

G.R.S. Form #114-L

FEB 9 - 1926

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FULL NAME... BEHRENS, William B.

RANK... 2nd Lieutenant SERIAL.....

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION... 106th Infantry

DATE OF DEATH... Sept 1, 27, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME... New York

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED... None

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION... 5 21 B

Date Grave Row Block

636

Cemetery

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WORLD WAR DIV.

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MAR 24 1926

AUDITED BY  
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BEHRENS, Wm B.

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Party "B" - Itinerary - Somme Group

Sailed May 13th on SS REPUBLIC, accompanying 27th Division. Party C on board also. Lt. Col. S. W. Winfree in charge.

May 24th. Disembarked at Southampton, England. Those desiring visited British Legion Bazaar in afternoon.

May 25th. Reception and luncheon in Westminster Hall. Visited Westminster Abbey where Official Wreath was laid on tomb of the British Unknown Soldier. Party then proceeded to Cenotaph where Official Wreath was laid.

May 26th. Visited Brookwood Cemetery.

May 27th. Sightseeing tour and shopping in London. Evening train to Harwich. Night boat to Antwerp, Belgium.

May 28th. Train to Brussels. Sightseeing and shopping in afternoon. Party received at Palace Hotel by Mr. Hugh Gibson, American Ambassador, at 6 P.M.

May 29th. Lunch at St. Quentin, France. Reception at Chamber of Commerce. Spent afternoon at Somme Cemetery. Proceeded to hotels at Amiens. Col. Winfree, Major Denit, MC, Capt. Ochs and Mallett and 2 nurses accompanied.

May 30th. Memorial Day services at Bony. Lunch at St. Quentin. Ceremonies at Memorial Monument to dead War Heroes of St. Quentin. Returned to Amiens.

May 31st. Final visit to Somme Cemetery.

June 1st. Returned to Paris.

June 2nd. Morning and afternoon sightseeing in Paris.

June 3rd. Morning shopping. Afternoon ceremonies at Arc de Triomphe.

June 4th. Early train to Cherbourg. Re-embarked on SS REPUBLIC.

Mrs. H. Pierson

REMARKS

Laundry Bill \$3.75 - Paid by Gout.



Motor transportation from hotel to home

Name PIERSON, Mrs, H

Paris Hôtel \_\_\_\_\_

Home address 70 St. Nicholas Ave. Brooklyn, Kings County, New York

Party B Group 5 Unit S/S REPUBLIC

Date of arrival MAY 23rd, 1930. Date of departure §§. REPUBLIC-June 4-1930

Relationship Mother

Name of deceased BEHRENS, William B

Rank 2d Lt Organization 106th Inf

Cemetery Somme Bl. B

BEHRENS, Wm B

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April 26th, 1930

Dear Madam,  
Your name shows as a passenger scheduled to sail for Europe on the U. S. sailing

Mrs. H. Pierson  
70 St. Nicholas Avenue  
Brooklyn, New York

Reservations have been made for you to stop at the Hotel the night of . . .  
Necessary transportation will be provided for you from your home to the hotel, Republic, you desire to May 13th, 1930.

Please advise what your desired stay is in this respect, using the lower portion of this letter for your reply.

There is enclosed a self-addressed envelope which requires Lexington

May 12th.

For the Officer in Charge.

George P. E. Taylor  
1st Deputy  
Assistant

I will require transportation from my home to hotel will not

Stateroom 501-A

COPY

WESTERN UNION

1930 JUN 11 AM 9 22

Received at ARCADE, 225 WEST 34th ST., N.Y.

NH69 55 RADIO VIA RCA SS REPUBLIC CD CHATHAM 11

WAR DEPARTMENT -

PENNSYLVANIA BLDG NEW YORK (NY)

REPUBLIC DOCKS FRIDAY MORNING STOP PARTY B ARRANGED AS FOLLOWS 66 PENNSYLVANIA  
HOTEL 24 LONG ISLAND STATION 62 TAXIE HOME ONE AMBULANCE TO HOSPITAL PIERSON  
PAGE 13 BRONCHIAL PNEUMONIA TOTAL 153 STOP GLASSER PAGE 9 AND BAUER PAGE 7  
VOLUNTARILY REMAINED IN PARIS STOP MEMBERS OF OTHER PARTIES NONE

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Piersey,  
Mrs. P.*

*File*

*201 Pierson, Mrs. H.*

File-201-Mrs. H. Pierson.

June 11, 1930.

Wyckoff Heights Hospital,  
St. Nicholas Ave.,  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Mentioned:

Mrs. H. Pierson, (Gold Star Mother) of 70 St. Nicholas Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y., arriving from France, Friday, June 13, 1930, 7 AM, S/S "REPUBLIC"

Diagnosis - Broncho Pneumonia  
Private Room - Medium price  
Private Nurse -

to go on regular medical service; no particular doctor requested.  
Send bills to War Dept., Pilgrimage, War Mothers and Widows at the above address.

Very truly yours,

WALTER L. PERRY,  
Major, M.C. (U.S.A.)

May 7th, 1930

Mrs. H. Pierson  
70 St. Nicholas Ave.  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Madam: :

In response to letter from this office dated April 26th requesting whether or not you desire transportation from your home to the Hotel Lexington at which place reservations have been made for you to stop at the night of May 12th, you advised that it would not be necessary for this office to furnish you with transportation. Therefore, it is requested that you kindly arrange to check-in at the hotel during the afternoon of May 12th reporting to the United States Army officer on duty in the lobby.

The War Department at Washington desires that all pilgrims be present at the hotel the night of May 12th so that necessary instructions and credentials be furnished them at that time.

During your stay at the hotel, visitors will be permitted to call on you, and further, it is understood from the United States lines that visitors will be permitted on the pier and also on the steamer providing they have your cabin number to which assigned. This number will be furnished you at the hotel.

For your further information it is contemplated that you will leave the Hotel Lexington at 7:30 P.M. (Daylight Saving Time) May 13th and proceed to the S.S. Republic, Pier 4, Hoboken, N.J., the steamer sailing at 11:30 P.M. (Daylight Saving Time) May 13th.

Yours very truly

George F. R. Taylor  
Lieut. Q.M.C. (DOL.)  
Assistant

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

Date 6/14/30

Case No. 1

PARTY "B" West

NAME Mrs. Kate Pierson

HOME ADDRESS 20 St. Nicholas Ave  
Brooklyn N.Y.

HOTEL

DIAGNOSIS Broncho Pneumonia

DISPOSITION Transfer from SS. Republic Hoboken N.J. to  
Wyckoff Heights Hospital Brooklyn N.Y.

REMARKS Patient transferred by private ambulance  
from boat to hospital. Food given  
fairly well. Maj. Perry accompanied  
case. Patients son Mr. Behrens  
present at boat. Husband present

CIVILIAN DOCTOR IN CHARGE OF CASE: Dr. Westhoff  
Wyckoff Hgts. Hosp.

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

Hospital Visit.

DAILY REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER:

PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS & WIDOWS-1930

Date... 6/14/30

Case No... 1-.....

PARTY... "B" West

NAME... Mrs. Kate Pearson

HOME ADDRESS... 70 St. Nicholas Ave  
Brooklyn N.Y.

HOTEL.....

DIAGNOSIS... Broncho Pneumonia

DISPOSITION... Wyckoff Heights Hospital Brooklyn

REMARKS... Patient has had slight relapse  
as a result of ambulance journey  
from boat. Placed on critical  
list this morning. Uncomfortable  
color poor breathing labored

CIVILIAN DOCTOR IN CHARGE OF CASE: Dr. Westhoff

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

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Hospital Visit

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

Date 6/16/30

Case No. 1

PARTY "B" West

NAME Mrs. Kate Peison

HOME ADDRESS 78 St. Nicholas Ave  
Brooklyn N.Y.

HOTEL

DIAGNOSIS Broncho Pneumonia

DISPOSITION Wyckoff Heights Hospital

REMARKS Patient's condition is improving slowly. Breathing better much more comfortable than yesterday.

CIVILIAN DOCTOR IN CHARGE OF CASE: Dr. Westhoff  
Wyckoff Hts. Hosp.

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

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Hospital Visit

DAILY REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER:

PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS & WIDOWS-1930

Date 6/19/30

Case No.....

PARTY.....

NAME Mrs. Kate Peison

HOME ADDRESS 20 St. Nicholas Ave  
Brooklyn N.Y.

HOTEL.....

DIAGNOSIS Bronch. Pneumonia

DISPOSITION Wyckoff Heights Hospital

REMARKS Patient improving slowly. Dr. Westhoff said, having accidents Mrs. Peison will get well. Patient irritable + discontented due to disease

CIVILIAN DOCTOR IN CHARGE OF CASE: Dr. Westhoff

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

Hospital Visit

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

Date 6/21/30

Case No.....

NAME Mrs. Kate Persim PARTY.....

HOME ADDRESS 70 St. Nicholas Ave  
Brooklyn N.Y.

HOTEL.....

DIAGNOSIS Broncho Pneumonia

DISPOSITION Wyckoff Heights Hospital

REMARKS Patient doing very well. Temperature  
normal for past 2 days - Respiration  
easier - Continued improvement.

CIVILIAN DOCTOR IN CHARGE OF CASE: Dr. Westhoff  
Wyckoff Hgts. Hospital

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

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Hospital Visit

DAILY REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER:

PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS & WIDOWS-1930

Date 6/23/30

Case No.....

PARTY "B" West

NAME Mis. Kate Pearson

HOME ADDRESS 70 St. Nicholas Ave  
Brooklyn N.Y.

HOTEL.....

DIAGNOSIS Broncho Pneumonia

DISPOSITION Wyckoff Heights Hospital Brooklyn

REMARKS Patient continues to improve

Much brighter mentally. Not  
so irritable. Anxious to  
get out of bed.

CIVILIAN DOCTOR IN CHARGE OF CASE: Dr. Westhoff

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

*[Handwritten signature]*

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

The Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D; C.

GEORGE F. BTAYLOR  
1st Lieut., Q. M. Corps

June 23, 1930.

MRS EMMA STROUF FRANCIS CREEK WISCONSIN FRENCH HOSPITAL CONDITION VERY GOOD  
STOP MRS KATE PIERSON SEVENTY SAIN NICHOLAS AVENUE BROOKLYN NEW YORK CONDE  
TION IMPROVING STOP MRS NORA ELIFF PARTY H HUDSON NEW YORK DID NOT SAIL  
NOW INSAINT VINCENTS HOSPITAL JAUNDICE ACUTE CONDITION GOOD DAUGHTERS  
PRESENT ON ADMISSION

WILLIAMS,

(P'honed Message Center,  
G.I., 11:50 A.M. June  
23, 1930. FVR to WO).

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Pierman, Mrs R.

*Hospital Visit.*

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

Date *6/25/30*

Case No. ....

PARTY *B. West*

NAME *Mrs. Kate Pierson*

HOME ADDRESS *70 St. Nicholas Ave  
Brooklyn N.Y.*

HOTEL .....

DIAGNOSIS *Broncho Pneumonia Severe*

DISPOSITION *Wyckoff Heights Hospital*

REMARKS *Patient improving rapidly.*

*Temp and pulse normal.  
Good spirits. Wants to get  
up.*

CIVILIAN DOCTOR IN CHARGE OF CASE: *Dr. Westhoff*

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

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AEW:FVR

Pilgrimage, War Mothers & Widow  
Room 901, 225 W. 34th St.,  
New York City, N.Y.

The Quartermaster General,

A.E. WILLIAMS,  
Colonel, Q.M. Corps

Washington, D.C.

June 30, 1930

MRS EMMA STROUF DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL TODAY STOP MRS PIERSON IMPROVING  
STOP MRS NORMA ELIFF CONDITION FAIR RELEASED TO HER FAMILY HERE TODAY STOP  
MRS MARGARET PRICE HITEMAN IOWA TRANSFERRED FROM SS AMERICA TO NEUROLOGICAL  
HOSPITAL HERE JUNE TWENTY EIGHTH HYPOMANIA SENILITY CONDITION FAIR SENDING  
HER HOME WITH TWO NURSES TODAY

WILLIAMS

('Phoned Governors' Island  
Message Center, 3PM.,  
June 30, 1930. To SK  
by Colonel Williams,).

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Pierson  
Mrs  
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H. B. D.

Hospital Visit  
DAILY REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER:

PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS & WIDOWS-1930

Date July 3, 1930,

Case No. 1

PARTY B West

NAME Mrs Kate Cierson

HOME ADDRESS 70 St Nicholas Ave,  
Brooklyn N.Y.

HOTEL Hospital Wyckoff, Brooklyn

DIAGNOSIS Convalescent Broncho Pneumonia

DISPOSITION In Hospital (see above)

REMARKS Patient doing fine in wheel  
chair 2 hrs daily. To be  
discharged in about 2 weeks  
consulted with  
Dr Westhoff

CIVILIAN DOCTOR IN CHARGE OF CASE: Dr Westhoff  
Wyckoff Hosp.

MEDICAL OFFICER J. H. Asberaft  
Walter L. Ferry,  
Major, Medical Corps, USA.

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H.B.C.

# Hospital Visit

DAILY REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER:

PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS & WIDOWS-1930

Date July 6, 30

Case No.....

PARTY.....

NAME Mrs Kate Gieser

HOME ADDRESS Brooklyn  
NY

HOTEL Wyckoff Hosp. Brooklyn, NY.

DIAGNOSIS Convalescent Pneumonia

DISPOSITION.....

REMARKS Patient doing fine up  
in wheel chair morn-  
ing & evening -

CIVILIAN DOCTOR IN CHARGE OF CASE:

Dr Westhoff -  
Wyckoff Hosp.

MEDICAL OFFICER:

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

Patient says she feels fine  
but is unable to walk

yet

Jita

[Signature]

NEW:FVR

Pilgrimage, War Mothers & Widows,  
Room 901, 225 W. 54th St.,  
New York City, N.Y.

RADIO

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The Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

A. E. WILLIAMS,  
Colonel, Q.M. Corps.

July 7, 1930

MRS KATE PIERSON ONLY WAR MOTHER IN HOSPITAL HERE CONDITION IMPROVING

W NINE

WILLIAMS

(Phoned to Message Center,  
G.I., 2:45 P.M., July 7,  
1930. To: FA by FVR).

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Pierson, Mrs K

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Hospital Visit

DAILY REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER:

PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS & WIDOWS-1930

Date July 10

Case No.....

PARTY B West

NAME Mrs Kate Curran

HOME ADDRESS Brooklyn NY

HOTEL Wyckoff Hospital Brooklyn NY

DIAGNOSIS Broncho-Pneumonia, Convalescent

DISPOSITION.....

REMARKS.....

CIVILIAN DOCTOR IN CHARGE OF CASE: Dr Westhoff  
Wyckoff Hotel

MEDICAL OFFICER: J.H. Heroff  
Walter L. Perry,  
Major, Medical Corps, USA.

Patient up walking around.  
Feeling fine. States she wishes  
to go home to-morrow & that  
Dr Wyckoff says she may go.

Release her to her family J.H.H.

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H.B.D.

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

Date July 12, 30

Case No.....

NAME Mrs Kate Pierson

PARTY B. West.

HOME ADDRESS 70 St Nicholas Ave  
Brooklyn N.Y.

HOTEL Wykoff Hospital Brooklyn

DIAGNOSIS Convalescent Broncho Pneumonia

DISPOSITION To son W.A. Behrens, 187-12  
Weyford Terrace Jamaica L.I.

REMARKS This patient was examined mon  
thoroughly by Dr Westhoff this morning  
and was pronounced ready for dis-  
charge from Hospital and was given  
explicit instructions as to her  
conduct when she reaches home  
according to a statement of the  
private nurse Miss Maxwell

CIVILIAN DOCTOR IN CHARGE OF CASE: Dr Westhoff  
Wykoff Hosp.

Medical Officer: [Signature]  
Walter L. Perry,  
Major, Medical Corps, USA.

This patient was turned over to her  
son, Mr W.A. Behrens, 187-12 Weyford  
Terrace, Jamaica L.I. at the hospital  
after she was placed in his car  
from a wheel chair by the nurse  
Miss Maxwell + myself. We offered  
to accompany them home but  
they said it was not necessary  
as he lives in a bungalow and drives  
to it

AHW:FVR.

Pilgrimage War Mothers &  
Widows, Room 301, 225 W. 34th St  
New York City, N.Y.

The Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

A. E. WILLIAMS,  
Colonel, U. S. Corps,

July 14, 1930.

MRS NORA ELIFF DIED AT SAINT VINCENTS HOSPITAL ONE FIFTY P M JULY THIRTEENTH STOP MRS KATE PEARSON DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL JULY ELEVENTH STOP MRS JOHN W KELLY ASHLAND WISCONSIN TRANSFERRED FROM SS ROOSEVELT JULY THIRTEENTH TO SAINT VINCENTS HOSPITAL SEASICKNESS AND NERVOUSNESS BETTER TODAY NEAREST RELATIVE NOTIFIED STOP MRS DELILAH KILBOW OAKLAND MARYLAND TRANSFERRED FROM SS PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT JULY THIRTEENTH TO SAINT VINCENTS HOSPITAL SUFFERING FROM ILL FROM FALL ON SHIP JULY SIXTH AT SEA STOP X RA SHOWS COMPOUND INTERCEREBULAR FRACTURE OF LEFT FEMUR WITH IMPACTION NEAREST RELATIVE NOTIFIED W SIXTEEN

WILLIAMS

(Phoned Message Center, Governors  
Island 4:20 P.M., July 14, 1930  
To S.A. by F. V. R.)

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Business  
Mrs R

WYCKOFF HEIGHTS HOSPITAL OF BROOKLYN, N.Y.,  
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

JULY 14th, 1930.

War Department,  
"Pilgrimage, War Mothers and Widows"  
Room 901,  
225 West 34th Street  
New York City, N.Y.

Att. Col. Alexander E. Williams,

My dear Colonel:-

Enclosed please find bill for services rendered  
Mrs. Kate Pierson, of 70 St. Nicholas Avenue, Brooklyn  
N.Y. at our hospital.

Dr. A. W. F. Westhoff, the attending physician  
on the case, will be rendered a separate bill.

I also thank you for your kind letter of June  
16th, 1930, and which was appreciated very much.

Very sincerely yours,

WYCKOFF HEIGHTS HOSPITAL

HENRY SCHNEESSNER

Superintendent.

HS/HJ

201 Pierson, Mrs. Kate

ALL BILL ARE PAYABLE  
WEEKLY IN ADVANCE

MRS. KATE PIERSON -----Account number.

70 St. Nicholas Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.      Pri. Rm. #8

To WYCOFF HEIGHTS HOSPITAL OF BROOKLYN, Dr.

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From 6/13 to 7/11 1930 29 days at \$56.00 Per Week      232 00

Board of Special Nurse    29 days and 28 nights      (57) at \$1.00 day  
is-----57.00  
29 days to Miss Maxwell Special -----203.00  
29 nights to " Tidquist ----- 196.00

Pathological Examination fo work.-----8.00

Spir. Frumenti-----6.00  
\$702.0

Myrick Heights Hospital of Brooklyn, N. Y.

ST. NICHOLAS AVENUE  
STANHOPE AND STOCKHOLM STREETS  
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

SUPERINTENDENTS  
OFFICE

201  
Pierson, Mrs. Kate

July 15, 1930.

File 201

Col. A. E. Williams,  
War Department,  
Pilgrimage War Mothers and Widows,  
2225 West 34th Street, N. Y. City.

Dear Sir :-

In reply to your communication regarding Mrs. Kate Pierson (Gold Star Mother) please be advised that she was admitted to this insitution on June 13th, following cough and fever contracted while returning on steamer from France.

Diagnosis - Broncho Pneumonia  
Attending Physician - Dr. A.W. A. Westhoff

She was discharged from the hospital July 11th, 1930, recovered.

Yours very truly,

*Henry Schuersler*  
Superintendent.

P. S. - Should there be any further information you desire, we shall have the complete chart at your disposal at any time.



File-201

July 15, 1930.

Superintendent,  
Wyckoff Heights Hospital,  
St. Nicholas Ave.,  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Will you please furnish me a copy of the Medical Record of Mrs. H. Pierson, (Gold Star Mother) of 70 St. Nicholas Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y., while a patient in your Hospital from June 13, 1930 to July 12, 1930 to file with our records.

Very truly yours,

*WPS*  
A.E. WILLIAMS,  
Colonel, Q.M.C.,  
Officer in Charge.

JHA/MFR.

201  
Pierson, Mrs. H.

Telephone- Lafayette 0299

Dr. A. W. F. Westhoff  
426 Quincy Street,  
Brookly, New York.

July 16th, 1930

Att. Col. A. E. Williams,

War Dep't  
"Pilgrimage War Mothers & Widows"  
225 West 34th Streetm  
New York city, N.Y.

My dear Colonel:

Inclosed please find my bill for services rendered  
Mrs, Kate Pierson of 70 St. Nicholas Ave. , Brooklyn, N/Y at the  
Wycoff Heights Hospital.

Yours sincerely,

AWF. WESTHOFF.

426 Quincy Str

Phon Lafayette 0299

Brooklyn New York---- July 16, 1930.

War Dep't "Pilgrimage, War Mothers & Widows"

To. A. W. F. Westhoff, M. D.

To PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

KATE PIERSON From June 13/30

tp July 11/30 inclusive.

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\$185.00

Received payment.

*201 Pierson, Mrs Kate*

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*Handwritten scribbles*

June 16, 1930

Mr. Henry Schuessler,  
Superintendent,  
Wyckoff Heights Hospital,  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Schuessler:

I wish to express the appreciation of the War Department to you and your hospital staff for the many courtesies and prompt assistance rendered Major Perry, Medical Officer on duty with the Pilgrimage, War Mothers and Widows, in connection with handling the case of Mrs. Kate Pierson, a War Mother stricken with pneumonia on the return trip from Europe.

When Mrs. Pierson is discharged from the hospital, please mail bill for service to this office.

Sincerely yours,

Alexander E. Williams,  
Colonel, Quartermaster Corps,  
In Charge.

WLP:FVR

Pilgrimage, War Mothers &  
Widows Room 901, 225 W. 34th  
St., New York city. N. Y.

The Quartermaster General,

A. E. WILLIAMS,  
Colonel Q.M. Corps,

Washington, D. C.

MRS KATE PIERSON PARTY B SAENEY NICHOLAS AVENUE BROOKLYN TAKEN FROM SHIP TO  
WYCOFF HEIGHTS HOSPITAL BROOKLYN BRONCHO PNEUMONIA CONDITION IMPROVING NEARES  
RELATIVE NOTIFIED STOP MISS EMMA SEROUF PARTY G FRANCIS CREEK WISCONSIN FRENCH  
HOSPITAL THIRTIETH STREET NEW YORK CITY SECOND DEGREE BURNS BOTH LEGS AND  
FEET SUSTAINED BEFORE LEAVING HOME CONDITION IMPROVING NEAREST RELATIVE  
NOTIFIED STOP MRS MINNIE KOSAL PARTY G TWENTY NINE NINETY SEVEN DREUEL AVENUE  
DETROIT MICHIGAN FRENCH YOSPITAL THIRTIETH STREET NEW YORK CITY GENERAL DEBILI  
TY NERVOUS SHOCK CONDITION IMPROVING NEAREST RELATIVE NOTIFIED,

WILLIAMS

(Phood Message Center, G.I., 2:40 P.M.  
June 16, 1930. FVR to SA)

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Pearson, Mrs. J.

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70 pt Nicholas

NAME Mrs. H. Pierson

S.S. REPUBLIC  
WASHINGTON JUN 14 1930

HOME Brooklyn, Kings County, New York

R.R. *quarters at Lefington  
with Mrs. Tow.*

STATION

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE

*Mr Walter Behrens  
18712 Wexford Terrace  
Jamaica  
L.I.  
1 suitcase*

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Behrens	3	258
	William B		
	CEMETERY 636	1	5
BURIED	GRAVE 5	2	05
	ROW 1	2	01
	BLOCK B	1	2
STATE	N.Y.	2	37
RANK	2nd Lt.	1	1
DIVISION	27	2	27
ORGANIZATION	106	3	106
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARITAL	Re-married	1	3
NAME	Person	3	695
	Mrs H.		
	STATE N.Y.	2	37
RESIDENCE	COUNTY Kings	2	24
	CITY Brooklyn	3	101
RELATION	mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	Yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Good	1	1
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR. 1930	1	1
ACCEPTANCE	Yes	1	1
	age 62		62

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 SEP 25 1931 KPB

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Behrens	3	258
BURIED	CEMETERY	1	5
	GRAVE	2	05
	ROW	2	01
	BLOCK	1	2
STATE	ny	2	37
RANK	2nd Lt	1	1
DIVISION	27	2	27
ORGANIZATION	106	3	106
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARITAL	Remarried	1	3
NAME	Mourou	3	
Mrs Amelia May	STATE	2	
RESIDENCE	COUNTY	2	
Waldwick N.J.	CITY	3	
RELATION	Widow	1	5
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	No	1	2
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	
29/514			

**AUDITED**  
 SEP 25 1951 KPS

QM 293 A-M  
Behrens, William. B. 2nd Lt. 636 M

September 19, 1930.

Mrs. Kate C. Pierson,  
70 St. Nicholas Avenue,  
Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 15, 1930, expressing your appreciation for the pilgrimage you made to the grave of your son, the late Second Lieutenant William B. Behrens, in the Sonne American Cemetery.

It is gratifying to know that your trip was satisfactory and that you received such excellent care throughout the journey. 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.

I am glad to know that you were pleased with the appearance of your son's resting place and that you have returned to your home with a feeling of contentment. You are assured that the Sonne 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 abroad fitting resting places for the heroes who are buried in them.

Your illness on the return journey is deeply regretted, and it is hoped that you have entirely recovered by this time. You are assured it was a pleasure to have everything possible done for you while you were in the hospital in Brooklyn.

With sincere appreciation of the sentiments you expressed, I am

Sincerely yours,

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

Sept 15th 1930

10 St Nicholas Ave

Brooklyn, N.Y.

Republic May 13

Dear Sir: -

I wish to thank the Government for that wonderful trip to France, it was such a comfort to see the resting place of our boys. Before this trip I could only think of my son as buried somewhere in France, but now I saw the cemetery and know how well it is kept and it means so much. I was very sorry that I was unfortunate on the way home and took sick with pneumonia on the Republic and had to go to a hospital in Brooklyn for four weeks at the Government expense. I am very grateful to the Government for the good care I had and wish to thank them with all my heart.

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Be... ..

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yours very truly  
Mrs H. Pierson

Member of William B. Behrens

636-M



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Behrens, Wm. B. - 636

September 2, 1930

Mrs. Kate C. Pierson,  
70 St. Nicholas Ave.,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The enclosed book used by you on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe has been stamped showing "Pilgrimage Completed" and may be retained by you as an additional souvenir of your trip.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
1 book

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NAME

*K. C. Pierson*

ADDRESS

*70 St. Nicholas Ave*

DATE

*July 11 - 30*

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)

*K. C. Pierson*

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

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STATE

... NEW YORK ...

Behrens, Wm B.

70 St. Nicholas Ave.,  
Brooklyn,  
Kings County

Mother  
NAME ..... Pierson, Mrs. H. .... HOME ADDRESS .....  
(Kate)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN .....  
Mr Walter Behrens  
18712 Wexford Terrace  
Jamaica L.I.

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE ..... 5/12/30 ..... HOTEL ..... Lexington ..... ROOM NO. .... 716.

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE ... May 13, 1930 ... VESSEL ... S. S. REPUBLIC ... CABIN NO. ... 501 A

DESTINATION ... Cherbourg, France ... CEMETERY ... Somme

6/14/30.  
Party "B" WEST.

Case No. 1

NAME Mrs. Kate Pierson - 70 St. Nicholas Ave.,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Hotel -----

Diagnosis Broncho Pneumonia.

Disposition Transfer from S. S. Republic, Hoboken, N. J.  
to Wykoff Heights Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Remarks. Patient transferred by private ambulance from  
boat to hospital. Stood journey fairly well.  
Major Perry accompanied case. Patients son,  
Mr. Behrens present at boat. Husband present.

Civilian Dr. in Charge of Case. Dr. Westhoff, Wykoff  
Heights Hospital.

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

L.S.

HOSPITAL VISIT.

6/14/ 30.

*Party "B" West.*

Case No. 1.

Name Mrs. Kate Pierson - 70 St. Nicholas Ave., Brooklyn,  
N. Y.

Hotel -----

Diagnosis Broncho Pneumonia.

Disposition Wykoff Heights Hospital, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Remarks. Patient has had slight relapse as a result of ambulance journey from boat. Placed on critical list this morning. Uncomfortable, color poor, breathing labored.

Civilian Dr. in Charge of Case. Dr. Westhoff.

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

Hospital Visit.

6/16/30.  
Party "B" WEST

Case No. 1.

Name Mrs. Kate Pierson - 70 St. Nicholas Ave., Brooklyn,  
N. Y.

Hotel -----

Diagnosis Broncho Pneumonia.

Disposition Wykoff Heights Hospital.

Remarks. Patient's condition is improving slowly.  
Breathing better, much more comfortable than  
yesterday.

Civilian Dr. in Charge of Case. Dr. Westhoff. Wykoff Heights.  
Hospital.

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

L. S.

HOSPITAL VISIT.

6/19/ 30.

*Party "B" West*

Case No. 1

Name Mrs. Kate Pierson - 70 St. Nicholas Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Hotel -----

Diagnosis Broncho Pneumonia

Disposition Wykoff Heights Hospital.

Remarks Patient improving slowly Dr. Westhoff said,  
barring accidents. Mrs. Pierson will get well.  
Patient irritable and discontented, due to disease.

Civilian Doctor in Charge of Case. Dr. Westhoff.

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

*L.S.*

MEDICAL RECORD  
HOSPITAL VISIT.

6/21/30.  
6/23/30.

Party: "B" WEST.

S. S. REPUBLIC. Eastbound  
Westbound

Name MRS. KATE PIERSON.

Home Address 70 ST. NICHOLAS AVE., BROOKLYN N.Y.

Name and address of nearest relative or friend

Religion

Age

History of present complaint:

DIAGNOSIS BRONCHO PNEUMONIA.

6/21/30. PATIENT DOING VERY WELL. TEMPERATURE NORMAL FOR PAST TWO DAYS. RESPIRATION EASIER. CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT.

6/23/30.

PATIENT CONTINUES TO IMPROVE. MUCH BRIGHTER MENTALLY. NOT SO IRRITABLE. ANXIOUS TO GET OUT OF BED.

(OVER)

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

*Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)*

*Treatment and Progress: (include dates)*

*Disposition: (include dates)* WYKOFF HEIGHTS HOSPITAL, BROOKLYN, N.Y.  
CIVILIAN DOCTOR IN CHARGE OF CASE. DR. WESTHOFF.

*Remarks:* MEDICAL OFFICER WALTER L. PERRY, MAJOR, MEDICAL CORPS, U.S.A.

MEDICAL RECORD  
HOSPITAL VISIT.

6/25/30.

Party: "B" WEST.

S. S.

Eastbound  
Westbound

Name MRS. KATE PIERSON

Home Address 70ST. NICHOLAS AVE., BROOKLYN, N.Y.

Name and address of nearest relative or friend

Religion

Age

History of present complaint: DIAGNOSIS BRONCHO PNEUMONIA. SEVERE.

PATIENT IMPROVING RAPIDLY. TEMPERATURE AND PULSE NORMAL.

GOOD SPIRITS. WANTS TO GET UP.

(OVER)

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*Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)*

*Treatment and Progress: (include dates)*

*Disposition: (include dates)* WYKOFF HEIGHTS HOSPITAL.  
CIVILIAN DOCTOR IN CHARGE OF CASE. Dr. Westhoff.

*Remarks:* MEDICAL OFFICER Walter L. Perry, Major, Medical Corps,  
U.S.A.

RETURN NEW YORK

JUN 14 1930

DATE .....

70 St. Michael Ave

NAME Pierson, Mrs H ..... HOME ADDRESS Brooklyn N.Y. .....

RETURN ON S. S. .... HOTEL ..... ROOM NO. ....

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE .....

ROAD ..... TRAIN ..... CAR ..... BERTH or SEAT .....

REMARKS .....

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PARTY "B" WEST.

MEDICAL RECORD.

JULY 3, 1930.  
JULY 6, 1930.

NAME MRS. KATE PIERSON - 70 St. Nicholas Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y.

HOSPITAL WYKOFF HEIGHTS, BROOKLYN, N.Y.

DIAGNOSIS CONVALESCENT, BRONCHO PNEUMONIA.

DISPOSITION IN HOSPITAL.

REMARKS PATIENT DOING FINE IN WHEEL CHAIR, 2 hours daily.  
TO BE DISCHARGED IN ABOUT A WEEK. CONSULTED WITH  
DR. WESTHOFF.  
JULY 6, 1930 PATIENT DOING FINE, UP IN WHEEL CHAIR  
MORNING AND EVENING. PATIENT SAYS SHE FEELS FINE BUT  
IS UNABLE TO WALK YET.

CIVILIAN DR. IN CHARGE OF CASE. DR. WESTHOFF, WYCOFF HOSPT.

MEDICAL OFFICER J.H. ASHCROFT. MAJOR, MEDICAL CORPS, U.S.A.

# MEDICAL RECORD

JULY 10, 1930.

Eastbound

Party: ..... PARTY B. WEST.

S. S. .... Westbound

Name ..... MRS. KATE PIERSON ---

Home Address ..... BROOKLYN, N. Y. WYKOFF HOSPITAL, BROOKLYN, N.Y.

Name and address of nearest relative or friend .....

Religion ..... Age .....

History of present complaint: PATIENT UP WALKING AROUND, FEELING FINE.  
STATES SHE WISHES TO GO HOME TOMORROW, AND THAT DR. WYKOFF  
SAYS SHE MAY GO.  
CIVILIAN DR. IN CHARGE OF CASE DR. WESTHOFF.

MEDICAL OFFICER J. H. ASHCROFT. MAJOR, MEDICAL CORPS,  
U.S.A.

(OVER)

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

*Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)*      JULY 10, 1930.  
BRONCHO-PNEUMONIA, CONVALESCENT.

*Treatment and Progress: (include dates)*

*Disposition: (include dates)*

*Remarks:*

PARTY "B" WEST.

JULY 12, 1930.

NAME MRS. KATE PIERSON. 70 ST. NICHOLAS AVE., BROOKLYN, N. Y.  
TO SON, MR. W. A. BEHRENS, 187-12 WEXFORD TERRACE, JAMAICA, L.I.

REMARKS. THIS PATIENT WAS EXAMINED MORE THOROUGHLY BY DR. WEST-  
HOFF THIS MORNING AND WAS PRONOUNCED READY FOR DISCHARGE FROM  
HOSPITAL, AND WAS GIVEN EXPLICIT INSTRUCTIONS AS TO HER CONDUCT  
WHEN SHE REACHES HOME ACCORDING TO A STATEMENT OF THE PRIVATE  
NURSE, MRS. MAXWELL. THIS PATIENT WAS TURNED OVER TO HER SON,  
MR. W. A. BEHRENS, 187-12 WEXFORD TERRACE, JAMAICA, L. I., AT THE  
HOSPITAL AFTER SHE WAS PLACED IN HIS CAR FROM A WHEELCHAIR BY THE  
NURSE, MISS MAXWELL, AND MYSELF. WE OFFERED TO ACCOMPANY THEM HOME  
BUT THEY SAID IT WAS NOT NECESSARY, AS HE LIVES IN A BUNGALOW, AND  
DRIVES UP TO IT.

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(Signature or name of addressee.)

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QM GENERAL  
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MRS KATE PIERSON ONLY WAR MOTHER IN HOSPITAL HERE CONDITION  
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*Henry Strauf*  
*1232*

MRS EMMA STROUF FRANCISCREEK WISCONSIN FRENCH HOSPITAL  
CONDITION VERY GOOD STOP MRS KATE PIERSON SEVENTY STNICHOLAS AVENUE  
BROOKLYN NY CONDITION IMPROVING STOP MRS NORA ELIFF PARTY H  
HUDSON NEWYORK DID NOT SAIL NOW IN STVINCENTS HOSPITAL JAUNDICE  
ACUTE CONDITION GOOD DAUGHTER PRESENT ON ADMISSION

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*710*  
*1232 - Dennis Eliff*

WILLIAMS

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*1232*  
*Noted*  
*BB*

*Plagiarism - J.S.M.*  
*Sack name*

June 17, 1930

Mr. Walter Behrens  
18712 Wexford Terrace  
Jamaica, Long Island, N. Y.

TELEGRAM FROM NEW YORK SIXTEENTH ADVISES MRS KATE PIERSON TAKEN FROM  
SHIP TO WYCKOFF HEIGHTS HOSPITAL BROOKLYN BRONCHO PNEUMONIA CONDITION  
IMPROVING YOU ARE ASSURED EVERYTHING POSSIBLE IS BEING DONE FOR MRS  
PIERSON WILL INFORM YOU OF ANY CHANGE. 1341 GSM

QM 293 A-M  
Behrens, Wm. B. - 636

DEWITT  
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

*noted - KPL*

CA of

Mrs. Emma Strouf:

Mrs. F. C. Baugniot

Francis Creek Wiso

Case not located

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Mrs. H. Pearson:

Mr. Walter Belorus

18712 Weyford Terrace

Jamaica L.I.

N.Y.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Behrens, William B. 636-M

March 18, 1930

Mrs. H. Pierson,  
70 St. Nicholas Ave.,  
Brooklyn, N. Y..

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.

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Behrens, William B.  
2nd Lt. 106 Inf.

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. H. Pierson

(Name)

70 St Nicholas Ave., Brooklyn, Kings Co., N. Y.

(Town or City)

(State)

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

October 7, 1929.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Behrens, William B 636 -M

*Sargent 15, 1930*  
*present address*  
*70 St Nicholas Ave*  
*Brooklyn*

Mrs. H. Pierson,  
579 Forrest Avenue,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

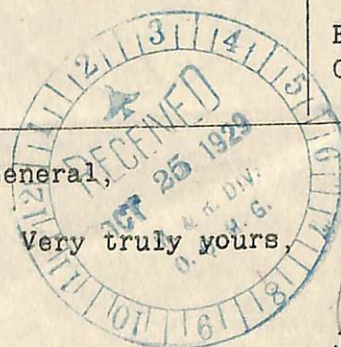
The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, 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 62	Health (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No)	Other language German (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



*John T. Harris*  
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

Behrens, William B.

July 31, 1929.

Mrs. Amelia May Monroe,  
Waldwick, N.J.

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 widow of the late Second Lieutenant William B. Behrens, 106th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

1. Have you remarried since the death of the above named veteran?

*yes*

2. If not, do you desire to make the pilgrimage?

3. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

*yes*

4. If so, give her name and complete address.

*Mrs. H. Pierson  
579 Forest Ave.  
Brooklyn, N.Y.*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Behrens, William B.

May 15, 1929.

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Wife remarried  
Mrs. Amelia May Monroe,  
Waldwick, N.J.

Mrs. Katherine Pierson,  
881 Fresh Pond Road,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

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 Second Lieutenant William B. Behrens, 106th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne, 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.

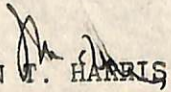
In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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.



COPIES FOR: Commanding Officer,  
Washington Q. M. Depot,  
20th & C Sts., N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.  
FOR INFORMATION & COMPLIANCE.

QM 293 A-M  
~~Behrens, William B.~~

May 26, 1931.

Mrs. K. C. Pierson,  
70 St. Nicholas Ave.,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

In compliance with your request of recent date, instructions have been issued to forward you a flag in honor of your son, the late 2nd Lieut. William B. Behrens, 106th Infantry, now interred in the Somme American Cemetery in France, provided a flag has not previously been furnished for this decedent.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

ESH:LS

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*Handwritten initials*

# American Gold Star Mothers

OF THE WORLD WAR, INC.

NEW YORK STATE



Headquarters: Pennsylvania Hotel, Seventh Avenue and 33rd Street, New York City

Quarter Master General  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have been informed that I am entitled to an American flag from the Government in memory of  
my beloved Son

SON OR DAUGHTER

Name of Mother K. C. Pierson

Address 70 St. Nicholas Ave Brooklyn N. Y.  
NUMBER STREET CITY STATE

293

Name of Deceased William B. Behrens

Army, Navy, Marine 2nd Lieut. 106 Inf. Machine Gun Co.  
RANK REGIMENT COMPANY

Stationed at \_\_\_\_\_

Lost at Sea \_\_\_\_\_ Among the Missing \_\_\_\_\_ Or Unknown \_\_\_\_\_

Place and Date of Death Killed in action Sept 29th 1918.

Where Buried Bony Cemetery

I will be very grateful if same will be forwarded to me.

Respectfully yours,

Mrs K. C. Pierson  
70 St Nicholas Ave.  
Brooklyn N. Y.



QM 293 A-M

April 11, 1931.

Behrens, William B. 2nd Lt. (Scm) M

SUBJECT: Compensation

TO: Director, United States Veterans Bureau,  
Washington, D. C.

1. There is forwarded herewith letter of April 8, 1931, from Mrs. H. Pierson, 70 St. Nicholas Ave., Brooklyn, New York, as a matter pertaining to your office.

2. Mrs. Pierson has been advised of this reference.

For The Quartermaster General.

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

C. B. M. C. M. & R. DIV.

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Enclosure:  
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QM 293 A-M

April 11, 1931.

Behrens, William B. 2nd Lt. (Som) M

Mrs. Kate C. Pierson,  
70 St. Nicholas Avenue,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 8, 1931, requesting information regarding compensation.

Your communication has been forwarded to the United States Veterans Bureau as a matter pertaining to that office.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

O. G. M. G. M. & R. DIV.

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April 11, 1931.

Behrens, William B. 2nd Lt. (Som) M

SUBJECT: Compensation

TO: Director, United States Veterans Bureau,  
Washington, D. C.

1. There is forwarded herewith letter of April 8, 1931, from Mrs. H. Pierson, 70 St. Nicholas Ave., Brooklyn, New York, as a matter pertaining to your office.

2. Mrs. Pierson has been advised of this reference.

For The Quartermaster General.

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

Enclosure:  
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C O P Y

Brooklyn

April 8, 1931.

Quartermaster General.

Dear Sir:

It was announced at the Gold Star Mothers meeting by our president, Mrs. M. Burling, that every Gold Star Mother 60 years and over is intitled to the Compensation. I am 64 years old. Have never received any Compensation and would like to know if I am intitled to it, will you kindly let me know.

I am Mrs. H. Pierson. Mother not Stepmother of William B. Behrens, 2nd Lieut. 106th Machine Gun Co.

QM 293 A-C.

Yours truly,

/s/ Mrs. H. Pierson  
70 St. Nicholas Ave.,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

QM 293 A-M

Behrens, William. B. 2nd Lt. 636 M

September 19, 1930.

Mrs. Kate C. Pierson,  
70 St. Nicholas Avenue,  
Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 15, 1930, expressing your appreciation for the pilgrimage you made to the grave of your son, the late Second Lieutenant William B. Behrens, in the Some American Cemetery.

It is gratifying to know that your trip was satisfactory and that you received such excellent care throughout the journey. 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.

I am glad to know that you were pleased with the appearance of your son's resting place and that you have returned to your home with a feeling of contentment. You are assured that the Some 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 abroad fitting resting places for the heroes who are buried in them.

Your illness on the return journey is deeply regretted, and it is hoped that you have entirely recovered by this time. You are assured it was a pleasure to have everything possible done for you while you were in the hospital in Brooklyn.

With sincere appreciation of the sentiments you expressed, I am

Sincerely yours,

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

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Behrens, Wm. B. - 636

September 2, 1930

Mrs. Kate C. Pierson,  
70 St. Nicholas Ave.,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The enclosed book used by you on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe has been stamped showing "Pilgrimage Completed" and may be retained by you as an additional souvenir of your trip.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Q. M. G. A. R. DIV.

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*Behrens, William B.*

FILE UNDER NO. 293. - ~~Pierson, Kate (Mrs.)~~

July 14/30

## INDEX SHEET

### SYNOPSIS

TELEGRAM -

From - Col. Williams, New York City, N.Y.

To - The QMG.,

Giving report of Pilgrims on way to Europe in pilgrimage -  
Mrs. Nora Eliff - died at St. Vincents Hosp. July 13th.

" Kate Pierson discharged from Hosp. July 11th

" John W. Kelly, Ashland Wis. transferred from SS Pres. Roosevelt  
July 13th to St. Vincents Hosp. Nearest relative notified.

" Delilah Kildrow, Oakland Md., transferred from S.S. Pres. Roosevelt  
July 13th to St. Vincents Hosp. Fell on ship. Nearest Relative notified.

DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO. 710. - Pilgrimage, G.S.M.

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Behrens, William, B.

## INDEX SHEET

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Telegram

SYNOPSIS

From New York City, NY

To QM General

Mrs Emma Strouf discharged from hospital today stop  
Mrs Kate Pierson improving stop Mrs Norma Bliff condition fair released to their  
family here today stop Mrs Margaret Price Hiteman Iowa transferred from SS America  
to Neurological hospital here June twenty eighth Hypomania Senility condition  
fair sending her home with two nurses today

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DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO.

710 Pilgrimage, Gold Star

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FILE UNDER NO. 293. - Behrens, Wm. B. (5-13-30)

June 16/30

## INDEX SHEET

### TELEGRAM

From - WILLIAMS, N.Y. City, Port of Embarkation.  
To - The OMC.,

### SYNOPSIS

Giving report of the sick and convalescent on Pilgrimage to Europe, taken from ship and in hospitals, nearest of kin notified, etc.

DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO. 710. - Pilgrimage, G.S.M.

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June 17, 1930

Mr. Walter Behrens  
18712 Wexford Terrace  
Jamaica, Long Island, N. Y.

TELEGRAM FROM NEW YORK SIXTEENTH ADVISES MRS KATE PIERSON TAKEN FROM  
SHIP TO WYCKOFF HEIGHTS HOSPITAL BROOKLYN BRONCHO PNEUMONIA CONDITION  
IMPROVING YOU ARE ASSURED EVERYTHING POSSIBLE IS BEING DONE FOR MRS  
PIERSON WILL INFORM YOU OF ANY CHANGE. 1341 GSM

QM 293 A-M  
Behrens, Wm. B. - 636

DEWITT  
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

March 20, 1930.

Behrens, William B. 6360M

Mrs. H. Pierson,  
70 St. Nicholas Ave.,  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

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.

1 Enclosure.  
Regulation.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Behrens, William B. 636-M

March 18, 1930

Mrs. H. Pierson,  
70 St. Nicholas Ave.,  
Brooklyn, N. Y..

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.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Behrens, William B 636 -M

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. H. Pierson,  
579 Forrest Avenue,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

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,

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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

Behrens, William B.

July 31, 1929.

Mrs. Amelia May Monroe,  
Waldwick, N.J.

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 widow of the late **Second Lieutenant William B. Behrens, 106th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Soame American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne, France.**

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

Write answers in space below:

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| 1. Have you remarried since the death of the above named veteran? |  |
| 2. If not, do you desire to make the pilgrimage?                  |  |
| 3. Is the deceased survived by a mother?                          |  |
| 4. If so, give her name and complete address.                     |  |

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Behrens, William B.

May 15, 1929.

Mrs. Katherine Pierson,  
881 Fresh Pond Road,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

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 Second Lieutenant William B. Behrens, 106th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Sonne American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne, 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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Act of Congress.  
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JOHN T. HARRIS,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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Behrens

William B

(Surname)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial no.)

2nd Lt

106 Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Widow

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

yes

(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:

(Mrs.) A. M. Behrens

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

1791 West 6 Street Brooklyn N.Y.

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

A. M. Behrens.

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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Drawn by Pm

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QM 295 A-C

BEHRENS, William B. - 2nd Lieut.

April 23, 1926

Mrs. Amelia Behrens Monroe,  
Hopper & Alexander Aves.,  
Waldwick, N.J.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires to invite your attention to the inclosed card which gives the permanent cemetery location of the soldier's grave in which you are interested.

This American overseas military cemetery is to be maintained by the United States for all time. The graves will be permanently marked by white headstones inscribed with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves, as soon as possible, and without necessity for special action or request on the part of relatives.

Please be assured that in effecting removal of the dead, the utmost reverential care was exercised by those who performed this sacred duty. For the future, these graves will be perpetually maintained by the Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

L.W. REDINGTON,  
Major, Q.M.C.,  
Assistant.

1 Incl.  
Record card.

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QM 293 A-C

BEHRENS, William B. - 2nd Lieut.

April 23, 1926

Mrs. Katherine Pierson,  
881 Fresh Pond Road,  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

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Very truly yours,

LLW. REDINGTON,  
Major, Q.M.C.,  
Assistant.

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Record card.

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To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE March 26, 1928

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 BEHRENS, William B.

10. Name

2. No. -

11. No.

3. Rank 2nd Lieut.

12. Rank

4. Org. 106th Inf.

13. Org.

5. D.D. Sept. 27, 1918

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. KIA

(b) D.B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 10 Sec.

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot Block B Row 2

16. Plot Row

9.

17.

18. Cemetery Somme

19. Commune or town Bony

20. Dept. or County Aisne

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. #636

23. Disinterred (Date) March 26, 1928

By L. Gordon

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name BEHRENS, William B.

Serial No. -

Rank 2nd Lieut.

Organization 106th Inf.

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

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).

27. Condition of body

28. Nature of burial Field burial

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above?

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date March 26, 1928 By L. GORDON

31. Casket sealed by L. GORDON

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

L. Gordon

L. GORDON

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

32. Designation of body:

Name BEHRENS, William B. Serial No. -

Rank 2nd Lt. Organization 106th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Somme, Bony, Aisne

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) March 26, 1928 By J.J. Dillon

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 \_\_\_\_\_

36. Remarks \_\_\_\_\_ J.J. DILLON *J.J. Dillon*

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

To point of Concentration \_\_\_\_\_

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ (Name) Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

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 March 26, 1928 Somme American Cty.

(Date)

42. Grave No. 5 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot Block B Row 1

G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

*J.F.V. Brady*  
J.F.V. BRADY  
Superintendent.

Place Somme Cty., 636

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date March 26, 1928

1. REMAINS OF BEHRENS, William B. SERIAL NUMBER ----  
RANK 2nd Lieut. ORGANIZATION 106th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : March 26, 1928 From (give complete location) :  
Grave 10, Block B, Row 2  
By : Group Cty. Unit \_\_\_\_\_

3. Reburied (date) : March 26, 1928 In (give complete location) :  
Grave 5, Block B, Row 1  
By : Group Cty. Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial Metalic casket

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

5. (a) Identification tags : Buried with body ? yes On grave marker ? \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment and general remarks :

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) \_\_\_\_\_

6 stands out

(b) Weight (estimated) \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Hair—Color \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

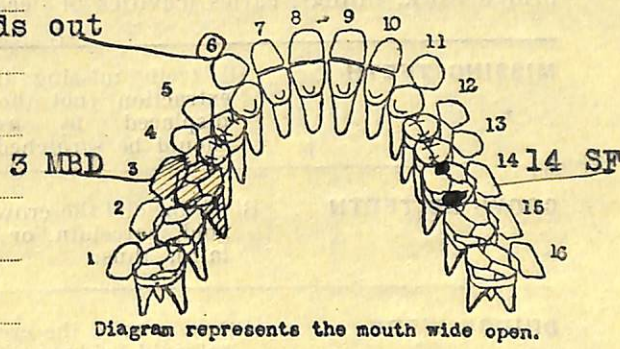
Characteristics \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Hair on face—Color \_\_\_\_\_

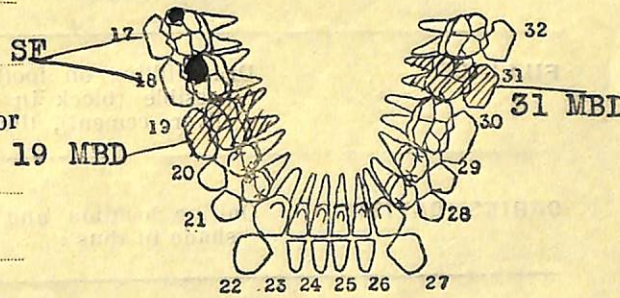
Location \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

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



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

7. Disinterment supervised by L. Gordon

Approved : \_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by J. J. Dillon  
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Approved : \_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)

## 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.

**MISSING TEETH** ..... All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus:



**CROWNED TEETH** ..... Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:



**BRIDGE WORK** ..... Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus:



**FILLINGS** ..... Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:



**CARIES (CAVITIES)** ..... Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:



**DENTURES (PLATES)** ..... Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word « clasp ».

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.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File - 37503

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name Behrens, William B. Ser. No. -----
(b) Rank 2nd Lt. Organization 106th Inf. TYP. ZK
(c) Date of death 9-27-18 (d) Cause of death k/a CKR. E.H.

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

(a) Grave No. 166 Row 7 Plot E Sec. - TYP. LS
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Amelia Behrens (Wife) 530 E. 88th St., N.Y.C.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases NO CARD CKR. J.E.U.

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none
(a) Name A.M. Behrens (b) Relationship Widow
(c) Address 1791 N. 6th St. Bklyn. N.Y.
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? Yes
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at no
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. A.M. Behrens 1791 N. 6th St. Bklyn. N.Y.
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. -

Examiner's Initials M.M. Date 9-1-1920.

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

confirming request in Par. IV., item no correspondence

Examiner's Initials M.M. Date 9-1-1920.

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes to it

Examiner's Initials H.H. Date 9-2-1920.

COUNTRY France

CEMETERY No. 636

SHEET No. 83

rechecked M.M. 2-8-21

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made Sept. 2nd, 1920.

Typed by V.A.H., Checked by Joe, Sept. 2nd., 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

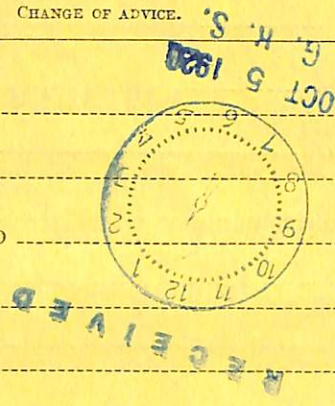
Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on 9/4, 1920

Par # 1 To be returned. (ess).

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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



X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

Form 120-9/19/20 signed by widow and Brothers request that Body remain in present resting place as they understand from correspondence with Maj. Gen. John F. O'Ryan that Bony Cemetery is to be a permanent one. Widow gives her address as Mrs. Amelia May Behrens, Hoppen & Alexander Aves., Waldwick, New Jersey.

OCT 19 1920 OVERSEAS ADVISED by proposed cable #148. <sup>disturb</sup> not to return to J.M.W.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

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jek *JMS*

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

*A.G.O. Card: A.M. Behrens (Widow) 179/ W-6th St., Brooklyn, N.Y. requests body returned to U.S. and shipped to her address. EGS. 9/25/20*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on..... 192 (letter of transmittal on 9/4 192 0

Par. 1- to be returned..... EGS

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. **SEP 28 1920** 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken
<u>Form 120 9/19/20</u>	<u>Widow Amelia Behrens</u>	<u>Remain undisturbed</u>	<u>OCT 19 1920 OVERSEAS ADVISED by</u>

*proposed cable #148 not to disturb body*

VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. 10-5 192 0

COUNTRY France CEMETERY NO. 636 SHEET NO. 83  
 G.R.S. FORM 115-A  
 August 1920

S-666/MB

**RETURN TO OSP-SS**

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

DISINTERMENT

## COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records Office Chief G. R. S.

Discrepancy found upon examination of body.

1. Name	Behrens, William B.	10. Name	.....
2. No.	-----	11. No.	.....
3. Rank	2nd Lt.	12. Rank	.....
4. Org	106th Inf.	13. Org	.....
5. D. D	9-27-18	14. (a) D. D	.....
6. C. D	K/A	15. (b) D. B	.....

Discrepancy found upon disinterment.

7. Grave No.	166	Sec.	---	15. Grave No.	.....	Sec.	.....
8. Plot	E	Row	7	16. Plot	.....	Row	.....
9.	-----			17.	.....		

18. Cemetery	American Cemetery		
19. Commune or town	Bony		
20. Department or county	Aisne		
21. Country	France	22. G. R. S. Headquarters Code No.	636
23. Disinterred	(Date.)	By	.....
24. Inscription on grave marker	{ Name.....	Serial No.	.....
	{ Rank.....	Organization	.....
25. Was identification disk found on grave marker?	.....	On body?	.....

Signature of Junior Technical Assistant.

(The following space is reserved for notations to be made by office Chief Graves Registration Service.)

3-7727

Cable Ref. Number 83

(OVER)

PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disk or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail)-----  
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27. Condition of body-----
28. Nature of burial-----
29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G. R. S. records quoted above?  
-----
30. Body prepared and placed in casket----- (Date.) By-----
31. Casket sealed by -----  
-----  
Signature of Embalmer (Supervisor)-----

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

32. Designation of body { Name Behrens, William B. Serial No. -----  
Rank 2nd Lt. Organization 106th Inf.
33. CONSIGNEE—Name A.M. Behrens,  
Address 1791 W. 6th St., Brooklyn, N.Y.
34. Casket boxed and marked----- (Date.) By-----

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-----

36. Remarks-----  
-----

37. Shipped from cemetery----- (Date.) To----- (Point of concentration.)

Convoyer----- Signature Shipping Officer-----

38. Received at point of concentration----- (Date.)

Signature Receiving Officer-----

39. Shipped from point of concentration----- (Date.)

To----- (Port.) Convoyer-----

Signature Shipping Officer-----

40. Received European port----- (Date.)

Signature of G. R. S. Representative-----

41. Shipped to----- (U. S. port.) On----- (Boat.)

Date----- Convoyer----- (Signature of Shipping Officer.)

42. Received----- (Date.) By G. R. S. Representative----- (Signature.)

43. Shipped to destination----- (Date.) { B/L or Express Order No.-----

Convoyer----- { Shipping Officer-----

37503

1. U. S. Form No. 1.

Hq. G. R. S. File

2. Soldier's No. #####

3. Behrens Wm  
Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials

4. 2nd Lt  
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. 9/30/18 K. I. A.  
Date of Death Cause, if known

6. 10/4/18 Bonny Mil  
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. Bonny  
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. 106 7 B  
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

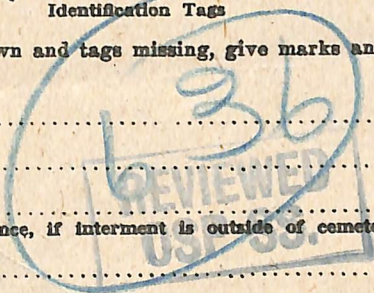
11. If name unknown and tags missing, give marks and description.

12. Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

13. Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed *J. J. Joseph*

Group ..... Unit 302 ..... G. R. S.



G. R. S. FORM 129  
Transmittal Supplementary advice  
Hoboken to Washington

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
HOBOKEN, N. J.

636 - 83

~~Oct. 2,~~ 1920

From: Graves Registration Service Officer, Hoboken, N.J.  
To: Cemeterial Division (Overseas Project Subsection)  
Subject: Supplementary Advice Concerning.

Name BEHRENS, William B. Ser. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Rank 2nd Lieut. Organization 106th Inf.  
Cemetery No. 636 - Cable Reference No. (Sheet No.) 83

Request shown below dated Sept. 19, 1920 is latest in this case:

<u>Name of Relative</u>	<u>R return</u>	<u>Remain</u>	<u>Special</u>
		<u>in</u>	
Widow <u>Mrs. Amelia May Behrens</u>		<u>France</u>	
Children <u>None</u>		<u>(Hopper &amp; Alexander Aves., Waldwick, N.J.)</u>	
Guardian <u>---</u>			
Father <u>Deceased</u>			
Mother _____			
Brother _____			
Sister _____			
Others _____			

Body ~~to be shipped to~~, or for interment in, ~~to remain in France for~~  
burial in a permanent American City. - Bony.

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE OFFICER

*H. M. Black*  
By H. M. BLACK  
1st Lt., C.A.C.

Cable  
~~letter~~

*noted on record.*  
*By 10-6-20*  
*10/19/20*  
1920 forwarding advice to Europe dispatched \_\_\_\_\_

SEP 7 1920

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

*Push Answer*

636-83

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C.

To: ~~A.M. Behrens, 1791 W. 6th St., Bklyn, N.Y.~~

*Remain in Europe*

SUBJECT: Remains of 2nd Lt., William B. Behrens, Ser. No.----106th Inf.

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body be shipped to:

~~A.M. Behrens, 1791 W. 6th St., Bklyn, N.Y.~~

*Proper address listed below*

*noted on 15/11/20*

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.

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow	<i>Amelia May Behrens</i>	<i>Hesper + Alexander Aves</i>	<i>Waldwick N.J.</i>
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1 2 3	<i>none</i>	
Father	<i>Deceased</i>		
Mother	<i>Mrs. Katherine Behrens Person 881 Fresh Pond Road, Brooklyn, N.Y.</i>		
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1 2 3	<i>Walter A. Behrens, 2424 Palmetto St, Bklyn.</i>	<i>N.Y.</i>
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1 2 3	<i>none</i>	



V.A.H. **OCT 19 1920**

**OVERSEAS ADVISED**

*by proposed cable #148 not to disturb body. 7 m.w.*

Date

*9/19/20*

Signature

*Amelia Behrens*

Address

*Waldwick, N.J.*

Relationship

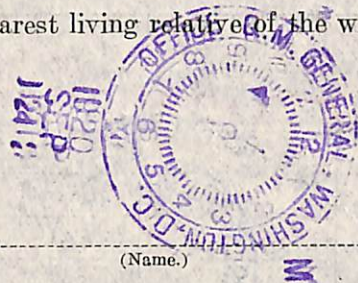
*Widow*

IMPORTANT.—CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.

*H*

9/19/20

1920.



I, the undersigned, am the Widow (Relationship) and nearest living relative of the within-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.

*We the relatives understand from communication with Maj. Gen. John F. O'Ryan that Army Secretary in France, where Lieut. Wm. B. Behrens was buried, is to be a permanent U.S. Govt. Cemetery & so to be respected & preserved and therefore upon this understanding State, that it is our decision that this be Lt. Behrens permanent burial place signed Walter A. Behrens with approval of his wife A. M. Behrens and his mother Mrs. K. Behrens Person.*

Signature

*Amelia May Behrens*

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instruction as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative 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 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 inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

SEP 7 1920

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

636-83

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C.  
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Soldier's widow.....			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1.....		
	2.....		
	3.....		
Father.....			
Mother.....			
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1.....		
	2.....		
	3.....		
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1.....		
	2.....		
	3.....		

V.A.H.

Date..... Signature.....

Address..... Relationship.....

IMPORTANT.—CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.

....., 1920.

I, the undersigned, am the ..... and nearest living relative of the within-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 .....

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