

Belain, Geo. H.
Pvt.

O.K.

G O L D S T A R P I L G R I M A G E S

14.52
~~75~~

PARTY D SAILING JULY 12, 1933

300

Pilgrims should follow itinerary exactly as shown because all transportation employees have been instructed to report if any passenger is missing at starting point, enroute, or at destination.

Belain, Mrs. Naomi Peters (D-8) - Railroad Station, Oak Bluffs
Gay Head, Mass.

Route Going and Returning: New England SS Co.

Itinerary:

Mon July 10	✓ Leave Oak Bluffs, Mass.	3.30 PM EST	NESS boat
	✓ Arrive New Bedford Wharf, Mass	5.45 PM EST	
	✓ Leave New Bedford Wharf, Mass	5.50 PM EST	NETr Co. bus
	✓ Arrive Fall River, Mass.	6.20 PM EST	
	✓ Leave Fall River, Mass.	6.30 PM EST	NESS Co. boat
Tues July 11	✓ Arrive New York (Pier 14 NR) NY	6.00 AM EST	

NESS Co. boat, Oak Bluffs, Mass. to New Bedford Whf. Mass.
NET Co. bus, New Bedford Whf. Mass. to Fall River, Mass.
→ NESS Co. boat stateroom, Fall River, Mass. to New York, NY

Elapsed time, 14 hrs. 30 min.

N.E.P.A. Itin. D - 6/28/33

KW

Mother refers to name as George L. Belain

DATE August 24, 1922

1. NAME BELAIN, George H.

checked 2/1/27 SERIAL No. 1687275

RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION & DIVISION Bty B. 306th F.A.

GRAVE LOCATION Amer.E.F. Rolanpont, Hte Marne.

93

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

201

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

201

ROLAMPONT (Haute-Marne),

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES

E. 317.47 N.131.25

CONCENTRATED TO

Not of record

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

DATE OF DEATH

Feb-13-1919

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

Mass

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

Not of record

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

WALTER F. BROWN, CAPT. QMC., Supervisor Area No. 4

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION August 24, 1922

16

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Block B

DATE

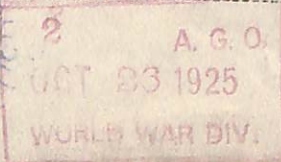
GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

St-Mihiel American City 1233, THIAUCOURT, Neurthe-et-Moselle

CEMETERY



KM 7-3

QM 293 A-M
Belain, George H.(StM)

October 5, 1933.

Mrs. Naomi Peters Belain,
Gay Head,
Massachusetts.

Dear Mrs. Belain:

I have the letter of August 2nd wherein you and the other pilgrims who sailed on July 12th to visit the St. Mihiel American Cemetery in France express your appreciation for the pilgrimage.

It is gratifying to know that your trip was entirely satisfactory and that the officers of the Army and the nurses rendered such courteous and efficient service. 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 themselves.

I am particularly pleased with your complimentary remarks regarding the St. Mihiel American Cemetery. You are assured it will be perpetually maintained in the same fine condition in which you found it, as it will be the constant effort of the Government to make these cemeteries fitting resting places for the heroes buried there.

With sincere appreciation of your kind remarks regarding the conduct of the pilgrimage, I am,

Very truly yours,

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

J.H.L.
JHL

RTE

0305

1933 OCT - 5 - PM 2:50

OQMG M&R BR

MAB

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Belain, Geo. L. S.N. 1687273
Pvt., Baty. B, 306th F. A.
Son

September 16, 1933

Mrs. Naomi P. Belain,
Gayhead, Mass.

Dear Madam:

In compliance with your recent request,
instructions have been issued to forward you a
flag in honor of the above named decedent, pro-
vided a flag has not previously been furnished
for him.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JAS. H. LAUBACH,
Lt. Colonel, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

Copy to Commanding Officer, Washington, Q. M. Depot.
With instructions to furnish a flag.

EM/vd

0368

1933 SEP - 16 - PM 12:15

OCMG M&R BR

File No.

~~293.8~~ 295 Belain George L.

Flag furnished
Sept. 16, 1933

OUT-CHARGE SHEET

Date charged out

¹²
9/17/33

Charged to

Mrs. Mullen

Remarks:

Belain, George H.

306" Heavy Field Artillery

293-points } not found.
247 } 9-12-33
F. J. H.

Try George L. Belain
Buried in San Michel

9/15/33

Mr R + Ft Meyer
want file cannot
be located on this case -
not even a pocket in
file.

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Q. M. C. Form 355 (Old No. 492)
Revised July 26, 1918

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 3-6787

file
9/16/33
R

Blair
Blaine
Blair
Blaine

Naomi Peters Blaine

Blaine August 12th 1883

American Gold Star Mothers
OF THE WORLD WAR, INC.
NEW YORK STATE

Flay Furnisher
9/16/33
05



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

Quarter Master General
Washington, D. C.

Belain, Geo. L. - S. 168 7273
Pvt., Bty. B, 306th F.A.

Filed July 26 1933

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 Deceased George Belain

Address of Deceased Gayhead Mass
NUMBER STREET CITY STATE

Army, Navy, Marine Army Heavy Field Artillery
RANK REGIMENT COMPANY

Stationed at France

Lost at Sea Among the Missing Or Unknown

Place and Date of Death February 13 1919 At France

Where Buried In France

Name of Mother Mamie Belain

Address Gayhead Mass
NUMBER STREET CITY STATE

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

Respectfully yours,

By Belain
File
9/16/33
son

File No.

293.

Blain, George

Flag furnished
9/16/33
618

OUT-CHARGE SHEET

Date charged out

8-21-33

~~Blain~~

Charged to

Mrs. Hunt for Memorial

Remarks:

Heavy Field Artillery Died in France
Jan. 13, 1919 - Buried in France

293 points

247

Bundles

not found

F. J. H.

8-21-33

Fry Belain George

8-26-33

293 points

247

Bundles

not found

F. J. H.

8-26-33

File
Packed
July 26, 1933

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File
9/16/33
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Belain, George H.

May 27 1929.

Mr. John W. Belain,
Gayhead,
Mass.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Private George H. Belain, Battery B, 306th F. A., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

QM 293 A-C

January 2, 1924

Mr. John W. Belain,
Gayhead,
Mass.

Dear Sir:

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 military cemetery is one of those to be maintained by the United States for all time in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of dignified design, with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

Please be assured that in effecting removal of the dead, the utmost reverential care was exercised and more than willingly accorded 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,

R.L. POSTER
Assistant.

RD
FDL

1- Incl.
Record card.

O.Q.M.G.
Central Mail & Files Bldg



JAN 2, 1924
H.E.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE JANUARY 26, 1922.

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 BELAIN, George H.
2. No. 1687275
3. Rank Pvt.
4. Org. Bty B. 306th F.A.
5. D.D. Feb. 13/19
6. C.D. Broncho Pneumonia

10. Name
11. No.
12. Rank
13. Org.
14. (a) D.D.
(b) D.B. None

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 201 Sec.
8. Plot Row
9.

15. Grave No. Sec.
16. Plot Row
17. None

18. Cemetery American E.F.
20. Dept. or County Hte Marne
22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No.

19. Commune or town Rolanpont
21. Country France
93

23. Disinterred (Date) January 26, 1922.

By J.E. BENSON

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name GEORGE H. BELAIN
Rank PVT.
Gr.No. 201.

Serial No.
Organization Bty B. 306th F.A.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes On body? No

Signature J.C. ANNABEL
J.C. ANNABEL

PREPARATION

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

No effects found. Nothing to disprove identity. Row regular.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Recognition impossible.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box and uniform

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Jan 26, 1922. By J.E. BENSON

31. Casket sealed by J.E. BENSON

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) J.E. BENSON

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-26507

32. Designation of body:

Name George H. BELAIN. Serial No. 1687275

Rank Pvt. Organization Bty B. 306th F.A.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery St.Mihiel Amer.1233,Thiaucourt, M-et-M.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) January 26, 1922. By J.E.BENSON

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 *Walter F. Brown*
WALTER F. BROWN. CAPT. Q.M.C.

36. Remarks _____

No disc on body. Disc on cross checks.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) January 26, 1922.

To point of Concentration Chaumont. (Hte. Marne)

Convoyer Clinton T. Rieley Signature Shipping Officer *Walter F. Brown*
(Name)

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date WALTER F. BROWN

By G.R.S. Representative *C. J. Blake*
Captain, Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

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

gbr C. J. BLAKE
To Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel Amer Cty 1233, Thiaucourt, (M et M)
Captain, Q. M. Corps, U. S. Army

Convoyer Michael Plotkin Signature Shipping Officer *Walter F. Brown*
(Name)

40. Received: Date 23 Feb 1922 WALTER F. BROWN
Captain, Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

G.R.S. Representative *G. D. Gamble*
G. D. GAMBLE, Captain, Q. M. C.,

41. Reinterred. Aug. 24 1922 (Date)

42. Grave No. 16 Section _____

43. Plot Bk. GB Row 9

G.R.S. Representative *A E Dewey*
A E Dewey 1st. Lt. MC

AUDITED BY

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place ROLANPONT. (HTE. MARNE)

Date JANUARY 26, 1922.

1. REMAINS OF BELAIN, George H. SERIAL NUMBER 1687275
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Bty B. 306th F.A.

2. Disinterred (date): Jan 26, 1922. From (give complete location):
Grave No. 201, American E.F. Cemetery No. 93, Rolanpont, (Hte. Marne)
By: Group 2 Unit Section 4.

3. Reburied (date): Aug. 24 1922 In (give complete location): Gr. 16 Bk. B Row 9
Cty. 1233
By: Group Reburial Unit Casket & shipping case
Nature of reburial

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
Wooden box and uniform
Badly decomposed. Recognition impossible.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? No On grave marker? Yes
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
No effects found. Nothing to disprove identity.
Row regular.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items?
(a) Height (actual measurement) Unable to determine MAD- 7-8-16-20-24.

(b) Weight (estimated) Unable to determine Extracted-5-19-29-30-31

(c) Hair—Color None
Quantity None
Characteristics None

(d) Hair on face—Color None
Location None

Quantity None

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

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Not cut-1-17.
None

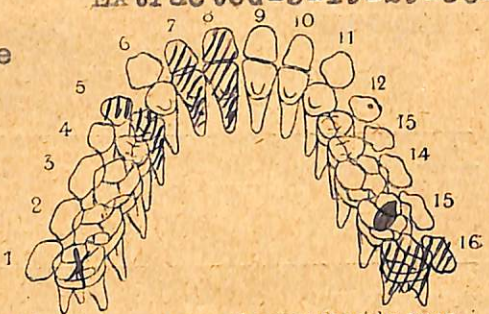
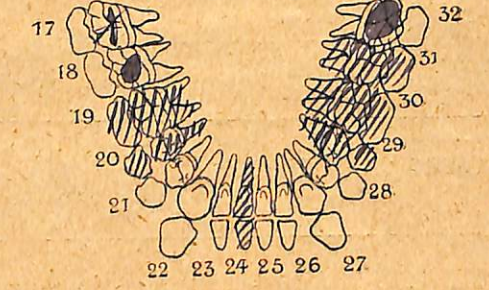


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



Silver filling-15-18-32.

7. Disinterment supervised by J.E. BENSON gbt Approved: WALTER F. BROWN JCA
(Title) CAPT. Q.M.C.

8. Reburial supervised by H L Kramer Approved: A E Dewey 1st. Lt. QMC
(Title)

Belain

(Surname)

George L

(Christian name in full.)

1,687,275

(Army serial number.)

Pvt

Baty B 306th F.A.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Father

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

No

(Yes or no.)

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

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

John W. Belain

Gay Head

Mass

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by H. R.

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12/21/20

Cemetery No. 934

Sheet No. 3

File No. 95088

COMPILATION N/R REQUESTS

I. DATA COMPILATION

A. Location Index Card:-

(1) Name BELAIN, George H. Ser. No. 1687275)
 (2) Rank Pvt. Organization Bty. B. 306th F.A.) TYP. FLR
 (3) Date of death 2/13/19) CKR. LL

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

(4) Cause of death Broncho Pneumonia) TYP. FLR
 (5) Grave No. 201 Row --- Plot --- Sect. ---) CKR. LL

II. FILES EXAMINATION

A. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; no card

B. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD Date of receipt none

(6) Relationship Father
 (7) Name John W. Belain
 (8) Address Gay Head, Mass.
 (9) Desires remains brought to U. S.? no.
 (10) Desires remains brought to U. S. and interred in National Cemetery at _____
 (11) If brought back, what shipping instructions? _____

E.S. 4-17-20

C. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE Date of communication 3-12-19

(12) Does correspondence Change or qualify request as made on A.G.O. card?
 If so, specify such information. Sister Sophia Belain Johnson, Vineyard Haven, Mass. will bring home body. also requests information concerning personal effects + insurance. (Pr 12-21-20)

(13) A. G. O. Files EXAMINED by EVE (Date) 4-17-20

D. (14) G R. S Files - Correspondence. (Has reference been made to File No. Cancellation memos.? yes MAO Does such correspondence, if containing request for disposition, reconcile with that of A. G. O.? MAO (Specify "Yes or "No".) If "No", give date of communication, the name, address, and relationship and substance of request.

No request for disposition in all 4-27-20

(15) G. R. S. Files EXAMINED by _____ (Date) _____

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

(over) **GAUDED**

LL 4/13/21

rechecked 2/20/21

4062

*5/6/22 Examined
 for Concentration
 Sgt. Michiel 1233
 MH 5/24/22*

Received 4-7-21 Jern

III. FINAL ACTION

A. MEMORANDUM to D. M. O. in E. made (Date) _____

(16) Removal of Remains (within custody of G.R.S.) to _____

(17) Instructions that remains be left undisturbed _____

(18) Typed by _____ Checked by _____ (Date) _____

B. G. R. S. FORM NO. 114 made (Date) 8-12-20

(19) Typed by Meb Checked by _____ (Date) _____

C. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*Forward to mother 11-9-20 J.
Let-2-3-21 for Mrs Naomi Peter Belain, Mother
Day Head, Mass. Requesting that Remains be
returned to France by wishes of her husband's
Father's address also Day Head, Mass.
About that soldier was not married*

D. Dispatched (Date) _____ (Let. Trans. No. DEC 31 1920)

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

Approved by _____

(Date) _____

*W.R.I. Beneficiary, 10-23-20
Mrs. Naomi Peter Belain, (mother)
Day Head, Mass.*

*2/17/21 Hoboken advises mother her
wish will be complied with (4-7-21 JEN)*

FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN - 2021

2-21-21 TO REMAIN IN L.S.

OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SEC.
GENERAL DIVISION

FEB 21 1921

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JAN 13 1921



GENERAL DIVISION

WAR DEPARTMENT
QUARTERMASTER CORPS
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
PIER 2, HOBOKEN, N. J.

February 17, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div. Cor. Branch.
(BELAIN, George H.)

MEMORANDUM FOR: Cemeterial Division, C.Q.M.G., Overseas
Project Sub-section, Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT: Return of Records - Cemetery #93.
Transmittal Memorandum Number H - 1321.

1. The records pertaining to the following case are returned herewith, it having been definitely determined that the body is to remain in Europe:

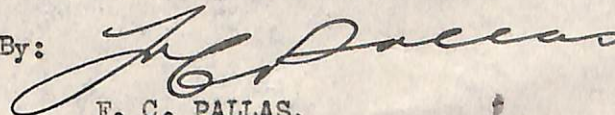
REFERENCE NO:

3

Belain, George H., Private, Serial Number
1687275, Battery B, 306th Field Artillery.

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,
Officer in Charge.

By:



F. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

1 Incl.

R. 2/17/21 / K

February 17, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Com. Div. Cor. Branch.
(BELAIN, George H.)

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Project Sub-section, Washington, D. C.

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FEB 18 1921
DALLAS, TEXAS

February 17, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Gen.Div.Cor.Br.
(BELAIN, George H.)

Mrs. Naomi Peters Belain,
Gay Head, Massachusetts.

Dear Madam:-

Receipt of your communication dated February 3rd, 1921, relative to the remains of your son, the late Private George H. Belain, serial number 1687275, Battery B., 806th Field Artillery, is acknowledged.

Instructions have been issued that your request to have the remains left in France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery be complied with. You are assured that the grave site will always be maintained as a fitting memorial of the late soldier's sacrifice.

The Department desires to convey to you renewed assurance of its sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

BY:

F. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

ff/cm

Noted on Form No 115
Date 4/7/21 J.E.H.
(80)

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FEB 19 1921
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

S-2/10/21.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
QUARTERMASTER CORPS
CEMETERIAL DIVISION GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
PIER #2, HOBOKEN, N. J.

January 21st, 1921.

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
CORRESPONDENCE BRANCH

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div. Cor. Br.
(Belain, George H.)

Mrs. Naomi Peters Belain,
Gay Head, Mass.



Dear Madam:-

FEB 4 1921

The Department desires assurance that no relative of your son, the late George H. Belain, Private, Baty. B. 306th F.A., Serial Number 1687275, properly entitled to a voice in the disposition of his remains is denied the opportunity of so doing, and it is requested that you inform this office, whether or not he is survived by a widow, children or father, if so, furnish name and address of each.

If the deceased is not so survived, it is requested that you inform this office whether or not you desire the body left in France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery, returned to the United States and shipped to you, or interred in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia.

Your prompt reply will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:-

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

BY:-

J. F. Butler
J. F. BUTLER,
1st Lieut., Infantry.

(over)

*After Miss
62-5-21
H*

Gay Head, Mass.
February 3, 1921.

War Dept

War Department
Graves Registration Service,
Pier #2, Hoboken, New Jersey.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter on
the other side we state that
George S. Belain had no widow his Father
is living here at Gay Head, but his
Father and I both have no wish
to have the body brought here to
the United States we would like
to have his body remain just where
he was buried in France.

Yours Truly,

Mrs. Naomi Peters Belain.

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION

C-167079

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

Belain, George H. Pvt.

93 - 3

Oct. 18, 1920

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

1687275

Bty. B. 306th F. A.

Date of death - 2/13/19

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE 10/23/20.

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Mrs. Naomi Peters Belain,

(Mother)

Address

Gay Head, Mass.

S-709/MB

Handwritten initials: MB

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

~~Belain, George H. Pvt.~~

95 - 3

Oct. 18, 1920

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

~~1687275~~

~~Bty. B. 306th F. A.~~

Date of death - 2/13/19

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Address

S-709/MB

Shipping Inquiry.
(Revised)

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

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.
TO: Mr. John W. Belain, Gray Head, Mass.
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. George H. Belain, Ser. No. 1687275, Bty. D, 306th P.A.

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body
be not returned to the United States.

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. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow			
Soldier's Children	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
	3.		
Father			
Mother			
Brothers	1.		
	2.		
(Name oldest first)	3.		
Sisters	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
	3.		

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

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

IMPORTANT: - CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper. (OVER)

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
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WASHINGTON

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C.
To: Mrs. Naomi Peters Belain, Gay Head, Mass.
SUBJECT: Remains of Private George H. Belain, Ser. No. 1687275.

The records of this office show that you have ~~requested that his body~~ made no request as to disposition of the remains.

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

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	2		
	3		
Father			
Mother			
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		

Date _____ Signature _____

Address _____ Relationship _____

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2-2/10/21.
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January 21st, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Com. Div. Cor. Br.
(Belain, George H.)

Mrs. Naomi Peters Belain,
Gay Head, Mass.

Dear Madam:-

The Department desires assurance that no relative of your son, the late George H. Belain, Private, Baty. B. 306th F.A., Serial Number 1687275, properly entitled to a voice in the disposition of his remains is denied the opportunity of so doing, and it is requested that you inform this office, whether or not he is survived by a widow, children or father, if so, furnish name and address of each.

If the deceased is not so survived, it is requested that you inform this office whether or not you desire the body left in France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery, returned to the United States and shipped to you, or interred in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia.

Your prompt reply will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:-

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

J. F. BUTLER,
1st Lieut. Infantry.

MC/rkj.

RECORDED



MAILED - O.F.D.

JAN 24 1921

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

See Form 115
Att 5/24/22

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BELAIN, George H. Ser. No. 1687275
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Bty. B. 306th F.A.
(c) Date of death 2/13/19 Cause of death Broncho Pneumonia

TYP. FLR
DS

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

(a) Grave No. 201 Row --- Plot --- Sect. ---
(b) Emerg. Address --

FLR
TYP.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases. no-card.

SKR HC

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

A. G. O. card - John W. Belain - father - Gray Head, Mass. - desires body to remain in Europe. (R.S. 12/21)

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 192
(letter of transmittal 192)

DEC 31 1920

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

JAN 14 1921

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

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of Relationship Desires Action taken
and Source and name

VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. 192

FEB 21 1921

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY NO. 93 SHEET NO. 3
G.R.S. FORM 115-A
August, 1920

Att 11/3/21

Drawn by *HTP*

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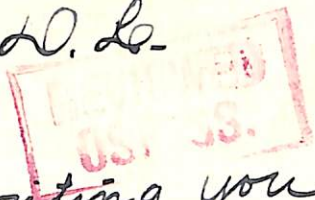


Vineyard Haven,
Mass.

Mar 12 - 1919

Sec. War Baker

Washington D. C.



Dear Sir, I am writing you
to ask if the Government will
bring home the body of my
brother (George Lester Belain
306 F.A. Battery B. American
Exp Forces) He died of disease
while waiting transportation
home. I have his letter stating
that he had one hundred

and seventy dollars on his
person ~~the~~ last of January.

Also what steps will we
take toward his Insurance
hoping to hear from
you and thanking you
in advance. I am your

Truly

Sophia Belain Johnson,
Vineyard Haven,
Mass.



A. G. O.



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Received A G O, MAR 15

Vineyard Haven,
Mass.

Mar 12 - 1919

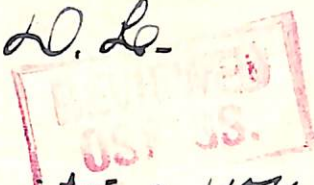
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FILE

FILE

Date 3/20/19 Sig. AMC

109
Chas. J. ...
Belair, George Lester

293.8 Belain, George Lester (Enl.)

IDR-KSS -62

March 19, 1919.

Miss Sophia Belain Johnson,
Vineyard Haven, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Referring to your letter of March 12th, relative to the return of the body of your brother, George Lester Belain, I beg leave to invite your attention to the inclosed Memorandum of Information which sets forth, among other things, the policy of the Department with respect to the return of the bodies of our soldiers who die abroad.

Permit me to extend to you the deep sympathy of the Department on account of the great loss you have sustained.

Very sincerely yours,

The Adjutant General.

W. V. Carter.

1 Incl.

REVIEWED
OSP SS.



File - 3-19-19-KSS.

Memo. of information
dated March 11, 1919. scott.

CODE SLIP

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HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Belain, Geo.</i>	<i>Bel</i>	3	<i>25-2</i>
	<i>34</i>		
	CEMETERY <i>1233</i>	1	<i>3</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>16</i>	2	<i>16</i>
	ROW <i>9</i>	2	<i>09</i>
	BLOCK <i>B</i>	1	<i>2</i>
STATE	<i>Mass</i>	2	<i>25-</i>
RANK	<i>Sgt</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>77th</i>	2	<i>77</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>306th</i>	3	<i>306</i>
ATM	<i>S. A.</i>	1	<i>3</i>
MARITAL	<i>No</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Mrs. Naomi</i>	<i>Bel</i>	3	<i>25-2</i>
<i>Peters Belain</i>	STATE <i>Mass</i>	2	<i>25-</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Dukes</i>	2	<i>04</i>
	CITY <i>Gay Head</i>	3	<i>XX</i>
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER	<i>Father</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>Yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Good</i>	1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR. <i>1933</i>	1	<i>4</i>
ACCEPTANCE	<i>Yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
29/514/TAB	<i>Age</i>		<i>60</i>

*Audited
DEC 14 1931
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Name BELAIN, Mrs. Naomi Peters

Paris Hôtel HOTEL D' IENA
AVENUE D' IÉNA

Home address Gay Head, Dukes Co., Massachusetts

Party D Group Unit

Date of arrival 7/20/33. SS. HARDING Date of departure 8/3/33. SS. MANHATTAN

Relationship Mother, age 60

Name of deceased BELAIN, George H. L.

Rank Pvt., Organization Bty. B, 306th F.A.

Cemetery St. Mihiel G. 16 - B - R 9

REMARKS



PARTY "B"
ST. MIHIEL GROUP.

1. This pilgrim arrived in Le Havre on the SS President Harding on July 20 at 8:20 PM. Disembarked and entrained for Paris, arriving at the Gare des Invalides at 10:06 PM. Detrained and went to the Hotel d'Iena where she stayed during her time in Paris.
2. Friday, Jly 21, the morning was taken up with conferences with the Conducting Officers while that afternoon she visited Napoleon's Tomb.
3. Saturday, July 22, the morning was free, she lunched at the hotel and attended the ceremony at the Arc de Triomphe and the tea at the Restaurant Laurent in the afternoon.
4. Sunday, July 23, she left Paris in the morning, visited Meaux, lunched at Chalons and stayed at Verdun for the night.
5. Monday, July 24, she lunched at the cemetery, visited Mont Sec and stayed at Verdun for the night.
6. Tuesday, July 25, the pilgrim visited the cemetery in the morning, lunched at Nancy, visited Toul and stopped at Verdun for the night.
7. Wednesday, July 26, she visited the Trench of Bayonets, lunched at Metz, visited the cemetery and returned to Verdun.
8. Thursday, July 27, she visited Montfaucon and the N.A. cemetery, lunched at Reims and stayed there for the night.
9. Friday, July 28, she visited the O.A. cemetery, lunched at Chateau Thierry, visited the A.N. cemetery and returned to Paris.
10. Saturday, July 29, the morning was free, she lunched at the hotel, and in the afternoon visited Versailles.
11. Sunday, July 30, she went to church in the morning, lunched at the hotel, and went on a night sightseeing trip.
12. Monday, July 31, she went to the Lafayette Escadrille, visited the Sarcophagus cemetery, lunched at the hotel and went to Sacre Coeur.
13. Tuesday, August 1, she went shopping in the morning, lunched in the Bois and visited Cluny in the afternoon.
14. Wednesday, August 2, she went to the Louvre in the morning, lunched at the hotel and went to Notre Dame in the afternoon.
15. Thursday, August 3, she entrained for Le Havre and sailed on the SS Manhattan at 1:10 PM.

BOLAIN NAOMI P. (MRS)

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

Party **D**
 Number **377**

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATIONS.

Belain, Mrs. Naomi Peters
 Name of Pilgrim
Gay Head, Mass.
 City Home Address County
 State

Actual cost of
 Through Pullman at the
 Lower Berth Rate.

New York, to **Oak Bluffs, Mass.**

Destination of Ticket **Oak Bluffs, Mass.** \$.....
 via **NEB to Fall River Wharf - NETR CO. to New Bedford Wharf - NESS to Oak Bluffs, Mass.**

Date of Departure

Expiration Date of Ticket

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower Seat or Coach	Car	U.S.G. Order No.	Actual Cost
Lv. NEW YORK	NESS		8/11	5 PM E.S.T.	J. 383	<i>Private</i>		
Ar. NEW BEDFORD	NESS		8/12	5 AM E.S.T.	<i>Station</i>		1029161	3.00
Lv. NEW BEDFORD	N.B.M VAN		8/11	6 AM E.S.T.				
Ar. OAK BLUFFS	N.B.M VAN		8/11	8/10 AM E.S.T.				
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Excess Fare New York, to. Cost \$ Total

Stop Over **New Bedford, Mass.** Through Rate
 Excess

Mrs. Naomi. Peter Bolin
Gay Head. Min

me. SS co.

Step: one,

New Bedford. Mass.

no cost. Mr. Payne. telephone 71-5/35

G O L D S T A R P I L G R I M A G E S

PARTY D SAILING JULY 12, 1933

Pilgrims should follow itinerary exactly as shown because all transportation employees have been instructed to report if any passenger is missing at starting point, enroute, or at destination.

~~Belain, Mrs. Naomi Peters (D-8)~~

Gay Head, Mass.

- Railroad Station, Oak Bluffs

Route Going and Returning: New England SS Co.

Itinerary:

Mon July 10	Leave Oak Bluffs, Mass.	✓ 3.30 PM EST	NESS boat
	Arrive New Bedford Wharf, Mass.	✓ 5.45 PM EST	
	Leave New Bedford Wharf, Mass.	✓ 5.50 PM EST	NETr Co. bus
	Arrive Fall River, Mass.	✓ 6.20 PM EST	
	Leave Fall River, Mass.	✓ 6.30 PM EST	NESS Co. boat
Tues July 11	Arrive New York (Pier 14 NR)NY	✓ 6.00 AM EST	

NESS Co. boat, Oak Bluffs, Mass. to New Bedford Whf. Mass.
NET Co. bus, New Bedford Whf. Mass. to Fall River, Mass.
NESS Co. boat stateroom, Fall River, Mass. to New York, NY

Elapsed time, 14 hrs. 30 min.

N.E.P.A. Itin. D - 6/28/33

3rd Stateroom Mon July 10

S.S. 191 °

Race Corn.

J.F.M.

V.H.790.

THE NEW ENGLAND STEAMSHIP COMPANY

PASSENGER TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

FALL RIVER LINE

PROVIDENCE LINE

NEW BEDFORD LINE

NEW LONDON LINE

NEW BEDFORD, MARTHA'S VINEYARD AND NANTUCKET STEAMBOAT LINE

R. H. PUSCH, GENERAL PASSENGER AGENT

PIER 14, N. R., NEW YORK

R. C. STANLEY, ASST. GENERAL PASSENGER AGENT

TELEPHONE: BARCLAY 7-1900

IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO FILE

3321-C

August 14th, 1933

Capt. George F. R. Taylor,
 War Department,
 225 W. 34th Street,
 New York City

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 12th instant with enclosure of Government Transportation request form ~~WT-1,029,161~~, calling for one stateroom on the Steamer Providence, New York to New Bedford, August 11th, issued in favor of Mrs. Naomi Peters Belain, for which please accept our thanks.

Yours very truly,

R. H. Pusch
 General Passenger Agent.

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PARTY "D"
June 27, 1933

Mrs. Naomi Peters Bolain
Gay Head, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Upon your arrival in New York City you will be met at the railroad station by an Army Officer who will engage porter service to take care of your baggage and escort you to the hotel. During your sojourn here before sailing for Europe and upon your return from Europe you will stop at the Hotel McAlpin, 34th Street and Broadway, New York City.

The two tags and four identification pasters accompanying this communication are intended to protect your baggage while in transit. One tag should be attached to the handle of each piece of your baggage and a paster placed on each end of each piece of your baggage before leaving your home. Your baggage will be safer and also more readily available to you after your arrival in New York if it is placed with you on the train.

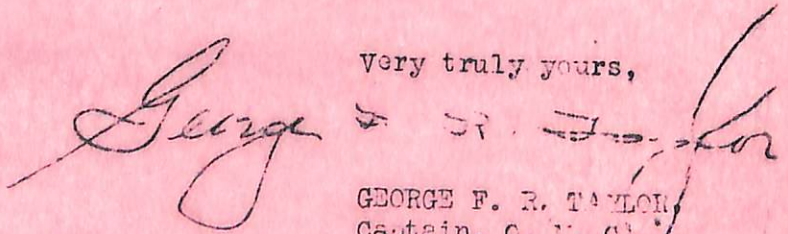
All mail intended to reach you between July 12th, 1933, the day you sail from the United States, and August 3rd, 1933, the day you leave Europe, should be addressed to you in care of American Pilgrimage, 20 Rue Molitor, Paris (16), France; for example:

Mrs. Mary Smith,
c/o American Pilgrimage,
20 Rue Molitor,
Paris (16), France.

The party you are to travel with will be disbanded in New York City on the day following your return from Europe and all arrangements for your Pullman accommodations will be made with the railroads in advance by this office. This will require you to remain in New York at the hotel over night as a guest of the United States Government.

Information relative to the cemeteries in Europe is enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,



GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR,
Captain, C. M. C.

7 Incls:

- 2 Baggage Tags
- 4 Baggage Pastors
- 1 Copy Cemeterial Information

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PARTY FILE NO.

NAME Belain, Mrs. Naomi Peters
Gay Head, Mass.

ROUTE OF TICKET

NESS to Fall River Wharf

NE Tr. Co. to New Bedford "

NESS to Oak Bluffs, Mass.

..... to

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Expiration date Oct. 31

The following stop overs are requested.

..... NEW BEDFORD, MASS.

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(Signature of Pilgrim)

IN CABIN WITH

Mrs. Lydia Spencer- 227-A-Group SM

Mrs. Lydia Gray- 227-C-Group OA

NEW ENGLAND TRANSPORTATION CO.

EXCHANGE TRANSFER CHECK

GOOD FOR ONE PASSAGE

NEW BEDFORD WHARF

N4101

TO

182664

FALL RIVER WHARF

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In issuing this check and checking baggage hereon, the issuing carrier acts only as agent and is not responsible beyond its own line, except as such responsibility may be imposed by law with respect to baggage.

Issued by **NBMV&NStbtLine** (The N.E.)
S.S. Co.

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R. W. Busch
GEN'L PASS'R AG'T.
PIER 14, N. R., NEW YORK

Mrs Belan

PARTY

D-8

EASTBOUND

STATE

GROUP

STM

60-M

Massachusetts

Mrs. **Belain, Naomi Peters**

(Name of Pilgrim)

Address (Street & No.)

Massachusetts

(State)

Gay Head

(City or Town)

Dukes

(County)

Mrs. Betsy B. Ryan - Daughter

(Name of Nearest Kin)

Address (Street & No.)

Massachusetts

(State)

Gay Head

(City or Town)

Dukes

(County)

ARRIVAL NEW YORK

Boat - "*Commonwealth*"
Priscilla

VIA. R.R. **New England SS Co**

Train No.

Date

^{5:40}
~~6:00~~ A.M. July 11, 1933

Hotel **Mc Alpin**

Room No.

1695

Roomed with **Mrs. L. Spencer**

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

Date **July 12, 1933**

Vessel

President Harding

Cabin No.

D-227-E

In Cabin with **Mrs. Lydia Spencer D-227-A**

(Over Westbound)

WESTBOUND

REMARKS

Date **Aug. 10, 1933** Vessel **Manhattan** Cabin No. **A-20-3**
In Cabin with **Mrs. Lydia Spencer A-20-1**
Hotel **Mc Alpin** Room No. **779**
Roomed with **Mrs. Lydia Spencer**

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

VIA. R.R. **N E SS Co** Boat **Stateroom**
Train No. Space **383** Car No. Date **8/11/33**

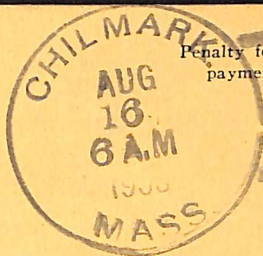
ARRIVAL NEW YORK

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(over Eastbound)

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICIAL BUSINESS



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

NAME MRS. NAOMI PETERS BELAIN.....D.....

ADDRESS Gay Head, Mass......

DATE Sat. Aug. 12th

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

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

Sincerely,

(Signed) Mrs. Naomi P. Belain

J. M.

MEDICAL RECORD

Party: D-8 Hotel S. S. HARDING Eastbound
MANHATTAN Westbound

Name Belain, Mrs. Naomi Peters

Home Address Gay Head, Mass.

Name and address of nearest relative or friend Mrs. Betsy B. Ryan, (Daughter)
..... Gay Head, Mass.

Religion Age 60-M

History of present complaint:

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.

Party D

MEDICAL RECORD

St. M. Cnty

Nurse M. M. Stewart.

Station : Hotel d'Jena Paris

Date : 20 July 1933.

Name Belain, Mrs. Naomi Peters

Home address Gay Head, Dukes Co., MASSSCHUSETTS.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Johnson Sophia - daughter -

Oke-Bluffs Massschusetts.

Religion Prot.

Age 60

History of Present complaint :

no treatment required

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

(over)

Diagnosis and complications : (include *es*)

Treatment and Progress : (include dates)

Disposition : (include dates) Aug. 3. To Lettore. Ites

Remarks :

QM 293 A-M
Belain, George H. (StM)

October 5, 1933.

Mrs. Naomi Peters Belain,
Gay Head,
Massachusetts.

Dear Mrs. Belain:

I have the letter of August 2nd wherein you and the other pilgrims who sailed on July 12th to visit the St. Mihiel American Cemetery in France express your appreciation for the pilgrimage.

It is gratifying to know that your trip was entirely satisfactory and that the officers of the Army and the nurses rendered such courteous and efficient service. 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 themselves.

I am particularly pleased with your complimentary remarks regarding the St. Mihiel American Cemetery. You are assured it will be perpetually maintained in the same fine condition in which you found it, as it will be the constant effort of the Government to make these cemeteries fitting resting places for the heroes buried there.

With sincere appreciation of your kind remarks regarding the conduct of the pilgrimage, I am,

Very truly yours,

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

JHL

RTE

MAB

Pres. Harding

7-12-33

StM



Pvt. George H. Belain



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 pro-
visions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

..... Mrs. Naomi Peters Belain

Name

..... Gay Head, Dukes Co., Massachusetts

Town or City

State

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 927083

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____



Return to _____

Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,
or Post Office Box, _____

MUNITIONS BUILDING

WASHINGTON

D. C.

6740

Belain, Mrs. H.

1233

RETURN RECEIPT

Handing July 12

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

(Signature or name of addressee)

M. S. Belain

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery _____, 19____

Form 3811

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

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Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 927353

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____

Return to Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

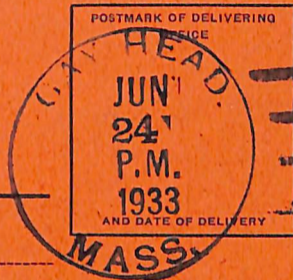
Street and Number, }
or Post Office Box, }

MUNITIONS BUILDING

WASHINGTON,

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

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING
OFFICE



6740-c

St m.

RETURN RECEIPT

Handwritten: Handwritten July 12

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

(Signature or name of addressee.)

Handwritten: Maurice S. Bohner

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Stamp: REG

Date of delivery, -----, 19

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Belain, Geo. H. (StM)

July 1, 1933

Mrs. Naomi Peters Belain,
Gay Head, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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

Lv. Oak Bluffs	NESS boat	3:30 PM (EST)	July 10
Ar. New Bedford Whf.	" "	5:45 PM (EST)	" "
Lv. New Bedford Whf.	NET Co. bus	5:50 PM (EST)	" "
Ar. Fall River	" " "	6:20 PM (EST)	" "
Lv. Fall River	NESS boat	6:30 PM (EST)	" "
Ar. New York	" "	6:00 AM (EST)	" 11

(Pier 14 NR)

Accommodations: NESS Co. boat Oak Bluffs, Mass. to New Bedford Whf., Mass.
NET Co. bus, New Bedford Whf., Mass. to Fall River, Mass.
NESS Co. boat stateroom, Fall River, Mass. to New York, N. Y.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-M

Belain, Geo. H. (St.M)

June 20, 1933

Mrs. Naomi Peters Belain,
Gay Head, Mass.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed Check No. 188,723 in the amount of \$ 5.62 , to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST THIS CHECK BE CASHED AND USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED.

If for any reason, you are not able to sail on the date mentioned in your invitation, the check must be returned to this office immediately.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Check No.

JAS. H. LAUBACH,
Lt. Col., Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Belain, Geo. H. (STM)

June 3, 1933

Mrs. Naomi Peters Belain,
Gay Head, Mass.

Dear Madam:

With reference to previous correspondence on this subject, you are informed that your passport has been received and will be delivered to you aboard ship.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Accept

QM 293 AM
Belain, George H. (St M)

March 30, 1933

Mrs. Naomi Peters Belain,
Gay Head,
Mass.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your request for a stopover at New Bedford, Mass. on your return from a pilgrimage to the St. Mihiel American Cemetery in Europe, sailing from New York on the PRESIDENT HARDING, July 12, 1933.

Arrangements for this stopover on your return journey will be made accordingly without additional cost to you for either rail or pullman fare. However, all expenses incurred by you during your visit at New Bedford must be paid from your personal funds.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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IF YOU DESIRE A STOPOVER ON YOUR RETURN FROM EUROPE PLEASE READ CAREFULLY THE PARAGRAPH, "STOPOVERS IN THE UNITED STATES", ON PAGE 3 OF THE ENCLOSED LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS, FILL IN THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN IT TO THIS OFFICE.

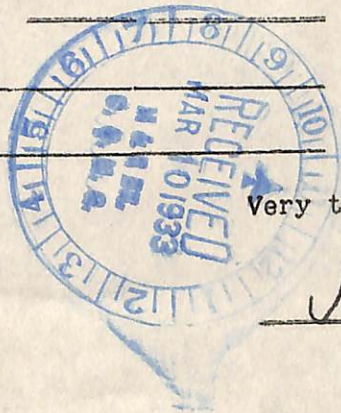
Belain, George H. (StM)
Belain, Mrs. Naomi Peters
Gay Head, Dukes Co. Mass
Pres. Harding July 12th

Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

On my return from the pilgrimage to American Cemeteries in Europe, I desire to stop over at the point, or points, listed below, for the number of days shown after the name of the town. If these stopovers will cause me any expense I am to be advised of the amount and may then withdraw this request if I so desire.

<u>Cities where I desire to stopover:</u>	<u>No. of days</u>
<u>New Bedford Mass</u>	<u>3 days</u>
<u> </u>	<u> </u>
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Very truly yours,

Naomi P Belain
(Your name)

Gay Head
(Your address)

Belain, George H. (St M)

Mothers' & Widows' Pilgrimage
Stopovers on return

Name: Belain, Mrs. Naomi Peters

Address: Gay Head, Mass. (To start from & return to Party: D
(Vineyard Haven, Mass.

Stopovers desired at: New Bedford, Mass.

Rail

		Excess	None
<u>Pullman</u>			
<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Value</u>
New York	New Bedford, Mass.	L B	3.75
New Bedford, Mass.	Martha's Vineyard, Mass.	N.B. & M.V. & NSS Line	

Total:	<u>3.75</u>
Thru Pullman Fare:	<u>3.75</u>
Excess:	None

Amounts shown as "excess" have been collected by the Quartermaster General and remitted to the Finance Officer, Washington, D.C.

QM 293 AM
Belain, George H. (St M)

March 30, 1933

Mrs. Naomi Peters Belain,
Gay Head,
Mass.

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Arrangements for this stopover on your return journey will be made accordingly without additional cost to you for either rail or pullman fare. However, all expenses incurred by you during your visit at New Bedford must be paid from your personal funds.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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PLEASE FILL IN THE INFORMATION CALLED FOR BELOW,
AND MAIL THIS LETTER PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED
ENVELOPE WHICH REQUIRES NO POSTAGE.

Belain, George H. (StM)
Belain, Mrs. Naomi Peters
Gay Head, Dukes Co. Mass
Pres. Harding July 12th

Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In the blank space below you will find the name,
address, and relationship to me, of the person in the United
States whom I desire to be notified in case I become
seriously ill or other emergency arises while I am making
the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress
approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Betsy B. Ryan
Name ✓

Gay Head
Address

Daughter
Relationship

Very truly yours,



Naomi P Belain
Your name

Gay Head Mass
Your address

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Belain, George H. (STM)

July 11, 1932

Mrs. Naomi Peters Belain,
Bay Head, Mass.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries Of Europe during the years 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933 for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces who were lost or buried at sea or whose remains are interred in Europe.

Your attention is particularly invited to the fact that this is the last opportunity you will have to make the pilgrimage under the provisions of the above mentioned Act. Unless you take advantage of this LAST chance to make a trip in 1933 you will receive no benefit from the Act. There is no provision of law which will permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow who does not choose to make the pilgrimage.


IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU GIVE THE MATTER YOUR MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BEFORE REACHING A DECISION, BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE TRIP AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

In order to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations for the mothers and widows making the journey in 1933, reservations for steamship transportation must be made by this office several months in advance. It is requested that you answer the questions below by writing "Yes" or "No" or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question. When you have answered the question, sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. PLEASE DO NOT DELAY, as it is essential that the information be in this office promptly.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make the pilgrimage during the years 1930, 1931 or 1932. There is enclosed a circular of information WHICH YOU SHOULD READ VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING YOUR DECISION.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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

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DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933?

If my health permits
(Write answer here) *me.*

(Sign here) *Mrs. Naomi P. Belain*

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM *86m*

Belain, George H. Pvt. (OA) M*

July 16, 1931.

Mrs. Naomi Peters Belain,
Gay Head, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1932 to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question.

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? *No*

Write answer here

Naomi Peters Belain
Sign here

Harding
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Belain, George H.

I decline 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 pro-
visions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Naomi Peters Belain

(Name)

Gay Head, Dukes County, Mass.

(Town or City)

(State)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Belain, George H. 1233-M

June 19, 1930

Mrs. Naomi Peters Belain,
Gay Head, Massachusetts.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank space following the question.

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope, which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all mothers and widows who are not making the pilgrimage in 1930, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931?

Yes
(Write answer here)

(Mrs) Naomi Peters Belain
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 30, 1930

Belain, George H. 1233 M

Mrs. Naomi Peters Belain
Gay Head, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?

Yes

2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?

Yes

3. Please give your age and state your health.

Age *61* Condition of Health *not very good*

4. Do you speak English?

Yes

5. What other language do you speak?

None

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes

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

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Belain, George H

I decline 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.

W

Mrs. Naomi Peters Belain

(Name)

Gay Head, Dukes County, Massachusetts

(Town or City)

(State)

Mrs. Naomi Peters Belair
Gay Head, Mass.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 8 , 1929.

Belain, George H. 1233 M.

Mrs. Naomi Peters Belain,
Gay Head, Mass.

Dear Madam:

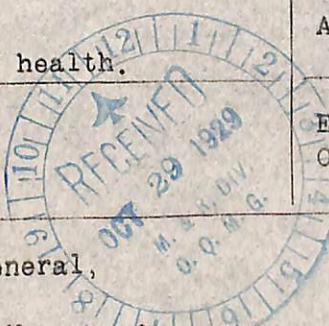
The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, 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) <u>yes</u>	(No) <u> </u>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <u> </u>	(No) <u>no</u>
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?	<u>(Yes)</u>	(No) <u> </u>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <u>60</u> Health <u>Good</u>	(Years) (Good) <u>(Poor)</u>
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <u> </u>	Other language <u>no</u> (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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

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Jay Head, Mass.
May 1, 1929.

War Department
Quartermaster General, Washington.
Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter
about the widow, or mother
pilgrimage.

Private George L. Belain I M 2939-C.
He was unmarried only has
a mother whose name
and address is as follows:
Mrs. Naomi Peter Belain
Jay Head, Mass.

Yours truly,
John Belain



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Belain, George H.

May 27 1929.

Mr. John W. Belain,
Gayhead,
Mass.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Private George H. Belain, Battery B, 306th F. A., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Act of Congress.
Envelope.

CORRECT NAME

BELAIN, George H. 1687275
Pvt. Bty B, 306th F.A.

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BELAIN, George L.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Belain, George H. (STM)

July 11, 1932

Mrs. Naomi Peters Belain,

Bay Head, Mass.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries Of Europe during the years 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933 for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces who were lost or buried at sea or whose remains are interred in Europe.

Your attention is particularly invited to the fact that this is the last opportunity you will have to make the pilgrimage under the provisions of the above mentioned Act. Unless you take advantage of this LAST chance to make a trip in 1933 you will receive no benefit from the Act. There is no provision of law which will permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow who does not choose to make the pilgrimage.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU GIVE THE MATTER YOUR MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BEFORE REACHING A DECISION, BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE TRIP AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

In order to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations for the mothers and widows making the journey in 1933, reservations for steamship transportation must be made by this office several months in advance. It is requested that you answer the questions below by writing "Yes" or "No" or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question. When you have answered the question, sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. PLEASE DO NOT DELAY, as it is essential that the information be in this office promptly.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make the pilgrimage during the years 1930, 1931 or 1932. There is enclosed a circular of information WHICH YOU SHOULD READ VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING YOUR DECISION.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933? _____

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Belain, George A. Pvt. (OA) N*

July 16, 1931.

Mrs. Naomi Peters Belain,
Gay Head, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1932 to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question.

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? _____

Write answer here

Sign here

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 30, 1930

Belain, George H. 1233 M

Mrs. Naomi Peters Belain
Gay Head, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the **mother** of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age Condition of Health
4. Do you speak English?	
5. What other language do you speak?	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Belain, George H. 1233-M

June 19, 1930

Mrs. Naomi Peters Belain,
Gay Head, Massachusetts.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank space following the question.

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope, which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all mothers and widows who are not making the pilgrimage in 1930, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? _____

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

Belain, George H. 1235-M

March 25, 1930.

Mrs. Naomi Peters Belain,

Gay Head,
Dear Madam:
Massachusetts

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 8, 1929.

Belain, George H. 1253 M.

Mrs. Naomi Peters Belain,
Gay Head, Mass.

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.