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*Berley, Joseph W.*

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QM 293 C-M  
Berley, Joseph W.

November 23, 1935.

Mrs. Mary Clara Berley,  
2158 35th St.,  
Astoria, L. I.

Dear Madam:

In response to your inquiry of recent date with regard to the Pilgrimage of Gold Star Mothers and Widows to the Cemeteries in Europe, it is regretted to advise you there is no provision in the Act of March 2nd, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, which would permit an eligible mother or widow who was unable or did not care to make the pilgrimage, to receive any compensation in lieu of the trip.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JOHN T. HARRIS,  
Lt. Colonel, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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2158 35<sup>th</sup> St.  
Astoria, O. 9.  
Nov. 1935.

Dear Sir:

I was unable to make  
the trip with the Gold Star  
Mothers across the seas upon  
my Doctor's advice. He  
advised me to stay at home  
because of heart trouble.

I would have liked  
to take the trip very much,  
but on account of my  
sickness, I had to stay home.

I believe that you  
are paying those who did

Beardsley Road

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Joseph William Berley  
Co. C. 52 Pioneer Inf.

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not make the trip. I  
have a doctor's bill that  
has to be paid and am  
not able to pay it.

Trusting you will look  
into the matter as I need  
money very much to pay  
my expenses.

Yours truly,  
Mrs Mary Clark Berley



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Berley, Jos. W.

Party "H" - Itinerary - Oise-Aisne Group

Sailed June 21, 1950 on SS ROOSEVELT. Major J. F. Cottrell in charge.

Arrived Cherbourg 5 a.m. June 29th. Met by Major Dailey, Capt. Mitchell, Capt. Dalton, Lieut. Gregory, Lieut. Freeman, Major Kinderman, three nurses and two civilian employees. Train left at 8.21 a.m. for Paris. Arrived Gare des Invalides at 2.30 p.m. Met by Lt. Col. Bartlett and members of the staff, with interpreters and nurses. Escorted to hotel. Remainder of day devoted to rest.

June 30th. Morning devoted to personal business; changing money, preparing laundry, etc. Left hotel at 3 p.m. for Arc de Triomphe. Wreath placed on tomb of the Unknown Soldier by Mrs. Wilhelmina Ohlson, who was selected by party for this duty. A wreath was also laid by Mrs. Anna Johnson on behalf of the N.Y. Fire Department. Proceeded to Restaurant Laurent after ceremony where tea and reception tendered by U.S. Government was held. Returned to hotel. Evening free.

July 1st. Morning free. 1.40 p.m. depart La Ferte Soissons.

July 2nd. Visited Soissons Cemetery. Soissons. Pierrefonds, Soissons.

July 3rd. Soissons Cemetery. Soissons. Belleau Woods Monument Hill 304. Coulonges, Soissons.

July 4th. Soissons Cemetery. Soissons. Chemin-des-Dames. Reims.

July 5th. Morning free. Lunch at Reims. Fismes. Soissons. Compiègne.

July 6th. Carrefour de l'Armistice. Lunch at Compiègne. Chantilly. Returned to Paris.

July 7th. Notre-Dame - Sacre-Coeur.

July 8th. Morning free. Napoleon's Tomb. Sightseeing Night Trip.

July 9th. Visit to Louvre - Versailles. Prepared for return trip.

July 10th. Due to the fact that the date of return was changed from July 10th to July 11th, this day was free and was devoted to shopping, etc.

July 11th. Left Hotel between 1 and 1.30 p.m. for Invalides Railway Station. Train left at 2.15 p.m. Accompanied by 5 officers, 1 doctor, 3 nurses and 1 civilian employee. Arrived Cherbourg 5.53 p.m. Sailed 7.25 p.m. on SS REPUBLIC. Major Cottrell in charge. Arrived Hoboken, N. J. 5 p.m. July 20th.

Mrs. M. F. Berley

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2327 Gr. Concourse

NAME BERLEY, MRS. M. F.

S.S. REPUBLIC, JUL 19 1930

HOME BRONX, BRONX COUNTY, N. Y.

R.R.

STATION

TRAIN #

CAR #

BIRTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE

Mrs

Mary Caponigri

151 E 81<sup>st</sup> St

N.Y.C

Name BERLEY, Mrs M.F

**HOTEL DE PARIS**

Paris Hôtel BOULEVARD DE LA MADELEINE

Home address 151 East 81. St., New York, C/6 Caponigri, New York County, New York  
~~2327 Concourse, Bronx, Bronx County, New York~~

Party H Group 2 Unit 88. ROOSEVELT

Date of arrival June 29-1930 Date of departure 88. REPUBLIC-July II-1930

Relationship Mother

Name of deceased BERLEY, Joseph W

Rank Pvt Organization Co.C, 52d Pion. Inf

Cemetery Oise-Aisne

REMARKS

Desires quarters with Mrs. REPP, Barbara, New York City, New York Co.,  
N.Y. Group M.A.





June 12, 1930

Mrs. M. F. Berley  
c/o Caponigri  
151 East 81st Street  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

In letter from this office requesting whether or not you desire transportation from your home to the Hotel Astor, you advised that it would be necessary for this office to furnish transportation.

Please be ready with your baggage at 2:00 P.M., Friday, June 20th, as arrangements have been made for a taxicab of the Terminal Taxi Company to call for you at that time.

You should not pay the driver any money, as payment will be made by this office.

Yours very truly

GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR  
1st Lieut. Q.M.C. (DOL.)  
Assistant

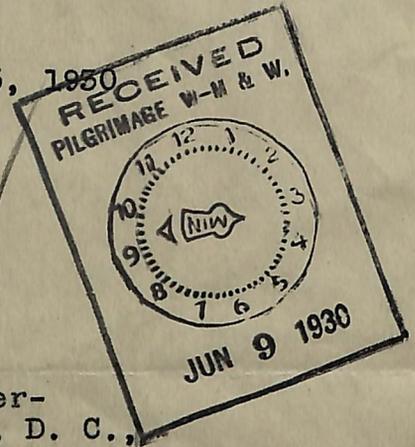
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
"PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"

----- Room 901 -----

225 WEST 34TH ST., NEW YORK, N.Y.

June 5, 1930



Mrs. M.F. Berley,  
2327 Grand Concourse,  
c/o Caponigri,  
Bronx, New York.

Dear Madam:

From advice received from the Quarter-  
master General's Office, Washington, D. C.,  
your name shows as a passenger scheduled to  
sail for Europe on the S. S.  
sailing

Enclosed herewith please find two baggage  
tags which should be attached to your baggage  
for identification.

*2 - Bags*

Reservations have been made for you to stop  
at the Hotel *Astor*, the night of  
Necessary transportation will be provided for  
you from your home to the hotel, unless you  
desire to travel by your own transportation.

Please advise what your desires are in this  
respect, using the lower portion of this  
letter for your reply.

There is enclosed a self-addressed envelope  
which requires no postage.

For the Officer in Charge.

*George F. R. Taylor*  
George F. R. Taylor  
1st Lieut. Q. M. C.  
Assistant

I will require transportation from my home to hotel.

*Mrs M. F. Berley.*

*Mrs Berley has changed her address to 157 East 81st St. City of New York. The Quartermaster's Office has been notified. This is used.*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

*Berley, Joseph W. - O.A.*

MEMORANDUM

June 4, 1930

To All Concerned:

Please make the following changes in passenger  
list for:

S. S. ROOSEVELT, June 21, 1930

Change #12

Party H

CHANGE ADDRESS - to NEW YORK COUNTY

NEW YORK

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*Sup or*  
*Rest*

Berley, Mrs. M. F.  
151 East 81 St., New York  
c/o Caponigri

For The Quartermaster General,

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

CODE SLIP

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HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Berley</i>	<i>Ber</i>	3	258
BURIED <i>Joseph W.</i>	CEMETERY <i>608</i>	1	2
	GRAVE <i>34</i>	2	34
	ROW <i>24</i>	2	24
	BLOCK <i>C</i>	1	3
STATE	<i>Ny</i>	2	37
RANK	<i>Pvt</i>	1	2
DIVISION	<i>Inf</i>	2	51
ORGANIZATION	<i>52</i>	3	052
ARM	<i>Pion Inf</i>	1	1
MARTIAL	<i>Yes</i>	1	1
NAME <i>Berley</i>	<i>Ber</i>	3	258
RESIDENCE <i>Mrs. M. F.</i>	STATE <i>Ny</i>	2	37
	COUNTY <i>N.Y. 0</i>	2	31
	CITY <i>N.Y. 3</i>	3	101
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Yes</i>	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>Yes</i>	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Good</i>	1	1
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO. YR. <i>1930</i>	1 1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>Yes</i>	1	

*Sample given*

*Audited*  
 OCT 6 1931  
*J. L.*

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File No.

OUT-CHARGE SHEET

Date charged out

Charged to

Remarks:

*Berley, Joseph W.*  
*See Crime - Crime file for*  
*widow*

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STATE

NEW YORK

*Berley, <sup>Jas. W.</sup> 151 E 81st St NYC*

*% Caponigri  
2327 Grand Concourse  
Bronx County*

M  
NAME *Berley, Mrs. M.F.* HOME ADDRESS *Bronx County*

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN *Mrs Mary Caponigri - 151 E 81 St NYC.*

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE *June 20* HOTEL *Astor* ROOM NO. *217*

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE *6/21/30* VESSEL *Roosevelt* CABIN NO. *5-C*

DESTINATION *Cherbourg, France* CEMETERY *Oise-Aisne*

RETURN NEW YORK

DATE JUL 20 1930

151-E-81 st. N.Y.  
% Caponigri  
2327 Grand Concourse  
Bronx County  
N. Y. C.

M  
NAME Berley, Mrs. M. F. HOME ADDRESS .....

RETURN ON S. S. S/S REPUBLIC HOTEL ..... ROOM NO. .....

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE .....

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

REMARKS .....

*Local Transportation*

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Account 5/21/30 608  
RETURN RECEIPT

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

Deliver to addressee only

-----  
(Signature or name of addressee.)

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(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, -----, 192

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INSURED PARCEL

No. \_\_\_\_\_

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	OFFICE	
	C _____	

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

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Q. M. GENERAL

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or Post Office Box, }

(NAME OF SENDER)

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Post Office at \_\_\_\_\_

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State Washington, D.C.

NAME

*Perley Mrs M. % Cognigni*

ADDRESS

*2329 Grand Concourse, Bronx, N. Y.*

*151-E-81 St. New York*

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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.

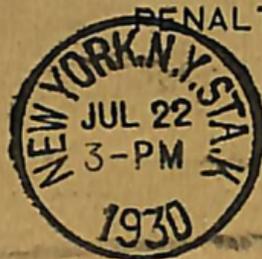
SINCERELY,

(SIGNED)

*Mrs Mary T. Perley*

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICIAL BUSINESS



ADDRESS  
YOUR MAIL  
TO  
STREET AND  
NUMBER

C

PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

QM 295 A-C

April 25, 1930

X Berley, Joseph W. 608 M  
X Ropp, Charles 1232 SM

Mrs. Mary Caponigri,  
2527 Grand Concourse,  
Bronx, New York.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 11 relative to the desire of Mrs. Mary Berley to be quartered with Mrs. Barbara Ropp when she makes the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the SS "Roosevelt" June 21, 1930.

Notation has been made of Mrs. Berley's desire and it is believed that they can be placed in the same cabin aboard ship and in the same hotel rooms in New York and Paris.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

KL

July 11, 1934

~~Supers~~  
~~600/257~~  
~~noted~~

Quartermaster General

Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Berley acc. Roosevelt June 21

Dear Sir: - Mrs. Peff accepts for Dave.

quarters  
noted

I am writing on  
Joseph W. Berley - 608 Bryant St  
behalf of Mary Berley, file  
L-6, to request that it  
be arranged for her to  
share a state room, on  
her trip to Europe on June  
21<sup>st</sup> on the Roosevelt with a  
Charles Peff - 1232  
Mrs Barbara Peff <sup>SM</sup> of # 331 E.  
83<sup>rd</sup> St. <sup>n.Y.C.</sup> New York City, who is a  
friend of mine, and who

(2)  
is booked to sail on the same  
boat and date.

Thanking you, I am

Yours very truly

Mrs. Mary Coffey

Address

Mr. M. Berley

90 Mrs Coffey

2327 Grand Concourse

Bront, N.Y.



May 31, 1930

R.E. Shannon Esq. Joseph W. Berley Bronx Co. 608 FM

Office of Quartermaster General  
Washington D. C.

In re D. M. 293-a-c.

Dear Sir:-

Will you be good  
enough to take note of  
the fact that Mrs M. F. Berley  
has changed her address  
from #2327 Grand Concourse  
Bronx N.Y. to #151 East 81<sup>st</sup> St.

New York City  
Yours truly

Mrs J. F. Caponigri

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY <sup>QM 293 A-C</sup> ~~Berley~~, Joseph W. 608 M  
Roosevelt 6-21

May 10, 1930

Mrs. M. F. Berley,  
2327 Grand Concourse,  
% Caponigri,  
Bronx, New York

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not furnished the name of your Emergency Addressee as requested in letter of instructions from this office.

It is requested that in the blank space below you write the name and address of the person in the United States whom you desire to be notified in case you become seriously ill or other emergency arises while you are making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Name

*Mrs. Mary Caponigri*

Address

*157 East 81 St. N. Y. City* <sup>noted</sup>

Please fill in the above and mail it TODAY in the self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*A. D. Hughes*

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

Encl.  
Env.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 10, 1930.

Berley, Joseph W. 608 M

Mrs. K. F. Berley,  
2327 Grand Concourse,  
c/o Caponigri,  
Bronx, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

The following instructions prepared by the Secretary of State contain the necessary instructions to be followed by you in obtaining the passport or travel document to be utilized in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. Please read the directions carefully and call in person upon the nearest Passport Agent or clerk of a Federal or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. In large cities there are usually two or more courts and at each county-seat a state court authorized to accept these passport applications.

When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

The instructions prepared by the Secretary of State are as follows:

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than 2½x2½ inches in size and such documentary

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

"A mother or widow who does not owe allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Pilgrimage Travel Document through a clerk of a Federal court or a State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens or through a Passport Agent upon the form of application prescribed for that purpose, entitled APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL DOCUMENT, issued under the Act of March 2, 1929, submitting therewith four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches in size and not less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size. When making application she should be accompanied by a credible witness who has known her for a period of two years or more.

"The Act of March 2, 1929, provides that no fee shall be charged for the execution of an application for a passport or travel document or for the issue of a passport or travel document to a mother or widow making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces are now interred.

"Special Pilgrimage Passports and Pilgrimage Travel Documents when issued by the Department of State will be forwarded to the War Department.

"Applicants resident in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle should execute applications at the Passport Agencies in those cities."

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Roosevelt

6/21/30

608

Berley Joseph W

I accept the invitation extended  
(Accept ~~in~~ full line)

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

Mrs. M. F. Berley

(Name)

151 East 81st St. N. Y. County N Y  
c/o Caponigri, 2327 Grand Concourse, Bronx,

(Town or City)

~~Bronx Co., New York.~~ (State)

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Connelly

Feb 12 1930



Veterans Bureau  
Washington D.C.

Gentlemen: - <sup>Notes</sup> <sub>etc</sub>

Mrs Mary  
Berley. Gold star War  
Mother, has ~~requested~~ <sup>Jr. Mrs. Berley</sup>  
me to write asking <sup>for</sup> <sup>information re-</sup>  
for information re-  
garding the War Mothers  
trip to Europe. She is  
under the impression  
that some of the mothers  
have been notified as  
to the date of sailing.

Will you kindly

write her at the  
following address.

Thanking you,  
I am

Yours truly,  
Mrs. J. Caponegri

Address

Mrs Mary Berley

% Caponegri

2327 Grand Concourse

Bronx,  
New York

FEB 13 1930 11 05 AM  
MAIL ROOM  
LEGAL DIVISION  
IN

QM 293 A-C  
Berley, Joseph W.

February 25, 1930.

Mrs. Mary Berley,  
c/o Caponigri,  
2327 Grand Concourse,  
Bronx, New York.

Dear Madam:

A letter from Mrs. J. Caponigri, dated February 10, 1930, addressed to the U. S. Veterans Bureau, has been referred to this office for reply to you relative to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act approved March 2, 1929.

In this connection you are advised that you are listed on the records of this office to make the pilgrimage during 1930, and it is believed that you will receive an invitation to make the sailing some time in June. Detailed information will be furnished you in due time to make arrangements for the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WS Lines  
letter  
not unclaimed

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

October 7, 1929.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Berley, Joseph W. 608 M.

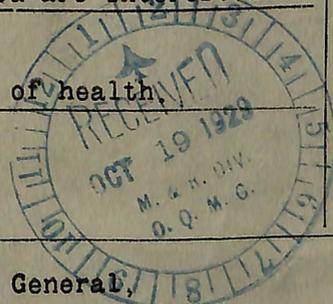
Mrs. M. F. Berley,  
~~2527 Concourse,~~ *151 E. 18th St.*  
~~Bronx, New York.~~ *N.Y. City*  
*151 East 81st -*  
Dear Madam: *N.Y. City, N.Y.*  
*P. (6-4-30)*

JUN 21 1930  
*mailed*

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)	<del>(No)</del>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	<del>(No)</del>
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?	<del>(Yes)</del>	(No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age 58	Health (Good) <del>(Poor)</del>
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <del>(No)</del>	Other language <i>no.</i> (Specify language spoken)



For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Berley, Joseph W.  
608

Aug. 27, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Berley,  
1849 First Ave.,  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 20, 1920 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:

His wife, Mrs. C. Berley  
is unable to go.  
add. 336 East 96 St, N.Y.

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.

Mrs. M. F. Berley  
2377 Concourse  
Bronx, N.Y.

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

His Mother  
is going.

For The Quartermaster General

SEP 24 1929

M. & H. DIV.

O. Q. M. G.

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

Berley, Joseph W.

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June , 1929.

Mrs. Mary Berley,  
11849 Tinst Ave.,  
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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

**Private Joseph W. Berley, Co. C, 52nd Pioneer Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.**  
The records of this office show that you are the widow of the late

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother 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.

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relationship is that of a stepmother, mother through adoption or a woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. In case you have 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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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Berley, Joseph W. (O-A) W

September 29, 1931

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Mrs. M. C. Berley,  
336 East 96th St.,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

In order that the records may be complete, 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 1932?	
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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:  
Env.

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Berley, Joseph W. Pvt. (OA) W-

July 9, 1931.

Mrs. M. C. Berley,  
338 East 96th St.,  
New York, N. Y.

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

QM 293 A-M  
Berley, Joseph W. 608 M

April 4, 1931.

Mrs. M. F. Berley,  
151 E. 81st St.,  
New York City.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested that you advise as to whether the widow of your son, the late Private Joseph W. Berley, has remarried. If she has not, it will be appreciated if you will furnish her present address.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Berley, Joseph W. Pvt. 608-W

April 4, 1931

Mrs. M. C. Berley,  
342 E. 96th St.,  
New York City, N.Y.

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 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~~ <sup>widow</sup> 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.

4. Do you speak English?

5. What other language do you speak?

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Condition of Health

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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October 10, 1930

Berley, Joseph W. Pvt 808 M

Mrs. M. C. Berley  
342 E. 96th Street  
New York City

Dear Madam:

A reply has not been received to office letter of recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages in 1931, 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,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 12, 1930.

Berley, Jos. W. 608 M

Mrs. M. F. Berley,  
c/o Caponigri,  
151 E. 81st St.,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Somewhat heavier clothing is required to be worn in Europe than is necessary in the United States, in order to be comfortable. During the summer in Europe it is cool during the day and the nights are frequently chilly. Considerable rain is usually encountered during this time.

In order that you may be comfortable at all times, regardless of the condition of the weather, and may avoid missing any of the sights or any part of the itinerary which has been planned for you, the following suggestions are made.

The clothing which you will take with you should be slightly heavier and warmer than you would normally wear in the United States during the summer and should be strong and durable. It is essential that you take with you the necessary equipment to afford protection from the cold and dampness. Be sure to take at least two pairs of comfortable shoes to provide a change in the event your feet become wet, a pair of rubbers, an umbrella, and a sweater or some warm wrap to be used should the weather become uncomfortably cool. It is very desirable that, in addition to the sweater, you have with you a full length coat of medium weight for general wear.

The shortages of suitable facilities for laundry and the frequency of the moves you will make while in Europe will make it impracticable to secure as frequent service of this nature as may be desired. You should therefore provide yourself with sufficient underwear, nightgowns, stockings and handkerchiefs to meet your requirements should it be impossible to have your washing done more frequently than once in two weeks.

If you will read carefully the suggestions made above, and comply with them, it will add greatly to your comfort throughout the trip and will assist the Government in carrying out successfully its plans for conducting the pilgrimage. This letter is being sent to every mother and widow who has accepted the invitation sent to her by the Government to visit the grave of her son or husband.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 7, 1930.

Berley, Joseph W. 1232 W

Mrs. M. C. Berley,  
336 East 96th St.,  
New York, N.Y.

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)

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(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY <sup>QM 293 A-C</sup> ~~Berley, Joseph W.~~ 608 M  
Roosevelt 6-21

May 10, 1930

Mrs. M. F. Berley,  
2327 Grand Concourse,  
% Caponigri,  
Bronx, New York

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not furnished the name of your Emergency Addressee as requested in letter of instructions from this office.

It is requested that in the blank space below you write the name and address of the person in the United States whom you desire to be notified in case you become seriously ill or other emergency arises while you are making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

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Name

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Address

Please fill in the above and mail it TODAY in the self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Berley, Joseph W. ~~GOEM~~  
Roosevelt 6-21

May 8 1930

Mrs. M.F. Berley,  
2327 Grand Concourse, c/oCaponigri,  
Bronx, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

Requests for stop-overs on return from the pilgrimage to the American cemeteries in Europe are being received by this office, in some cases, too late to take action.

Transportation arrangements for the round-trip are made a month before departure and requests for stop-overs on return must be in this office at that time.

Stop-overs can not be allowed on the trip to New York or in Europe, but may be allowed at any point on return from New York provided there is no additional cost or, if there is, that it is paid in advance by the pilgrim.

If you desire stop-overs at any point on return, please advise this office AT ONCE as to the cities where you desire to stop and we will be glad to arrange accordingly, or advise you if there is any additional cost to be paid by you. Send your request direct to this office and do NOT include it with your passport application.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C  
Berley, Joseph W. 608 M  
~~Repp, Charles~~ 1232 SM

April 25, 1930

Mrs. Mary Caponigri,  
2527 Grand Concourse,  
Bronx, New York.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 11 relative to the desire of Mrs. Mary Berley to be quartered with Mrs. Barbara Repp when she makes the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the SS "Roosevelt" June 21, 1930.

Notation has been made of Mrs. Berley's desire and it is believed that they can be placed in the same cabin aboard ship and in the same hotel rooms in New York and Paris.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, U. S. Corps,  
Assistant.

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Berley, Joseph W. 608 M

April 10, 1930.

Mrs. M. F. Berley,  
2327 Grand Concourse,  
c/o Caponigri,  
Bronx, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

The following instructions prepared by the Secretary of State contain the necessary instructions to be followed by you in obtaining the passport or travel document to be utilized in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. Please read the directions carefully and call in person upon the nearest Passport Agent or clerk of a Federal or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. In large cities there are usually two or more courts and at each county-seat a state court authorized to accept these passport applications.

When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

The instructions prepared by the Secretary of State are as follows:

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than 2½x2½ inches in size and such documentary

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

"A mother or widow who does not owe allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Pilgrimage Travel Document through a clerk of a Federal court or a State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens or through a Passport Agent upon the form of application prescribed for that purpose, entitled APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL DOCUMENT, issued under the Act of March 2, 1929, submitting therewith four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches in size and not less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size. When making application she should be accompanied by a credible witness who has known her for a period of two years or more.

"The Act of March 2, 1929, provides that no fee shall be charged for the execution of an application for a passport or travel document or for the issue of a passport or travel document to a mother or widow making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces are now interred.

"Special Pilgrimage Passports and Pilgrimage Travel Documents when issued by the Department of State will be forwarded to the War Department.

"Applicants resident in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle should execute applications at the Passport Agencies in those cities."

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

Berley, Joseph W. 608-M

March 28, 1930

Mrs. M.F. Berley,  
c/o Caponigri,  
2327 Grand Concourse,  
Dear Madam:  
New York, N.Y.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C  
Berley, Joseph W. 608

March 24, 1930

Mrs. M.F. Berley,  
151 E. 18th St.,  
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.  
Regulation.

QM 293 A-C  
Berley, Joseph W.

February 25, 1930.

Mrs. Mary Berley,  
c/o Caponigri,  
2527 Grand Concourse,  
Bronx, New York.

Dear Madam:

A letter from Mrs. J. Caponigri, dated February 10, 1930, addressed to the U. S. Veterans Bureau, has been referred to this office for reply to you relative to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act approved March 2, 1929.

In this connection you are advised that you are listed on the records of this office to make the pilgrimage during 1930, and it is believed that you will receive an invitation to make the sailing some time in June. Detailed information will be furnished you in due time to make arrangements for the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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→ Mrs. Caponigri



February 17, 1930

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Mrs. Mary Berley,  
c/o Caponigri,  
2327 Grand Concourse,  
Bronx, New York.

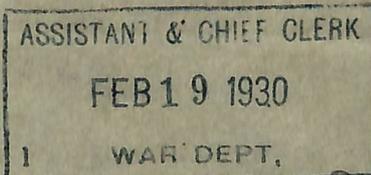
Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of a letter from Mrs. J. Caponigri, dated February 10, 1930, in which she has requested that you be furnished with information relative to the legislation providing pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces who are now interred in such cemeteries.

The administration of the legislation in which you are interested is under the jurisdiction of the War Department, to which department Mrs. Caponigri's letter is being referred for attention.

For the director,

J. O'C. ROBERTS  
Assistant General Counsel



**WAR DEPARTMENT**  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
**Berley, Joseph W. 508 W**

October 7, 1929.

**Mrs. M. C. Berley,**  
336 East 96th St.,  
New York City.

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,

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

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Berley, Joseph W. 608 M

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. M. F. Berley,  
2527 Concourse,  
Bronx, New York.

*90 Caponigri  
2327 Grand Concourse  
New York, N.Y.*

*C 106 104*

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Act  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Berley, Joseph W.  
608

Aug. 27, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Berley,  
1849 First Ave.,  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated **June 20, 1920** 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,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 20, 1929.

**Berley, Joseph W.**

**Mrs. Mary Berley,  
1849 First Ave.,  
New York City, N.Y.**

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the widow of the late **Private Joseph W. Berley, Co. C, 52nd Pioneer Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Reulas, Aisne, France.**

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother 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.

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relationship is that of a stepmother, mother through adoption or a woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. In case you have 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,

DISPATCHED  
1929 JUN 20 PM 5 07  
C. J. M. S. M. & R. DIV.  
JOHN T. HARRIS,  
Major, Q. M. Corps.  
Assistant.

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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QM 293 A-C

Berley, Joseph, W.

May 21, 1924.

Miss Florence Berley,  
1849 First Ave.,  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Miss:

The Quartermaster General desires that receipt be acknowledged of your letter of May 14, 1924, written for your mother, concerning your deceased father's bonus.

It is believed that you refer to the State bonus, which is handled by The Adjutant General, State of New York, Albany, N. Y. Therefore, your letter has this day been forwarded to him for attention.

If you had in mind the Federal bonus, recently passed by Congress, you are advised that applications will be sent by the Director of the Veterans' Bureau, Washington, D. C., without request, to those found entitled thereto. If your mother is one of these, she may expect to receive the proper blanks in due time.

Very truly yours,

R. P. HARBOLD,  
Assistant.

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WPR *[initials]*  
EED *[initials]*

Q.M.G.  
Central Mail & Files Bk.



MAY 21 1924  
B.

*[Handwritten flourish]*

QM 293 A-C

Berley, Joseph, W. Pvt.  
3188186, Co. C, 52nd  
Pioneer Infantry.

May 21, 1924.

SUBJECT: State Bonus.

TO: The Adjutant General, State of New York,  
Albany, N. Y.

1. There is forwarded herewith a letter dated May 14, 1924, for your attention, as it is believed to be a matter pertaining to your office.

2. The writer has been advised of this reference.

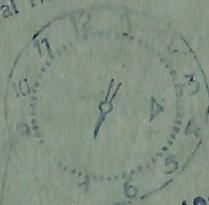
For The Quartermaster General:

R. P. HARBOLD,  
Assistant.

1 incl.  
Let. May 14/24.

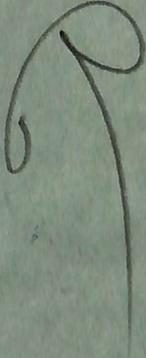
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Central Mail & File



MAY 21, 1924

B.S.



May 14, 1924.

Dear Mr. Harbold:

I am Florence Berley eleven years old and I am writing a few lines for my dear mother as she is nervous and cant write. Asking you about my Daddy's Bonus as he was a brave hero and he died in France. As we are left alone, mother my two sisters Lillian Frances and I and I hope this letter I send you that you will please see about my Daddy's bonus and won't forget my dear mother.

I am obliged

Florence Berley

Private Jos.W.Berley

Co.C, 52nd Pioneer Inf.

My mothers name is Mrs.Mary Clara Berley

1849 First Ave. N.Y.City

My Daddy died Oct.28, 1918.

QM 293 A-C

April 22, 1924

BERLEY, Joseph W., Pvt.

Mrs. Mary Berley,  
1849 First Ave.,  
New York City.

Dear Madam:

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

This American 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. P. HARBOID  
Assistant.

1-Incl.  
Record

O. Q. M. G.  
RECORD & RECORD SECT



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1362  
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APR 23 1924

MAY 21 1924

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Nov. 28, 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

jc.

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BERLEY, Joseph W.

10. Name

2. No. 3188186

11. No.

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank

4. Org. Co. C. 52nd Pion Inf.

13. Org.

5. D.D. Oct. 28th - 1918

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. Pneumonia

(b) D.B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 136 Sec.

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. No discp

18. Cemetery American Cty.

19. Commune or town NANTES

20. Dept. or County Loire-Inf.

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 88

23. Disinterred (Date) 11-28-21

By C. J. Osgood

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Joseph W. Berley

Serial No. 31 88186

Rank prt.

Organization Co. C. 52nd Pio. Inf.

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

Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

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

Body tag checks.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed features unrecognizable

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 11-28-21 By C. J. Osgood

31. Casket sealed by C. J. Osgood

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor C. J. Osgood)

AUDITED BY No. 12-30-23

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-19155

32. Designation of body:

Name Joseph W. BERLEY Serial No. 3188186

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. C. 52nd Pion Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne Amer. Cty. 608 SERINGES-et-NESLES (Aisne)

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) 11-28-21 By C J. Osgood

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 O. B. Davis, 1st Lt. QMC

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) 11-28-21

To point of Concentration \_\_\_\_\_ (Name)

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 30 Nov 21

To Permanent Cemetery Oise Aisne, Amer. #608 Seringes et Nesles, Aisne

Convoyer Pierre de Montozon Signature Shipping Officer S. D. CAMPBELL, Capt. Q.M.C.

40. Received: Date 5 Dec 21

G.R.S. Representative G. F. WAUGH

41. Reinterred 9/13/22, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes-et-Nesles, (Aisne)  
(Date)

42. Grave No. 34, Blk. C Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row 24

G.R.S. Representative C. J. Blake  
Capt. QMC

gs

Place Nantes, Cem. 88

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Nov. 28th, 1921

1. REMAINS OF BERLEY, Joseph W. SERIAL NUMBER 3188186

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. C. 52nd Pion. Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Nov. 28th, 1921 From (give complete location): Gr. 136, Cem. 88

By: Group 3 Unit Sec. 7

3. Reburied (date): 9/13/22, In (give complete location): Gr. 34, Blk. C Row 24

Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes-et-Nesles, (Aisne)

By: Group reburial group Unit metal lined Nature of reburial casket

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

Badly decomposed, features not recognizable. Wooden box and uniform.

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

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

Body tag checks.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Indiscernable due to

(b) Weight (estimated) decomposition.

(c) Hair—Color Dark.

Quantity Full Head.

Characteristics Straight

(d) Hair on face—Color Blk None

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities,

or missing parts) Indiscernable.

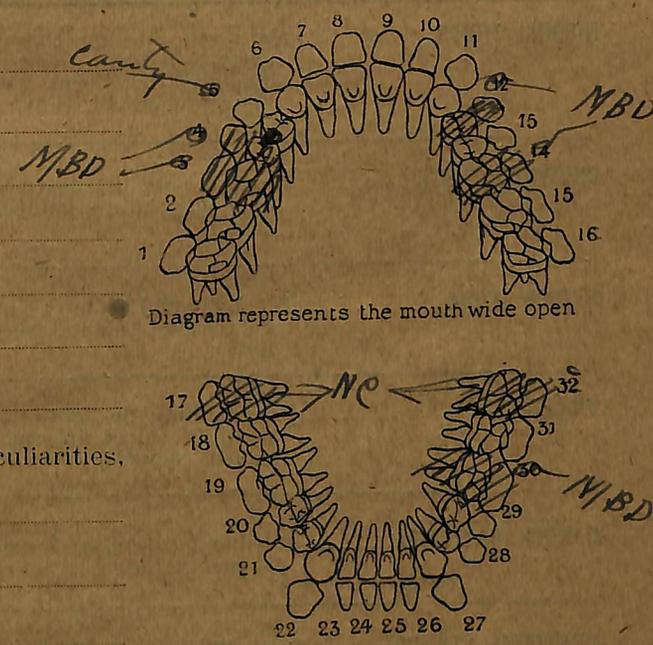
(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty)

None

F. C. Stark, checker.

7. Disinterment supervised by C. J. Osgood Approved: O. E. Davis  
C. J. Osgood, Sup. Emb. (Title) O. E. Davis, 1st Lt., QMC

8. Reburial supervised by L. D. Hays Approved: C. J. Blake  
L. D. Hays (Title) C. J. Blake, Capt., QMC



*2/8/22 Examined  
for Concentration  
Camp - Aisne, 608  
att 2/27/22*

COMPILATION N/R REQUESTS

I. DATA COMPILATION

A. Location Index Card:-

(1) Name Berley, Joseph W. Ser. No. 3188186 ) TYP. TW.  
 (2) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. C. 52nd Pioneer Inf. )  
 (3) Date of death 10/28/18 ) CKR. MB

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

(4) Cause of death Pneumonia ) TYP. EML  
 (5) Grave No. 136 Row --- Plot --- Sect. --- ) CKR. JW.

II. FILES EXAMINATION

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

B. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD

Date of receipt

*No card in file - 4/10/20*

(6) Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
 (7) Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 (8) Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 (9) Desires remains brought to U. S.? \_\_\_\_\_  
 (10) Desires remains brought to U. S. and interred in National Cemetery at \_\_\_\_\_  
 (11) If brought back, what shipping instructions? \_\_\_\_\_

SEE SUSPENSION REMARKS

C. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE

Date of communication

(12) Does correspondence Change or qualify request as made on A.G.O. card? If so, specify such information.

*No correspondence*

(13) A. G. O. Files EXAMINED by P. L. (Date) 4-12-20

D. (14) G. R. S. Files - Correspondence. (Has reference been made to File No. Cancellation memos.?)

*Yes* Does such correspondence, if containing request for disposition, reconcile with that of A. G. O. (Specify "Yes or "No".) If "No", give date of communication, the name, address, and relationship and substance of request.

*No request for disposition. Grave location registration blank.*

(15) G. R. S. Files EXAMINED by AM (Date) 4/14/20

*rechecked by  
023-21-21*

III. FINAL ACTION

2 LINES EXAMINED BY

(Date)

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) \_\_\_\_\_

(19) Typed by \_\_\_\_\_ Checked by \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

C. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*Form 120-8-9-20 Mrs. Mary Berley, wife 1849  
First Ave New York City N.Y. requests body  
remain in France H.S. 8/27/20*

(11) If prompt pack' and shipping instructions APR 22 1920

D. Dispatched (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ (Let. Trans. no. \_\_\_\_\_)

(10) Remains remaining prompt to \_\_\_\_\_ and interred in national

(9) Approved by prompt to \_\_\_\_\_

(8) Date \_\_\_\_\_

(7) Name \_\_\_\_\_

*C. A. Mrs. Mary Berley, (Wife)  
138 2 Ave A. New York City.*

II. LINES EXAMINATION

(2) Class no \_\_\_\_\_ How \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Sec't \_\_\_\_\_ ) CKB

(4) Cause of death \_\_\_\_\_ ) LAY

B. Registration Card: (Check box card ind. against doc. ind. ind.)

(2) Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ )

(5) H.R. K. \_\_\_\_\_ ) CKB

(7) Name \_\_\_\_\_ ) LAY

V. Location Index Card: \_\_\_\_\_

I. DATA COMPIGATION

COMPIGATION IN REQUEST

Comptrol no \_\_\_\_\_

Spec no \_\_\_\_\_

File no \_\_\_\_\_

Comptrol no 112

Comptrol

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

*Rush Answered*

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.  
*1849 First Ave*  
TO: Mrs. Mary Berley, ~~1362 Ave. A.,~~ New York, N.Y. *change in address*  
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Joseph W. Berley, Co. C. 52nd Pion. Inf. (3188186)

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

*Remain in France.*

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

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

Noted on Form No. 116  
Date 8-27-20 H.S.

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow	<i>1849 First Ave. N.Y. C.</i> <i>Mrs Mary Berley</i>		<i>New York</i>
Soldier's Children (Name oldest first)	1. <i>Florence Berley</i> 2. <i>Lillian Berley</i> 3. <i>Frances Berley</i>	<i>7</i> <i>5</i> <i>3</i>	<i>" "</i>
Father	<i>Dead</i>		
Mother	<i>Living - Do not know where.</i>		
Brothers (Name oldest first)	1. 2. 3. <i>Living - Do not know where.</i>		
Sisters (Name oldest first)	1. 2. 3. <i>Living - Do not know where.</i>		

Date *Aug. 9, 1920* Signature *Mrs Mary Berley*  
Address *1849 First Ave. N.Y. City.* Relationship *Wife*

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

(OVER)

Died for his country and wish his body  
to lay at rest there, in France

Mrs Mary Berley  
1849 First Ave. N. Y. City  
N. Y.



RECEIVED

NAME OF ... LOAN ... STATE

WHETHER these regulations are still valid  
of this paper and a serious delay in the shipment of this paper. Since in each case  
if all blank papers below are not filled up, it will necessitate a return  
Major, U.S.A.  
CHARLES C. BIERSE  
By authority of the Quartermaster General:  
... (2) remain in envelope  
... in the United States (S) ...  
The nearest relative may choose between ...  
... on reverse side of this paper.  
If there are not the correct instructions, please collect them here

not experienced loss ...  
The records of this office show that you have ...  
SUBJECT: Remains of Capt. Joseph W. Berley, Co. D. 88th Regt. Inf. (Regiment)  
TO: Mrs. Mary Berley, 1849 First Ave. N. Y. City  
FROM: Chief, Quartermaster General, U.S.A.

WASHINGTON  
CHIEF QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WAR DEPARTMENT

G. R. S. Form #120  
Shipping Inquiry.

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

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FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.  
TO: Mrs. Mary Berley, 1382 Ave., A. New York.  
SUBJECT: Disposition of remains of Pvt. Joseph W. Berley.

Records of this office show your request to be ~~as follows:~~

APR 22 1920

~~Remains to be~~ ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ not expressed..... ~~Interred~~.....

~~Shipped to~~.....

If any modifications of the foregoing are desired please write same fully on the other side of this sheet.

The nearest living relative may choose between, (1) return of remains to homes for burial; (2) interment in Arlington, Va., National Cemetery; or (3) remain in France.

You are requested to fill out the following without delay and return in enclosed penalty envelope, which does not require postage.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE  
Colonel, U. S. Army.

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Widow			
Children (Name oldest first)			
Father			
Mother			
Brothers			
Sisters			

Date.....

Signature.....

Address.....

Relationship.....

HBC  
NS/7154/LML

67214  
**RAVE LOCATION BLANK**

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

**BERLEY,**..... **3188186**..... **Joseph W.**.....  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

**Pvt.**..... **Co. C, 52d Pioneer Inf.**.....  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: **Base Hospital #34, Nantes**...

CAUSE OF DEATH: **Disease**.....

DATE OF BURIAL: **Oct. 29, 1918**.....

PLACE OF BURIAL: **American Cemetery #88,**.....

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

**Section B, Nantes, Loire-Inferieure**.....

GRAVE NUMBER: **136**.....

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?..... Cross?.....  
**Bottle, to be replaced by Cross.**  
Headboard?..... Bottle?.....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

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

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker?..... **1 to be fastened to Cross.**.....

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: **Mrs. J. W. Berley,**.....

ADDRESS: **1382 Ave. A, New York City.**.....

RELATIONSHIP: **Wife**.....

REPORTED BY: *CW Clash*.....

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

*Chaplain Base Hospital 34*  
to be sent to Chief of Graves Registration Service.

**REVIEWED  
OSP SS.**

NOV 5 1918

2158 35th St.,  
Astoria, L.I.,  
Feb. 11, 1936

Dear Sir:

Please send me my husband' death certificate. The name is Joseph W. Berley  
died Oct. 28, 1918.

Trusting you will give the matter your immediate attention, I am

Yours truly

Mrs. Mary Clara Berley

QM 295 C-11  
Berley, Joseph W.

1st Ind.

War Department, OQMG, Washington, D. C., February 18, 1936 - To:  
The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.

1. For necessary attention as a matter pertaining to your  
office.

For The Quartermaster General.

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1936 FEB - 18 - AM 11:36

OQMG M-30

JOHN T. HARRIS,  
Lt. Colonel, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

je.

JAN 15 1926

DATE

1. NAME BERLEY, Joseph W.

SERIAL No. 3188186

RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION Co. C. 52nd Pion Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION Amer. Cty NANTES (Loire-Inf.)

& DIVISION not shown

88

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

136

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

136

Nantes

L.I.

As shown by GRS Form #1-A, Feb. 9, 1919.

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES

Not given

CONCENTRATED TO

Nothing 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.

Nothing of record.

DATE OF DEATH

Oct. 28, '18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

New York

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

None

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

None of record.

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

Stanley J. Grogan

STANLEY J. GROGAN CAPT. INF. USA.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Sept. 13, 1922.

34

24

Block C

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

Oise-Aisne Amer. #608, Seringes-et-Nesles (Aisne).

CEMETERY A. G. O.

JAN 16 1926

WORLD WAR DIV.

AUDITED BY

K.M. 1/13

*Not reported 5/27/18*

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

**BERLEY,** **3188186** **Joseph W.**  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

**Pvt.** **Co. C, 52d Pioneer Inf.**  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: **Base Hospital #34, Nantes**

CAUSE OF DEATH: **Disease**

DATE OF BURIAL: **Oct. 29, 1918**

PLACE OF DEATH: **American Cemetery #88,**

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

**Section B, Nantes, Loire-Inférieure**

GRAVE NUMBER: **136**

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

**Bottle, to be replaced by Cross.**

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

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

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker?..... **1 to be fastened to Cross.**.....

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

NEAREST RELATIVE **Mrs. J. W. Berley,**

ADDRESS: **1382 Ave. A, New York City.**

RELATIONSHIP: **Wife**

REPORTED BY:

*CW Clash*

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

*Chaplain Base Hospital 34*

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

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Berley	3	258
BURIED	Joseph W.		
	CEMETERY	1	2
	GRAVE	2	34
	ROW	2	24
	BLOCK	1	3
STATE	ny	2	37
RANK	Pvt	1	2
DIVISION	Inf	2	51
ORGANIZATION	52	3	052
ARM	Pion Inf	1	1
MARTIAL	yes	1	1
NAME	Berley	3	258
RESIDENCE	Mrs. M. C.		
	STATE	2	37
	COUNTY	2	31
	CITY	3	101
RELATION	336 East 96th St		
	widow	1	5
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Bad	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP		1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	
	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
	No age	1	2

*Audited*  
OCT 6 1931  
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OUT-CHARGE SHEET

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Remarks:

Berley, Joseph H.  
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Re 2 M. 293 - A M. 336 East 96 Street  
New York City

Sept. 8, 1932  
Mr. Chas W. Dietz.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of September 6 I wish to advise you I cannot take the trip across the ocean next year as I am under the Doctor's care with heart trouble.

I have been away for a rest and am very sorry I could not answer the other letter.

Yours truly,  
Mrs. Mary Clara Berley

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Berley, Joseph W. (OA)

July 9, 1932.

Mrs. M. C. Berley,  
336 East 96th St.,  
New York City, N. Y.

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 A-M  
Berley, Joseph W.      OA

September 6, 1932.

Mrs. M. C. Berley,  
336 East 96th Street,  
New York, N. Y.

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") *No*

2. Please state your age and condition of health: *35-Heart Trouble*

Age: *35*  
Health: *Heart Trouble*

3. Do you speak English? *Yes*

4. What other language do you speak?

*Mrs. Mary Clara Berley*  
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*  
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

Berley, Joseph W. (O-A) W ✓

September 29, 1951

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Mrs. M. C. Berley,  
536 East 96th St.,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

In order that the records may be complete, 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 1932?

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:  
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Berley, Joseph W. Pvt. (OA) W-

July 8, 1931.

Mrs. M. C. Berley,  
736 East 96th St.,  
New York, N. Y.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

April 4, 1931.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Berley, Joseph W. 608 M

Mrs. M. F. Berley,  
151 E. 81st St.,  
New York City.

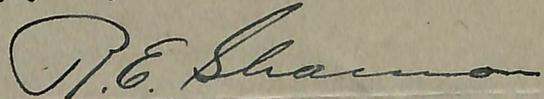
Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested that you advise as to whether the widow of your son, the late Private Joseph W. Berley, has remarried. If she has not, it will be appreciated if you will furnish her present address.

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

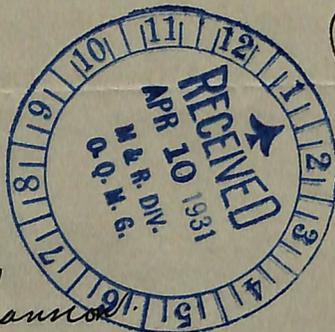
For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,



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

Enclosure:  
Envelope



Dear Mr. Shannon

As far as I know, my daughter-in-law has not remarried. Her address is 336 East 96 St. New York City.  
Yours truly, Mary F. Berley.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 7, 1930.

Berley, Joseph W. ~~1930~~ 608 W

Mrs. M. C. Berley,  
336 East 96th St.,  
New York, N.Y.

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)

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WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Berley, Joseph W. OA

September 6, 1932.

Mrs. M. C. Berley,  
356 East 96th Street,  
New York, N. Y.

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?	

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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.

Encl:  
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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Berley, Joseph W. (OA)

July 9, 1932.

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New York City, N. Y.

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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) \_\_\_\_\_