased soldier, have
impressed me very much.
I thank you for your
courtesy, and would be
glad to accept the of-
fer of the government
to take me on a pilgrim-
age to the cemeteries of France.
I am, however, not at all
strong and am on a trouble-
some diet, so I cannot
believe it would be wise.
Most appreciatively yours -
Emma H. Barton

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293-AM

Barton, Lester Clement 2nd Lt (AM) SM

July 9, 1931

Mrs. Emma W. Barton,
336 Palmetto Drive,
Pasadena, California.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? *No*

Write answer here

Thank you.

I'm not well enough.

(Mrs.) Emma W. Barton

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 6, 1930.

Barton, Lester Clement 1764 SM

Mrs. Emma W. Barton,
336 Palmetto Drive,
Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,



Very truly yours,

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

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

(I'm not strong enough for steamship trip) *No, Thank you* (Write answer here)

Emma W. Barton

(Sign here)

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Barton, Lester C.

November 5, 1929

Mrs. Emma W. Barton,
336 Palmetto Drive,
Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Madam:

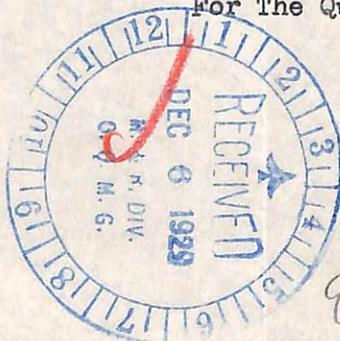
It is regretted that your letter of June 19, 1929, could not have been acknowledged before this. However, the voluminous amount of correspondence in this office incident to the Act of March 2, 1929, and the fact that an investigation must be made in each case has caused the delay.

In order to determine your eligibility under the Act to make a pilgrimage to the grave of the late Lieutenant Lester Clement Barton, Battery B, 101st Field Artillery, in the Aisne Marne American Cemetery in France, it will be appreciated if you will furnish the following information:

- (1) Date of your marriage to the father of Lieut. Barton. *Oct. 12th, 1892*
- (2) Were you married to Mr. Barton at the time his son entered the military service? *Yes*
- (3) Were you married to Mr. Barton at the time of his son's death? *Yes*
- (4) If not, give date of your separation from him, or of his death.

Mr. Barton died Incl. 1st, 1925
For The Quartermaster General, *Emma W. Barton*

Very truly yours,



Encl 11-27-17
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A. D. Hughes
A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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body had not been

recovered — punched right
up

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Barton, Lester Clement 1764 Sm

Mrs. Emma W. Barton,
336 Palmetto Drive,
Pasadena, California.

Dear Madam:

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

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

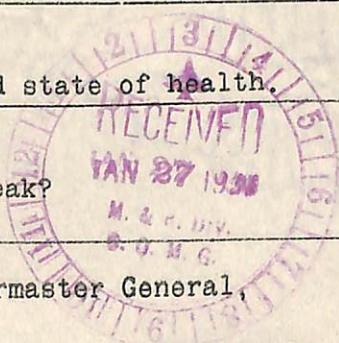
1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	<i>In 1926 I went to Chateau Thierry but at that time the body of my stepson, <u>Le. (Yes) C. Barton, had not been located.</u></i>	
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age Health 66 (Years) (Good) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Poor)	
5. What language do you speak?	English - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes) (No) Other language <i>a little French</i> (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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336 FALCETTO DRIVE
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

June 19th, 29

John T. Harris
Major & M. Corps
Assistant

Dear Sir:

Replying to your
letter of June 11th, & M 293 A-C,
I am the stepmother of Lester
Elephant Barton, who was killed
in 1918 at Belleau Wood.

His own mother died when he
was a little boy.

Lester was never married.

In 1926 my daughter and I

went from Paris to Belleau
Hood. At that time Dexter's
remains had not been found,
and the office of the American
Cemetery had no record of his
having fallen at Belleau Hood.

The pilgrimage you are plan-
ning will be a great privilege
for the mother and widow
of our deceased soldiers, ^{sailors} and
marines - at least for those
who could not afford to make
the journey at their own expense.
For myself, I am not strong

336 PALMETTO DRIVE
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

enough to go on such a pil-
grimage, at least not now.

Thanking you for your letter

Very sincerely yours -
Emma H. Barton

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Barton, Lester Clement.

June 11, 1929.

Mrs Emma W. Barton,
336 Palmetto Drive,
Pasadena, Calif.

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 **step-mother** of the late **Second Lieutenant Lester Clement Barton, Bty. B. 101st F.A.**, whose remains are now interred in the **Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, Aisne, France.**

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Act of Congress.
Envelope.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GEN
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO C 293 A-M

Barton, Lester Clament (AM) S

July 13, 1932

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

QM 293 A-M
Barton, Lester C. (AM)

March 30, 1932

Mrs. Emma W. Barton,
336 Palmetto Drive,
Pasadena, California.

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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Barton, Lester C. 2nd Lt. (A-M) SM

March 10, 1932.

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In view of the foregoing, it is believed that you will experience no difficulty in making the journey, and it is sincerely hoped you will reconsider and decide to make a pilgrimage during the coming summer. In the event you decide to make the pilgrimage, it is requested that you notify this office at the earliest practicable date in order that the necessary 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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2193 Barton, Lester C,

QM 095 A-M
Barton, Emma W.

September 21, 1931.

Mrs. Emma W. Barton,
7228 Monte Vista,
La Jolla, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 26, 1931, stating that you are not able to visit the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

In order that your communication may be properly filed along with other correspondence and papers on the case in question, it would be appreciated if you would furnish the full name, rank and organization of the deceased service man in whom you are interested.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

August 15, 1931

Barton, Lester Clement 2nd Lt. (AM) SM

Mrs. Emma W. Barton,
338 Palmetto Drive,
Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Madam:

0490
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

QM 293-AM
QM-293-AM
IN REPLY REFER TO
Barton, Lester Clement

2nd Lt (AM) SM

July 9, 1931

Mrs. Emma W. Barton,
336 Palmetto Drive,
Pasadena, California.

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.

0127
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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 6, 1930.

Barton, Lester Clement 1764 SM

Mrs. Emma W. Barton,
336 Palmetto Drive,
Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? _____

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

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QM 293 A-C
Barton, Lester G.

November 5, 1929

Mrs. Emma W. Barton,
336 Palmetto Drive,
Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Madam:

It is regretted that your letter of June 19, 1929, could not have been acknowledged before this. However, the voluminous amount of correspondence in this office incident to the Act of March 2, 1929, and the fact that an investigation must be made in each case has caused the delay.

In order to determine your eligibility under the Act to make a pilgrimage to the grave of the late Lieutenant Lester Clement Barton, Battery B, 101st Field Artillery, in the Aisne Marne American Cemetery in France, it will be appreciated if you will furnish the following information:

- (1) Date of your marriage to the father of Lieut. Barton.
- (2) Were you married to Mr. Barton at the time his son entered the military service?
- (3) Were you married to Mr. Barton at the time of his son's death?
- (4) If not, give date of your separation from him, or of his death.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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7 Mrs. Emma W. Barton

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7 , 1929.

Barton, Lester Clement 1764 Sm

Mrs. Emma W. Barton,
336 Palmetto Drive,
Pasadena, California.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Barton, Lester Clement.

June 11, 1929.

Mrs Emma W. Barton,
336 Palmetto Drive,
Pasadena, Calif.

O. Q. M. G. & R. DIV.
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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 step-mother of the late Second Lieutenant Lester Clement Barton, Bty. E. 101st F.A., whose remains are now interred in the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, Aisne, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

AG 516 (3-31-29)
Misc.

~~5730~~ SRS:CLW

1st Ind.

War Dept., AGO, Washington, April 5, 1929 - To The Quartermaster General.

1. For draft of reply for signature of the Secretary of War.

By order of the Secretary of War:

H. H. Pfall

Adjutant General.



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QM 293 A-C Barton, Lester C. 2nd Ind.
April 10, 1929. - To The Adjutant General.

Herewith a draft of reply for the signature of the Secretary of War.

B. F. CHEATHAM,
Major, General,
The Quartermaster General.

1 incl.
Draft of letter.

VEB

[Handwritten initials]

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Letter March 31, 1929. Thyza Barton Dean- (Mrs. Sherman W.)
Briarcliff Manor, N.Y.

To Hon Jas W Good.

I am writing to inquire whether the funds recently voted by Congress enabling Gold Star Mothers and widows of soldiers buried in France to make a pilgrimage there might be available to me.

My brother 2nd Lt. Lester C Barton, 101st Field Artillery is buried at Chateau Thierry. He was unmarried and his own mother is dead. His stepmother Mrs. George P. Barton 336 Palmetto Drive Pasadena Cal is unable physically to amke the trip and would I know gladly relinquish to me any claims she might have to funds under this Act. I am the only full sister my brother had. He gave my name with my fathers now deceased as next of kin and I ahve received numerous communications from the War Department in regard to him.

My brother named my father and me as co-beneficiaries for his War Risk Insurance and I am now receiving the monthly instalments of a 2/5 interest in that, my last check bearing the numbers 11059606 and 22-I-27395. Moreover in the will he made just before going overseas I was named as my brother's sole legatee. Consequently on my father's death his interest reverted to my brothers estate and I received the balance due of my fathers 3/5th interest. The will was probated in Chicago in 1925 Or 1926. My brother had no estate except his War Risk Ins. and so the will was not probated until that time. Mr. Robert W Childs your law partner in Chicago who married my first cousin handled the legal details for me and turned over the Government check in final settlement in the spring of 1926.

I served in the Y W C A overseas during the War I visited Belleau Woods in January 1919 and again on Memorial day of that year in the vain effort to locate my brother's grave. It was not until 1928 that his remains were finally identified and the grave marked. My only son, Lester Barton Dean is my brothers only namesake. He is already proud of the name with its record of heroism. My brother was cited posthumously by General Edwards to the order of the 26th Division and one of the streets at Fort Sheridan has been named after him. If I received a grant from this fund I would take my son with me to France.

I mention these facts that you may understand what leads me to make this special request.

Yours very truly,

Thyza Barton Dean.

In reply refer to
QM 293 A-6 Barton, Lester C.

Mrs. Sherman W. Dean,
Briarcliff Manor,
New York.

Dear Mrs. Dean:

In further reply to your letter of March 31st, 1929, concerning the legislation recently enacted by Congress, enabling mothers and widows of members of the American forces buried in Europe to make a pilgrimage to their graves, I regret to advise that this law contains no provision that would permit of any member of a family other than the mother or widow making the pilgrimage.

As your brother, the late Second Lieutenant Lester C. Barton is survived by a stepmother, Mrs. George P. Barton, 336 Palmetto Drive, Pasadena, California, she will be extended an invitation to make the pilgrimage, since the term "mother" is defined in the Act above noted, to include a stepmother. In the event she does not care to make the pilgrimage or is not physically able to do so, it will not be possible to permit another member of the family to go in her place.

In connection with your request that funds provided by Congress for the pilgrimage be made available to you, in view of the possibility of Mrs. Barton being unable to make the trip, you are advised that the law in question does not contemplate a grant of funds in lieu of the pilgrimage.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary of War.

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WRG

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QM 293 A-C (Barton, Lester C.) 1st Ind.
X-Unknown U 1338
X Unknown U 1031

War Department, O.Q.M.G., Washington, October 8, 1927 - To: The Chief, American Grave Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.

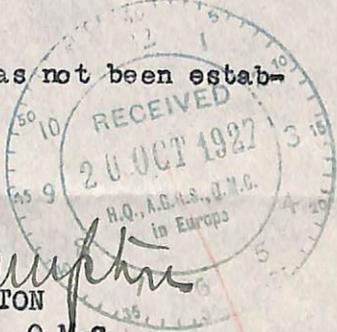
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2. For your information you are advised that the body was exhumed from NE section Bois Belleau prior to Sept. 19, 1918 and reburied into Grave 55 Plot 64 Myers, exhumed from this grave in 1919 and reburied into Grave 168, Section N, Cty 1764.

3. Lt. Barton is reported to have been buried by a group of Co. D, 30th Engrs. with others of the 26th Division between July 24th and 26th, 1918, and the coordinates listed are 175.5 262.6. The same group list buried at the same coordinates Moses J. Collette-72569, Eurion Rodzin-72700, E.G. Sherman M/D, Carl R. Stewart-2312676. E.G. Sherman and Carl R. Stewart were exhumed from Plot 64 Myers, and the form 1 lists exhumed from NE section Bois Belleau, and reburied into Plot 64 Myers. The remains of Eurion (not Eurion) Rodzin were recovered in 1921 from isolated grave in trench at edge of Belleau Wood about 30 feet west of trail running into wood, 140 meters west of Belleau Cty. The only one of this group whose grave has not been located is Pvt 1/c Moses J. Collette- Co. G 104th Inf. and his case is now under investigation.

4. Identification of Unknown U.S. Soldier U 1031 has not been established.

By order of the Quartermaster General;


[Signature]
K. J. HAMPTON
Lt. Col., Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

293 Barton, Lester C.
X-293 U-1338.

2nd Ind.
Hdqs., American G.R.S., Q.M.C., in Europe, 20, rue Molitor, Paris, France,
November 9, 1927. To: The Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D.C.

1. All records and inscription on grave marker of Unknown U-1338 have been changed to read in accordance with paragraph 1, preceding indorsement.



[Signature]
F.W. Van Dyne,
Colonel, Q.M.C.,
Chief.

noted 12/1/27

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, Q.M.C., IN EUROPE
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE SERVICE.
20 RUE MOLITOR

IN REPLYING
PLEASE ADDRESS:
CHIEF, AMERICAN GRAVES
REGISTRATION SERVICE.

FILE NO 293 Barton, Lester C.
X-293 Unknowns.

PARIS, FRANCE
Sept. 18, 1926.

Subject: Case of 2nd Lieut. Lester C. Barton, Battery B, 101st F.A.
(Grave unlocated).

To: The Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D.C.

1. Based on copy of Grave Location Blank and other information received from your office, another effort has been made to find the grave of the above named officer, but like the first it has been unsuccessful. The Investigator states:-

"During the search for this deceased officer and other members of the 2nd, 3rd and 26th Divisions, the entire edge of Belleau Wood has been covered, East, North and West, with the exception of parts in the Aisne-Marne Cemetery, which have been filled in or cut away in the building of the cemetery.

It is believed his remains were buried either in Plot #64 or Plot #65 Myers, or were later removed to one of these two plots".

2. U-1031 and U-1338 are shown as coming from Plot #64 Myers, Cme. Belleau (Aisne), Coords. E-175.85, N-263.1.

3. Correspondence in the case of Lt. Barton shows he was "struck in the head by a shell fragment". U-1031 has head missing except both jaws and was formerly carried as a member of 101st F.Bn.S.C. "High laced leather boots" found on body. Missing teeth do not check with dental information of Lt. Barton. U-1338 has lower jaw missing and several S.F.'s in upper jaw. Form 1 reads "Unknown American leather faced trousers".

4. It is suggested the two mentioned Unknowns be considered in an endeavor to identify one as possibly the late Lt. Barton.




F.W. Van Dyne,
Colonel, Q.M. Corps,
Chief.

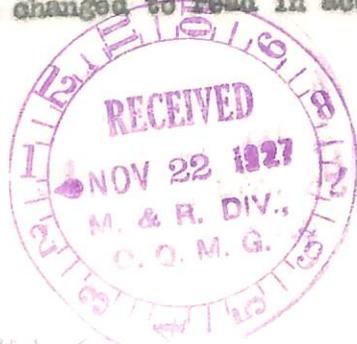
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X-293 U-1338.

2nd
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F.W. Van Dyne,
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Chief.

QM 293 A-C

(KAISER, John Hugo
BARTON, Lester Clement)

December 8, 1927.

Subject: Change headstone listings.

To: The Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in
Europe, 20 rue Molitor, Paris, France.

1. Referring to list of inscriptions for the permanent headstones to be erected in the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery forwarded to your office, you are advised that the following corrections should be made:

Page 89, Block B, Row 6, Grave 75, Unknown - Change to John Hugo Kaiser - Pvt. - 6 Regt. U.S.M.C. - 2 Div. - Illinois - June 6, 1918.

Page 89, Block B, Row 6, Grave 79, Unknown - Change to Lester Clement Barton - 2 Lieut. - 101 Field Art. - 26 Div. - Illinois - July 21, 1918.

2. Adjust all records accordingly and add to the Organization Directories of Cemetery 1764 and Combined Organization Directories.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

K. J. HAMPTON,
Lt. Colonel, Q.M.C.,
Assistant

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X Ref

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793
Barton,
Lester
Hampton

Barton,

(Surname.)

2nd Lt

Lester

(Christian name in full.)

Btry B 101 FA

(Rank and organization.)

Clement

(Army serial number)

State your relationship to the deceased

Father

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

No
(Yes or no)

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

instr. notes #115
(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:

Received at Belleau Wood July 18-21

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

but grave not located

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

George T. Barton

Box 21
(Number and street of rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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that our country
his successful
relations and
close friends
would wish his
remains brought
to United States if
located -

Most fitting

they should rest
in peace where
he helped to
save Paris &
the world, so
heroically &
devotedly -
Gregg Preston Barton

QM 293 A-C
Barton; Lester C. 2nd Lt.
Bty B., 101 Fld. Arty.

October 24, 1927

Mrs. Emma W. Barton,
336 Palmetto Drive
Pasadena, Cal.,

Dear Madam;

The Quartermaster General desires that receipt be acknowledged of your letter of October 13, 1927. It is regretted that card referred to in letter of October 7, 1927 became detached, however, find enclosed a card giving the grave location and the name of the cemetery,

Very truly yours,

1 encl.
card.

K.J. HAMPTON
Lt. Col., Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

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Barton.

The card you said you
were enclosing must have
been inadvertently omitted
as it did not come in
your letter.

I should be grateful if
you would be so kind as
to send it to me.

Yours very sincerely
Emma H. Barton

Mrs. George P. Barton
336 Palmetto Drive
Pasadena, Cal.

Oct. 13, 27

Referring to
Ltr 273 A-C

Barton, Lester C., 2nd Lt.
Bty. B, 101 Fld. Arty.

War Dept. Office of Quarter-
master General,
Washington, D. C.

H. J. Hampton, Lt. Col. I. M. C.
Dear Sir:

Your letter to my
late husband is received.
I thank you very much for
the information concerning
the finding of the body
of my step-son, Lester C.



Barton, Lester C.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name Barton, Lester ~~UNKNOWN SOLDIER~~ V-1338 Ser. No. _____
 (b) Rank 2nd Lieut ~~Unknown~~ Organization Army B 1017, a ~~Unknown~~ } TYB vs _____
 (c) Date of death 7/21/18 (d) Cause of death K/A } _____

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

(a) Grave No. 168 Row _____ Plot 4 Sec. N TYP. ovs
 (b) Emerg. Address _____

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases _____ CKR. 21

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

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
 letter of transmittal on 3/10/21, 192
Par # 6 - Murusson read - AS

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.

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

COUNTRY _____ CEMETERY No. _____ SHEET No. _____

3/23/21

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

Barton, Lester C
 (a) Name UNKNOWN SOLDIER *V-1338* Ser. No. -
 (*Leather faced trousers*) TYP. evs
 (b) Rank Unknown Organization Unknown *Bty. B, 1017th A*
2nd Regt CKR. *ET*
 (c) Date of death 7-24-18 (d) Cause of death K/A

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

(a) Grave No. 168 Row - Plot 4 Sec. N TYP. evs

(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Thyrsa Barton Deane (sister)
8 rue Leodece Reynard de chez morod, Paris, France CKR. ET

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt

(a) Name George P. Barton (b) Relationship father

(c) Address Box 298 Altadena, Calif

(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 Date, 1920.

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

dated

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

Examiner's Initials Date, 1920.

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

(a) Cancellation memos referred to?

Examiner's Initials Date, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1764 SHEET No. 2668

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

AP. 3/23/21

check 3-15-21

QM 293 A-C (Barton, Lester C.) 1st Ind.
X-Unknown U 1338
X Unknown U 1031

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1. Unidentified U.S. Soldier U 1338 now in Grave 79, Row 6, Block B, Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, Aisne has been identified as the late 2nd Lt. Lester C. Barton, Battery B, 101st Field Artillery, killed in action July 21, 1918. In accordance with the request of the father Mr. George P. Barton the body will remain in Europe. All your records will be changed accordingly.

2. For your information you are advised that the body was exhumed from NE section Bois Belleau prior to Sept. 19, 1918 and reburied into Grave 55 Plot 64 Myers, exhumed from this grave in 1919 and reburied into Grave 168, Section N, Cty 1764.

3. Lt. Barton is reported to have been buried by a group of Co. D, 30th Engrs. with others of the 26th Division between July 24th and 26th, 1918, and the coordinates listed are 175.5 262.6. The same group list buried at the same coordinates Moses J. Collette-72569, Eurion Rodzin-72700, E.G. Sherman M/D, Carl R. Stewart-2312676. E.G. Sherman and Carl R. Stewart were exhumed from Plot 64 Myers, and the form 1 lists exhumed from NE section Bois Belleau, and reburied into Plot 64 Myers. The remains of Eurion (not Eurion) Rodzin were recovered in 1921 from isolated grave in trench at edge of Belleau Wood about 30 feet west of trail running into wood, 140 meters west of Belleau Cty. The only one of this group whose grave has not been located is Pvt 1/c Moses J. Collette- Co. G 104th Inf. and his case is now under investigation.

4. Identification of Unknown U.S. Soldier U 1031 has not been established.

By order of the Quartermaster General;

K. J. HAMPTON
Lt. Col., Q.M.G.,
Assistant.

H
Noted by Statistical Clerk:
SBC 10/14/27



293 Barton, Lester G.
X-293 Unknowns.

Sept. 18, 1926.

Subject: Case of 2nd Lieut. Lester G. Barton, Battery B, 101st F.A.
(Grave unlocated).

To: The Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D.C.

1. Based on copy of Grave Location Blank and other information received from your office, another effort has been made to find the grave of the above named officer, but like the first it has been unsuccessful. The Investigator states:-

"During the search for this deceased officer and other members of the 2nd, 3rd and 26th Divisions, the entire edge of Belleau Wood has been covered, East, North and West, with the exception of parts in the Aisne-Marne Cemetery, which have been filled in or cut away in the building of the cemetery.

It is believed his remains were buried either in Plot #64 or Plot #65 Myers, or were later removed to one of these two plots".

2. U-1031 and U-1338 are shown as coming from Plot #64 Myers, Cmc. Belleau (Aisne), Coords. E-175.85, N-263.1.

3. Correspondence in the case of Lt. Barton shows he was "struck in the head by a shell fragment". U-1031 has head missing except both jaws and was formerly carried as a member of 101st F.Bn.S.C. "High laced leather boots" found on body. Missing teeth do not check with dental information of Lt. Barton. U-1338 has lower jaw missing and several S.F.'s in upper jaw. Form 1 reads "Unknown American leather faced trousers".

4. It is suggested the two mentioned Unknowns be considered in an endeavor to identify one as possibly the late Lt. Barton.



F.W. Van Dyne,
Colonel, Q.M. Corps,
Chief.

OCT - 4 1926



QM 293 A-C
Barton, Lester C., 2nd Lt.
Bty B, 101st Fld. Arty.

October 8, 1927

Mrs. Sherman Dean
Briar Cliff Manor
West Chester Co.,
New York.

Dear Madam;

The Quartermaster General desires that you be advised that the investigation in the case of your brother, the late 2nd Lieutenant Lester C. Barton, Battery B, 101 Field Artillery, has been successful. The body has been identified in Grave 79, Row 6, Block B, the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, Aisne, where it will remain permanently interred in accordance with the request of the father.

For your information you are advised the body was exhumed from the northeast section of Bois de Belleau.

The Aisne-Marne American Cemetery is one of those in Europe to be maintained by this Government. Each grave will be marked with a white marble headstone, inscribed with the name, rank, organization, division, date of death of soldier, and the state from which he came.

The Department again extends to you its sincere sympathy and trusts that knowledge of the recovery of your brother's body may afford you some measure of consolation. You may rest assured that the grave will be reverently cared for as long as this Government endures.

Very truly yours,

K. J. HAMPTON
Lt. Col., Q.M.G.
Assistant.



QM 293 A-C
Barton, Lester C. 2nd Lt.
Bty. B, 101 Fld. Arty.

October 7, 1927

Mr. George P. Barton,
Box 218, Altadena, Cal.,

Dear Sir;

The Quartermaster General desires that you be advised that the investigation in the case of your son, the late 2d Lieutenant Lester C. Barton, Battery B, 101st Field Artillery, killed in action July 21, 1918, has been successful. The body has been identified in Grave 79, Row 6, Block B, the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, Aisne, France, where it will remain permanently interred in accordance with your request.

The Aisne-Marne American Cemetery is one of those in Europe to be permanently maintained by this Government. Each grave will be marked with a white marble headstone, inscribed with the name, rank, organization, division, date of death of soldier, and the state from which he came. This will be done without special action or request on the part of the relatives.

The Department again extends to you its sincere sympathy and trusts that knowledge of the recovery of your son's body may afford you some measure of consolation in your bereavement. You may rest assured that the grave will be reverently cared for as long as this Government endures.

For your information, you are advised that the body was exhumed from the northeastern section of Bois de Belleau, Commune of Belleau, Department of Aisne.

There is enclosed a card giving the cemetery location of your son's grave, which it is thought you will be pleased to retain.

Very truly yours,

E. J. HAMPTON,
Lt. Col., Q.M.G.,
Assistant.



Handwritten initials

QM 293 A-C
Barton; Lester C. 2nd Lt.
Bty B, 101 Fld. Arty.

October 7, 1927

SUBJECT: Identification of body.

TO; The Adjutant General, Washington, D.C.

1. You are informed that the investigation in the case of the late 2nd Lt. Lester C. Barton, Battery B, 101st Field Artillery has been successful. His body has been identified in Grave 79, Row 6, Block B, the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, Aisne.

2. For your information you are advised the above remains were exhumed from N.E. section Bois Belleau.

For the Quartermaster General;

K. J. HAMPTON
Lt. Col., Q.M.C.,
Assistant.



October 7, 1927

FROM: Investigation Section.

TO: Cemetery Audit Section.

Cty 1764

Aisne-Marne American Cty.
Belleau, Aisne.

Y

Gr. Sec. P..	PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS	IDENTIFIED AS
168- N- 4	Unidentified U.S. Soldier U-1338 exhumed Sept. 1918 from N.E. section Bois de Belleau and reburied into Grave 55 71 . 64 Myers, exhumed 1919 and reburied into Cty 1764, Gr 168-Sec. N exhumed during operation and reburied into same grave.	2nd Lt. Lester C. Barton Bty B 101 F.A.

cards and forms adj.

Disposition card
Return of remains not
desired.

~~E. Hensett Vail~~
Investigator.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Oct. 18, 1922

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 Barton, Lester S
~~UNKNOWN. U-1338~~

2. No. _____

3. Rank 2nd Lt.

4. Org. Bty. B 101 In. Co.

5. D.D. 7-28-18

6. C.D. KDa

10. Name _____

11. No. _____

12. Rank _____

13. Org. _____

14. (a) D.D. _____

(b) D.B. no discrep.

920
10/27

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 168 Sec. N

8. Plot 4 Row _____

9. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____

16. Plot _____ Row _____

17. no discrep.

18. Cemetery Aisne-Marne American Cemetery

20. Dept. or County Aisne

19. Commune or town Belleau

21. Country France.

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1764

23. Disinterred (Date) Oct. 18, 1922

By C.W. Dodge

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name UNKNOWN

Serial No. _____

Rank _____

Organization _____

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

J. C. Knobel
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant
 J. C. Knobel,

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).

Bottle record agrees.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, Features unrecog.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box and 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 Oct. 18, 1922 By C.W. Dodge

31. Casket sealed by C.W. Dodge

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

ADMITTED BY
11/21/27

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-32647

32. Designation of body:

Name UNKNOWN U-1338 Serial No. _____

Rank _____ Organization _____

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Aisne-Marne American Cemetery #1764, Belleau, Aisne.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Oct. 18, 1922 By C.W. Dodge

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 I.H. Joffe, 1st Lt. QMC

36. Remarks none

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Oct. 18, 1922

To point of Concentration _____ (Name)

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date _____

By G.R.S. Representative _____

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Oct. 18, 1922

To Permanent Cemetery Aisne Marne Cem. 1764, Belleau (Aisne) (Name)

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer I.H. Joffe, 1st Lt. QMC

40. Received: Date _____

G.R.S. Representative _____

41. Reinterred Dec. 8, 1922 Aisne-Marne Cty, 1764 (Date)

42. Grave No. 79 Section _____

43. ~~Plot~~ Block B Row 6

G.R.S. Representative W.D. Cleary
W.D. CLEARY, Lt. Chaplain, U.S.A

30th Aug. Serial. as rep. in 10 119 for 7/24 - 20/15

175.5 262.6

Lester C. Barton

Pl 64

Moss J. Collette

725-69

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E. G. Sherman

ref

Pl 64

Carl R. Stewart Ret

2312676

Pl 64

175.5⁻ 262.8

Flowers Dunic

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M 104

Pl 64

Charles M. Faust-

1948357

S 104

Pl 64

Dunk.

Place Bellou (Aisne)

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Oct. 18, 1922

1. REMAINS OF Barton, Lester S.
UNKNOWN U-1338 SERIAL NUMBER _____
 RANK 2nd Lt ORGANIZATION Bty B, 101 I.A.

2. Disinterred (date) : Oct. 18, 1922. Gr. 168, Sec. N. Pl. 4. Cem. 1764
 From (give complete location) : EUO 197/27

By : Group 1 Unit Aisne Marne

3. Reburied (date) Dec. 8, 1922 In (give complete location) : Grave 79, Block B, Row 6, Aisne-Marne Cty 1764

By : Group re-burial group Unit _____ Nature of reburial lined casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :
Wooden box and burlap.
Badly decomposed. Features unrecog.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? no On grave marker? no
 (b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :
Bottle record agrees.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible 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) Imp. to determine

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

Fractures: None

Missing parts: Lower jaw and right foot left radius and ulna.

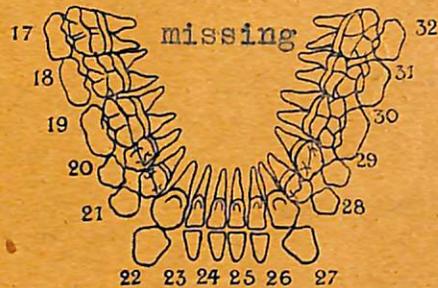
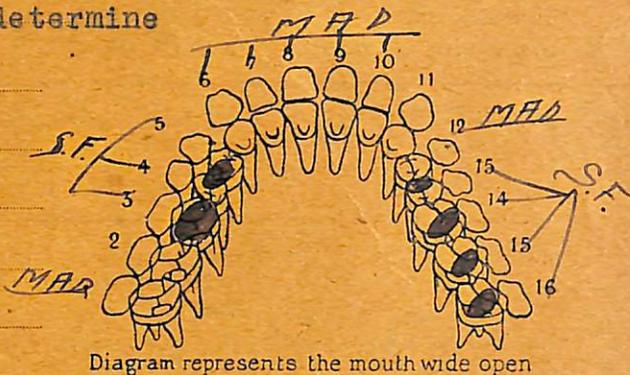
Checker: J.C. Annabel,

7. Disinterment supervised by O.W. Dodge S.E.

Approved: I.H. Joffe, 1st. Lt. QMC
 (Title)

8. Reburial supervised by L.D. HAYS

Approved: W.D. Cleary
 (Title) Lt. Chaplain U.S.A



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CROSS INDEX

O. Q. M. G.

81358

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name:

Barton, Lester
~~Unknown~~

Number:

File # 81388

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Organization:

1st B. 101st A.

Unit

"B"

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Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

June 11, 1919

Plot-64 Myers, at Belleau Aisne

Coord. 263.1N -- 175.85E

Commune of Belleau Aisne

Grave 55.

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

June 11, 1919

National Cemetery at Belleau, Aisne

Coord. 262.60N -- 176.04E

Plot-4, Sec. N, Grave 168

176W

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

Body in poor condition.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? no

What other means of identification were found on the body? none

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct, as is required by G.O. 170, G.H. 2, 1918., after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notations whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by:

Sgt. H.C. Turner

C.O. Group

H.C. Cameron
Unit

10-1328

Place Belleau, Aisne

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date June 6/21

1. REMAINS OF *Barton Lulin*
UNKNOWN U S SOLDIER U-1338 SERIAL NUMBER ---

RANK *2nd Lt.* ORGANIZATION *137th B, 101st A.*

2. Disinterred (date): June 6/21 From (give complete location): Belleau, Aisne Amer. Cty. #1764 Gr. 168-N-4

By: Group Howell Unit Sect. 6

3. Reburied (date): same date In (give complete location): same cemetery and grave

By: Group Howell Unit Nature of reburial box & burlap

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
5 ft. earthen grave, U S uniform, box and burlap, decomposed, unrecognizable

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? No On grave marker? No
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
No possible means of identification found upon disinterment.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

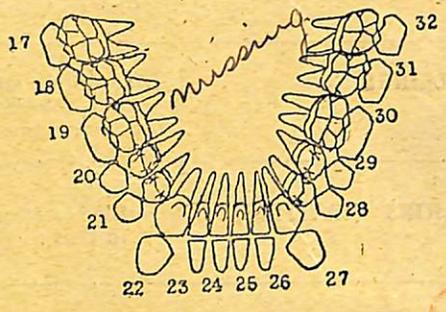
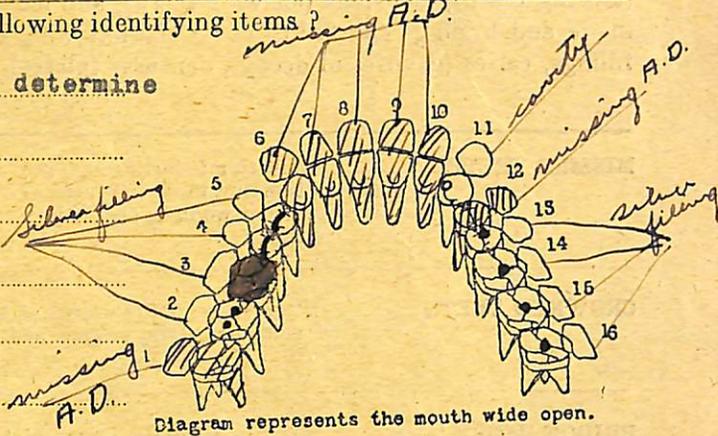
(b) Weight (estimated) "

(c) Hair—Color "
Quantity "
Characteristics "

(d) Hair on face—Color "
Location "
Quantity "

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

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Right lower arm and lower jaw missing. Right foot missing.



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7. Disinterment supervised by *E. G. Howell* Approved: *R. C. Worthington*
S. E. 1st Lt. SMC. (Title)

8. Reburial supervised by *E. G. Howell* Approved: *R. C. Worthington*
S. E. 1st Lt. SMC. (Title)

OPINION

CASE OF BARTON: Lester C. 2nd Lt. Bty B 101st F.A. KIA 7/ /18
Grave 168 Sec. N, Cty 1764

GRAVE

REMAINS RECOVERED FROM THE ABOVE GRAVE ARE THOSE OF 2nd Lt. Lester C. Barton,
DECISION 101st F. A

DENTAL CHARTS AND PHYSICAL DESCRIPTIONS

CAMP	LOCAL BOARD	FROM RELATIVES	OF BODY	A.D.
		does not know posi	silver flg.	
		tively but knows	2;3;4;5;o3;14;15;16	1;2;
		there were many		8-9-10-
		fillings in the molars.	cav. 11	6;7
		Thinks Front teeth		
		in fairly good cond.	Lower jaw missing.	
		Doesnot positively		
		of any crown or		
		bridge work		
HEIGHT			Impossible to determine	
WEIGHT			" " "	
HAIR			" "	
SHOE SIZE			" "	
REMARKS				

IDENTIFICATION TAGS

Found on Body
NO

Found on Marker
NO

OTHER IDENTIFYING MARKS

Right lower arm, lower jaw, right foot missing.

ORIGINAL BURIAL DATA

OVER

Original burial of body

Original burial of man

OVER

E. Kensett Vail

Investigator

Concur: [Signature]

APPROVED:

Officer in Charge.

1...GLB not located.

2...R.C.S. report--On July 21, 1918 during the attack on the Belleau Woods, at the beginning of the Chateau offensive, Lt. Barton was on duty as artillery liaison officer, with 103rd Inf. and I was acting as his runner. At about 3 P.M. our front line came under intense shell fire. Lt Barton and I sought shelter in a shell hole. Suddenly he left this and went out in front about 40 feet to help carry in a wounded man. A shell landed directly in front of him and he threw up his ~~hands~~ arms and fell. I went to him but he had undoubtedly been instantly killed (inf. John F. Walsh).

B series 119 Hqrs. Co. 30th Engrs. signed by R.C. Berlin, Capt. Engrs. U.S.R. lists Lt. Barton buried with others between July 24th to 26(in fact B 119 is a report of burials at this time by this Org.) at coor 175.5 262.6

4. This report Bseries 119 & 120 lists buried at coord. 175.5 262.6 1 officer and 4 enlisted men, 2 of the enlisted men are confirmed in Pl. 64 and another was recovered in 1921 ^{Myers}
5. The ~~burials~~ made in 1918 by Lt. ~~Myers~~ were from isolated graves, and the burial reported as exhumed from N.E. of Bois Belleau and reburied into Grave 55 Plot 64 Myers. as UNKNOWN(leather faced trousers. Exhumed in 1919 and reburied into Grave 168, Section N, Cty 1764 as U 1338.
6. Myers Plot 64 was later coded as Cty 539, and is records as Crossroads Plot Belleau, Aisne.

The confirmed cases in Myers 64 are of the 103rd, 104th Inf. and 5th Marines there are 79 burials records for Myers 64.

7. Robert J. Patterson states in letter of 1/14/27 that Lt. Barton with him were giving 1st Aid to the wounded, (they were with the 104th Inf.) while performing these duties a G. S. made a direct hit practically on him and he was killed instantly. Body badly dismembered.
8. Question of leather faced trousers ~~was~~ taken up with the tailor of the QM by the investigator and was informed by Mr. Lightfoot that trousers were never leather faced by the army--- breeches were leather faced or leather strapped, and these were worn by officers.

Hence the investigator is of the opinion that the remains previously carried as U 1338 are in reality those of 2nd Lt. Lester C. Barton- Co. B 101st F.A.

Leather faced trousers-
fillings in all of molars upper jaw, lower jaw missing.
right arm and right foot as well as lower jaw missing.

E. Kensett Vail

E. Kensett Vail

Investigator.

Disp. card - To remains in Eur.

0-200-11,0,

March 31/27

Col. H. H. Pope

Dear Sir

I am trying to answer
yours of Jan 11th 1927 In regard the
death of 2nd Lieut Lester C. Barton of
My Battery I went up with Ammunition
to the guns the night before and I was
taking a nap when the news came of
his death, I heard that Lieut Barton lost
his life in the front line trenches and that he
was killed instantly by having his head blown
off and as Harrigan ~~was~~ has said we all
love him for his nerve and personally a
leader. The place of burial I do not know
I wish I knew so I could give the right
information to you.

I remain yours truly
Geo. L. Parker

Y.M.C.A.

Hartford, Conn.,

Jan. 14, 1927

Colonel F. H. Pope, Q.M.C.,
War Dept., Washington.

Dear Sir: Q.M. 293 A-C.

Your letter desiring information
as to the manner in which Lester E.
Barton, 2nd Lt., Battery B. 101st Field Artillery
26th Division met his death received.

He was with myself on detached
liaison duty ~~with myself~~ at the time. We
were with the 104th Infantry. At the time
he met his death he was with myself
giving first aid to the wounded infantry men.
His bravery and fearlessness was very conspicuous.
While performing these duties a German shell
made a direct hit practically on his
and he was killed instantly. In fact his
body was so dismembered that no one could
have hoped to give him a burial of any
description.

The exact time and location of his death is hazy in my memory at the present time and I have no map at hand with which to refresh it. The date was the 20-21-22^d of July 1918,

At the time fire from machine guns and shell fire was so intense that I could not make any attempt to find his indentification tags or any personal belongings. Later, the progress of the battle went on and my work took me away from the scene.

A few nights previous to receiving your letter I related to my brother and sister-in-law the incident of his death and made a wish that I could locate his people to inform them as to the details of his death. I trust that you will do this for me, and if they would desire further details I shall be glad to furnish all that may return to mind.

Yours Respectfully
Robert J. Patterson

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-C

IN REPLY REFER TO _____
Barton, Lester C. 2nd Lt.
Battery B, 101st Field Artillery

January 11, 1927.

Mr. Nathan C. Peters,
64 Chestnut St.,
Portland, Me.

Dear Sir:

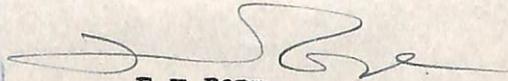
The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that an investigation is being conducted with a view towards locating the grave of the soldier named above. Attention is invited to inclosure herewith.

To assist in the matter, this office will appreciate your furnishing as much of the following information as possible:

- (a) Place of burial,
- (b) Nature of wounds,
- (c) Kind of grave; land marks,
- (d) A sketch, showing the burial place,
- (e) Names of those soldiers buried in adjoining graves,
- (f) Name of Chaplain conducting the burial,
- (g) Any other data which you think might assist in the identification.

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

Very truly yours,


F.H. POPE,
Colonel, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

2 incls.

Incl. 1-c/report
" 2-envelope

As we at different times had from 4 to 14 officers attached and doing duty with our outfit I have but a very faint recollection of this particular officer and none at all of his death and burial.

25/209/PRK

Nathan C. Peters

Barton, Lester C. 2nd Lt.

Batt.B. 1 cl. FA 25 Div. Missing July 21, 1918

Horrigan says that Lt. Barton was wounded at Chateau-Thierry, July 21st. by shell fire, while carrying back wounded doughboys; he was taken to hospital where he died of his wounds. Horrigan says he had more nerve than any man the boys ever knew, and was very brave. Every boy loved him in the Battery. Know nothing further. Was probably buried around La Ferte-sur-Jouarre.

Informant: Horrigan, John Sgt.

Copy of Red Cross Report.

Encl 1

QM 293 A-C

Barton, Lester C. 2nd Lt.
Battery B, 101st Field Artillery.

January 11, 1927.

Mr. John G. O'Neill,
47 Cedar Terrace,
East Milton, Mass.

Dear Sir:

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Very truly yours,

F. H. POPE,
Colonel, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

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Incl. 1-c/report
" 2-envelope

Same letter to:

- ✓ George C. Parker,
- ✓ Robert J. Patterson
- ✓ Randolph Perry
- ✓ Nathan C. Peters,

25/209/ARK

MISS L. G.

Farms to all
encl r +
par marked on
her letter.

AR DEPARTMENT

**HASE, STORAGE, AND TRAFFIC DIVISION
THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE**

WASHINGTON

War Department, A.G.O. Washington, D.C. November 19, 1926-To The
Quartermaster General, Washington, D.C.

1. The following information is furnished in connection with
the case of 2nd Lieut. Lester C. Barton.

- ✓ Private John G. O'Neill, 47 Cedar Terrace, East Milton, Massachusetts.
(Aug. 1, 1924)
- ✓ Private George C. Parker, 6 Sykes Place, Olneyville, Rhode Island.
(Sept. 28, 1924)
- ✓ Private Robert J. Patterson, 192 Grove St., Newton, Massachusetts,
(Oct. 28, 1924)
- ✓ Private Randolph Perry, 591 Great Plain Ave., Needham, Massachusetts.
(Sept. 30, 1924)
- ✓ Private Nathan C. Peters, 64 Chestnut St., Portland, Maine.
(Sept. 26, 1924)
- Private John F. Walsh, 25 Cedar St., Salem, Massachusetts.
(Oct. 31, 1925)
- 2nd Lieut. Joseph C. Merriam, Prospect St., Framingham Center,
Massachusetts. (April 29, 1919)
- Corporal Fred S. Green, 377 Grand Ave., Rochester, New York.
(Jan. 23, 1925)
- Sergeant John B. Horrigan, 3 Cook St., Newton Highlands,
Massachusetts. (Aug. 14, 1924)

By order of the Secretary of War:



John Dalton
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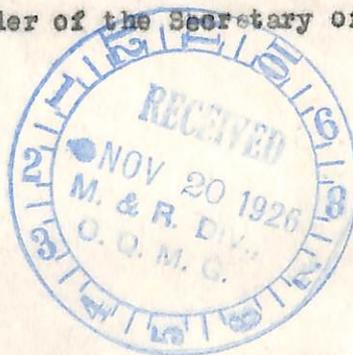
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War Department, A.G.O. Washington, D.C. November 19, 1926-To The
Quartermaster General, Washington, D.C.

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the case of 2nd Lieut. Lester G. Barton.

- Private John G. O'NBill, 47 Cedar Terrace, East Milton, Massachusetts.
(Aug. 1, 1924)
- Private George C. Parker, 6 Sykes Place, Olneyville, Rhode Island.
(Sept. 28, 1924)
- Private Robert J. Patterson, 192 Grove St., Newton, Massachusetts,
(Oct. 28, 1924)
- Private Randolph Perry, 591 Great Plain Ave., Needham, Massachusetts.
(Sept. 30, 1924)
- Private Nathan C. Peters, 64 Chestnut St., Portland, Maine.
(Sept. 26, 1924)
- Private John F. Walsh, 25 Cedar St., Salem, Massachusetts.
(Oct. 31, 1925)
- 2nd Lieut. Joseph C. Merriam, Prospect St., Framingham Center,
Massachusetts. (April 29, 1919)
- Corporal Fred S. Green, 377 Grand Ave., Rochester, New York.
(Jan. 23, 1925)
- Sergeant John B. Horrigan, 3 Cook St., Newton Highlands,
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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-C.

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(Barton, Lester C., 2nd Lieut.,
Battery B, 101st Field Art.)

November 13, 1926

Subject: Investigation.

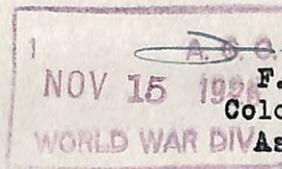
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For The Quartermaster General:

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Batt. B. 101 FA 26 Div

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QN 293 A-C

Barton, Lester G.

July 13, 1926.

SUBJECT: Investigation.

TO: Chief, American Graves Registration Service,
Q.M.C., in Europe.

1. The inclosed additional information is forwarded to be used in connection with the investigation in the case of the late 2nd Lieut. Lester G. Barton, Battery B, 101st Field Artillery.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

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Let. July 9/26.

F. H. POPE,
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Roger C. Ellis

38 Willow St.

Newton Centre, Mass.

War Dept.

Office of the Q.M.Genl. Wash.DC

Dear Sir:

In regard to the burial place of 2nd Lt. Lester C. Barton, Battery B, 101st F.A. I cannot give definite information. He was killed on or about the 19th of July, 1918 at the edge of Belleau Bois or Bois de Brigade de Marine, facing Belleau. He was struck in the head by a shell fragment and died instantly. At the time he was forward with the infantry or liaison work. It was recommended that he be awarded the distinguished service medal, for bravery, posthumously.

I find a notation in a book that the grave as noted by Col. Major is 175.5-262.6 Chateau Thierry, Map: 1:20,000 which is at the north end of Belleau Woods and also that the date of death is given as July 21 but I am sure the date is incorrect.

sincerely,

Roger C. Ellis

July 9, 1926.

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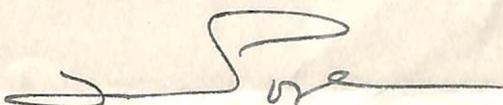
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Barton, Lester C.

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War Dept., OQMG, Washington, D.C., July 1st, 1926--To the Chief, American Graves
Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.

Attention is invited to inclosures.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

F. H. POPE,
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Assistant.

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Incl. 1-Let. May 16/26
" 2-Let. June 11/26

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293 Barton, Lester C.

March 25, 1926.

Subject: Case of 2nd Lieut. Lester C. Barton, Bty. B, 101st P.A.
(Grave Unlocated).

To: The Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.

1. Based on data received from your office, physical search was made for the remains of the above named officer. Report of Field Investigator who made the search is as follows:

"An investigation of this case around the co-ordinate points given failed to confirm grave location.

"It is suggested that an effort be made to get in touch with the Col. Alvin Barber mentioned in letter from Mrs. Dean dated January 14, 1919, with a view to obtaining, if possible, a description of the burial place of the late Lieut. Barton. Mrs. Dean might also be asked to furnish information as to the location at which Lieut. Barton's handkerchief was found. None of the reports of burial give any information on which a search could be based, with the exception of co-ordinates supposedly furnished by the above mentioned Col. Barber, and these co-ordinates are believed to be in error, due to the fact that they indicate a point in the northwestern part of Belleau Wood, and it is almost positive that the 101st P.A. occupied positions either in eastern or northeastern section of the woods."

2. It is recommended that an effort be made, as above indicated, to obtain the additional information desired, so that further search may be made.



Wm. O. Smith,
Lieut. Col., Q.M. Corps,
Chief.

at the time when I made my inquiry. Of course, Horrigan was in error in saying that Lt. Barton was wounded at Chateau Thierry, for I think it was well established that it was on the outskirts of the Belleau Woods, but if his evidence is reliable it apparently does throw new light on some of the circumstances of Lt. Barton's death.

I shall, of course, be very glad to furnish any further information that I am able to give in the investigation which you are carrying on. I may mention that SMrs. Herman Dean's Present address is, I understand, Briar Cliff Manor, West Chester County, N.Y.

Very truly yours,

(SGD) A.B.Barber

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Chamber of Commerce of the US of America
Wash.DC

June 11, 1926.

Maj. E.W.Redington, etc.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 11th, file QM 293 AC, I have to say that Lt. Lester C. Barton was my first cousin, and shortly after the Armistice I made a thorough inquiry as I could regarding the circumstances of his death. The results of my individual investigation I wrote either to Lt. Barton's sister, Mrs. Sherman Dean, who I note is listed as one of the inquirers in this case, or to my uncle, Mr. Geo. P. Barton, father of Lt. Barton and Mrs. Dean. I am not able to locate a copy of the letter which I wrote to Mrs. Dean or Mr. Barton but I think it is probable that Mrs. Dean has the original of my letter.

I will now answer as well as I can from memory the specific questions asked in your letter.

(a) Place of burial. It was my understanding that Lester was buried in one of the small AEF cemeteries near the Belleau Woods, but I believe Mrs. Dean and her brother were unable to locate the grave when they visited those cemeteries.

(b) The information that I secured indicated that Lester was killed by shell fire at a point just in front of one of the Eastn points of the Belleau Woods. I did not, however, learn anything about his having been taken to the hospital, but on the contrary received the impression from what I learned that he was instantly killed.

(c) No information,

(d) I think that I sent along with my letter to Mrs. Dean or Mr. Barton, above referred to, a map showing the approximate location of the point at which Lester was killed according to the best information that I was able to get. I have no copy of this map.

(e) No information.

(f) " "

(g) I was Operations Officer (G-3) of the First Army Corps during the advance from the Marne to the Vesle and was very familiar with the events and location of troops, etc. during the period in which Lt. Barton was killed. In the investigation which I made shortly after the Armistice I talked with several officers and men of his regiment but found no one who was able to make as specific a statement as that attributed to Sgt. Horrigan in the statement attached to your letter. I judge from that statement that Sgt. Horrigan was in the hospital about Jan. 2, 1918, when his statement was apparently made and that it may well be that for this reason the information which he had was not available in his regiment

Newton Lower Falls, Mass.
May 16, 1926.

Maj. L. W. Redington

Dear Sir: In reply to your letter of May 11, 1926 concerning Lt. Lester Barton's death I can only tell you the following:

On July 18th, 1918 the Chateau Thierry Drive started and the 26th Div. took an active part. My outfit B, Battery 101st Regt. F.A. was stationed near Montrieul-Aux-Lions with a wagon line about 2 miles in rear of town. Our guns were in position near Paris Farms a deserted farm on the Pari*Metz Highway about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles up the line from Montreuil Aux Lions.

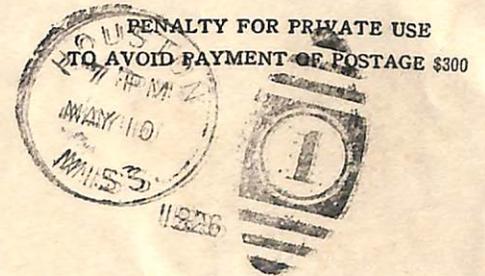
We advanced our guns about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Paris Farms on this date and our first Newton boy was killed at the old position. Our new gun positions were in the open and Lt. Lester C. Barton was assigned to our Infantry as B. Battery liaison officer. My diary for July 19th, 1918 says he was killed this morning while assisting medical corps men bring in wounded to first aid station.

I cannot give you any further data altho I would gladly do so if possible.

Yours very truly,

John E. Corcoran 40 Moulton St.

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9 Rich Street,
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The Quartermaster General,
Cemeterial Division,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to the attached correspondence, will you please get in touch with

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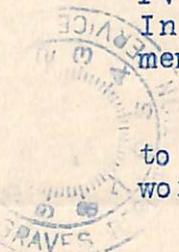
who was formally Battery Clerk and at the present time is secretary of our Battery Venteran Association and request him to give you the address of Pvt. Patterson. Pvt. Patterson was a runner between the Artillery and Infantry at the time Lt. Barton was killed and if I remember correctly he was present when Lt. Barton was wounded.

I think the information he will be able to give you will enable you to locate the grave of this worthy comrade.

Yours very truly,

W. J. DELANEY.

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

Barton, Lester C. 2nd Lt.
Bty B, 101st F.A.

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The Mr. Donahue is seriously ill in bed and unable to write, Saw. ans. this for him - Declines he can give no information whatever. - Sorry -

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Mrs. W. P. Donahue

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France.

Inviting attention to preceding indorsement and enclosure.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

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Previous Record Attached.

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1st Ind.

FFB/WW H-259

War Department, A.G.O., April 22, 1926 - To the Quartermaster General,
Washington, D.C.

The following information is furnished in response to the request contained
in basic communication:

- (a) Missing teeth - No. 8 lower left.
- (b) Statement of one comrade inclosed.
- (c) Exact place of death is not of record. Buried July 24-18
Chateau Thierry Map Coordinates 175.5-262.6
- (d) no chaplain's burial report found.
- (e) The following are addresses of six former soldiers who were
serving in Battery B, 101st Field Artillery, at the time of
Lieutenant Barton's death. The dates these addresses were
received in this office are set opposite each name.

Sergeant, William J. Delaney (July 20, 1924)
27 Woodrow Ave. Newtonville, Mass

Corporal, William P. . Donahue (Dec 19, 1924)
#2 Metropolitan Blvd, Wellsley, Mass.

Horseshoer, Harry S. Douglas, Jr (Feb 23, 1925)
Dept Ave. Woods Hole, Mass.

Mechanic, William H. Donald (Sept 16, 1924)
55 Auburn St. Watertown, Mass.

Private 1cl. John E. Concoran, 1. (August 20, 1924)
40 Moulton St, Newton, Mass

Colonel, Alvin Barber (Sept 11, 1922)
American Relief Administration,
42 Broadway, New York City, N.Y.

By order of the Secretary of War:

M. J. O'Brien

Adjutant General.

1 Incl.
copy of statement.



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Barton
Barton C.

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Barton, Lester C. 2nd Lt.
Bty. B, 101st F.A. QM 293 A-C

April 12, 1926

SUBJECT: Investigation.

TO: The Adjutant General,
Washington, D. C.

1. To assist this office in an investigation being instituted to locate the grave of the soldier named above, it is requested that you furnish as much of the following information, as possible:

- (a) Local Board and Mobilization dental charts,
- (b) Any comrades statements on file as to the death and burial place.
- (c) Places of death and burial, if of record, *10 men who were with his organization at the time of his death on July 21, 1918.*
- (d) Chaplain's burial report.
- (e) *Address of Colonel Alvin Barber, Engrs., Hdqrs., 2nd Army.* Names and addresses of

For The Quartermaster General:



L. M.

Also

10 men

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include

Barber

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Q.M. 293 A-C
Barton, Lester, C.

2nd Ind.

War Dept., OCMG, Washington, D.C., March 27, 1925--To Chief, AGRS, QMC., in Europe.

1. Attention is invited to the inclosed copy of letter dated Jan. 14, 1919 from Mrs. S.W. Dean, also copies of Red Cross Searcher's reports - this data to be used in connection with the investigation in the case of the late 2nd Lieutenant Lester C. Barton, Battery B, 101st Field Artillery.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

R. P. HARBOLD
Major, Q.M.C.
Assistant.

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2 incls.

Incl. 1-c/Let. Jan. 14/19
" 2-c/reports.

AG 201 Barton, Lester C.
(3-17-25) W*

1st Ind.

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War Department, A.G.O., March 21, 1925. - To The Quartermaster General.

1. The records of this office show as follows:

Body description: (as shown on application for Officers' Training Camp)

Height: 74½ Inches.

Weight: 197½ lbs.

Teeth: 8th tooth, lower left jaw missing.

2. The records further show Lieutenant Barton was killed in action in Belleau Woods, July 21, 1918, and was buried at First Burial Cemetery, Belleau (Aisne).

By order of the Secretary of War:



W. A. Haverfield
Adjutant General.

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QM 293 A-C. *mc*

(Barton, Lester C.)

March 17, 1925.

Subject: Information concerning 2nd Lt. Lester C. Barton.

To: The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, D.C.

1. It is requested that dental chart and body description of the late 2nd Lieutenant Lester C. Barton, Battery B, 101 Field Artillery be furnished to this office; also information as to the places of death and burial.

For The Quartermaster General:

R. P. HAROLD,
Major, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

ESM *Edm*
CS
WPR *WPR*



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C.

(Barton, Lester C.)

March 17, 1925.

Mrs. Thyrza B. Dean,
Briar Cliff Manor,
New York.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that this office is conducting an investigation with a view to locating the grave containing the remains of your brother, the late 2nd Lieutenant Lester C. Barton, Battery B, 101st Field Artillery.

To assist in the investigation, it will be appreciated if you will secure, if possible, a chart from the dentist who may have treated your brother prior to his entry into the Service, showing any dental work which he may have had done. If this cannot be obtained, please advise if you recall whether or not your brother had any dental work, and if so what it consisted of, i.e., crowns, bridges, fillings, extractions, etc.

Any information which you may be able to furnish will be appreciated by the Department and will materially aid in the investigation. Kindly reply as soon as possible, using the inclosed official envelope which requires no postage.

Very truly yours,

R. P. Harbold
R. P. HARBOLD,
Major, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

1 Incl.
envelope

March 18.
I would not know how to find out dentists name. Possibly Dr. Eugene Vigneron, ^{street} address? Chicago might have done so. So far as I know my brothers front teeth were in fair condition, but there were many fillings in the molars. I do not know positively of any crowns bridge work or extractions, but I would not necessarily have heard about them as I was living in a different city for 2 years before the war.
Thyrza B. Dean.

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Feb 17 1925

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Henry B. 101st F.A.
26th Division

Merriam Barton Lester C. 2nd Lt.
Home : Chicago, Ill.

" On July 21st 1918 during the attack on the Belleau Woods, at the beginning of the Chateau Thierry offensive, Lieut. Barton was on duty as artillery liaison officer with the 103rd Inf. and I was acting as his runner. At about 3 P.M. our front line came under intense shell fire. Lieut. Barton and I sought shelter in a shell hole. Suddenly he left this and went out in front about 40 feet to help carry in a wounded man. A shell landed directly in front of him and he threw up his hands and fell. I went to him but he had undoubtedly been instantly killed."

Informant : Walsh, John F. Pvt. 133925
Henry B. 101st F.A.
Home : 12 English St. Salem, Mass.

Searcher : Joseph C. ~~xxxxxx~~ Merriam ; 2nd Lt.
101st F.A.

C.F.

Batt. B. 101st F.A. 26th Div.

BARTON Lester C. 2nd Lt.

Missing July 21st 1918.

Lt. Barton went over the top at Chateau Thierry. His job was the observing of artillery fire. I do not know anything of his burial, nor do I know any details about who was on the detail with him. Was killed on July 12th. Was quite tall, had a heavy mustache, and wore heavy glasses, and was from Chicago. The ground was not lost.
Good evidence.

Informant : Green Fred Cpl. 134124
Batt. E. 101st F.A.
B.H. # III
Home address : Rochester N.Y.
Feb. 2nd 1919

V.M.

Emma Ritchard Cooley, Searcher.

Enquirers : Mrs Sherman Dean C/O American Express Co 11 rue Scribe Paris
Miss Eunice Tieljens 10 boulev. des Capucines Paris.

Batt. B. IOI FA. 2^d Div.

BARTON, Lester.C. 2nd Lieut.

Missing July 21st 1918.

Horrigan says that Lt. Barton was wounded at Chateau-Thierry, July 21st., by shell fire, while carrying back wounded doughboys: he was taken to hospital where he died of his wounds. Horrigan says he had more nerve than any man the boys ever knew, and was very, very brave. Every boy loved him in the Battery. Knew nothing ~~more~~ further. Was probably buried around La Ferte-sur-Jouarre.

Informant: HORRIGAN, John. Sgt. I33405.
Central Hospital French Mission. 94.
Co. B. IOI FA.
Home : Newton, Highlands. Man.
Jan. 2nd 1918.

Harriet Whittin - Searcher -

M.C.

Enquirers: Mrs Sherman Dean. c/o Am. Express Co. II rue Scribe Paris
Mrs. Eunice Fietjens. IO Boul. des Capucines. Paris.

Batt. B. 101 FA 26 Div.

BARTON, Lester C. 2nd Lieut.

Missing July 21st 1918.

Reference your letter December 16, relating to the death of 2nd, Lt. Lester C Barton, no more definite facts can be given over and above those you already have. The only facts ~~surviving~~ that reached the regiment several days after an informal report had been made that Lt Barton was missing was that he had been killed by shell fire and buried where he fell. It was at a time when all organizations of the Division were moving forward rapidly and communication between units was difficult.

It is possible that the Graves Registration Service may be able to give you the information as to the location of the grave and by whom Lt Barton was buried.

Robert E Goodwin
Colonel.

Headquarters
101st Field Artillery.
American Expeditionary Forces.
France.

M.C.

Enquirers: Mrs Sherman Dean, c/o Am. Express Co. 11 rue Scribe. Paris
Mrs. Eunice Fietjens. 10 Boulevard des Capucines. Paris

File No:

Barton, Lester C.

2nd. Lt. Batt.B. 101st. F.A.4425

Date of Death: _____

File No:

Date Buried: _____

Cemetery: _____

Grave No: _____ Sect: _____

Commune (30:.....) Belleau

Dept: Aisne 49NE

Coordinates: E175.5 N262.5

Remarks: _____

Sketch No. AS

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Ident. Tag on Gr. Mr. 107.5.7

Authority: _____

23 SEP 1918

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Made a function of the G.R.S. Notification of need for land to be sent to G.R.S. by Commanders. (G.O.30, G.H.Q.A.E.F., 1918.)
CEMETERIES, Rule for Estimating size. French or Allied Armies: "Calculations can be based upon this hypothesis of 3 sq. metres per grave including paths." (Circular Ministry of War, Feb. 17th, 1916.)

CEMETERIES, SUB-INSPECTORS OF. - All Chaplains of the A.E.F. are so designated. (G.O.30, G.H.Q.A.E.F., 1918.)

4. EMBALMING. - "Embalming shall not be generally practiced in the A.E.F." (Letter C-in-C, December 26th, 1917.)

5. TRANSPORTATION OF BODIES. "Recommend that bodies of soldiers and officers will not be shipped to the U.S. during continuance of war." (Cable C-in-C, Sept. 7th, 1917, Approved by War Dept.)

Bodies will not be returned to U.S. during continuance of hostilities. (Letter C-in-C, Dec. 26th, 1917.)

The transportation of bodies by any means of locomotion whatever is absolutely forbidden in the Zone des Armies. (G.O. Ministry of War, Oct. 2, 1917.)

"It is deemed best that the American forces should comply with the French Law and regulations on the subject of burials without asking for any exceptions." (Letter C-in-C, Jan. 5, 1918.)

6. MONUMENTS. - If a deceased soldier's comrades desire to erect a monument for him, they will be permitted to do so, if particulars required by G.O.27, 1917

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AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE.

Reference-17661.

March 19, 1919.

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.

TO: Mrs. Sherman W. Dean, C/O American Young Women's Christian
Association, 8 Place Edouard VII, Paris-France.

SUBJECT: Lieut. Lester C. Barton, Battery B, 101st Field
Artillery, American E.F.

In reply to your letter of inquiry, with reference to the
regretted death of this soldier, according to the records at these head-
quarters he is buried in Commune of BELLEAU, Department of the AISNE;
the above is regarded as unconfirmed burial information, as the grave
has not as yet been visited by the inspection officers of this Service.
There is every reason to believe, however, that the burial location, as
given above, is correct.

By direction

CHARLES C. PIERCE
Lieut. Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.

(Enclosures-G.R.S.:)
(10-B, .004.5)

MBD-dn

Per MAURICE B. DIX
Captain, American Red Cross
Representative assigned to
Graves Registration Service.

TO:- REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.

FILE NUMBER

FROM:- A. R. C.

DATE: 2/20/19.

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME BARTON, LESTER C. NUMBERRANK 2ND LT. ORGANIZATIONBAT. B. 101ST F.A.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	(1) Lester C. Barton 2nd Lieut. Baty. B. 101st. F. A.
2.	Date of Death.	(2) July 21, 1918.
3.	Cause and place of death.	(3) Killed In Action
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	(4) C.C. # 252
5.	Date buried.	(5) 0
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	(6) 0 Commune # 34 unconfirmed inf. Commune of Belleau (Aisne) SHT 49 N.E. E. 175.5 N. 262.6
7.	Who reported burial.	
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	(8) no
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	(9) 0
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	(10) 0
11.	Who is nearest relative?!	
12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	(12) February 5, 1919.
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the Photograph No. ?	GBL/

N.B. All Proper names to be printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

2nd Ind.

17661

Hq. Unit, 304-GRS, Belleu, (Aisne) Jan. 29, 1919. - To: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Hq.SOS.APO 717, American E. F.

1. Forwarded, advising that there is no record of the grave of 2nd Lieut. Lester J. Barton.

Wm L Stord
WILLIAM A. GREBING,
Captain, F.A., USA.

2/30/19

HEADQUARTERS UNIT-304
Graves Registration Service
Belleu, (Aisne).

January 18, 1919.



MEMORANDUM

C.O., Unit 303-GRS.

Burial information has been requested in the case of 2nd Lieut. Lester C. Barton, Bat.B, 101st F.A., Liaison Officer with the 104th Inf., reported buried at north end of Belleau Woods.

Kindly forward any information as early as possible.

1st Ind.

W. A. Grebing
WM. A. GREBING,
Capt. F. A. N. G.

CO, Unit 303-GRS, Ribemont, Aisne, Jan. 24, 1919. To: C.O., Unit 304-GRS, Belleu, Aisne

1. Returned, no record of this man at this office .

J. G. Myers
J. G. MYERS

101019

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Jan 28, 1919.

Capt C E Staten
Graves Registration Officer
Neufchateau

Retel G 445 R period Information shows Lt Lester C Barton 101st PA
26th Div buried Belleau (Aisne) map 49 NE coordinates E 175 point 5 N
262 point 6 G 183 C.

O. B.

ROGERS.

C. C. HUTCHISON, JR
2nd Lieut., QMC.
ACL/ WK
10:45 AM

Copy to;
T & C
G R S
Sgt Daly Original

File

*Letter dated
1-14-19 from
S. B. Means
B-119 sent*

FIELD OFFICE

To

FIELD BURIALS

Q. M. T. No.

Report No.

Sheet No.

Commune and Department

Army Sector No. Date

Map Reference

Place of burial

Location of grave or Trench

Nature of marking employed

NAME	RANK	DIVISION REGIMENT COMPANY	POSITION IN TRENCH	DISPOSAL OF TAGS

Signal Corps, United States Army
Telegram.

2475

17764

Received at

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NEUFCHATEAU JAN 26 1919

CHIEF GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

TOURS

PLEASE WIRE BURIAL INFORMATION LIEUTENANT LESTER C BARTON ONE NAUGHT

ONE FIELD ARTILLERY TWENTY SIXTH DIVISION PERIOD G-445-R

STATEN

115PM

*Recd 1/26/19
2:30 PM
east*

TO: - REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.

17661
FILE NUMBER 17661

From:-

Date: 1-27-19

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME Barton, Lester C.

NUMBER

RANK Lieut. ORGANIZATION 101 F.A. 26th Div.

No	Question	Reply
1	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	① 2 nd Lieut. Barton B. 101 st
2	Date of Death	② 7-21-18
3	Cause and place of death	③ N/A
4	Number of Casualty Cablegram	④ # 252
5	Date buried	
6	Grave Location (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cometary or Commune only required	⑤ COMMUNE OF Commune St. BELLEAU (AISNE) MAP 49 NE. E 175.5. N. 262.6.
7	Who reported burial	
8	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	
9	Report as to Identification Tags	
11	Who is nearest relative?	
12	Has N/R been notified? (Give date)	
13	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	⑩ Miss Thyrza Barton. (SIST) 8 RUE LEUCE REYNAUD CHEZ MONOD, Paris, France
14	What is the Photograph No?	⑪ No.

In Reply, all Proper names to be printed in UPPER BLOCK LETTERS.

Handwritten signatures and dates: 1/27/19, 1/28/19

17661

American Young Women's Christian Association



Office :
8, PLACE ÉDOUARD VII
PARIS IX.

Téléphone :
CENTRAL 20-38

January 14, 1919.

Commanding Officer,
G.R.S.304,
Soissons, France.

Subject: Burial place of 2d Lieut. Lester C. Barton, deceased, late of Batty. B., 101st F.A., brother of undersigned, Mrs. Sherman W. Dean.

A cousin, Col. Alvin Barber, Engineers, Hdqrs. 2d Army, sent me a map of Chateau Thiery, 1 to 20000, indicating that my brother was buried in the kilometre square, 175.5-262.6, just at the north end of Belleau woods. This might of course have been the temporary burial place, but we found no trace as all American bodies had been removed to the cemeteries. Curiously enough, we did find his handkerchief, very plainly marked, so there is no doubt that he fell very near there. A careful search in the three cemeteries nearest this spot, viz: at the town of Belleau, and the two on the road leading from Belleau to Bour-esches failed to reveal his name.

Please let me know what your records show, and if you have no record, will you tell me where to make enquiries? I would greatly appreciate an immediate answer, as I may leave for America shortly, and hope to identify my brother's grave before leaving.

My brother was killed July 19 or 20, while acting as liaison officer with the 104 Infantry. I am sending this letter addressed both to Soissons France, and to the Am. Ex. Forces, as the A.P.M. at Chateau Thiery was not sure which was the better way to address you.

Yours truly,
Thyrza Barton Dean
(Mrs. Sherman W. Dean)