

Bires,
(Surname.)

Joseph
(Christian name in full.)

1,751,589
(Army serial number.)

Pvt. 1st Cl Co. I, 310th Inf.
(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased *mother*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? *yes*
(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you } *no.*
wish them interred in a national cemetery? }
(Yes or no.)

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

Agnes Bires
(Name of person to receive remains.) (Express office.) (Telegraph office.)

209 Clinton St., Binghamton N.Y.
(Number and street.) (City or town.) (State.)

(Sign here) *Agnes Bires*

(Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Checked by 7 10
3-29-21

Drawn by L. L.
1232-S. 160-21
3-29-21

To The A. G. O.

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G.R.S. Form #114-B

JUN 1 - 1928

FULL NAME BIRES, Joseph

RANK Pvt. *10* SERIAL 1751589

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION Co. I, 310th Inf. *78*

DATE OF DEATH *Oct 19, 1918*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *ny*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED.

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION. 2 14 E
Date Grave Row Block

Meuse-Argonne, #1232
Cemetery

Robert G. Davis
Major General
The Adjutant General
by *A*

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WORLD WAR DIV.

JUN 10 1928

1st Ind.

WW WS 6-3

War Dept., A. G. O., April 7, 1928 - To The Quartermaster General.

The records of this office show that Joseph Bires, Army Serial Number 1,751,589, held the rank of private 1st at the date of his death.

By order of the Secretary of War:



F. P. Review

Adjutant General.

OK 02/11/28

CO.I. 310th Inf. 78th Div.

BIRES Joseph Pt. I75I589.

Killed Oct. 16th Buried at St-Juvin. Formerly reported as wounded.
Mother Agnes Bires, 202 Clinton St- Binghampton, N.Y.

1918 soldier was killed by ... R.R. Leaycraft, A.R.C., Searcher -
78th Division.

January, 7th 1919.

M.C. Agnes Bires, 202 Clinton St., Binghampton, N.Y.

- 1) C.R.O.
- 2) Cable Wash.

R.R. Leaycraft, A.R.C. Searcher,
78th Division
January 1919.

1) C.R.O.
2) Cable Wash.

This soldier was killed in action October 16, but was formerly on record as wounded by gun shot, wound severe.

Mother, Agnes Bires, 209 Clinton St. Binghamton, N.Y.

From: RR. Legycraft, A.R.C. Searcher,
78th Division.
January 1919.

M.C.

Enq: 1) C.R.O.
2) Cable Wash.

WAR DEPARTMENT

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

IN REPLY REFER TO AG 201 Bires, Joseph (WW)

WASHINGTON

November 22, 1922.

Dead

82649 - Bires, Joseph

SUBJECT: Cause of Death.

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

1. An investigation recently completed by this Department in the case of Joseph Bires, #1,751,589, Private 1/c, Co I, 310 Infantry who had been previously reported as died of wounds received in action October 16, 1918 now shows that he was killed in action October 19, 1918 and that the former report is erroneous.

By order of the Secretary of War:

Woodruff
Adjutant General.



NOV 22

Handwritten initials and date: JWC 11-26-22

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By order of the Secretary of War:

Wm. A. Woodlief
Adjutant General.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

September 14, 1922.

FILE: 293.8 C-R #82642-

SUBJECT: Permanent Grave Location of Private 1st class Joseph Bires,
Company I, 310th Infantry.

TO: Mrs. Agnes Bires, 209 Clinton St., Binghamton, N.Y.

File

1. The permanent grave of this soldier is No. 2 Row 14
Block E, Meuse-Argonne American cemetery at Romagne-sous-Montfaucon,
Department of Meuse, France.

2. 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, organization and date of soldier's death. 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.

3. 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 main-
tained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting
place of our heroes.

For the Quartermaster General:

GEORGE H. PENROSE,
Assistant.

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GRAVES REGISTRATION SER.



SEP 14 1922

ms
ss

DATE 1/20/22

1. ^{rem} NAME BIRES, Joseph SERIAL No. 1751589

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. I. 310th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne Amer.Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse. 1232 - 16

CTY. NAME NUMBER

96 Sec.16. 2

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION BAC 6 St Juvin Ardennes

GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES 35NW 285.3N 297.1E

CONCENTRATED TO 4/11/19 96 16 2

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse Argonne 1232

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Letters on body read " Pvt. Joseph Biers, Co. I, 310 Inf." Tag on body data f-1/pfb

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

M. B. BIRDSEYE
1st Lt., Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 1/20/22 2 14 E

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT BLOCK.

Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery #1232. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

CEMETERY

AUDITED BY
SEB 8/15/22

Place Romagne 1232.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Jan 20, 1922.

1. REMAINS OF BIRKS, Joseph. SERIAL NUMBER 1751589

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. I. 310th Inf

2. Disinterred (date): Jan 20, 1922 From (give complete location): gr 96, sec 16, plot 2, Cty. 1232.

By: Group Maire. Unit sec 1

3. Reburied (date): January 20 1922 In (give complete location):

Meuse Argonne Cemetery #1232 Grave 2 Block "B" Row 14

By: Group reburial 5 Unit Nature of reburial unlined

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: wooden box and burlap and U.S. uniform. body decomposed, unrecognizable.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: none.

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

(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

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) both humerus fractured, head shattered.

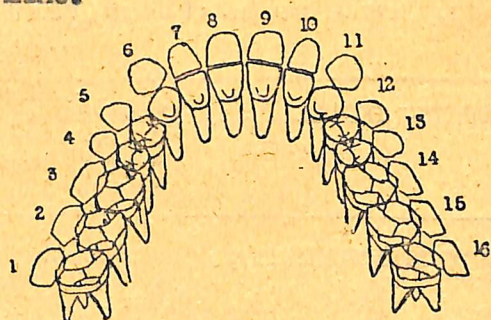
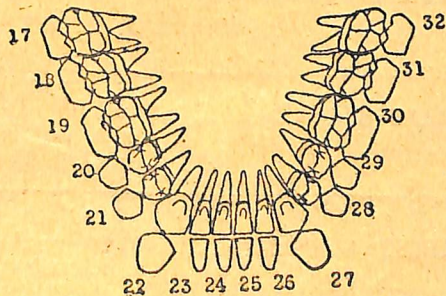


Diagram represents the mouth wide open. head shattered, not tooth chart.



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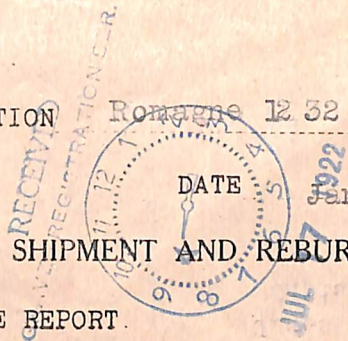
7. Disinterment supervised by Eduard Maire
E. Maire.

Approved: R.W.
R.C. Worthington, 1st Lt. U.S.A.
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by W. B. Shield
W. B. Shield

Approved: James W. Nanger
(Title) Captain, U.S.A.

To be prepared in triplicate.



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 BIRES, Joseph
2. No. 1751589
3. Rank Pvt
4. Org. Co. I, 310th Inf.
5. D.D. Abt. Oct. 16th.
6. C.D. DWRIA

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 96 Sec. 16
8. Plot BX 2 Row
9.

15. Grave No. Sec.
16. Plot Row
17. None

18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer.
20. Dept. or County Meuse.
22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232 - 16

19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon
21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) Jan 20 1922

By Edmo Maire

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Joseph Bires
Rank Pvt

Serial No. 1751589
Organization Co I 310th Inf

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

C. Smyth O'Meara
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

C Smyth O'Meara

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).

None

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed features unrecognizable

28. Nature of burial US Uniform burlap and 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 Jan 20 1922 By Edmo Maire

31. Casket sealed by Edmo Maire

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor *Edmo Maire*
Edmo Maire.

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-22426

32. Designation of body:

Name Joseph BIRES. Serial No. 1751589

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. I. 310th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. 1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon,

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Jan 20 1922 By Edmo Maire.

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 R C Worthington 1st Lt QMC

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Jan 20 1922

To point of Concentration Morgue Romagne

Convoyer W J Royed Signature Shipping Officer 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

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cemetery #1232 January 20 1922 (Date)

42. Grave No. 2 Section

43. Plot Block Row 14

G.R.S. Representative James W. Younger, Captain, Q.M.C.



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

Typed by _____, Checked by *Jan*, **MAY 28 2 1921**, 1920.

Cemeterial Division
Overseas Project Sub-Section

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 1920
letter on *4/6*, 1920

*See 6
Part I To be returned*

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: *4-25-21-Telegram from mother, Mrs. Agnes Bires, 209 Clinton St., Binghamton, N.Y. requests body left in France - (4-4-26-21-88)
Form 109 to hold body, food wash 4/28/21 B.7.*

5/6/21 PROPOSED CABLEGRAM NO. 290 TO EUROPE-BODY TO REMAIN *5/7/21*
kmh

Form 120-4/27/21-Mother - Mrs. Agnes Bires, 209 Clinton St., Binghamton, N.Y. request body remain in France. Father-Matthew Bires. (also add) re 4/12, letter 5/19/21. Sup. advise mother of complain with her request. MMBK 5-26-21

Ltr. from Europe 4/8/21 states return cancelled as per cable ^{at} 10/26/21

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
WASHINGTON

1232 Sec. 16-21 Rep 38

Wm Wash
APR 20 1921
B3. 6/10

FROM: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. G.
To: Mrs Agnes Bires, 209 Clinton St., Binghamton; New York.
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt 1/c Joseph Bires, Ser. No. 1751589, Co I 310th Inf

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above-named soldier be returned to the United States and shipped to you at 209 Clinton St., Binghamton, N. Y.

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

GEORGE H. PENROSE,
Colonel, Q. M. C.

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

Was soldier married? *no*

NOTED on file APR 29 1921
MGT 2-26-21

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)			
Father	<i>Mathew Bires</i>	<i>209 Clinton St.</i>	<i>Binghamton New York</i>
Mother	<i>Agnes Bires</i>	<i>209 Clinton St.</i>	<i>Binghamton New York</i>
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	<i>None</i>		
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	<i>Anna Kovac (Mrs)</i>	<i>197 Clinton St.</i>	<i>Binghamton, New York</i>
	<i>Mary Olds (Mrs)</i>	<i>209 Clinton St.</i>	
	<i>Rose Cicak (Mrs)</i>	<i>36 Crandall St.</i>	
	<i>Josephine and Amelia Bires - 209 Clinton St.</i>		
Date	<i>April 27 - 1921</i>		
Address	<i>209 Clinton St.</i>		
Relationship	<i>mother</i>		
Signature	<i>Mrs Agnes Bires</i>		

April 27, 1921

I, the undersigned, am the mother (Relationship.) and nearest living next of kin of the within-named soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz: (Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

1. ~~As stated on first page of this sheet.~~
2. ~~To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to _____ (Name.) _____ (State.) _____ (R. R. station.)~~
3. ~~To be returned to the U. S. and buried in _____ National Cemetery.~~
4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

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MAY 11 1921

Cemeterial Division National Cemetery Overseas Procurement Sub-Section

Signature Mrs. Agnes Barnes

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instructions for the disposition of a body are not received from the next of kin within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.
2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.
3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT of kin IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.
4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest next of kin in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.
6. If YOU are not the nearest next of kin, please ask the nearest next of kin, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
7. If YOU are not the nearest living next of kin and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.
8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

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

April 28th, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Gen.Div.Cor.Br.
(BIRES, Joseph)

Mrs. Agnes Bires,
209 Clinton St.,
Binghamton, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

Receipt of your telegram of April 25th, 1921,
relative to the remains of the late Joseph Bires, Pri-
vate First Class, Serial Number 1751589, Company I,
310th Infantry, is acknowledged.

In accordance with your latest request, in-
structions have been issued that the remains be left in
France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.
You are assured that the grave site will always be main-
tained as a fitting memorial of the late soldier's sac-
rifice.

The Department wishes to convey to you renewed
assurance of its sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

D. B. SHANNON,
Captain, Q.M. Corps,
Officer in Charge.

By:

F. C. FALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

Handwritten initials: *PA*
Circular postmark: **Mailed O.P.D.**
APR 28 1921
Handwritten initials: *FF/ur*

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MAY 3 1921
General Division

WAR DEPARTMENT
QUARTERMASTER CORPS
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
HOBOKEN, N. J.

April 27th 1921.

From: Graves Registration Officer.

To: Quartermaster General, Cemeterial Division, Washington, D. C.

Subject: Supplementary advice concerning:

Name Bires, Joseph Serial No. 1751589
Rank Private 1/cl Organization Co. I., 510th Infantry
Cemetery No. 1232-sec. 16 Cable Reference No. (Sheet No.) 21

Request shown below dated April 25th-1921 is latest in this case:

Name of Relative	Return to	Remain in	Special
		<u>FRANCE.</u>	

- Widow
- Children
- Guardian
- Father
- Mother Mrs. Agnes Bires, 209 Clinton Street, Binghamton, N.Y.
- Brother
- Sister
- Others

Body ~~to be shipped to~~ or for interment in: France, in a permanent American Cemetery.

MM

1 Inclosure.

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,
Officer in Charge. 137

Cable Letter May 6 1921, forwarding advice to Europe, dispatched 1921.
S-744 MB Gms.

CLASS OF SERVICE	SYMBOL
Telegram	
Day Letter	Blue
Night Message	Nite
Night Letter	N L

If none of these three symbols appears after the check (number of words) this is a telegram. Otherwise its character is indicated by the symbol appearing after the check.

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TELEGRAM

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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BINGHAMTON NY 332PM APRIL 25 1921

GRAVES REG SERVICE

HOBOKEN NJ

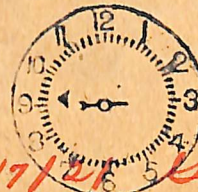
DESIRE BODY JOSEPH BIRES PRIVATE FIRST CLASS SERIAL NUMBER ONE
SEVEN FIVE ONE FIVE EIGHT NINE COMPANY I THREE HUNDRED AND TENTH
INFANTRY LEFT IN FRANCE

MRS AGNES BIRES

209 CLINTON ST

512PM

5/6/21 PROPOSED CABLEGRAM NO. 290 TO EUROPE-BODY TO REMAIN 5/9/21 *amb*

 METEOROLOGICAL DIVISION
CORRESPONDENCE BR.


HOBOKEN, N. J.

APR 23 1921

 NOTED ON FORM #115
H. 4-26-21-88.

1232 - Sec. 16-21

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File 82642

See Form 115
Att 4/20/22

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

BIRES, Joseph 1751589

(a) Name ----- Ser. No. ----- } B
 Pvt. 1/c Co. I, 310th Inf. TYP. ----- }
 (b) Rank ----- Organization ----- }
 abt. 10-16-18 DWRIA }
 (c) Date of death ----- (d) Cause of death ----- }

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

96 2 16 B

(a) Grave No. ----- Row ----- Plot ----- Sec. *(2/20/21) 926* TYP. ----- }
 Mrs. Agnes Bires (mother) 209 Clinton St.,
 (b) Emerg. Address ----- Binghamton, N. Y. ----- }

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases ----- CKR. *cy*

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

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on -----, 192
see 16 { letter of transmittal on *4/6*, 192
Par I To be returned LPO

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., *APR 12 1921*, 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.
<i>Apr. 27/21</i>	<i>Mother (4/25/21)</i>	<i>To remain</i>	<i>5/6/21 Europe advised</i>
<i>Form 129</i>	<i>Mrs. Agnes Bires</i>	<i>in France by proposed cable</i>	<i>290 - To remain.</i>
			<i>5/7/21 LMS</i>

Ltr from Europe 4/8/21 states return cancelled as per cable att 10/26/21

VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J. *5-3*, 1921

COUNTRY ----- CEMETERY No. ----- SHEET No. -----

Binghamton N.Y.
Feb. 11-1919.

Adjutant General. ✓

Sir:

In regards to my only son, who died in action October sixteenth nineteen hundred and eighteen, I wish to state that my only desire is to have his body brought over here. Hoping you will kindly grant my request, I am in
Oblige

Agnis. Bires
209 Clinton St.

(over)

① On 293.5. Bires Joseph

RECEIVED MISCEL. DIV
FEB 13 1919

FILE
Date 2/15/19 Sig JBR

Handwritten initials

1st Class

Private Joseph Bires

Co. 9 310th Infantry.

A. E. F.

P.S. Will you please send
us his tag number?

13 Received A G O, FEB 12 1919

I. M. Dir

Bires, Joseph, # 1,751,589-

Enl. Apr - 2 - 1918-

Port, 1st, Co. I. 310 Inf.

E. A. Mother, Mrs. Agnes Bires,
209 Clinton St., Binghamton, N. Y.

Died about Oct 16 - 1918 from wounds
rec'd in action

L. P. 458
2-13-19-

usual let.

memo. card

give identification w -
sympathy

295.8 Bires, Joseph
(Misc. Div.) IDR:WMS



February 15, 1919.

Mrs. Agnes Bires,
209 Clinton Street,
Binghamton, N. Y.

Dear Madam:-

The inclosed Memorandum is sent to you in response to your letter of February 11th, relative to your desire to have the body of Private Joseph Brier returned to your home.

The identification number of Private Bier is, 1,751,589.

It is desired to express to you the deep sympathy of the Department on account of the loss of your son, and to commend you for the sacrifice and the contribution you have made to the cause for which he gave his life.

Very sincerely yours,

J. O. Ashburn

Adjutant General.

1 Incl.

Card made
FILE
Date **Sig.**

1. G.R.S. FORM NO. 22 HQ. C.S. FILE 82642

2. SOLDEIRS NO 175 1589

3. BIREST JOSEPH
SURNAME FIRST NAME AND INITIAL

4. UNKNOWN
RANK COMPANY REGT. OR CORPS

5. UNKNOWN
DATE OF DEATH CAUSE IF KNOWN

6. UNKNOWN ST. JUVIN
DATE OF BURIAL CEMETERY

7. ST. JUVIN ARDENNES
TOWN OF COMMUNE DEPARTMENT

8. 6 C
GRAVE NO PLOT NO OR LETTER

9. NAME PER... CROSS... HEAD BOARD... BOTTLE...

10. BURIED WITH BODY... ATTACHED TO GRAVE... X
IDENTIFICATION TAGS MARKER

11. IF NAME UNKNOWN AND TAGS MISSING GIVE MARKS AND DESCRIPTION

1049
VERDUN

12. VERDUN N.W. 35
MAP REFERENCE IF INTERMENT IS OUTSIDE CEMETERY

285-4N. 297E

13. GIVE NAME OF CHAPLAIN OR BURIAL OFFICER

SIGNED Norman L. Maeder
R.M. Capt. Sr. Lt.

GROUP 4 G.R.S. ... UNIT 305

3/20/21

FILE

Mr. Wilson:

Bires, Joseph

1751589 - Pvt. 1cl.

Co. I, 310th Inf

EA. Mrs. Agnes Bires,
(mother)

209 Clinton St., Binghamton, N.Y.

(not "Binghamton")

Adjustment Made

Make adjustment

5-15 1922

File No. 82642

JR

mkw-5-15-22
7-11-22

1252-16-21

FR O.S.P.
MAY 26 1921

May 19, 1921.

393.8-Cem.#82642-(Bires, Joseph Pvt.)

The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)

Mrs. Agnes Bires, 209 Clinton St. Binghamton, New York.

Disposition of remains.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of G.R.S. Form 120, under date of April 20th 1921, requesting that the remains of the late Private Joseph Bires, Company I, 310th Infantry, be permanently interred in France and instructions have been issued that your wishes be complied with.

2. The remains of the deceased are now interred in Grave 96, Section 16, Plot 3, Argonne American Cemetery at Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse, a permanent American Cemetery where the grave will be perpetually maintained by the Government in the most careful and reverent manner.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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CHARLES J. WYNNE,
Captain, Q.M.C.

MW
HW

FORWARD TO O S P

MAILED
MAY 20 1921

G.R.S.

*Yellow Copy and Form 120
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Cemeterial Division
Overseas Project Sub-Section

Co. I. 310th Inf. 78 Div.

BIRES Joseph Pvt. 1751589.

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This soldier was killed in action October 16, but was formerly on record as wounded by gun shot, wound severe.

Mother, Agnes Bires, 209 Clinton St. Binghamton, N.Y.

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From: RR. Legycraft, A.R.C. Searcher,
78th Division.
January 1919.

M.C.

Enq: 1) C.R.O.
2) Cable Wash.

G-R 11-26-18 to severely -

G-R 1-20-19 D. from W -

Σ a memo Agnes Bires

209 Clinton St, Binghamton
N.Y.

82642

CO. I 310 INFANTRY 78 DIVISION

BIRES Joseph Pvt 1751589

Died of wounds October 16, 1918.

Joseph Bires 1751589 Pvt 1st cl. Co. I 310 Infantry. Died of wounds recd. in action about October 16, 1918. C.C. 419.

No Hospital record.

Informant; Central Records Office, A.P.O. 902.
February 14, 1919

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Enquirer;

Central Records Office.

WAR DEPARTMENT
QUARTERMASTER CORPS
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
HOBOKEN, N. J.

Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. O. M. G.
file # 293.8 - 22642

April 27th 1921

From: Graves Registration Officer.

To: Quartermaster General, Cemeterial Division, Washington, D. C.

Subject: Supplementary advice concerning:

Name Bires, Joseph Serial No. 1751589
Rank Private 1/cl Organization Co. I., 310th Infantry
Cemetery No. 1232-Sec. 16 Cable Reference No. (Sheet No.) 21

Request shown below dated April 25th-1921 is latest in this case:

Name of Relative	Return to	Remain in	Special
		FRANCE.	

Bires, Joseph

Widow

Children

Guardian

Father

Mother Mrs. Agnes Bires, 209 Clinton Street, Binghamton, N.Y.

Brother

Sister

Others

Body to be shipped to, or for interment in: France, in a permanent American Cemetery.

MM

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,
Officer in Charge. 13.7

1 Inclosure.

Cable Letter May 6, 1921, forwarding advice to Europe, dispatched.....1921.

S-744 MB

R- 5/4/21 CM

TO:- REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.

Date 3/20/20.

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

Please furnish information as checked (✓) below regarding the following soldier:

NAME *Buris, Joseph*

Serial Number

RANK *Priv*

ORGANIZATION *Co D 310th Inf.*

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	1-1751589
2.	Date of Death	2 about 10-16-18
3.	Cause and place of death	3 WWRDA
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	4 CC-419.
5.	Date buried	5 no record
6.	Grave Location (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	6 Disinterred from Grave 6 Plot 1 Amer. City St Junip Ardenne 672 ✓
7.	Who reported burial?	7 Reburied 4-11-19 in Grave 96, Sec -16-Plot 2 Argonne Amer. City 1232
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	Romagne - Mrs. Matfaux Meuse
9.	Report as to Grave Marker	10 no record
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	10b Yes
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	11 - Mrs Agnes Buris 209 Clinton St Binghamton N.Y.
12.	Has above been notified? (Give date)	12-2-13-19
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	Released by Information Control Dept. Directory Cards 5 x 8 Cards 4 x 6
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	
15.	Inquiry made by?	

*Mrs Agnes Buris.
209 Clinton St
Binghamton N.Y.*

N.B. All Proper names to be typewritten, or printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

M.O.M.

Binghamton N.Y.
March 19 - 20

MAR 19 '20

Adjutant General's Office
Washington

Dear Sir,

We wish to know
what stand you are going to take
in regard to bringing the dead
soldiers from France. We have
already stated by your system
that we would like to have the
body of son Private Joseph Bires
Co. D. 810 Infantry returned.



Please let us know what stand
you are going to take in that matter
at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully

Mrs. Agnes Davis

209 Clinton St

Binghamton

N.Y.

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Received A. G. O. MAR 17 1920

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Sept. 6, 1932.

Bires, Joseph (MA)

Mrs. Joseph Bires,
4 Balcon Ave.,
Singerston, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Biras Joseph (WA)

July 7 1932

Mrs Agnes Biras
1 Balcon Ave
Binghanton 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.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

QM 293 A-M
Bires, Joseph Pvt. 1cl (M-A) M

March 22, 1932.

Mrs. Agnes Bires,
1 Balcom Avenue,
Binghamton, N.Y.

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 first class Joseph Bires.

It is noted in previous years your health would not permit you to make the journey, and in this connection you are assured that should you make a pilgrimage competent 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 in poor health and of advanced age made the pilgrimage and appeared to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

Should you reconsider and desire to visit the grave of your son during the coming summer, it is requested that you notify this office at the earliest practicable date. You are assured the journey will not only be made at the expense of the United States, but 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
Bires, Joseph (M-A) M

September 29, 1931. AL

Mrs. Agnes Bires,
1 Balcom Avon,
Binghamton, New York.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Bires, Joseph Pvt. 1 cl (MA) M*

July 14, 1931.

Mrs. Agens Bires,
1 Balcom Ave.,
Binghamton, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

April 28, 1931.

Q# 293 A-M
Bires, Joseph (MA) M.

Mrs. Agnes Bires,
1 Balcom Avenue,
Binghanton, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of the letter of April 23, 1931, written in your behalf by Mrs. Anna Kovac, advising that you are unable to make the pilgrimage to Europe, sailing May 15th on the AMERICA, to visit the grave of your son, the late Private first class Joseph Bires.

It is regretted that your health will not permit you to make the journey this year. However, it is hoped that your health will improve and you will make the pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932. Your name has been added to the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to go next year and you will be communicated with when plans are being made for that year.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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January 22, 1931

QM 293 A-1
Bires, Joseph Pvt. 1c1 1232

Mrs. Agnes Bires,
1 Balcon Avenue,
Binghamton, New York,

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of recent communication from your daughter, Mrs. Anna Kovac, declining, for you, the invitation to sail on the SS AMERICA May 13, 1931 to visit the grave of your son, the late Private, first class, Joseph Bires, under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929 as amended May 15, 1930.

It is regretted that due to ill health you will not be able to make the pilgrimage this year. Accordingly, reservation made for you on the SS AMERICA has been cancelled.

In the event that you are able and desire to make the pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932 or 1933, it is requested that you so advise this office in order that the necessary arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bires, Joseph - 1232 M

June 18, 1930

Mrs. Agnes Bires
1 Balcom Avenue
Binghamton, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? _____

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

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QM 293 A-C
Bires, Joseph 1232-M

April 28, 1930

Mrs. Agnes Bires,
1 Balcom Avenue,
Binghamton, New York.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 15, 1930, declining invitation to sail on the SS "Roosevelt, June 21, 1930, to visit the grave of your son, the late Private first class Joseph Bires, under provision of the Act of March 2 1929.

Your name has been placed upon a list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the journey in 1931, and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages are being arranged for that year.

For The Quartermaster General

Very truly yours,

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

J. M. C. DIV.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Biros, Joseph 1232-M

April 11, 1930

Mrs. Agnes Biros,
1 Balcom Ave.,
Dear Madam, N. Y.

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "Roosevelt" on June 21, 1930.

In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you complete the card enclosed with the invitation signifying whether or not you accept the invitation and return the same to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before May 3, 1930, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

Should you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you advise this office to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

Bires, Joseph 1232-N

March 24, 1930

Mrs. Agnes Bires,
1 Balcom Avenue,
Binghamton, New York.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.
Regulation.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Bires, Joseph 1232 M

Mrs. Agnes Bires,
1 Balcom Ave.,
Binghamton, N. Y.

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.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bires, Joseph

June 29, 1929.

Mrs. Agnes Bires,
299 Clinton St.,
Binghamton, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private 1/cl. Joseph Bires, Co. I, 310th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the House-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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Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Bires,</i>	<i>B L R</i>	3	<i>298</i>
BURIED	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
	GRAVE <i>2</i>	2	<i>02</i>
	ROW <i>14</i>	2	<i>14</i>
	BLOCK <i>E</i>	1	<i>5</i>
STATE	<i>New York</i>	2	<i>37</i>
RANK	<i>Post 1cl</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>78</i>	2	<i>78</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>310</i>	3	<i>310</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Bires,</i>	<i>B L R</i>	3	<i>298</i>
RESIDENCE	STATE <i>N. Y.</i>	2	<i>37</i>
	COUNTY <i>Broome</i>	2	<i>04</i>
	CITY <i>Binghamton</i>	3	<i>013</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	<i>1</i>
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Bad</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO. YR.	1 1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
29/514/PJ	<i>Age</i>		<i>64</i>

AUDITED
MAR 10 1937
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IN REPLY QM 293 A-M
REFER TO
Bires, Joseph (MA)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

October 12, 1932.

SPECIAL

Mrs. Agnes Bires,
1 Balcom Ave.,
Binghamton, NY

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 Agnes Bires. 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.

T. H. AUYONG, M. D.
ENDICOTT, N. Y.

Oct. 8, 1932

To whom it may concern: -

This is to certify that Mrs Agnes
Bieres has been under medical treatment
since November 16, 1930 for hypertension - and
she is not able to stand any long trip.

T. H. Auyong, M.D.



1 Balcom Ave.,
Binghamton, N.Y.
Oct. 18, 1932.

The Quartermaster General,
War Department,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I have received several invitations to make the pilgrimage to Europe to visit the grave of my son Joseph Bires, and to each one of them a reply has been sent stating that while I appreciate the opportunity given me, my health is such that it is impossible for me to accept the invitation. The replies have been written by my daughter, Mrs. Frank Kovac and I do not understand why they have not reached you.

I am constantly under the doctor's care and have been having trouble with my eyes in addition to the other conditions which make it impossible for me to think of taking the trip to Europe, much as I might want to do it.

Thanking you ,

Very truly yours

X *Agnes Bires*
(Mrs.) Agnes Bires



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Sept. 8, 1932.

Hires, Joseph (M.)

Mrs. Thomas Hires,
1 Talbot Ave.,
Binghamton, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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,

Encl:
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 295 A-M

Bires Joseph (MA)

July 7 1932

Mrs Agnes Bires
1 Balsan Ave
Binghaston 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.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

QM 293 A-M

Bires, Joseph Pvt. 1cl (M-A) M

March 22, 1932.

Mrs. Agnes Bires,
1 Balcom Avenue,
Binghamton, N.Y.

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 first class Joseph Bires.

It is noted in previous years your health would not permit you to make the journey, and in this connection you are assured that should you make a pilgrimage competent 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 in poor health and of advanced age made the pilgrimage and appeared to have benefitted by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

Should you reconsider and desire to visit the grave of your son during the coming summer, it is requested that you notify this office at the earliest practicable date. You are assured the journey will not only be made at the expense of the United States, but 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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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Bires, Joseph (M-A) M

September 29, 1931. AL

Mrs. Agnes Bires,
1 Balcom Aven,
Binghamton, New York.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Bires, Joseph Pvt. 1 cl (IA) H*

July 14, 1931.

Mrs. Agnes Bires,
1 Balcom Ave.,
Binghamton, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

April 28, 1931.

QM 293 A-M
Bires, Joseph (MA) M

Mrs. Agnes Bires,
1 Baloon Avenue,
Binghamton, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of the letter of April 23, 1931, written in your behalf by Mrs. Anna Kovac, advising that you are unable to make the pilgrimage to Europe, sailing May 13th on the AMERICA, to visit the grave of your son, the late Private first class Joseph Bires.

It is regretted that your health will not permit you to make the journey this year. However, it is hoped that your health will improve and you will make the pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932. Your name has been added to the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to go next year and you will be communicated with when plans are being made for that year.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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36 Spring Forest Ave.,
Binghamton, N.Y.
Apr. 23, 1931.

*Declined
Amer. May 13-*

The Quartermaster General,
Munitions Building,
Washington, D.C.

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Re: Bires, Joseph (deceased)

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Dear Sir:

My mother, Mrs. Agnes Bires, received another invitation to join the pilgrimages to the cemeteries in Europe this summer. I am writing on her behalf to again decline the invitation. She is in such poor health that it would be impossible for her to make the journey. She appreciates very much being again offered the trip, but we know that she could not possibly go because of her condition.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs Anna Kovac

(Mrs.) Anna Kovac



America

5-13-31

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Bires, Joseph



I decline ^{letter given to Miss Boyd.} _{ill health} the invitation extended
(Accept or decline)

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

Mrs. Agnes Bires

(Name)

1 Balcom Avenue, Binghamton, Broome Co., New York.

(Town or City)

(State)

January 22, 1931

OM 293 A-M
Bires, Joseph Pvt. 1cl 1232

Mrs. Agnes Bires,
1 Balcom Avenue,
Binghamton, New York.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of recent communication from your daughter, Mrs. Anna Kovac, declining, for you, the invitation to sail on the SS AMERICA May 13, 1931 to visit the grave of your son, the late Private, first class, Joseph Bires, under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929 as amended May 15, 1930.

It is regretted that due to ill health you will not be able to make the pilgrimage this year. Accordingly, reservation made for you on the SS AMERICA has been cancelled.

In the event that you are able and desire to make the pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932 or 1933, it is requested that you so advise this office in order that the necessary arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Bires, Joseph - PFC

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36 Spring Forest Ave.,
Binghamton, N.Y.

The Quartermaster General,
Munitions Building,
Washington, D.C.

Re: Bires, Joseph

Dear Sir:

On behalf of my mother, Mrs. Agnes Bires, I am writing concerning her invitation to make the pilgrimage to Europe next summer at the expense of the Government.

She has been in poor health since last April and we feel that it will be impossible for her to think of taking the trip although she would like to very much. She had a slight shock and it is hard for her to get around so you will understand our decision in having her decline the invitation.

Thanking you,

Sincerely yours,

Anna Kovac

(Mrs.) Anna Kovac

Mother - Mrs. Agnes Bires
1 Balcom Ave., Binghamton, N. Y.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bires, Joseph - 1232 M

June 18, 1930

Mrs. Agnes Bires
1 Balcom Avenue
Binghamton, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

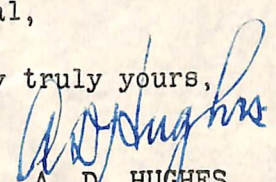
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? On account of present
health I would not be able to say whether I could go next year. (Write answer here)
not well enough to make the trip. At present I am


(Sign here)

OM 293 A-C
Bires, Joseph 1332-M

April 28, 1930

Mrs. Agnes Bires,
1 Balcom Avenue,
Binghamton, New York.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 15, 1930, declining invitation to sail on the SS "Roosevelt, June 21, 1930 to visit the grave of your son, the late Private first class Joseph Bires, under provision of the Act of March 2, 1929.

Your name has been placed upon a list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the journey in 1931, and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages are being arranged for that year.

For The Quartermaster General

Very truly yours,

R. F. SHANNON
Captain Q. M. Corps
Assistant

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1 Balcom Ave.,
Binghamton, N.Y.
April 15, 1930.

The Quartermaster General
Munitions Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I received the invitation to make the pilgrimage with the gold star mothers to Europe on June 21st of this year. I should like to be able to accept this invitation but for the last few months I have not been well and I am not now able to make the journey. My family think it would be better for me not to try to go at this time for fear I might become worse.

I should be glad to make the trip at some later time if I am able. I am sorry that I cannot go this June and I thank you for the invitation.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes Bires

Mrs Agnes Bires



*Declines Mrs. Roosevelt
6/21/30
Fruited for 1931*

Roosevelt
6/21/30
1232

Bires Joseph

I decline ^(ans 4-28-30) the invitation extended
(Accept or decline)

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

Mrs. Agnes Bires

(Name)

1 Balcom Ave., Binghamton, Broome Co., New York

(Town or City)

(State)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Biros, Joseph 1252-M

April 11, 1930

Mrs. Agnes Biros,
1 Balcom Ave.,
Binghamton, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "Roosevelt" on June 21, 1930.

In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you complete the card enclosed with the invitation signifying whether or not you accept the invitation and return the same to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before May 3, 1930, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

Should you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you advise this office to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Bires, Joseph 1232 M

Mrs. Agnes Bires,
1 Balcom Ave.,
Binghamton, N. Y.

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.

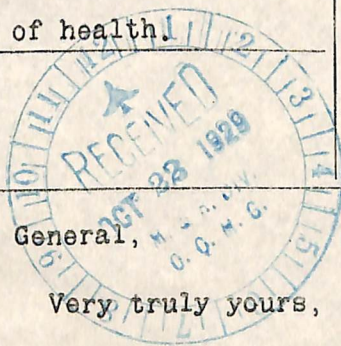
1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No)
	<i>yes</i>	
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No)
	<i>yes</i>	
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	(No) <i>no</i>
4. Please give your age and state of health!	Age <i>64</i> (Years)	Health <i>good</i> (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - <i>very little</i> (Yes) (No)	Other language <i>slovak</i> (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

J. 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

Bires, Joseph

June 29, 1929.

Mrs. Agnes Bires,
209 Clinton St.,
Binghamton, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private 1/cl. Joseph Bires, Co. I, 310th 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 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.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress.
Envelope.



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

Aug-7-29- Sir; Late Private Joseph Bires is not survived by a widow. His mother only.

*Mrs. Agnes Bires
1 Balcon Ave; Binghamton, N.Y.*