

LIST OF PAPERS

File under No. 293

Dr. 1258

Batdorf, Montgomery Schuyler

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 3-0788

SERIAL NUMBER	FROM—	DATE	TO—	SYNOPSIS
<i>10-27-38</i>	ARCHIVES AND CLAIMS BRANCH WASHINGTON Q. M. DEPOT FT. MYER, VA.	<i>10-25-38</i>	<i>Mrs. Kilmartin for Memorial.</i>	

QM 293 A-M Batdorf, Montgomery Schuyler 1st Ind.
War Department, QMGO, Washington, October 26, 1938. - To The Adjutant
General.

1. Mrs. Julia R. O'Rear made the pilgrimage to cemeteries in Europe in 1931, her claim to have stood in loco parentis to Montgomery Schuyler Batdorf, under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, having been approved.

2. Photostatic copies of correspondence in this connection are inclosed.

For The Quartermaster General:

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

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AG 201 Batdorf, Montgomery Schuyler
(10-18-38)WW

October 22, 1938.

Adjusted compensation.

The Quartermaster General,

Washington, D.C.

1. This office has received an application for adjusted compensation from Mrs. Julia R. O'Rear, 6105 Pershing Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, based on a claim of having stood in loco parentis to Montgomery Schuyler Batdorf, Army Serial Number 1,453,937, who was killed in action September 29, 1918, while serving as a corporal, Company M, 138th Infantry. In connection with her application she stated that she was permitted to go to Europe as a Gold Star Mother in 1931.

2. For use in the adjudication of this claim, it is desired that this office be furnished information showing the nature of the evidence submitted by Mrs. O'Rear which resulted in her being permitted to visit this soldier's grave as a Gold Star Mother.

By order of the Secretary of War:



James Totten
Adjutant General.

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G.R.S. Form #114-B

JUN 1 - 1927

name

DATE 2/10/22.

1. NAME *Montgomery* BATDORF, Schuyler. SERIAL No. 1453937
 RANK Cpl. ORGANIZATION Co. M. 158th Inf. *35 Div*
 GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse. 1252 - 14
 CTY. NAME NUMBER
 18 Sec. 14. 1
 GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION *Bac 27 Exermont, Ardennes*
 GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.
 COORDINATES *Verdun 35 SE 279.8 N 302.78 E*
 CONCENTRATED TO *5/3/19 18 Sec 14 1*
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT
Meuse Argonne 1252
 CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on cross,

DATE OF DEATH *9/19/18*

data F-1. STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *Mo*

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS EDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED *none*
 ccc DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR *M. B. BIRDSEYE*
1st Lt., Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 2/10/22. *52* Block E.
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

AUDITED BY *Sully*

MAY 11 1927 WORLD WAR DIV.

Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery #1252, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

CEMETERY

JUN 5 1926 WORLD WAR DIV.

Rec'd World War Div. APR 2 1928

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Batdorf, 453937, Schuyler M.

(Surname.)

(Number.)

(First Name and Initials.)

unknown.

unknown.

(Rank.)

(Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL.....

PLACE OF BURIAL... Field of Battle.....

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

Coordinate 279.9 - 302.8

VE NUMBER.....

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?.....

Cross?.....

Headboard?.....

Bottle?.....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?.....

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

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

REPORTED BY:

Chaplain Jones, 28th Inf.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Patdorf Montgomery F.
CENTRAL PASSENGER ASSOCIATION

TRANSPORTATION BUILDING
HARRISON AND DEARBORN STREETS

CHICAGO, ILL.

C. A. FOX, CHAIRMAN
R. E. PEPPER, SECRETARY

FILE NO.

SAILING FROM NEW YORK AUGUST 5, 1931

S. S. HARDING

No. 876

Name Mrs Julia Rood O'Rear (O-6)
Address 6105 Pershing Ave.
From St. Louis, Mo. To New York City and return

Going Route

→ B&O to New York City

Return Route

→ Penna RR to St. Louis

(Desires stopover at New York City, New York)

Train Schedule to New York

✓ Lv. St. Louis ^{9:00}~~9:10~~ AM No. 4 August 2
✓ Ar. Jersey City ~~2:08~~ PM No. 4 August 3

~~7:56~~
12:32 P.M.

→ Sleeping car from St. Louis, Mo. to New York City, NY.

Elapsed time 28 Hrs 58 Min

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MHT

Party "O" - Itinerary - Meuse-Argonne Group.

Batdorf, Montgomery S

Sailed August 6, 1931 on "SS PRES. HARDING", Major J. F. Cottrell in charge. Arrived in Cherbourg at 6:30AM August 13th. Special tender arrived 6:30AM bearing Major Francis M. Pitts, Capts. Hubert W. Boyette, Frank L. Burns, Myron J. Conway, Lts. James C. Fry, Wm. C. Lucas and Noble J. Willey, Miss Blanche S. Rulon, Capt. A. H. C., three nurses and two civilian employees. Train left Cherbourg at 9:08AM and arrived at the Gare des Invalides at 3:15PM where it was met by Colonel Ellis and members of the Paris staff. Taken in busses to hotels.

- August 14th Morning free - Conference with Conducting Officer. Lunch at hotel. Afternoon - Arc de Triomphe. Wreath laid by Mrs. E. E. Dearing for party. Tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent. Dinner at hotel.
- August 15th 10:00AM Sacre Coeur. Lunch at hotel. PM free. Dinner at hotel.
- August 16th Morning church or free. Lunch at hotel. PM free (pack).
- August 17th 7:15AM Depart Paris via Porte de Pantin. 10:00AM Arrive Montmirail, rest stop Hotel Vert Gallant. 1:00PM Arrive Chalons s/Marne - Lunch Haute-Mere-Dieu. 5:45PM Arrive Verdun Hotel Nouvel.
- August 18, 19, 20 Daily visits to cemetery, All lunches at cemetery, all dinners at Verdun.
- August 21st 7:30AM Depart Verdun via R.N.3. Arrive St. Menchould 8:45 Rest Moderne Hotel. 9:15AM Depart St. Menchould via Suippes. 12:00 Noon, Reims - Lunch Hotel Bristol Crystal. 2:15PM Depart Reims Arrive Chateau-Thierry - Rest Hostellerie du Bonhomme. Leave via Hill 204 and Montreuil. Dinner at hotel, Paris.
- August 22nd Morning free. Lunch at hotel. PM free. Dinner at hotel. 9:00 - 11:00PM Night sightseeing trip.
- August 23rd Morning free or church. Lunch at hotel. 2:30PM Paris sightseeing Dinner at hotel.
- August 24th 9:15PM Depart for Colonial Exposition. Lunch at hotel. 2:30PM Napoleon's Tomb. Dinner at hotel.
- August 25th 9:00AM Shopping or free. Store: Bon Marche. Lunch at hotel. 2:15PM Depart for Versailles. Dinner at hotel. Paris.
- August 26th 10:00AM Notre Dame. 12:00 Noon, Lunch at hotel. 2:30PM Louvre or free (pack). Dinner at hotel.
- August 27th Leave Gare des Invalides 2:15PM. Arrived Cherbourg 8:30PM. Arrived NY September 4th.

Mrs. Julia Rood O'Rear

WAR DEPARTMENT
PEGRIMAGE WAR MOTHERS AND WIVES
225 West 34th. St. New York, N.Y.

Party 0
Number 1512

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATIONS.

O'Rear, Mrs. Julia Rood
.....
Name of Pilgrim
6105 Pershing Ave.,
.....
City Home Address County
St. Louis, Mo.
.....
State
St. Louis, Mo.

Actual cost of
Through Pullman at the
Lower Berth Rate.
New York, to St. Louis, Mo.

Destination of Ticket
via P.R.R - St. Louis, Mo.:

\$..... 10.88

Sept. 6, 1931
.....
Date of Departure

Oct. 12, 1931
.....
Expiration Date of Ticket

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower Seat or Coach	Car	U.S.G. Order No.	Actual Cost
Lv.	PENN STATION	PRR 33		1.45 P.			1027378	10.88
Ar.	ST LOUIS	" 21		5.50 P.				
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Excess Fare New York, to. Cost \$ Total
Stop Over New York City Through Rate
Excess

Name Orear, Mrs. Julia Rood
Paris Hôtel HOTEL LUTÉCIA
BOULEVARD RASPAIL
Home address 6105 Pershing Ave., St. Louis, St. Louis City Co., Mo.
Party 0 Group Unit SS. HARDING
Date of arrival August 13, 1931 Date of departure SS. AMERICA, August 27, 1931
Relationship L P (54)
Name of deceased BATDORF, Montgomery Schuyler.
Rank Cpl. Organization Co. M, 138th Inf.
Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Grave 32, Block E, Row 3, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon,
Meuse.

REMARKS



Mrs. Julia Rood O'Neal

Batdorf, Montgomery S.
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PARTY "O"
July 17th, 1931

Mrs. Julia Rood O'Rear,
6105 Pershing Avenue,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

There are enclosed herewith two tags and four identification pasters which have been prepared for the purpose of protecting your baggage while in transit, and to insure its safe arrival at the hotel where you are to stop in New York City. Please attach the tags to the handle of each piece of your baggage and place a paster on each end of each piece of your baggage before leaving your home.

Upon your arrival in New York City, you will be met at the railroad station by an Army Officer who will be in uniform. During your sojourn in New York before sailing for Europe, and upon your return from Europe, you will stop at the Hotel Pennsylvania, 33rd Street and 7th Avenue, New York City.

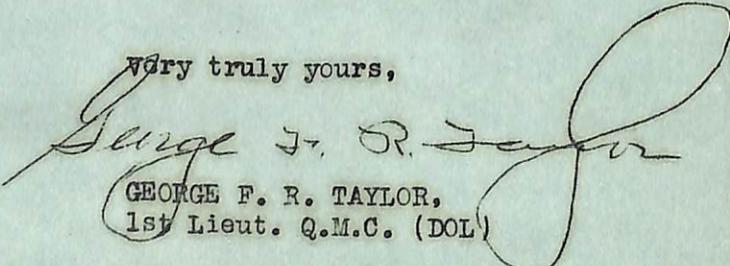
All mail intended to reach you between August 5th, 1931, the day you sail from the United States, and August 27th, 1931, the day you leave Europe, should be addressed to you in care of American Pilgrimage, 146 Avenue des Champs Elysees, Paris, France; for example:

Mrs. Mary Smith,
c/o American Pilgrimage,
146 Avenue des Champs Elysees,
Paris, France.

In making reservations for your journey home from New York City, it is necessary for this office to furnish the railroads with the exact time and date of your departure. The party you are to travel with will be disbanded in New York City on the day following your return from Europe and all arrangements for your accommodations will be made with the railroads by this office accordingly. Upon your return from Europe, it will therefore be necessary for you to remain in the hotel over night as a guest of the United States Government..

There is also enclosed herewith information relative to the cemeteries in Europe.

Very truly yours,


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

- 7 Incl:
- 2 Baggage Tags
 - 4 Baggage Pastors
 - 1 Copy Cemeterial Information

PILGRIMAGE OF WAR MOTHERS & WIDOWS

GENERAL RELEASE

File 01572

Mrs. Julia Good O'Leary

Address St Louis Mo

Released in New York.

To Mrs Mae Moak

Address 188 675 St NYC

1 P.M. 9/5/31

RECEIVED RAILROAD AND PULLMAN TICKET

T.M.

Mrs. Julia Good O'Leary

PARTY "Q"..... FILE NO.

NAME O'Rear, Mrs. Julia Rood
6105 Pershing Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

ROUTE OF TICKET

..... Penn to St. Louis Mo.
..... to
..... to

Expiration date Oct - 12 - 31

The following stop overs are requested.

New York City

[Large red handwritten scribbles covering the stop over section]

(Signature of Pilgrim)

[Purple stamp: T.M.]

CODE SLIP

LOCO PARENTIS

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Batdorf,</i>	<i>BAJ</i>	3	<i>210²</i>
<i>Montgomery</i>	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
BURIED <i>Schuyler</i>	GRAVE <i>32</i>	2	<i>32</i>
	ROW <i>3</i>	2	<i>03</i>
	BLOCK <i>6</i>	1	<i>5</i>
STATE	<i>Missouri</i>	2	<i>29</i>
RANK	<i>Cpl.</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>35</i>	2	<i>35</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>138</i>	3	<i>138</i>
ARM	<i>Inf.</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>O'Rear</i>	<i>O R E.</i>	3	<i>0585</i>
<i>Mrs. Julia Reed</i>	STATE <i>Missouri</i>	2	<i>29</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>St. Louis City</i>	2	<i>97</i>
<i>(Mother Dead)</i>	CITY <i>St. Louis</i>	3	<i>052</i>
RELATION	<i>(M - in loco parentis)</i>	1	<i>4</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>Good</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR. <i>1931</i>	1	<i>2</i>
ACCEPTANCE	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
	<i>Age 54</i>		<i>54</i>

Failed Aug. 5, 1931

AUDITED
NOV 4 1931
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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Batdorf	3	21 ¹² 0
BURIED	CEMETERY	1	1
	GRAVE	2	32
	ROW	2	03
	BLOCK	1	5
STATE	Mo	2	29
RANK	Cpl	1	2
DIVISION	35	2	35
ORGANIZATION	138	3	138
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARITAL	no	1	2
NAME		3	
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	
	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Dead	1	6
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
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TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	
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Qi 293 A-M
Batdorf, Montgomery Schuyler (MA) LP

October 29, 1931.

Mrs. Julia Rood O'Rear,
3943 De Civrville,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Mrs. O'Rear,

I am glad to have your letter of October 16th expressing appreciation for the pilgrimage you recently made to the grave of the late Corporal Montgomery Schuyler Batdorf in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France.

The pilgrimage was authorized by Congress in an endeavor to bring a measure of comfort and solace to the hearts of the mothers and widows whose loved ones made the supreme sacrifice for their country during the late war, and it would seem from the generous expressions contained in your letter that the effort has not been in vain.

It is indeed gratifying to know that your trip was entirely satisfactory and that you were accorded such courteous and efficient service. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages and has expended every effort that those making the journey might have a comfortable and pleasant trip. I feel, however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the mothers and widows.

Sincerely yours,

J. L. DeWITT,
Major General,
The Quartermaster General.

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DO NOT DETACH THIS SLIP

Return accompanying papers to
ROOM 242, STATE, WAR, AND NAVY BUILDING

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR

Date October 19, 1931.

Subject: Letter from Julia R. O'Rear - in appreciation for pilgrimage

To: THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL



- 1 Necessary action.
- 2 Necessary action and direct reply.
- 3 Nec. action and prep. of reply for sig. of The Asst. Secy. of War.
- 4 Nec. action and prep. of reply for sig. of the Executive.
- 5 Preparation of memo. to inclose with reply.
- 6 Preparation of memo. on which to base personal reply.
- 7 Remark and recommendation.
- 8 Notation and filing or return.

By direction of The Assistant Secretary of War:

Earl McFarland,
Lieut. Col., Ord. Dept.,
Executive.

L. J. ...
...

No Group Lt

#5943

Gen. in Europe, Paris #96
De Riverville

Saint Louis Co. St. Louis, Mo.

RECORDED
OCT 19 1931
OFFICE SEC. WAR
Asst Secy

RECORDED C & R DIV., W.D.

The Hon Patrick J. Hurley
Secretary of War.

Washington, D.C. (M-A)

THE ASST. SECY'S OFFICE
OCT 19 1931
WAR DEPARTMENT
Batdorf, Montgomer
S.

Sailed Harding
Dear Sir: Aug. 5, 1931

As a member of the Pilgrimage
of Gold Star Mothers (Party "O") I
wish to express my thanks to the
United States Government for this
privilege.

Words fail to express how grateful
every Mother must feel for the
comfort and peace it gave ^{us} for the
wonderful care and courtesy of all
those in charge of us.

Very sincerely yours

October 16th 1931

Julia Rood O'Neal

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MEDICAL RECORD

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Party: "O" Hotel PENNSYLVANIA S. S. HARDING Eastbound
AMERICA Westbound

Name O'Rear, Mrs. Julia Rood, (Cpl. Montgomery S. Batdorf, 32, 3, E.

Home Address ... 6105 Pershing Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

Name and address of nearest relative or friend Mrs. D.A. Nylander,
..... 5943 DeGiverville St. Louis, Mo.

Religion Age 54-L.P.

History of present complaint:

INSTRUCTIONS: This card will be prepared for each Pilgrim treated on ship, east or west bound. Cards to be included in report of Liaison Officer upon return to New York.

PARTY

EASTBOUND

GROUP

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54-LP

Mrs. O'Rear, Julia Rood Address 6105 Pershing Ave., St. Louis
 (Name of Pilgrim) (Street & No.) (City or Town)

Missouri St. Louis City ..
 (State) (County)

Mrs. D. A. Hylander Address 5943 DeGiverville St. Louis
 (Name of Nearest Kin) (Street & No.) (City or Town)

Missouri St. Louis City
 (State) (County)

ARRIVAL NEW YORK

VIA. R.R. B & O Train No. 4 Date Aug. 3, 1931 - 12:32 PM E.S.T.
 Hotel Pennsylvania Room No. 1578
 Roomed with Mrs. Anna Smith

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

Date August 5, 1931 Vessel HARDING Cabin No. 126 F
 In Cabin with Mrs. Ida F. Short & Mrs. Walter M. Gee

(Over Westbound)

WESTBOUND
ARRIVAL NEW YORK

Date **Sept. 5, 1931** Vessel **AMERICA** Cabin No. **313 C**
In Cabin with **Mrs. Ida E. Scott**
Hotel **Pennsylvania** Room No. **1638**
Roomed with **Alone**

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

New York City Stop Over

VIA. R.R. Train No. Space Car No. Date

REMARKS

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() Eastbound)

WAR DEPARTMENT

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YOUR
CORRESPONDENTS
OF CHANGE
OF ADDRESS**

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

NAME . . . O'REAR, MRS. JULIA RO . . .

ADDRESS . . . 6105 Pershing Ave., St. Louis, Mo. . . .

DATE . . . *September 21st 193*

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) . . . *Mrs. Julia Reed O'Rear*

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RETURN RECEIPT

S.S. ~~Harvey 8-5-31~~

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

Mrs. Julia Rod O'Rear

(Signature or name of addressee)

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery 7-11, 1931

Form 3811

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

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Batdorf M.S.

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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Return to _____

Street and Number,
or Post Office Box, _____

Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

MUNITIONS BUILDING

WASHINGTON,

D. C.



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

ADDRESS TO
YOUR MAIL
TO
STREET AND
NUMBER

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING
OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

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RETURN RECEIPT

S.S. Harding 8-5-31

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

Mrs. Julia Reed O'Rear

(Signature or name of addressee)

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery 7-13, 1931

Form 3811

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

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Original Addressee Only

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 92633

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____

Return to Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,
or Post Office Box,

MUNITIONS BUILDING

WASHINGTON,

D. C.



ADDRESS YOUR MAIL TO STREET AND NUMBER	PAY FOR PRIVATE USE YOUR PAYMENT OF POSTAGE \$3.00
	POSTMARK OF DELIVERING OFFICE
AND DATE OF DELIVERY	

QM 293 A-M
Batdorf, Montgomery S. Cpl.(M-A)LP

July 16, 1931

Mrs. Julia Rood O'Rear,
6105 Pershing Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

With reference to your transportation to New York on the pilgrimage to the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in Europe, sailing on the S. S. Harding, August 5, 1931, because of a change in train service it has become necessary to revise your schedule as follows:

Lv. St. Louis	B&O	#4	9:00 AM	August 2
Ar. New York	"	"	12:32 PM	" 3
				(Jersey City)

Accommodations: Sleeping car from St. Louis, Mo., to New York City, N. Y.

Kindly follow this schedule when you entrain for New York on the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

MM

Batdorf,

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM, 293 A-0 Batdorf, Mary S. Cpl. (M-A) LP

July 9, 1931.

Mrs. Julia Rood O'Rear,
6105 Pershing Ave.,
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Madam:

671,648

There is enclosed herewith Check No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____, 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.

1 Incl.
Check No.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Batdorf, Montgomery S. Cpl. (M-A) LP

July 14, 1931

Mrs. Julia Rood O'Rear,
6105 Pershing Ave.,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

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

Lv. St. Louis	B&O	#4	9:10 AM	August 2
Ar. New York (Jersey City)	"	"	2:08 PM	" 3

Sleeping Car from St. Louis, Mo. to New York City, N. Y.

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

QM 293 A-M

Batdorf, Montgomery Schuyler 1232 LP

March 13, 1931

Mrs. Julia Hood O'Rear,
6105 Pershing Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your request for a stopover at New York City on your return from the pilgrimage to the American Cometeries in Europe, sailing on the PRESIDENT HARDING, August 5, 1931.

Arrangements will be made for this stopover for which there will be no additional cost to you for either rail or pullman transportation. However, all expenses incurred by you during your visit at New York on your return journey must, of course, be paid from personal funds.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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IF YOU DESIRE A STOPOVER ON YOUR RETURN FROM EUROPE PLEASE READ CAREFULLY THE PARAGRAPH, "STOPOVERS IN THE UNITED STATES", ON PAGE 3 OF THE ENCLOSED LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS, FILL IN THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN IT TO THIS OFFICE.

W.D. W.D. Aug. 5

Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Batdorf, Montgomery Schuyler Cpl 1232LP

O'Rear, Mrs. Julia Rood, 6105 Pershing Ave., St. Louis, Mo. St. L. City Co

Sir:

On my return from the pilgrimage to American Cemeteries in Europe, I desire to stop over at the point, or points, listed below, for the number of days shown after the name of the town. If these stopovers will cause me any expense I am to be advised of the amount and may then withdraw this request if I so desire.

Cities where I desire to stopover:

No. of days

New York City

30 days

Noted on card & list

Very truly yours,

Julia Rood O'Rear

(Your name)

*6105 Pershing Avenue
St. Louis, Mo*

(Your address)



President Harding

Batdorf, Montgomery Schuyler-Cpl.

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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 pro-
visions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Julia Rood O'Rear

Mrs. Julia Rood O'Rear

(Name)

6105 Pershing Avenue, St. Louis, Mo

6105 Pershing Ave., St. Louis, Missouri.

(Town or City)

St. Louis City Co. (State)

P. M.

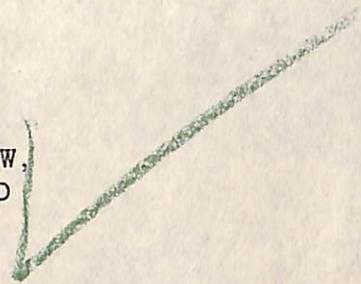
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Aug 5

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

PLEASE FILL IN THE INFORMATION CALLED FOR BELOW,
AND MAIL THIS LETTER PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED
ENVELOPE WHICH REQUIRES NO POSTAGE.



Batdorf, Montgomery Schuyler Cpl 1232LP

O'Rear, Mrs. Julia Rood, 6105 Pershing
Ave., St. Louis, Mo. St. L. City Co

Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In the blank space below you will find
the name and address of the person in the United
States whom I desire to be notified in case I be-
come seriously ill or other emergency arises while
I am making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by
the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. D. A. Nylander
Name

5943 De Giverville, St. Louis, Missouri
Address

Very truly yours,

Julia Rood O'Rear

(Your name)

6105 Pershing Avenue

(Your address)



QM 293 A-M
Batdorf, Montgomery Schuyler 1232-LP

July 12, 1930.

Mrs. Julia Reed O'Rear,
6106 Pershing Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 7, 1930, with its enclosures, relative to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act approved March 2, 1929.

The affidavits submitted by you have been favorably considered and your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows eligible to make the pilgrimage.

All available cabin space on the steamships being utilized this year for the pilgrimages has already been assigned. It is therefore impossible to make arrangements at this late date for persons whose eligibility has been recently established. Your request to be permitted to sail with the mothers and widows from St. Louis on August 19th cannot be granted.

This office will communicate with you when the plans for the pilgrimage for 1931 are being arranged.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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6105 Pershing Ave.,
St. Louis, Missouri.
July 7th., 1930.

Q. M. 293 A.M.

Batdorf, Montgomery Schuyler 1232 L.P.

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find enclosures and copy of Affidavit telling the story of my relationship to and care of the above soldier. The records you will find filed in the War Risk Insurance Department.

I hope I may be invited to make the Pilgrimage and it would be wonderful if I could go with the Mothers from Saint Louis August 19th., but presume that is too soon for me.

Very truly yours,

Julia Rood O'Neal

Q.M.C.
293 - Batdorf - Montgomery Schuyler

L. O. 293 a-c.

Major John F. Harris
Washington, D. C.

6/29/29
1232

Dear Sir:

22^{1/2} yrs old
Enl 51-26-17

Replying to your letter of June 29th regarding the Pilgrimage to be made by the Gold Star Mothers' to the graves of their sons' in Europe.

Req to advise, I stand as Mother (in Loco Parentis) to Montgomery Schuyler Batdorf ~~Cpl. Co. M. 138th Inf. 35th Div~~ whose remains are interred in the Argonne Cemetery

Corporal Batdorf's Mother (my sister) and Father died while he was a



child - I cared, educated and
cared for him until the time
of his enlistment. The Government
have these records and have
recognized me as such in all
matters pertaining to War Risk
Insurance etc.

Corporal Batdorf was not
married and had no brothers
and sisters

I would, indeed, be pleased to
make the Pilgrimage and ask
that you advise further as how to
make application

Would prefer to make the trip
in 1930

Very truly yours

Julia Rood O'Rear

6105 Pershing Avenue

St. Louis, Mo 7

July 12th 1929

with full faith as his belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of February, 1920,

My commission expires _____.

Notary Public.

STATE OF MISSOURI,)
) ss.
CITY OF ST. LOUIS.)

In the matter of)
Montgomery Schuyler Batdorf,)
Corporal, Co. M., 138th Infantry,)
Died in France, September 29, 1918.)
Julia Rood O'Rear, Beneficiary.)

In the War Risk Insurance
Department of the United States.
No. C-84967

Carroll M. Davis, being duly sworn, on his oath states that he is Dean of Christ Church Cathedral in the City of St. Louis, State of Missouri; that he is in no way related to the hereinafter mentioned Julia Rood O'Rear, or Montgomery Schuyler Batdorf; that Julia Rood O'Rear and Montgomery Schuyler Batdorf were both members of affiant's church and affiant is well acquainted with the facts and circumstances hereinafter detailed concerning the relationship which existed between said Julia Rood O'Rear and said Montgomery Schuyler Batdorf; that Helen C. Rood and Julia Rood O'Rear were sisters; that said Helen C. Rood married Harry Batdorf about the year 1893; that there was born of said marriage, Montgomery Schuyler Batdorf, who afterwards became a Corporal in Company M., 138th Infantry, and was killed in battle in the Argonne in France.

That said Helen C. Rood Batdorf, mother of said Montgomery Schuyler Batdorf, died about the year 1897 in the City of St. Louis, State of Missouri; that shortly after the death of said Helen C. Rood Batdorf, said Julia Rood O'Rear, then unmarried, assumed the position of a parent to, and took charge of and cared for, as her own son, said Montgomery Schuyler Batdorf, who was her nephew as stated; that said Harry Batdorf, father of said Montgomery Schuyler Batdorf disappeared from the City of St. Louis about the year 1899, and has not been heard of since; that from the date that said Julia Rood O'Rear took charge of and became the person who stood in the place of a mother to said Montgomery Schuyler Batdorf, the father, Harry Batdorf, did not contribute anything to the support of the child, or of the household of Julia Rood O'Rear, nor did he ever, after his disappearance, communicate with his son, or said Julia Rood O'Rear, or any

other member of his family to the knowledge of affiant.

That from the day that said Julia Rood O'Rear took complete charge of said Montgomery Schuyler Batdorf, she treated him as her own son, housed, fed, clothed, maintained, educated, and supported him at her own cost and expense, and acted in the place of both a mother and a father to him, not only in the matter of his support and maintenance, but also in the matters of the affection and care which parents usually bestow upon their children; that Julia Rood O'Rear, at the time of taking charge of said Montgomery Schuyler Batdorf, as aforesaid, was single and unmarried and remained such until the year 1905, at which time she married Henry C. O'Rear.

That after her marriage, as aforesaid, said Julia Rood O'Rear sustained and maintained the same relationship with said Montgomery Schuyler Batdorf as theretofore, took him into the home of her husband and herself and continued to feed, clothe, maintain, and educate him, sending him through the Public Schools of the City of St. Louis until his graduation from the Soldan High School, after which he went to work, but continued to live with Mrs. O'Rear in her home, at first paying no board, or being at any expense for the home which Mrs. O'Rear furnished him, except that during the last year, next prior to his enlistment in the Army, he contributed some nominal sum to Mrs. O'Rear for his board and support. During none of the time mentioned did any person to the knowledge of affiant, other than Mrs. O'Rear, give or contribute anything to the support of said Montgomery Schuyler Batdorf.

Affiant further states that most of the matters stated are within his own personal knowledge and, that as to those things which he does not personally know, he states them on his information and belief, and as to these his relation with the parties has been so intimate and close, and his sources of information so trustworthy and accurate, that affiant unhesitatingly states them under this oath

State of Missouri)
) SS
County of St. Louis.)

Name of deceased soldier Batdorf, Montgomery Schuyler
Rank Corporal Organization Company M. 138th Infty. 35th Division

1. The undersigned disinterested persons, not related to the applicant or to the deceased soldier, depose and say of their own personal knowledge that:

(a) Mrs. Julia Rood O'Rear stood in loco parentis to M. S. Batdorf
(name of applicant) (deceased
from about 1899 to 1917
soldier)

(b) The age of the deceased soldier at the time the status in loco parentis began was 4 years, _____ months, _____ days. The age of Julia Rood O'Rear at the time the status in loco parentis began was 18 years, _____ months, _____ days.

(c) Julia Rood O'Rear during the time she stood in loco parentis to the said deceased soldier, actually provided for such soldier in the following manner and to the following extent:

Reared and educated him - being his full support.

(d) The following additional circumstances, facts and declarations tend to show that the said applicant actually assumed the obligations which a father would have assumed in the matter of making provision for the support of the deceased soldier:

We know that Mrs. Julia Rood O'Rear acted as both Mother and Father to the deceased soldier from the age of four years until his death.

2. In making the above statements, it is understood that the term in loco parentis means that:

- (a) A person must act the part of a lawful father in performing the duty of providing for him; taking the place of a father in this particular.
- (b) To obtain the benefits of the Act of March 2, 1929, a woman must have occupied this status towards a particular deceased service man for a period of not less than 5 years at any time prior to the soldier, sailor, or marine becoming 18 years of age. Circumstances and facts should be stated in detail in order to insure intelligent decision. If additional space is required please write on the back of this sheet.

Signed: Charles P. Cote

Address: 602 3rd St. St. Louis

Signed: [Signature]

Address: 315 No. 7th St. St. Louis Mo.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of July 1930.

My Commission Expires April 6th, 1932

(Seal)

[Signature]
(Notary Public)

Batdorf,

Montgomery

Schuyler M.

1,453,937 ✓

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

~~Col.~~

Co M 138 Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Foster Mother & Aunt

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

(Yes or no.)

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

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Julia Reed O'Keefe

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

F.M.

Mrs. Julia R. O'Rear,
6105 Berlin Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

June 30, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Batdorf, Montgomery Schuyler 1232 LP

Mrs. Julia Rord O'Rear,
6105 Pershing Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

In further reference to the correspondence from this office relative to your eligibility to visit the grave of your nephew, the late Corporal Montgomery S. Batdorf, you are informed that Section 4 (a) of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, was amended on May 15, 1930, so that it now reads in part as follows: "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for a period of not less than five years at any time prior to the soldier, sailor, or marine becoming 18 years of age."

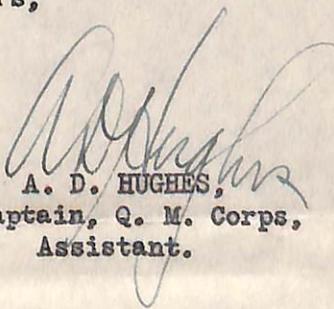
Under this amendment you may be eligible to make the pilgrimage. In order to satisfy legal requirements it will be necessary for you to furnish as proof of your relationship, in loco parentis, the affidavits of at least two persons who are not related to you.

In the event you consider yourself eligible under this amendment to make the pilgrimage, it is requested that the enclosed form be completed and returned to this office in order that your eligibility may be determined. Under paragraphs 1 (e) and 1 (d) sufficient information should be included to permit an intelligible decision as to eligibility.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:
Forms
Envelope
Act- Amendment


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

June 30, 1930.

QM 293 A-M
Batdorf, Montgomery Schuyler 1232 LP

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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:
Forms
Envelope
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A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Batdorf, Montgomery Schuyler 1232 LP
Cpl.

February 3, 1931.

Mrs. Julia Rood O'Rear,
6105 Pershing Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the aunt of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?

2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?

3. Please give your age and state your health.

4. Do you speak English?

5. What other language do you speak?

I do

*Would like to make
Yes the trip before
opening of school in Sept.*

Age

54

Condition of Health

fine

Yes

Julia Rood O'Rear

For The Quartermaster General,



Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:
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Act
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QM 293 A-C
Batdorf, Montgomery Schuyler

October 1, 1929.

Mrs. Julia Rord O'Rear,
6105 Pershing Avenue,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 12, 1929, relative to your eligibility to visit the grave of the late Corporal Montgomery Schuyler Batdorf, Company M, 158th Infantry, who is buried in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France.

It is assumed that you desire this privilege under the provisions of Section 4(a) of the Act approved March 2, 1929, which states in part "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for the year prior to the commencement of his service in such forces".

It has been held that within the meaning of the law a person cannot stand in loco parentis to an adult unless such adult is mentally or physically incapacitated. No man who was mentally or physically incapacitated was accepted for service in the military or naval forces. Inasmuch as Corporal Batdorf was an adult at the time of the commencement of his service, his age having been 22 years and 6 months, no person could have stood in loco parentis to him for the year prior to his entry into the service. Therefore, I regret to advise that you are ineligible within the meaning of the law to make this pilgrimage at the expense of the Government.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Batdorf, Montgomery Schuyler

June 29 1929.

Mrs. Julia Rood O'Rear,
6105 Pershing Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

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 aunt of the late **Cpl. Montgomery Schuyler Batdorf, Co. M, 138th Inf.,** whose remains are now interred in the **Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.**

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a 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,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

Q# 293 A-M
Batdorf, Montgomery Schuyler (MA) LP

October 29, 1931.

Mrs. Julia Rood O'Rear,
5943 De Giverville,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Mrs. O'Rear,

I am glad to have your letter of October 16th expressing appreciation for the pilgrimage you recently made to the grave of the late Corporal Montgomery Schuyler Batdorf in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France.

The pilgrimage was authorized by Congress in an endeavor to bring a measure of comfort and solace to the hearts of the mothers and widows whose loved ones made the supreme sacrifice for their country during the late war, and it would seem from the generous expressions contained in your letter that the effort has not been in vain.

It is indeed gratifying to know that your trip was entirely satisfactory and that you were accorded such courteous and efficient service. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages and has expended every effort that those making the journey might have a comfortable and pleasant trip. I feel, however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the mothers and widows.

Sincerely yours,

J. L. DeWITT,
Major General,
The Quartermaster General.

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QM 293 A-M
Batdorf, Montgomery S. Cpl.(M-A)LP

July 16, 1931

Mrs. Julia Rood O'Rear,
6105 Pershing Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

With reference to your transportation to New York on the pilgrimage to the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in Europe, sailing on the S. S. Harding, August 5, 1931, because of a change in train service it has become necessary to revise your schedule as follows:

Lv. St. Louis B&O #4 9:00 AM August 2
Ar. New York " " 12:32 PM " 3
(Jersey City)

Accommodations: Sleeping car from St. Louis, Mo., to New York City, N. Y.

Kindly follow this schedule when you entrain for New York on the pilgrimage.

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

Batdorf, Montgomery S. Cpl. (M-A) LP

July 14, 1951

Mrs. Julia Rood O'Rear,
6106 Pershing Ave.,
St. Louis, Missouri.

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:

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1951 JUL - 14 - PM 2:00
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Lv. St. Louis	B&O	#4	9:10 AM	August 2
Ar. New York (Jersey City)	"	"	2:08 PM	" 3

Sleeping Car from St. Louis, Mo. to New York City, N. Y.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM, 293 A-C Retd. Montgomery S. Cpl. (M-A) LP

July 9, 1931.

Mrs. Julia Rood O'Rear,
6105 Pershing Ave.,
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Madam:

671,648

There is enclosed herewith Check No. ^{12.50} in the amount of \$, 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.

QM 293 A-M
Batdorf, Montgomery Schuyler 1232 LP

March 13, 1931

Mrs. Julia Rood O'Rear,
6105 Pershing Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your request for a stopover at New York City on your return from the pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe, sailing on the PRESIDENT HARDING, August 5, 1931.

Arrangements will be made for this stopover for which there will be no additional cost to you for either rail or pullman transportation. However, all expenses incurred by you during your visit at New York on your return journey must, of course, be paid from personal funds.

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-C
Batdorf, Montgomery Schuyler 1232 LP
Cpl.

February 3, 1931.

Mrs. Julia Rood O'Rear,
6105 Pershing Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the aunt of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?

2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?

3. Please give your age and state your health.

4. Do you speak English?

5. What other language do you speak?

Age
Condition of Health

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:
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Comm. on Europe, Visits, etc # 116

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QM 293 A-C
Batdorf, Montgomery Schuyler

Honorable Harry B. Hawes,
United States Senate.

Dear Senator Hawes:

I have your letter of November 30, 1929, with reference to the eligibility of Mrs. Julia R. O'Rear, 6105 Pershing Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, to make the pilgrimage to Europe provided for in an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

The records show that Mrs. O'Rear's application for the pilgrimage was based on her status of "loco parentis" to her nephew, the late Corporal Schuyler M. Batdorf, whom she clothed, educated, and reared from infancy.

Under Section 1 of the Act of March 2, 1929 (45 Stat. 1508) eligibility to make the pilgrimage is confined to mothers and widows of the deceased personnel therein defined. Section 4 (a) of the Act defines the term "mother", as used therein, as follows:

"(a) The term 'mother' means mother, stepmother, mother through adoption, or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for the year prior to the commencement of his service in such forces."

Under the above definition, it will be noted that the legal status of "loco parentis" must have existed for the year prior to the commencement of the military service of the deceased. It has been held that a person cannot legally stand in loco parentis to an adult unless such adult is mentally or physically incapacitated. The War Department records show that Corporal Batdorf was twenty-two years and six months of age at the time he entered the military service. As no man who was mentally or physically incapacitated was accepted for military service, it follows that, under the above interpretation of the law, Mrs. O'Rear did not legally stand in loco parentis to her nephew at the time of his entry into the service.

Comm. on Europe, Visits

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Recorded, M. & R. Div., W. D.

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CALLED M & R DIV., W. D.

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DEC 12 1929
M. & R. DIV.

THE ASST. SECYS OFFICE
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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
PATRICK J. HURLEY
Secretary of War

Sincerely yours,

In view of the above, I regret to advise that Mrs. O'Hour does not appear to be eligible to make the pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of the United States.

By comparing the conditions recited in the two acts, it is seen that to be adjudged as standing in loco parentis under the act of March 2, 1928, it is not only necessary for a woman to have stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the service at some time, but it is restricted to the year prior to the commencement of his service.

"The terms 'father and mother' include stepfather and stepmother, father and mother through adoption, and persons who have stood in loco parentis to a member of the military or naval forces at any time prior to his enlistment or induction for a period of not less than one year."

In connection with your statement that Mrs. O'Hour is receiving War Risk Insurance as one standing in loco parentis to this late soldier, the following is quoted from the War Risk Insurance Act:

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Bardorf, Montgomery Schuyler

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QM 293 A-M
Batdorf, Montgomery Schuyler 1232-LP

July 12, 1930.

Mrs. Julia Reed O'Rear,
6105 Pershing Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 7, 1930, with its enclosures, relative to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act approved March 2, 1929.

The affidavits submitted by you have been favorably considered and your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows eligible to make the pilgrimage.

All available cabin space on the steamships being utilized this year for the pilgrimages has already been assigned. It is therefore impossible to make arrangements at this late date for persons whose eligibility has been recently established. Your request to be permitted to sail with the mothers and widows from St. Louis on August 19th cannot be granted.

This office will communicate with you when the plans for the pilgrimage for 1931 are being arranged.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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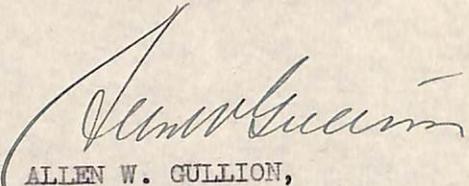
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Subject: Pilgrimage to Europe under Act of March 2, 1929.

1. Disposition slip of December 3, 1929, refers to this office, for remark and recommendation, a draft of letter for the signature of the Secretary of War to Honorable Harry B. Hawes, United States Senate, concerning the eligibility of Mrs. Julia R. O'Rear of St. Louis, Missouri, to make a pilgrimage to Europe to visit the grave of her nephew, the late Corporal Schuyler M. Batdorf.

2. On the facts, as stated in the file in reference, this office concurs in the conclusions stated in the draft, that Mrs. O'Rear is not eligible to make the pilgrimage at the expense of the United States.

For The Judge Advocate General:


ALLEN W. GULLION,
Lieutenant Colonel, J.A.G.D.,
Chief, Military Affairs Section.

1 Incl. - File.

June 30, 1930.

QM 293 A-M
Batdorf, Montgomery Schuyler 1232 LP

Mrs. Julia Rogd O'Rear,
6105 Pershing Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

In further reference to the correspondence from this office relative to your eligibility to visit the grave of your nephew, the late Corporal Montgomery S. Batdorf, you are informed that Section 4 (a) of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, was amended on May 15, 1930, so that it now reads in part as follows: "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for a period of not less than five years at any time prior to the soldier, sailor, or marine becoming 18 years of age."

Under this amendment you may be eligible to make the pilgrimage. In order to satisfy legal requirements it will be necessary for you to furnish as proof of your relationship, in loco parentis, the affidavits of at least two persons who are not related to you.

In the event you consider yourself eligible under this amendment to make the pilgrimage, it is requested that the enclosed form be completed and returned to this office in order that your eligibility may be determined. Under paragraphs 1 (c) and 1 (d) sufficient information should be included to permit an intelligible decision as to eligibility.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Honorable Harry E. Hawes,

United States Senate.

Dear Senator Hawes:

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Under the above definition, it will be noted that the legal status of "loco parentis" must have existed for the year prior to the commencement of the military service of the deceased. It has been held that a person cannot legally stand in loco parentis to an adult unless such adult is mentally or physically incapacitated. The War Department records show that Corporal Batdorf was twenty-two years and six months of age at the time he entered the military service. As no man who was mentally or physically incapacitated was accepted for military service, it follows that, under the above interpretation of the law, Mrs. O'Rear did not legally stand in loco parentis to her nephew at the time of his entry into the service.

In connection with your statement that Mrs. O'Rear is receiving War Risk Insurance as one standing in loco parentis to this late soldier, the following is quoted from the War Risk Insurance Act:

"The terms 'father and mother' include stepfathers and stepmothers, fathers and mothers through adoption, and persons who have stood in loco parentis to a member of the military or naval forces at any time prior to his enlistment or induction for a period of not less than one year."

By comparing the conditions recited in the two Acts, it is seen that to be adjudged as standing in loco parentis under the Act of March 2, 1929, it is not only necessary for a woman to have stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the service at some time, but it is restricted to the year prior to the commencement of his service.

In view of the above, I regret to advise that Mrs. O'Rear does not appear to be eligible to make the pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of the United States.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) PATRICK J. HURLEY

~~Secretary~~ Secretary of War.



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Acting Secretary of War.



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to the G.O.M.G. after mailing.

DO NOT DETACH THIS SLIP

Return accompanying papers to
ROOM 242, STATE, WAR AND NAVY BUILDING

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR

Date December 2, 1929.

Subject: Letter from Harry B. Hawes, M.C. - 11/30/29 -
re to allowing Mrs. Julia R. O'Rear, maternal aunt
of Corporal Schuyler M. Batdorf to make pilgrimage
to grave of Batdorf in Europe.

To: THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

- 1..... Necessary action.
- 2..... Necessary action and direct reply. **Acting**
3. Nec. action and prep. of reply for sig. of ~~The Asst.~~ Secy. of War.
- 4..... Nec. action and prep. of reply for sig. of the Executive.
- 5..... Preparation of memo. to inclose with reply.
- 6..... Preparation of memo. on which to base personal reply.
- 7..... Remark and recommendation.
- 8..... Notation and filing or return.

By direction of *The Assistant Secretary of War:*

W. H. Moseley
W. H. Moseley
Geo. Van Horn Moseley,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Executive.

HARRY B. HAWES
MISSOURI

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D. C.

November 30, 1929.

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Hon. Patrick J. Hurley,
Acting Secretary of War.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

A communication has been received by me from Mrs. Julia R. O'Rear, 6105 Pershing Ave., St. Louis, Missouri, with reference to her eligibility to make the War Mothers Pilgrimage to Europe.

The facts are, as I am advised, that Schuyler M. Batdorf served as a Corporal Company M, 138th Infantry, and lost his life in Europe, and is buried there.

The father and mother of this deceased veteran died while he was an infant. He was taken by Mrs. O'Rear who is his maternal aunt, and was clothed, educated and reared by her, and he was under her care at the time of his enlistment.

His war risk insurance was payable to Mrs. O'Rear, as one standing in Loco Parentis.

This deceased veteran has no other near relative, and in view of the fact that are involved in this case, it

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Hon. Patrick J. Hurley--#2.

would seem that she would come within the provision of
the law.

Will you please give careful consideration
to this matter and advise me if it will be possible for
her to make the pilgrimage.

Cordially yours,

Harry B. Edwards



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Batdorf, Montgomery Schuyler

Honorable Harry B. Hawes,

United States Senate.

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Batdorf, Montgomery Schuyler

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In view of the above, I regret to advise that Mrs. O'Rear does not appear to be eligible to make the pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of the United States.

Sincerely yours,

Acting Secretary of War.

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UNITED STATES SENATE

November 30, 1929.

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Will you please give careful consideration to this matter and advise me if it will be possible for her to make the pilgrimage.

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Cordially yours,

(S) Harry B. Hawes

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138th Infantry
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QM 293 A-C
Batdorf, Montgomery Schuyler

October 1, 1929.

Mrs. Julia Rord O'Rear,
6105 Pershing Avenue,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 12, 1929, relative to your eligibility to visit the grave of the late Corporal Montgomery Schuyler Batdorf, Company M, 138th Infantry, who is buried in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France.

It is assumed that you desire this privilege under the provisions of Section 4(a) of the Act approved March 2, 1929, which states in part "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for the year prior to the commencement of his service in such forces".

It has been held that within the meaning of the law a person cannot stand in loco parentis to an adult unless such adult is mentally or physically incapacitated. No man who was mentally or physically incapacitated was accepted for service in the military or naval forces. Inasmuch as Corporal Batdorf was an adult at the time of the commencement of his service, his age having been 22 years and 6 months, no person could have stood in loco parentis to him for the year prior to his entry into the service. Therefore, I regret to advise that you are ineligible within the meaning of the law to make this pilgrimage at the expense of the Government.

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-C

Batdorf, Montgomery Schuyler

June 29, 1929.

Mrs. Julia Rood O'Rear,
6105 Pershing Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

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 aunt of the late **Spl. Montgomery Schuyler Batdorf, Co. M, 138th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.**

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a 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,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

AG 1-217

WASHINGTON

IN REPLY
REFER TO

AG 201 Batdorf, Montgomery S. (WW)

June 28, 1927

SUBJECT: Date of death

To:

The Quartermaster General,

Washington, D. C.

An investigation recently completed by this office in the case of Montgomery S. Batdorf, Army serial number 1,453,937, Corporal, Company M. 138th Infantry, who was reported to have been killed in action September 27, 1918, shows that the report is erroneous and that this soldier was killed in action September 29, 1918.

By order of the Secretary of War:

Rudolph G. Whitten
Adjutant General.



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Batdorf, Montgomery S.

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In reply refer to:
293 C-R

June 11, 1925

Mrs. Julia Rood O'Rear,
6105 Pershing Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that
the permanent grave of ^{Col. Montgomery Schuyler Batdorf, Casualty}
138th Inf. is No. 32, Row 3, Block E, Meuse-Argonne American cemetery
Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse) France.

This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries
to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be
marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with
name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State
from which he came. 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.

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.

Very truly yours,

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R. O. C.

H. J. Conner,
Assistant.

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Place Romagne 1232.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Feb 9, 1922.

1. REMAINS OF ^{Montgomery} BATDORF, Schuyler, SERIAL NUMBER 1453937.

RANK Cpl. ORGANIZATION Co. M. 138th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : Feb 9, 1922 From (give complete location) : gr 18, sec 14, plot 1, Cty. 1232

By : Group Russell. Unit sec 1

3. Reburied (date) : Feb. 10th 1922 In (give complete location) : Meuse Argonne Cemetery # 1232 Gr 32 block E row 3 unlined casket.

By : Group Re-burial S Unit Nature of reburial

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

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

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

G.R.S. plaque on body illegible. Ca. rd. case found on body with cards inside reading: Montgomery Schuyler Batdorf.

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) do

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) head shattered jaws missing. right humerus radius and ulna missing.

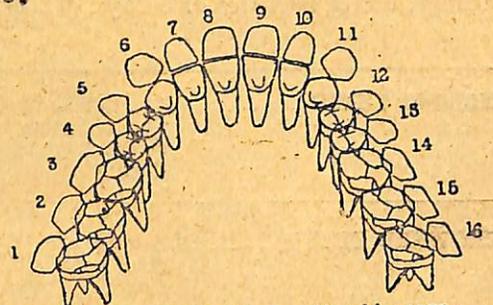
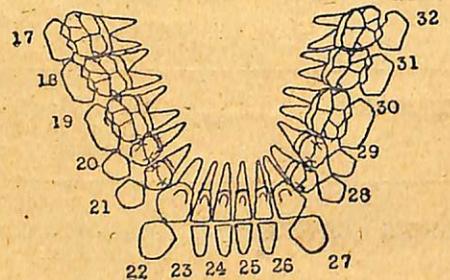


Diagram represents the mouth wide open. head shattered.



7. Disinterment supervised by C.V. Russell C.V. Russell.

Approved : A.E. Dewey A.E. Dewey 1st Lt. Q.M.C. (Title)

8. Reburial supervised by W.B. Shields W.B. Shields

Approved : A.E. Dewey A.E. Dewey, 1st. Lt. Q.M.C. (Title)

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Feb 9 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 ~~BATDORF~~, ^{Montgomery} Schuyler
- 2. No. 1453937
- 3. Rank Cpl.
- 4. Org. Co. M. 138th Inf.
- 5. D.D. Sept. 29th. 1918
- 6. C.D. KIA

- 10. Name _____
- 11. No. _____
- 12. Rank _____
- 13. Org. _____
- 14. (a) D.D. _____
- (b) D.B. None

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- 7. Grave No. 18 Sec. 14
- 8. Plot 1 Row _____
- 9. _____

- 15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
- 16. Plot _____ Row _____
- 17. None

- 18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer.
- 20. Dept. or County Meuse.
- 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. _____

- 19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon
- 21. Country France
- 1232 - 14

- 23. Disinterred (Date) Feb 9 1922
- 24. Inscription on grave marker:

By C V Russell

- Name Schuyler Batdorf
- Rank Cpl.

- Serial No. 1453907
- Organization Co M 138th Inf

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

Rex M Moody
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant
Rex M Moody

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).

GRS plaque on body illegible. Card case found on body with cards inside reading: "Montgomery Schuyler Batdorf".

- 27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable

- 28. Nature of burial Wooden box burlap US Uniform

- 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 Feb 9 1922 By C V Russell

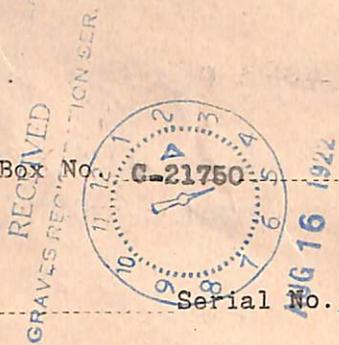
Casket sealed by C V Russell

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor C. V. Russell)
C. V. Russell

AUDITE 31

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.)

Box No. **C-21750**



Serial No. **1453937**

32. Designation of body:

Name **Schuyler BATDORF.**

Rank **Cpl.** Organization **Co. M. 138th Inf.**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. 1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Feb 9 1922**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **Feb 9 1922** By **Coy Russell**

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 **A E Dewey 1st Lt. QMC**

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) **Feb 9 1922** **00**

To point of Concentration **Morgue Romagne**

Convoyer **W J Royed** Signature Shipping Officer **Geo C Bland 1st Lt. QMC**

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred **Meuse-Argonne Cemetery 1232 Feb. 10th 1922.** (Date)

42. Grave No. **00** Section

43. **Block** **E** Row **3**

G.R.S. Representative **A E Dewey 1st Lt. QMC.**

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CEMETERIAL DIVISION
REGISTRATION SECTIONMay 9, 1941. ~~193xxxx~~

MEMO FOR:

Cards Department.

1.

CASE OF:

Co. M, 138th Inf.

ORGANIZATION (old)

BATDRF, 1453937, Schuyler M.

(Name)

Cpl.

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

ORGANIZATION (New)

FILE NO.

SURNAME

SERIAL NUMBER

FIRST NAME AND INITIALS Montgomery Schuyler

RANK

DATE OF DEATH 9/29/18

CAUSE OF DEATH

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

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

BY: Margaret K. McCarthyInvestigation & Adjustment
(Department)5 x 8 card was sent to file.Corrections made
on Organization
File Card:By *mgk*

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WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

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Date 3/28/21.

(SPECIAL)

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-H
Information requested of A.G.O.

File No. Requisition

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

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

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

Adjustment Made
MAY 11 1921
File No. 35935

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

a. Surname	Batdorf ^{OK}	f. Date of death	29 9/27/18
	<i>Montgomery Schuyler</i>	g. Cause of death	K/A ✓
b. Christian name	Schuyler M. (Schuyler M.)	h. Authority (C.O.#)	
c. Serial Number	1453937	i. Emergency address	<i>Henry C. O'Rear</i>
d. Organization	Co. M, 138th Inf. ^{OK}	j. Relationship	<i>uncle</i> 6105 Berlin Ave.
e. Rank	Cpl. ^{OK}	DENTAL CHARTS	<i>St. Louis mo.</i>

NOTED FORM 115
DATE 4-2-21

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

a. Age of enlistment	
b. Color of eyes	a. Strike out teeth missing
c. Color of hair	8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
d. Height	upper right upper left
e. Weight	8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)	lower right lower left

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

BY:

[Signature]
H. J. CONNER, N
1st. Lieut. Q.M.C.

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EP8 3/29/21 W8

CW
CEMETERY NO: 1232 -Sec. 14

SHEET NO: 8
TYPED BY: JBC

713/LML

Rec'd S & S Div., A.G.O.

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AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE; April, 15th 1919.

Reference-35935.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.
TO : John T. Nugent, State Secty., K. of C. 3459 Olive St.,
St. Louis, Mo.
SUBJECT : Corp. M.S. Batdorf, Co., M. 138th Infantry, American E.F.

1. In reply to your letter of inquiry, with reference to the re-
gretted death of this soldier, according to the records at these headquarters
he is buried in the Commune at ~~EXERMONT~~, Department of the ~~ARDENNES~~.

2. The grave location has not as yet been confirmed by
the field force of this Service, but the notification of burial has
been made to us, as herein stated, and is officially entered.

By direction

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

(Enclosures G.R.S.:)
(10-B, .004.5) Per MAURICE B. DIX,
Captain, American Red Cross
Representative assigned to
Graves Registration Service.

MBD-cb

American Expeditionary Forces Knights of Columbus

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CABLE ADDRESS
KNICOLUM PARIS
WESTERN UNION UNIVERSAL EDITION

*Overseas Headquarters
16 Place de la Madeleine
Paris - France*

February 22, 1919.

TÉLÉPHONES :
LOUVRE : 11.36
" : 13.07
" : 13.26

From: C.P.Shea, 16 Place de la Madeleine, Paris.
To: Graves Registration Service, France.
Subject: Sergeant M.S. Batdorf, Co. M., 138th Infy.

1. We have an enquiry from John T. Nugent, State Secretary, Knights of Columbus, 3459 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo., regarding burial place of above-named soldier.

2. Your communication of January 24, 1919, states that all such inquiries must be turned over to you for reply direct.

3. The above is submitted for your kind attention.

HHA.

Knights of Columbus,
Inquiry Department.
C. P. Shea -
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C.P.Shea.

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

FILE NUMBER 35935

FROM:- A. R. E.

DATE: 3/4/19

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME BATDORF M. S.

NUMBER

RANK SGT. ORGANIZATION Co. M, 138th INF.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	① card shows Batdorf, 1453937 Schuyler, M. Corp. Co. M. 138th Inf
2.	Date of Death.	② 9-27-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	③ K/a.
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	④ ee # 293
5.	Date buried.	⑤ Between Oct. 5-13-18
6.	Grave Location.	⑥ emme # 209 Exermont (Ardennes)
	(a) Complete record required.	e. L. 209-888
	(b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	35 S.E. E-302.8. N. 279-9
7.	Who reported burial?	⑦ # B. 298
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
11.	Who is nearest relative?	⑪ H.C. O'Rear (uncle)
12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	# 6105 Berlin Ave. St Louis mo.
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	⑫ yes. 2-4-19
14.	What is the Photograph No?	

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

3-10-19
K.

Reference 35935

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American Expeditionary Forces
Headquarters Service of Supplies
Office of the Chief Quartermaster - American E. F.
Graves Registration Service
France.

January 24, 1919.

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E. F.
TO: Inquiry Department, Knights of Columbus, 16 Place de la Madeleine, Paris.
SUBJECT: Sergeant M. S. Batdorf, Co. M., 138th Inf.

(1) In reply to your letter of December 6th, in respect of place of burial of the above named soldier, beg to advise you that a burial report has not as yet been received here. Inquiry is being made, and I would ask that you kindly send me the name and address of the person making the inquiry, in order that, as soon as I receive definite burial information, that person may be notified direct.

(2) In the future will you kindly note that the rules at present in force, governing the dissemination of burial information provide that all inquiries, under this heading, received by any organizations in France, must be referred to these headquarters for reply direct.

By direction CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Lieut.-Colonel, Q.M.C., A.E.F.

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

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File No. 35935

NO. - REGISTERED BROTHER, G.R.S.

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FILE NUMBER

From: - ARC

Date: 1/10/19

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME BATDORF, M. S.

NUMBER

RANK SGT. ORGANIZATION Co. M, 138 INF.

No.	Question	Reply
✓ 1	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	N.B. All Proper names to be printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS
✓ 2	Date of Death	(1) Batdorf Schuyler M. 1453937 Corp. CO. M. 138th Infantry
✓ 3	Cause and place of death	(2) 9-27-18
4	Number of Casualty Cablegram	(3) Killed in action
5	Date buried	(4) G.C. #293
✓ 6	Grave Location (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required	(6) <i>NO Burial Inf</i>
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?	(11) <i>W.C. O'Hear (Uncle 605 - Berlin avenue St Louis Mo</i>
✓ 12	Has W/R been notified? (Give date)	(12) 0
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.?	

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1-18-19
No information
C. O. Cannon

Eng. 111 B.
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American Expeditionary Forces
Knights of Columbus

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KNICOLUM PARIS
WESTERN UNION UNIVERSAL EDITION

TÉLÉPHONES:
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Overseas Headquarters
16, Place de la Madeleine
Paris - France

December
6th 1918

From: Knights of Columbus, 16 Place de la
Madeleine, Paris.

To: Graves Registration Bureau, Tours,
Indre et Loire.

Subject: Inquiry inre- burial place of
SGT M. S. Batdorf

Please advise us of your record of the
burial place of SGT. M. S. Batdorf, formerly a member of
Company M., 138 Infantry, who was killed in action, Sept-
ember 27th.

Knights of Columbus,
Inquiry Department.

C. P. Shea



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4/10/19

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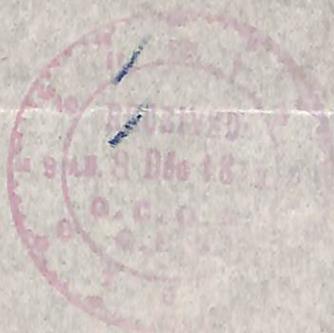
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C. P. Shea.



COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #35935

(a) Name ~~BATDORF~~ ^{Montgomery Schuyler} ~~Schuyler M.~~ Ser. No. 1453937
(b) Rank Cpl. Organization Co.M, 138th Infantry
(c) Date of death 9/27/18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. DMA
CKR. 30

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

(a) Grave No. 18 Row - Plot 1 Sec. 14 TYP. DMA
(b) Emerg. Address H. C. O'Rear (Uncle) 6105 Berlin Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases CKR. 30

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Julia Ross O'Rear (b) Relationship foster mother and aunt
(c) Address Omitted
(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 HR Date 8-26, 1920

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

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

Examiner's Initials HR Date 8-26, 1920

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

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? no HR

Examiner's Initials HR Date 8-26, 1920

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232-Sec. 14 SHEET No. 8

100 Cases

[Handwritten signatures and notes]

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

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 1920
letter on 4/5, 1920

Sec 14
Par 2 not to be returned SPA
Batdorf, Montgomery Schuyler

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

B. A. N. R. Mrs. Julia Rood O'Keefe (Aunt)
6105 Pershing Ave, St Louis, Missouri
(4-18-21)
E. M.

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

Rosenbusch

A. G. O. Card & Corr. *3-26-21*

Discrepancies

Name *✓*

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks *E. A. S.*

G. R. S. Corr.

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

Chackers

Discrepancies

Name

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Org.

Remarks *H. P. S. A.*

W. S. A. S.
3-28-21

check & H. P.

S-1357/MB *3-26-21*

OSP-SS
Form No. 1009

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION.

*Please
File
C-84967*

Harlow, C.W.

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER	CIMETERY NO.	DATE
<i>Montgomery Schuyler</i> Batdorf, Schuyler M., Cpor.	1232-Sec.14-8	3/28/21.
SERIAL NUMBER	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
1453937	Co. M, 138th Inf.	9/27/18.

Copy forwarded to

Adjustment Department

Date

4-18-21 E.M.

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE April 13, 1921.

Mrs. Julia Rood O'Rear, Aunt
PERSON NAMED BY SOLDIER TO BE BENEFICIARY OF INSURANCE RELATIONSHIP

6105 Pershing Ave., St. Louis, Missouri.

ADDRESS

PERSON RECEIVING DEATH COMPENSATION RELATIONSHIP

ADDRESS

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

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File #35935

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 (c) Date of death 9/27/18 (d) Cause of death K/A } 270

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III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases _____ CKR. 270

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 4/5, 1921

Sec 14
Par 2, not to be returned SPA
Batdorf, Montgomery Schuyler

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. _____

Batdorf, Montgomery
Schuyler
1,453,937
Cpl. Co. M. 138th Inf.

France

Meuse-Agonne

Co. M 138th Infantry
35th Div

BARDORF, Schnyber M. - Corp 1453937
Home: 6105 Berlin Ave
St Louis

Killed by a high explosive shell Sept 29 1918

Informant: BATES, Oral E - Sgt 1454093
Co. M 138th Infantry
Home: Wanrutow Mo.

Emergency address:
H.C. O'KRAR
6105 Berlin Ave.
St. Louis

Searcher: Chap. Edwin A. Shraver
138th Infantry

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