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FULL NAME ..... BEARD, Ralph R. ....

RANK ..... Pvt. 1/c ..... SERIAL ..... 3527407 .....

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION ..... Co. C ..... 309th F. S. Bn. .... S. H. Div. ....

DATE OF DEATH ..... Nov. 1st. 1918 .....

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME ..... Kansas .....

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED: *None*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION.....	2	7	A
	Date	Grave	Row
		Suresnes, #34	
			Cemetery

ARMED WORLD WAR DIV.  
3 AUG 26 1924

Place Perigueux, Cem. 87,

**REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL**

Date Oct. 8, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF BEARD, Ralph R. SERIAL NUMBER 3527407  
 RANK Pvt. 1/cl. ORGANIZATION Co. C, 309th Fld. Sig. Bn.

2. Disinterred (date) : Oct. 8, 1921. From (give complete location) : Gr # 283, Cem. 87.

By : Group 1 Unit Sect. 7.

3. Reburied (date) : October 15th, 1921. In (give complete location) : Suresnes Cemetery. - Block A - Row 7 - Grave 2.

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

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :  
Pine box and uniform and O. D. blanket. 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 :  
Disc on body entirely decomposed. Body one side identified, body other side previously exhumed. Rank, or Row regular and no evidence to disprove identity.

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

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

(b) Weigh, (estimated) Impossible to estimate.

(c) Hair—Color Impossible to determine.

Quantity Moderate.

Characteristics Straight.

(d) Hair on face—Color None visible.

Location None.

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.

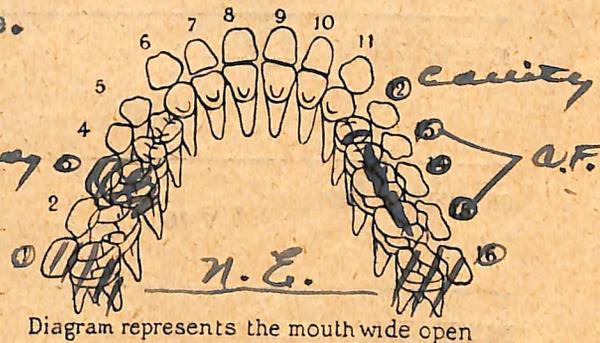
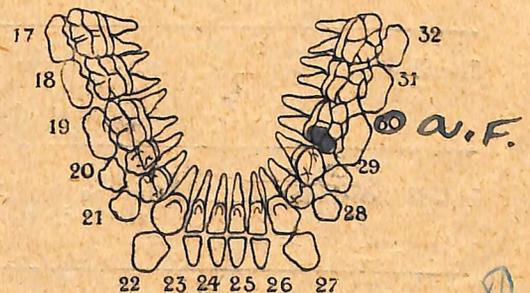


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



E. S. PARKER, Checker.

7. Disinterment supervised by BEN A. RADFORD. Approved: [Signature]  
 C. S. DENNY, 1st Lt. C.A.C.  
 (Title)

8. Reburial supervised by R. G. RICHARDS, Approved: [Signature]  
 1st Lieut. Q.M.C. (Title) Major, Q.M.C.

*10-60280*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

WASHINGTON June 26, 1922.

FILE: 293.8 C-R - #47709 - (Beard, Ralph R. Private 1/c)  
FROM: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army.  
TO: Mr. John Beard, 1209 W. 5th St., Topeka, Kansas.  
SUBJECT: Permanent Grave Location of Private 1/c Ralph R. Beard,  
Co. C. 309th Field Sig. Bn.

*File 6/26  
11/16*

1. The permanent grave of this soldier is No. 2 Row 7 Block A, The American Cemetery of Suresnes, Department of Seine, France.
2. This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, organization and date of soldier's death. The headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.
3. In effecting removal, the utmost care and reverence were exacted and more than willingly accorded by those performing this sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

**MAILED**

**JUN 27 1922**

**G.R.S.**

GEORGE H. PENROSE,  
Colonel, Q. M. Corps,  
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

DATE October 15th, 1921.

1. NAME BEARD, Ralph, R. SERIAL No. 3527407

RANK Pvt. 1/cl. ORGANIZATION Co.C.309th Fld.Sig.Bn.

GRAVE LOCATION American Cemetery PERIGUEUX, (Dordogne) #87  
CTY. NAME NUMBER

283  
GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL ~~BATTLE AREA~~ GRAVE LOCATION 283 Perigueux, (Dordogne)  
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES None.

CONCENTRATED TO Nov. 2, 1918. 283  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT  
Perigueux, (Dordogne) 87  
CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR *W. R. Nichols*  
W. R. Nichols, Major, C.A.C.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION October 15th, 1921 #2 7 Block A  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Suresnes American Cemetery #34, Suresnes, Seine.  
CEMETERY

jc. Audited by  
CII/8/4/22

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Oct. 8, 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 BEARD, Ralph R.
- 2. No. 3527407
- 3. Rank Pvt. 1/cl.
- 4. Org. Co. C, 309th Fld. Sig. Bn.
- 5. D.D. 11-1-18
- 6. C.D. D.O.D.

- 10. Name \_\_\_\_\_
- 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_
- 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_
- 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) D.B. No discrepancy.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- 7. Grave No. 283 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_

- 15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_
- 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_
- 17. No discrepancy.

- 18. Cemetery American Cemetery
- 20. Dept. or County Dordogne
- 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. # 87

- 19. Commune or town PERIGUEUX
- 21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) Oct. 8, 1921.

By BEN A. BRADFORD

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name BEARD, Ralph R.  
 Rank Pvt. 1/cl.

Serial No. 3527407  
 Organization Co. C, 309th Fld. Sig. Bn.

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

E. S. PARKER  
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant  
E. S. PARKER.

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).

Disc on body entirely disintegrated. Row regular and no evidence to disprove identity. (See Remarks).

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features not recognizable.

28. Nature of burial Pine box and uniform and O. D. Blanket.

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 Oct. 8, 1921. By BEN A. BRADFORD

31. Casket sealed by BEN A. BRADFORD.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) Ben A Bradford  
BEN A. BRADFORD.

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. \_\_\_\_\_

32. Designation of body:

Name WARD, HAYLI H. Serial No. 3527407

Rank Pvt. 2/cl. Organization Co. C. 309th Platoon, I.D.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery SURESNES AMERICAN CEMETERY #34

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Oct. 8, 1921. By BEN A. BRADFORD

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector C. S. DENNY, 1st Lt. Q.A.C.

36. Remarks Stenciling changed to correspond with item # 1. Body one side identified. Body other side previously exhumed.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Oct. 10, 1921.

To point of Concentration Paris, Morgue, (Seine)

Convoyer Jack Roberts Signature Shipping Officer C. S. Denny, 1st Lt. Q.A.C.

38. Received at ~~Paris~~ or Point of Concentration: Date PARIS MORGUE, Oct 13/21

By G.R.S. Representative H.L. WARD, Major, Q.M.C.

39. Shipped from ~~Railhead~~ or Point of Concentration: Date PARIS MORGUE, Oct 15/21

To Permanent Cemetery No. 34, SURESNES (SEINE).

Convoyer H. L. Ward Signature Shipping Officer H.L. WARD, Major, Q.M.C.

40. Received: Date October 15th, 1921.

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

41. Reinterred Suresnes Cemetery. (Date) October 15th, 1921.

42. Grave No. 2. Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot xxxx Block A. Row 7.

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



COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

1. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #47709

(a) Name BEARD, Ralph R. Ser. No. 3527407 )  
(b) Rank Private Organization Co. C, 309th., F.S. Bn. ) TYP. HDP  
1/c (d) Cause ) CKR. [initials]  
(c) Date of death 11-1-18 of death Pneumonia )

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

(a) Grave No. 283 Row --- Plot --- Sect. --- ) TYP. SH  
(b) Emerg. Address John Beard (father), 1209 W. 5th St., Topeka, Kansas

111. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; No Card ) CKR. [initials]

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt

*no card in file*

(a) Name (b) Relationship  
(c) Address  
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.?  
(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 [initials] Date 4-28-1920

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

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

*No Correspondence*

Examiner's Initials [initials] Date 4/28/1920

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

*no request for disposition*

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? *yes*

Examiner's Initials [initials] Date 4/29/1920

COUNTRY FRANCE

CEMETERY NO.

87

SHEET NO.

8

G.R.S. Form #115

Amended April 6, 1920.

Make Form #114

*Rechecked  
9.m.m. 11/10/20*

*11-17-21  
Duramos 34  
10/28/21 Am. Transit to*

*OK  
[initials]*

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 MAY 4, 1920

**PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED** (WB 11-12-70)

IX. CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: *Form 120, 9/4/20, John Beard, (father, nearest of kin), Topeka, Kansas, requests body remain in Europe.*  
9-24-20. T.L.



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

AUG 13 1920

*Rush Answer*

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.  
TO: John Beard, 1209-W. 5th St., Topeka, Kansas  
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Ralph R. Beard, Co. C. 309th F.S.Bn. (3527407)

The records of this office show that you have ~~requested that his body~~  
not expressed your desire regarding disposition of remains.

*Remain in Europe*

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Major, U.S.A.

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 these relatives are STILL LIVING.

*Noted on 7/11/20  
9-24-20. J.L.*

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow	<i>None</i>		
Soldier's Children (Name oldest first)	1. 2. 3. <i>None</i>		
Father	<i>John Beard</i>	<i>Topeka</i>	<i>Kan</i>
Mother	<i>died in 1910</i>		
Brothers (Name oldest first)	1. <i>Ly E Beard</i> 2. <i>Cecil Cyrus Beard</i> 3.	<i>Topeka</i> <i>Topeka</i>	<i>Kan</i> <i>Kan</i>
Sisters (Name oldest first)	1. <i>Helen Beard Gilmore</i> 2. 3.	<i>Chanute</i>	<i>Kan</i>

CEMETERY DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SECTION

*Topeka*  
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*Topeka*  
AUG 13 1920  
RECEIVED

Date *9/4/20* Signature *John Beard*  
Relationship *Father*

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

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

2. ~~To be returned to the U.S. and shipped to~~ \_\_\_\_\_

(Name)

(R.R. Station)

(State)

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.

Signature John Beard

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT

1. If definite instructions as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative within 2 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 living relatives 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 relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.

7. If YOU are not the nearest living relative 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 enclosed envelope - pay no postage.

**GRAVE LOCATION BLANK**

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE

47709

BEARD 3527407 Ralph R.

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

Pvt. 1/c Co. C. 309th F. Sig. Bn.

(Rank). (Organization).

333rd Regimental Infirmar

PLACE OF DEATH St. Astier, Dordogne, France

CAUSE OF DEATH: Pneumonia

DATE OF BURIAL: November 2, 1918.

Cemetery opposite St.

PLACE OF BURIAL: George Hospital,

Berignaux, Dordogne,

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

GRAVE NUMBER: Unknown.

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? Cross.

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Unknown

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: John Beard,

ADDRESS: 1209 W. 5th St., Topeka, Kansas.

RELATIONSHIP: Father

REVIEWED

REPORTED BY:

DSP SS.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

47709

1st Ind.

(PFC. Beard, 3527407, Ralph R.)  
Co. "C" - 309th Field Sig. Bn., American E. F., APO 705, March 17, 1919.  
To: Chief, Graves Registration Service, G. H. Q., American E. F.

1. Forwarded.

2. Information as to place and cause of death, also emergency address, shown on Grave Location Blank of above named soldier was taken from Retaining Slip, on file with records of this organization. Balance of information shown was obtained from statements of a soldier of this Battalion who was present at the funeral, and, while not certified as facts, the information is believed to be true.

*Fred A. Waterous*  
Fred A. Waterous,  
1st. Lt. Signal Corps,  
Commanding.

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OSP SS.

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Beard, Ralph	3	251
	BEA		
	CEMETERY 34	1	6
BURIED	GRAVE 2	2	02
	ROW 7	2	07
	BLOCK a	1	1
STATE	Kans	2	18
RANK	PFC	1	2
DIVISION	84	2	84
ORGANIZATION	309	3	309
ARM	75 Bn	1	5
MARTIAL	(Adm) No	1	2
NAME	Beard Cyrus C	3	
RESIDENCE	Colony, Kans.		
	STATE	2	
	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Head	1	6
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

**AUDITED**

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QM 293 A-M  
Beard, Ralph R. (Sur)

October 7, 1932.

Mr. Cyrus C. Beard,  
Colony, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

This office is making an earnest endeavor to communicate with all women who may be eligible under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe.

It will therefore be appreciated if you will advise whether or not the late Private first class Ralph R. Beard is survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him for a period of not less than five years at any time prior to his reaching the age of eighteen, and if so, her name and address. It is requested you also furnish the dates of death of his parents.

The enclosed self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

CHAS. W. DIETZ,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Encl.  
Env.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Beard, Ralph R. 84-ADM

July 3, 1930.

Mr. Cyrus C. Beard,  
Colony, Kans.

Dear Sir:

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

This office has no record of any person entitled under the Act mentioned to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe as the mother or widow of the above named deceased service man. To complete the list of eligibles and to assure that, if the above named man is survived by a mother or widow entitled to make a pilgrimage she receive an invitation to do so, it is requested you answer the following questions in the space provided on this letter and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

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1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

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2. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not remarried?

If so, give her name and address:

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3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?

If so, give her name and address:

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Beard, Ralph R.  
34

Aug. 21, 1929.

Mr. Cyrus C. Beard,  
Colony,  
Kansas.

Dear Sir:

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

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

Write answers in space below

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

No

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

No

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*John T. Harris*

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

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Beard, Ralph R.

May 28 1929.

Mr. Cyrus C. Beard,  
Colony,  
Kansas.

Dear Sir:

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 administrator of the estate of the late Private, first class Ralph R. Beard, Co. C, 309th Field Signal Bn., whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, France.

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

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relative is a stepmother, mother through adoption, or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. If he was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Encl.  
Env.

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OQMG M & R

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

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Very truly yours,

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Beard, Ralph R.

34

Aug. 21, 1929.

Mr. Cyrus C. Beard,  
Colony,  
Kansas.

Dear Sir:

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

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress  
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JOHN T. HARRIS,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Board, Ralph R.

May 30 1929.

Mr. Cyrus C. Board,  
Colony,  
Kansas.

Dear Sir:

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 <sup>administrator</sup> of the estate of the late Private, First class Ralph R. Board, Co. C, 509th Field Signal Bn., whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, France.

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

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relative is a stepmother, mother through adoption, or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. If he was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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For The Quartermaster General,

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Beard, Ralph R

May 4, 1929.

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Bro:

Mr. John Beard,  
1209 W. 5th Street,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Cyrus C. Beard, Adm. of Est. of Vet.  
Colony, Kans.

Father dead  
No mother shown  
No widow shown

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The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Private, first-class, Ralph R. Beard, Company C, 309th Field Signal Battalion, whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, France.

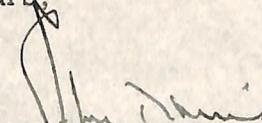
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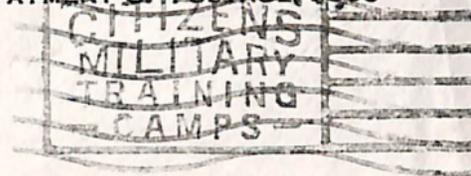
  
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*Handwritten notes and scribbles in purple and black ink, including "UNCLASIFIED" and "NO WRITING TO BE RETURNED".*

Mr. John Beard,  
1209 W. 5th Street,  
Topeka, Kansas.

*Not here*

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-C

IN REPLY REFER TO ~~Board, Ralph R~~

May 4, 1929.

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1209 W. 5th Street,  
Topeka, Kansas.

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For The Quartermaster General,

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JOHN T. HARRIS,  
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