

FULL NAME ..... BIRMINGHAM, Arthur J. ✓

RANK ..... Pvt. ✓ SERIAL ..... 1632968 ✓

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION ..... Postal Express Serv., *not Dir*

DATE OF DEATH ..... *Dec 4-1918*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME ..... *Cal.*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

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FINAL GRAVE LOCATION.....	6	7	B
	Date	Grave	Row
			Block

Suresnes, #34

Cemetery

REC'D WORLD WAR DIV.  
1 AUG 29 1924

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Birmingham

Birmingham 1632968 Arthur  
(Surname) (Number) (First Name and Initials)

Pvt Postal Express Service  
(Rank) (Organization)

PLACE OF DEATH: U S Camp Hosp #4

CAUSE OF DEATH: Pneu

DATE OF BURIAL: Dec 4 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: A E F Cemetery #34

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

Suresnes (Seine) Paris

GRAVE NUMBER: 999

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Yes Cross? Yes

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: Mrs Mary Apolla

ADDRESS: 1935 Banard Park Los Angeles Cal

RELATIONSHIP: Aunt

REPORTED BY:

M. Walsh, Chaplain, Paris  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON Aug. 1, 1922.

FILE

FILE: 293.8 C-R - #69731

SUBJECT: Permanent Grave Location of Arthur J. Birmingham, Private,  
Co. A. Postal Express Service.

TO: Mrs. Mary Apolla, 1935 Banard Park, Los Angeles, Cal.

1. The permanent grave of this soldier is No. 6 Row 7  
Block B. The American Cemetery of Suresnes, Department of Seine, 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 maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

For the Quartermaster General:

MAILED

AUG 3 1922

G.R.S.

GEORGE H. PENROSE,  
Assistant.

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

1. NAME Birmingham, Arthur *J.C.H. 227-22* SERIAL No. 1632968

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Postal Express Serv.

GRAVE LOCATION Amer.Cem. Suresnes - Seine 34  
CITY. NAME NUMBER

999

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL ~~BATTLE AREA~~ GRAVE LOCATION 999 SURESNES, Seine.  
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES American Cty. #34.

CONCENTRATED TO Original burial.

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

CEMETERY CITY. NUMBER

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

Original burial.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS None.

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

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SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR G.V.S. QUACKENBUSH.

*G.V.S. Quackenbush*  
Lieut.-Col. Q.M.C., Chief, Operations Div.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 8-31-21. 6. 7. Block B.

DATE GRAVE ROW BOOK

SURESNES AMERICAN CEMETERY #34 (Seine) SURESNES

CEMETERY

*Audited by  
Q.B.K.  
2-27-22* 01

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE August 31, 1921

## REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

## DISINTERMENT

## COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

1. Name Birmingham, Arthur  
 2. No. 1632968  
 3. Rank Pvt.  
 4. Org. Postal Express Serv.  
 5. D.D. 12-4  
 6. C.D. DOD

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body  
Tag on body:

10. Name Birmingham Art. J. U.S.A.  
1632968  
 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_  
 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) D.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 999 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 17. No discrepancy

18. Cemetery Amer.19. Commune or town Suresnes20. Dept. or County Seine21. Country France22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 34

23. Disinterred (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Arthur BirminghamSerial No. NoneRank Pvt.Organization P.E.S.25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? no On body? yes

William H. Warren  
 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).

No effects27. Condition of body Body intact28. Nature of burial Sheet and Pine Box29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? See above30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date August 31, 1921 By J A Lee31. Casket sealed by J A Lee

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

J A Lee  
 J. A. L. E.

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-4992

32. Designation of body:

Name Birmingham, Arthur Serial No. 1632968

Rank Pvt. Organization Postal Express Service

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Suresnes Amer.Cem. #34

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) August 31, 1921 By J A Lee

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 E J Riordan  
Capt. Q M C

36. Remarks

Exhumed for burial in permanent cemetery at Suresnes

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) August 31, 1921

To point of Concentration Suresnes (Seine) Cem. 34

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ (Name)  
Signature Shipping Officer

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ (Name)  
Signature Shipping Officer

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

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

41. Reinterred August 31, 1921 (Date)

42. Grave No. 6 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot Block B Row 7 Cem. 34

G.R.S. Representative E J Riordan  
Capt. Q M C

Place Suresnes (Seine)

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date August 31/21

1. REMAINS OF BIRMINGHAM, Arthur SERIAL NUMBER 1632968

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Postal Express Serv.

2. Disinterred (date): 8/31/21 From (give complete location):  
Gr. 999, Cem. 34. Suresnes.

By: Group 2 Unit E.S. #6

3. Reburied (date): 8/31/21 In (give complete location):  
Gr. 6, Row ~~2~~ 7, Cem. 34. Suresnes. Block B

By: Group 2 Unit E.S. #6 Nature of reburial Shippingcase and metallic casket & blanket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Body intact. In sheet and pine box.

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

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

Tag on ~~XXXXX~~ body reads: "Birmingham, Art. J. U.S.A. 1632968; ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ No effects. Edhumed for burial in permanent cemetery at Suresnes.

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

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

(b) Weight (estimated) Imp. to determine

(c) Hair—Color App. Black

Quantity Medium

Characteristics Straight

(d) Hair on face—Color None visible

Location None visible

Quantity None visible

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

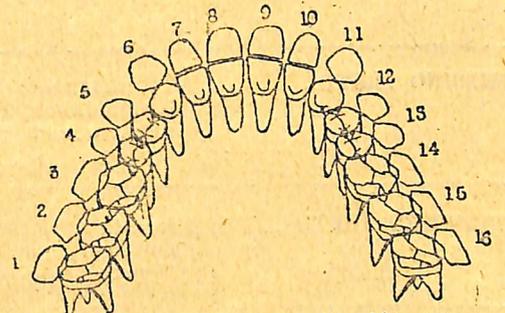
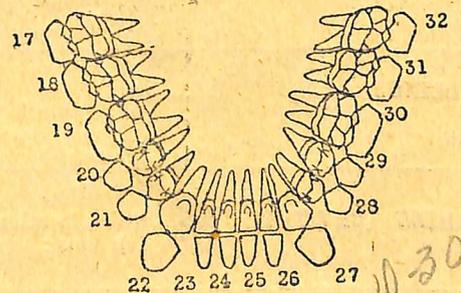


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Post mortem case.  
Tooth chart not made as this body is embalmed and identified and making a tooth chart will require cutting the flesh, breaking the jaws and unnecessary mutilation.

7. Disinterment supervised by J.A. Lee, S.E.

Approved: E.J. Riordan,  
(Title) Capt., QMC.

8. Reburial supervised by J.A. Lee, S.E.

Approved: E.J. Riordan,  
(Title) Capt., QMC.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 69731



I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BIRMINGHAM, Arthur Ser. No. 1632968
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization P.E.S.
(c) Date of death 12/4/18 (d) Cause of death Broncho Pneumonia.

TYP. EK
CKR.

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

(a) Grave No. 999 Row -- Plot -- Sec. -- TYP. EK
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Mary Apolla (aunt) 1935 Banard Park, Los Angeles, Calif.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases NO CARD

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt no card in file 12-30-20

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

Examiner's Initials Date, 1920.

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

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

No correspondence

Examiner's Initials PF Date 12-30, 1920.

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to?

EM Examiner's Initials Date 1-3-21, 1920.

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 34 SHEET No. 69

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

CARDED

FEB 25 1921

Handwritten notes and stamps including 'checked out' and 'Feb 1-3-21'



COMPILED BY: [redacted] DATE: [redacted]

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File # 69731

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 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization P.E.S.  
 (c) Date of death 12/4/18 Cause of death Broncho Pneumonia.

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 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Mary Apolla (aunt) 1935 Benard Park, Los Angeles, Calif. CKR

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases NO CARD

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

*G.G.O. - No card in file.*  
*G.R.S. - No request for disposition*  
*A.B.R. - 2/23/21*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by - (cable on 192)  
 (letter of transmittal on JAN 24 1921)

**Par. 2 Not to be returned.** (met)

MAR 10 1921

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

CHEMISTRY NO.

SHEET NO.

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

S-666/MB

France

34

69

Concentrated into P. A. C. 34

FEB 25 1921 U.S.

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Birmingham 1632968 Arthur  
(Surname) (Number) (First Name and Initials)

Pvt Postal Express Service  
(Rank) (Organization)

PLACE OF DEATH: U.S. Camp Hosp #4

CAUSE OF DEATH: Pneu

DATE OF BURIAL: Dec 4 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: A.E.F. Cemetery #34

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

Suresnes (Seine) Paris

GRAVE NUMBER: 999

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? yes Cross? yes

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? yes

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

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

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34

NEAREST RELATIVE: Mrs Mary Apolla

ADDRESS: 1935 Banard Park Los Angeles Cal

RELATIONSHIP: Aunt

REPORTED BY:

REVIEWED  
OSP SS

M. Walsh Chaplain Paris  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

CENTRAL DIVISION  
REGISTRATION SECTION

April 28, 1921. ~~XXXXXX~~

FILE

FILE

MEMO FOR:

Cards Department.

1.

CASE OF:

P. E. S.

ORGANIZATION (old)

BIRMINGHAM, 1632968, Arthur  
(Name)

Pvt.

Correction or additional data changes as shown below have been made on the Registration Card of the above-mentioned soldier and a corresponding change will be necessary on the Organization Card:

ORGANIZATION (New) Co. A, Postal Exp. Service

FILE NO.

SURNAME

SERIAL NUMBER

FIRST NAME AND INITIALS Arthur J.

RANK

DATE OF DEATH

CAUSE OF DEATH

	Date	Place	F-1A No.
Orig.			D-
1st Reb.			D-
2nd Reb.			D-
3rd Reb.			D-

(Note: In the above spaces below double line fill in ONLY the new data and data correcting previous information)

BY: Margaret K. McCarthy

Investigation & Adjustment  
(Department)

5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made  
on Organization  
File Card:

By [Signature]

S/1105/LML

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

APR 30 1921

Date April 23, 1921

File No. 69731

Registration.

69731

FILE

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, Sixth and B Streets NW., Washington, D. C.

Subject: Information required for G. R. S.

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed. Request confirmation of all information shown.

✓ a. Surname. BIRMINGHAM, *OK*

✓ f. Date of death. 12/4/18 *OK*

✓ b. Christian name. Arthur *J. OK*

✓ g. Cause of death. Broncho Pneumonia. *OK*

✓ c. Serial number. 1632968 *OK*

✓ h. Authority (C. C. No.) 383

✓ d. Organization. *Cod, Postal exp service.*

✓ i. Emergency address. Mrs. Mary Apolla, (Aunt) *OK*  
1935 Banard Park, Los Angeles, Cal.

✓ e. Rank. Private. *OK*

✓ j. Relationship. Aunt. *OK*

BODY DESCRIPTION.

(See page 2 of the Service Record.)

DENTAL CHARTS.

(See physical report of examination prior to enlistment.)

a. Age at enlistment.

a. Strike out teeth missing:

b. Color of eyes.

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
Upper right Upper left.

c. Color of hair.

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
Lower right. Lower left.

d. Height.

e. Weight.

f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment. (Old fractures or breaks.)

H. L. ROGERS,  
Quartermaster General, U. S. A.,

By

*H. J. Conner*

H. J. CONNER.

1st Lieut. ~~Captain~~ Q. M. C.

MDT.

APR 25 1921

RECEIVED

*Donnelly M.F.*  
*EP. Sec 11*  
*4-26-21*

Rec'd World War Div.  
Date... APR. 25 1921

Reference: 69731

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

69731  
JMA

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.  
TO: Thomas J. McNally, Knights of Columbus Secretary,  
Hdqrs. 29th Division A.E.F., A.P.O. 765.  
SUBJECT: Private Arthur Birmingham, Co., H. 159th Infantry,  
American E.F.

With reference to your request for information relative to the above mentioned soldier, I beg to advise that under the ruling governing the dissemination of burial information, all inquiries with reference to grave location must be made to these headquarters for reply direct. If you will, therefore, send us the name of the person making inquiry, burial information will be forwarded immediately.

By direction CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Lieut.-Colonel, Q.M.C. A.E.F.

per MAURICE B. DIX,  
Captain, American Red Cross,  
Representative assigned to  
Graves Registration Service.

REVIEWED  
C

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

FILE NUMBER

FROM:-

ORS

DATE:

2/27/19

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME BIRMINGHAM, ARTHUR J. NUMBER

RANK SGT. ORGANIZATION CO. H, 159 INF.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
✓ 1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	(1) BIRMINGHAM, 1632968 Arthur. Pvt. P.E.S.
✓ 2.	Date of Death.	(2) 12/4/18,
✓ 3.	Cause and place of death.	(3) Broncho Penumonia.
✓ 4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	(4) #383
✓ 5.	Date buried.	(5) 12/4/18,
✓ 6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	(6) Cty. #34 Grave No 999 Cemetery (Amer) Suresnes (Paris) (Seine)
7.	Who reported burial.	
✓ 8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	(8) Yes.
✓ 9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	(9) Grave Marker, Peg And Cross.
✓ 10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	(10) 1 tag buried with Body. 1 tag attached to grave marker.
11.	Who is nearest relative? :	
✓ 12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	(12) 1/13/19.
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the Photograph No. ?	

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

EVH.



Headquarters 29th Division  
American E.F. A.P.O. 765  
20 February 19

69731

From: Thomas J. McNally, Knights of Columbus Secretary,  
Headquarters 29th Division.

To: Officer in Charge, Graves Registration Bureau,  
American E.F., A.P.O. 717.

Subject: Information as to location of grave of Sergeant  
Arthur J. Birmingham, Co. H 159th Infantry.

1. Request information as to the exact location of the grave of Sergeant Arthur J. Birmingham, Co. H 159th Inf.
2. This soldier died December 4th, 1918, near Paris.
3. He was a resident of Los Angeles, California, and enlisted in Co. H 159th Infantry.

*Thomas J. McNally*

Thomas J. McNally  
K of C Secretary  
Hdqrs. 29th Division  
A.E.F. A.P.O. 765

2/27/19

REVIEWED  
OSP SS.

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Birmingham</i>	<i>BIR</i>	3	<i>298</i>
<i>Arthur J</i>	CEMETERY <i>34</i>	1	<i>6</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>6</i>	2	<i>06</i>
	ROW <i>7</i>	2	<i>07</i>
	BLOCK <i>B</i>	1	<i>2</i>
STATE	<i>Calif</i>	2	<i>04</i>
RANK	<i>Pvt</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>Misc</i>	2	<i>68</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>Postal Exp. Serv</i>	3	<i>XXX</i>
ARM	<i>X</i>	1	<i>X</i>
MARTIAL <i>(Bro.)</i>	<i>No</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Birmingham</i>		3	
<i>Chester D.</i>	STATE	2	
<i>13278 Mariposa Ave.</i>	COUNTY	2	
RESIDENCE <i>Los Angeles, Calif.</i>	CITY	3	
RELATION <i>bro</i>	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER <i>no</i>		1	<i>3</i>
ELIGIBILITY <i>no</i>	<i>Dead</i>	1	<i>6</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

**AUDITED**

SEP 22 1932

*RS*

*sent*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Birmingham, Arthur J. - 34 B

July 7, 1930

Mr. Chester S. Birmingham  
1327 S. Mariposa Avenue  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Sir:

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

This office has no record of any person entitled under the Act mentioned to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe as the mother or widow of the above named deceased service man. To complete the list of eligibles and to assure that, if the above named man is survived by a mother or widow entitled to make a pilgrimage she receive an invitation to do so, it is requested you answer the following questions in the space provided on this letter and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

no

2. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not remarried?

If so, give her name and address:

no

3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?

If so, give her name and address:

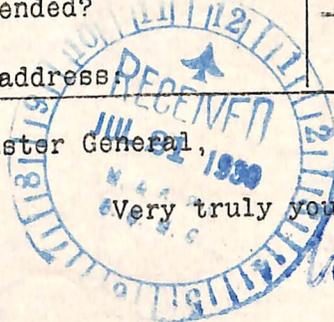
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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment

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



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Birmingham, Arthur J.

Aug. 2, 1929.

Mr. Chester S. Birmingham,  
1527 S. Mariposa Ave.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Sir:

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 brother of the late Private Arthur J. Birmingham, Co. A, Postal Express Service, whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried?

Never Married

2. If so, give her complete address.

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

No Mother  
No Stepmother  
No other Woman

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

- not shown.  
Bro.  
Mr. Chester S. Birmingham,  
1327 S. Mariposa Ave.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Birmingham, Arthur J.

May 4, 1929.  
C 138 389

Mrs. Mary Apolla,  
1935 Banard Park,  
Los Angeles, California.

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 aunt of the late Private Arthur J. Birmingham, Company A, Postal Express Service, whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine France.

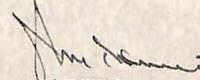
Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother or widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish the full names and addresses of the mother and widow in order that action may be taken to extend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

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relative is a stepmother, mother through adoption, or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. If he was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

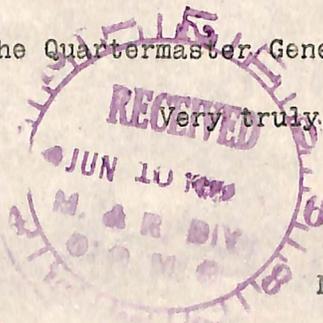
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For The Quartermaster General,

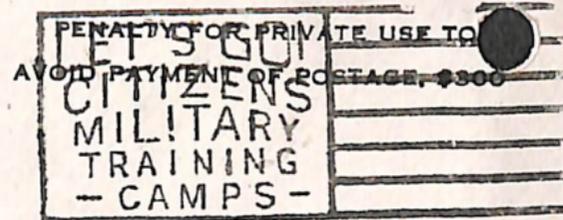
Very truly yours,

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Birmingham, Arthur J. - 34 B

July 7, 1930

Mr. Chester S. Birmingham  
1327 S. Marinosa Avenue  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Sir:

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

This office has no record of any person entitled under the Act mentioned to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe as the mother or widow of the above named deceased service man. To complete the list of eligibles and to assure that, if the above named man is survived by a mother or widow entitled to make a pilgrimage she receive an invitation to do so, it is requested you answer the following questions in the space provided on this letter and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

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1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

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2. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not remarried?

If so, give her name and address:

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3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?

If so, give her name and address:

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Birmingham, Arthur J.

Aug. 2, 1929.

Mr. Chester S. Birmingham,  
1327 S. Mariposa Ave.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Sir:

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 **brother of the late Private Arthur J. Birmingham, Co. A, Postal Express Service, whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, France.**

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

Write answers in space below:

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried?

2. If so, give her complete address.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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JOHN T. HARRIS,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Birmingham, Arthur J.

May 4, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Apolla,  
1935 Banard Park,  
Los Angeles, California.

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 aunt of the late Private Arhbur J. Birmingham, Company A, Postal Express Service, whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine France.

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

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relative is a stepmother, mother through adoption, or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. If he was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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