

To The A. G. O.

DATE Sept. 28, 1921.

1. NAME BIRD, Archie A

OCT 6 - 1926

SERIAL No. 1381689

RANK Cpl

ORGANIZATION & DIVISION Co.K., 129th Inf. 33 Div

GRAVE LOCATION Argonne American, ROMAGNE-sous-MONTFAUCON (Meuse) 1232.-Sec.93

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

62

93

2

GRAVE

~~ROW~~

PLOT

Sec.

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

Dannevous (Meuse).

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES 35-N.E.

281.6-N.

319.5-E.

CONCENTRATED TO 6.17.19.

62

93

2.

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

Meuse Argonne Cemetery 1232.

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on peg cover body, Brass plate on body checks with records.

Data form 1.

DATE OF DEATH Sept 23/18

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

3. SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

M. B. Bird

M. B. BIRD

1st Lt., Q.M. Corps,

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Sept. 28th, 1921.

26

DATE

GRAVE

Row: General
The Adjutant General

Block

MEUSE ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucou, Meuse

CEMETERY

OCT 6 1926
WAR DIV.

OCT 7 1926
AUDITED BY
B.C.W. 4-28-23

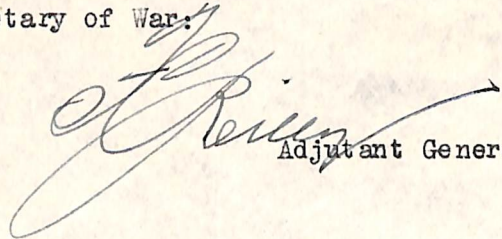
1st Ind.

WW AI/1-206

War Department, A.G.O., November 7, 1927. To: The Quartermaster General.

The records of this office show that the correct date of death of Archie A. Bird, A.S.#1381689, was September 29, 1918.

By order of the Secretary of War:

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, likely belonging to the Adjutant General mentioned in the text below it. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Adjutant General.

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

R

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bird *1381689* *archie n.*
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Corp *Co K* *129th Inf*
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *Sept 30 - 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL *Dannevoux Sector*

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

Verdun B. Special Map 20000
194-823

Dish *The Argonne*

GRAVE NUMBER

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? *No* Cross? *Yes*

Headboard? *No* Bottle? *No*

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:

1 kilo N.E. of Dannevoux

REPORTED BY: *N. B. Leinich*

Chaplain 129th Inf.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Co. "K" 129th. Infantry
33rd. Division.

BIRD
~~King~~, Archie A. - Cpl., 1381689
HOME: 1129 Crosby Street
Rockford, Ill.

Pvt. BIRD was hit by H.E. shell near Danneaux, France 5:30 A.M. Sept. 29, 1918
death was instantaneous, his head was blown off. Hit in chest and stomach
Foot and hand also blown off.
Buried at intersection of Danneaux road and railway by myself and detail
same date.

INFORMANT: DANFORTH, Charles. - Sgt., 1381608
Co. "K" 129th. Infantry
HOME: Rockford, Ill.

Signed: Fred H. Morrison, Capt.
129th. Infantry

Next of Kin:
Mother

/MJM/

Date 1st July 1919.

Date _____

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name BIRD, Archie A. Unkn. Number: 1381689.

Rank _____ Organization: _____

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group _____ Unit _____

Disinterred (Date) 17th June 1919. From: (Give complete location) Grave No ISOLATED.

DANNEVOLLY MEUSE.

35.N.H.E 319.15. N.282.2.

Reburied (Date) 17th June 1919. in: (Give complete location) Grave No 62 Sec 92 Plot 2.

MARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY. # 1232.

ROMAGNE MEUSE.

1232

Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: Burial good buried in uniform body decomposed.

No.

Was one identification tag found upon the body?

None.

What other means of identification were found upon the body?

12158

CONFIRMED No. D.....

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon the bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct, as is required by C.O. 170, G.H.Q. 1918., after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Lieut Hanes.

Supervised by _____

C.O. Group _____ Unit _____

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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Bird</i>	<i>Bir</i>	3	29 ⁰⁸
BURIED	CEMETERY <i>1.232</i>	1	1
	GRAVE <i>26</i>	2	26
	ROW <i>27</i>	2	27
	BLOCK <i>24</i>	1	8
STATE	<i>Ill</i>	2	13
RANK	<i>Capt</i>	1	2
DIVISION	<i>33</i>	2	33
ORGANIZATION	<i>129</i>	3	129
ARM	<i>Inf.</i>	1	1
MARTIAL	<i>no</i>	1	2
NAME <i>Mrs. C.A. Bird</i>	<i>Bir</i>	3	29 ⁰⁸
RESIDENCE	STATE <i>Ill</i>	2	14
	COUNTY <i>Winnabago</i>	2	01
	CITY <i>Rockford</i>	3	135
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Yes</i>	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Good</i>	1	1
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>no</i>	1	
29/514/PJ.	<i>age</i>		2 73

AUDITED

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Post Office Department

REGULAR BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 9253

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____



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

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING
OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to _____

Q. M. GENERAL
(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,
or Post Office Box, _____

MUNITIONS BUILDING

WASHINGTON,

BIRD, ARCHIE A (MA)

D. C.

RETURN RECEIPT

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

Mrs. G. A. Bird

(Signature or name of addressee)

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date *1-9-* delivery *1933*

Form 1

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

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IN REPLY
REFER TO

QM 293 A-M
Bird, Archie A. (MA)

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

Mrs. C. A. Bird,
1129 Crosby Street,
Rockford, Ill.

January 5, 1933.

Dear Madam:

During the past three years, numerous communications have been forwarded you relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

Under the law, 1933 is the last year you may make the pilgrimage at the expense of the Government, and it is imperative that this office have an expression from you as to whether or not you desire to take advantage of the opportunity afforded you.

It is requested therefore you answer the following inquiry, sign your name, and return this letter to this office.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE IN 1933?

no
(Yes) or (No)

Mrs. C. A. Bird

Sign here

1129 Crosby St.

Rockford
Ill.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.:
Env.



QM 293 A-M

Bird, Archie A. (MA)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

October 12, 1932.

Mrs. C. A. Bird,
1129 Crosby St.,
Rockford, Ill.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,
Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Sept. 1, 1932.

Bird, Aronis A. (MA)

Mrs. C. A. Bird,
1129 Crosby St.,
Rockford, Ill.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Sign here

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bird Archie A (MA)

July 7 1932

Mrs C A Bird
1129 Crosby St
Rockford Ill

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bird, Archie A. Cpl. (M-A) M

June 11, 1931.

Mrs. C. A. Bird,
1129 Crosby St.,
Rockford, Ill.

Dear Madam:

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

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

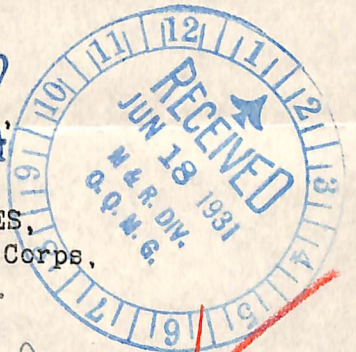
As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



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

Write answer here

June 16th 1931

Mrs C. A. Bird

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

October 10, 1930

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Bird, Archie A. Cpl 1232 M

Mrs. C. A. Bird
1129 Crosby Street
Rockford, Illinois

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.

Mrs. C. A. Bird, 1129 Crosby St. Rockford Ill.

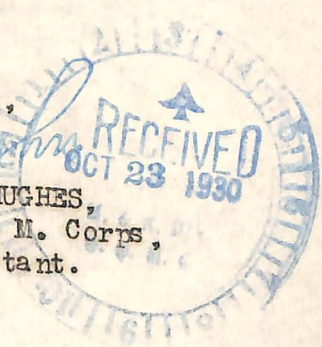
1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	<i>No</i>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	<i>I do not</i>
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age <i>73 years</i> Condition of health <i>Fair</i>
4. Do you speak English?	<i>Yes</i>
5. What other language do you speak?	<i>Not any</i>

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bird, Archie A. 1232 M

June 7, 1930

Mrs. C. A. Bird
1129 Crosby Street
Rockford, Ill.

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

Bird, Archie A.
1232

September 4, 1929.

Mrs. George Bird,
1129 Crosby St.,
Rockford, Ill.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Write answers in space below

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

No

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

Mrs G. A. Bird

1129 Crosby St.

Rockford Illinois

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

Mother

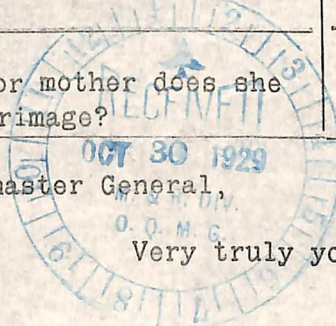
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For The Quartermaster General,

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 29 1929.

Bird, Archie A.

Mrs. George Bird,
1129 Crosby St.,
Rockford, Ill.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Corporal Archie A. Bird, Co. K, 129th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Sept. 8, 1932.

Bird, Archie A. (ML)

Mr. Archie A. Bird,
1129 Crosby St.,
Rockford, Ill.

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

Bird Archie A (MA)

July 7 1932

Mrs C A Bird
1129 Crosby St
Rockford Ill

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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IN REPLY REFER TO ~~QM 295 A-11~~

Bird, Archie A. Cpl. (M-A) M

June 11, 1931.

Mrs. A. A. Bird,
1129 Crosby St.,
Rockford, Ill.

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Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

QM 293 A-M

October 10, 1930

Bird, Archie A. Cpl 1232 M

Mrs. C. A. Bird
1129 Crosby Street
Rockford, Illinois

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages in 1931, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, C. N. Corps,
Assistant.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bird, Archie A. 1232 M

June 7, 1930

Mrs. C. A. Bird
1129 Crosby Street
Rockford, Ill.

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

October 7, 1929.

Bird, Archie A. 1232 -M

Mrs. C. A. Bird,
1129 Crosby Street,
Rockford, Ill.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress not later than December 15, 1929. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

In order that the report referred to may be made and plans completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested that you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office by return mail in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	(No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age (Years)	Health (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No) Other language (Specify language spoken)	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.
Act
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bird, Archie A.
1232

September 4, 1929.

Mrs. George Bird,
1129 Crosby St.,
Rockford, Ill.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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 29, 1929.

Bird, Archie A.

Mrs. George Bird,
1129 Crosby St.,
Rockford, Ill.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Corporal Archie A. Bird, Co. K, 129th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON

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IN REPLY
REFER TO

AG 201 Bird, Archie A. (WW)

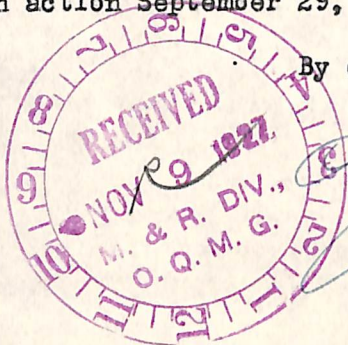
November 8, 1927

SUBJECT: Date of death

To: The Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

An investigation recently completed by this office in the case of Archie A. Bird, Army serial number 1,381,689, Corporal, Company K, 129th Infantry, who was reported to have been killed in action September 26, 1918, shows that the report is erroneous and that this soldier was killed in action September 29, 1918.

By order of the Secretary of War:



H. Peilly
Adjutant General.

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Bird, Archie A.

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AG 201 Bird, Archie A. (WF)

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By order of the Secretary of War:

E. J. Reilly

Adjutant General.



*293
Bird, Archie A.*

October 3, 1923.

Mrs. George Bird,
1129 Crosby St.,
Rockford, Ill.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the permanent grave of

Corporal Archie A. Bird, Company K, 129th Infantry,
is Grave 26, Row 27, Block H, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-
sous-Montfaucou (Meuse), France.

This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, 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.

You are assured in effecting removal of the remains, the utmost care and reverence were exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed this sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

Assistant

WPK



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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 36910

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BIRD, Archie A. Ser. No. 1381689
(b) Rank Cpl. Organization Co. K. 129th Inf.
(c) Date of death 9-26-18 (d) Cause of death k/a
TYP. hmp
CKR. 30

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

(a) Grave No. 62 Row - Plot 2 Sec. 93 TYP. hmp
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. George Bird (Mother) 1129 Crosby St.,
Rockford, Ill.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases / / CKR. 30

No card on file (Ad. 5-11-21)

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt

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

Examiner's Initials Date, 192

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

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

Examiner's Initials Date, 192

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? G.R.S. File

Examiner's Initials Date 5-11-21, 192

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232 Sec. 93 SHEET No. 17

Handwritten notes and signatures including 'IA', '5/21/21', and '5-11-21'.

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made _____, 192

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 192

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
Sec #93 { letter on **MAY 23 1921**, 192

Par. 2 Not to be returned.

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IX.

REMARKS

WRITE NOTHING BELOW THIS LINE.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE September 27th 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 BIRD, Archie A
 2. No. 1381689
 3. Rank Cpl.
 4. Org. Co. K. 129th Inf.
 5. D.D. Sept. 26th
 6. C.D. K.I.A.

10. Name _____
 11. No. _____
 12. Rank _____
 13. Org. _____
 14. (a) D.D. _____
 (b) D.B. No discrepancy.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 62 Sec. 93
 8. Plot 2 Row _____
 9. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 17. No discrepancy.

18. Cemetery Argonne American

19. Commune or town ROMAGNE SOUS-MONTFAUCON

20. Dept. or County Meuse

21. Country France

22. G. R. S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232--Sec. 93

23. Disinterred (Date) Sept. 27th 21.

By E. J. RENOYARD

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Archie A. Bird
 Rank Cpl.

Serial No. None.
 Organization Co. K. 129 INF.

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

Clarence J. Hughes.

Clarence J. Hughes
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

jc.

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). Brass disc on body reads, " Archie A. Bird Co. K. 129 Inf. 1381689" Tag on pegover body agree with records.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Uniform burlap and wooden box.

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 Sept. 27th 21. By E. J. RENOYARD

31. Casket sealed by E. J. RENOYARD.

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

AUDITED BY

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-6434

32. Designation of body:

Name BIRD, Archie A Serial No. 1381689

Rank Cpl. Organization Co. K. 129th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Argonne American # 1232, ROMAGNE-sous-MONTFAUCON

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Sept. 27th 21 By E. J. RENOUARD

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

Geo C Bland
Geo. C. Bland. 1st Lieut. Q.M.C.

36. Remarks _____

None.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) September 27th 1921.

To point of Concentration Morgue Romagne sous Montfaucon.

Convoyer W. J. ROYED Signature Shipping Officer *Albert M Jackson*
(Name) Albert M. Jackson. Capt. C.A.C. ewr

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 _____

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____
(Name)

40. Received: Date _____

G.R.S. Representative _____

41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cemetery # 1232 Sept 28th 1921

(Date)

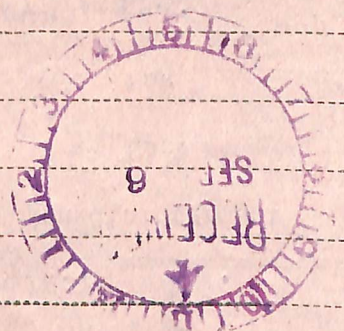
42. Grave No. 26 Section _____

43. ~~Plot~~ BLOCK H Row 27

G.R.S. Representative

jt.

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



REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF BIRD, Archie A SERIAL NUMBER 1381684

RANK Cpl. ORGANIZATION Co. K, 129th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Sept. 27, 1921 From (give complete location): Gr 62. Sec 93. Plot 2. Cty. 1232.

By: Group..... Unit.....

3. Reburied (date): Sept 28th 1921 In (give complete location): Meuse Argonne Cemetery # 1232 Gr 26 block H row 27

By: Group re-burial Unit..... Nature of reburial unlined casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: wooden box and burlap and uniform. badly decomposed, features not recognizable.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: Brass disc on body reads, "Archie A Bird, Co. K, 129th Inf. 1381689"

Tag on peg over body agrees with records, no effects.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items? 1,2,3,4,14,15, S.F. 13,16 cavity.

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

(b) Weight (estimated)..... do

(c) Hair—Color..... do

Quantity..... do

Characteristics..... do

(d) Hair on face—Color..... do

Location..... do

Quantity..... do

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts)..... do

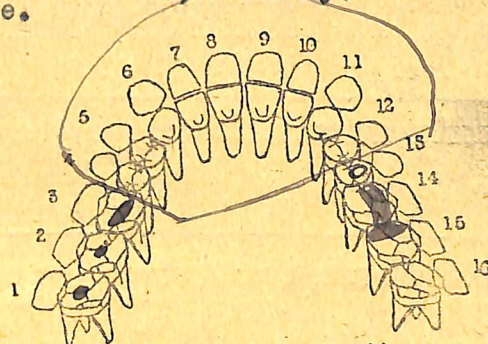
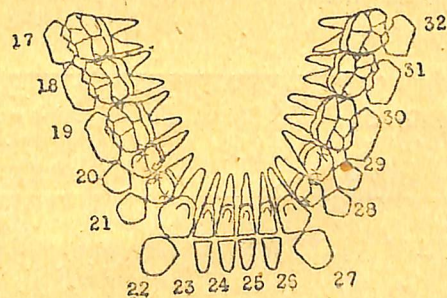


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



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

right humerus, left humerus, left radial and ulna and femur fractured. Skull completely shattered. Lower jaw missing. Upper jaw fractured and missing from 4 to 12 incl.

7. Disinterment supervised by E. J. Renouard

Approved: Geo. C. Bland
Geo. C. Bland 1st Lt. U.S.M.C.
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by W. B. Shields

Approved: James W. Younger
James W. Younger, Capt. O.C.
(Title)

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hmp
TYP.
[Signature]

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III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases CKR. [Signature]

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

[Dotted lines for handwritten information]

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on ..., 192
letter of transmittal on MAY 23 1921, 192

Sec #93

Par. 2 Not to be returned.

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

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Date of and source. Relationship and name. Desires. Action taken.

[Dotted lines for supplementary requests]

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

COUNTRY

CEMETERY No.

SHEET No.

G. R. S. Form 115-A August, 1920

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FRANCE

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1. G. Form No. 1. Hq. G. File

2. Soldier's No. 1381689

3. BIRD ARCHIE A.
Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials

4. Corp K 129 Inf.
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. Date of Death Cause, if known
K/A

6. SEPT. 29, 1918 isolated grave
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. DANNEVAUX MEUSE
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. 2
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

9. Name Peg? Cross? Headboard? Bottle?
Check Method of Marking

10. Buried with Body? Attached to Grave Marker?
Identification Tags

11. If name unknown and tags missing, give marks and description.

Sk. #173

12. Verdun NE 3 E319.45-N281.6
Map reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

CMME. Dannevoix (Meuse)

13. (C-239) SHT. 35 NE COORD. E319.45
Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

RBH
1787

Signed E.F. Fiene

Group 1 Unit 311 G. R. S.

36910

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

BIRD

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bird 1381689 Archib. A.
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Corp Co K 129th Inf
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL Sept 30th 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL Dannevou Sector

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

Verdun B Special Map 20000

194-823

Dish The Argonne

GRAVE NUMBER

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? no Cross? yes

Headboard? no Bottle? no

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:

1 Kilo N.E. Dannevou

CMME Dannevou (Munze)

(239) SIT 35 ME COORD - 319.4

M-282.3

REPORTED BY: N. B. Leitch

Chaplain 129th Inf

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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Serial List No. _____

Daily Report No. _____

Co. "K" 129th. Infantry
33rd. Division.

4-38910

BIRD

Next, Archie A. - Cpl., 1381689
HOME: 1129 Crosby Street
Rockford, Ill.

Pvt. BIRD was hit by H.E. shell near Danneaux, France 5:30 A.M. Sept. 29, 1918
death was instantaneous, his head was blown off. Hit in chest and stomach
Foot and hand also blown off.

Buried at intersection of Danneaux road and railway by myself and detail
same date.

INFORMANT: DANFORTH, Charles. - Sgt., 1381608
Co. "K" 129th. Infantry
HOME: Rockford, Ill.

Signed: Fred H. Morrison, Capt.
129th. Infantry

Next of Kin:
Mother

/MJM/

AMERICAN RED CROSS (1918)