

G.R.S. Form #114 B

Signed by Mark - JAN 15 1926

also records show as below -

1. NAME BIRCH, ED DATE _____
 RANK PVT. ORGANIZATION CO. A 335th Lab.Bn. SERIAL No. 2865141
 GRAVE LOCATION Amer.Mil.Cty. Gievres - L et C. DIVISION *not shown* CTY. NAME _____ NUMBER 331
1427

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 1427 Gievres Loir et Cher
 As shown by cemetery directory, GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.
 Hq.AGRS., Jan, 28, 1920.
 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 Feb. 21, '19
 STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME La.

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 9/8/22 11 14 Block C
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Oise-Aisne Cemetery #608, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne.
CEMETERY

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Rec'd World War Div.
5 NOV 30 1927

A.G.O.
JAN 16 1926
WORLD WAR DIV.

AUDITED BY

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2/11/19

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Burch 2865131 Ed. (Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Private P.O.# 335 1st Labors Bn. (Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Camp Hospital # 43

CAUSE OF DEATH: Lobar pneumonia

DATE OF BURIAL: February 22nd 1919

PLACE OF BURIAL: P.O.# 331, Sionville, Fairview, France. (Give Cemetery, Town and Department). Map references must specify clearly what map is used.

GRAVE NUMBER: 1427

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? 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? yes

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: Mrs. Julia Mc Daniel

ADDRESS: R.D. 4 Box 10 Homer, La.

RELATIONSHIP: Mother

REPORTED BY:

W.C. Harper Lt. H Chaplain (Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Birch	3	298
BURIED	CEMETERY	1	2
	GRAVE	2	11
	ROW	2	14
	BLOCK	1	3
STATE	Louisiana	2	22
RANK	Priv.	1	2
DIVISION	2nd	2	57
ORGANIZATION	345	3	345
ARM	Lat. Bu	1	1
MARITAL	no	1	2
NAME	McDaniel	3	03 34
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	22
	COUNTY	2	60
	CITY	3	N 77
RELATION	mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE	BLACK	1	2
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Bad	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	no age	1	

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Sept. 8, 1932

Birch, Ed (OA) x-

Mrs. Julia McDaniel,
R.F.D. #1, c/o Wash White,
Shongaloo, La.

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:	Age: 65 Health: not good not Bens
3. Do you speak English?	yes
4. What other language do you speak?	no other

Sign here

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Birch, Ed (00) :-

July 13, 1932.

Mrs. Julia McDaniel,
RFD #1, o/o Wash White,
Shongaloo, La.

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) _____

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Birch, Ed.

Mother - Julia McDaniel ~~Rt. 4 Homer, Va.~~

born 11/29/68

~~Is there a later address?~~

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R.F.D 41

90 Wash white

Shongaloo La

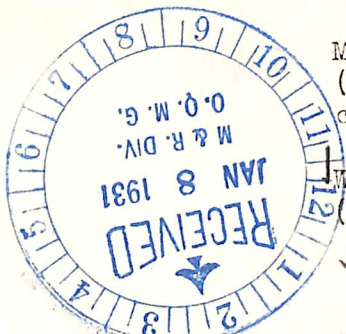
WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

DATE December 1, 1930

NAME	RANK	SERIAL	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
Birch, Ed	Pvt.	2865141	C o. A, 335th Lab. Bn.	2-21-19

STATE	CTY. NO.	GRAVE	ROW	BLOCK
La.	608	2	21	19

	<u>Check relationship</u>	<u>Living - Deceased</u>
NAME	✓ MOTHER	: ✓ : :
AND	STEPMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)	: : : :
ADDRESS	MOTHER THRU ADOPTION (For the year prior to commencement of service)	: : : (m)
	MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS (For the year prior to commencement of service)	: : : <u>Pt-4</u>
	WIDOW (Who has not remarried)	: : : <u>Howe</u>
	Single man	: : : <u>San</u>



Veterans Bureau Claim Number C-167977
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Birch, Ed Pvt. 608-Mx

November 7, 1930

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La. - Pvt.

Co. A, 335th Lab. Bn.

Mrs. Julia McDaniel,
~~Rt. #4,~~
~~Homer, La.~~

A. F. D. # 10% Wash White 865141

2-21-19

Shongaloo,

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?

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

3. Please give your age and state your health.

4. Do you speak English?

5. What other language do you speak?

Age
Condition of Health

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON D. C.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS



PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID

PAYMENT OF POSTAGE. \$300

ADDRESS
YOUR MAIL
TO
STREET AND
NUMBER

REASON FOR NON-DELIVERY CHECKED
RETURN TO WRITER

Unclaimed.....	For Better Address.....	Unknown.....
Deceased.....	Moved, Left no Address.....	Refused.....
No such post office in state named.....		



unknown on R 4,

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

DATE 10-23-30

NAME	RANK	SERIAL	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
<u>Birch, Ed</u>	<u>Pvt.</u>	<u>2865141</u>	<u>Co. A, 335th Inf. Bn.</u>	<u>2-21-19</u>

STATE	La.	CTY. NO.	608	GRAVE	11	ROW	14	BLOCK	C
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	<u>Check relationship</u>	<u>Living</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>Deceased</u>	
NAME	MOTHER	✓	:	:	
AND	STEPMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:	:	
ADDRESS	MOTHER THRU ADOPTION (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:	:	(M) <u>Mrs. Julia McDaniel</u>
	MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:	:	<u>RFD #1</u> <u>La.</u>
	WIDOW (Who has not remarried)	:	:	:	<u>Shongalos</u> <u>La.</u>
	Single man	:	:	:	

Veterans Bureau Claim Number
29/156/

167977

10/25/30

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Birch, Ed 608-11

June 19, 1930

mc
Mrs. Julia Daniels,
~~RFD 14, Br 6,~~
Monroe Louisiana

RFD #1, c/o Wash White
Shong also,

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? _____
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Birch, Ed.

608

February 10, 1930

^{MC}
Mrs. Julia Daniels,
~~R.F.D. #1, Box 6,~~
~~Homer,~~
~~Clairborne Co., La.~~

*R.F.D. #1, Wash white
Shong also*

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 Pvt. Ed. Birch, Co. A, 345th Labor Bn., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried?
2. If so, give her complete address.
3. 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.

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.

Birch, Ed.

MC
Mrs. Julia Daniels,
~~RFD #1, Box 6,~~
~~Homer, La.~~

*1/2 Wash White, RFD #1
Shong also*

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".

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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,

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Act of Congress.
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JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Sept. 8, 1932

Birch, Ed (OA) x-

Mrs. Julia McDaniel,
R.F.D. #1, c/o Wash White,
Shongaloo, La.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Sign here

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Birch, Ed (OA) x -

July 13, 1932.

Mrs. Julia McDaniel,
RFD #1, c/o Nash White,
Shongaloo, La.

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.

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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) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Birch, Ed Pvt. 608-Mr

November 7, 1930

Mrs. Julia McDaniel,
Rt. #4,
Homer, La.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?

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

3. Please give your age and state your health.

4. Do you speak English?

5. What other language do you speak?

Age
Condition of Health

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-M

October 21, 1930

Birch, Ed Pvt 608 M

Mrs. Julia Daniels
R.F.D.#4, Box 6
Homer, Louisiana

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 ^{mother} 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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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Birch, Ed 608-M

June 19, 1930

Mrs. Julia Daniels,
RFD #4, Br 6,
Homer Louisiana

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.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? _____
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Birch, Ed.

608

February 10, 1930

Mrs. Julia Daniels,
R.F.D. #4, Box 6,
Homer,
Claiborne Co., La.

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 Pvt. Ed. Birch, Co. A, 34th Labor Bn., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried?
2. If so, give her complete address.
3. 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.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Birch, Ed
608

Aug 27, 1929.

Mrs. Julia Daniels,
RFD #4, Bx. 6,
Homer, La.

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.
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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.

Birch, Ed.

Mrs. Julia Daniels,
RFD #1, Bx. 6,
Homer, La.

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 Ed Birch, Co. A, 336th Labor Bn., 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 re-married it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Q. M. G. M. & R. DIV.
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PM
1929 JUN 20
DISPATCH

Birch.

(Surname.)

Ed.

(Christian name in full.)

2,865,141

(Army serial number.)

Pvt.

Co. A, 335 Lab. Bn

(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)

Mrs Julia Daniels
R 4 Box 6, Homer, La.

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

3-6713

Drawn by Jm

331-15

11-18

REVIEWED
OSP SS.

11-19-20

QM 293 A-C

BIRCH, Ed - Pvt.

November 21, 1924

Mrs. Julia Daniels,
R.F.D.#4, Box 6,
Homer, La.

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. HARBOLD,
Major, Q.M.C.
Assistant.

1-Incl.
Record card.

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File No. 96329

11/21/21 Examined for concentration in Amer. Civ. War - Sweet, 1908 (12/5/22) ads

1. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BIRCH, Ed. Ser. No. 2965141) TYP. EML
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. A. 335th Labor Bn.)
(d) Cause) CKR. G. J.
(c) Date of death 2-21-19 of death Lobar Pneumonia)

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

(a) Grave No. 1427 Row ---- Plot ---- Sect. ----) TYP. EML
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Jules McDaniels (mother), R.F.D. #4, Box 10, Homer, La.
No Card

111. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases;) CKR. ad.

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Mrs. Julia Daniels (b) Relationship Mother
(c) Address R#4, Box 6, Homer, La.
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at us

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U.S. ---

(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U.S. ---

Examiner's Initials FB Date 5-17-1920

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

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

No Correspondence

Examiner's Initials JOB Date 5/17/1920

VI. G.R.S. Files - Correspondence - shows as follows:

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes JK

Examiner's Initials JK Date 5-18-1920

VII. G. R. S. FORM No. 114 made _____, 1920

Typed by _____ Checked by _____ 1920

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by- (cable on _____ 1920
(letter on May 26 1920

Not to be returned O.L.W.

IX. CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: *6-1920 Form # 120 Mrs Julia Daniels (mother) RR # 4, Homer, La. request of him requests permanent burial in France 11-26-20 Bmk*

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Oct 31st 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BIRCH, ED
 2. No. 2865141
 3. Rank Pvt.
 4. Org. Co. A 335th Lab. Bn.
 5. D.D. 2-21-19
 6. C.D. Lobar Pneumonia.

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 1427 Sec. _____
 8. Plot _____ Row _____
 9. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 17. _____ none

18. Cemetery Amer. Mil. Cty.
 20. Dept. or County L et C
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 331

19. Commune or town Gievres
 21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) Oct 31st 1921

By E. T. Anderson

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Ed Birch
 Rank Pvt

Serial No. _____
 Organization Co. A. 335th Labor Bn.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? yes On body? no

W.O. Roges
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant
W.O. Roges

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).

Found under proper gravemarker in regularity of row.

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 Oct 31st 1921 By E. T. Anderson

31. Casket sealed by E. T. Anderson

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

E. T. Anderson
E. T. Anderson

331
A.C.

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. 6-12279

32. Designation of body:

Name 219 BIRCH, ED Serial No. 2865141

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. A 335th Lab.Bn.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne Amer. Cty. 608, Seringes-et-Nesles (Aisne)
~~Aisne Amer. Cty. 608, Seringes-et-Nesles (Aisne)~~

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Oct. 31st 1921 By E. T. Anderson

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 F. Overheiser
F. Overheiser, 1st Lt. QMC

36. Remarks none

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) _____

To point of Concentration _____

Convoyer _____ (Name)
Signature Shipping Officer _____

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date _____

By G.R.S. Representative _____

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Nov 10th 1921

To Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne Amer. Cty. 608, Seringes-et-Nesles (Aisne)

Convoyer H F TEBEAU (Name)
Signature Shipping Officer G A ROSS CAPT QMC

40. Received: Date 6 NOV 1921

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

41. Reinterred Sept. 8, 1922, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes et Nesles (Aisne)

(Date)

42. Grave No. 11 Section -----

43. ~~Plot~~ BLOCK C Row 14

el

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

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AUDITED BY
1001-8-24

Place Gievres L-et-C

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Oct. 31, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF Birch, Ed. SERIAL NUMBER 2865141

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co A 335th Lab Bn

2. Disinterred (date): Oct. 31, 1921. From (give complete location): Gr. 1427 Cem 331

By: Group 3 Unit Sec 5

3. Reburied (date): Sept. 8, 1922 In (give complete location): Gr. 11, Block C, Row 14, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes et Nesles (Aisne)

By: Group re-burial group Unit ----- Nature of reburial Lined casket

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

badly decomposed, features unrecognizable, uniform and wooden box

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? no On grave marker? yes

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

under proper gravemarker in regularity of row

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) imp to estimate

(c) Hair—Color none visible

Quantity -do

Characteristics -do

(d) Hair on face—Color none visible

Location -do

Quantity -do

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

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

Checker W O Roges

7. Disinterment supervised by E. T. Anderson Approved: F Overheiser

E T Anderson, Supervising Emb (Title) F Overheiser
1st Lieut OMC

8. Reburial supervised by L. D. Hays Approved: J. Blake

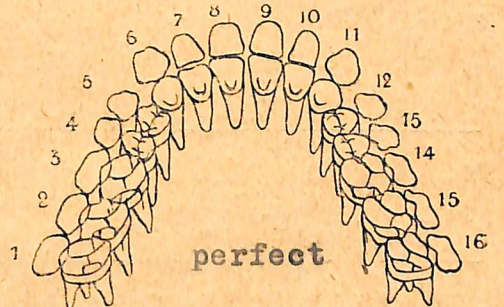
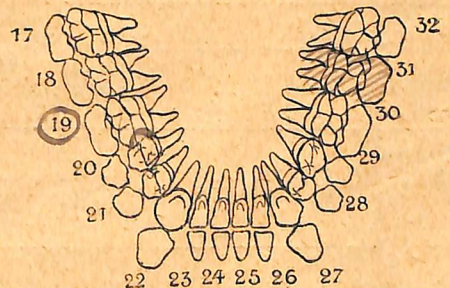


Diagram represents the mouth wide open

19 S cavity 31 extracted



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

MAY 22 1920

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

TO: Mrs. Julia Daniels, R. #4, Box 6, Homer, La.

Rush Answer

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Ed. Birch.

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body be not returned to U. S.

*no change
mcd.*

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow	<i>none</i>		
Soldier's Children	1. <i>none</i>		
(Name oldest first)	2. <i>none</i>		
	3. <i>none</i>		
Father	<i>dead</i>		
Mother	<i>living Mrs Julia Daniels</i>		
Brothers	1. <i>Melvin Daniels</i>		
(Name oldest first)	2. <i>Salon Daniels</i>		
Sisters	<i>Ruthel Daniels</i>		

*noted on form 115
11-21-20*

The transfer of bodies will be made entirely at Government expense.

Date June 1920

Signature Mrs Julia Daniels

Address Homer La R#4/Box 6 Relationship mother

Note:- Instructions on the reverse side of this sheet should be carefully read before filling out this paper.

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Burch # 865141 Ed.

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

Private Co. A. 335th Labor Bn.

(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: *Camp Hospital # 43*

CAUSE OF DEATH: *Lobar pneumonia*

DATE OF BURIAL: *February 22nd 1919*

PLACE OF BURIAL: *P.E. # 331*

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

GRAVE NUMBER: *1427*

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?.....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? *yes*

If name unknown and tags missing, description and marks should be given here? *331*

NEAREST RELATIVE: *Mrs. Julia M. Daniel*

ADDRESS: *P.O. # 4 Box 10*

RELATIONSHIP: *Mother*

REPORTED BY:

W. C. Daniels, Jr. Chaplain

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

Office PostQuartermaster.
G.I.S.D., A.P.O. 713.

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From: Post Quartermaster, G.I.S.D., A.P.O. 713.
To: Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D.C.
(Through the Chief Quartermaster, A.E.F.)
Subject: Report of the disposition of the remains of Private
Birch-2865141-Ed.

1. Private Birch-2865141-Ed., Co. A. 335th Labor Btn.
Buried in G.I.S.D. Cemetary, A.P.O. 713.

2. Private Birch, Ed., was buried without expense to
the Government.

3. Personal effects were forwarded as per G.O. 40, 1918
A.E.F.

By Direction:

F.H. Crane
F.H. Crane
Capt. Inf. U.S.A.
Ass't. to Post Q.M.

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