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MAR 10 1926

DATE 12/3/21

1. NAME BATES, John H.

SERIAL No. 3173951

RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION Co.L., 28th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Arg.Amer.Cty,Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse)-1232,Sec.33
CTY. NAME NUMBER

91 Sec.33 2
GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

Exermont, Ardennes

GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES Verdun 35 NE 280.5 N 301.4 E

CONCENTRATED TO 6/7/19 91 Sec 33 2
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse Argonne Cemetery 1232
CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on body and on peg over body.

DATE OF DEATH Oct. 15, '18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Penna.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED Cite in Let. of 1st. Div. dated Jan. 1, 1920

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS
ccg. 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 12/3/21 26 34 Block B.
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse-Argonne Amer.Cty.1232,Romagne-sous-Montfaucon,Meuse.

CEMETERY

AUDITED BY
B.W. - 3-28-23.

A.G.O.
MAR 11 1926
WORLD WAR DIV.

2/3

Reped. MIA route CC337
Dropped. 8411 249 R H 10/15/18

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

H 901250

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bates 317, 295 John H.
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt. Co L Not Known
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL 10/15/18

PLACE OF BURIAL South of Exermont

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

X. 2. a 327

GRAVE NUMBER 3

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 Gunn Pvt. 4
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

RECEIVED
3 - FEB 1919
C.R.S.
W. M.

CC 327

CC 421
Sub Pac 1913

Oct 15 1918

Co L 28th Inf.
1st Division

BATES, John R.- Pvt 3173951

No information available.

Signed : H. Dacus

1st Lieut. 28th Inf.
Commanding Co L.

A/A/.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Remains of :

NAME: BATES John H. NUMBER: 3173951.

RANK: Ukn ORGANIZATION: Ukn

DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL MADE BY GROUP: UNIT:

DISINTERRED: (Date) FROM: (Give complete location)
7th June 1919. Grave ISOLATED.

T EXERMONE ARDENNES.

35 Ne. # 301.4 N280.5

REBURIED (Date) IN: (Give complete location)
7th June 1919 Grave 91. sec 33. plot 2.

1232

ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY. # 1232.

ROMAGNE MEUSE.

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

Burial good. In Uniform Badly decomposed;

Was one identification tag found upon the body ? Yes

What other means of identification were found on the body ? None.

INDEXED No. 11388
11388

Note:

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

Supervised by: Lt. Stein.

R. H. ROSENTHAL
and Lieut. Q.M.G.U.S.A.
G.O. Group Unit

Bates, John H.
Prof.

Pennsylvania

GOLD STAR MOTHERS PILGRIMAGE

S.S.AMERICA, JULY 30, 1930

Cambria County

Name: Mrs. Harriet Bates (0-3)

Address: 901 Johnson Ave., Portage, Pa.

Route: Pennsylvania R.R. to New York

Lv. Portage Train No. 682	7.10 A.M., July 28
Ar. Altoona	8.10 A.M., July 28
Lv. Altoona Train No. 26	10.19 A.M., July 28
Ar. New York (Penna. Station)	5.15 P.M., July 28

Accommodations: Coach Service Portage to Altoona
Parlor Car Seat Altoona to New York

Elapsed Time: 10 hours 5 minutes *1/2*

HGT

MM

HEADQUARTERS
American Graves Registration Service in Europe
20 Rue Molitor, Paris.

August 14, 1930.

Cablegram.

LCD- HENRY BATES
NINE HUNDRED ONE JOHNSON AVENUE
PORTAGE PENNSYLVANIA

MRS HARRIET BATES PASSED AWAY QUIETLY AT VERDUN FRANCE FIVE MINUTES
AFTER SIX EVENING THURSDAY AUGUST FOURTEENTH STOP YOU WILL BE
IMMEDIATELY ADVISED UPON COMPLETION OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR RETURN OF
REMAINS TO UNITED STATES STOP IN EVENT YOU DESIRE TO COMMUNICATE
ANY SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS ADDRESS CABLE TO PILGRIMAGE PARIS

ELLIS

Official Business:

Richard T. Ellis,
Colonel, U. S. Army,
Officer in Charge.

VIA COMMERCIAL CABLE CO.

59 Words.

Charge to American Graves Registration Service.

Copies to:
Telegraph Off (20)
Off. Mil. Att. (2)
Fin. Br. AGRS (1)
AGRS Rec (2)
GSM Off. (2)
Chief AGRS (1)

E. Soulina

MEDICAL RECORD

Bates, John H.
Capt., Col., 289th.

Station: Party "O", group 1, Paris

Date: August 9th, 1930.

Name Bates, Mrs. Harriett

Home address 901 Johnson Ave., Portage Pa.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Mr. Henry Bates

901 Johnson Ave., Portage Pa. (husband)

Religion Christian Science

Age 69

History of Present complaint: Constipation *Mother stated that she had had an auto accident not long before leaving home, but had recovered.*
 8-14-30 a few minutes after 7 am this day, this mother was found by her room mate Mrs Ferguson to be unconscious and breathing with difficulty.
 At 3 am Mrs Bates was up and moving about room returning to bed in apparent good condition at that time. When seen by doctor at about 7:15 was found unconscious, with flacid paralysis over all limbs, left pupil dilated and fixed right reacting slightly to lights. B.P. 140-90
 Heart irregular, pulse steady. Chest filled with fluids.
 Seen by Dr. Senique in consultation. Diagnosis confirmed. Prognosis hopeless.
 (over)

INSTRUCTIONS. — This card will be started in all cases of Pilgrims requiring medical attention by the Medical Officer or Nurse first rendering such attention. Subsequently it will be carried by the nurse in attendance upon the group to which the Pilgrim is assigned. All Medical Officers rendering any assistance in the case will make an appropriate entry which will include date, time and signature. Upon final disposition of the case the Nurse in charge will deliver the card to the Office of the Chief Surgeon. Pilgrims sent to the American Hospital will be accompanied by this card properly completed, which will be authority for admission, in which case a duplicate card will be made and sent without delay to the Office of the Chief Surgeon.

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates) 8-14-30 Cerebral Hemorrhage, general.

Mother who was in room with Mrs Bates stated that she had not complained of any thing. She was apparently perfectly all right when she retired night of 8-13-30. She was up to toilet at 3 A.M. and put the light out herself. She did disturb the other mother after this time by her loud breathing, but they fearing to disturb her (Mrs Bates) permitted her to continue her snoring. They did not realize any thing was wrong until they arose

Treatment and Progress: (include dates)

8-9-30 - Cascara Sagrada pill $\dot{+}$

8-10-30 - Brandy 15 cc.

8-14-30 - ~~Hydr~~ Camphor - amp 1. 10-30 am. and attempted to awaken Mrs Bates & dress.

From the moment that this mother was found at about 7:15 am. she has gradually gone down - Pulse has been intermittent and at times not to be found. Her whole body flacid with no perception of pain. At first slight reaction from plantar surfaces of feet. Slight drawing of face to right. Chest filling slowly with fluid.

Disposition: (include dates) At 4 P.M. - 8-14-30 pulse perceptible at times only - left slow nystagmus. Breathing labored and noisy with much fluid in chest.
no odor of uraemia.

Remarks: Urinalysis 8 am. - Pos. for albumin - Neg for sugar.

Expired at 6:05 P.M. Aug 14, 1930
Verden, France

Arrived 5;15 P. M. July 28th met by Capt Morrill Ross and escorted to Penna. Hotel where she occupied room with Mrs. Margaret Hawksworth.

Occupied cabin #36 with Mrs. Rebecca H. White and Mrs. Elizabeth Sage. Two pieces of baggage.

DIED August 14, 1930.

Guaranty Trust Company of New York

4 Place, de la Concorde -:- PARIS

R. C. Seine 121-216

STATEMENT OF FOREIGN MONIES SOLD

16-6

AMOUNT	RATE	FRANCS
<i>Duplicate</i> <i>\$ 17.50</i>	<i>25 43</i>	<i>445 40</i>

Client signature
and address

Tellers initials



DATE

18/8/2

Name BATES, Mrs. Harriet

HOTEL AMBASSADOR

Paris Hôtel BOULEVARD HAUSSMANN

Home address 901 Johnson Ave., Portage, Cambria Co., Pennsylvania.

Party 0 Group I Unit ~~§§~~ AMERICA

Date of arrival Aug 8, 1930 Date of departure ~~§§~~ "HARDING" Aug 19, 1930

Relationship Mother, age 69.

Name of deceased BATES, John H.

Rank Pvt Organization

Cemetery Meuse-Argonne

REMARKS

Mrs. H. Bates, age 69 years, Cerebral Hemorrhage (apoplexy) Verdun. Prognosis for recovery is poor. Notify W.D. & nearest relative.

Mrs. Bates died at Verdun, Cerebral hemorrhage. 6.05 p.m. August 14th 1930.

The remains of Mrs. Bates were brought back to Paris on August 16th .
Casket arrived at Cherbourg on Aug. 19th. The transfer from the train to the ~~SS~~ President Harding was made on Aug. 19th. Major F.B. Carlock, Inf., Liaison Officer with Party "N" sailing on the ~~SS~~ HARDING on Aug. 19th was detailed to accompany the remains to Portage, Pa. He was instructed to take charge of the personal effects and clothing of Mrs. Bates and to deliver them to her family.
(See file "Report of the death of Mrs. Bates)

Witness as to mark
{ Helen Mahan
{ Ruth Davis.

Mrs. Harriet ^{her} Mark Bates



WAR DEPARTMENT
 "PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"
 ROOM 901
 225 WEST 34TH ST., NEW YORK, N. Y.

BATES, JOHN H - M.A.

Party 0

Number 2762

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

MRS. HARRIET BATES

..... Actual cost of through Pullman.
 Name of Traveler

PORTAGE, CAMBRIA COUNTY

New York, to PORTAGE, PA.

Home Address

PENNSYLVANIA

\$ *256 Guasson*

PORTAGE, PA.

New York, to
 Destination

PENN. TO DEST.

Via

TICKET EXPIRES:

AUGUST 31, 1930

SEPT. 25, 1930

Date of Departure

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	Car	U. S. G. Order No.	Actual Cost
LV PENN. STA.	PRR.	25	8 31	700A				
AR CRESSON	"	"	" "	112P				2,55
LV "	"	665	" "	118P				
AR PORTAGE	"	"	" "	501P				
LV								
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TOTAL

Remarks:

Died in France

not P.R.S.

WAR DEPARTMENT
 "PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"
 ROOM 901
 225 WEST 34TH ST., NEW YORK, N. Y.

Party O - N

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LV	Pen Sta	Pen	37	8/27	930PM			
AR	Portage							
LV								
AR								
LV	myr F D. Carlloch -							
AR	my to Portage return						WY-1023855	2498
LV	1 train not Portage						WY-1023834	875
AR	1 train Portage to NY						WY-1023835	875
LV								
AR								
LV								
AR								

TOTAL

Remarks:

DIED IN FRANCE

1373

2762

NAME BATES, MRS. HARRIET

2762

S.S. ROOSEVELT

AUG 30 1930

HOME PORTAGE, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PA.

R.R. Penn to dest

STATION

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE

~~Sept 25 - 30~~

Mr. George H. Bate
901 Johnson Ave
Portage
Pa

Turned over to May Carlock
Sept 27, 1930 22018

Dead in France

Returned on S/S Harding
Aug 27, 1930. Party 11

May Carlock

GFRT*BF

File 201 - Bates, Mrs. Henry

September 17th, 1930.

Mr. Henry Bates,
901 Johnson Avenue,
Portage, Penna.

Dear Sir:

There has been shipped to you this date by express prepaid, one box containing enlarged photograph of the grave of the late Private John H. Bates, the property of the late Mrs. Henry Bates, mother of the deceased soldier.

This box was forwarded from the Paris Office of the War Mothers and Widows Pilgrimage, with the request that it be shipped to your address.

Very truly yours,

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

NON-NEGOTIABLE **SU****88-727 PREPAID**

New York, N. Y.

Date

19

Received from

Address

Subject to the Classifications and Tariffs in Effect on Date of Issue

Article

Weight

Consigned to

At

Number

Street

City

State

Value herein declared
by Shipper to be

Dollars

Which the Company agrees to carry upon the terms and conditions printed on the back hereof,
to which the shipper agrees, and as evidence thereof, accepts and signs this receipt.

For the Shipper

For the Company

Express Charges

Value Charges

C. O. D.

Return
Charges

Date

No. Pieces	Weight	Express Chgs.
1	9 1/2 lb	52
C. O. D.	Declared Value	Value Charges
Return Charges	52	X

NOTE

The Company will not pay over \$50, in case of loss, or 50 cents per pound, actual weight, for any shipment in excess of 100 pounds, unless a greater value is declared and charges for such greater value paid,

DUPLICATE

Sept. 11-26

COMBINED ENTRY, MANIFEST, AND RECEIPT

This form to be used on trains, roads, bridges, ferries, docks, etc., when value is less than \$100 and for collection of duties on crew baggage. Private invoice, if any, to be attached.

United States Customs Service

District No. 10 Port of San Francisco, Sept 11, 19

Goods imported by _____

Address _____

in the _____ from _____ on _____, 19

MARKS AND NUMBERS	DESCRIPTION OF GOODS	VALUE DOLLARS ONLY	RATE	DUTY OR FINE
	QUANTITY <u>1 Photograph</u>			

No **1722296** Appraiser or examiner will note his action above. Total, \$ _____

CASHIER'S STAMP

Declared to before me

on Sept 11, 19

I declare that the above statement is a just, true, and complete account of all articles and their values brought into the United States by me or the person named above on the vessel or conveyance and on the date stated above, and that I paid the above amount or received the merchandise free of duty.

_____ of Customs.

_____ Importer.

If payment is made in customhouse deliver original and duplicate to importer to be presented to cashier with payment. Duplicate will be stamped or marked paid and returned as receipt. Triplicate to remain in book.

HEADQUARTERS IN EUROPE
AMERICAN PILGRIMAGE GOLD STAR ~~MOTHERS~~ AND WIDOWS
146 AVE. DES CHAMPS-ELYSEES

TELEPHONE:

ELYSEES 62-74

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ELYSEES INTER. 208

PARIS, FRANCE

September 6, 1930.

Colonel B. O. Davis,
Liaison Officer, Party "Q",
American Gold Star Pilgrimage.

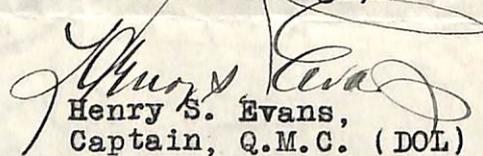
My dear Colonel:-

Transmitted herewith is a box addressed to Mr. Henry Bates, 901 Johnson Avenue, Portage, Pa. It is requested that you deliver this package to Pilgrimage Headquarters in New York City, and have the same shipped by express to Mr. Bates.

For your information, and that of the U. S. Customs Officials at New York, advise that this box contains an enlarged photograph of the grave of Private John H. Bates, an American Soldier who is buried in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France. The photograph is in a passapartout mounting, under glass.

You will recall that Mrs. Henry Bates, mother of the deceased soldier, and a member of Party "O" of the Gold Star Pilgrimage, died at Verdun, France, while on the Pilgrimage to the grave of her son. Mr. Henry Bates, to whom the photograph is being transmitted, is the father of the soldier.

For the Officer in Charge,


Henry S. Evans,
Captain, Q.M.C. (DOL)
Adjutant.

*9/16/30.
May pass on
Form 5119. E. S. Evans
art.*

A. TICKERHOFF
Funeral Director

Portage, Pa.
Sept. 3, 1930.

Jon. F. Cottrell
Major, C. A. C. (DOL)
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith statement and duplicates of the funeral expenses of Mrs. Harriet Bages, as requested by you.

In my former statement I had listed the following:

Equipment: Palms & Ferns	\$8.00
Gloves:-----	3.00

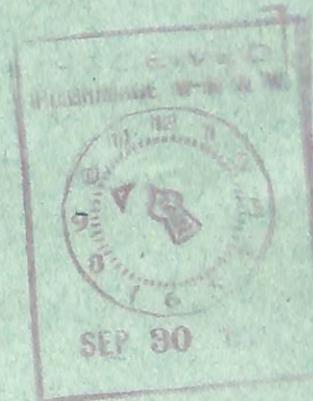
which you informed me to omit.

The equipment included some necessary items, and for further itemizing would be

Use of Door Badge	3.00
Use of Pedestals	2.00
Use of Palms & Ferns	3.00

The reason for itemizing in order to find it out if these expenses are payable by the government so that I may bill family for same.

Very truly yours,
Albert L. Tickerhoff.



COPY

A. TICKERHOOF
Funeral Director

Portage, Pa.
Sept. 1st., 1930.

Hq. Port of Embarkation,
War Mothers and Widows,
225 West 34th Street,
New York, N.Y.

Burial of Mrs. Harriet Bates.

Transporting the body to House	\$ 5.00
Equipment; Palms & Ferns	8.00
Delivery of Outer Box to Cemetery	2.00
Hearse Hire	15.00
Grass Grave Decoration & Lowering Device	10.00
Personal Service and Attendants	15.00
Gloves	3.00
Opening of Grave	30.00
	<u>\$88.00</u>

I certify that the above statement is correct and just
and that payment thereof has not been received.

Albert L. Tickerhoof,
Funeral Director.

September 18, 1930 - Copy to Captain Morrill Ross, F.A. (DOL),
for his information and guidance.

J.F.C.
J.F.C.

CLASS OF SERVICE

This is a full-rate Telegram or Cablegram unless its deferred character is indicated by a suitable sign above or preceding the address.

WESTERN UNION

SIGNS

DL = Day Letter
 NM = Night Message
 NL = Night Letter
 LCO = Deferred Cable
 NLT = Cable Night Letter
 WLT = Week-End Letter

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

The filing time as shown in the date line on full-rate telegrams and day letters, and the time of receipt at destination as shown on all messages, is STANDARD TIME.

Received at

INDIANAPOLIS 225 WEST 34 ST. IN. I.

1930 AUG 27 PM 1 43

N74 6 COLLECT=PRR PORTAGE PENN 27 110P

COLONEL WILLIAMS=

225 WEST 34 ST=

LETTER RECEIVED ARRANGEMENTS ARE SATISFACTORY=

GEORGE H BATES.



FRANK A. DUGGAN
PRESIDENT
AND
MANAGING DIRECTOR

CABLE ADDRESSES
MCALPIN NEW YORK
HOTALPIN NEW YORK

HOTEL MC ALPIN

BROADWAY AT 34TH STREET

NEW YORK CITY

Copy

Mr George Bates
901 Johnson Ave
Portage Pa.

Dear Mr. Bates -

I wish to express sympathy
for the family in your bereavement
and advise you that the remains
of Mrs. Harriet Bates, who
died at Verdun Aug 14 are
being returned to the U.S. on
the A.G. President Harding
arriving N.Y. Aug. 27.

They will go forward, ^{same date} ~~at~~
escorted by Major Carlock, arriving
Portage 5:30 A.M. Aug. 28 on Pa. train
number 61 which will ^{make special} stop at Portage

ONE BLOCK FROM PENNSYLVANIA STATION

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File 201 - Bates, Mrs. Harriet - Deceased

August 27th, 1930.

SUBJECT: Mrs. Harriet Bates - Deceased

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

1. There is returned herewith for adjustment, the Westbound Contract Ticket of the late Mrs. Harriet Bates of Party "O", who died in France.

2. This ticket was cancelled with the United States Lines, Paris Office, and is being returned for rate adjustment, as body of this pilgrim was shipped on the S.S. Harding August 19th, 1930.

For Officer In Charge:

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

1 Enc:

Westbound Contract Ticket - S.S. President Roosevelt.

Reg # 381748
8/27 P.P.X. 'W'
see 519 8/27

AEW:F

Pilgrimage, War Mothers & Widows,
R. 901, 225 West 34th St.,
New York City, N.Y.

VIA WESTERN UNION

Mr. George Bates,
901 Johnson Avenue,
Portage, Pennsylvania.

S. E. R. TAYLOR,
1st Lieut., Q.M. Corps.

August 27, 1930

PLEASE WIRE COLONEL WILLIAMS TWO TWENTY FIVE WEST THIRTY FOURTH STREET NEW YORK
CITY COLLECT IF LETTER RECEIVED AND ARRANGEMENTS SATISFACTORY

COLDWELLWILLIAMS

JAMES E WINTERBOTTOM
FUNERAL DIRECTOR
CITY OF NEW YORK

Funeral of

Mrs. Harriet Bates

AUG. 27th 1930.	Procuring Health Permits and Customs Release Port of New York	10
	Porters at Dock and Railroad depot	8
	Personal time and attendance, making call shipping arrangements and receiving remains at Hoboken	10
	Hearse from Pier in Hoboken to Pennsylvania depot in Manhattan and waiting time	20
	Ferriage through Holland Tube for hearse	1
	Telephones and incidental expense	1

\$50.

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE BILL IS CORRECT
AND JUST AND THAT PAYMENT THEREFOR HAS NOT
BEEN RECEIVED.

JAMES E WINTERBOTTOM

BILLED IN TRIPLICATE.



James B Winterbottom
Funeral Director
City of New York

Funeral of:-

Mrs. Harriet Bates

Aug. 27th, 1930.

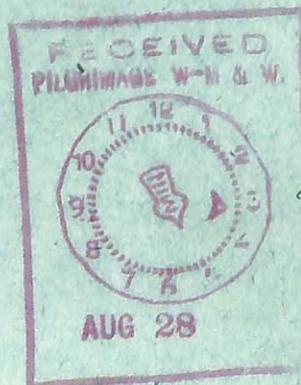
One floral wreath "Sympathy of the
War Department"

\$25.00

I certify that the above bill is
correct and just and that payment therefor
has NOT been received.

James B. Winterbottom

Billed in triplicate.



WAR DEPARTMENT
"PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"
ROOM 901
225 WEST 34TH ST., NEW YORK, N. Y.

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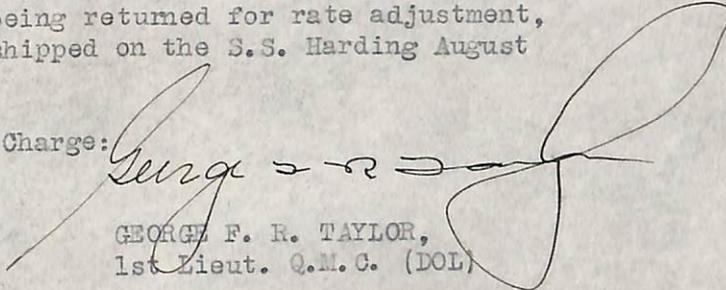
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For Officer In Charge:


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

1 Enc:

Westbound Contract Ticket - S.S. President Roosevelt.

QM 293 A-M Bates, John H. 1232

1st Ind.

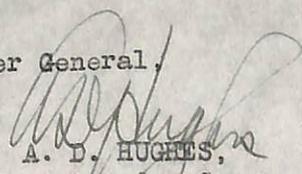
August 30, 1930

Officer in Charge, Pilgrimage Port of Embarkation, New York City.

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of Westbound Contract Ticket in favor of Mrs. Harriet Bates, a pilgrim who sailed with Party "O".

For The Quartermaster General,




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

COPY

POSTAL TELEGRAPH

NA 45 113 CABLE

PARIS AUG 20 1930

LCD PILGRIMAGE

NEW YORK (WAR DEPARTMENT PILGRIMAGE WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS
R901 225 WEST 34 ST)

STEAMSHIP HARDING SAILED ELEVEN THIRTY EVENING AUGUST NINETEENTH STOP
TWO HUNDRED TWENTY ONE PILGRIMS PARTY N AND MISS TOWNSEND NURSE FOR
PARTY STOP MRS RAVA MRS LOUISA SCHMIDT MRS PRESSLY BROWN AND MRS
DININO REMAINING EUROPE OWN EXPENSE STOP MRS E PARIS AND L SCHAFMAN
PARTY M RETURNING WITH PARTY N STOP TOTAL TWO HUNDRED TWENTYTHREE STOP
REMAINS MRS HARRIET BATES DECEASED PARTY C BEING RETURNED TO HOME PORTAGE
PENNSYLVANIA STOP MAJOR CARLOCK LIAISON OFFICER DESIGNATED ESCORT AUTHORITY
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL STOP FLAG AND EVERGREEN WREATH FURNISHED BY THIS
OFFICE STOP REQUEST YOUR OFFICE ARRANGE SHIPMENT REMAINS NEW YORK TO HOME
AND ISSUE TRAVEL ORDERS MAJOR CARLOCK COMMA ALSO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL WREATH
NATURAL FLOWERS

ELLIS

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Copy to: Major Ashcraft
Lieut. Taylor
Mr. Moriarty
Mr. Baulsir
Mr. Ilitz
Mr. Dobbs
File

HEADQUARTERS IN EUROPE
AMERICAN PILGRIMAGE GOLD STAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS
146 AVE. DES CHAMPS-ELYSEES

TELEPHONE:

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PARIS, FRANCE
Aug 18, 1930.

Subject: Return of steamship ticket for Mrs Harriette Bates.

To: Colonel A.E. Williams. Officer in Charge Pilgrimage
Port of Embarkation. 901 Pennsylvania Building.
225 West 34 Street. New York.

1: There is being returned herewith Ocean Contract Ticket
N° G.B.4487I for Mrs Harriet Bates, member of Gold Star Mother
Pilgrimage, party O, who died in France.

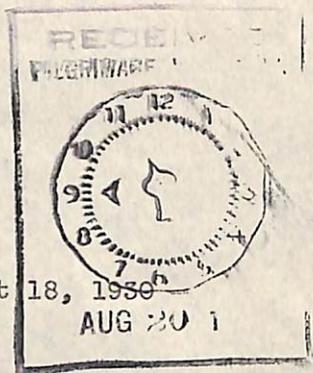
This ticket was cancelled with the United States Lines,
Paris Office, and is being returned for the rate adjustment in
New York, as body of this pilgrim is being shipped on the s.s.
HARDING August 19, 1930.



Richard T. Ellis
Colonel
United States Army
Executive Officer.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON



201 Bates Mrs. Williams

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Bates, John H. - 1232

August 18, 1930

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SUBJECT: Death of Mrs. Harriet Bates.

TO: Col. A. E. Williams, O.C. Port of Embarkation, M & W Pilgrimage, Room 901, Pennsylvania Bldg., 225 West 34th Street, New York City.

1. Herewith is a copy of cablegram relative to the death of Mrs. Harriet Bates, which occurred at Verdun, France.

2. The remains of Mrs. Bates will be returned to the United States on the SS HARDING, leaving Cherbourg on August 19th. Major Carlock has been designated to escort these remains to Mrs. Bates' home and render such assistance as is possible to the family in their bereavement. It is desired that you arrange for the shipping of this body and that you direct Major Carlock to remain at the home of Mrs. Bates for the funeral and render such assistance as he is able to. He should be instructed to see that there is a flag accompanying the remains and take steps to provide a wreath for the funeral, similar to that provided in the two other cases handled by your office.

3. Should it develop that the remains and casket are not in a satisfactory condition, an undertaker should be employed to prepare the remains in a satisfactory manner. Major Carlock should make these arrangements and see that this is done to the satisfaction of the relatives. In other words, he should be instructed to look out for the various details in the same manner that the two other cases were handled by officers detailed by your office.

4. Colonel Ellis has been instructed to see that Major Carlock is thoroughly informed relative to the circumstances surrounding the death of Mrs. Bates, in order that he may convey this information to the relatives.

For The Quartermaster General:

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

Encl.
Copy Cablegram 8-14-30

*Mr. George Bates
901 Johnson Ave
Portage Pa*

*File
Aug 27*

GGB/JB

August 18th 1930

Subject: Information concerning the death of Mrs. Henry Bates,
Party "O"

To: Major F.D. Carlock, Liaison Officer, Party "N",
S/S "President Harding"

1. In compliance with cablegram 2182 August 15 from the Adjutant General, United States Army, the following extracts from the Medical records of Mrs. Henry Bates, Meuse-Argonne group, Party "O", who died at the Nouvel Hotel at Verdun, August 14th 1930, is furnished for your information, so that you may be in a position to inform her family concerning the circumstances of her death:

Mrs. Bates arrived in Paris August 8th 1930. On the evening of August 9th she was given a cascara pill by the nurse for the relief of constipation. She had no other complaints. She remained with the group and accompanied them on the bus trip to Verdun on August 13th, arriving at the Nouvel Hotel in the late afternoon. She was quartered in a room with two other Pilgrims who report that after dinner she was apparently in perfect health and retired at the same time they did.

About 3 a.m. of the morning of August 14th, Mrs. Fergusson, one of her room-mates, reported that Mrs. Bates went to the toilet. She was quiet, put the light on and out by herself and returned to bed. Shortly after this, possibly an hour or so, the two pilgrims sharing the room with Mrs. Bates, were somewhat disturbed by her loud breathing but they feared to disturb her and permitted her to continue her snoring. They did not realize anything was wrong until they arose at 7.15 a.m. and attempted to awaken Mrs. Bates to dress. At this time they realized she was unconscious and called for the nurse and the doctor.

She was seen at 7.15 a.m. by Major R.H. Eanes, Medical Corps, U.S. Army, Surgeon in charge of the

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district of Verdun and who resided at the Nouvel Hotel. Major Eanes found her unconscious, whole body flaccid with no perception of pain. Pulse was intermittent and weak. There was a complete flaccid paralysis with a slight drawing of the face to the right, chest was partially filled with fluid; breathing was labored and noisy. No odor of uraemia. Urinalysis showed positive for albumen and negative for sugar. At 11 a.m. she was seen by Dr. Sinque, a local French physician, in consultation with Major Eanes, who agreed with the diagnosis: Extensive cerebral hemorrhage and hopeless prognosis. During the day the patient gradually became weaker and passed away at 6.05 p.m. without regaining consciousness. From the very first the case was considered hopeless as the hemorrhage was apparently quite extensive.

2. Word was received at the Paris Headquarters of the Pilgrimage of the death of Mrs. Bates at 6.45 p.m. August the 14th. An officer was at once detailed to proceed to Verdun and take charge of the remains and escort them to Paris. An undertaker of the highest reputation and using modern methods of embalming was also sent to Verdun to prepare the body. After proper preparation in the presence of the civil authorities of Verdun and Major Eanes, the body was sealed in a casket and sent to Paris under the escort of a United States Army Officer. It was placed in the mortuary Chapel of the American Church of Paris on the Quai d'Orsay on the morning of August 16th. It remained there until transfer to the S/S "President Harding" at Cherbourg, under escort, was made.

For the Officer in Charge:

G. G. BARTLETT,
Lt.-Colonel, U.S. Army -
Executive Officer.

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Headquarters in Europe
American Pilgrimage Gold Star Mothers and Widows
146 Ave. Des Champs-Elysees

August 18th, 1930 Paris, France

MEMORANDUM

To: Major F.D. Carlock, Liaison Officer, Party "N"

1. In accordance with cablegram received from the War Department under date of August 15th 1930 (copy attached) you are hereby designated to escort the remains of Mrs. Harriet Bates (member of Meuse-Argonne group of Party "O" American Pilgrimage Gold Star Mothers and Widows) from Cherbourg, France, to New York City, and from New York City to Portage, Penn. under such additional instructions as you may receive from the Officer In Charge Port of Embarkation, Pilgrimage of Gold Star Mothers and Widows at New York City.
2. The remains of Mrs. Bates will be delivered to the husband, Mr. Henry Bates, residing at 901 Johnson Ave., Portage, Penn.
3. It is also desired that you take charge of and deliver to Mr. Bates the personal property and effects which Mrs. Bates had in France at the time of her death. This property consists of: two suitcases and contents together with \$68.51 in cash and two keys to the above mentioned suitcases. Two copies of inventories of this property are attached hereto. It is desired that one copy of the inventory be furnished to Mr. Bates on delivery of the property.
4. This office will cable the Pilgrimage Headquarters in New York requesting the issuance of necessary orders covering travel from New York to Portage, Penn.

By Order of the Officer In Charge:

(Signed) G.G. Bartlett.

Encls: 2 inventories & duplicate	G. G. BARTLETT,
1 statement of money exchange Guaranty Trust Co.	Lt. Colonel U.S. Army
1 Copy W.D. cablegram.	Executive Officer

August 15, 1930.

VERDUN , Meuse, France.

INVENTORY EFFECTS
of
Mrs H. Bates (Deceased 8-14-30)

Currency - U.S. - Fifty one and no cent. - \$ 51.00

Currency - French - Four hundred forty five and 40 centimes.
(This was converted into American Dollars at the current rate)
See note below.

One ring - plain gold band.

One pair earrings - gold with redstone.

One bag (purse) - tan

One card Identity - Gold Star

One photo - grave of John H. Bates.

Nine postal cards - assorted.

Two small flat keys

One pencil with rubber

One handkerchief - plain white

One " green border

One " lavender border

One hat - black cloche

One coat - cloth - blue - fur collar

One coat - rain - black lined.

One gown - dressing - lavender

One scarf - black and white.

One shoes - pair, black, bluechen

One bag - hand, black

One dress - black, silk

One slip - black

One jersey, wool, grey, black, sleeves cut off

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Inventory effects of Mrs Bates (Cont'd)

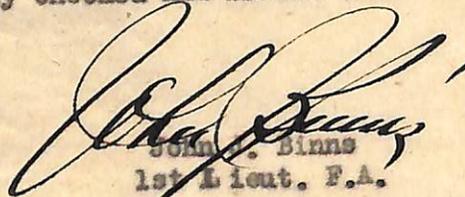
One jersey, wool, grey, large, sleeveless
 One pair corsets
 Two pairs underdrawers, wool, long
 One pair garters, black rubber
 One pair stockings, black wool
 One dress, black, cloth
 One hat, black, cloche
 One slip, wool, lavender striped
 One dress, black, silk, lace collar and cuffs
 One overshoes, pair, new.
 One shirt, under, wool, with sleeves
 One shoes, pair, black, laced insteps
 One dress, black, silk, plain, sleeveless
 One umbrella - one soap box, celluloid.
 One stocking, pair, black cotton
 One " " " wool, new
 Two " " " silk
 One flag, American, small, in case (Gold Star)
 Two towels, bath - One rag, wash
 One Gloves, pair, tan, lined.
 Four post cards - ship - two pictures - ship.
 One card, white, address - five stamps, postage, U.S. 2 cents.
 One flag, small, U.S. - One flag, small, U.S. Lines
 One book, black, identification.
 One comb, hair, black
 One brush, tooth and container.
 One tube, tooth paste

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Inventory effects of Mrs Bates (Cont'd)

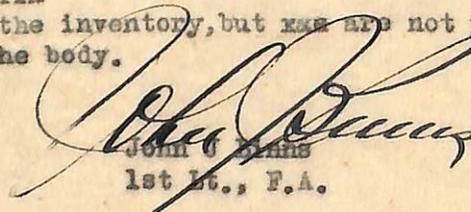
- One box, powder, face, with puff
- One medal, Gold Star
- One medal, U.S. Lines, Gold Star
- One gloves, pair, grey, silk
- One envelope, pins, hair and safety, assorted.
- One string beads, black, jet
- One pin, white metal, greenstone.
- One balloon, Boat favor,
- One envelope, 8 assorted items
- Nine handkerchiefs, white
- Seven " colored.

I personally checked and listed these articles.


John C. Binns
1st Lieut. F.A.

Note: The French currency cited on page 1 was converted into U.S. currency, by the Finance Officer, at The Guaranty Trust Co, at the current rate. The exchange slip is attached. Converted amount seventeen dollars and fifty-one cents.

- One Dress, black; silk with lace collars and cuffs
 - One slip, black
 - One stockings, pair, black, silk
- These articles are listed in the inventory, but ~~was~~ are not present as they were used to clothe the body.


John C. Binns
1st Lt., F.A.

August 16, 1930.

Inventory of the effects of Mrs H. Bates
found in suitcase stored at Paris Hotel.

One nightshirt, cotton flannel, Pinkstriped

Two shirtunder, woolen

One dress, cloth, black

One tablet, w/envelopes

Two drawers, under, woolen

Two corsets

One dress, black and white

Two towels, bath, pink and white

Two slips, cloth, white gertrudes

Two sheets, mimeograph, office

One hat, paper

Eight Handkerchiefs, soiled

One bunch, 10 keys

One Case and certificate, U.S. Lines

One book, Paris pictures

One mirror, square, small

Nine trinkets, paper

Two pictures, group an boat

One fan, paper

One box, Tiffany containing 5 pennies, U.S.

One necklace, pearl type, broken

One package, pins, plain.

One scissor, pair, small

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Inventory effects of Mrs Bates in suitcase
at Paris Hotel

One stockings, pair, silk, gray
One " " cotton, gray
2 1/2 packages, pins, hair, assorted
One bag, hand, black.
Two pictures, taken at Arc de Triomphe.

I personally checked and listed these articles


John S. Binns
1st Lieut. F.A.

Aug 28 1930

Received the above listed effects including Sixty eight
dollars and fifty one cents (68.51).

George Henry Bates

1st Ind.

New York, N.Y., August 29, 1930. To: Officer in Charge, Pilgrimage W.M. & W.,
New York, N.Y.

1. In compliance with the instructions of basic communications, the writer escorted the remains of Mrs. Harriet Bates to her late home in Portage, Penn.

2. The details of getting the necessary permission to ship the remains from Hoboken were all looked after by Mr. James E. Winterbottom, Undertaker, who had been engaged for this service in advance.

3. A special stop was made by the Pennsylvania Train (leaving New York at 9:30 P.M. August 27th) at Portage, Penn., at 5:30 A.M., August 28th, where I was met by the local undertaker and 1st Lieut. Samson Goldstein, Inf.-Res., with two other Reserve Officers representing the American Legion of that place.

4. At 8:00 A.M., in company with Lieut. Goldstein, I called upon Mr. George Bates, the husband of the deceased, at his home, and in addition to Mr. Bates, I met his six daughters and their families. I expressed a few words in condolence, described the Pilgrimage, and gave them information concerning the death of Mrs. Bates. They had already received a letter from Colonel Ellis which they showed me and which gave them the details. I then turned over the effects of the deceased to Mr. Bates and attach hereto receipt for the same.

5. The funeral is not to take place until Sunday afternoon and is to be in charge of the American Legion Post of that town and its auxiliary. Arrangements were made by me to have the funeral expenses taken care of by this office.

6. In view of the long delay in the funeral I returned here after seeing whether I could be of any further service and arranging with Lieut. Goldstein to present the American Flag, now draping the casket, to the family of the deceased at the termination of the funeral.

F. D. CARLOCK,
Major, Inf. (DOL).

2 Incls.

Incl. 1 - Memo of Facts Concerning Death.

Incl. 2 - Copy of List of Personal Effects.

File 201 - Bates, Mrs. Harriet - Deceased

2nd Ind.

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Hq. Port of Embarkation, Pilgrimage, War Mothers and Widows, Room 901, 225
W. 34th St., New York, N.Y., September 3rd, 1930. To: The Quartermaster
General, Washington, D. C.

1. There is forwarded for your information the report of Major
F.D. Carlock, Inf. (DOL) regarding the late Mrs. Harriet Bates, who died
at Verdun, France on August 14th, 1930.

For Officer In Charge:

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

2 Incls:

Incl. 1 - Memorandum of Facts Concerning Death
Withdrawn: Incl. 2

COPY OF CABLEGRAM RECEIVED AT WAR DEPT.

PARIS 1816 AUGUST 14

FROM ELLIS

Mrs. Harriet Bates, Party "O" died Verdun 6.05 evening August 14 cerebral hemorrhage following cablegram sent Henry Bates 901 Johnson Ave. Portage Pa. quote Mrs. Harriet Bates passed away quietly at Verdun France five minutes after six evening Thursday August 14th stop You will be immediately advised upon completion of arrangements for return of remains to United States stop In event you desire to communicate any special instructions address cable to Pilgrimage Paris unquote Arrangements being made to return remains to U.S. on SS Harding sailing from Cherbourg August 19th stop This office will provide escort to Cherbourg stop Request authority to designate Major Carlock liaison Officer as escort Cherbourg New York

HARTS

July 14th, 1930

Mrs. Harriet Bates,
901 Johnson Avenue,
Portage, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

For The Officer in Charge:

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

Enclosures:
2 tags.

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

Bates, John H.

Sailed July 30, 1950 on SS "America". Major K. M. Halpine in charge. Colonel Oliver L. Spaulding Jr. observer. Arrived Cherbourg at day break. Special tender arrived 4:55 am bearing Capt. Wm. V. Ochs, Lawrence Mitchell and Wm. F. Dalton; Lts. Wm. J. Moroney, Michael H. Zwicker, E. V. Freeman and M. J. Morin; Major H. W. Kinderman; Miss Blanche Rulon, Capt. A. N. C. and 4 nurses; 3 civilian employees. Train left 8:21 am; arrived Gare des Invalides, Paris, 2:15 pm. Met by Colonel Ellis and members of his staff, interpreters and nurses. Taken to hotel in busses.

- August 9th Morning devoted to transaction of personal business. Exchange of money, preparation of laundry, etc. Afternoon - Arc de Triomphe. Wreath laid by Mrs. J. Lukish for party. Tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent. Dinner at hotel.
- August 10th Morning, free or church, Lunch at hotel. 2:00pm visit to Louvre. Dinner at hotel. 9:00 - 11:00 pm sightseeing Night Trip.
- August 11th Morning, sightseeing trip Notre Dame; Lunch at Hotel; 2:15 sightseeing trip Napoleon's Tomb; Dinner at hotel.
- August 12th Morning free or shopping. Lunch at hotel. Afternoon free. Dinner at hotel - pack luggage to be left at hotel.
- August 13th Leave 7:15 am - Via Porte de Pantin, Meaux, La Ferte-sous-Jouarre. Arrive Montmirail 1:00am. Rest Hotel du Vert Gallant one hour. Arrive Chalons s/Marne 1:00pm. Lunch hotel Haute-More-Dieu. Arrive Ste. Menehould 4:15 pm. rest Modern Hotel Ste. Menehould. 6:15 pm arrive Verdun. Dinner and sleep.
- August 14th Daily trips made from Verdun to the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery.
- August 15, 16, 17 & 18
- August 18th Left Verdun 9:15 am for Reims. Lunch at Cemetery. Left 2:00 pm via Charpentry, Argonne Forest, Four-de-Paris, Vienne-le-Chateau, Vienne-la-Ville, Somme-Bionne. Rest stop Hotel Champagne at Suippes. Jonchery, St. Hilaire-le-Grand. Arrived Reims 6:00 pm. Dinner and sleep Hotel Bristol Crystal.
- August 19th Visited Cathedral and Reims. Lunch Hotel Crystal. Departed 1:30pm for Paris via Champfleury, Ay, Epernay, Dormans, Chateau Thierry (rest stop Hostellerie du Bonhomme) Belleau Woods, Le Thiolet, Montreuil-aux-Lions, La Ferte-sous-Jouerre. Arrive Paris 6:45 pm. Dinner at hotel.
- August 20th Leave 9:45 am for Fontainebleau via Barbizon. Lunch Hotel Legris. Visit Chateau. Depart 4:00 pm via Melun for Paris. Arrive Paris 6:30 pm. Dinner at hotel.
- August 21st Leave 9:15 am for Versailles. Visit Chateau (entrance from 10:00 to 10:30 am). Leave Versailles 11:50 am. Lunch 12:30 at Belie Cycliste - Suresnes. 2:15 pm depart sightseeing trip Sacre Coeur, Paris. Dinner at Hotel - Pack luggage.
- August 22nd Leave Gare Des Invalides for Cherbourg and United States. Boat train arrives Cherbourg 4:16pm. SS President Roosevelt sailed 6:20pm.

Mrs. Harriet Bates,

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Bates John W	3	21 ¹⁰
BURIED	CEMETERY 1232	1	1
	GRAVE 26	2	26
	ROW 34	2	34
	FLOCK B	1	2
STATE	Pa	2	44
RANK	Pat	1	2
DIVISION	1	2	01
ORGANIZATION	28	3	028
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARITAL	Remarried	1	3
NAME	Mrs Harriet Bates	3	21 ¹⁰
RESIDENCE	STATE Pa	2	44
	COUNTY Cambria	2	11
	CITY Portage	3	230
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	Yes	1	1
ATTENDANT	Pilgrim died at Verdun 8-14-30		
HEALTH	Good	1	1
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR. 1930	1	1
ACCEPTANCE	Yes Age	1	1

July 1930
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Dated

Audited
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MARITAL	Remarried	1	3
NAME	Harpster	3	
	Pearl Bates		
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	
	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	Widow	1	5
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	No	1	2
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
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Bates, John H. Pvt. Co. L. 28th Inf. Pa.

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Blandburg - Pa

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F. W. Henry Bates
901 Johnson Ave
Portage - Pa

Deceased in France

Cancelled

STATE

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PENNSYLVANIA

Bates, John H.

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NAME Bates, Mrs. Harriet HOME ADDRESS 901 Johnson Ave., Portage, Cambria County

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN George Bates same

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE July 28 HOTEL Penn. ROOM NO. 1373

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE JUL 30 1920 VESSEL S/S AMERICA CABIN NO. 36 E

DESTINATION CHERBOURG CEMETERY M. A.

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RETURN NEW YORK

DATE *Aug 27*

NAME *M. Bates, Harry*

HOME ADDRESS *401 Johnson Ave.
Pottsville, Pa.*

RETURN ON S. S. *Harding*

HOTEL ROOM NO.

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE *Aug 28*

ROAD TRAIN CAR BERTH or SEAT

REMARKS *Deceased in France - Returned with
Party "N"*

*Body accompanied by Maj. Carlock
to home.*

Party of,
E. Soulina

MEDICAL RECORD

Paris, M.A. Group
Station:

Date: Aug. 9, 1930

Name Bates, Mrs. Harriet

Home address 901 Johnson Ave., Portage, Pa.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Mr. Henry Bates, Husband,
same address.

Religion Christian Science

Age 69

Aug. 9th, Constipation.

History of Present complaint: Aug. 14th. Mother had stated she had had an auto accident not long before leaving home, but had recovered Aug. 14th a few minutes after 7 a.m. this day, this mother was found by her room-mate, Mrs. Fergusson to be unconscious and breathing with difficulty. At 3 a.m. Mrs. Bates was up and moving around room returning to bed in apparent good condition at that time. When seen by doctor about 7:15 was found unconscious, with flacid paralysis over all limbs, left pupil dilated and fixed right reacting slightly to light. BP 140/90 heart irregular, pulse thready, chest filled with fluids.

INSTRUCTIONS. This card will be started in all cases of Pilgrims requiring medical attention by the Medical Officer or Nurse first rendering such attention. Subsequently it will be carried by the nurse in attendance upon the group to which the Pilgrim is assigned. All Medical Officers rendering any assistance in the case will make an appropriate entry which will include date, time and signature. Upon final disposition of the case the Nurse in charge will deliver the card to the Office of the Chief Surgeon. Pilgrims sent to the American Hospital will be accompanied by this card properly completed, which will be authority for admission, in which case a duplicate card will be made and sent without delay to the Office of the Chief Surgeon.

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Diagnosis and complications: (include dates) Seen by Dr. Senique in consultation. Diagnosis confirmed. Prognosis hopeless. Cerebral Hemorrhage.

Mothers who were in room with Mrs. Bates stated that she had not complained of anything. She was apparently perfectly all right when she retired night of Aug. 13, 1930. She was up to toilet at 3 a.m. and put the light out herself. She did disturb the other mothers after this time by her loud breathing, but they fearing to disturb her (Mrs. Bates) permitted her to

Treatment and Progress: (include dates) continue her snoring. They did not realize anything was wrong until they arose and attempted to awaken Mrs. Bates to dress

Aug. 9th, Cascara Sagrada pill 1
10th, Brandy 15cc

Aug. 14th, Huile Camph. amp. 1, 10:30 a.m.)

Pulse has been intermittent and at times not to be found. Her whole body flacid with no perception of pain. At first slight reaction from plantar surfaces of feet. Slight drawing of face to right. Chest filling slowly c

Disposition: (include dates) fluid. At 4 p.m. Aug 14th, 1930, pulse perceptible at times only--left slow nystagmus. Breathing labored and noisy c much fluid in chest. No odor of uremia. Urinalysis 8 a.m. Pos. for Albumen,

Remarks: Neg. for sugar.

Expired at 6:05 p.m. August 14th, 1930 Verdun, France.

Cabled Husband & War Dept. Aug. 14th in a.m. "Condition critical & prognosis for recovery poor".

R.H. Eanes, Major, M.C., U.S. Army.
Medical Officer-in-Charge.

Cabled Husband 6:30 p.m. Aug. 14th, "Passed away quietly at Verdun, France five minutes after six evening"

Party 0
E. Scallina, R.N.

MEDICAL RECORD

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Date: August 9, 1930.

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Treatment and Progress: (include dates)

Aug. 9th: Cascara Sagrada—pill 1) until they arose and attempted to awaken

10th: Brandy 15 cc) Mrs. Bates to dress. From the moment that

Aug. 14th: Huile Camph. amp. 1, 10:30 a.m.) this mother was found at about 7:15 a.m. she has gradually gone

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Disposition: (include dates) Expired at 6:05 p.m. August 14, 1930, Verdun, France.

R.H. Eanes, Maj., M.C., U.S. Army

Medical Officer-in-Charge.

Remarks: Cabled Husband & War Dept. Aug. 14th in a.m. "Condition critical & prognosis for recovery poor". Cabled Husband 6:30 p.m. Aug. 14th, "Passed away quietly at Verdun, France five minutes after six evening".

A True Copy.

Geo. E. Brack.

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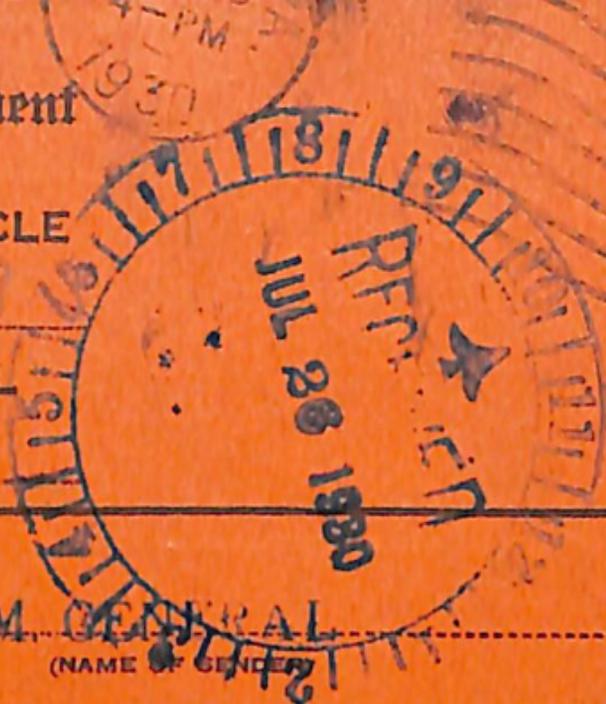
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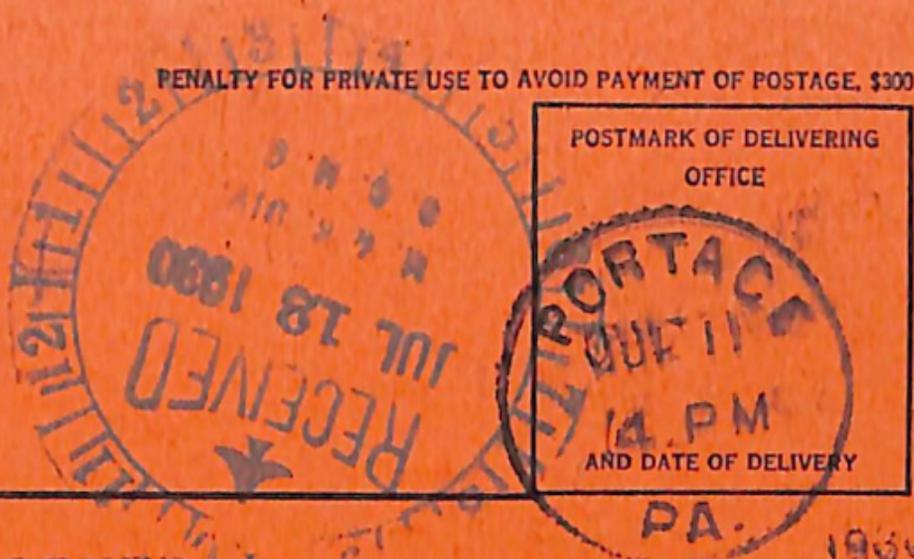
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September 27, 1930

The Prudential Insurance Co. of America,
P. O. Drawer 594,
Newark, N. J.

Dear Sirs:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of
September 23, 1930, requesting an official transcript of
death of the late Mrs. Harriet Bates, your Policy No.
17594996 etc.

There is enclosed herewith a photostatic copy
of the Medical Record in this case, which it is believed
will meet your requirements. In the event this is not
satisfactory, an effort will be made to obtain a report
from Europe of the official record of death.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



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September 23, 1930

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Quartermaster General,
War Department,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

We have been presented with a claim on the life of Harriet Bates, who we are informed died in Verdun, France on August 14, 1930, while she was connected with the Pilgrimage of the Gold Star Mothers and Widows. This information was received through a letter from Colonel Richard T. Ellis, United States Army, Officer in Charge, addressed to Mr. Henry Bates, of 901 Johnson Avenue, Portage, Pa., dated August 18, 1930.

We would greatly appreciate it if you could furnish us with an official transcript of death, in order to complete our records in connection with this claim.

When forwarding this certificate, kindly advise us the cost thereof and we will promptly reimburse you.

Very truly yours,



John T. Matthews

Assistant Manager.

File 201 - Bates, Mrs. Harriet - Deceased

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For Officer In Charge:

George F. R. Taylor
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1st Ind.

August 30, 1930

Officer in Charge, Pilgrimage Port of Embarkation, New York City.

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of Westbound Contract
Ticket in favor of Mrs. Harriet Bates, a pilgrim who called
with Party "0".

For The Quartermaster General,

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

1st Ind.

FDS:FVR

New York, N.Y., August 29, 1930. To: Officer in Charge, Pilgrimage W.M. & W.,
New York, N.Y.

1. In compliance with the instructions of basic communications, the writer escorted the remains of Mrs. Harriet Bates to her late home in Portage, Penn.

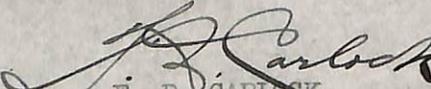
2. The details of getting the necessary permission to ship the remains from Hoboken were all looked after by Mr. James E. Winterbottom, Undertaker, who had been engaged for this service in advance.

3. A special stop was made by the Pennsylvania Train (leaving New York at 9:30 P.M. August 27th) at Portage, Penn., at 5:30 A.M., August 28th, where I was met by the local undertaker and 1st Lieut. Samson Goldstein, Inf.-Res., with two other Reserve Officers representing the American Legion of that place.

4. At 8:00 A.M., in company with Lieut. Goldstein, I called upon Mr. George Bates, the husband of the deceased, at his home, and in addition to Mr. Bates, I met his six daughters and their families. I expressed a few words in condolence, described the Pilgrimage, and gave them information concerning the death of Mrs. Bates. They had already received a letter from Colonel Ellis which they showed me and which gave them the details. I then turned over the effects of the deceased to Mr. Bates and attach hereto receipt for the same.

5. The funeral is not to take place until Sunday afternoon and is to be in charge of the American Legion Post of that town and its auxiliary. Arrangements were made by me to have the funeral expenses taken care of by this office.

6. In view of the long delay in the funeral I returned here after seeing whether I could be of any further service and arranging with Lieut. Goldstein to present the American Flag, now draping the casket, to the family of the deceased at the termination of the funeral.


F. D. CARLOCK,
Major, Inf. (DOL).

2 Incls.

Incl. 1 - Memo of Facts Concerning Death.

Incl. 2 - Copy of List of Personal Effects.

QM 293 A-M
Bates, John H.

1232

August 25, 1930.

Mrs. Mathilda Burling,
9575 114th St.,
Richmond Hill, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 19, 1930, relative to the return to this country of the remains of Mrs. Harriet Bates, of Portage, Pa., whose death occurred while on the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act approved March 2, 1929.

Your interest in arranging for the "American Gold Star Mothers of the World War" to gather at the pier to show full respects to Mrs. Bates is appreciated, but it is regretted that the plans suggested will not fit in with those made by the War Department for receiving the body of Mrs. Bates and delivering it to her relatives in Portage, Pa. The American flag, which you state Mrs. Bates desired in memory of her son, will cover the coffin, when it arrives on August 27th aboard the SS HARDING.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

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TO:

Gen De Witt

For:

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1. Necessary action.
2. Necessary action and direct reply.
3. Preparation of reply for signature of QMG.
4. Remark and recommendation. (In turn)
5. Notation and filing. Q. M. G.
6. Information. (In turn)
7. Please see me.
8. Keep me advised.
- 9.

*A careful review of the actions
taken in this case shows that
every detail was attended to
with minute care. This is
a good illustration of the way
small details are being
handled in Europe.*

Signature.

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AMERICAN PILGRIMAGE GOLD STAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS
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(See medical report and copy of medical record appended herewith and marked Exhibit "C").

d. Word was received of the death of Mrs. Bates at the Headquarters American Pilgrimage Gold Star Mothers and Widows, 146 Avenue des Champs Elysees, Paris, France, at 6.30 p.m. August 14th, by telephone and the following action was taken:

- (1) Cablegram was sent to Mrs. Henry Bates, Portage, Pa., informing him of the death of Mrs. Bates.
- (2) Cablegram No. 1816 was sent to the Quartermaster General.
- (3) Mr. Jeanmond, one of the undertakers with whom these Headquarters have tentative arrangements, was at once notified and proceeded to Verdun on the midnight train arriving there at 6 a.m. Friday morning, with instructions to report to Major R.H. Banes, Surgeon in charge of the district of Verdun.
- (4) First Lieutenant John J. Binns, P.A., was detailed as escort over the remains of Mrs. Bates during the time these remains were to be in France and was directed to proceed to Verdun on the midnight train and report to Captain Ochs officer in charge of the group at Verdun and to assist Major Banes where necessary. The report of Lt. Binns is appended hereto and marked Exhibit "D". Lt. Binns inventoried such of the personal effects of Mrs. Bates as were located in Verdun and brought them to Paris upon his return. Inventory of these effects is appended hereto and marked Exhibit "E".

e. Upon arrival in Paris the casket was taken to the mortuary Chapel of the American Church on the Quai d'Orsay where it was inspected by the Officer in Charge, the Executive Officer and the Chief Surgeon. It remained there until 8.30 p.m. on August 18th when it was taken to the railway station of the States Railways and placed in a shipping case and loaded in a railway car which was sealed in accordance with the

French Law in the presence of the Officer in Charge, the Executive Officer and Lt. Binns the officer detailed as escort. This car was attached to the Cherbourg express leaving at 10.10 p.m. that night and arriving at Cherbourg at 5.35 a.m. August 19th. Lt. Binns proceeded to Cherbourg on the same train. The personal clothing and effects of Mrs. Bates which did not accompany her on her trip to Verdun but which were left in her Paris hotel during her absence were inventoried by Lt. Binns on August the 18th. This inventory is attached hereto and marked Exhibit "P".

- f. The transfer of the remains from the train to the S/S "President Harding" at Cherbourg on August 19th is covered in the report of Lt. John J. Binns P.A. appended hereto and marked Exhibit "Q".
- g. In accordance with instructions contained in cablegram previously mentioned, Major F.B. Carlock, Inf., Liaison Officer with Party "N" sailing on the S/S "President Harding" on August 19th, was detailed to accompany the remains to Portage, Pa., this officer was furnished with a full account of the death of Mrs. Bates in order that he might inform her relatives. He was instructed to take charge of the personal clothing and effects of Mrs. Bates and to deliver them to her family. A copy of the instructions issued this officer is appended hereto and marked Exhibit "R". A wreath of laurels, palms and pine cones was purchased and turned over to Major Carlock to be placed on the casket.

- 2 - A letter was written to Mr. Henry Bates, the husband, of Mrs. Bates, containing information concerning the death and expressing the sympathy of the personnel of this office. (Copy attached and marked Exhibit "I")

9 Inquiries

Exhibits

As to I

(with original only)



Richard F. Ellis,
Colonel,
United States Army,
Officer in Charge.

JJB/dc

Paris, August 21, 1930.

Subject : Escort, Remains of Mrs Harriet Bates

To : Commanding Officer, A.P.G.S.M.&W.W.W.

1. The remains of Mrs H. Bates were transferred from the American Church of Paris to the Gare Saint Lazare, 6:15 p.m. Monday evening August 18, 1930.

2. At the Gare St Lazare, the transfer of the casket to the shipping box was observed by the Commanding Officer and the Executive Officer.

3. I accompanied the remains from Paris to Cherbourg. Departed Paris 10:10 P.M. August 18, 1930; arrived Cherbourg 5:30 A.M. August 19, 1930.

4. During the morning of August 19, 1930, arrangements were completed at Cherbourg and the remains placed aboard the lighter.

5. At 11:15 P.M. August 19, 1930, the remains were transferred to the S.S. President Harding. At that time, I delivered all pertinent papers and the escort flag to Major Carlock, Liaison Officer.

John J. Binns
1st Lieut. F.A.

Paris, France, August 21, 1930.

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I went shopping and did not see her again until I got back to the hotel. She was in bed, and appeared to be asleep.

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In the morning I was the first up. I said to Mrs. Ferguson, "It is nearly seven thirty, don't you think we had better call Mrs. Bates". Mrs. Ferguson said, "I will touch her". She touched her shoulder and said, "Mrs. Dewey, I can't seem to wake her, I think something is wrong." I went over and saw that Mrs. Bates had thrown up.

Mrs. Ferguson went for the nurse, and I went out in the hall. Then the nurse came and advised me to go out.

I know nothing more of the case.

Cora Dewey
Cora Dewey.

-2- (Mrs. Ferguson)

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At 7:25 in the morning Mrs. Bates had her face turned toward the wall, and I called her for breakfast. She did not answer me and I got up to shake her. I shook her before I looked at her face. Before I got out of bed her shoulders were moving. As I looked at her face I found she had vomited.

I told Mrs. Dewey I thought something was wrong, and went for the nurse on the third floor. She came immediately, and called the doctor. In the meantime I took my clothes into another room and dressed. When I came back Mrs. Bates still had the same look on her face. The doctor and two nurses were there.

Mrs. Anna R. Ferguson
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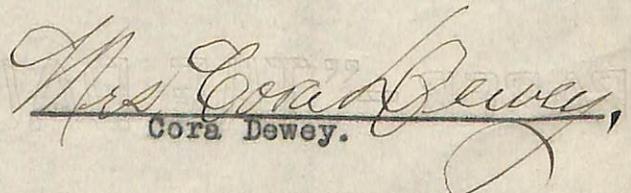
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Request

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Plans suggested will not fit in with those made by the W.D. for receiving the body of Mrs B and delivering it to her relatives.

Do not mail until day before arrival NY - H.

August 21, 1930, Washington, D. C.

MR HENRY BATES
901 JOHNSON AVENUE
PORTAGE PENNSYLVANIA

CABLE FROM PARIS TODAY ADVISES QUOTE REMAINS MRS HARRIET BATES
DECEASED RETURNING STEAMSHIP HARDING SAILED AUGUST 14 UNQUOTE
DUE TO ARRIVE NEW YORK AUGUST TWENTY SEVENTH. DETAILS MAY BE
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DEWITT
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

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OF THE WORLD WAR

ORGANIZED  MARCH 5, 1930
NEW YORK STATE CHAPTER

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PENNSYLVANIA HOTEL
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NEW YORK CITY

"To Perpetuate the Memory of Our Heroic Dead of the World War"

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Aug 19, 1930

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Dear Gen. De Witt:-

*Upon hearing that our dear mother
Harriet Bates, of Portage, Pa. has gone "West"
in her peaceful slumber, while in Verdun,
we thought it would be fitting to receive
the body when it arrives at Hoboken.*

*Could arrangements be made that
the American Gold Star Mothers of the World War
gather at the pier to show full respects as we
do ^{to} our other mothers who pass on.*

*Mrs. Bates had become a member
of our organization the eve of her sailing. She
had also asked me to write for her flag in
memory of her son, which she is entitled to, she
said she would love to have it flying from her
house when she returned. I had wanted to carry
out this request for her this week-*

*Bates
John H.
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I remember very well, a remark of Mrs. Bates the night before she sailed. She said she was so happy to make this pilgrimage because she often wondered if God would spare her to see her wish carried out to see her son's grave - as she often got so "dizzy" and "felt so funny" but did not want her family to know it, and was hoping to return and tell of her "trip." I almost think she had a presentiment, that is why I was not surprised when I learned of her death.

I spoke to Col. Williams yesterday about receiving the body and thought it might be arranged that the flag be sent to me and I place it on her casket when it is taken from the ship, and have our Chaplain offer a prayer, place floral offerings and have mothers sing Nearer my God to thee, and Rock of Ages - and have Bugler ~~also~~ play taps.

Col. Williams said he expected the War Dept. was planning some sort of fitting exercises. If this is being arranged, would it be possible to have the Gold Star Mothers take part.

We would be very grateful to hear from you at an early date as to what plans could be made and carried out, also date of arrival of body.

With kindest regards -

Gratefully
Mathilda Burling
Pres.

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146 AVE. DES CHAMPS-ELYSEES

TELEPHONE:

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August 18th 1930

PARIS, FRANCE

MEMORANDUM

To: Major F.D. Carlock, Liaison Officer, Party "N"

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2. The remains of Mrs. Bates will be delivered to the husband, Mr. Henry Bates, residing at 901 Johnson Ave., Portage, Penn.
3. It is also desired that you take charge of and deliver to Mr. Bates the personal property and effects which Mrs. Bates had in France at the time of her death. This property consists of : two suitcases and contents together with \$68.51 in cash and two keys to the above mentioned suitcases. Two copies of inventories of this property are attached hereto. It is desired that one copy of the inventory be furnished to Mr. Bates on delivery of the property.
4. This office will cable the Pilgrimage Headquarters in New York requesting the issuance of necessary orders covering travel from New York to Portage, Penn.

By order of the Officer in Charge:

G. G. Bartlett

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Lt.-Colonel U.S. Army
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Encls: 2 inventories & duplicate
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1 Copy W.D. cablegram.

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Party "O"

To: Major F.D. Carlock, Liaison Officer, Party "N" ,
S/S "President Harding"

1. In compliance with cablegram 2182 August 15 from the Adjutant General, United States Army, the following extracts from the Medical records of Mrs. Henry Bates, Meuse-Argonne group, Party "O", who died at the nouvel Hotel at Verdun, August 14th 1930, is furnished for your information, so that you may be in a position to inform her family concerning the circumstances of her death:

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About 3 a.m. of the morning of August 14th, Mrs. Fergusson, one of her room-mates, reported that Mrs. Bates went to the toilet. She was quiet, put the light on and out by herself and returned to bed. Shortly after this, possibly an hour or so, the two pilgrims sharing the room with Mrs. Bates, were somewhat disturbed by her loud breathing but they feared to disturb her and permitted her to continue her snoring. They did not realize anything was wrong until they arose at 7.15 a.m. and attempted to awaken Mrs. Bates to dress. At this time they realized she was unconscious and called for the nurse and the doctor.

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2. Word was received at the Paris Headquarters of the Pilgrimage of the death of Mrs. Bates at 6.45 p.m. August the 14th. An officer was at once detailed to proceed to Verdun and take charge of the remains and escort them to Paris. An undertaker of the highest reputation and using modern methods of embalming was also sent to Verdun to prepare the body. After proper preparation in the presence of the civil authorities of Verdun and Major Eanes, the body was sealed in a casket and sent to Paris under the escort of a United States Army Officer. It was placed in the mortuary Chapel of the American Church of Paris on the Quai d'Orsay on the morning of August 16th. It remained there until transfer to the S/S "President Harding" at Cherbourg, under escort, was made.

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QM 293 A-M
Bates, John H. - 1232

August 18, 1930

SUBJECT: Death of Mrs. Harriet Bates.

TO: Col. A. E. Williams, O.C. Port of Embarkation, M & W Pilgrimage, Room 901, Pennsylvania Bldg., 225 West 34th Street, New York City.

1. Herewith is a copy of cablegram relative to the death of Mrs. Harriet Bates, which occurred at Verdun, France.

2. The remains of Mrs. Bates will be returned to the United States on the SS HARDING, leaving Cherbourg on August 19th. Major Carlock has been designated to escort these remains to Mrs. Bates' home and render such assistance as is possible to the family in their bereavement. It is desired that you arrange for the shipping of this body and that you direct Major Carlock to remain at the home of Mrs. Bates for the funeral and render such assistance as he is able to. He should be instructed to see that there is a flag accompanying the remains and take steps to provide a wreath for the funeral, similar to that provided in the two other cases handled by your office.

3. Should it develop that the remains and casket are not in a satisfactory condition, an undertaker should be employed to prepare the remains in a satisfactory manner. Major Carlock should make these arrangements and see that this is done to the satisfaction of the relatives. In other words, he should be instructed to look out for the various details in the same manner that the two other cases were handled by officers detailed by your office.

4. Colonel Ellis has been instructed to see that Major Carlock is thoroughly informed relative to the circumstances surrounding the death of Mrs. Bates, in order that he may convey this information to the relatives.

For The Quartermaster General:

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

Encl.
Copy Cablegram 8-14-30
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Mr. Henry Bates,
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Portage Penn.

My Dear Mr. Bates,

It is with the deepest regret that I am writing to confirm to you the news of the death of Mrs. Bates in Verdun, France, on August the 14th as announced in our cablegram to you of that date.

As Mrs. Bates appeared to us to have been in excellent health her very sudden death was a great shock to all of us connected with the Pilgrimage of the Gold Star Mothers and Widows in France. On the day after her arrival Mrs. Bates took part in the ceremony of placing a wreath on the Tomb of the French Unknown Soldier under the Arc de Triomphe in Paris. Later in the afternoon she was present at the official reception given by the United States Government to her party, and both Mrs. Ellis and myself saw her and spoke with her at that reception. At that time she appeared to be in very good health and excellent spirits and seemed to be thoroughly pleased with her Pilgrimage so far.

I feel sure that you will wish to know some of the particulars and I am quoting to you the report of the Chief Surgeon of this office concerning her death:

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I can assure you that Mrs. Bates received the most careful and thorough medical attention from the first moment that she appeared to be ill, and that everything humanly possible was done to care for her.

The casket in which she rests has been covered with an American flag and has been accompanied by a United States Army Officer as escort from Verdun to Paris and will be similarly accompanied to her home. The Officer who has been detailed by the War Department to act as escort from Cherbourg to her home is Major F.D. Carlock, Infantry, United States Army. Major Carlock has with him for delivery to you all of the personal effects and clothing of Mrs. Bates. Should you at any future date desire further and more detailed information concerning the Pilgrimage and death of Mrs. Bates you should write to The Quartermaster General, War Department, Washington, D.C., who will be only too glad to answer your requests. It is needless to say that this office is also at your disposal for any information you may desire.

Please accept the heartfelt sympathy of all the

personnel connected with this office as well as my own
on your great loss.

With assurances of my deepest personal sym-
pathy I am

Very sincerely yours:

Richard T. Ellis,
Colonel,
United States Army,
Officer in Charge.

JJB/cm

Paris, August 18, 1930.

Subject : Escort of remains of Mrs Harriett Bates

To : Commanding Officer A.P.G.S.M.&W.W.W.

1. In compliance with the orders of the Commanding Officer, I proceeded to Verdun, Meuse, France, during the evening of Thursday August 14th, 1930, arrived at Verdun 6 a.m. Friday morning August 15th and proceeded to Nouvel Hotel, at which place, I reported to Captain Ochs, Officer in Charge of the group in Verdun.

2. During the morning of August 15th, all details for the preparation of the body and its shipment to Paris were completed.

3. The arrangements were completed and the body shipped from Verdun without any knowledge being gained, as to these actions by the other mothers of the group. I inspected the body after its preparation and before the casket was sealed.

4. I left Verdun 5.39 p.m. August 15th and accompanied the body as far as Chalons. At this place, the car bearing the remains of Mrs Bates was switched to another train upon which passengers were not allowed; then I proceeded to Paris arriving about midnight August 15th. The train bearing the body arrived in Paris 3:30 a.m. August 16th. At 9:00 a.m. August 16th I accompanied Mr Jeanmonod, the mortician, to the railway yard, Gare de l'Est and secured remains of Mrs Bates. I then escorted these remains to the American Church of Paris, 65 quai d'Orsay, at which place said remains were placed in the mortuary.

5. It is desired to bring to the attention of the Commanding Officer, the fact that Mr Jeanmonod executed his duties in a very business-like and complete manner. I also desire to point out that Mrs Smith, Proprietor of the Nouvel Hotel, Verdun, rendered every courtesy and assistance. I

6. The French law has many details which it requires in a case of this character, the outstanding points of which are :

a) Permission must be secured from the local Commissaire de Police to embalm a body within a period of less than 24 hours after death.

b) Permission must be obtained from the Department Commissaire de Police to transport a body out of the Department.

c) A body to be transported must be placed in a hermetically sealed casket and the casket must bear two official seals of the Office of the Commissaire de Police. The Commissaire must be present during the embalming.

d) The caskets in most cities must be purchased locally, as these cities hold a monopoly on the manufacture of caskets.

e) The death certificate must be attested by the attending surgeon and made of record at the local Mairie.

f) To ship a body on the French railways, it is necessary to rent a complete fourgon. These cars are divided into two separate sections; the body is placed in one section and sealed; the other section of the car may not be used.

g) The arrangements for this car are made with the Chef de Gare, at the local Station.

John J. Binns
1st Lieut. F.A.

August 16, 1930.

Inventory of the effects of Mrs H. Bates
found in suitcase stored at Paris Hotel.

One nightshirt, cotton flannel, Pinkstriped

Two shirtsunder, woolen

One dress, cloth, black

One tablet, w/envelopes

Two drawers, under, woolen

Two corsets

One dress, black and white

Two towels, bath, pink and white

Two slips, cloth, white gertrudes

Two sheets, mimeograph, office

One hat, paper

Eight Handkerchiefs, soiled

One bunch, 10 keys

One Case and certificate, U.S. Lines

One book, Paris pictures

One mirror, square, small

Nine trinkets, paper

Two pictures, group on boat

One fan, paper

One box, Tiffany containing 5 pennies, U.S.

One necklace, pearl type, broken

One package, pins, plain.

One scissor, pair, small

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Inventory effects of Mrs Bates in suitcase
at Paris Hotel

One stockings, pair, silk, gray

One " " cotton, gray

2 1/2 packages, pins, hair, assorted

One bag, hand, black.

Two pictures, taken at Arc de Triomphe.

I personally checked and listed these articles


John J. Hines
1st Lieut. F.A.

August 16, 1930

Memorandum to the Executive Officer:

The following extracts from the medical record of Mrs. Harriet Bates, Party "O", M.A. Group, who died in the Nouvel Hotel at Verdun, August 14, 1930, is furnished for your information.

Mrs. Bates arrived in Paris August 8th 1930. On the evening of August 9th she was given a cascara pill by the nurse for the relief of constipation. She had no other complaints. She remained with the group and accompanied them on the bus trip to Verdun on August 13th, arriving at the Nouvel Hotel in the late afternoon. She was quartered in a room with two other Pilgrims who report that after dinner she was apparently in perfect health and retired at the same time they did.

About 3 a.m. of the morning of August 14th, Mrs. Ferguson, one of her room-mates reported that she (Mrs. Bates) went to the toilet. She was quiet, put the light on and out by herself and returned to bed. Shortly after this, possibly an hour or so, the two Pilgrims sharing the room with Mrs. Bates were somewhat disturbed by her loud breathing but they feared to disturb her and permitted her to continue her snoring. They did not realize anything was wrong until they arose at 7.15 a.m. and attempted to awaken Mrs. Bates to dress. At this time she realized she was unconscious and called for the nurse and the Doctor.

She was seen at 7.15 a.m. by Major Eanes who found her unconscious, whole body flaccid with no perception of pain. Pulse was intermittent and weak. There was a complete flaccid paralysis with a slight drawing of the face to the right; chest was partially filled with fluid; breathing was labored and noisy; no odor of uraemia. Urinalysis showed positive for albumen and negative for sugar. At 11 a.m. she was seen by Dr. Sinque, a local French physician, in consultation with Major Eanes, who agreed with the diagnosis; extensive cerebral hemorrhage and hopeless prognosis. During the day the patient gradually became weaker and passed away at 6.05 p.m. without regaining consciousness. From the very first the case was considered hopeless as the hemorrhage was apparently quite extensive.

Geo. C. Beach
Major Medical Corps,
Chief Surgeon

August 15, 1930

MR HENRY BATES
901 JOHNSON AVENUE
PORTAGE PENNSYLVANIA

CABLEGRAM RECEIVED THIS DATE FROM COLONEL ELLIS IN CHARGE OF PILGRIMAGE IN FRANCE STATING THAT YOUR WIFE MRS HARRIET BATES PASSED AWAY QUIETLY AT VERDUN FRANCE THURSDAY AUGUST FOURTEENTH PLEASE ACCEPT MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR GRIEF AND LOSS STOP MRS BATES WAS ONE OF THE MANY MOTHERS AND WIDOWS WHO HAVE MADE THE PILGRIMAGE TO THE HALLOWED GRAVES OF THEIR LOVED ONES IN FRANCE AND THERE IS CONSOLATION IN THE THOUGHT THAT SHE WAS SPARED LONG ENOUGH TO FULFILL HER DESIRE TO SEE THE LAST RESTING PLACE OF HER HERO SON STOP THE REMAINS WILL BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES ON SS HARDING LEAVING CHERBOURG AUGUST NINETEENTH AN OFFICER WILL ACCOMPANY THE REMAINS TO HER HOME AND RENDER SUCH ASSISTANCE AS IS POSSIBLE TO THE FAMILY IN THEIR BEREAVEMENT.

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

QM 293 A-M
Bates, John H. 1232 M

August 15, 1930

Mr. Henry Bates
901 Johnson Avenue,
Portage, Pennsylvania

I HAVE JUST BEEN ADVISED THAT MRS BATES PASSED AWAY IN VERDUN
YESTERDAY THE FOURTEENTH STOP PLEASE ACCEPT MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY
IN YOUR GRIEF AND GREAT LOSS STOP IT IS COMFORTING TO KNOW THAT
MRS BATES WAS SPARED LONG ENOUGH TO REALIZE HER LONG DESIRE OF
KNEELING AT THE HALLOWED GRAVE OF HER BELOVED SON WHO RESTS IN
FRANCE STOP I HAVE DIRECTED AN ARMY OFFICER TO ESCORT HER REMAINS
TO HER HOME AND RENDER SUCH ASSISTANCE AS IS POSSIBLE TO THE FAMILY
IN THEIR GRIEF.

HURLEY
SECRETARY OF WAR

QM 293 A-M
Bates, John H. 1232 M

August 15, 1930.

VERDUN , Meuse, France.

INVENTORY EFFECTS
of
Mrs H. Bates (Deceased 8-14-30)

Currency - U.S. - Fifty one and no cent. - \$ 51.00

Currency + French - Four hundred forty five and 40 centimes.
(This was converted into American Dollars at the current rate)
See note below.

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- One ring - plain gold band.
 - One pair earrings - gold with redstone.
 - One bag (purse) - tan
 - One card Identity - Gold Star
 - One photo - grave of John H. bates.
 - Nine postal cards - assorted.
 - Two small flat keys
 - One pencil with rubber
 - One handkerchief - plain white
 - One " " green border
 - One " " lavender border
 - One hat - black cloche
 - One coat - cloth - blue - fur collar
 - One coat - rain - black lined.
 - One gown - dressing - lavender
 - One scarf - black and white.
 - One shoes - pair, black, bluechen
 - One bag - hand, black
 - One dress - black, silk
 - One slip - black
 - One jersey, wool, grey, black, sleeves cut off
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Inventory effects of Mrs Bates (Cont'd)

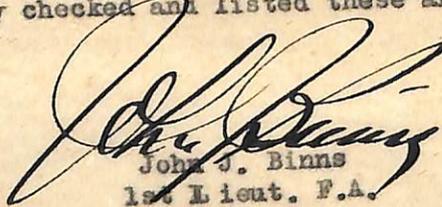
One jersey, wool, grey, large, sleeveless
 One pair corsets
 Two pairs underdrawers, wool, long
 One pair garters, black rubber
 One pair stockings, black wool
 One dress, black, cloth
 One hat, black, cloche
 One slip, wool, lavender striped
 One dress, black, silk, lace collar and cuffs
 One overshoes, pair, new.
 One shirt, under, wool, with sleeves
 One shoes, pair, black, laced insteps
 One dress, black, silk, plain, sleeveless
 One umbrella - one soap box, celluloid.
 One stocking, pair, black cotton
 One " " " wool, new
 Two " " " silk
 One flag, American, small, in case (Gold Star)
 Two towels, bath - One rag, wash
 One Gloves, pair, tan, lined.
 Four post cards - ship - two pictures - ship.
 One card, white, address - five stamps, postage, U.S. 2 cents.
 One flag, small, U.S. - One flag, small, U.S. Lines
 One book, black, identification.
 One comb, hair, black
 One brush, tooth and container.
 One tube, tooth paste

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Inventory effects of Mrs Bates (Cont'd)

- One box, powder, face, with puff
- One medal, Gold Star
- One medal, U.S. Lines, Gold Star
- One gloves, pair, grey, silk
- One envelope, pins, hair and safety,assorted.
- One string beads, black, jet
- One pin, white metal, greenstone.
- One balloon, Boat favor,
- One envelope, 8 assorted items
- Nine handkerchiefs, white
- Seven " colored.

I personally checked and listed these articles.



John J. Binns
1st Lieut. F.A.

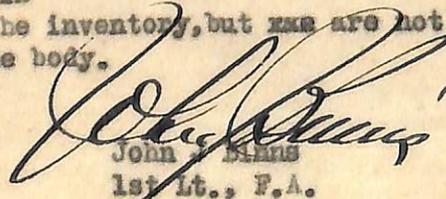
Note: The French currency cited on page 1 was converted into U.S. currency, by the Finance Officer, at The Guaranty Trust Co, at the current rate. The exchange slip is attached. Converted amount seventeen dollars and fifty-one cents.

One Dress, black; silk with lace collars and cuffs

One slip, black

One stockings, pair, black, silk

These articles are listed in the inventory, but ~~was~~ are not present as they were used to clothe the body.



John J. Binns
1st Lt., F.A.

Release date
August 15, 1930 (Press)

STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

Halperin

The first death to occur in France among the Gold Star Mothers and Widows occurred yesterday August 14th, Mrs. Harriet Bates, 901 Johnson Avenue, Portage, Pennsylvania, suffered a stroke of apoplexy while at Verdun and passed away shortly afterward. Mrs. Bates was on a pilgrimage to the grave of her son, the late Private John H. Bates, Company L, 28th Infantry, in the Meuse Argonne American Cemetery in France. Immediately upon receipt of the advise of Mrs. Bates' death, the Secretary of War directed Colonel Richard T. Ellis, the officer in charge of the pilgrimage in France, to have the body properly embalmed and returned to the United States on the SS President Harding, leaving Cherbourg August 19th. He has designated Major * Floyd D. Carlock, Infantry, to act as escort of the body and accompany the remains to Mrs. Bates' home where as representative of the War Department he will render such assistance as possible to the family in their bereavement. The Secretary of War and the Quartermaster General have both sent telegrams to Mrs. Bates' family expressing their sympathy.

In the conduct of the pilgrimages, the War Department has provided the very best medical skill for those who may become ill and the fact that Mrs. Bates' is the only death in Europe out of the 3,056 mothers and widows who have made the pilgrimage indicates the scope and efficiency of the medical attention being received by these mothers and widows.

CABLE

Received at the War Department

August 15, 1930

9:50 AM

From Paris

To The Adjutant General.

27 PO

Number 1816 August 14th.

The Q.M.G. from Ellis. Mrs. Harriet Bates Party O died Verdun six five evening August 14th cerebral hemorrhage. Following cablegram sent Henry Bates 901 Johnson Ave., Portage, Penn. "Mrs. Harriet Bates passed away quietly at Verdun France five minutes after six evening Thursday August fourteenth. You will be immediately advised upon completion of arrangements for return of remains to United States. In event you desire to communicate any special instructions address cable to Pilgrimage Paris." Arrangements being made to return remains to United States on Steamship Harding sailing from Cherbourg August 19th. This office will provide escort to Cherbourg. Request authority to designate Major Carlock liaison officer as escort Cherbourg to New York.

Harts.

August 14, 1930.
1:30

From: Paris
To: The Adjutant General

Number 1815

To The Quartermaster General from Ellis, Mrs. Elizabeth Gast Party O American Hospital, intestinal obstruction, incomplete, caused by abdominal tumor probably malignant, surgical interference not indicated at present, prognosis grave, daughter Mrs. Mary Henricks 18 East Anthony Street, Sanina, Ohio, notified August 13th as follows: Mrs. Elizabeth Gast admitted to American Hospital today suffering from very serious abdominal condition is in critical state will keep you advised.

Paragraph 2. Mrs. Harriet Bates Party O cerebral hemorrhage, extensive, at Verdun, prognosis for recovery poor, husband Henry Bates, 901 Johnson Ave., Portage, Pennsylvania notified today as follows: Mrs. Harriet Bates suffered stroke of apoplexy today while in Verdun, condition critical, prognosis for recovery poor, will keep you advised.

Harts

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bates, John H. - 1232 M

July 10, 1930.

Mrs. Harriet Bates,
901 Johnson Ave.,
Portage, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. ³⁸⁴¹⁷³ in the amount of \$ ^{5.00} , 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.

1 Incl.
Check No.

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Bates, John H. 1232 M

July 1, 1930

Mrs. Harriet Bates
901 Johnson Ave.
Portage, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

Lv. Portage	Penna	No. 682	7:10 AM	July 28
Ar. Altoona	"	"	8:10 AM	28
Lv. "	"	26	10:19 AM	28
Ar. New York	"	"	5:15 PM	28

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

May 14, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bates, John H. -1232 M
America 7-30

Mrs. Harriet Bates,
901 Johnson Avenue,
Portage, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

George H. Bates.
Name

901 Johnson Ave., Portage, Pa.
Address

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

For The Quartermaster General,



Very truly yours,
A. D. Hughes
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

April 24, 1930.

Bates, John H. 1232 M

Mrs. Harriet Bates,
901 Johnson Ave.,
Portage, Pa.

Dear Madam:

The following instructions prepared by the Secretary of State contain the necessary instructions to be followed by you in obtaining the passport or travel document to be utilized in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. Please read the directions carefully and call in person upon the nearest Passport Agent or clerk of a Federal or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. In large cities there are usually two or more courts and at each county-seat a state court authorized to accept these passport applications.

When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

The instructions prepared by the Secretary of State are as follows:

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ x $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in size and such documentary

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

"A mother or widow who does not owe allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Pilgrimage Travel Document through a clerk of a Federal court or a State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens or through a Passport Agent upon the form of application prescribed for that purpose, entitled APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL DOCUMENT, issued under the Act of March 2, 1929, submitting therewith four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches in size and not less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size. When making application she should be accompanied by a credible witness who has known her for a period of two years or more.

"The Act of March 2, 1929, provides that no fee shall be charged for the execution of an application for a passport or travel document or for the issue of a passport or travel document to a mother or widow making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces are now interred.

"Special Pilgrimage Passports and Pilgrimage Travel Documents when issued by the Department of State will be forwarded to the War Department.

"Applicants resident in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle should execute applications at the Passport Agencies in those cities."

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

America

7/30/30

1232



Bates, J. H.

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. Harriet Bates

(Name)

901 Johnson Ave., Portage, Cambria Co., Pa.

(Town or City)

(State)

QM 298 A-C
Bates, John H.

February 1, 1930

Mr. Paul H. Harris,
% John R. Moyer Post No. 430,
The American Legion,
Portage, Penna.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 26, 1930, relative to a questionnaire forwarded Mrs. Harriet Bates in order to determine whether or not she is eligible under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, to make the pilgrimage to the grave of her son, the late Private John H. Bates, in the Meuse Argonne American Cemetery in France.

In this connection you are advised the questionnaire referred to has been received in this office, and Mrs. Bates has been listed as eligible to make the pilgrimage, and desiring to make the journey during the coming summer.

Within a reasonable length of time, a formal invitation, setting forth the vessel upon which passage for her has been engaged and the date of sailing, together with detailed information relative to the pilgrimage will be furnished Mrs. Bates.

I shall be pleased to furnish any additional information you may desire in connection with the pilgrimage.

For the Acting The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

John R. Moyer Post No. 430



THE AMERICAN LEGION

PORTAGE, PENNSYLVANIA

Jan 28, 1930.

A D Hughes Captain Q M Corps.
War Department,
Washington D.C.
Dear Sir:

Please refer to your file QM 293 A C Bates John H.
addressed to Samson Goldstein Commander, John R. Moyer Post #
430 A.L. relative to the eligibility of Mrs Harriet Bates
mother of John H. Bates to make the pilgrimage to her son grave
in France.

Upon taking the question up with Mrs Bates she advised
the forms in question were filled out and forwarded to your office
to date she has had no reply from you,

Forms in question must have gone astray, will thank
you to please forward to me forms necessary, and I will arrange to
have same executed by Mrs Bates and returned promptly,



Very Truly yours,

Paul H Harris
Paul H Harris,

Finance Officer John R Moyer,
Post #430 Amer. Legion.

QM 293 A-C
Bates, John H.

January 23, 1930.

Samson Goldstein, Commander,
John R. Moyer Post #430, A. L.,
Portage, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date relative to the eligibility of Mrs. Harriet Bates of Portage, Pa., to make the pilgrimage to the European cemeteries provided for by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

In this connection, you are advised that this office has forwarded Mrs. Bates several forms to complete and return in order that her eligibility to make this pilgrimage may be determined. To date, none of these forms have been received.

It will be appreciated if you will communicate with Mrs. Bates with a view to having these forms returned at her earliest convenience, as without them we are unable to determine whether or not she is eligible to make this pilgrimage.

For the Acting The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

VHB:LS

John R. Moyer Post No. 430



THE AMERICAN LEGION

PORTAGE, PENNSYLVANIA

*Mrs. George H. Bates (Fulton)
901, Fulton (Pa.)
Portage, Pa.
(Bates), John H. - 1232*

1915 Bates Harriet

Office of Adjutant General
War Department
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Kindly advise by return mail,
whether or not Mrs. Harriet Bates of Portage, Penn-
sylvania is on the eligible list to make the Gold
Star Mother's Pilgrimage to France.

She has already made appli-
cation, but her name was not on the list recently
published.

Thanking you in advance
for an early reply, I beg to remain

Very truly yours,

Samson Goldstein

Commander
John R. Moyer Post #430
American Legion
Portage, Pa.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Bates, John H. 1232 M

Mrs. Harriet Bates,
901 Johnson Avenue,
Portage, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes) <i>yes</i> (No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <i>yes</i> (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) <i>no</i>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age ⁶⁹ Health (Years) <i>69</i> (Good) <i>fair</i> (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <i>yes</i> (No) Other language <i>none</i> (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.
Act
Envelope

*Emu Add
Geo H. Bates
901 Johnson Ave.,
Portage, Penna.*

Sailed

JUL 30 1930

*8-14-30
M. Vandenberg*

RECEIVED
JAN 7 1930
Q. M. G.

WALLACE SHERBINE, PRESIDENT
JAMES G. PATTERSON, VICE PRES.

WM. T. YECKLEY, CASHIER
E. E. HUGHES, ASST. CASHIER

No. 7367

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

CAPITAL \$60,000.00

PORTAGE, PA.

November 27, 1929.

Mr. John T. Harris,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Washington, D. C.

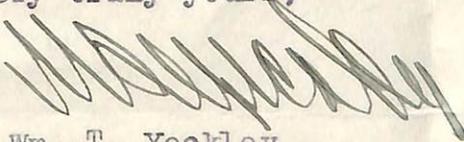
Dear Sir:

We are writing you on behalf of Mrs.
Harriet Bates, mother of John H. Bates 1232.

Mrs. Bates is considerably up in years
but is desirous of taking advantage of the War
Pilgrimage to France next summer.

We would be pleased to have you send to
her direct any papers that she would be required
to have filled out in connection therewith.

Very truly yours,


Wm. T. Yeckley
Cashier.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bates, John H.

June 28, 1929.

Mrs. Harriet Bates,
901 Johnson Ave.,
Portage, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private John H. Bates, Co. L, 28th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty., Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

293 Bates, John, H.

~~OL 095-11~~
~~Moriarity, Mrs. David~~

January 20, 1952

Mrs. David Moriarity,
2406 Seyburn Ave.,
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 16th, relative to your desire to have a gold star placed on the American flag, with which the casket of your mother was covered.

Army Regulations provide "No lettering or object of any kind will be placed on the national flag". In view thereof, permission cannot be granted that a star in memory of your mother be placed on the flag.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Nothing may be
placed on the
flag. #

2406 Lyburn Avenue
Detroit, Mich.
January 16, 1931

Quartermaster General
United States Army
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I wrote to President Hoover about
placing a star on a flag & they told me to
write to you.

My mother Mrs. Harriet Bates the
first gold star mother to die in France
and after the funeral my father donated
the flag which her casket was capped
in to me.

Now this is what I want to ask
of you whether I may be allowed to place
a gold star on the flag.

Would you kindly let me know
before Decoration Day as I would like
to have a gold star placed on it if I
have your permission.

Very truly yours
095 Mrs. David Moriarity

QM 293 AM
Bates, John H. M-A

QM 554.4 AM United States Lines 2nd Ind.
War Department, CGME, December 29, 1931 - To: Finance Officer, U. S.
Army, Washington, D. C.

1. The statement shown in the letter from the United States Lines dated November 30, 1931, is correct. Mrs. Harriet Bates of Portage, Pa., a pilgrim who sailed from New York on the AMERICA, July 30, 1930, died at Verdun, France at 6:05 PM, August 14, 1930. Her remains were returned to the United States on the PRESIDENT HARDING, August 22, 1930, from Cherbourg and no other transportation was drawn for the return of the body. It therefore appears that the United States Lines are entitled to a settlement for this transportation.

For The Quartermaster General.

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

QM 293 A-M
Bates, John H. - 1232

September 27, 1930

The Prudential Insurance Co. of America,
P. O. Drawer 594,
Newark, N. J.

Dear Sirs:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of
September 23, 1930, requesting an official transcript of
death of the late Mrs. Harriet Bates, your Policy No.
17594996 etc.

There is enclosed herewith a photostatic copy
of the Medical Record in this case, which it is believed
will meet your requirements. In the event this is not
satisfactory, an effort will be made to obtain a report
from Europe of the official record of death.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

C. G. M. G. M. & Q. DIV.

Encl.

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File 201 - Bates, Mrs. Harriet - Deceased

August 27th, 1930.

SUBJECT: Mrs. Harriet Bates - Deceased

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

1. There is returned herewith for adjustment, the Westbound Contract Ticket of the late Mrs. Harriet Bates of Party "O", who died in France.

2. This ticket was cancelled with the United States Lines, Paris Office, and is being returned for rate adjustment, as body of this pilgrim was shipped on the S.S. Harding August 19th, 1930.

For Officer In Charge:

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

1 Enc:

Westbound Contract Ticket - S.S. President Roosevelt.

QM 293 A-M Bates, John H. 1232

1st Ind.

August 30, 1930

Officer in Charge, Pilgrimage Port of Embarkation, New York City.

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of Westbound Contract Ticket in favor of Mrs. Harriet Bates, a pilgrim who sailed with Party "O".

For The Quartermaster General,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Bates, John H.

August 25, 1930.

Mrs. Mathilda Burling,
9575 114th St.,
Richmond Hill, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 19, 1930, relative to the return to this country of the remains of Mrs. Harriet Bates, of Portage, Pa., whose death occurred while on the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act approved March 2, 1929.

Your interest in arranging for the "American Gold Star Mothers of the World War" to gather at the pier to show full respects to Mrs. Bates is appreciated, but it is regretted that the plans suggested will not fit in with those made by the War Department for receiving the body of Mrs. Bates and delivering it to her relatives in Portage, Pa. The American flag, which you state Mrs. Bates desired in memory of her son, will cover the coffin, when it arrives on August 27th aboard the SS HARDING.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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August 21, 1930, Washington, D. C.

MR HENRY BATES
901 JOHNSON AVENUE
PORTAGE PENNSYLVANIA

CABLE FROM PARIS TODAY ADVISES QUOTE REMAINS MRS HARRIET BATES
DECEASED RETURNING STEAMSHIP HARDING SAILED AUGUST 14 UNQUOTE
DUE TO ARRIVE NEW YORK AUGUST TWENTY SEVENTH. DETAILS MAY BE
OBTAINED FROM COLONEL A E WILLIAM ROOM NINE NAUGHT ONE PENNSYL-
VANIA BUILDING NEW YORK CITY. 1496 GSM

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

QM 293 A-M
Bates, John H. 1232



QM 293 A-M
Bates, John H. - 1232

August 18, 1930

SUBJECT: Death of Mrs. Harriet Bates.

TO: Col. A. E. Williams, O.C. Port of Embarkation, M & W Pilgrimage, Room 901, Pennsylvania Bldg., 225 West 34th Street, New York City.

1. Herewith is a copy of cablegram relative to the death of Mrs. Harriet Bates, which occurred at Verdun, France.

2. The remains of Mrs. Bates will be returned to the United States on the SS HARDING, leaving Cherbourg on August 19th. Major Carlock has been designated to escort these remains to Mrs. Bates' home and render such assistance as is possible to the family in their bereavement. It is desired that you arrange for the shipping of this body and that you direct Major Carlock to remain at the home of Mrs. Bates for the funeral and render such assistance as he is able to. He should be instructed to see that there is a flag accompanying the remains and take steps to provide a wreath for the funeral, similar to that provided in the two other cases handled by your office.

3. Should it develop that the remains and casket are not in a satisfactory condition, an undertaker should be employed to prepare the remains in a satisfactory manner. Major Carlock should make these arrangements and see that this is done to the satisfaction of the relatives. In other words, he should be instructed to look out for the various details in the same manner that the two other cases were handled by officers detailed by your office.

4. Colonel Ellis has been instructed to see that Major Carlock is thoroughly informed relative to the circumstances surrounding the death of Mrs. Bates, in order that he may convey this information to the relatives.

For The Quartermaster General:

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

Encl.

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THE SECRETARY OF WAR
DIRECTS ANSWERS TO THIS
CABLE AS FOLLOWS:

CABLEGRAM.

JJ

Received at the War Department.

August 15, 1930.

ADVISE WITHIN 12 HOURS
if answer is unnecessary.

If answer is NOT SENT
WITHIN 7 DAYS REASON
MUST BE STATED.

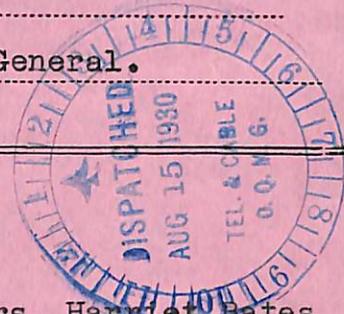
9:50 A M.

From Paris

To The Adjutant General.

C. H. BRIDGES,
Major General,
The Adjutant General.

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Copies furnished as noted:

Number 1816. August 14th.

The Q.M.G. from Ellis. Mrs. Harriet Bates
Party O died Verdun six five evening August 14th
cerebral hemorrhage. Following cablegram sent
Henry Bates 901 Johnson Ave., Portage, Penn.
"Mrs Harriet Bates passed away quietly at Verdun
France five minutes after six evening Thursday August
fourteenth. You will be immediately advised upon
completion of arrangements for return of remains
to United States. In event you desire to communi-
cate any special instructions address cable to
Pilgrimage Paris". Arrangements being made to
return remains to United States on Steamship
sailing
Harding/ from Cherbourg August 19th. This office
will provide escort to Cherbourg. Request authority
to designate Major Carlock liaison officer as escort
Cherbourg to New York.

Memorial
For Action and Report
by Telegraph & Cable Section, Room 227
Within 5 Days
QMG

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Harts,

COPY OF CABLEGRAM...RECD. AT WAR DEPT.

PARIS...1816AUG. 14.

From...ELLIS

Mrs. Harriett Bates Party "O" died Verudn 6:05 evening August 14 cerebral hemorrhage following cablegram sent Henry Bates 901 Johnson Ave., Portage, Pa. quote..Mrs. Harriett Bates passed away quietly at Verdun, France five minutes after six evening Thursday August 14th stop You will be immediately advised upon completion of arrangements for return of remains to United States stop In event you desire to communicate any special instructions address cable to Pilgrimage, Paris unquote..Arrangements being made to return remains to U.S. on S.S. Harding sailing from Cherbourg August 19th stop This office will provide escort to Cherbourg stop Request authority to designate Major Carlock liaison officer as escort Cherbourg New York,

HARTS.

Memorial



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

August 15, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO _____

MEMORANDUM FOR: Col. Gibson.

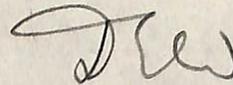
Subject: Death of Mrs. Bates.

As soon as cablegram is received from Col. Ellis informing us of the death of Mrs. Bates, take the following action:

Cable him to have body embalmed and shipped on first available liner (U.S.Line), accompanied by an officer as escort. This officer will accompany body to her former home and will be thoroughly familiar with circumstances concerning her death in order that he may inform her family. He will furnish a wreath and flag and cable Col. Williams and this office the ship on which body is sent and name of officer accompanying the body. A complete report concerning the circumstances of death to be forwarded by mail to this office as soon as practicable for ~~transfer~~ ^{transmission} to the family.

Send telegram to family in the name of the Secretary of War and letter for my signature, as in case of other deaths.

Prepare action now so as there will be no delay when cable is received.



J.L. DeW.
The QMG.

FILE UNDER NO. 293. - Bates, John H.

Aug. 14/30

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From - HARTS - Paris

To - The A.G., # 1815 - Aug. 14th

To The QMG from Ellis.

Giving list of sick on Party O, at Hospitals and otherwise. GSM.

DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO. 710. - Pilgrimage, Gold Star

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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R. H. JORDAN
Lt. Col. Q.M.G.
Adjutant

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MILITARY ATTACHE
AMBASSY
PARIS FRANCE
To:

FOR ELLIS: YOUR 1916 MAKE CERTAIN BODY MRS. BATES PROPERLY
PREPARED AND SUITABLE CASES FURNISHED DETAIL MAJOR CARLOCK
TO ACCOMPANY REMAINS TO HER HOME HAVE HIM THOROUGHLY INSTRUCTED
WITH CIRCUMSTANCES CONCERNING HER DEATH IN ORDER THAT HE MAY
INFORM HER FAMILY FURNISH WEATH AND FLAG MAKE COMPLETE REPORT
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MILITARY ATTACHE
AMBASSY
TO:
PARIS FRANCE

FOR ELLIS: YOUR 1816 MAKE CERTAIN BOTH MRS. BATES PROPERLY
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August 15, 1930

Mr. Henry Bates
901 Johnson Avenue
Portage, Pennsylvania

CABLEGRAM RECEIVED THIS DATE FROM COLONEL ELLIS IN CHARGE OF PILGRIMAGE IN FRANCE STATING THAT YOUR WIFE MRS. HARRIET BATES PASSED AWAY QUIETLY AT VERDUN FRANCE THURSDAY AUGUST FOURTEENTH PLEASE ACCEPT MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR GRIEF AND LOSS STOP MRS BATES WAS ONE OF THE MANY MOTHERS AND WIDOWS WHO HAVE MADE THE PILGRIMAGE TO THE HALLOWED GRAVES OF THEIR LOVED ONES IN FRANCE AND THERE IS CONSOLATION IN THE THOUGHT THAT SHE WAS SPARED LONG ENOUGH TO FULFILL HER DESIRE TO SEE THE LAST RESTING PLACE OF HER HERO SON STOP THE REMAINS WILL BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES ON STEAMSHIP HARDING LEAVING CHERBOURG AUGUST NINETEENTH AN OFFICER WILL ACCOMPANY THE REMAINS TO HER HOME ~~AND~~ ~~PLEASE~~ SUCH ASSISTANCE AS IS POSSIBLE TO THE FAMILY IN THEIR BEREAVEMENT

QM 293 A-M
Bates, John H. 1232 M

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

✓ X 293 Pilgrimage, Gold Star



August 15, 1930

Mr. Henry Bates
901 Johnson Avenue
Portage, Pennsylvania

I HAVE JUST BEEN ADVISED THAT MRS. BATES PASSED AWAY IN VERDUN YESTERDAY THE
FOURTEENTH STOP PLEASE ACCEPT MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR GRIEF AND GREAT
LOSS STOP IT IS COMFORTING TO KNOW THAT MRS. BATES WAS SPARED LONG ENOUGH
TO REALIZE HER LONG DESIRE OF KNEELING AT THE HALLOWED GRAVE OF HER BELOVED
SON WHO RESTS IN FRANCE STOP I HAVE DIRECTED AN ARMY OFFICER TO ESCORT HER
REMAINS TO HER HOME AND RENDER SUCH ASSISTANCE AS IS POSSIBLE TO THE FAMILY
IN THEIR GRIEF

HURLEY
SECRETARY OF WAR

QM 295 A-M
Bates, John H. - 1232 M

Bates, John H.

Henry

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WAR MOTHER DIES IN VERDUN HOTEL

Cerebral Hemorrhage Fetal to Mrs.
Harriet Bates of Portage, Pa.
Others Ill.

By the Associated Press.

VERDUN, France, August 14.—Mrs. Harriet Bates, wife of Henry Bates of Portage, Pa., died in the Verdun Hotel today from the effects of a cerebral hemorrhage. Mrs. Bates was with a party of Gold Star Mothers.

Mrs. Bates was the first Gold Star Mother to die in France, of the nearly 2,000 who visited the battlefield cemeteries during this Summer.

A number of the mothers have been ill, some of them seriously, from a variety of causes, including the emotional strain to which they subjected themselves in their advanced years at the graves of beloved war victims.

Mrs. Bates was unconscious for several hours before her death. Her last words before losing consciousness, when she felt there was no hope of rallying, were that she would die in the country where her boy was buried. Pending receipt of instructions, funeral arrangements were held in abeyance.

*Harriet Bates, June 14
& 28 day*

Bureau 1232N ltr.

*file
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Bates, John H. 1232 M

July 1, 1930

Mrs. Harriet Bates
901 Johnson Ave.
Portage, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

Lv. Portage	Penna.	No. 682	7:10 AM	July 28
Ar. Altoona	"	"	8:10 AM	28
Lv. "	"	26	10:19 AM	28
Ar. New York	"	"	5:15 PM	28

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

June 12, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bates, John H. - 1232 M carefully the suggestions made above, and comply with them, it will add greatly to your comfort throughout the trip and will assist the Government in carrying out successfully the pilgrimage. This letter is being sent to **Mrs. Harriet Bates**, 901 Johnson Ave., Portage, Pa. rather and widow who has accepted the invitation sent by the Government to visit the grave of her son or husband.

For The Quartermaster General,

Dear Madam:

Very truly yours,

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

A. D. HUNTER,

Captain, Q. M. Corps

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

May 14, 1930.

IN REPLY TO ^{OM 293 A-C} ~~Miss~~ ~~John H.~~ ~~1232 M~~
America 7-30

Mrs. Harriet Bates,
901 Johnson Avenue,
Portage, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Name

Address

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bates, John H. -1232 M
America 7-30

May 8. 1930

Mrs. Harriet Bates,
901 Johnson Avenue,
Portage, Penn.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 24, 1930.

Bates, John H. 1232 M

Mrs. Harriet Bates,
901 Johnson Ave.,
Portage, Pa.

Dear Madam:

The following instructions prepared by the Secretary of State contain the necessary instructions to be followed by you in obtaining the passport or travel document to be utilized in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. Please read the directions carefully and call in person upon the nearest Passport Agent or clerk of a Federal or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. In large cities there are usually two or more courts and at each county-seat a state court authorized to accept these passport applications.

When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

The instructions prepared by the Secretary of State are as follows:

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than 2½x2½ inches in size and such documentary

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

"A mother or widow who does not owe allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Pilgrimage Travel Document through a clerk of a Federal court or a State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens or through a Passport Agent upon the form of application prescribed for that purpose, entitled APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL DOCUMENT, issued under the Act of March 2, 1929, submitting therewith four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches in size and not less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size. When making application she should be accompanied by a credible witness who has known her for a period of two years or more.

"The Act of March 2, 1929, provides that no fee shall be charged for the execution of an application for a passport or travel document or for the issue of a passport or travel document to a mother or widow making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces are now interred.

"Special Pilgrimage Passports and Pilgrimage Travel Documents when issued by the Department of State will be forwarded to the War Department.

"Applicants resident in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle should execute applications at the Passport Agencies in those cities."

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C
Bates, John H. 1232 M

April 14, 1930

Mrs. Harriet Bates,
901 Johnson Ave.,
Portage, Penn.
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. On board ship, medical care will be provided by the ship's doctors and in Paris arrangements have been made with the American Hospital for the hospitalization and treatment of any women who may need it. In addition to this, six doctors of the regular army will be on duty throughout the pilgrimage.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.
Regulation:

QM 293 A-C
Bates, John H.

February 1, 1930

Mr. Paul H. Harris,
% John R. Moyer Post No. 450,
The American Legion,
Portage, Penna.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 30, 1930, relative to a questionnaire forwarded Mrs. Harriet Bates in order to determine whether or not she is eligible under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, to make the pilgrimage to the grave of her son, the late Private John H. Bates, in the Meuse Argonne American Cemetery in France.

In this connection you are advised the questionnaire referred to has been received in this office, and Mrs. Bates has been listed as eligible to make the pilgrimage, and desiring to make the journey during the coming summer.

Within a reasonable length of time, a formal invitation, setting forth the vessel upon which passage for her has been engaged and the date of sailing, together with detailed information relative to the pilgrimage will be furnished Mrs. Bates.

I shall be pleased to furnish any additional information you may desire in connection with the pilgrimage.

For the Acting The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Fuller Hill

QM 293 A-C
Bates, John H.

January 23, 1930.

Samson Goldstein, Commander,
John R. Moyer Post #430, A. L.,
Portage, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date relative to the eligibility of Mrs. Harriet Bates of Portage, Pa., to make the pilgrimage to the European cemeteries provided for by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

In this connection, you are advised that this office has forwarded Mrs. Bates several forms to complete and return in order that her eligibility to make this pilgrimage may be determined. To date, none of these forms have been received.

It will be appreciated if you will communicate with Mrs. Bates with a view to having these forms returned at her earliest convenience, as without them we are unable to determine whether or not she is eligible to make this pilgrimage.

For the Acting 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

October 7, 1929.

Bates, John H. 1232 M

Mrs. Harriet Bates,
901 Johnson Avenue,
Portage, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.
Act
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bates, John H.
1232

August 30, 1929.

Mrs. Harriet Bates,
901 Johnson Ave.,
Portage, Pa.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 28, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage?

Write answers in space below

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried? If so, give her complete address:

2. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

3. If survived by a widow or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bates, John H.

June 28, 1929.

Mrs. Harriet Bates,
901 Johnson Ave.,
Portage, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private John H. Bates, Co. L, 28th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty., Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

In reply refer to:
293 C-R

July 6, 1923.

Mr. George H. Bates,
901 Johnson Ave.,
Portage, Pa.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of Black B, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagnous-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 maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

H. J. Conner,
Assistant.

RD

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File 90125

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

BATES, John H. 3173951
(a) Name BATES, John H. Ser. No. 3173951
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. L, 28th Inf.
(c) Date of death 10-15-18 abt. (d) Cause of death K/A

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

(a) Grave No. 91 Row - Plot 2 Sec. 33 TYP. b
(b) Emerg. Address Mr. George H. Bates (father) 901 Johnson Ave., Portage, Pa.

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

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

[Blank lines for information]

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on ..., 192
letter of transmittal on MAY 10 1921, 192

Sec. 33 PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED - ap

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

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Table with 4 columns: 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.

MAY 18 1921 - TP

Bates,
(Surname.)

John H.
(Christian name in full.)

3,173,951
(Army serial number.)

Dup. ✓

Pvt.

Co. L, 28th Inf.
(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Mother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

No

(Yes or no.)

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

(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)

Mrs Harriet Bates

1001 Johnson Ave

Portage

Iowa

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Dear Sir I think it is best to let
my son rest where he is as it
is so long now ~~and~~ and I could not
see him I think it best to let
him lay where he is but if
I can send him any flowers
or any thing for his grave
I will do so. Thanking you very
much for your information of him.

checked my 4-27-21

Drawn by 92
1232 - Sec 33 - 11

4/27/21

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date

1. REMAINS OF BATES, John H. SERIAL NUMBER 3173951

RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Co L 28th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Dec 3rd 1921 From (give complete location): Grave 91 Sec 33 Plot 2. Cem. 1232.

By: Group 5 Unit F.S.#1.

3. Reburied (date): Dec. 3rd, 1921. In (give complete location): Grave 26, Row 34, Block B, Cemetery 1232.

By: Group Reburial S Unit Nature of reburial Unlined Casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: Body decomposed, unrecognizable. Uniform and pine box.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? Yes (On peg)

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

G.R.S. plaque on body reads, "John H. Bates"

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)

None visible.

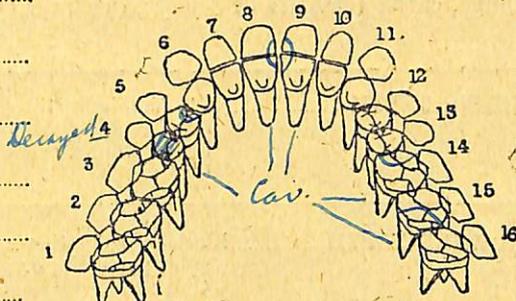
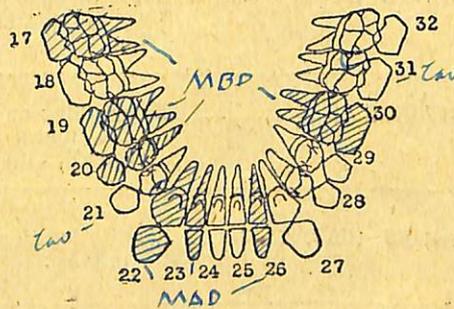


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



7. Disinterment supervised by H.E. STRONG

Approved: H.S. HARPOLE 1st Lieut (Title) Q.M.C.

8. Reburial supervised by A.U. Dufault

Approved: James V. Younger (Title) Captain Q.M.C.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE December 3, 1921.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BATES, John H.

10. Name _____

2. No. 3173951

11. No. _____

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank _____

4. Org. Co. L., 28th Inf.

13. Org. _____

5. D.D. 10-15-18 (abt.)

14. (a) D.D. _____

6. C.D. KIA

(b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 91 Sec. 33

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____

8. Plot 2 Row _____

16. Plot _____ Row _____

9. _____

17. _____

18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne American19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon20. Dept. or County Meuse21. Country France.22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232.Sec.3323. Disinterred (Date) Dec. 3, 1921.By H.E. Strong

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name BATES, John H.Serial No. 3173951Rank Pvt.Organization Co. L, 28th Inf.25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes On body? YesL.B. Ayers
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).

G.R.S. Plaque on body reading "John H. Bates"27. Condition of body Decomposed; unrecognizable.28. Nature of burial In pine box and uniform.29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Dec. 3, 1921 By H.E. Strong31. Casket sealed by H.E. StrongSignature of Embalmer, (Supervisor H. E. STRONG)

90/25

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bates 317,395

John H.

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

Pvt.

Not Known

(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL 10/15/18

PLACE OF BURIAL South of Exermont

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

GRAVE NUMBER 2

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:

CMME. Exermont (Ardennes)

(C-209) SIII 355E COORD

REPORTED BY:

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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



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