

To The A. G. C.

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G.R.S. Form #114-B
MT

MAY 14 1926

DATE 12/3/21.

1. NAME BATY, Christian A SERIAL No. 2788569
RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Co B 307th Inf
& DIVISION 77th

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne-s-Montfaucon 1232 Sec.32
CTY. NAME 206 NUMBER 4
Sec. 32

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Isolated Binarville Marne
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.
COORDINATES 35SW N275.26 E295.58

CONCENTRATED TO 6/6/19 206 Sec 32 4
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT
Meuse Argonne 1232
CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

~~####~~ Tag on cross and body data f-1/pfb

DATE OF DEATH Oct. 5, 1918
STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME S. Dak.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY



John
M. B. BIRDSEYE
1st Lt., Q. M. Corps, U. S. Army

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 12/3/21. 1 34 D.
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY
Block

Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. #1232 Romagne-sous-Montfaucon. (Meuse)
CEMETERY

AUDITED BY
M. M. E.
3-27-26 K. M. H.
1/3

MAY 15 1926
WORLD WAR DIV.
hd

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Baty, **2.788.569** **Christian A.**
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

--- (Rank). ----- (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH:

CAUSE OF DEATH:

DATE OF BURIAL: **Oct. 5th 1918**

PLACE OF BURIAL: **Binarville 296. - 275.5**

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

GRAVE NUMBER:

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

Headboard?... **yes**... 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:

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

Chaplain Cleveland, 307th Infantry
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

This portion to be forwarded to Central Records Office, A. G. O., A. E. F.

Co."B".307th.Infantry.
77th.Division.

BATY ,Christian A.Pvt.2788569.
Home: Canton, South Dakota.

This soldier killed in action October 6, 1918, by mx
what was supposed to have been a machine gun bullet, in the Argonne X
Forest near Moulin du Charleveys. I do not know where he was buried
but was informed that he was buried where he died.

Informant: Lloyd, Anderson. Sgt. I704877.
Co. B. 307th. Infantry.
Home: Binghamton, N. Y.

Emergency address:
Mrs. Ida Baty
Canton, South Dakota.

P. S.

Baty, Christian A.
Pvt.

WESTERN MILITARY BUREAU

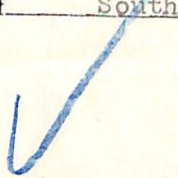
ROUTE AND SCHEDULE

EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE SAILING FROM NEW YORK CITY May 21, 1930

Lincoln County, State of South Dakota

Name Baty, Mrs Ida

Address 221 West 7th St., Canton, So Dakota



Route going: CMStP&P Chicago, Erie New York

Return: B&O Chicago CMStP&P Canton

Transportation Request covering sleeping car accommodations should be drawn on CMStP&P RR.

(Desires stop-over in New York and Washington)

	ROAD	TRAIN	TIME	DATE	
Itinerary going	Lv Canton	CMStP&P	22	4:45 PM	May 17
	Ar Chicago	"	"	8:00 AM	" 18
	Lv Chicago	Erie	4	11:00 AM	" "
	Ar New York	"	"	3:15 PM	" 19
	Lv (Jersey City)				
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Accommodations: Standard sleeper Canton to Chicago and Chicago to New York.

Elapsed Time: 45 Hrs: 30 Min.

Extra Fare:

24-7

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Accommodations: Standard sleeper Canton to Chicago and Chicago to New York.

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G. Lillas

MEDICAL RECORD

Baty, Christian A.

Ambassador

Priv., Co B, 307 Inf.

Station: Paris Party D

Date: 8th June 1930

Name Batey Mrs Ida

Home address 221 7th St (west) Canton St. Dakota

Address of Nearest friend or relative Miss Rena Batey (Daughter)

Same address

Religion Protestant

Age 66 yrs

History of Present complaint: Feeling nervous - looks flushed and excited. T 98 P. 46 R 24. Had normal stool this a.m. kept in bed for 2 hrs + given light lunch. 9 PM, vomited dinner. Asleep + comfortable when Dr Merrell visited 10-30 PM.

(over)

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Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)

Treatment and Progress: (include dates)

1 triple Bromide given 12 noon repeated 1-30 P.M. 8/6/30.
9 P.M. Soda Bicarb $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp given in hot water } 8/6/30
Brandy $\frac{1}{2}$ oz }

Disposition: (include dates) up for breakfast - appears to be better
9th June 1930

Remarks:

6/10/30 Bocherbourg - Beaulieu

BATY, Christian A

Party "D" - Itinerary - Meuse-Argonne Group

Arrived New York 3:15 P. Train N. Station Jersey City
Liaison at station Capt Cistero

Sailed May 31st on GEORGE WASHINGTON. Maj. F. D. Carlock in charge. General Cheatham accompanied as observer.

Arrived Cherbourg 11.50pm, May 29th.

May 30th. Debarked. Maj. Dailey, Capt. Kinderman, Lt. Freeman, 9 nurses and other personnel went out to ship on tender. Met at dock by Col. Ellis. Arrived Gare des Invalides, Paris, at 2.08pm. Met by Col. Bartlett and detail of officers, interpreters and nurses. Taken to hotel in bus.

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

June 1st. Departed 7.30am for Verdun

June 2, 3, 4 - Daily trips from Verdun to Meuse-Argonne Cemetery.

June 5th. Visited Cemetery, Suippes and Reims.

June 6th. Visited Reims Cathedral, Chateau Thierry. Returned to Paris.

June 7th. Visited Sacre-Coeur in morning and Napoleon's Tomb in afternoon.

June 8th. Church. Free in morning - Notre Dame at nite.

June 9th. Morning free. Afternoon - Versailles - Refreshments at Belle Cycliste.

June 10th. Left hotel between 9 and 9.30am for Invalides Railway Station-entrained for Cherbourg. Accompanied by 8 conducting officers, Capt. Kinderman, 3 nurses, 2 civilian employees. Arrived Cherbourg 4.11 pm. Boarded PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT at 8.08pm. Sailed at 8 pm. Arrived U. S. June 10th.

Mrs. Ida Baty

WAR DEPARTMENT
 "PILGRIMAGE WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"
 -- ROOM 901 --
 225 West 34th St., New York, N. Y.

BATY, CHRISTIAN A. M.A.

PARTY "D"
 NUMBER 730

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

MRS. IDA BATY
 Name of Traveler

Actual cost of through Pullman

CANTON, LINCOLN COUNTY
 Home Address

New York, to CANTON

\$ 13.50

SOUTH DAKOTA

New York, to CANTON
 Destination

Via B & O TO CHICAGO... CM ST P&P TO DEST

Date of Departure

	Road	Train Number	Date	Time	Lower OR Seat	Car	U.S.G. Order No.	Actual Cost
LV	Crescent City	500		11:22a				
AR	Wash. D.C.	"		4:18P	seat		W-1020881	1.88
LV	"	7		7:35P				
AR	Chicago	"		2:05P			" 882	8.25
LV	"	CM&P		6:15P			" 883	4.50
AR	Canton, S. Dak.	"		9:27a				4.50
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TOTAL 14.63

Remarks: STOP OVER IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON

Collect 1.13

Collect - Hotel Liaison

Name.....BATY, Mrs. Ida.....

Paris Hôtel.....HOTEL AMBASSADOR.....

Home address.....BOULEVARD HAULSMANN
221 W. 7th St., Canton, Lincoln County, South Dakota.....

Party.....D.....Group.....I.....Unit.....S.S. WASHINGTON.....

Date of arrival.....May 30, 1930.....Date of departure.....S.S. ROOSEVELT-June 10-1930.....

Relationship.....Mother.....

Name of deceased.....BATY, Christian A.

Rank.....Pvt.....Organization.....Co. B, 307th Inf.....

Cemetery.....Meuse-Argonne.....

REMARKS

Miss Joe Barry



3:15 P.M

5/19

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NAME BATY, MRS. IDA

S.S. ROOSEVELT JUN 19 1930

HOME CANTON, LINCOLN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA.

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STATION

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

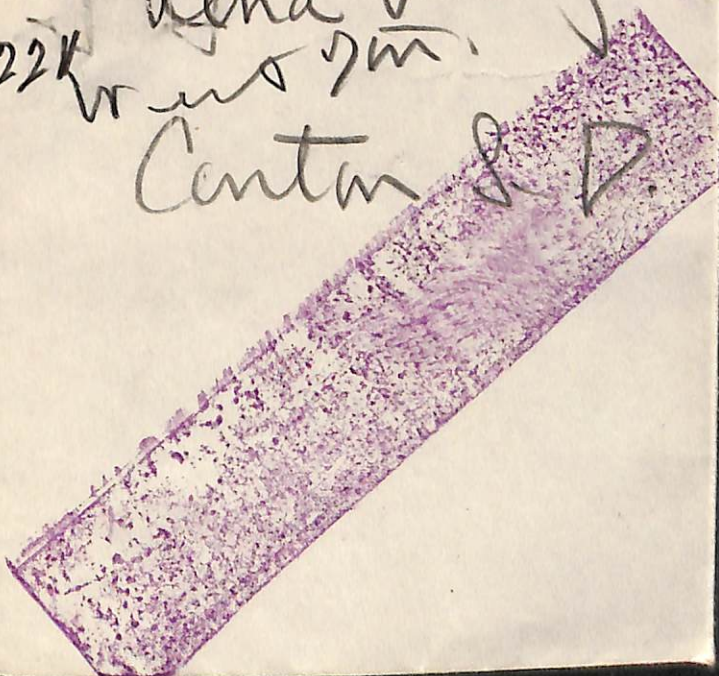
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~~stay over -~~
~~new york~~
~~two days~~

Reina Batty

22K
Went to

Canton S. D.



No Data

DAILY REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER:
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS & WIDOWS-1930

Date 5/20/30

Case No. 5

PARTY "I"

NAME Mrs. Iida Baty

HOME ADDRESS Canton
So. Dakota

HOTEL Roosevelt Room 412

DIAGNOSIS Hypertension - High Blood Pressure

DISPOSITION Room

REMARKS Treatment by hotel doctor

treatment continued by
ship doctor as notified.

CIVILIAN DOCTOR IN CHARGE OF CASE:

MEDICAL OFFICER Walter L. Perry
Walter L. Perry,
Major, Medical Corps, USA.

A

May 10th, 1930

Mrs. Ida Baty
221 West 7th Street
Canton, South Dakota
Dear Madam:

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

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

For the Officer in Charge

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

Enclosures:
2 tags

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Baty, Christian A.	3	21 ¹² ₀
	CEMETERY 1232	1	1
BURIED	GRAVE 1	2	01
	ROW 34	2	34
	BLOCK D	1	4
STATE	South Dakota	2	47
RANK	Priv.	1	2
DIVISION	77	2	77
ORGANIZATION	307	3	307
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARTIAL	no	1	2
NAME	Baty, Mrs. Ida	3	21 ¹² ₀
	STATE S.D.	2	47
RESIDENCE	COUNTY Lincoln	2	42
	CITY Canton	3	XXX
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Poor	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	yes	1	1

MAY 21 1930
1930

Audited
OCT 8 1931
MB

NAME

Baty, Mrs. Ida

ADDRESS

221 W 7 St - Canton, So. Dakota

DATE

June 22, 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. Ida Baty

WAR DEPARTMENT

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

OFFICIAL BUSINESS



1930

PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

STATE

.....SOUTH DAKOTA.....

Baty, Christian A.

Mother

NAME Baty, Mrs. Ida HOME ADDRESS 221 West 7th St, Canton,
Lincoln County.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN Mrs. Lena Baty 221 W. 7th St.
Canton, S. Dak.

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE 5/19 HOTEL *Roosevelt* ROOM NO. 473

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE May 21st, 1930 VESSEL S/S "WASHINGTON" CABIN NO. 402-C

DESTINATION CHERBOURG, FRANCE CEMETERY MEUSE*ARGONNE

PARTY "D"

Date 5/20/30.

Case No. 5.

Name Mrs. Ida Baty. - Canton, So. Dakota.

Hotel Roosevelt, Room 412.

Diagnosis Hypertension, high blood pressure.

Disposition. Room.

Remarks. Treatment by hotel doctor treatment continued
by ship doctor as notified.

Medical Officer Walter L. Perry, Major, Medical Corps,
U.S.A.

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G. Sellar, R.N.,

MEDICAL RECORD

PARTY D

Station: Ambassador

Date: June 8th, 1930

Name Batey, Mrs. Ida

Home address 221 7th Ave., West, Canton, St., S. Dakota

Address of Nearest friend or relative Daughter, Miss Rena Batey,
same address

Religion Prot.

Age 66

History of Present complaint: Feeling nervous, looks flushed and excited. T 98, P 76, R 24. Had normal stool this a.m. Kept in bed for 2 hrs. & given light lunch. 9 p.m. vomited dinner. Asleep and comfortable when Dr. Merrill visited 10:30 p.m.

(over)

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Treatment and Progress: (*include dates*)

1 triple bromide given 12 noon, repeated 1:30 p.m. June 6th:
June 6th: 9 p.m. Sod. Bicarb. given in hot water, Brandy $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.

Disposition: (*include dates*) Up for breakfast, appears to be better. June 9th, 1930.

Remarks: 6/10/30 to Cherbourg. Beach.

RETURN NEW YORK

DATE JUN 18 1930

221 West 7 St, Canton
Lincoln County
South D. abkota

NAME *Baty Mrs Ida* HOME ADDRESS

S/S ROOSEVELT

RETURN ON S. S. HOTEL *MCALPIN* ROOM NO. *1077*

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE

ROAD TRAIN CAR BERTH or SEAT

REMARKS

*Stopover in New York City
Washington*

599

1232

RETURN RECEIPT

Washington 5-21-30

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

Mrs Jda Baty
(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, May 19th, 1930

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. _____

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____

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

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING
OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to _____

Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

*Street and Number, }
or Post Office Box, }* _____

MUNITIONS BUILDING

Post Office at _____

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State _____

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Date of delivery,

5-9

1920

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OFFICE



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Post Office at _____

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State

Washington D. C.

MEMORANDUM

Lincoln Co.

CANTON, S. DAK. MAY 13, 1930

Christian R. Datz 1232 M

For DE WITT

Q M GENERAL WASHINGTON, D. C.

We would appreciate it if you would use the Western Union in wiring us. It is the only company which maintains a telegraph office in this city and unless your telegrams are sent by Western Union we are not assured of the best service.

*Jull
NFB*

MAY 26 1930

Q M G.

Mrs Ida Bats
acc. Washington

*May 21
noted*

Desires Stator in N.Y.C. + Wash. D.C.

Baty, Christian A. 1232 - M

May 7, 1930.

Mrs. Ida Baty,
221 West 7th Street,
Canton, South Dakota.

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:

Leave Canton	GMSt&P	Train No. 22	4:45 PM	May 17
Arrive Chicago			8:00 AM	May 18
Leave Chicago	Eric R.R.	Train No. 4	11:00 AM	May 18
Arrive New York			3:15 PM	May 19

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours

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

30/1015/

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Baty, Christian 1232-M

May 6, 1930.

Mrs. Ida Baty,
221 West 7th St.,
Canton, S. Dak.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. 513,047 in the amount of \$20.00, 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.

QM 293 A-C
Baty, Christian A. 1252-M

May 5, 1930.

Mrs. Ida Baty
221 West Seventh St.
Canton, South Dakota

Dear Madam:

This office is in receipt of a letter dated April 30, 1930, from Mr. G. J. Moon, relative to your desire that your niece accompany you on the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Christian A. Baty. Under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, the War Department is authorized to arrange for pilgrimages to the cemeteries of Europe by mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces, whose remains are interred in such cemeteries. No arrangements can be made for anyone desiring to accompany the mothers and widows. Therefore, as previously explained, it may be possible for your niece to secure transportation on the same steamship on which you make the journey and to arrange for accommodations in the same hotels in New York and Paris, however, it would not be possible for her to travel as a member of the group to which you are assigned or to be included in official tours paid for by the Government, neither would she be permitted to occupy a seat in the bus on which you will travel to the cemeteries in Europe, as the seats are reserved for the mothers and widows.

Under the law providing for this pilgrimage, the Government cannot bear any part of the expense of relative or friend accompanying you. This must be entirely a personal matter.

Arrangements have been made with the railroad companies that special attention be given the women making the pilgrimage. Upon arrival in New York, the mothers and widows will be assigned to groups under the personal supervision of an Officer of the Regular Army. Personnel will be provided to care for the comfort and needs of the women making the pilgrimage and you need feel no hesitancy in making the journey without your niece.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

G. J. MOEN, PRESIDENT

J. V. CONKLIN, VICE PRES
P. S. PUCKETT, VICE PRES

A. ANDERSON, CASHIER
IRA BARTHOLOMEW, ASST. CASHIER



2830

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

OLDEST BANK IN LINCOLN COUNTY

ESTABLISHED 1879

CANTON, SO. DAK.,

April 30, 1930.

Lincoln Co

*213 Baber
095 Rodawig
Elizabeth S
Director*

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

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Ida Baty of this city will be one of the Gold Star mothers and a guest of the United States Government on the pilgrimage to France. She will sail on the steamship George Washington May 21st. Mrs. Baty is in frail health, has not had any experience in traveling, seldom been away from home and is rather nervous and worried but very desirous of making the trip to the grave of her son. Her niece, Mrs. Elizabeth Selsor Rodawig of Rockwell City, Iowa, has volunteered to make the trip, pay all her own expenses but if she makes the trip she wants to be assured that she can obtain passage on the same ship and be available to Mrs. Baty in the event of sickness and be assured that she can make the pilgrimage to the grave and to the battle field in company with her aunt, Mrs. Baty.

The information contained in literature issued by the War Department to the Gold Star mothers is not definite on that point. It refers to a tour arranged by the American Express Company but this is not satisfactory to Mrs. Rodawig and she wants to be assured that she will be permitted to remain with Mrs. Baty during the tour arranged for while in France.

Could you also give us the approximate cost or as near as exact as possible of this tour to Mrs. Rodawig, that is she is informed as to the cost of steamship transportation but what would be the cost of the tour in France, realizing of course that she must pay her own expense, but wants it definitely understood as to whether or not she will be in company with her aunt.

Will you kindly write a reply to this letter directing the original copy to Mrs. Elizabeth Selsor Rodawig, Rockwell City, Iowa, and another copy to this office for the information of Mrs. Ida Baty who is a resident of our city. The time is getting short and an immediate reply would be appreciated, I am

Yours very truly,

G. J. Moen
G. J. MOEN,
President.



GJM:GR

QM 203 A-C
Baty, Christian A. 1232 - M

April 28, 1930.

Mrs. Ida Baty,
221 W. 7th Street,
Centon, South Dakota.

Dear Madam:

This office is in receipt of a letter from Mr. G. F. Moen in your behalf, relative to a stop-over in New York City and Washington, D. C.

The Act governing this pilgrimage does not provide for stop-overs on the going trip. However, arrangements will be made for these stop-overs on your return from the pilgrimage, sailing from New York City on the S. S. George Washington, May 21, 1930. There will be no additional charge for rail transportation due to these stop-overs, but there will be an additional charge of approximately \$5.00 for Pullman, which must be paid by you at the time you receive your return transportation in New York City.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

LB:ec

QM 293 A-C
Baty, Christian A. 1252 - M

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The Act governing this pilgrimage does not provide for stop-overs on the going trip. However, arrangements will be made for these stop-overs on your return from the pilgrimage, sailing from New York City on the S. S. George Washington, May 21, 1930. There will be no additional charge for rail transportation due to these stop-overs, but there will be an additional charge of approximately \$3.00 for Pullman, which must be paid by you at the time you receive your return transportation in New York City.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Mr Van Delft

G. J. MOEN, PRESIDENT
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Ida Baty of this city is one of the Gold Star mothers that will be a guest of the United States Government on a pilgrimage to the battle fields of France to visit the grave of her son. Will you kindly advise us by return mail when Mrs. Baty should leave our city, that is she would like to spend about three days in New York City and possibly a day or two in Washington, D. C. Will you kindly refer this matter to the proper railway officials who have the matter of railway transportation in charge and see that the local ticket agent of the C. M. St. Paul & Pac. Railway is supplied with the necessary information and instructions to issue transportation, I am

Yours very truly,

G. J. Moen
President.

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UNITED STATES LINES
WASHINGTON OFFICE



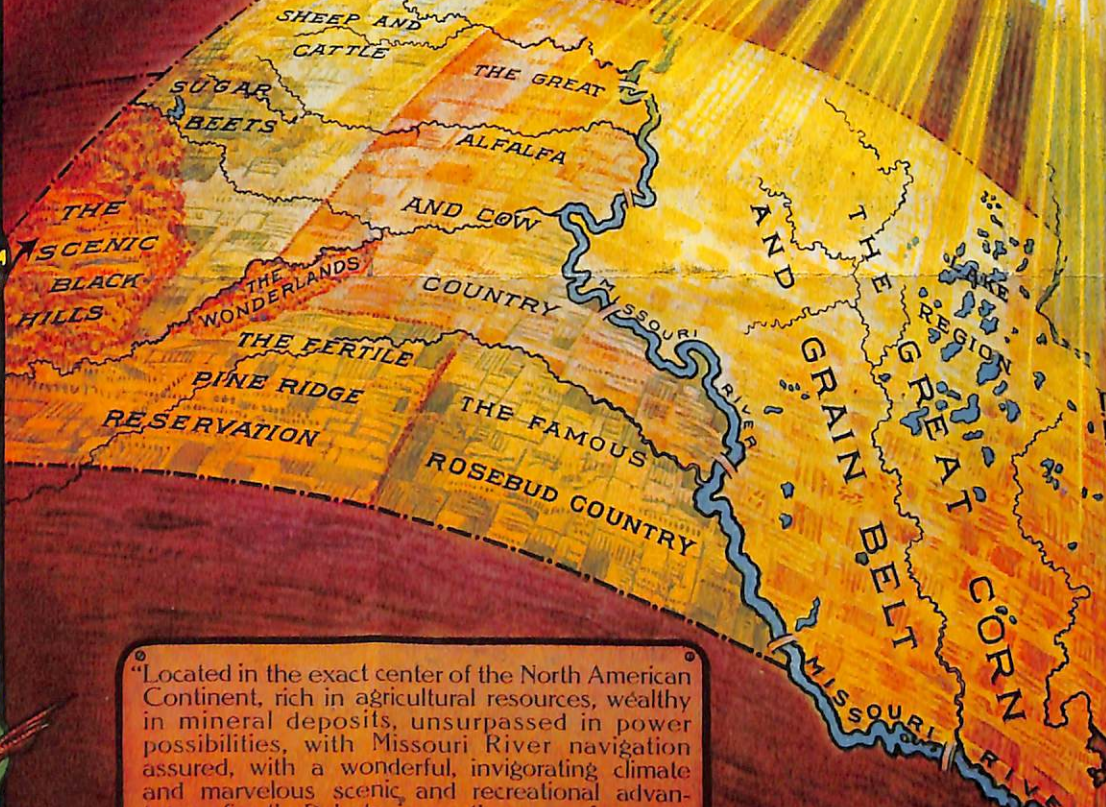
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

March 25, 1930.

Baty, Christian A. 1232 M

Mrs. Ida Baty,
221 West 7th St.,
Canton, S. D.

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.

1232 ✓

Washington
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Baty, Christina G.

I accept ----- the invitation extended
(Accept or decline)

me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of the
Government of the United States under the provisions of
the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Ida Baty

(Name)

221 W. 7th St., Canton, Lincoln Co., S. D.

(Town or City)

(State)

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7 , 1929.

Baty, Christian A. 1232 M

Mrs. Ida Baty,
221 West Seventh St.,
Canton, South Dakota.

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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	<i>I have not.</i> () ()
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <i>65</i> Health <i>not the very best</i> (Years) () ()
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) () Other language <i>none</i> (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Canton Co. Dak.

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War Department.

Office of the Quartermaster General,
Washington.

Dear Sir:

Christian a Baty Co. B. S. 7th imp. In reference to pot
He was never married so he has no
wife or children. ~~just his~~ I am the only
one this mother.

Very truly yours

Mrs Ida Baty
Mother



Canton, S.D. So Dak.
221 West 7 St.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29, 1929.

Baty, Christian A.

Mrs. Ida Baty,
Route # 5,
Ganton, S. Dak.

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 Pvt. Christian A. Baty, Co. E, 307th 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 re-married it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

May 13, 1930, Washington, D. C.

MRS IDA BATY
221 WEST SEVENTH STREET
CANTON SOUTH DAKOTA

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

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

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Baty, Christian a 1232

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Baty, Christian A. 1232 - M

May 7, 1930.

Mrs. Ida Baty,
231 West 7th Street,
Canton, South Dakota.

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:

Leave Canton	CMSt&P	Train No. 22	4:45 PM	May 17
Arrive Chicago			8:00 AM	May 18
Leave Chicago	Erie R.R.	Train No. 4	11:00 AM	May 18
Arrive New York			3:15 PM	May 19

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours

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

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QM 293 A-C
Baty, Christian A. 1232-M

May 5, 1930.

Mrs. Ida Baty
221 West Seventh St.
Canton, South Dakota

Dear Madam:

This office is in receipt of a letter dated April 30, 1930, from Mr. G. J. Moen, relative to your desire that your niece accompany you on the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Christian A. Baty. Under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, the War Department is authorized to arrange for pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe by mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces, whose remains are interred in such cemeteries. No arrangements can be made for anyone desiring to accompany the mothers and widows. Therefore, as previously explained, it may be possible for your niece to secure transportation on the same steamship on which you make the journey and to arrange for accommodations in the same hotels in New York and Paris, however, it would not be possible for her to travel as a member of the group to which you are assigned or to be included in official tours paid for by the Government, neither would she be permitted to occupy a seat in the bus on which you will travel to the cemeteries in Europe, as the seats are reserved for the mothers and widows.

Under the law providing for this pilgrimage, the Government cannot bear any part of the expense of relative or friend accompanying you. This must be entirely a personal matter.

Arrangements have been made with the railroad companies that special attention be given the women making the pilgrimage. Upon arrival in New York, the mothers and widows will be assigned to groups under the personal supervision of an Officer of the Regular Army. Personnel will be provided to care for the comfort and needs of the women making the pilgrimage and you need feel no hesitancy in making the journey without your niece.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C
Baty, Christian A. 1252 - M

April 28, 1930.

Mrs. Ida Baty,
221 W. 7th Street,
Canton, South Dakota.

Dear Madam:

This office is in receipt of a letter from Mr. G. F. Moen in your behalf, relative to a stop-over in New York City and Washington, D. C. *Mr. Moen's letter*

The Act governing this pilgrimage does not provide for stop-overs on the going trip. However, arrangements will be made for these stop-overs on your return from the pilgrimage, sailing from New York City on the S. S. George Washington, May 21, 1930. There will be no additional charge for rail transportation due to these stop-overs, but there will be an additional charge of approximately \$3.00 for Pullman, which must be paid by you at the time you receive your return transportation in New York City.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Baty, Christian A. 1232 M

March 25, 1930.

Mrs. Ida Baty,
221 West 7th St.,
Canton, S. D.

Dear Madam:

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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.

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

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Baty, Christian A. 1232-M

March 20, 1930

Mrs. Ida Baty,
221 West 7th St.,
Canton, South Dakota

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Baty, Christian A. 1232 M

Mrs. Ida Baty,
221 West Seventh St.,
Canton, South Dakota.

Dear Madam:

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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.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29, 1929.

Baty, Christian A.

Mrs. Ida Baty,
Route # 5,
Canton, S. Dak.

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 Pvt. Christian A. Baty, Co.B. 307th 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 re-married it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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For The Quartermaster General,

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

In reply refer to:
293 C-R

July 5, 1923.

Mrs. Ida Baty,
R.F.D. #5,
Canton, S.D.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that
Private Christian A. Baty, Company B, 307th
the permanent grave of
Infantry, is Grave 1, Row 34, Block D, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery,
Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

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

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

Very truly yours,

JUL 5 1923

B. O'C.

H. J. Conner,
Assistant.

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Date Juen 17 1919

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

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Remains of:

Name: BATY, Christian A.

Number 2788569

Rank: Unkn

Organization Unkn

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group:

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

from (Give complete location)

6 6th June 1919

Grave #isolated

BINARVILLE MARNE

35 SW 295.2 E 275.5 N

Reburied (Date)

In: (Give complete location)

1232

6th June 1919

Grave # 206 Sec. #32 Plot #4

ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY # 1232

ROMAGNE MEUSE

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

Burial good; buried in uniform; badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

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

CONFIRMED No. D-10815

Note:

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

Supervised by: Lt. Starn

R. H. ROSENTHAL

and Lieut. O. M. C. U. S. A

LGG

G.O. (Group)

Unit

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File 35942 ✓

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BATY, Christian A. Ser. No. 2788569
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. B, 307th Inf. } TYP. B
(c) Date of death 10-5-18 (d) Cause of death K/A } CKR. Go

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

(a) Grave No. 206 Row - Plot 4 Sec. 32 TYP. b

(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Ida Baty (mother) RFD #5, Canton, S.D.

III. ~~Files of soldiers/dying from contagious diseases~~ / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / CKR. Ell

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Mrs. Ida Baty (b) Relationship mother

(c) Address Canton, S. Dak.

(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 E.C. Date 4-26-21, 1920.

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

_____ dated _____

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

Examiner's Initials _____ Date _____, 1920.

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

No request for disposition.

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? _____

Examiner's Initials E.C. Date 4-26-21, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232-Sec 32 SHEET No. 11

*checked by
CS4-27-21*

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

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 1920

letter on 5-9-1920

*Sec 32
Par #2, Not to be returned (H.A.9)*

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Dec. 2, 1921.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name **BATY, Christian A**
 2. No. **2788569**
 3. Rank **Pvt**
 4. Org. **Co B 307th Inf**
 5. D.D. **10-5-18**
 6. C.D. **KIA**

10. Name _____
 11. No. _____
 12. Rank _____
 13. Org. _____
 14. (a) D.D. _____
 (b) D.B. **No discrepancies.**



7. Grave No. **206** Sec. **32**
 8. Plot **4** Row _____
 9. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment
 15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 17. **No discrepancies.**

18. Cemetery **Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty**
 20. Dept. or County **Meuse**
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. **1232 Sec. 32**

19. Commune or town **Romagne-s-Montfaucon**
France
 21. Country _____

23. Disinterred (Date) **Dec. 2, 1921.**
 24. Inscription on grave marker:

By **C.V. Russell**

Name **Christian A. Baty**
 Rank **Pvt.**

Serial No. **2788569**
 Organization **Co. B, 307th Inf.**
 (Corroded)

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? **Yes** On body? **Yes**

C. J. Rasch.
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant
E. J. Rasch.

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).

"Baty - - -" tag on body.

27. Condition of body **Badly decomposed; features unrecognizable.**

28. Nature of burial **Box, US uniform and burlap**

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? **None.**

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date **Dec. 2, 1921.** By **C.V. Russell**

31. Casket sealed by **C.V. Russell**

AUDITED BY Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor **C.V. Russell**
G.V. Russell

MT

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SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. _____

32. Designation of body:

Name Christian A Baty Serial No. 2788569

Rank Pvt Organization Co B 307th Inf

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne-s-Montfaucon 1232

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Dec. 2, 1921. By C.V. Russell

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector R.C. Worthington, 1st Lieut. OMC.

36. Remarks None.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Dec. 2, 1921. d

To point of Concentration Morgue, Romagne.

Convoyer W.J. Royed. Signature Shipping Officer J. Gerald Cole

(Name J. Gerald Cole
J. GERALD COLE
Captain, C. A. C.

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

By G.R.S. Representative _____

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date _____

To Permanent Cemetery _____

Convoyer _____ (Name _____
Signature Shipping Officer _____

40. Received: Date _____

G.R.S. Representative _____

41. Reinterred, Meuse Argonne Cemetery 1232, Dec. 3rd, 1921.
(Date _____

42. Grave No. 1 Section _____
Block

43. ~~Proc~~ D Row 34

G.R.S. Representative James W. Younger
James W. Younger,
Captain Q.M.C.

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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF BATY, Christian A. SERIAL NUMBER 2788569

RANK pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. B. 307th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Dec 2, 1921 From (give complete location): gr 206, sec 32, plot 4.

By: Group _____ Unit sec 1

3. Reburied (date): Dec. 3rd, 1921, Grave 1, Row 34, Block D, Cemetery 1232. In (give complete location):

By: Group Reburial S Unit _____ Nature of reburial Unlined Casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: wooden box and burlap and uniform, badly decomposed, features not recognizable.

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

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

Baty----- tag on body.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) impossible to determine.

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

Quantity do

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

_____ do

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

none visible.

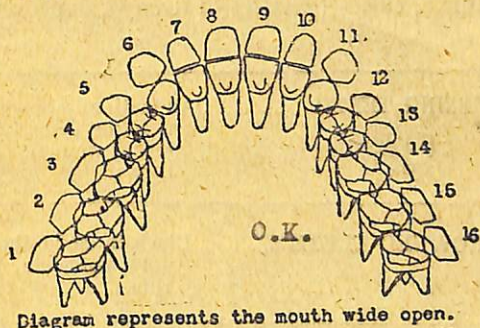
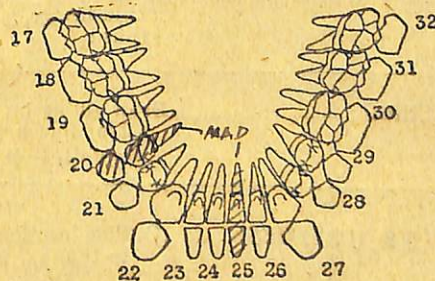


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



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

Approved: [Signature]
H.C. Worthington, 1st Lt. QMC
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by [Signature]
A.U. Dufault,

Approved: [Signature]
James W. Younger,
(Title) Captain Q. M. C.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

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III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases ||||| CKR. Elt

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

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V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
 Sec. 32 { letter of transmittal on 5-9-, 1921
Part # 3, Not to be returned (H.S.)

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

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.
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VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J. _____, 192

COUNTRY _____ CEMETERY No. _____ SHEET No. _____

FRANCE

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H.S. 5-14-21

Baty

Christian A.

2,788,569

Pvt. ^(Surname.) Co B, ^(Christian name in full.) 307th Inf. ^(Army serial number.)

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased Mother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? No
(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery? } (Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.) (Express office.) (Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.) (City or town.) (State.)

(Sign here)

Mrs. Ida Baty
Benton

So. Dak

(Number of feet or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card

Noted by C.

Date 4-26-21

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checked by
@4-27-21

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Baty, 2.788.569 Christian A.
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

.....
(Rank).

.....
(Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH:

CAUSE OF DEATH:

DATE OF BURIAL: Oct. 5th 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: Binarville 296. - 275.5

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

GRAVE NUMBER:

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

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

If name unknown and tags missing, description and marks should be given Binarville (map)

(286) SH 35 SW COORD } E 296
IN 275.5

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

Chaplain Cleveland, 307th Infantry
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

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(Date)

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CA
(Initials)

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