

Letter sent to:

Mrs. Camille Basile
908 Locust St.,
San Jose, Calif.



12/21
Drawn by 92
493-7

Basile, Joseph

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

1,961,109

(Army serial number.)

Pvt.

(Rank and organization.)

Eld Hosp #331

State your relationship to the deceased

Mother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

(Yes or no.)

No

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

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Carmela Basile
907 San Jose, Cal

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Flu

FULL NAME BASILE, Joseph

RANK Pvt. SERIAL 1961109

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION Fd. Hosp #331 308 San Francisco - 83 Div

DATE OF DEATH Nov. 30, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME California

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED!

None

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 34 3 B
Date Grave Row Block

Suresnes, #34

Cemetery

WORLD WAR DIV

AUG 25 1924

23/306/ARK

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Basile 1961109 Joseph
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Private 331 Field Hospital
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL December 2, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL Treviso, Italy

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

Municipal Cemetery

GRAVE NUMBER Line XVII, No, 438

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? Yes

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes

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

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

REPORTED BY:

Charles L. O'Donnell, Chaplain
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Date Sept. 3, 1919.REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: JOSEPH BASILENumber: 1961109Rank: Pvt.Organization: Field Hospital #331.Disinterment and Reburial ~~under the supervision of~~ supervised by~~the~~ G.R.S. in Italy

Disinterred (Date)

July 21, 1919.

From: (Give complete location)

Municipal Cemetery Row #17, Grave No.438Treviso, Italy.

Reburied (Date)

August 18, 1919.

in: (Give complete location)

American Plot Row 1 Grave No. 12 Ci-mitero di Staglieno, Genova, Italy.Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
Buried in a coffin and clothed in uniform. Body badlydecomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body?

Yes.

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, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, G.R.S.

Supervised by: _____

CHAS S. DENNY, 1st Lieut. CA.

C.O. Group. Unit _____

CONFIRMED NO. 20052

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON July 27, 1922.

*File
HCH*

FILE: 293.8 C-R - #66947
SUBJECT: Permanent Grave Location of Private Joseph Basile,
Field Hospital #331.
TO: Mrs. Camille Basile, 908 Locust St., San Jose, Cal.

1. The permanent grave of this soldier is No. 34 Row 3
Block B, The American Cemetery of the Suresnes, Department of Seine,
France.

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

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

For the Quartermaster General:

MAILED

JUL 27 1922

G.R.S.

GEORGE H. PENROSE,
Assistant.

Place Genoa, Italy.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date April, 13, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF Basile, Joseph SERIAL NUMBER 1961109

RANK Pvt., ORGANIZATION F. H. #331.

2. Disinterred (date): April 13th, 1921. From (give complete location): Genoa, Italy.
Grave 12, Row 1, Cemetery 493.

By: Group 2 Unit B, Section 5.

3. Reburied (date): October 12th, 1921. In (give complete location): Suresnes Cemetery. - Block B - Row 3 - Grave 34.

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

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

Metallic casket, uniform, badly decomposed.

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

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

Unnecessary to make tooth chart. Metal plate on casket top reads;
Basile, Joseph, Field Hosp. 331, 1961109, 12-1-18.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Unable to estimate.

(b) Weight (estimated) 150 pounds.

(c) Hair—Color Apparently black hair.

Quantity Medium

Characteristics Straight,

(d) Hair on face—Color None,

Location None,

Quantity None,

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

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

None discernable,

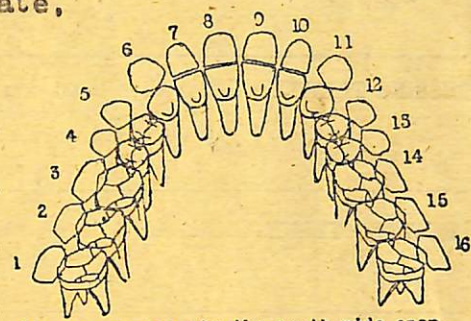
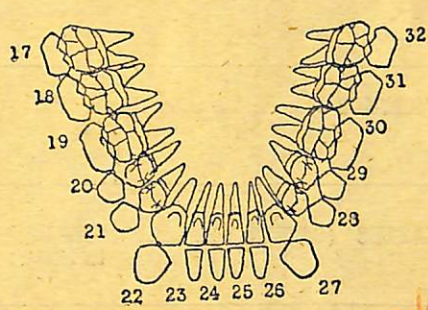


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



7. Disinterment supervised by W. G. Durisoe
W. G. Durisoe,
Sup. Emb.

Approved: C. R. Ozias,
Capt. M.C.
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by R. G. Richards
R. G. RICHARDS,
1st Lieut. Q.M.C.

Approved: R. F. Harbold,
Major, Q.M.C.
(Title)

Handwritten: 10-60267

STATION GENOA, ITALY

DATE 4-13-21.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

RECORDS OF G.R.S. HEADQUARTERS

DISCREPANCY FOUND UPON EXHUMATION OF BODY

1. Name <u>BASILE, Joseph</u>	10. Name _____
2. No. <u>1961109</u>	11. No. _____
3. Rank <u>Pvt.</u>	12. Rank _____
4. Org. <u>RA. Hosp. #331</u>	13. Org. _____
5. D.D. <u>Nov. 30th, 1918</u> <i>OK 5x8 card</i>	14. (a) D.D. <u>12-1-18.</u>
6. C.D. <u>Influenza & Pneumonia lobar</u>	(b) D.B. _____

DISCREPANCY FOUND UPON DISINTERMENT

7. Grave No. <u>12</u> Sect. _____	15. Grave No. _____ Sect. _____
8. Plot <u>A-67</u> Row <u>1</u>	16. Plot _____ Row _____
9. _____	17. <u>No discrepancy</u>

18. Cemetery CAMPANO SANTO

19. Commune or town GENOVA

20. Dept. or County _____

21. Country ITALY

22. G.R.S. Hdqs. Code No. #493

23. Disinterred Date 4-13-21. By W.G. Durisoe,

24. Inscription on Grave Marker:

Name Basile, Joseph Serial No. 1961109

Rank Pvt. Organization F. H. #331.

Signature of Junior Tec. Assistant Henry Hoffman

PREPARATION

25. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date 4-13-21. By W. G. Durisoe,

26. Casket sealed by W. G. Durisoe, W. G. Durisoe

Signature of Embalmer Super. Preparations W. G. Durisoe.

*AUDITED BY
HoE*

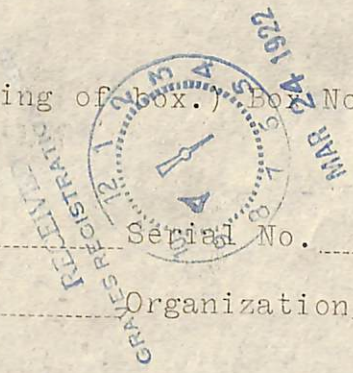
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*No Form 114-B received
HoE*

SHIPMENT (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. 0-2

32. Designation of body:

Name BASILE, Joseph Serial No. 1961109
Rank Pvt. Organization Fd. Hosp. #331



33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery SURESNES AMERICAN CEMETERY #34.

34. Casket boxed and marked: Date 4-13-21, By W. G. Durisoe,

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector C. R. Ozias, Capt. M.C.

36. Remarks: Metal plate reads: Pvt. Joseph Basile, Field Hosp 331, 1961109, 12-1-18."

37. Shipped from point of Operation: Date 4-16-21,
to point of Concentration Toulon, (Var).

Convoyer J. Cruz, NAME

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 20 AVR 1921

by G.R.S. Representative S. D. CAMPBELL CAPT. Q.M.C.

Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 26 AVR 1921

to Permanent Cemetery Suresnes, No. 34

Convoyer Serge Paulange in charge NAME

Received: Date October 12th, 1921.

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

41. Reinterred Suresnes Cemetery. October 12th, 1921.

42. Grave No. 34. DATE Section

43. ~~Pl~~ BLOCK 4 Row 3.

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

TO BE PREPARED IN TRIPPLICATE.

Cab. Ref. #7

SHIPMENT (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-2

32. Designation of body:

Name BASILE, Joseph Serial No. 1961109

Rank Pvt. Organization Fd. Hosp. #331

33. Consigned to:

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36. Remarks: Metal plate reads: Pvt. Joseph Basile, Field Hosp 331, 1961109, 12-1-18.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: Date 4-18-21,

to point of Concentration Toulon, (Var).

Convoyer J. Cruz, NAME

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 20 AVR 1921

39 (a) RECEIVED AT POINT OF CONGENERATION A.G.R.S., PARIS MORGUE, AUBERVILLIERS, APRIL 29TH, 1921, BY G.R.S. REPRESENTATIVE: Edw. J. Turgen, Captain Q.M.C.

39 (b) SHIPPED FROM PARIS MORGUE, OCTOBER 12th 1921, TO PERMANENT CEMETERY No. 34, AMERICAN, SURESNES (SEINE), BY SHIPPING OFFICER Wm. G. Ball, Lieut. Col. QMG CONVOYED BY Rm. Overstreet

41. Reinterred Suresnes Cemetery. October 12th, 1921. DATE

42. Grave No. 34. Section

43. ~~Block~~ BLOCK 1 Row 3.

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

TO BE PREPARED IN TRIPLICATE.

Cab. Ref. #7

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File No. 66947

1. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BASILE, Joseph Ser. No. 1961109) TYP. EML.
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Wld. Hospital 331)
(d) Cause CKR. 6 5
(c) Date of death 11-30-18. of death Influenza & Lobar Pneumonia

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

(a) Grave No. 12 Row 1 Plot --- Sect. ---) TYP. ILH
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Camille Basile, (Mother), 908 Locust St., San Jose, Calif.

111. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; No Card) CKR. OK

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt None

(a) Name Carmela Basile (b) Relationship Mother
(c) Address 908 Locust St., San Jose, 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 a-a Date 5-13-1920

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

, dated
confirmed request in Par. IV. item , above, or requesting that
No Correspondence

Examiner's Initials JKB Date 5/13/1920

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to?
Examiner's Initials JKB Date 5-14-1920

COUNTRY ITALY CEMETERY NO. 493 SHEET NO.

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED
H.S. 3-28-21

CARDED Make Form #114
Concentrated into P.A.C. 34

9/15/18 ... St. Basile ... concentrated - ...

see checked
70-3-1-21

800

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

MAY 17 1920

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.
TO: Mrs. Carmela Basile. 908 Locust St. San Jose, Calif.
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Joseph Basile.

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

If these are not the correct instructions, please change them. Make
changes on reverse side of this sheet.
The nearest living relative may choose between, (1) return of the body
to any address in the United States; (2) interment in Arlington, Va., National
Cemetery; or (3) remain in ~~XXXXXX~~ Europe

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow			
Soldier's Children	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
	3.		
Father			
Mother			
Brothers	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
Sisters			

Date _____ Signature _____

Address _____ Relationship _____

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

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File----66947

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name Basile, Joseph Ser. No. 1961109
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Fld.Hospital 331 } TYP. EML
 (c) Date of death 11-30-18 (d) Cause of death Influenza & Lobar Pneumonia } ET

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

(a) Grave No. 12 Row 1 Plot -- Sec. -- TYP. ILH
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Camille Basile (mother) 908 Locust St. San Jose, Calif.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases no card CKR. AW

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

*a.g.O. Card - Carmela Basile (mother)
 908 Locust St., San Jose, California
 requests body not returned to U.S.*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
 letter of transmittal on 5-21-20, 192

Not to be returned

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., MAR 31 1921, 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 Italy CEMETERY No. 493 SHEET No. 7

See 115-16-6-21
5/21

106947
GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Basile 1961109 Joseph
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Private 331 Field Hospital
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL... December 2, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL Treviso, Italy

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

Municipal Cemetery

GRAVE NUMBER... Line XVII, No. 438

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? Yes

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes

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

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

REPORTED BY:

Charles L. O'Donnell, Chaplain
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

66947

Oct. 15, 1919.

Basile #1961109 Joseph Pvt.

Field Hospital #331

Disinterred and reburied in Grave #12,
Row #1, American Plot, Cemetery #493,
Genova, Staglieno, Italy.

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Letter from G.R.S., AFinF

REVIEWED
OSP SS.

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Basile, Jos.

Party "D" - Itinerary - Suresnes Group

Sailed May 21st on GEORGE WASHINGTON. Maj. F. D. Carlock in charge. Arrived Cherbourg 11.30 pm, May 29th. General Cheatham accompanied as observer.

May 30th. Debarked. Maj. Dailey, Capt. Kinderman, Lt. Freeman, 9 nurses and other personnel went out to ship on tender. Met at dock by Col. Ellis. Arrived Gare des Invalides, Paris, at 2.05pm. Met by Col. Bartlett and detail of officers, interpreters and nurses. Taken to hotel in bus.

May 31st. Morning devoted to transaction of personal business. Visited Arc de Triomphe in afternoon. Mrs. Elisa Wilson laid official wreath for party. Reception at Restaurant Laurent. Returned to hotel.

June 1st. Free - Church - Lunch d'Iena. Visited Suresnes Cemetery.

June 2nd. Visited Cemetery and Belle Cycliste.

June 3rd. Fontainebleau.

June 4th. Visited Cemetery, Belle Cycliste and Notre Dame at nite.

June 5th. Visited Chateau Thierry.

June 6th. Visited Sacre Coeur - d'Iena - Versailles - Belle Cycliste.

June 7th. Visited Louvre - Belle Cycliste - Cemetery.

June 8th. Free - Church - d'Iena - Napoleon's Tomb.

June 9th. Cemetery - Belle Cycliste - Free.

June 10th. Left hotel between 9 and 9.30 for Invalides Railway Station-entrained for Cherbourg. Accompanied by 8 conducting officers, Capt. Kinderman, 3 nurses, 2 civilian employees. Arrived Cherbourg 4.11 pm. Boarded PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT at 5.05 pm. Sailed at 6 pm. Arrived U. S. June 16th.

Mrs. Carmela Basile

File 201 - Basile, Mrs. Carmela

GFRT:BF

June 20, 1930.

Mrs. Carmela Basile,
920 Locust Street,
San Jose, California.

Dear Madam:

After your departure from the Hotel McAlpine, New York City, there was found in your room a case for eye-glasses.

As Mrs. Emma Camp from Sonoma, California, occupied the same room with you, and there being no identifying mark on this case, it will be appreciated if this case is your property, that you write us to that effect, and the case will be forwarded to you by mail.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR,
1st Lieut. Q.M.C. (DOL)

Arrived NY 3:30 PM - May 19
Train 2 - N. L & W. RR
Capt Hebeith

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WAR DEPARTMENT
 "PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"
 -- ROOM 901 --

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

Party "D"
 Number 688

BASILE, JOSEPH SUR.

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

MRS. CARMELA BASILE
 Name of Traveler

Estimate cost of through Pullman.

SAN JOSE, SANTA CLARA COUNTY
 Home Address

New York, to SAN JOSE, CALIF.

CALIF.

\$ 32.63

New York, to SAN JOSE
 Destination,

Via D.L.&W TO BUFFALO - NYC & ST.L TO CHICAGO - C & NW TO COUNCIL BLUFFS - U.P.
OGDEN - MO. PAC. to dest.

JUNE 19th
 Date of Departure

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	car	U.S.G. Order NO.	Est. Cost
LV	Foboken	DL&W 5	6/19	2:20P	L 7	X50		9.00
AR	Chicago	NKP 1	6/20	4:50P				
LV	Chicago	C&NW-UP 27	6/20	9:35P	L	Wired		23.63
AR	San Francisco	SP 27	6/23	8:30A			<i>W.P. 1020, 761</i>	
LV	" "	SP 92	6/23	2:00P	Coach			
AR	San Jose	" 92	6/23	4:00P				
LV								
AR								
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TOTAL 32.63

Remarks::

Execut. Maj Mac Rie

3. ✓

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NAME BASILE, MRS. CARMELA

S.S. ROOSEVELT JUN 19 1930

HOME SAN JOSE, SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CALIF.

R.R. *D. L. & W. to Buff. N.Y. C. P. St. L. & Chi*
C. & N. W. to Council Bluffs - U.P. to Ogden
STATION *So. Pac to dest.*

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

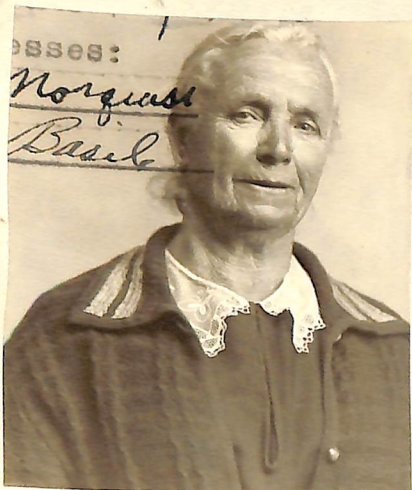
TIME

DATE

validate.

Name BASILE, Mrs Carmela
HOTEL D'IEÑA
Paris Hôtel AVENUE D'IEÑA
Home address 920
~~908~~ Locust St., San Jose, Santa Clara County, California
Party D Group 6 Unit \$.\$. WASHINGTON
Date of arrival May 30, 1930 Date of departure \$.\$. ROOSEVELT-10th June-1930
Relationship Mother
Name of deceased BASILE, Joseph
Rank Pvt Organization Field Hospital 33I
Cemetery Suresnes

REMARKS



May 10th, 1930

Mrs. Carmela Basile
920 Locust Street
San Jose, Cal.

Dear Madam:

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

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

For the Officer in Charge.

George F.R. Taylor,
1st Lieut. U.S. ARMY.
Assistant.

Enclosures:
2 tags

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Basile, Joseph Bas	3	2 1 9
BURIED	CEMETERY 34	1	6
	GRAVE 34	2	34
	ROW 3	2	03
	BLOCK B	1	2
STATE	Calif.	2	04
RANK	Priv	1	2
DIVISION	83	2	83
ORGANIZATION	308	3	308
ARM	Sanitary Tr	1	9
MARITAL	No	1	2
NAME	Mrs Carmela Basile Bas	3	2 1 9
RESIDENCE	STATE Calif	2	04
	COUNTY Santa Clara	2	43
	CITY San Jose	3	077
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	No (Italian)	1	2
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	good	1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO. YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	1930	1	1
	420	1	1
	Age		75

Sold May 1930

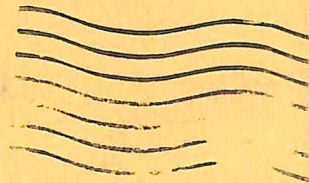
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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

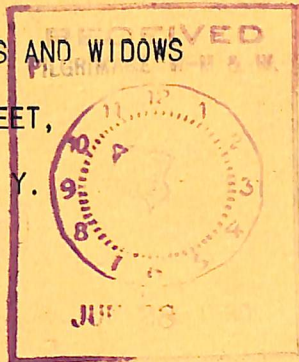
PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300.



PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.



D

NAME Basile Mrs. Carmela
ADDRESS 930 Locust St. San Jose, California
DATE _____

TO: OFFICER-IN-CHARGE,
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

I BEG TO INFORM YOU THAT I HAVE RETURNED
TO MY HOME SAFELY AND IN GOOD HEALTH.

SINCERELY,

(SIGNED) Frank Basile her son

STATE

Basile, Jos.

CALIFORNIA
.....

Mother

920 Locust St., San Jose

NAME Basile, Mrs. Carmela HOME ADDRESS Santa Clara CountyNAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN Mr. Rocco Basile ... 920 Locust St. San Jose.
Cali.ARRIVAL IN NEW YORKDATE ... 5/19/30 HOTEL McAlpin ROOM NO. ... 571DEPARTURE NEW YORKDATE ... May 21st, 1930 VESSEL ... S/S "WASHINGTON" CABIN NO. ... 144-ADESTINATION ... CHERBOURG, FRANCE CEMETERY ... SURESNES

RETURN NEW YORK

DATE JUN 18 1930

920 Locust St. San Jose
Santa Clara County
California

NAME Basile Mrs. Carmela HOME ADDRESS

RETURN ON S. S. S/S ROOSEVELT HOTEL MCALPIN ROOM NO. 1081

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE 6/19

ROAD DLW TRAIN 5 CAR X50 BERTH or SEAT 27

REMARKS

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No.

INSURED PARCEL

No.

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

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING
OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to **Q. M. GENERAL**

(NAME OF SENDER)

*Street and Number,
or Post Office Box,*

MUNITIONS BUILDING

WASHINGTON,

D. C.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Basile, Joseph 34-M

May 5, 1930.

Mrs. Carmela Basile,
920 Locust St.,
San Jose, Calif.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. ^{313,208} in the
amount of \$ 40.00, to pay for your meals and incidental
expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage
authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Check No.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Basile, Joseph 34 M

March 20, 1930.

Mrs. Carmela Basile,
920 Locust St.,
San Jose, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

✓ Washington
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Basile, Joseph

I accept the invitation extended
(Accept or ~~decline~~)
me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of the
Government of the United States under the provisions of
the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Carmela Basile

(Name)

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~~908~~ Locust St, San Jose, Santa Clara Co., Calif.

(Town or City)

(State)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

October 8, 1929

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Basile, Joseph #34 M

Mrs. Carmela Basile,
908 Locust Street,
San Jose, California.

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Dear Madam:

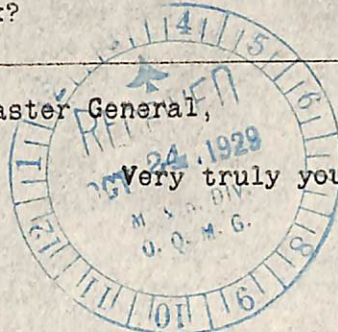
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In order that the report referred to may be made and plans completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested that you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office by return mail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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes) (No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Conditionally) (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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <u>75</u> Health <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Years) (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other language <u>Italian</u> (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

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L. M. 293 a-c
Basile, Joseph.

San Jose, Calif. May 18, 1929.

John T. Harris.

Dear Sir,

The government's kind offer to finance a pilgrimage for mothers and widows of the World War has been received and appreciated by Mrs. Basile.

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Basile, Joseph is not survived by a widow.

Carmela Basile, Joseph's mother is 75 years old. Is it possible for her husband to accompany her, provided he pays his own way?



^{Mrs.} Carmela Basile
908 Locust St.
San Jose

J.T.B.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO ~~QM 295 A-C~~

Basile, Joseph

May 3, 1929.

Carroll
Mrs. ~~Constance~~ Basile,
908 Locust Street,
San Jose, California.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Joseph Basile, Field Hospital 351, whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

May 13, 1930, Washington, D. C.

MRS CARMELA BASILE
920 LOCUST STREET
SAN JOSE CALIFORNIA

IDENTIFICATION BADGE TO BE WORN ON PILGRIMAGE WILL BE DELIVERED TO
YOU BY REALLEGAD REPRESENTATIVE AT CHICAGO.

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Basile, Joseph 34

May 6, 1930

Mrs. Carmela Basile,
920 Locust Street,
San Jose, California.

Dear Madam:

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

Lv. San Jose	SoPac	No. 95	4:05 PM	May 15
Ar. Oakland Pier	"	" "	5:45 PM	May 15
Lv. Oakland Pier	"	No. 28	6:30 PM	May 15
Ar. Ogden	"	" "	5:30 PM	May 16
Lv. Ogden	UnPac	" "	6:55 PM	May 16
Ar. Omaha	"	" "	8:25 PM	May 17
Lv. Omaha	CaNW	" "	8:45 PM	May 17
Ar. Chicago	"	" "	9:15 AM	May 18
Lv. Chicago	NYCaStL	No. 2	11:00 AM	May 18
(Hoboken) Ar. New York	DL&W	No. 2	3:30 PM	May 19

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Basile, Joseph 34 M

March 20, 1930.

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Basile, Joseph 34-M

March 21, 1930.

Mrs. Carmela Basile,
920 Locust St.,
San Jose, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

October 8, 1929.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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May 3, 1929.

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