

To The A. G. O.

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G.R.S. Form #114 B

OCT 5 - 1926

DATE 10/14/21

1. NAME Bates, Milford H. SERIAL No. 561428  
 RANK Pvt. cl. ORGANIZATION Co. K 59th Inf. & DIVISION 4 Div  
 GRAVE LOCATION American Cty. Souilly, Meuse 534  
 CTY. NAME NUMBER  
129 Sect. B 3  
 GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION nothing of record  
 GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES not known

CONCENTRATED TO nothing of record  
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

CEMETERY CITY. NUMBER

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

DATE OF DEATH Oct 12 1918  
 STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME None  
 MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED None

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS not known  
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY  
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR Wm M Cline Wm M. CLINE  
Captain Q.M.C.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 10/14/21 13 27 Block H.  
 DATE GRAVE ROW XXXX

Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

AUDITED BY  
 M.M.E.  
 1-29-23  
 MM

CEMETERY  
 A.G.O.  
 OCT 5 1921  
 WORLD WAR DIV.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.

2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.

3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.

4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form I6, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.



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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bates 661420 Milford

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

Pvt Co. K 59 Inf

(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL 10/12/18

PLACE OF BURIAL Amer Cem

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

Souilly (Meuse)  
Gravel Hoop # 6

GRAVE NUMBER B-III 129

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? ..... Cross? .....

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:

*P. O. Quinn Stewart*

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

*Chaplain Emmett #6*

**WESTERN MILITARY BUREAU**

ROUTE AND SCHEDULE

EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE SAILING FROM NEW YORK CITY August 27, 1930

*Bates, Milford H.  
Pvt. 1st. Co K.  
5-9th Inf.*

Fremont County, State of Wyoming

Name Bates, Mrs Chas E (S-9)

Address Lander, Wyo

Route going: C&NW Chicago, Wab Buffalo, DL&W ~~New York~~

Return: Same route

Itinerary		ROAD	TRAIN	TIME	DATE
going	✓Lv Lander	C&NW	622	1:15 PM	Aug 22
	Ar Omaha	"	"	5:20 PM	" 23
	Lv "	"	22	6:00 PM	" "
	✓Ar Chi cago	"	"	7:20 AM	" 24
	✓Lv "	Wab	6	10:30 AM	" "
	✓Ar New York (Hoboken)	DL&W	2	3:30 PM	" 25
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Accommodations: Standard sleeper Lander, Wyo to Chicago, Ill and Chi cago, Ill to New York, NY

Elapsed Time: 73 hrs:15 min *31/4*

Extra Fare:

*HBT*

*SM*

*Bates, Milford H.*  
*Pfe.*

**WESTERN MILITARY BUREAU**  
ROUTE AND SCHEDULE

EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE SAILING FROM NEW YORK CITY July 2, \_\_\_\_\_, 1930

Fremont County, State of Wyoming

Name Bates, Mrs Chas E (J-6)

Address Lander, Wyoming

Route going: C&NW Chi cago NYC New York

Return: NYC Chicago C&NW Lander

~~(Desires stopover at Albany, N Y and Orin, Wyoming)~~

		ROAD	TRAIN	TIME	DATE
Itinerary going	Lv Lander	C&NW	622	1:15 PM	June 27
	Ar Omaha	"	"	5:20 PM	" 28
	Lv "	"	22	6:00 PM	" "
	Ar Chicago	"	"	7:20 AM	" 29
	Lv "	NYC	10	10:35 AM	" "
	Ar New York	"	6	3:45 PM	" 30
	Lv (Grand Cent Sta)				
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Accommodations: Coach Lander, Wyo to Casper, Wyo, Standard sleeper Casper, Wyo to Omaha, Neb., Omaha to Chicago, Ill and Chicago Ill to New York, N Y

Elapsed Time: 72 hours, 30 minutes.

Extra Fare:

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	✓ Lv "	B&O	10	10:00 AM	" "
	✓ Ar New York	"	6	2:05 PM	" 30
	Lv (Jersey City)				
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Accommodations: Coach Lander, Wyo to Casper, Wyo, Standard sleeper Casper, Wyo to Omaha, Neb., Omaha to Chicago, Ill and Chicago to New York, N Y

Elapsed Time: 70 hours, 50 minutes

Extra Fare:

Party "g" - Itinerary - Meuse-Argonne Group

Sailed August 27, 1930 on AMERICA. Capt. R. E. Shannon in charge. Capt. Morrill Ross assistant. Arrived Cherbourg September 5. Met by 11 officers, 8 nurses and 3 civilian employees. Train left 3.50 pm. Arrived Gare des Invalides in Paris at 10.15pm. Met by Officer in Charge and members of his staff, interpreters and nurses.

- Sept. 6th. Morning devoted to transaction of personal business. Exchange of money, preparation of laundry, etc. Wreath placed on tomb of Unknown Soldier at 3.30pm by Mrs. Mary Damon for party. Tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent. Dinner at hotel.
- Sept. 7th. Left 7.15am for Verdun via Porte de Pantin Meaux, La Porte sous Jouarre, Montmirail (rest stop Hotel du Verte), Chalons s/ Marne (lunch Hotel Haute Mere); Ste Manchould (rest stop Modern Hotel). Arrived Verdun 6.15pm. Quarters Hotel Nouvel.
- Sept. 8th, 9th, 10th. Daily trips made from Verdun to the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery.
- Sep. 11th. Left Verdun at 9.15am for Reims. Lunch at Cemetery. Charpentry; Argonne Forest; Four de Paris; Vienne-le-Chateau; Vienne-le-Ville; Soame Bionne; Suippes (rest stop Hotel Champagne); Jonchery; St. Hilaire-le-Grand; Arrived 6.15pm. Quarters Hotel Bristol Crystal.
- Sep. 12th. Tour Reims and Cathedral. Lunch Hotel Crystal. Left 1.30pm for Paris via Champfleury Ay; Epernay; Dormans; Chateau Thierry (rest stop Hostellerie du Bonhomme), Belleau Woods; Le Thiolet Montrouil-aux-Lions; La Porte sous Jouarre. Arrived Paris 6.45pm.
- Sep. 13th. Morning free or shopping. Lunch at hotel. Sightseeing trip of Paris. Sacre Coeur. Dinner at hotel.
- Sep. 14th. Free or Church. Lunch at hotel. Notre Dame. Dinner at hotel. Nite sightseeing trip.
- Sep. 15th. Fontainebleau via Barbison. Lunch at Hotel Legris. Visit Chateau. Departed 4pm via Melun. Arrived Paris 6.30pm. Dinner at hotel.
- Sep. 16th. Versailles. Lunch at hotel in Paris. Napoleon's Tomb. Dinner at hotel.
- Sep. 17th. Louvre. Lunch at hotel. Afternoon free. Dinner at hotel.
- Sep. 18th. Train left Gare des Invalides at 2.12pm for Cherbourg. Arrived 8.50pm. PRESIDENT HARDING sailed 11pm. Arrived New York September 26, 1930.

Bates, Milford H

Mrs. Charles E. Bates

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

BATES, MILFORD H. M.A.

Party S  
 Number 3537

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

MRS. CHARLES E. BATES ..... Actual cost of through Pullman.  
 Name of Traveler

LANDER, FREMONT COUNTY ..... New York, to LANDER, WYOMING  
 Home Address

..... WYOMING ..... \$ ~~22.13~~ 21.00

New York, to LANDER, WYOMING  
 Destination

Via D.L.& W. TO BUFFALO, WABASH TO CHICAGO - C.& N.W. TO DEST. ....

TICKET EXPIRES  
 October 21, 1930 ..... SEPTEMBER 27, 1930  
 Date of Departure

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	Car	U. S. G. Order No.	Actual Cost
LV	HOBOKEN	DL&W.	5	9/27	2:20P	L 3	X 50	\$9.00
AR	Chicago	Wab.	11	9/28	4:50P			
LV	"	C&NW	11-611	9/28	6:05P	<del>L</del>	<del>W</del>	<del>13.13</del>
AR	Lander	"	11-611	9/30	11:55A			
LV								
AR	Carper	11-611	9/30	7:15 AM	L		Wg-1024798	12.00
LV	"	11-611	9/30	7:43 AM				
AR	Lander-	11-611	9/30	11:55A	Coach			
LV								
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LV								
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TOTAL ~~\$22.13~~  
 21.00

Remarks:

*Capt. Herberth*

NAME BATES, MRS, CHAS. E.

S.S. HARDING

AUG 1 1930

HOME LANDER, FREMONT COUNTY WYOMING.

R.R.

STATION

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE

*Cancelled*

BUS #1

PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

NOTICE

DATE July 2, 1930

Mrs BATES, MRS. CHAS. E.

Room No                     

HOTEL NEW WESTON

NEW YORK CITY.

DEAR MADAM:

KINDLY REMEMBER THAT YOUR STEAMER AMERICA

SAILS PROMPTLY FROM HOBOKEN, N. J. AT 11:00 A.M.

BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED AT 7:30 ~~8:00~~ A.M.

BUS WILL CALL FOR YOU AT 8:30 ~~9:00~~ A.M.

WE HOPE YOU WILL BE READY AND WISH YOU A PLEASANT

VOYAGE.

FORWARDING ADDRESS

Care of:  
Officer In Charge  
American Pilgrimage  
War Mothers and Widows  
146 Ave. des Champ Elysees  
Paris, France

*Harold R. Emery*  
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MOTHERS AND WIDOWS  
PILGRIMAGE

NAME **BATES, MRS. CHAS. E.**...

U. S. LINES S. S. **AMERICA** .....

DESTINATION **CHERBOURG, FRANCE.** .....

DATE OF SAILING **JUL 2 1930** .....

STATEROOM .....

KPB-3-26-30-30M

MOTHERS AND WIDOWS  
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**PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS**

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DATE **JULY 1, 1930** .....Received from Mrs. **BATES, CHAS. E.** .....**Lander, Fremont County, Wyoming.**

Her Railroad return ticket, which will be delivered to her on arrival from Europe

Signed .....

Officer-in-charge

Hotel **NEW WESTON** .....

NAME BATES, MRS. CHARLES E.

S.S. HARDING SEP 23 1930

HOME LANDER, FREMONT COUNTY, S. C.

R.R. D & W to Buffalo WYOMING

STATION Wabash to Chicago

TRAIN # C & N W to dest

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE Oct 21-30

Name BATES, Mrs Chas E.

**HOTEL AMBASSADOR**

Paris Hôtel BOULEVARD HAUSSMANN

Home address Lander, Fremont County, Wyoming

Party H S Group I Unit S/S AMERICA

Date of arrival SEPT. 5, 1930 Date of departure ~~30~~ HQRDING, Sept. 18, 1930

Relationship Mother

Name of deceased BATES, Milford H.

Rank Pvt. 1cl Organization Co. K, 59th Inf.

Cemetery Meuse-Argonne

REMARKS

Deleted from Party "J"



WAR DEPARTMENT  
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS & WIDOWS  
225 WEST 34TH ST., N.Y., N. Y. ROOM 1211

VIA WESTERN UNION

KENNETH M. HALPINE,  
Major, Inf. (DOL)  
Sept. 27th, 1930.

MR. HARLAND BATES,  
LANDER, WYO.

YOUR MOTHER WILL ARRIVE AT LANDER VIA C&NWR TRAIN NO ELEVEN  
DASH SIX ELEVEN AT ELEVEN FIFTYFIVE AM TUESDAY

KENNETH M HALPINE

MRS. CHARLES E. BATES,  
Pennsylvania Hotel,  
Party "S"

August 12th, 1930.

Mrs. Charles E. Bates,  
Lander,  
~~South Carolina.~~

*Wyoming*

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:

*Quarters in N.Y. east Mrs. S. M. Leonard Mrs. S. A. Wagner  
west Mrs. George W. Berry  
on America - Cabin 262 -  
Alone.*

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

Enclosures:  
2 tags.

*Arrived N.Y. 3:30 PM - Aug 25  
Train 2 - N.Y. & W. RR.  
Capt. Barrell*

*2 tags*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

*Miss*

MEMORANDUM      June 21, 1930

To All Concerned:

Please make the following changes in passenger  
list for:

S. S. AMERICA, July 2, 1930

Change #14

Party J

*Supma*

DELETE - Bates, Mrs. Chas. E.

WYOMING

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For The Quartermaster General,

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



June 12th, 1930.

Mrs. Ches. E. Bates,  
Lander,  
Wyoming.

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.

November 14, 1930

Mrs. Elizabeth C. Bates,  
Box 615,  
Lander, Wyoming.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 9, 1930, expressing your appreciation for the pilgrimage you have made to the grave of your son, the late Private first class Milford H. Bates, in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in Europe, and requesting that an American flag be forwarded you in his memory.

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

I am pleased to know that you are satisfied with the appearance of the resting place of your son and that you are not sorry you left the care of his grave to a grateful Government. You are assured that the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery will always be maintained in the same fine condition in which you found it as it will continue to be the constant effort of the Quartermaster Corps to make the American cemeteries in Europe fitting resting places for the heroes who are buried there.

An order has been issued under even date that a flag be forwarded you, provided one has not previously been furnished.

With sincere appreciation of the sentiments expressed by you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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

Copy for: Quartermaster Supply Officer, Washington General Depot.  
Authority for furnishing above-named mother a flag, provided one has not been furnished. Son -Private 1/c Milford H. Bates, Co. K, 59th Infantry.

ADH  
MRG  
JLDeW

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bates, Milford H. PFC - 1232 M

August 4, 1930.

Mrs. Chas. E. Bates,  
Lander, Wyoming.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No.            in the  
amount of \$            , to pay for your meals and incidental  
expenses <sup>584270</sup> from your home to New York on the pilgrimage  
<sup>32.50</sup> 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.

XXXX A-M  
Dates, Milford H. 1232 M

August 1, 1930

Mrs. Chas. E. Dates,  
Lander,  
Wyoming.

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	Lander	GN&W	Train 622	1:15 PM	Aug. 22
Ar	Omaha	"	"	5:20 PM	" 23
Lv	"	"	22	6:00 PM	" "
Ar	Chicago	"	"	7:20 AM	" 24
Lv	"	Wab	"	6 10:30 AM	" "
Ar	New York	DL&N	"	2 3:30 PM	" 25

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-M

Bates, Milford H. 1232 M

July 12, 1930

Mrs. Charles Bates,  
Box 615,  
Lander, Wyoming.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of check in the amount of \$30.00 forwarded you from this office to cover subsistence and incidental expenses from your home to New York City on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

As stated in office letter of June 30, 1930, a new check will be forwarded you prior to your sailing on the SS "America" August 27, 1930.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

June 30, 1930.

Mrs. Charles Bates,  
Box 615,  
Lander, Wyoming.

Dear Madam:-

Inasmuch as your sailing date has been changed from July 2 to August 27, 1930, it is requested that you immediately return to this office check #339105, issued June 9, 1930, by Maj. J. B. Harper, P. D., in your favor for \$30.00, covering subsistence and incidental expenses on your trip to New York.

A new check will be forwarded you prior to your sailing on the S. S. America, August 27, 1930.

For The Quartermaster General;

Very truly yours,

ADH-B

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

QM 293 A-M

Bates, Milford H. 1232 M

June 21, 1930.

Mrs. Charles Bates  
Box 615,  
Lander, Wyoming

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your telegram dated June 20, 1930, advising that you desire to sail at a later date than July 2, 1930, to visit the grave of the late Milford H. Bates, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

Accordingly arrangements are being made for you to sail on August 27, 1930, and there is enclosed herewith an invitation to sail on the SS "America," on that date.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

MS

217  
Encl.  
Inv.

Bates, Milford E. - 1232

June 12, 1930.

Mrs. Charles E. Bates,  
Lander, Wyoming.

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. Lander	C&NW	Train No. 622	1:15 PM	June 27
Ar. Omaha	"	" " "	5:20 "	" 28
Lv. Omaha	"	" " 22	6:00 "	" "
Ar. Chicago	"	" " "	7:20 AM	" 29
Lv. Chicago	NYC	" " 10	10:35 "	" "
Ar. New York (Grand Cent. Sta.)	"	" " 6	3:45 PM	" 30

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.

*Stopover cancelled  
on trans. list, card  
and int. list*

QM 293 A-C  
Bates, Milford H. - 1232 M

June 11, 1930.

Mrs. Elizabeth C. Bates,  
Box 615,  
Lander, Wyoming.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 5, 1930, in which you state that you do not wish to stop over at Albany, N. Y. or Orin, Wyoming on your return from the European pilgrimage, sailing on the SS AMERICA July 2, 1930.

You have been routed through these points on your return from New York but you need not stop at either place if you do not desire. If you should decide to make these stop-overs please advise at the time you receive your return transportation at New York City, paying the additional Pullman fare as previously advised.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

MM

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 10, 1930.

Bates, Milford H. - 1232 M

Mrs. Chas. E. Bates,  
Lander, Wyoming.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. ~~339105~~ in the amount of \$ ~~30.00~~ 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.

Bates, Milford H. 1232

June 7, 1930

Mrs. Charles E. Bates,  
Lander, Wyoming.

Dear Madam:

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

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Ar. Chicago	"	No. 22	7:20 AM	June 29
Lv. Chicago	B&O	No. 10	10:00 AM	June 29
Ar. New York	"	No. 6	2:08 PM	June 30
(Jersey City)				

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.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-C  
Bates, Milford H. - 1232 M

May 27, 1930.

Mrs. Elizabeth C. Bates,  
Box 615,  
Lander, Wyoming.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 15, 1930 relative to your desire to stop over at Springfield, Mass. for one week and at Cheyenne, Wyoming for two days on your return from the pilgrimage, sailing on the SS AMERICA July 2, 1930.

In this connection you are advised that it is not possible to grant you stop-overs at these places and route you accordingly on your return journey. However, you may be granted stop-overs at Albany, N. Y. and Orin, Wyoming.

From Albany, N. Y. you may arrange a side trip at your own expense to Springfield, Mass. at a cost of approximately \$7.58 for rail fare and \$1.50 Pullman charge.

From Orin, Wyoming you may make a side trip to Cheyenne, Wyoming at a cost to you of \$10.96 for rail fare and about \$5.00 for Pullman fare.

There will also be an extra Pullman charge of about \$3.50 on account of this routing and stop-overs which must be paid by you from personal funds when you receive your return transportation in New York City.

The total expense to you will be about \$29.34. It will be appreciated if you will advise this office immediately as to whether you desire to make the stop-overs at Albany, N. Y. and Orin, Wyoming.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Invt. list and card

Washington, D. C. May 27, 1930.

Mr. H. W. Siddall, Chairman,  
Western Military Bureau,  
Room 428, New Union Sta.,  
516 W. Jackson Blvd.,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Lander, Wyo. Fremont Co.

AMERICA JULY SECOND MRS ELIZABETH C BATES PAGE J DASH SIX DESIRES

STOPOVERS ALBANY NY AND ORIN WYOMING ROUTE ACCORDINGLY

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QM 295 A-C  
Bates, Milford H. - 1232 M

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 17, 1930.

Bates, Milford E. 1232 M

Mrs. Chas. E. Bates,  
Lander, Wyoming.

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.

293  
Bates, Milford H

November 14, 1930

Mrs. Elizabeth C. Bates,  
Box 615,  
Lander, Wyoming.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 9, 1930, expressing your appreciation for the pilgrimage you have made to the grave of your son, the late Private first class Milford H. Bates, in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in Europe, and requesting that an American flag be forwarded you in his memory.

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

I am pleased to know that you are satisfied with the appearance of the resting place of your son and that you are not sorry you left the care of his grave to a grateful Government. You are assured that the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery will always be maintained in the same fine condition in which you found it as it will continue to be the constant effort of the Quartermaster Corps to make the American cemeteries in Europe fitting resting places for the heroes who are buried there.

An order has been issued under even date that a flag be forwarded you, provided one has not previously been furnished.

With sincere appreciation of the sentiments expressed by you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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

Copy for: Quartermaster Supply Officer, Washington General Depot.  
Authority for furnishing above-named mother a flag, provided one has not been furnished. Son -Private 1/e Milford H. Bates, Co. K, 59th Infantry.

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Bates, Milford H. 1232 M

August 1, 1930

Mrs. Chas. E. Bates,  
Lander,  
Wyoming.

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 Lander	C&NW	Train 622	1:15 PM	Aug. 22
Ar Omaha	"	"	5:20 PM	" 23
Lv "	"	" 22	6:00 PM	" "
Ar Chicago	"	"	7:20 AM	" 24
Lv "	Wab	" 6	10:30 AM	" "
Ar New York	DL&N	" 2	3:30 PM	" 25

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-M

Bates, Milford H. 1232 M

July 12, 1930

Mrs. Charles Bates,  
Box 615,  
Lander, Wyoming.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of check in the amount of \$30.00 forwarded you from this office to cover subsistence and incidental expenses from your home to New York City on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

As stated in office letter of June 30, 1930, a new check will be forwarded you prior to your sailing on the SS "America" August 27, 1930.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

June 30, 1930.

Mrs. Charles Bates,  
Box 615,  
Lander, Wyoming.

Dear Madam:-

Inasmuch as your sailing date has been changed from July 2 to August 27, 1930, it is requested that you immediately return to this office check #339105, issued June 9, 1930, by Maj. J. B. Harper, F. D., in your favor for \$30.00, covering subsistence and incidental expenses on your trip to New York.

A new check will be forwarded you prior to your sailing on the S. S. America, August 27, 1930.

For The Quartermaster General;

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M

Bates, Milford H. 1232 M

June 21, 1930.

Mrs. Charles Bates  
Box 615,  
Lander, Wyoming

Dear Madam:

*in Conn*  
Receipt is acknowledged of your telegram dated June 20, 1930, advising that you desire to sail at a later date than July 2, 1930, to visit the grave of the late Milford H. Bates, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

Accordingly arrangements are being made for you to sail on August 27, 1930, and there is enclosed herewith an invitation to sail on the SS "America," on that date.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Bates, Milford H. - 1232

June 12, 1930.

Mrs. Charles E. Bates,  
Lander, Wyoming.

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. Lander	C&NW	Train No. 622	1:15 PM	June 27
Ar. Omaha	"	" " "	5:20 "	" 28
Lv. Omaha	"	" " 22	6:00 "	" "
Ar. Chicago	"	" " "	7:20 AM	" 29
Lv. Chicago	NYC	" " 10	10:35 "	" "
Ar. New York (Grand Cent. Sta.)	"	" " 6	3:45 PM	" 30

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

If you will read carefully the suggestions made above, Mrs. Chas. E. Bates, 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,

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. HUGHES,  
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.

QM 293 A-C  
Bates, Milford H. - 1232 M

June 11, 1930.

Mrs. Elizabeth C. Bates,  
Box 615,  
Lander, Wyoming.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 5, 1930, in which you state that you do not wish to stop over at Albany, N. Y. or Orin, Wyoming on your return from the European pilgrimage, sailing on the SS AMERICA July 2, 1930.

You have been routed through these points on your return from New York but you need not stop at either place if you do not desire. If you should decide to make these stop-overs please advise at the time you receive your return transportation at New York City, paying the additional Pullman fare as previously advised.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Bates, Milford H. 1232

June 7, 1930

Mrs. Charles E. Bates,  
Lander, Wyoming.

Dear Madam:

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

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(Jersey City)				

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-C  
Bates, Milford H. - 1232 M

May 27, 1930.

Mrs. Elizabeth C. Bates,  
Box 615,  
Lander, Wyoming.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 15, 1930 relative to your desire to stop over at Springfield, Mass. for one week and at Cheyenne, Wyoming for two days on your return from the pilgrimage, sailing on the SS AMERICA July 2, 1930. *→ See Comm. List*

In this connection you are advised that it is not possible to grant you stop-overs at these places and route you accordingly on your return journey. However, you may be granted stop-overs at Albany, N. Y. and Orin, Wyoming.

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The total expense to you will be about \$29.34. It will be appreciated if you will advise this office immediately as to whether you desire to make the stop-overs at Albany, N. Y. and Orin, Wyoming.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Washington, D. C. May 27, 1930.

Mr. H. W. Siddall, Chairman,  
Western Military Bureau,  
Room 428, New Union Sta.,  
516 W. Jackson Blvd.,  
Chicago, Illinois.

AMERICA JULY SECOND MRS ELIZABETH C BATES PAGE J DASH SIX DESIRES  
STOPOVERS ALBANY NY AND ORIN WYOMING ROUTE ACCORDINGLY GSM 896

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QM 293 A-C  
Bates, Milford H. - 1232 M



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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 6 1930

Bates, Milford H. 1232H  
America 7-2

Mrs. Ches R. Bates,  
Lander, Wyoming.

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

May 12, 1930.

IN REPLY TO ~~Bates~~ ~~Wilmington~~ ~~HA-C-1232 M~~  
America 7-2

Mrs. Charles E. Bates,  
Lander, Wyoming.

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.

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Name

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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.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 17, 1930.

Bates, Milford E. 1232 M

Mrs. Chas. E. Bates,  
Lander, Wyoming.

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

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"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, Milford H. 1232-M

March 28, 1930

Mrs. Chas E. Bates,  
Lander, Wyoming.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.  
Regulation.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

**Bates, Milford H. 1232 M**

**Mrs. Charles E. Bates,  
Lander, Wyoming.**

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  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bates, Milford H.

June 29 1929.

Mrs. Charles E. Bates,  
Lander, Wyo.

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, first class Milford H. Bates, Co. K, 59th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since 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.

In reply refer to:

293.8 C-R #35939

February 26, 1923.

Mrs. Charles E. Bates,  
Lander, Wyoming.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of the late Private 1/c Milford H. Bates, Company K, 59th Infantry, is Grave 13, Row 27, Block H, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of 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, 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.

MAILED

Very truly yours,

FEB 26 1923

H. J. Conner,  
Assistant.

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G.R.S.

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In reply refer to:  
293.8 C-R #35939

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

*File*

Nov. 1st 1922.

Mr. C. E. Bates,  
Lander, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 24th 1922, addressed to the Q.M. Corps, Pier 2, Hoboken, N.J., requesting information regarding the grave location of your late son, Private 1st class Milford E. Bates, Company K, 59th Infantry.

You are advised that the records of this office show that the remains now repose in Grave 13, Row 27, Block H, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery at Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse, France. This cemetery has been designated as a permanent American Cemetery and will be tenderly and fittingly cared for by this Government for all time. The grave of your late son will be marked by an appropriate headstone of white marble, and the inscription thereon will consist of the full name of the soldier with the state from which he came, his rank, regiment and division, also date of death to be cut on the face of the stone.

The Department desires to renew its previous expressions of sympathy for you in your bereavement.

Very respectfully,

F. E. DAVIS,  
Executive Assistant, G. R. S.

MAILED

NOV - 1 1922

G. R. S.

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File No. 293.9 Gen-Div., Cor. Br.  
(BATES, Milford H.)

June 14th, 1921.

Mr. Charles E. Bates,  
Box #615,  
Lander, Wyoming.

re: Pvt. 1/c Milford H.  
Bates, Ser.No.561426,  
Co. K, 59th Inf.

Dear Sir:

Your communication requesting that the remains of the deceased soldier named above be left in frame for burial in a permanent American Cemetery has been forwarded to the Cemeterial Division, Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington, D.C., for necessary action.

The Cemeterial Division, Washington, D.C. will furnish you the grave location in the permanent American Cemetery as soon as possible after the body has been placed therein.

The Department desires to renew its previous expression of sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

Mailed-G.P.S.  
JUN 15 1921

A. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q.M.G.,  
Officer in Charge.

BY:

F. C. FALLAS,  
Executive Assistant.

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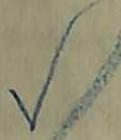


Division of Quartermaster General  
Cemeterial Division

JUN 15 1921

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CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Bates,</i>	<i>BAJ</i>	3	<i>21<sup>12</sup></i>
<i>Miford H.</i>	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>13</i>	2	<i>13</i>
	ROW <i>27</i>	2	<i>27</i>
	BLOCK <i>4</i>	1	<i>8</i>
STATE	<i>Wyoming</i>	2	<i>59</i>
RANK	<i>Priv - 1 Cl.</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>4</i>	2	<i>04</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>59 Aug 27</i>	3	<i>059</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>No</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Bates,</i>	<i>BAJ</i>	3	<i>21<sup>12</sup></i>
<i>Mrs. Chas. E.</i>	STATE <i>Wyoming</i>	2	<i>59</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Dreumont</i>	2	<i>07</i>
	CITY <i>Lander</i>	3	<i>XXX</i>
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Good</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>Yes</i>	1	
	<i>Sege</i>		

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*1 Audited*  
*61 OCT 8 1931*  
*MB*

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 35939

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BATES, Milford, H. Ser. No. 561426 <sup>561,426 (2-11-21) "M"</sup>  
 (b) Rank Pvt. 1st cl. 2-11-21 "M" Organization Co. K, 59th Inf. TYP. DB  
 (c) Date of death 10-12-18 Cause of death DWRIA AGW

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

(a) Grave No. 129 Row      Plot E Sect. B TYP. DB  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Charles E. Bates, (Mother) Lander, Wyo.

II. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases      CKR AGW

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

A. G. Card, Mr + Mrs C. E. Bates, Parents, P. O. Box 5-33, Lander, Wyo, desires body to remain in Europe  
(H.S. 2-15-21)

IV. Following advice forwarded to Europe by - (cable on      192     )  
 (letter of transmittal JAN 27 1921)

Par. 2 Not to be returned. (L.S.)  
FEB 19 1921

V. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. FEB 17 1921 192     

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken

VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. 6-21- 192 1

FEB 15 1921 - ap

Lander, Nyo. March 28<sup>th</sup> 1921

Chief Cemetery Division

O. & M. G.

Asoboken, N. J.

My dear Sir:-

In answer to yours of the 25<sup>th</sup> we will say it is the wish of Mrs. E. E. Potes & myself that our son be left in the land he helped to free. Let him lie among his comrades in France. The years will be short when we shall meet him over there, and here there will be no one to look after his grave, in France the Cemetery will come and go and still the graves will be kept grassed.

Thanking you for your courtesy

I am sincerely yours

E. E. Potes

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G. H. S.

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JUN 21 1921

Cemeterial Division  
Overseas Project Sub-Section

Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. Q. M. S.  
#

Lander, Wyo. Oct 24, 1922

War Department  
Q. M. Corps  
Pier & Hoboken N.J.

Dear Sir:-

I have before me your letter of June 14, 1921, wherein you state that I will be furnished information as to location of Myson's body (Melford H. Bates Ser. No. 561-426 Co. K 59th),

I have waited very patiently for the information. So am asking again.

Yours sincerely  
L. L. Bates



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GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
PIER 2, HOBOKEN, N. J.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div., Cor. Br/  
(BATES, Milford H.)

June 14th, 1921.

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Chief, Cemeterial Division, O.Q.M.G.,  
Washington, D.C.

SUBJECT:

Return of Records. Cemetery No. 534,  
Cable Reference No. 30, Transmittal  
Memorandum No. H- 127.

1. Returned herewith are records  
pertaining to the case of the late Milford H. Bates,  
Private 1/c, Serial Number 561426, Company K, 59th  
Infantry, no request having been made for the return  
of the remains to the United States.

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q.M.C.,  
Officer in Charge.

BY:



F. C. PALLAS,  
Executive Assistant,

Incl.(records)

R-6-22-21 M

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Overseas Project Sub-section

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 35939

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BATES, Milford, H. Ser. No. 561428
(b) Rank Pvt. 1/cl. (2-11-21) 'M' Organization Co. K, 59th Inf. TYP. DB
(c) Date of death 10-12-18 (d) Cause of death DWR1A CKR. AEU

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

(a) Grave No. 129 Row - Plot 3 Sec. B TYP. DB
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Charles E. Bates, (Mother) Lander, Wyo.

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

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

(a) Name Mrs. Charles E. Bates (b) Relationship Parents
(c) Address P. O. Box 535 - Lander - Wyo.
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at -
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. -
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. -

Examiner's Initials mms Date 1-17-21, 1920.

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

Mrs. Charles E. Bates Lander - Wyo, dated 3/29-19
confirming request in Par. IV., item d above, & requesting that if body is moved that they be notified.

Examiner's Initials mms Date 1-17-21, 1920.

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

Mrs. C E Bates mother Lander, Wyo. 12/10/18, desires photograph of grave & place of burial.

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes PF
Examiner's Initials PF Date 1-17-21, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 534 SHEET No. 30

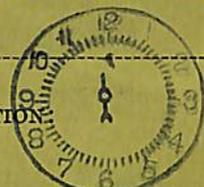
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Checked 2-11-21

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VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by \_\_\_\_\_, JUN 21 1921, 1920.



VIII. FINAL ACTION

Cemeterial Division

Overseas Project Sub-Section

Following advice forwarded to Europe by

cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920

letter on JAN 27 1921, 1920

FEB 21 1921

Par. 2 Not to be returned. (L.S.)

IX.

CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE.

ACTION TAKEN.

Desires body be \_\_\_\_\_

Body to be shipped to \_\_\_\_\_

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*3/28/21 Form 120 Chas E Bates  
father in Lauder Wyoming requests  
that the body remain in Europe.  
N6/9/21cms*

**WAR DEPARTMENT**  
**OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY**  
**CEMETERIAL DIVISION**  
**WASHINGTON**  
**HOBOKEN, N. J.**

FEB 25 1921

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FROM: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. G.

To: Mr. C.E. Bates, P.O. Box 325, Lander, Wyoming.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. 1/01. Milford H. Bates, Ser. No. 561426, Co. K, 59th Inf.

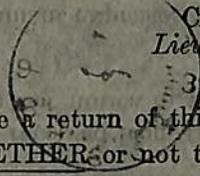
The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above-named soldier remain in France.

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

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



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

Was soldier married? 7/0

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NAME OF--	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow <u>None</u>			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)			
1 <u>None</u>			
2 <u>None</u>			
3 <u>None</u>			
Father <u>Chas E Bates</u>	<u>L.</u>	<u>Lander</u>	
Mother <u>Elizabeth C Bates</u>		"	
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)			
1 <u>Edward C Bates</u>		"	
2 <u>Finch L Bates</u>		"	
3 <u>Hayne L Bates</u>		"	
4 <u>Harland Bates</u>		"	
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)			
1 <u>None</u>			
2 <u>None</u>			
3 <u>None</u>			

*Noted 7/15/21  
CML 4/19/21*

Date March 28 1921

Signature Chas E Bates

Address Lander, Wyo

Relationship Father

*Mch 28*, 192 /

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

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1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (R. R. station.) \_\_\_\_\_ (State.)  
*Cemeterial Division*  
*Quartermaster Project Sub-section*  
(Name.)

3. To be returned to the U. S. and buried in \_\_\_\_\_ National Cemetery.

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

*Let his body lay with the other brave boys who fell fighting in France*  
Signature *E. E. Bates*

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.**

1. If definite instructions for the disposition of a body are not received from the next of kin within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.

2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.

3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT OF KIN IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.

4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest next of kin in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.

5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.

6. If YOU are not the nearest next of kin, please ask the nearest next of kin, if living near you, to fill out this paper.

7. If YOU are not the nearest living next of kin and do not know who or where the nearest-relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.

8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.

9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

NOTE.—INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DISPOSITION OF REMAINS will be issued by this office upon the properly executed authority of the legal next of kin in each case. The widow is the first person having disposition of the remains of her husband. Should there be no widow or children, the father and, in turn (upon his decease), the mother, is the proper authority. The brothers, in order of seniority, and then the sisters in order of seniority, if there are no brothers, rank next in authority to decide. Under an opinion rendered by the Judge Advocate General of the Army, if a widow has remarried she forfeits her right, and the next of kin as given above will make decision.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept 27-21

## REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

## DISINTERMENT

## COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name Bates, Milford H.

10. Name

2. No. 56142811. No. 5614263. Rank Pvt. 1cl

12. Rank

4. Org. Co. K 59th Inf.

13. Org.

5. D.D. Oct. 12th, 1918

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. DOW

(b) D.B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 129 Sec. B

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot 3 Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. None.18. Cemetery American Cty.19. Commune or town Souilly20. Dept. or County Meuse21. Country France22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 53423. Disinterred (Date) Sept 27-21By H. L. Harbut

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Milford H. Bates

Serial No.

Rank Pvt.Organization Co. K, 59th Inf.25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes On body? YesS. J. Galanga  
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).

No effects27. Condition of body Badly decomposed recognition impossible.28. Nature of burial Blanket and pine box.29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? Tag on body reads # 56142630. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Sept 27-21 By H. L. Harbut31. Casket sealed by H. L. HarbutSignature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) H. L. Harbut



SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-9483

32. Designation of body:

Name Bates, Milford H. Serial No. 561428

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. K 59th Inf.

33. Consigned to: Officer in Charge Operations,

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse Argonne American Cty. 1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Sept 27-21 By H.L. Hurlbut

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector W.H. Roach, 1st Lt. OMC.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Sept 27-21

To point of Concentration Romagne sous Montfaucon, Meuse.,  
(Name) W.H. Roach  
Convoyer R.H. Cronin Signature Shipping Officer W.H. Roach, 1st Lt. OMC.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery  
(Name)  
Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date Sept 28, 1921

G.R.S. Representative Robert Paul Meuse Dept

41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cem. 1232, Oct, 14, 1921.  
(Date)

42. Grave No. Row 27 Bl. H. Gr. 13. Section

43. Plot Row

G.R.S. Representative James W. Younger  
**JAMES W. YOUNGER**  
CAPT. QM C.

MM

Bates, Milford H.

561,426

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

<sup>1/2</sup> Pvt Co K 59th Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased.

~~Son~~ Father & 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)

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

3-6713

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If body is moved from Bully ~~to~~  
or must, would like to know  
in what cemetery he will sleep.

Information taken from letter accompanying this  
card. Letter (293.8 Bates, Milford H.) 4-16-19-bd-63  
filed.

Checked  
1-17-21  
DMS

Drawn by GMS  
534-30  
1-17-21

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Sept 27-21

1. REMAINS OF Bates, Milford H.

SERIAL NUMBER 561428

RANK Pvt. 1cl. ORGANIZATION Co. K. 59th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : Sept 27-21

From (give complete location) : Gr. 129 Sec. B  
Plot 3, Cem. 534.

By : Group 2 Unit Field section 3.

3. Reburied (date) :

In (give complete location) :

Oct, 14, 1921, Meuse Argonne Cem. 1232, Row 27 Bl. H. Gr. 13.

By : Group Reburial Sec. Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial unlined casket

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

Blanket and Pine box.

Badly decomposed recognition impossible.

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

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

No effects.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items MBD 1-5-14-17  
Decayed Root 4-10

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

Pivot tooth 7.

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to estimate

(c) Hair—Color None visible

Quantity None

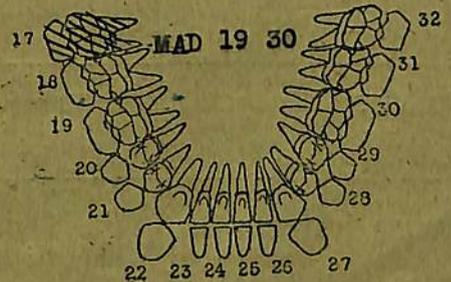
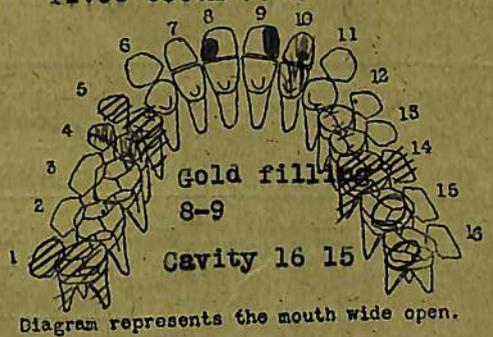
Characteristics None visible

(d) Hair on face—Color None visible

Location None visible

Quantity None

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



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) None visible.

7. Disinterment supervised by H. L. Hurbut

Approved : W. H. R. each, 1st Lt. QMC.

(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by W. B. SHEILD

Approved : JAMES W. YOUNGER

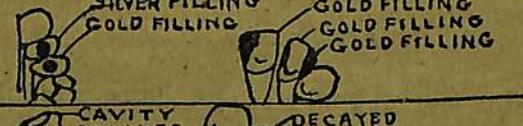
(Title)

CAPT. QMC.

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

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

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

<p><b>MISSING TEETH</b> ..... All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">TOOTH MISSING      TOOTH MISSING</p>
<p><b>CROWNED TEETH</b> ..... Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD CROWN      PORCELAIN CROWN GOLD CROWN</p>
<p><b>BRIDGE WORK</b> ..... Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD AND PORCELAIN BRIDGE      GOLD BRIDGE</p>
<p><b>FILLINGS</b> ..... Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">SILVER FILLING      GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING      GOLD FILLING</p>
<p><b>CARIES (CAVITIES)</b> ..... Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">CAVITY DECAYED      DECAYED DECAYED</p>
<p><b>DENTURES (PLATES)</b> ..... Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp."</p>	

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

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



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bates, Milford H.

June 29, 1929.

Mrs. Charles E. Bates,  
Lander, Wyo.

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, first class Milford H. Bates, Co. K, 59th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since 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,



*John T. Harris*

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

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

*Milford H Bates, Co K 59th Inf.  
was not married*

*Mrs Charles E Bates*

America

7/2/30

1232

✓

*Declines by wire 6-21-30  
Bates, Winifred H.*

I accept the invitation extended  
(Accept or decline)

*709 8-27-30*

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. Chas. E. Bates

(Name)

Lander, Fremont Co., Wyo.

(Town or City)

(State)



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M. & R. DIV.  
D. R. M. G.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7 , 1929.

Bates, Milford H. 1232 M

Mrs. Charles E. Bates,  
Lander, Wyoming.

Sailed  
AUG 27 1930

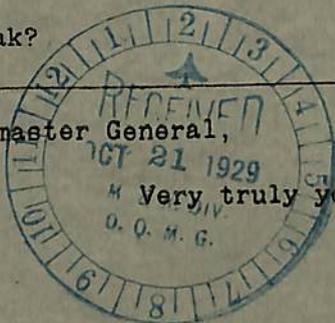
Dear Madam:

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) <del>(No)</del>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <del>(No)</del>
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?	<del>(Yes)</del> (No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <u>6</u> / Health (Years)      (Good) <del>(Poor)</del>
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <del>(No)</del> Other language <u>no.</u> (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,



Very truly yours,  
Q. M. G.

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

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

May 12, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bates, Milford H. -1232 M  
America 7-2

Mrs. Charles E. Bates,  
Lander, Wyoming.

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.

Charles E. Bates (Husband)  
Name  
Lander Wyo. Box 6151  
Address

*noted*

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, U. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Encl.  
Env.



AMERICAN WAR MOTHERS

Box 615

Fremont Co.

Lander <sup>Wyo.</sup> May 15<sup>th</sup> 1930

R. E. Shannon  
Captain I. M. Corps.  
Assistant

Dear Sir

In regard to stop  
overs, I would like a stopover of a week in  
Springfield Mass. and two days in Cheyenne Wyo.  
on my return trip from France. I sail on the  
America July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1930.

Very Truly Yours  
Elizabeth C Bates  
Wyo. State President A. W. M.

Lander  
Wyo.

(Mrs Chas E Bates)  
Mother  
Milford H Bates, 1232 M

Box 615

Stopovers noted  
on trans. list, card and inth.  
list

Accepts  
America

July 2, 1930

Lander H. H. Co.  
June 5<sup>th</sup> / 1930

Quartermaster General.

Dear Sir.

I do not  
wish to stop over at Albany  
N. Y. or Crin. H. Co.

Yours Truly  
Elizabeth C. Bates

L. M. 293 A C.

Bates, Milford H. 1232 M.

J-6

Mrs. Ruth:

Shall I delete  
her?

cancel it to

next to the

last said  
J.H.

✓  
?

6-21-30

# Signal Corps, United States Army

✓ 1732

War Department Message Center,  
Room 3441, Munitions Building,  
Washington, D. C.

## WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH CO.

3-9311

Received at

109 W P

33 NL

LANDER WYO JUNE 20

R E SHANNON

ASST. US QM. GENERAL WASHINGTON DC

MY HUSBAND IS VERY ILL NO ONE TO LEAVE HIM

IN CARE CAN YOU POSTPONE MY TRIP UNTIL A LATER

DATE STOP DATE I WAS TO SAIL JULY SECOND NINETEEN

THIRTY ON AMERICA

MRS CHARLES BATES

1142PM

293  
Bates - Will forward

*Declined In America 7/2/30 - In America 8/27/30 attached - listed as "accept"*

Hand Attached



America

8/27/30 ✓

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Bates, Mildred H.

I accept <sup>(declines 7-2-30 - illness of husband)</sup> 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. Chas. E. Bates**

(Name)

**Lander, Fremont Co., Wyo.**

(Town or City)

(State)



Box 615

Landerby.



Bates, Milford N-1232

Ch# 339,105

30 <sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

A. H. Hughes

Ord. withdrawn  
7/10/30

Captain I M. Corps, <sup>800</sup> M. V. R.

Mrs. Char. E. Bates Assistant

H67  
7/10/30

Washington D.C.

Lander Hq.  
Nov. 9th 1930

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Dear Quarter Master General-

We were told  
in New York to send to you for a flag.  
I would like mine.

I am the mother of Milford H. Bates  
Co. K. 59 Inf. 4 Division buried in the  
Argonne Cemetery.

I can never thank the Government  
enough for my trip to France. I never  
heard my Mother say that she was  
sorry she had left her Boy in France.

And God Captain Shannon was so  
nice to us. I hope the Mother's next  
year will have him along with them

Thanking you in advance

I am Yours Truly

Elizabeth C Bates

Box 615 Lander  
Hq.



NAME .... Bates, Mr. Chas. E. S

ADDRESS .... Lander, Wyoming

DATE Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> 1930

TO: Officer-In-Charge,  
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

I beg to inform you that I have returned to my  
home safely and in good health.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Mrs. Charles Bates

WAR DEPARTMENT



Penalty for private use to avoid  
payment of postage, \$300.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

**PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS**  
**225 WEST 34TH STREET,**  
**NEW YORK, N. Y.**

STATE

WYOMING

Bates, Milford's H.

Lander,

M  
NAME Bates. Mrs. Chas. E. HOME ADDRESS Fremont CountyNAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN Chas. Bates Box 615  
pauleARRIVAL IN NEW YORKDATE Aug 25 HOTEL Pennsylvania ROOM NO. 1658DEPARTURE NEW YORKDATE August 27, 1930 VESSEL SS. AMERICA CABIN NO. 262ADESTINATION CHERBOURG CEMETERY M.A.

RETURN NEW YORK

SEP 26 1930

DATE .....

Lander,

Fremont County, Wyoming

NAME BATES, MRS. CHAS. E. HOME ADDRESS .....RETURN ON S. S. S/S HARDING HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA ROOM NO. 507S/S HARDINGDEPARTURE NEW YORKDATE 9/27 .....ROAD DLW TRAIN 5 CAR X50 BERTH or SEAT L3 .....

REMARKS .....

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RETURN RECEIPT.

~~Amica~~ 7/2/30

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

Mrs. Char. E. Bates

(Signature or name of addressee.)

Sailed 2

Harland Bates

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery,

6-9, 1930

**Post Office Department**

**OFFICIAL BUSINESS**

**REGISTERED ARTICLE**

No. 927124

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**WASHINGTON,**

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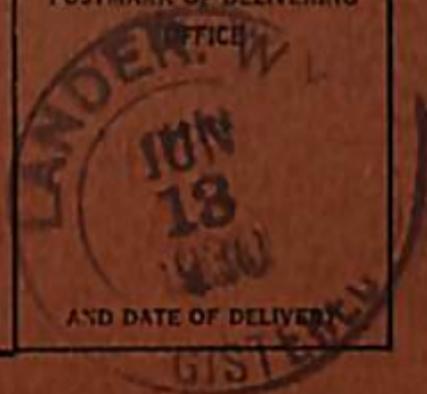
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RETURN RECEIPT.

Sailed 8-27

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

**DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE ONLY**

(Signature or name of addressee.)

CA Mrs. Charles E. Bates

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery,

7/10/30 6-13, 1930

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RETURN RECEIPT

*Annica 8-27-30*

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

*Elizabeth C Bates*  
-----  
(Signature or name of addressee)

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(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery *8-27*, 19 *30*

Form 3811

# Post Office Department

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5-21-20

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Sketch of

H-17-21

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Lander, Thya 3/29 1919

H. Harris,  
Adjutant General,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find Card duly  
We would prefer to leave our boys' body in  
the Land he helped to make free. There is one  
stipulation should he ever be moved from  
or Meuse we would like very much to know  
what country he will sleep.

His mother and I feel that as long as France  
remains a Nation, that the women of that  
Country will see that his, and the thousands  
of other brave boys who gave up their lives,  
grow will be cared for.

There has been strong sentiment made to  
have him sent back, but we cannot see him  
as he looked when we bid him good by  
and it will open up the old wounds. But  
we decided long before he died in battle that if he  
or our other boys fell over there we would  
Card encl.

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leave them <sup>to</sup> sleep beneath the valleys  
of France.

With best wishes,  
Sincerely Yours,  
Mr & Mrs E. E. Bates.

FILE  
Date 4-16-19  
3-6-713  
Sig. B. J. 3

# DISTRIBUTION SHEET

This sheet to be kept with papers while under action and returned to Mail and Files Division with file papers

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If for Division or Section	Check here.		Check here	If for officer in charge.
		THE ADJUTANT GENERAL.....		
		ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION.....		
		ARCHIVES DIVISION.....		
		COMMITTEE ON CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL.....		
		War Service Exchange.....		
		ENLISTED DIVISION.....		
		Duplicate Record Section.....		
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		N. A. Rolls Section.....		
		R. A. Rolls Section.....		
		Recruiting Section.....		
		MEDICAL DIVISION.....		
		MILITIA BUREAU.....		
		MISCELLANEOUS DIVISION.....		
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		PUBLICATION DIVISION.....		
		STATISTICAL DIVISION.....		
		TENTH STREET DIVISION.....		

DISPATCHED BY *R.P.R.*

..... AUTHORITY TO FILE.

..... For prior papers and forward. *4/10/19.*

..... Mail and Files Division for prior papers.

..... File this sheet with papers.

### SEARCHERS' REPORT.

- ..... All prior papers herewith.....
- ..... Prior papers charged to ....., date, .....
- ..... No prior papers in Mail and Files Division .....
- ..... These papers not for this division.

DO NOT USE SMALL SLIPS.

{ Each clerk signs his initials to steps taken by him.  
Indicate dates thus: 4-8-18. }

DO NOT USE SMALL SLIPS.

THIS SPACE FOR OFFICE MEMORANDA.

FILE

ite 4-16-19 Sig. *BJ*

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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bates 661420 Milford  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt Co. K 59 Inf  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL 10/12/18

PLACE OF BURIAL Amer Cem

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

Souilly (Meuse)  
Exact Spot # 10

GRAVE NUMBER B-11 129

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? 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:

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23 OCT 1918

REPORTED BY: P. O. Stewart  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Chaplain E. H. #6

35939  
1. G. R. S. Form No. 1 Hq. G. R. S. File

2. Soldier No. 561426

3. Bates Milford H.  
Surname (In Block Letters) First Name and Initials

4. Pvt. K 69th. Inf.  
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. 10/12/18  
Date of Death Cause, if known

6. 10/12/18 A.E.F.  
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. Souilly Meuse  
Town or Commune (In Block Letters) Department

8. 129 Sec. B. 3  
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

9. Name Peg?  Cross?  Headboard?  Bottle?   
Check Method of Marking

10. Buried with Body?  Attached to Grave Marker?   
Identification Tags

11. If name unknown and tags missing, give marks and description

12. Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

13. G.C. Stewart. ARC  
Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Fred G.W. Easterday, Capt  
Signed

Group Hq. Unit A G. R. S.

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24 OCT 1918

ADJUSTMENT MADE  
FEB 17 1921

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington

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

Date 1/18/21

File No. Requisition.

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

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

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

- a. Surname **Bates OK** f. Date of death **10-12-18 OK**
- b. Christian name **Milford H. OK** g. Cause of death **DWR1A OK**
- m* c. Serial Number **561426 or 561426 OK** h. Authority (C.O.#)
- d. Organization **Co. K. 59th Inf. OK** i. Emergency address
- e. Rank **Pvt. 1 cl** j. Relationship

BODY DESCRIPTION  
(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age of enlistment
- b. Color of eyes
- c. Color of hair
- d. Height
- e. Weight
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

DENTAL CHARTS  
(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

a. Strike out teeth missing

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
										upper right					upper left

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
										lower right					lower left

*Donnelly mfc  
Enl Pers Sect  
1-19-21 W8.*

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

CHEATERY NO: 534

SHEET NO: 30

TYPED BY: elb.

S/713/LML

BY: *H. J. Conner*

H. J. CONNER,  
1st. Lieut. Q.M.C.

Sec U. S. War Div.  
Date JAN 19 1921

JAN 19 1921

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

April 17th, 1919.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.  
TO : Mrs. C. M. Bates, Iander, Wyoming, U.S.A.  
SUBJECT : Disposition of remains of Private Wilford H. Bates, Co.K.  
59th Infantry A.E.F.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter, expressing the desire that the body of your son should remain in France, and you are advised that your request will be complied with.
2. Permit me to express to you my sympathy in the loss which you have sustained in the cause of our country,

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

TW.

*Thank*

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

June 7th, 1919.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.  
TO : Mrs C.E. Bates, Lander, Wyoming, U.S.A.  
SUBJECT : Private Milford H. Bates, Co. K., 59th Infantry, American E.F.  
Serial # 561428.

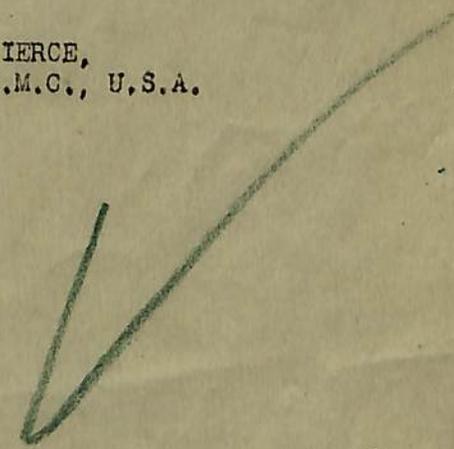
With an assurance of very deep sympathy, and in reply to your letter of enquiry, you are advised that information has been filed in this office by the burial officer concerned, to the effect that the above named soldier is buried in grave number 129, section B, plot 3, American Cemetery at SOUILLY, department of the MEUSE.

The grave is marked with the regulation cross with identification tags attached.

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

CCP/GC.

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



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G.R.S. FORM NO. 23.

NAME **Bates, Milford H.**

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ORGANIZATION **Co.K. 59th Inf.**

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with records?	1. BATES, 561428 Milford H. Pvt. Co. K, 59th Inf.
2.	Date of Death	2. 10-12-18.
3.	Grave Location:	3. Grave #129, Sect. B, Plot #3, Amer. Cty. Souilly, Meuse.
4.	Who reported burial?	<i>City. 537.</i>
5.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	CONFIRMED N° D _____
6.	How is grave marked?	6. Cross.
7.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with Body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	7. One buried with body One attached to grave marker.
8.	Emergency address:	8. Mrs. Charles E. Bates, (Mother) Lander, W. Va.
9.	Has above been notified? (Give date).	9. Yes. 12-9-18.

ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY

Flowers, flags etc. (Par. #5, Bul, 10-B)	Effects (G.R.S. Form Nos 7 & 7-A)
Monuments (Par. #6, Bul. 10-B)	Accrued Pay (G.R.S. Forms 19 & 22)
Disinterments (Par. #8, Bul. 10-B)	Liberty Bonds (G.R.S. Forms 21 & 22)
Circumstances of death (G.R.S. Form No. 6)	War Risk Insurance (G.R.S. Forms 20 & 22)
✓ Photograph requested (File 004,5)	Disposition of Remains (a) Return to U.S.) Form 23
✓ Grave Location	(b) JUN 9 1919 Remain in France Form 24
	(c) Miscellaneous letter

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Photo  
Graves  
Retention  
body

Lander, Mo. 11, 0 1918  
Chief Grass  
Registration Service,  
American. E. F.

Dear Friends:

Please accept our thanks for your information relative the place of internment of our son Milford H Bates, Co. K. 54 Inf.

We would like see photographs of his place of burial, also No. of Grave, so that we will know where our boy lays.

We shall have him in the  
land he helped to make free, for we know the grateful women of France, will keep his as well as the other boys graves green



