

JAN 7 - 1926

1802

FULL NAME ... BERNARDI, Joseph *Blair*

RANK ... Private ... SERIAL ... 172941

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION ... Company I, 167th Infantry *42nd*

DATE OF DEATH ... *July 26, '18*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME ... *Pennsylvania*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED ... *none*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION ... 18 ... 11 ... B

Date Grave Row Block

608

Cemetery

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mother*

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WORLD WAR DIV.

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**GRAVE LOCATION BLANK**

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LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Bernardi* *172941* *Joseph*  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

*Plt* *C. I. 168 Inf*  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *7-31-18*

PLACE OF BURIAL *Cante. in Brn Map*

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

GRAVE NUMBER *259*

HOW MARKED: ~~Name Peg?~~ *Name on* Cross? *Yes*

~~Headboard?~~ ~~Bottle?~~

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? *Yes*

~~Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker?~~

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

REPORTED BY: *W.E. Rott*

*Plt Hatch, Chap 168 Inf*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Co. I. 167th. Inf.  
42nd. Division.

BERNARDI, Joseph.-Pvt.172941

Pvt. Joseph Bernardi was killed in action July 26th, 1918,  
at the Battle of La Cfoix Rouge Farm and was buried at the same  
place.

Informant: Howe, Maurice W.- Capt.  
Co. I. 167th. Inf.  
Home : Fitchburg, Mass.

Not signed.

EB.



Place Seranges-et-Nesles, Aisne

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Apr. 30/21

1. REMAINS OF BERNARDI, JOSEPH SERIAL NUMBER 172941

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. I, 167th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Apr. 30/21. From (give complete location): Seranges-et-Nesles Amer. Cty. #608, Gr. 24-L-1

By: Group Kierce Unit \_\_\_\_\_

3. Reburied (date): Same date In (give complete location): Same cemetery Gr. 126-C-3

By: Group Kierce Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial Box & burlap

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: 5 ft. earthen grave, U S uniform, burlap, blanket, pine box, decomposed

unrecognizable

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

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

Tag on body reads "Joseph Bernardi", U S N A collar ornament

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

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

(c) Hair—Color \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Characteristics \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Hair on face—Color \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

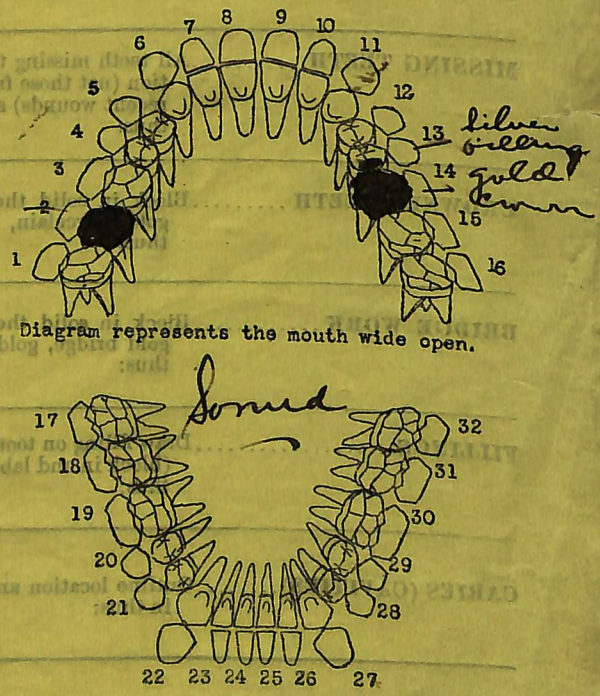
Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

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

missing parts) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Right leg shattered, below knee



7. Disinterment supervised by P. P. Kierce, S.E.

Approved: W C Hurst, Capt. QMC.  
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by P. P. Kierce, S.E.






Approved: W C Hurst, Capt. QMC.  
(Title)

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**INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER COMPLETION OF G. R. S. FORM NO. 16-A**

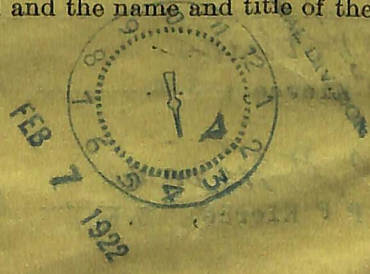
Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Question 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No."  
 (b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No. 6.
6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

<b>MISSING TEETH</b> .....	All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus:	
<b>CROWNED TEETH</b> .....	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:	
<b>BRIDGE WORK</b> .....	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus:	
<b>FILLINGS</b> .....	Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:	
<b>CARIES (CAVITIES)</b> .....	Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:	

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

7. Show name of person supervising the disinterment and the name and title of the person approving same.
8. Show name of person supervising the reburial and the name and title of the person approving same.





Bernardi, Joseph  
Pvt.

-4-(Revised)

Pennsylvania

GOLD STAR MOTHERS' PILGRIMAGE

S.S. REPUBLIC, JULY 26, 1930

Allegheny County

Name: Mrs. Catherine Rava (N-11)

Address: 6 Secane Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Route: Pennsylvania R.R. to New York

Lv. Pittsburgh Train No. 38  
Ar. New York (Penna. Sta.)

9.30 PM July 24  
7.00 AM July 25

Accommodations: Through Sleeper

Elapsed Time: 9 Hours 30 Minutes

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Pennsylvania

GOLD STAR MOTHERS PILGRIMAGE

S.S. REPUBLIC, JULY 26, 1930

Allegheny County

Name: Mrs. Catherine Rava (N-11)

Address: 6 Secane Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Route: Baltimore & Ohio R.R. to New York

Lv. Pittsburgh Train No. 18	11.50 P.M., July 24
Ar. Jersey City Train No. 518	12.30 P.M., July 25

Accommodations:  Through Sleeper

Elapsed Time: 12 hours 40 minutes  $\frac{3}{4}$

Bernardi, Joseph

Party "B" - Itinerary - Cise-Aisne Group

- Sailed July 26, 1930 on REPUBLIC. Maj. Garlock in Charge. Arrived Cherbourg at day break August 5th. Special tender arrived 5:55 am, bearing Maj. Dailey; Capts. Conway, Stark, Halsey, Earnest and Lambert; Lts. Freeman, Morin and Swicker; Maj. Kinderman; Miss Blanche Kulon, Capt. A.N.C.; six nurses and three civilian employees. Train left 8:16 am; arrived Gare des Invalides 2:40 pm. Met by Col. Ellis and members of his staff, interpreters and nurses. Taken in bus to hotel.
- August 6th: Morning devoted to transaction of personal business. Exchange of money, preparation of laundry, etc. Afternoon - Arc de Triomphe, Wreath laid by Mrs. Crane for party. Tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent. Dinner at hotel.
- August 7th: Morning free. Lunch at hotel. Left 2:15 pm for Versailles. Left Versailles 4:55 pm. Arrive 5:30 pm for refreshments Belle Cycliste - Suresnes. Dinner at hotel.
- August 8th: Morning free. Lunch at hotel. Left 1:40 pm from hotel via Porte de Fontin. Arrived La Porte s/a/ Jouarre (rest stop Hotel de la Terrasse). Left 4:30 pm via Chateau-Thierry and arrived Soissons 8:15 pm. Quarters Hotel Lion Rouge.
- August 9th  
& 10th: Visited Cise-Aisne Cemetery.
- August 11th: Last visit to cemetery in morning. Lunch at hotel. Left Soissons 2:00 pm via Fismes. Arrived Reims 4:25 pm. Quarters Hotel Crystal.
- August 12th: Visited Reims and Cathedral in morning. Lunch at hotel. Left Reims for Soissons 1:30 pm via R.E. 44, Berry-au-Bac, Gerbeny. (Rest stop Hotel Lion Rouge). Left Soissons 3:50 for Compiègne. Quarters Hotel Rond Royal.
- August 13th: Left 9:30 am for Carrefour de L'Armistice. Returned to Compiègne 12:00. Lunch Hotel Rond Royal. Left 2:00 pm for Chantilly via La Croix St-Ouen, Senlis. (Rest stop Hotel du Parc). Left 4:30 pm for Paris. Dinner at hotel.
- August 14th: Left 9:45 am for Fontainebleau via Barbizon. Lunch at Hotel Legris. Visited Chateau. Left 4:00 pm for Paris via Melun. Dinner at hotel.
- August 15th: Holiday. Trip on Seine River.
- August 16th: Visited Sacre Coeur in morning. Lunch at hotel. Sightseeing trip Paris - Napoleon's Tomb. Dinner at hotel.
- August 17th: Free of Church. Lunch at hotel. Louvre. Dinner at hotel. Night sightseeing trip.
- August 18th: Morning sightseeing trip Paris - Notre Dame. Lunch at hotel. Afternoon free. Dinner at hotel.
- August 19th: ~~Next train for Cherbourg. Left 2:12 pm. Arrived 8:25 pm.   
 ~~PREVIOUS SHIPPING SAILED ABOUT 10:30 pm. ARRIVED NEW YORK AUGUST 22th.~~~~

Remained in Europe (visited Milan, Italy)

Mrs Catherine Rava

WAR DEPARTMENT  
"PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"  
ROOM 901  
225 WEST 34TH ST., NEW YORK, N. Y.

*BERNARDI, JOSEPH*

*QA*

Party ... *N* .....  
Number ... *2551* .....

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

*Mrs. Catherine Rava*  
..... Actual cost of through Pullman.  
Name of Traveler

*Pittsburgh, Allegheny County* ..... New York, to *Pittsburgh, Pa.*  
Home Address

..... Pa. \$ *3.00* .....

New York, to *Pittsburgh, Pa.*  
Destination

Via *PENN. to dest.*  
.....  
.....

*AUGUST 28, 1930*

*Limit-Sept. 24/30*

Date of Departure

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	Car	U. S. G. Order No.	Actual Cost
LV	<i>Penn.sta.</i>	<i>PENN.</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>8-28</i>	<i>9:00 A</i>			
<i>*AR</i>	<i>PITTSBURGH</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>8-28</i>	<i>7:00 P.</i>	<i>3 20</i>	<i>65 #989</i>	<i>3.00</i>
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TOTAL .....

Remarks:

*Remainder in Charge  
John Exp.*

Name **RAVA, Mrs. Catherine**

Paris Hôtel **HOTEL DE PARIS**

Home address **BOULEVARD DE LA MADELEINE  
6 Secane Ave., Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co., Pennsylvania.**

Party **N** Group **2** Unit ~~55~~ **REPUBLIC**

Date of arrival **Aug 5, 1930** Date of departure **to return to U.S.A. at own expense.**

Relationship **Mother**

Name of deceased **BERNARDI, Joseph.**

Rank **Pvt** Organization **Co.I. 167th Inf.**

Cemetery **Oise-Aisne**

REMARKS

Mrs. Rava to leave her party on Aug. 9th, (leave Gare de Lyon 3.10 P.M. arrive Milan 6.00 a.m., direct train.) to make a personal tour to Milan, Italy.  
~~and to cancel tickets to U.S.A.~~ To pay all expenses for return to New York and home-town in U.S.A. Passport #199852 given to Mrs. Rava.

She was only issued one way transportation - New York to Cherbourg.



*Catherine Rava*

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2551

**NAME** RAVA, MRS. CATHERINE

**S.S.** HARDING AUG 27 1930

**HOME** PITTSBURGH, ALLEGHENY COUNTY..

PENNSYLVANIA

**R.R.**

*Permit to dest*

**STATION**

**TRAIN #**

**CAR #**

**BERTH OR SEAT**

**TIME**

**DATE**

*Sept 24 - 30*

*Remained  
in  
Europe.*

Arrived 7:00 am. Pa. R.R., July 25, 1930.  
Met by Capt Morrill Ross. Escorted to  
Hotel Paramount. Occupied Room  
627 with Mrs. Sarah Dvell.

Stopover in Europe

Mrs. Catherine Rava ..... N-2551 .....

City ..... Pittsburgh ..... State .. Pa. ....

Your Berth Is ..... S-20 ..... Car .65 ..... Train .25 .....

Leave ..... Penn Sta ..... Via ..... Penn RR ..... At .9:00 AM E. S. T. 8/28 .....

Arrive At ..... Pittsburgh ..... At .7:00 PM 8/28 .....

Leave ..... Via ..... At .....

Arrive At ..... At .....

Leave ..... Via ..... At .....

Arrive At ..... At .....

Leave ..... Via ..... At .....

Arrive At ..... At .....

Leave ..... *Remaining in Europe* ..... At .....

Arrive At ..... *own exp.* ..... At .....

September 5, 1930

File No. 552.01 (Transportation, Party "H" )

SUBJECT: Return Railroad Tickets

TO: The Quartermaster General  
Washington, D. C.

1. Enclosed herewith return railroad tickets of the following pilgrims of party "H" who left their party and are remaining in Europe at their own expense:

Mrs. A. B. Diniro	Reading Co. Ticket #9233
Mrs. Louise Schmidt	B & O RR " 1208
Mrs. Catherine Rava	Penn. RR " 941
Mrs. Pressly A. Brown	Southern RR " 23653

For the Officer in Charge:

JFM:GER  
Enc. RR [initials]

July 12th, 1930

Mrs. Catherine Eava,  
6 Secane Avenue,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Please attach the enclosed tags to each piece of baggage, thus to protect the safe arrival of same in New York.

When your arrival in this City, you will be met at the Railroad Station by a United States Army Officer, in uniform, who will wear on the left sleeve of his coat a blue cloth band, showing a Gold Star and the word "Pilgrimage". This officer will escort you and your baggage to your Hotel in New York City.

For The Officer in Charge:

George F. R. Taylor,  
1st. Lieut., Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Enclosures:  
2 tags.

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE	
NAME	Bernardi	BER	3	258
BURIED	Joseph	CEMETERY 608	1	7
		GRAVE 18	2	18
		ROW 11	2	11
		BLOCK B	1	2
STATE	Pa		2	44
RANK	Pvt		1	2
DIVISION	42		2	42
ORGANIZATION	167		3	167
ARM	Inf		1	1
MARTIAL	No		1	2
NAME	Rava	RAV	3	81 1/2
RESIDENCE	Mrs Catherine	STATE Pa	2	44
		COUNTY Allegheny	2	02
		CITY Pittsburgh	3	224
RELATION	Mother		1	1
OTHER			1	
ELIGIBILITY	Yes		1	1
NATIVITY			1	
RACE			1	
ENGLISH	Yes		1	1
ATTENDANT			1	
HEALTH	Good		1	
NO. OF SONS			1	
DATE OF TRIP		MO. YR. 1930	1	1
ACCEPTANCE	age	Yes	1	1

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PENNSYLVANIA

Bernardi, Joseph

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6 Secane Ave., Pittsburgh

NAME .. Rava, Mrs. Catherine ..... HOME ADDRESS ..... Allegheny County

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN .. Mrs. J. Rava 148 Ruth St. Pittsburgh, Pa.

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE .. July 25 ..... HOTEL .. Paramount ..... ROOM NO. 627 .....

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE .. JUL 26 1930 ..... VESSEL .. S/S REPUBLIC ..... CABIN NO. 400-A .....

DESTINATION .. CHERBOURG ..... CEMETERY .. O.A. ....

RETURN NEW YORK

AUG 27 1930

DATE .....

M.

6 SECANE AVE., PITTSBURG,

NAME ... RAVA MRS. CATHERINE ..... HOME ADDRESS ... ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENN.

S/S HARDING

NEW YORKER

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

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE *8/28* .....

ROAD *Penn* TRAIN *25* CAR *65* BERTH or SEAT *820* .....

REMARKS .....  
*Europe own expense*  
.....  
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RETURN RECEIPT

608

Republic 7-26-30

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

Catherine Rava.

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, 7-5-30, 192

Form 3811

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**Post Office Department**

**OFFICIAL BUSINESS**

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

**REGISTERED ARTICLE**

No. 923814

**INSURED PARCEL**

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

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING



*Return to* \_\_\_\_\_

*Street and Number,  
or Post Office Box,* \_\_\_\_\_

**Q. M. GENERAL**

(NAME OF BUSINESS)  
**MUNITIONS BUILDING**

**WASHINGTON**

**D. C.**

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Republic 7-26-30

RETURN RECEIPT

608

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

Mrs Catherine Rava

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, 7-16-30, 192

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 824

INSURED PARCEL

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



PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO PREPAY POSTAGE \$300

ADDRESS  
YOUR MAIL  
TO  
STREET AND  
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POSTMARK OF DELIVERING  
OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY



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Q. M. GENERAL 17 1930

Street and Number, }  
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Post Office at \_\_\_\_\_

Washington, D. C.

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QM 295 A-11  
Bernardi, Joseph 608

October 28, 1920

Mrs. Catherine C. Rava,  
6 Secane Avenue,  
Pittsburgh, Penna.

Dear Madam:

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Passport.

July 10, 1930

Bernardi, Joseph 608 M

Mrs. Catherine Hava,  
6 Secane Avenue,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

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

Lv Pittsburgh	Penna Train No. 38	9:30 PM July 24
Ar New York (Penna Station)	" "	7:00 AM " 25

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-M  
Bernardi, Joseph 608

July 9, 1930

Mrs. Catherine Rava,  
6 Secane Avenue,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated July 1, 1930, relative to your transportation to New York City in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, sailing on the S.S. Republic July 26, 1930.

Please be advised that your transportation will be arranged via the Pennsylvania Railroad as desired instead of the B & O. You are scheduled to leave on train No. 38 at 9:30 P.M. July 24, 1930, and arrive in New York City, Pennsylvania Station 7:00 A.M. July 25, 1930.

You are further advised that baggage tags will be mailed to you from our New York Office about a week prior to your departure. These tags will show the name of the hotel to which you will be assigned upon arrival in New York. You will be met at the station by an Officer of the Army who will escort you to your hotel.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bernardi, Joseph - 608 M

July 3, 1930

Mrs. Catherine Rava  
6 Secane Avenue  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. ~~243,309~~ in the amount of \$5.00, to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Check No.

Pittsburgh Pa. t h 24  
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Mr R. E. Shannon.....

Capt. Z. M. Coops.,

Assistant..

Reference: Z. M. 293 A. M.

Bernardi, Joseph - 608.

July 24/30 h 25

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38 930

Dear Sir:- According to your letter of the 28th arrangements had been made for my transportation from Pittsburgh to Jersey City N. Y. over the B. & O. railroad. As my daughter and her husband who is connected with the Penna. R. L. have obtained a pass in order to accompany me as far as N. Y. is it possible to have my transportation transferred that I may travel over the Penna. railroad. If this is possible on my arrival in New York I will make the necessary arrangements to meet the pilgrimage on its arrival in Jersey City. Thanking you in advance for your kind attention I feel you will give this matter. I beg to remain

Very truly yours.

Mrs Catherine Rava.

XXX A-M

Bernardi, Joseph - 608

June 28, 1930.

Mrs. Catherine Rava,  
6 Secane Ave.,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

Lv. Pittsburgh	B&O	Train No. 18	11:50 PM	July 24
Ar. Jersey City	"	" " 518	12:30 PM	" 25

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

May 17, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

**Bernardi, Joseph-608 M  
Republic 7-26**

**Mrs. Catherine Rava,  
6 Secane Avenue,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.**

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

*Mr Joseph Rava*

Address

*148 Ruth St. Pgh. Penna.*

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  
Bernardi, Joseph 508 M

April 25, 1930.

Mrs. Catherine Rava,  
6 Secane Ave.,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

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.

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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.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Republic

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Bernardi, Joseph

I accept the invitation extended  
(Accept or decline)

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

Mrs. Catherine Rava

(Name)

6 Secane Ave., Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co., Pa.

(Town or City)

(State)

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QM 293 A-C  
Bernardi, Joseph

November 6, 1929.

Mr. H. E. Beyer,  
607 Woodbourne,  
So. Hills P. O.,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Further reference is made to letter of this office of September 19, 1929, in which you were advised that plans had not progressed far enough to give you definite information relative to the granting of a stop-over for Mrs. Catherine Rava, during the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by Congress in the Act of March 2, 1929.

With regard to Mrs. Rava making an extended visit in Italy, please be advised that it has been held that, except in unavoidable cases, there is no authority of law to extend the time specified in Section 2 (e) of the Act to cover this pilgrimage or to grant requests of individuals to leave the groups to which assigned.

Persons making the pilgrimage and desiring for other than unavoidable reasons an extension of time or variation in the itinerary, can be granted such extensions and variations, only upon the condition that all further expenses of the pilgrimage after leaving the group, including the return transportation to their homes, will be borne by the individuals concerned.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bernardi, Joseph 608 M

October 7, 1929.

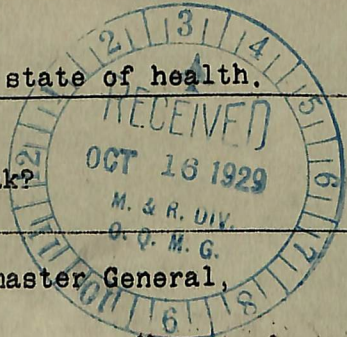
Mrs. Catherine Rava,  
6 Secane Ave.,  
Pittsburgh, Penna.

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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <del>(No)</del>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <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 <u>65</u> Health (Years) (Good) <del>(Poor)</del>
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <del>(No)</del> Other language <u>Italian</u> (Specify language spoken)



For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Envelope

QM 293 A-C  
Bernardi, Joseph

September 19, 1929.

Mr. H. E. Beyer,  
607 Woodbourne,  
So. Hills P. O.,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 5, 1929, written in behalf of Mrs. Catherine Rava relative to the pilgrimage of the Gold Star Mothers and Widows to Europe.

As detailed plans for the pilgrimage have not yet been completed, a definite answer to your question regarding a stop-over can not be given at this time. You are assured, however, that The Quartermaster General will be as liberal as he can be under the circumstances in granting such requests. When a decision is reached you will be notified.

Within a reasonable time prior to the beginning of the pilgrimage (May 1930) blanks will be forwarded to Mrs. Rava upon which to make formal application for the journey. Space will be provided thereon for her to indicate the time she desires to go.

You may assure Mrs. Rava that competent personnel will be assigned by the War Department to provide for the needs and comfort of those making the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

SC/p

Mr. Jno T. Harris Major  
I.M Corps

Pgh Pa 9/3/29

Dear Sir

Mrs Catherine Rava desires to make the trip but she desires to know if she can lay over for several weeks instead of coming back at once.

She desires to know if she is permitted to lay over and use the pass or permit as you may call it to come back on another boat or must she come back on the same boat

She is up in years and feels that if she can stay over several weeks she can see her relatives in Italy and rest up before coming back.

Please advise me

Yours truly

H. E. Beyer

607 Woodbourne

So Hills P.O. Pgh Pa

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bernardi, Joseph  
608

Aug. 27, 1929.

Mrs. Catherine Rava,  
6 Secane Ave.,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

Catherine Rava *mother*  
6 Secane Ave  
Pgh. Pa

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

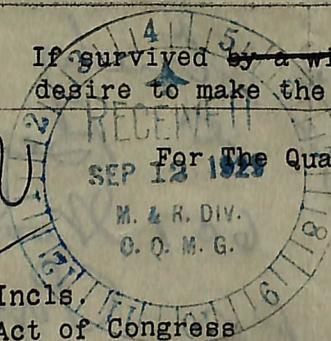
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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*John T. Harris*  
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

June 20, 1929.

**Bernardi, Joseph.**

**Mrs. Catharine Rava,  
6 Secane Ave.,  
Pittsburgh, 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 **Private Joseph Bernardi, Co. I, 167th Inf., 42nd Div., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.**

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

Bernard, Joseph 608

October 28, 1930

Mrs. Catherine C. Rava,  
6 Secane Avenue,  
Pittsburgh, Penna.

Dear Madam:

passport

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Passport.

July 10, 1930

Bernardi, Joseph 608 M

Mrs. Catherine Rava,  
6 Secane Avenue,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

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

Lv Pittsburgh	Penna Train No. 38	9:30 PM July 24
Ar New York (Penna Station)	" "	7:00 AM " 25

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M  
Bernardi, Joseph 608

July 9, 1930

Mrs. Catherine Rava,  
6 Secane Avenue,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated July 1, 1930, relative to your transportation to New York City in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, sailing on the S.S. Republic July 26, 1930.

Please be advised that your transportation will be arranged via the Pennsylvania Railroad as desired instead of the B & O. You are scheduled to leave on train No. 38 at 9:50 P.M. July 24, 1930, and arrive in New York City, Pennsylvania Station 7:00 A.M. July 25, 1930.

You are further advised that baggage tags will be mailed to you from our New York Office about a week prior to your departure. These tags will show the name of the hotel to which you will be assigned upon arrival in New York. You will be met at the station by an Officer of the Army who will escort you to your hotel.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Bernardi, Joseph - 608

June 28, 1930.

Mrs. Catherine Rava,  
6 Secane Ave.,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

Lv. Pittsburgh	B&O	Train No. 16	11:50 PM	July 24
Ar. Jersey City	"	" " 510	12:30 PM	" 25

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

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bernardi, Joseph 608-M

June 12, 1930.

Mrs Catherine Rava,  
6 Socane Ave.,  
Pittsburgh, Penna.

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.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON May 17, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bernardi, Joseph-808 M  
Republic 7-26

Mrs. Catherine Rava,  
6 Secane Avenue,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

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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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bernardi, Joseph 6084  
Republic 7-26

May 7 1930

Mrs. Catherine Rava,  
6 Soane Ave.,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

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.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bernardi, Joseph 608 H

April 25, 1930.

Mrs. Catherine Rava,  
6 Secane Ave.,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

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:

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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.

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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

Bernardi, Joseph 608-M

April 7, 1930

Mrs. Catherine Rava,  
6 Secane Avenue,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.  
Regulation.

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QM 293 A-C  
Bernardi, Joseph

November 6, 1929.

Mr. H. E. Beyer,  
607 Woodbourne,  
So. Hills P. O.,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Further reference is made to letter of this office of September 19, 1929, in which you were advised that plans had not progressed far enough to give you definite information relative to the granting of a stop-over for Mrs. Catherine Rava, during the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by Congress in the Act of March 2, 1929.

With regard to Mrs. Rava making an extended visit in Italy, please be advised that it has been held that, except in unavoidable cases, there is no authority of law to extend the time specified in Section 2 (2) of the Act to cover this pilgrimage or to grant requests of individuals to leave the groups to which assigned.

Persons making the pilgrimage and desiring for other than unavoidable reasons an extension of time or variation in the itinerary, can be granted such extensions and variations, only upon the condition that all further expenses of the pilgrimage after leaving the group, including the return transportation to their homes, will be borne by the individuals concerned.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bernardi, Joseph 608 M

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Catherine Rava,  
6 Secane Ave.,  
Pittsburgh, Penna.

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,

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

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

QM 293 A-C  
Bernardi, Joseph

September 19, 1929.

Mr. H. E. Boyer,  
607 Woodbourne,  
So. Hills P. O.,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 3, 1929, written in behalf of Mrs. Catherine Rava relative to the pilgrimage of the Gold Star Mothers and Widows to Europe.

As detailed plans for the pilgrimage have not yet been completed, a definite answer to your question regarding a stop-over can not be given at this time. You are assured, however, that The Quartermaster General will be as liberal as he can be under the circumstances in granting such requests. When a decision is reached you will be notified.

Within a reasonable time prior to the beginning of the pilgrimage (May 1930) blanks will be forwarded to Mrs. Rava upon which to make formal application for the journey. Space will be provided thereon for her to indicate the time she desires to go.

You may assure Mrs. Rava that competent personnel will be assigned by the War Department to provide for the needs and comfort of those making the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

U. S. M. G. & R. DIV.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bernardi, Joseph  
608

Aug. 27, 1929.

Mrs. Catherine Rava,  
6 Secane Ave.,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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  
Bernardi, Joseph.

June 20, 1929.

Mrs. Catherine Rava,  
6 Secane Ave.,  
Pittsburgh, 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 Private Joseph Bernardi, Co. I, 167th Inf., 42nd Div., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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Q. M. G. & R. DIV.  
JOHN T. HARRIS,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Bernardi,

Joseph,

172,941

Dup. ✓

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt.

Co. I, 167th Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

*mother.*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

*no.*

(Yes or no.)

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

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.) ✓

(Sign here)

*Catherine Beava*

(Number and street or rural route.)

*6 Decane Ave.*

(City, town, or post office.)

*Pittsburgh Pa.*

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

drawn by ~~MSH~~  
608-229  
12-11-20

REVIEWED  
OSP SS.

ARC 12-11-20

QM 293 A-C

BERNARDI, Joseph - Pvt.

October 28, 1925

Mrs. Catherine Rava,  
6 Secane St.,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

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,

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

1-Incl.  
Record card.

RD  
CAL



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE February 16, 1928

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

- 1. Name BERNARDI, Joseph *Pai.* 10. Name \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. No. 172941 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Rank Pvt. 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Org. Co. I, 167th Inf. 42nd Div. 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. D.D. July 27, 1918 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. C.D. KIA (b) D.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- 7. Grave No. 18 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Plot Block B Row 11 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_ 17. \_\_\_\_\_
- 18. Cemetery Oise-Aisne 19. Commune or town Seringes-et-Nesles
- 20. Dept. or County Aisne 21. Country France
- 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 608
- 23. Disinterred (Date February 16, 1928 By P.D. Woodman
- 24. Inscription on grave marker:  
 Name BERNARDI, Joseph Serial No. 172941  
 Rank Pvt. Organization Co. I, 167th Inf.
- 25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? \_\_\_\_\_ On body? Yes

Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

- 26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).  
Three franc silver pieces, French. One 25 cmes. French. One copper piece 10 cmes. French. One copper piece 5 cmes French.
- 27. Condition of body \_\_\_\_\_
- 28. Nature of burial Pine box and burlap
- 29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? \_\_\_\_\_
- 30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date February 16, 1928 P.D. Woodman
- 31. Casket sealed by P.D. Woodman

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

P.D. Woodman

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

32. Designation of body: \_\_\_\_\_

Name BERNARDI, Joseph Serial No. 172941

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. I, 167th Inf.

33. Consigned to: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) February 16, 1928 By Charles E. Spahn

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 \_\_\_\_\_

*Charles E. Spahn*  
Charles E. Spahn

36. Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

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

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 \_\_\_\_\_

To Permanent Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_

(Name)

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

40. Received: Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

41. Reinterred February 16, 1928, Oise-Aisne American Cty.

(Date)

42. Grave No. 18 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot Block B Row 11

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

*William E. Moore*

William E. Moore, Superintendent.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date February 16, 1928.

1. REMAINS OF BERNARDI, Joseph SERIAL NUMBER 172941

RANK Private ORGANIZATION Co. I. 167th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : February 16, 1928 From (give complete location) :

Grave 18, Block B, Row 11

By : Group Cty. Unit \_\_\_\_\_

3. Reburied (date) February 16, 1928 In (give complete location) :

Grave 18, Block B, Row 11

By : Group Cty. Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of Reburial Metalic casket

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

Pine box and burlap

5. (a) Identification tags : Buried with body ? yes On grave marker ? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Three franc silver pieces. French. One 25.cms. French. One copper piece 10.cms. French. One copper piece 5.cms. French.

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

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

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

(c) Hair—Color \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity 3 broken off

Characteristics \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Hair on face—Color \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Left tibia fractured middle.

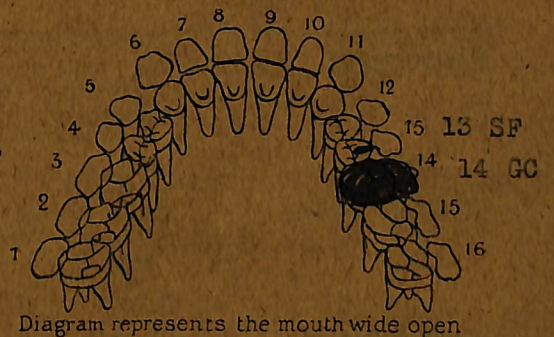
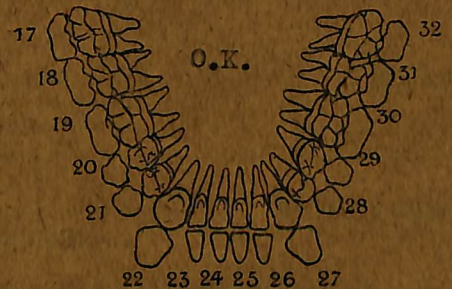


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



7. Disinterment supervised by W. Woodman Approved : W. E. Moore

(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by Charles E. Spahn Approved : \_\_\_\_\_

(Title)

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER COMPLETION OF G. R. S. FORM NO. 16-A

Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Question 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.

2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.

3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.

4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.

5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".

(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No 6.

6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart—Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

### MISSING TEETH

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



### CROWNED TEETH

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



### BRIDGE WORK

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



### FILLINGS

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



### CARIES (CAVITIES)

Outline location and size of cavity. shade in thus:



### DENTURES (PLATES)

Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp"

7. Show name of person supervising the disinterment and the name and title of the person approving same.

8. Show name of person supervising the reburial and the name and title of the person approving same.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File # 47727

(a) Name BERNARDI, Joseph Ser. No. 172941

(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. I, 167th Inf.

(c) Date of death 7/27/18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. EK  
CKR. AB

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

(a) Grave No. 24 Row -- Plot 1 Sec. L 2<sup>13</sup> TYP. EK

(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Catherine Rosa (mother) 6 Secane St., Pittsburg, Penna.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases -- CKR. S

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt None

(a) Name Catherine Rosa (b) Relationship Mother

(c) Address 6 Secane Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa

(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No

(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 MA Date 12-11, 1920.

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

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

No correspondence

Examiner's Initials MA Date 12-11, 1920.

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes at

Examiner's Initials at Date 12-11, 1920.

COUNTRY France

CEMETERY No. 608

SHEET No. 229

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED  
JAN 24 1921 - acp

CARDER

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TYP. EK  
 CKR. D/B

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III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases -- CKR. L

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt None

(a) Name Catherine Rava (b) Relationship Mother  
 (c) Address 6 Secane Ave. Pittsburgh, Pa  
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No  
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at --

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VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by \_\_\_\_\_,

RECEIVED.

MAY 3 1921

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by

cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920

letter on Jan-15-, 1920

*Par. 2 - Not to be returned (J&H 1-17-21)*

GENERAL L. O.  
OVERSEAS PROJECT

IX.

**CORRECTIONS**

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*B. A. N. P. - Mrs Catherine Rava (mother)  
6 Seane St. Pittsburgh, Pa.  
2-4-21*

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Rank \_\_\_\_\_

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

Org. \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks:

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A. G. O. Card & Corr.  
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Discrepancies

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Rank \_\_\_\_\_

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

Org. \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks:

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G. R. S. Corr.  
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Discrepancies

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Rank \_\_\_\_\_

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

Org. \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks:

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Checkers *Clark 12-13-21*  
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Discrepancies

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Rank \_\_\_\_\_

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

Org. \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: *ea*

S/1100/LML

JAN 24 1921

*checked  
all 12-13-21*

Harlow G. W.

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

*Please  
Read*

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

Bernardi, Joseph, Pvt.

608

- 229

*C-109414*  
Dec. 13, 1920

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

172941

Co. I. 167th Inf.

Date of death - 7-27-18

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

*Copy fwd to Ady. Dept.  
(2-4-21) C.*

DATE 12/18/20

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Mrs. Catherine Rava

Mother

Address 6 Secane Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa..

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

CEMETERIAL DIVISION

WASHINGTON

Hoboken, N.J.

FEB 12 1921

FROM: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. G.

To: Mrs. Catherine Rava, 6 Secane Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Joseph Bernardi, Ser. No. 172941  
Co. I, 167th Inf. soldier

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above-named  
remain in Europe

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General. CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Lieut. Colonel, U. S. Army.

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 or not these relatives are STILL LIVING.

Was soldier married? INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Father			
Mother			
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		

Date

Signature

Address

Relationship

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_, 192

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, am the \_\_\_\_\_ and nearest living next of kin of the within-named  
(Relationship.)

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 \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.**

1. If definite instructions for the disposition of a body are not received from the next of kin 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 next of kin 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 next of kin, please ask the nearest next of kin, if living near you, to fill out this paper.

7. If **YOU** are not the nearest living next of kin 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.

**NOTE.**—INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DISPOSITION OF REMAINS will be issued by this office upon the properly executed authority of the legal next of kin in each case. The widow is the first person having disposition of the remains of her husband. Should there be no widow or children, the father and, in turn (upon his decease), the mother, is the proper authority. The brothers, in order of seniority, and then the sisters in order of seniority, if there are no brothers, rank next in authority to decide. Under an opinion rendered by the Judge Advocate General of the Army, if a widow has remarried she forfeits her right, and the next of kin as given above will make decision.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

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File # 47727

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TYP KK  
*W/S*

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

(a) Grave No. 24 Row -- Plot 1 Sect. L TYEK (over)  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Catherine Rava (mother) 6 Secane St., Pittsburgh, Penna.  
 CKR S.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases --

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

*AGO Card - Catherine Rava, mother  
 6 Secane Ave Pittsburgh, Pa. desires  
 body to remain in Europe (J 201-17-4)*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 1/15/1921)  
 (letter of transmittal on 1/15/1921)

*Par 2 - not to be returned (J 201)*

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. FEB 8 - 1921 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken

VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. 5/3 192 11

COUNTRY France CEMETERY NO. 608 SHEET NO. 229  
 G.R.S. FORM 115-A August 1920  
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B. A. W. P. - Mrs Catherine Rava (mother)  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

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IN REPLY  
REFER TO

A.G. 201 Bernardi, Joseph(WW)

WASHINGTON

April 20, 1923.

SUBJECT: Report of Death.

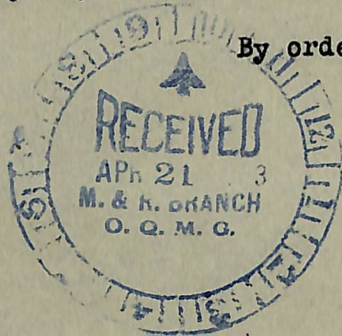
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FILE

To: Quartermaster General of the Army,  
Washington, D.C.

1. An investigation recently completed by this Department in the case of Joseph Bernardi, #172941, private Co. L. 167 Infantry, who had been previously reported killed in action about July 27, 1918, now shows that he was killed in action July 26, 1918 and that the former report is erroneous.

By order of the Secretary of War;

*[Signature]*  
Adjutant General.



APR 21 1923



293 Bernardi, Joseph

*Copy*

Harlow C. W.

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

**FILE**

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

*Bernardi, Joseph, Pvt.*  
SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

608

- 229

Dec. 13, 1920

172941

Co. I. 167th Inf.

Date of death - 7-27-18

Adjustment Made  
FEB 10 1921

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WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

*Original attached to #115*

DATE

*12/19/20*

File No.....

*2-4-21*

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

*Mrs Catherine Rava*

RELATIONSHIP

*Mother*

Address

*6 Secane Ave. Pittsburgh Pa.*

1-26-21

Mr. Wilson: -

Bernardi, Joseph.

172941 Pvt.

Co. I. 167<sup>th</sup> Inf

Ed:

Mrs. Catherine Pava

(mother)

6 Secane St.

Make adjustment

Adjustment Made

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JAN 28 1921.

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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Bernardi* ..... *Joseph* .....  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

*Priv. Co. I. 167 Inf.* .....  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *7-31-18* .....

PLACE OF BURIAL *Condens Brook Map* .....

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

*Cume-Fer-in-Jardenois* .....  
*33 S.E. - 192.6 - N 268.3* .....

GRAVE NUMBER *358* .....

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

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

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

~~Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker?~~ *No* .....

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

REVIEWED  
GSP SS.

*W. E. Robt*  
*566*

REPORTED BY: *W. E. Robt* .....  
*R. C. Hatch Chap's 168 Inf.* .....  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

FIELD RECORD.

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

CONFIRMED

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

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

.....  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL: Approximately Aug. 5/18.  
Reburied Battlefield Cemetery 8/28/18  
PLACE OF BURIAL: Battlefield Cemetery in  
Foret de Fere,  
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference  
must specify clearly what map is used.

Battlefield Cemetery 1/8 kilometer  
west of La Croix Rouge Eme. Conde-  
en-Brie Map 1:20000 at crosspoint  
of coordinates 267.90 - 192.60 335E  
Cume Ferre en Jardenois  
Field sketch No. 4-Wynne.

GRAVE NUMBER... 161... Row G.

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: Missing

Was one buried with body? No

Was one fastened to name peg or  
stake used as a grave marker? No

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

Tags missing. Information from  
record on temporary marker. Killed  
in action.

566  
Charles Wynne

REPORTED BY: Charles J. Wynne.  
2nd Lt. Inf. U.S.A. Com'd'g.  
Group #1-Unit 304-Graves Reg. Ser.  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

(Pvt. 1/Cl McKay)  
This portion to be sent to Chief of Graves Registration Service.

23 SEP 1918