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To The A. G. O.

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G.R.S. Form #114-B

JUN 1 - 1928

FULL NAME BERFIELD, Dee N. ✓

RANK Cpl. ✓ SERIAL 1248416 ✓

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION Co. H., 112th Inf. 78 Air ✓

DATE OF DEATH Oct 11 1918 ✓

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Penna ✓

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED. none ✓

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 13 22 E

Date

Grave

Row

Block

Meuse-Argonne, #1232

Cemetery

Rec'd World War Div.

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

... **Berfield**, **(1248416)**, **Dec.**.....
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

... **Cpl. Co. H. 112th. Infantry.**.....
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL **October 12, 1918.**.....

PLACE OF BURIAL **American Cemetery # 6.**.....

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

... **Bazailles-sur-Meuse, France.**.....

GRAVE NUMBER **(175), New blueprint number.**.....

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

Headboard?..... Bottle? **Yes.**.....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS :

Was one buried with body?..... **Yes.**.....

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

If name unknown and tags missing, description and marks should be given here :

REPORTED BY :

... **P.A. Wells, 2nd. Lt. OMC.**.....
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

~~Pres. Roosevelt~~

7-26-33

MA

Cpl. Dee N. Berfield

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. Agnes R. Berfield

.....
Name

RFD #1, Du Bois, Clearfield Co., Pa.

.....
Town or City

State

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Berfield</i>	<i>B E R</i>	3	<i>25-80</i>
<i>Dee n</i>	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>13</i>	2	<i>13</i>
	ROW <i>22</i>	2	<i>22</i>
	BLOCK <i>E</i>	1	<i>5-</i>
STATE	<i>Pa</i>	2	<i>44</i>
RANK	<i>Cpl</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>28</i>	2	<i>28</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>112</i>	3	<i>112</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Berfield</i>	<i>B E R</i>	3	<i>25-80</i>
<i>ms agnes</i>	STATE <i>Pa</i>	2	<i>44</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Clearfield</i>	2	<i>17</i>
<i>Rd #1, R</i>	CITY <i>DuBois</i>	3	<i>078</i>
RELATION	<i>mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Poor</i>	1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>No</i>	1	
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Rosevelt
Decline
7-26-33

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IN REPLY
REFER TO

QM 293 A-M

Berfield, Dee N. (MA)

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON

SPECIAL

October 12, 1932.

Mrs. Agnes R. Berfield,
RFD 1
Du Bois, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Your Government has provided an opportunity for all Mothers and Widows of deceased members of the American Forces who were lost, buried at sea, or whose remains are now interred in Europe, to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. This was done in the hope that all who may make the pilgrimage will derive a measure of comfort and solace from the visit.

You are numbered among those who are privileged to make this pilgrimage.

During July and September of this year, inquiries were addressed to you as to whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage to Europe. To these inquiries no reply has been received from you.

You probably do not realize how important it is that a reply be received from you. If we do not receive replies, it becomes very difficult to make the necessary and proper arrangements for those who are to make the trip, as everything must be arranged in advance. Consequently, it is just as important for the Government to know the names of those who do not desire to take advantage of its offer as it is to know the names of those who do.

Will you please devote a few moments of your time to write either the word "YES" or "NO" in the following space *I will* thus indicating whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage during 1933 and sign your name here *Mrs Agnes R. Berfield*. Use the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage, and return this sheet.

This reply will assure your Government that no worthy Mother or Widow has failed to receive its offer in commemoration of a loved one departed, and will greatly assist in making the necessary preparations for those of them who wish to take advantage of the privilege.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

CHAS. W. DIETZ

Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

IMMEDIATE ACTION

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Sept. 6, 1932.

Berfield, Dee N. (MA)

Mrs. Agnes R. Berfield,
RFD #1,
Du Bois, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

In order that your desires may be of record, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Borfield Dee N (MA)

July 7 1932

Mrs Agnes R Borfield
HFD #1
Du Bois Pa

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?

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

July 22, 1931.

Berfield, Dee N. Cpl. (M-A) M*

Mrs. Agnes R. Berfield,
R.F.D. #1,
Du Bois, Pa.

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.

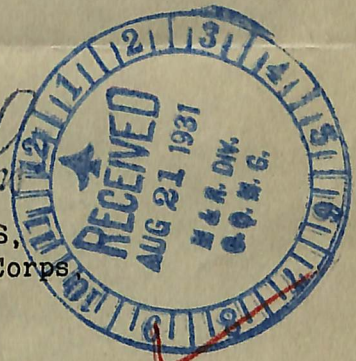
As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

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? _____

Write answer here

I am sorry but I cannot go

Mrs Agnes R Berfield

Sign here

President Roosevelt

Berfield, Dee N., Cpl.

~~7-22-31~~

1232

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. Agnes R. Berfield

(Name)

R.F.D. #1, Du Bois, Clearfield Co., Pennsylvania

(Town or City)

(State)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 7, 1930.

Berfield, Dee N. 1232 M

Mrs. Agnes R. Berfield,
R.F.D. #1,
Du Bois, Pa.

Dear Madam:

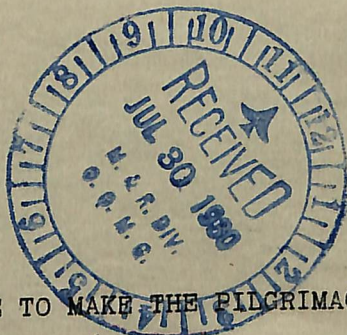
Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

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?

(Write answer here)

I would like to visit my sons grave
I will go
Mrs Agnes R. Berfield
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Berfield, Dee N. 1232 M

Mrs. Agnes R. Berfield,
R. F. D. #1,
Du Bois, Pa.

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 Health 5 (Years) 42 (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No) Other language <u>Yong</u> (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Berfield, Dee. W.
1232

September 4, 1929.

Mrs. Agnes Berfield
~~South Main St.~~
Du Bois, Pa.

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Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 29, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

No

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

Agnes R Berfield
Du Bois
Pa
Mother

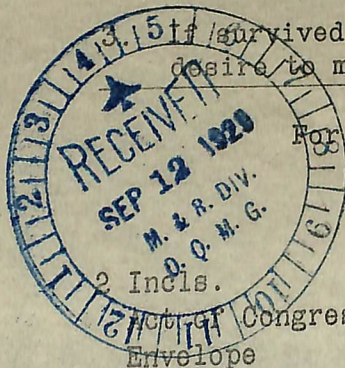
3. If survived by a widow or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage?

No

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Berfield, Dee N.

June 29 1929.

Mrs. Agnes Berfield,
South Main St.,
Du Bois, Pa.

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 Corporal Dee N. Berfield, Co. H, 112th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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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-M
Berfield, Dee N. (MA)

Sept. 6, 1932.

Mrs. Agnes R. Berfield,
RFD #1,
Du Bois, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

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Sign here

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Berfield Dee H (MA)

July 7 1932

Mrs Agnes R Berfield
RFD #1
Du Bois Pa

Dear Madam:

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For The Quartermaster General,

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

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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

July 22, 1931.

Berfield, Dee N. Cpl. (M-A) M*

Mrs. Agnes R. Berfield,
R.F.D. #1,
Du Bois, Pa.

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.

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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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 7, 1930.

Berfield, Dee N. 1232 M

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R.F.D. #1,
Du Bois, Pa.

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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

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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

Berfield, Decm.
1232

September 4, 1929.

Mrs. Agnes Berfield
South Main St.
Du Bois, Pa.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated **June 29, 1929** making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried? If so, give her complete address:
2. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.
3. If survived by a widow or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps.
Assistant.

In reply refer to:
293.8 C-R

35978

Nov. 28, 1922.

Mrs. Agnes Berfield,
South Main St.,
Du Bois, Pa.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of the late Dee N. Berfield, Corporal, Company H, 112th Infantry, is Grave 18, Row 22, Block E, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse, France.

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

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

Very truly yours,

MAILED

H. J. CONNER,
Assistant.

DEC 1 - 1922

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G.R.S.

DATE 12/1/21

1. NAME Berfield, Dee N SERIAL No. 1248416
 RANK Cpl. ORGANIZATION Co. H 112th Inf.
 GRAVE LOCATION Amer. Bazoilles-sur-Meuse - Vosges 6
 CTY. NAME NUMBER
 175
 GRAVE ROW PLOT
 2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 175. Bazoilles-sur-Meuse. Vosges.
 GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.
 COORDINATES E.346-21. N.170-12. Map: Mirecourt NW 484.

CONCENTRATED TO No record of concentration.
 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.

Not of record.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS Not of record.
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

Wm. H. Quarterman, Capt. F.A. USA.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 12/1/21 13 22 E
 DATE GRAVE ROW Block

AUDITED BY

M.M.E.

10-24-22

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

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Sept. 27, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF BERTFIELD, Dee N. SERIAL NUMBER 1248416

RANK Cpl. ORGANIZATION Co. H, 112th. Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Sept. 27, 1921. From (give complete location): Gr. No. 175

Bazoilles (Vosges) France. Amer. Mil. Cem. # 4.

By: Group 3. Unit Section No. 4.

3. Reburied (date): In (give complete location):

Dec. 1, 1921, Meuse-Argonne Cemetery, #1232, Gr. 13, Blk. E, Row 22.

By: Group Reburial S Unit Nature of reburial Lined Casket

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

Buried in uniform and in wooden box. Body badly decomposed, recognition impossible.

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

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

No effects found. Bottle containing hospital record found in grave.

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

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

(b) Weight (estimated) Unable to determine.

(c) Hair—Color Apparently light reddish brown.

Quantity Medium.

Characteristics Straight.

(d) Hair on face—Color None found.

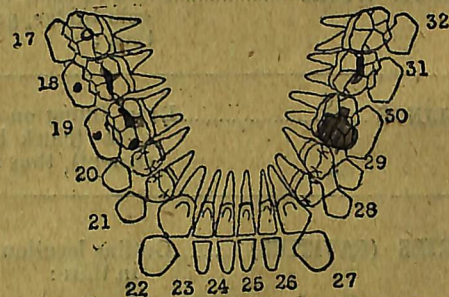
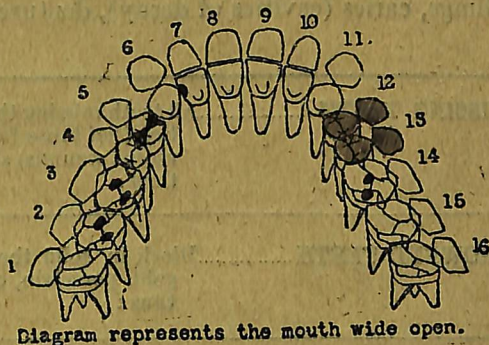
Location

Quantity

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) No.

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

None.



No. 2, 3, 5, 14, 18, 19, 30, 31, S.F.

No. 5, 7, XXXX, gold Filling.

No. 12, 13, gold crown. No. 17, cavity.

7. Disinterment supervised by

Theo Miller
THEO MILLER.

Approved: GCD.

R. L. Fain
(Title) CAPT. Q.M.C. BJM.

8. Reburial supervised by

A. U. Dufault
A. U. Dufault

Approved:

James W. Younger
(Title) Capt. Q.M.C.

D-60406

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept. 27, 1921.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name	Berfield, Dee N	10. Name	
2. No.	1248416	11. No.	
3. Rank	Cpl.	12. Rank	
4. Org.	Co. H 112th Inf.	13. Org.	
5. D.D.	10-11	14. (a) D.D.	
6. C.D.	Lobar Pneumonia	(b) D.B.	None.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No.	175	Sec.		15. Grave No.		Sec.	
8. Plot		Row		16. Plot		Row	
9.				17.		None.	
18. Cemetery	Amer.			19. Commune or town	Bazoilles-sur-Meuse		
20. Dept. or County	Vosges			21. Country	France		
22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No.	6						
23. Disinterred (Date)	Sept. 27, 1921.			By	Theo Miller.		
24. Inscription on grave marker:							

Name BERFIELD, Dee N.

Serial No.

Rank Cpl.

Organization Co. H, 112th Inf. Gr. 175

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

Signature Junior Technical Assistant

GLENN C. DORSEY.

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. Form 16a accomplished. Bottle containing hospital record found in grave.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, recognition impossible.

28. Nature of burial Buried in uniform, and in wooden box.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? No.

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Sept. 27, 1921. By Theo Miller.

31. Casket sealed by Theo Miller.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

THEO MILLER.

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.)

Box No.

C-15682

32. Designation of body:

Name Berfield, Dee N

Serial No.

1248416

Rank Cpl.

Organization

Co. H 112th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery

Meuse Argonne Amer. #1232 - Romagne-sous-Montfaucon

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date)

Sept. 27, 1921.

By Theo Miller, Meuse

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector

R. L. FAIN, CAPT. Q.M.C.

BJM.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Sept. 27, 1921.

To point of Concentration NEUFCHATEAU (VOSGES)

Convoyer

(Name

Signature Shipping Officer

Capt. Q.M.C.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

30 OCT 1921

To Permanent Cemetery

Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse)

Convoyer

C. L. STUBLEY

(Name

Signature Shipping Officer

W. R. BUCKLEY,
Capt. Q.M.C.

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred Dec. 1, 1921, Meuse-Argonne Cty. # 1232.

(Date

42. Grave No. 13

Section

43. ~~XXXX~~ Block B

Row 22

el

G.R.S. Representative

James W. Younger, Capt. Q.M.C.

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

WASHINGTON

Hoboken, N. J.

JAN 3 1921

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q. M. G.
To: Mrs. Agnes Berfield, RD #3, DeBois, Penna.
SUBJECT: Remains of Cpl. Dee N. Berfield, #1248416, Co. H, 112 Inf.

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

Remain in Europe

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

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

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

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Was soldier married?	<i>No</i>	<i>South Main Du Bois Pa</i>	
Soldier's children.			
(Name oldest first.)			
1			
2			
3			
Father	<i>Arthur R Berfield</i>		
Mother	<i>Agnes Berfield</i>		
Brothers.			
(Name oldest first.)			
1	<i>Blair Berfield</i>		
2	<i>Chas L Berfield</i>		
3			
Sisters.			
(Name oldest first.)			
1	<i>Ira B Berfield</i>		
2			
3			

Date *Jan 10-1921* Signature *Arthur R Berfield*
Address *Du Bois Pa* Relationship *Father*

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



JAN 12 1921

(DATE)

1920

I, the undersigned, am the Arthur R. Burfield 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

Arthur R. Burfield

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.

3-7860

RECEIVED
OFFICE OF THE SUPERVISOR GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WAR DEPARTMENT

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #35978

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BERFIELD, Dee N. Ser. No. 1248416
 (b) Rank Cpl. Organization Co. H, 112th Inf.
 (c) Date of death 10/11/18 (d) Cause of death Lobar pneumonia

TYP. HB

CKR. AW

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

(a) Grave No. 175 Row - Plot - Sec. - TYP. HB
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Agnes Berfield (mother) RFD #3, DeBois, Pa.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases - NO CARD

CKR. 168

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt 10-12-20

(a) Name _____ (b) Relationship _____
 (c) Address _____
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? _____
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at _____
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. _____
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. _____

Examiner's Initials _____ Date _____, 1920.

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

_____, dated _____

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

Examiner's Initials R. G. B. Date 10-12-, 1920.

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

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes AW

Examiner's Initials AW Date 10-12-, 1920.

COUNTRY France

CEMETERY No. 6

SHEET No. 47

G. R. S. Form No. 115
Amended April 6, 1920

3-7729

Make Form No. 114

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

WB 12-16-20

CARDED

Reviewed 4/5/21 E.O.

11-2-21 In Charge
Miss Anyonge 1232

RECEIVED.

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

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, FEB 9 1921, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by

cable on _____, 1920

letter on _____, 1920

CEMETERY DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SEC.

NOV 17 1920

PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED

(45)

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: Form 120, signed by Arthur R. Berfield, So. Main Street, Du Bois, Pa., father and nearest relative, states body remain in Europe.

FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN - BODY
TO REMAIN IN EUROPE.

FEB 9 1921

WAR DEPARTMENT
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CEMETERIAL DIVISION, GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
HOBOKEN, N. J.

Feb. 3rd, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div., Cor. Branch.
(Berfield, Dee N.)

Mr. Arthur R. Berfield,
South Main Street,
Du Bois, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt of shipping inquiry dated January 10th, 1921, relative to the remains of your son, the late Dee N. Berfield, Corporal, Serial No. 1248416, Co. H, 112th Infantry, is acknowledged.

You are advised that your request that the remains of your son be left in France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery will 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 renewed assurance of its sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

By:

F. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

ff/hk

MAILED
FEB 7 1921

35978

GRAVE LOCATION PLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

..... Berfield, (1248416), Dee.....
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

..... Cpl. Co. H. 112th. Infantry.....
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL October 12, 1918.....

PLACE OF BURIAL American Cemetery # 6.....

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

..... Bazoilles-sur-Meuse, France.....

GRAVE NUMBER (175), New blueprint number...

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

Headboard?..... Bottle? Yes.....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS :

Was one buried with body? Yes.....

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

If name unknown and tags missing, description and marks should be given here :

REPORTED BY :

..... P.A. Wells, 2nd. Lt. OMC.....
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

21 OCT 1918

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

2. Soldier's No.

3. Surname (block letters) 1st name & initial

4. Rank Co. Rgt & Corp

5. Date of Death Cause if known

6. Date of Burial Cemetery

7. Grave No. Plot No. or letter

8. Town-Commune (block letters) Dept

9. Name peg? Cross? H. board? BTLE? Check method of marking

10. Buried with body Attached grave mark Identification Tag or

11. If name unknown, give missing and description rks

12. Map reference if interment outside cemetery

13. Give name Chaplain Burial Officer

Signed

Group Unit GRS