

G.R.S. Form #114-B

DATE 10/29/21.

1. NAME *Carl Eugene* BIRD, CARL E

SERIAL No. 2404037

RANK PVT.

ORGANIZATION

CO. L 147th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse. 1232. Sec. 51

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

175 - Sec. 51

4

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION #2 Isolated very,

Meuse C-225

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES Verdun 35 SE 276.25 N 307.25 E

CONCENTRATED TO 6/11/19 175 Sec 51 4

DATE

GRAVE

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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 over body, GRS plaque on body.

DATE OF DEATH - Sept. 29, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME - N.Y.

data F-1.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED - none

DATE

GRAVE

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PLOT

CEMETERY

Robert C. Davis,

Major General,

The Adjutant General.

By

AUG 16 1926

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

M. B. BIRDSEYE

Lt., Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 10/29/21.

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DATE

GRAVE

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Block

PLOT

Meuse-Argonne Ameri. Cty. #1232. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse)

CEMETERY

S. A.G.O.

AUG 11 1926

WORLD WAR DIV.

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AUDITED BY  
1024-1370



Co. "L". 147th Infantry.

BIRD, Carl E. Pvt. #2404037.

Home Address: Not given.

I was called to administer first aid to Pvt. Carl E. Bird at about 2:30 P. M. Sept. 26, 1918. No wound was visible, but blood was flowing from nose and mouth. His limbs were paralyzed. He was removed to first aid station where physician pronounced it to be a fracture of the base of the skull. He died about 9:30 P. M. Sept. 26th, 1918. He was buried on battle field near Ivory, France on Sept 27, 1918.

Informant: Schmidt, Edward Medical Company,  
147th Infantry. #1543538.

Home Address: 414 W. Wayne St., Paulding, Ohio.

Searcher: Robert C. Camp, 1st. Lt. 147th Inf.  
Feb. 19, 1919.



Date June 25 1919.REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name BIRD, Carl E.Number: 2404037Rank: UnknOrganization: Unkn

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Disinterred (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ From: (Give complete location) \_\_\_\_\_

11th June 1919. GRAVE ISOLATED VERY NEUSEMap 35 SE E 307.25 N 276.25

Reburied (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ in: (Give complete location) \_\_\_\_\_

11th June 1919. Grave #175. Sec. 51. Plot 4.ARGONNE AMERICAN CTY. No. 1232ROMAGNE NEUSE

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

Burial good Buried in uniform Body good conditionWas one identification tag found upon the body? YesWhat other means of identification were found upon the body? None

CONFIRMED NO. 12260

Note:

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

Supervised by Lt. HillH.O'KR. H. ROSENTHAL2nd Lieut. O.M.C.U.S.A.C.O. GroupUnit



CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Bird</i>	<i>B I R</i>	3	<i>298</i>
<i>Carl E</i>	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>21</i>	2	<i>21</i>
	ROW <i>4</i>	2	<i>04</i>
	BLOCK <i>7</i>	1	<i>6</i>
STATE	<i>N.Y.</i>	2	<i>37</i>
BANK	<i>Pnt</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>37</i>	2	<i>37</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>147</i>	3	<i>147</i>
ARM	<i>Inf.</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>No</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Bird</i>	<i>B I R</i>	5	<i>298</i>
<i>Mrs. Ina</i>	STATE <i>N.Y.</i>	2	<i>37</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Allegheny</i>	2	<i>02</i>
	CITY <i>Swan</i>	3	<i>+++</i>
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Bad</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>No</i>	1	<i>2</i>
<i>29/514/PJ</i>	<i>Age</i>		<i>77</i>

**AUDITED**  
 DEC 14 1931  
*(Signature)*

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IMMEDIATE ACTION

IN REPLY  
REFER TO

QM 293 A-M

WAR DEPARTMENT

Bird, Carl E. (MA)

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

October 12, 1932.

**SPECIAL**

Mrs. Ina Bird,  
Swain, New York.

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 NO, thus indicating whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage during 1933 and sign your name here Mrs Ina Bird 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,

*P.S.) I would not enjoy  
the trip unless I  
could see Mr Ina Bird*

*CHAS. W. DIETZ*

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

IMMEDIATE ACTION



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Bird, Carl E. (MA)

Sept. 6, 1932.

Mrs. Ina Bird,  
Swain, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

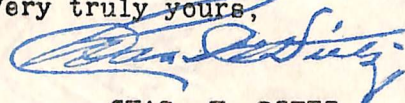
1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	<u>No</u>
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: <u>77</u> Health: <u>not good at all</u>
3. Do you speak English?	<u>Yes</u>
4. What other language do you speak?	<u>No other</u>

Mrs Ina Bird  
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:  
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Dear Sir

my folks would  
not let me read or write  
all this summer since  
March my eyes bothered  
me. I am blind in one  
have been for years. & now  
I can not see much out  
of the other. & my health  
is not good at all some  
days I can not do hardly  
any thing. but thanking  
you all for making it  
so, all who can go, can  
but I ~~can~~ could not enjoy  
going unless I could see  
Respectfully

Mrs Ina Bird





WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bird Carl E (MA)

July 7 1932

Mrs Ina Bird  
Swain N Y

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)



Q. No. 43, A-M.  
Carl E. Bird (M.D.)

Syracuse, N.Y.  
Feb 26, 1932

Dear Sir,

a few lines to let  
you know I have not  
changed my mind about  
going to France. Thank you  
very much for the kind offer  
my husband & I are growing  
old together. We observed  
our 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniver-  
sary last Oct. he is 81 + I am  
76. years old. I am not really  
sick but have the rheuma-  
tism at times so I can  
hardly walk across the  
floor, & then I am blind in one  
eye so do not think I would  
enjoy trip. I think I know  
best, thanking you again  
respectfully Mrs Ina Bird



QM 293 A-M  
Bird, Carl E. (MA)

January 8, 1932

Mrs. Ina Bird,  
Swain,  
New York.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Carl E. Bird. In reply to a questionnaire you advised that you did not desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer of 1932.

It is noted you previously stated your health was poor and in this connection you are advised that personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided, and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years many mothers who were of advanced age and in poor health made the pilgrimage and appeared to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

In the event you change your mind and later decide to visit your son's grave, it is requested that you so notify this office. Should you make a pilgrimage you are assured that the journey will not only be made at the expense of the United States but that everything possible for your comfort and welfare will be provided.

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-M  
Bird, Carl E. Pvt. (M-A) M

June 11, 1931.

Mrs. Ina Bird,  
Swain, New York

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

Mrs Ina Bird

Sign here



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bird, Carl E. 1232 M

June 7, 1930

Mrs. Ina Bird  
Swain, New York.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? No, not able  
(Write answer here)

*Mrs Ina Bird*  
(Sign here)



Swain N.Y.  
~~Swain N.Y.~~ Feb 17, 1930

Dear Sir

Yes I am the

Mother of Pvt. Carl E. Bird

I think it is nice  
for the Mothers who  
have sons buried over  
there to go & I am glad  
that they come, but  
do not plan on my  
going as I am to old  
a person to make the  
trip. I have the  
Rheumatism real  
bad. Am blind in one  
eye & cannot see

very well with the  
other one. I am near  
75 years old. My  
husband is 5 years  
older. Our son Carl  
was never married. I  
had two sons in  
France George R. Bird  
he came home well  
I guess this is all  
about, the Trip hop-  
ing the ones that are  
able to go will have a  
pleasant time.

Respectfully  
Mrs Ina Bird  
Swain, N.Y.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bird, Carl E.  
1232

September 4, 1929.

Mrs. Ina Bird,  
Swain, N.Y.

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. he was never married.*

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.

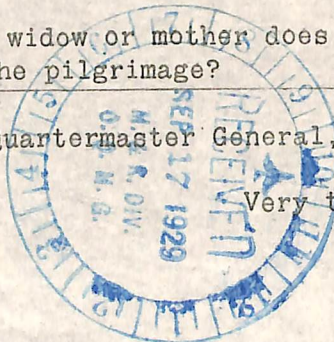
*I am his mother but, too old a woman to undertake a trip like that would be, not very well - most of the time, 74 yrs old*  
*Mrs Ina Bird*

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



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bird, Carl E.

June 29 1929.

Mrs. Ina Bird,  
Swain, New York.

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. Carl E. Bird, Co. L, 147th 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  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Bird, Carl E. (IA)

Sept. 6, 1932.

Mrs. Ida Bird,  
Swain, W. Va.

Dear Madam:

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

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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,

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

Encl:  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bird Carl E (MA)

July 7 1932

Mrs Ida Bird  
Smith N Y

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)



QM 293 A-M  
Bird, Carl E. (MA)

January 8, 1932

Mrs. Ina Bird,  
Swain,  
New York.

Dear Madam:

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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-M

Barl, Carl. Pvt. (M-A) 11

June 11, 1931.

Mrs. Jane Barl,  
Swin, New York

Dear Madam:

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

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bird, Carl E. 1232 M

June 7, 1930

Mrs. Ina Bird  
Swain, New York.

Dear Madam:

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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

October 7, 1929.

Bird, Carl E. 1232 M

Mrs. Ina Bird,  
Swain, New York.

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.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bird, Carl E.  
1232

September 4, 1929.

Mrs. Ina Bird,  
Swain, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated <sup>June 29, 1929</sup> 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,  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bird, Carl E.

June 29 1929.

Mrs. Ina Bird,  
Swain, New York.

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. Carl E. Bird, Co. L, 147th 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 incs.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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



Duplicate.

Bird,

(Surname.)

Carl E.

(Christian name in full.)

2,404,037

(Army serial number.)

Pvt.

Co. L, 147 Infantry.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

*Mother*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

*No. If they are*  
*decently buried over there is not*  
*yes*

(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 Ina Bird*

*Swains N.Y.*

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.



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at 4 - 25 - 21



In reply refer to:  
QM 298 C-R

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

Sept. 1, 1923.

Mrs. Ina Bird,  
Swain,  
N.Y.

Dear Madam:

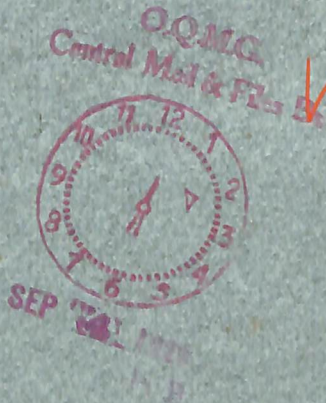
The Quartermaster General desires you be informed that the permanent grave of ~~Private~~ Carl E. Bird, Company L, 147th Infantry, is Grave 21, Row 4, Block F, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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. The headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

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

Very truly yours,  
H. H. CREAL,

Assistant.



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# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

## I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File # 36911

(a) Name BIRD, Carl. E. Ser. No. 2404037  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. L. 147th Inf.  
 (c) Date of death 9-29-18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. hmp  
 CKR. 13. J.

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

(a) Grave No. 175 Row --- Plot 4 Sec. 51 TYP. hmp  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Ima Bird (Mother) Swains, N. Y.

III. Files of soldiers ~~/dying from /contagious diseases~~ CKR. 13. J.

## IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt ---

(a) Name Mrs. Ima Bird (b) Relationship Mother  
 (c) Address Swain, N. Y.  
 (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 PF Date 4-20-, 1920.

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

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

Examiner's Initials PF Date 4-20-, 1920.

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

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes PF

Examiner's Initials PF Date 4-20-, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232 Sec. 51 SHEET No. 12

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 for concentration  
 Mess-Argonne 1232  
 NWS 2/6/22







To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Oct 28 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, CARL E 10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. No. 2404037 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Rank Pvt. 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Org. Co. L 147th Inf. 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. D.D. 9-29-18 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
 6. C.D. KIA (b) D.B. None

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 175 Sec. 51 15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. Plot 4 Row \_\_\_\_\_ 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_ 17. None

18. Cemetery Meuse Argonne Amer. Cty 19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon  
 20. Dept. or County Meuse 21. Country France  
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232 - Sec. 51  
 23. Disinterred (Date) Oct 28 1921 By Ed Lavelle  
 24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Carl E Bird Serial No. 2404037  
 Rank ~~KIA~~ Pvt Organization Co. L 147th Inf

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes (On peg over body) On body? No

Ray M Moody  
 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).

GRS Plaque on body reads "Carl Bird 2404037"

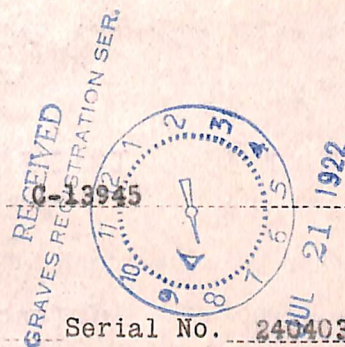
27. Condition of body Badly decomposed features unrecognizable  
 28. Nature of burial Wooden box, uniform, burlap  
 29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None  
 30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Oct 28 1921 By Ed Lavelle  
 31. Casket sealed by Ed Lavelle

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

Ed Lavelle



SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.)

Box No. C-13945

32. Designation of body:

Name BIRD, CARL ESerial No. 2404037Rank PVT.Organization CO. L 147th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse Argonne Amer. Cty. #1232 Romagne-sous-Monfaucon,34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Oct 28 1921By Ed Lavelle <sup>Meuse</sup>

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 B Daniel*

36. Remarks

F B Daniel Capt QMC

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date)

Oct 28 1921cc

To point of Concentration

Morgue Romagne

(Name)

Convoyer

W J Royed

Signature Shipping Officer

*G F Spann*G F Spann, Capt QMC

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, Meuse Arg. Cemetery.Oct. 29, 1921.

(Date)

42. Grave No.

21

Section

43. Plot

Block F.

Row

4.

G.R.S. Representative

*James T. Younger*  
James T. Younger  
Capt., Q.M.C.



Place Romagne Maus Montfaucon

## REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Oct. 28, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF BIRD CARL E. SERIAL NUMBER 2404037  
 RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Co., L. 147th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Oct. 28, 1921. From (give complete location):

Gr. 175 sec 51 pt 4 Cem., #1232.

By: Group five Unit Sec. 1

3. Reburied (date): Oct. 29, 1921. In (give complete location):

Row 4 Block F., Grave 21, Cem. 1232.

By: Group Reburial S. Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial Unlined casket.

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

wooden box, uniform and burlap. body badly decomposed features unrecognizable.

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

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

tag on peg over body. GRS plaque on body reads: " Carl Bird 2404037."

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Imp to det.

(b) Weigh, (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

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

None visible

7. Disinterment

supervised by Ed. Lavele

Ed. Lavele S. E.

Approved: F. B. Daniel

F. B. Daniel Capt. QMC

(Title)

8. Reburial

Supervised by A. U. Dufault

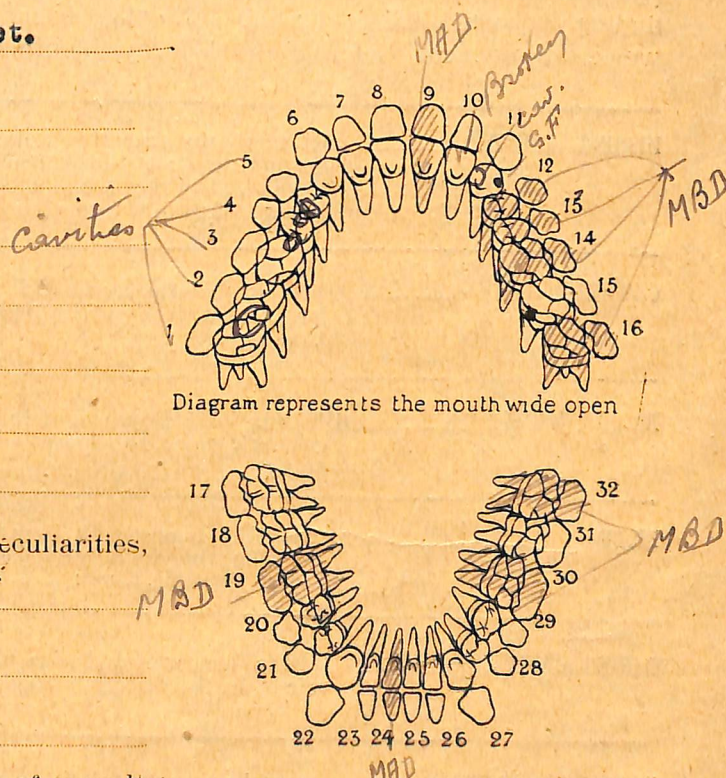
A. U. Dufault, concentration

Approved: James W. Younger

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Capt., Q. M. C.

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# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

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MHS 2/6/22

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

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
 letter of transmittal on 5/7/21, 192

Action # 51  
par # 2 - Not to be returned - RD

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., \_\_\_\_\_, 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., \_\_\_\_\_, 192

COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_ CEMETERY No. \_\_\_\_\_ SHEET No. \_\_\_\_\_



GRAVE LOCATION BOOK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BIRD 2404037 Carl E.

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

Pvt. Co. L. 147th Infantry  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Near Ivory, France.

CAUSE OF DEATH: Bullet wound.

DATE OF BURIAL: Sept 29, 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL: Near Ivory, France.

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

See correspondence Bird Carl E.

2404037.

GRAVE NUMBER:

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).



Daily Report No.                       
                     COMMUNAL LIST NO.                     



Communal List No. 225-7608  
Daily Report No.



G.R.S. FORM NO. 12

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

FROM : ADJUTANT GENERAL.

TO : C.O., Co. "L", 147th Infantry

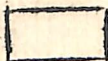
SUBJECT : Information for burial Register.

1. You are directed to transmit without delay to the Chief, Graves Registration Service, the information indicated on enclosed Grave Location Blank as necessary for the completion of official records.

By Command of General Pershing:

Robert C. Davis  
Adjutant General.

Note:



In case this item is checked, you will note hereon:

Nearest relative of deceased:

Relationship:

Address:



36911

FILE

4-25-21  
(Date)

FORM 115 has been compiled on the following case:-

CEMETERY NO. 1232 SECTION 51

FORM 115 Sheet No. 12

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(Initials)

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Form No. 1011.

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Camp Mills, Ny.  
April 3, 1919.

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From:- C.O.Co.L.147th.Infantry U.S.

To:- Graves Registration Service. Amer. E.F.

Subject:- Men of this company who have been killed in Service.

1. The information which I am sending is as full as I am able to obtain, due to the fact the records of these men have been sent to the Central Records Office.

2. Lenham, Dean P # 2940947 Pvt. was never with this company and I am unable to find out what company he was formerly a member.

*Ray A. Berning*  
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7-36411  
Co. "B". 142th Infantry.

BIRD, Carl E. Pvt. #2404032.

Home Address: Not given.

I was called to administer first aid to Pvt. Carl E. Bird at about 2:30 P. M. Sept. 26, 1918. No wound was visible, but blood was flowing from nose and mouth. His limbs were paralyzed. He was removed to first aid station where physician pronounced it to be a fracture of the base of the skull. He died about 9:30 P. M. Sept. 26th, 1918. He was buried on battle field near Ivory, France on Sept 27, 1918.

Informant: Schmidt, Edward Medical Company,  
142th Infantry. #1543538.

Home Address: 414 W. Wayne St., Paulding, Ohio.

Searcher: Robert C. Camp, 1st. Lt. 142th Inf.  
Feb. 19, 1919.



Wrapper Indorsement

Personnel Section, Amer. Embarkation Center, A.P.O. 762, April 1, 1919. To:  
Graves Registration Service, A.E.F. France

1. Forwarded. We have no record of these men passing through or dying in this area. If they died before their organizations passed through here, <sup>we</sup> would have no record of them.

By Direction of Major General Read

*Wright Hugus*

WRIGHT HUGUS

Major, A.G.D. U.S.A.

Asst. Personnel Adjutant

/P

