

G.R.S. Form #114 B

JAN 7 - 1926

DATE

1. NAME BOETTCHER, William A. *Pol. sig.* SERIAL No. 84011  
 RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Hq. Co. 127th Inf. & DIVISION 32  
 GRAVE LOCATION American Cty., NOYERS (Loir et Cher). 319  
CTY. NAME NUMBER

52

2. ORIGINAL ~~BATTLE~~ AREA GRAVE LOCATION 52-26 Noyers Loir et Cher  
 As shown by cemetery directory, GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.  
 Hq. AGRS. Dec. 9, 1919.  
 COORDINATES Not given

Reburied  
 CONCENTRATED TO Sept. 13, 1920. 52 2  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT  
American Cty . Noyers (Loir et Cher) 319  
CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Badly decomposed. Features not recognizable. Buried in uniform and pine box.

Ident. tag found on body. per GRS Form 16. signed O.B. Bolibaugh, Maj.M.C.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS None of record  
 DATE OF DEATH Sept 14 1918 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY  
 STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Mont  
 MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED Not of record DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY  
 SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR Stanley J. Grogan  
 STANLEY J. GROGAN, Capt. Inf. USA.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 9/11/22 1 39 Block B.  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Oise-Aisne, Amer. #608 Seringes-et-Nesles (Aisne)

CEMETERY

Robert C. Davis  
 Major General  
 14-1-9-26

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AUDITED BY

JAN 7 1926  
 DISTRICT OFFICE

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.
2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.
3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.
4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form I6, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.



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WW AI/1-206

War Department, A.G.O., March 22, 1928. To: The Quartermaster General.

The records of this office show that William A. Boettcher, A.S.#84011, held the rank of private first class at time of death.

By order of the Secretary of War:

Adjutant General.

OK on 5 x 8

OK on H-8

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Boettcher.....84011.....William A.....  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Priv. Hdq. Co. 129th Inf.  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL Sept. 16th 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL United States Cemetery.....

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

United States Cemetery at Noyers.....

St. Aignan-Noyers.....

Loire et Cher, France.....

GRAVE NUMBER 26.....

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?..... Cross? Yes.....

Headboard?..... Bottle?.....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?..... Yes.....

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

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

REPORTED BY:

*Lt. James G. Tougas, Chaplain,*  
Lt. James G. Tougas, Chaplain.....

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Boettcher, Wm. A. 164.06  
P.F.C. 24.38

WESTERN MILITARY BUREAU  
ROUTE AND SCHEDULE

EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE SAILING FROM NEW YORK CITY June 7, 1933

Cascade County, State of Montana

Name Boettcher, Mrs Annie ( B-15)

Address 615 5th Ave. No., Great Falls, Mont.

Route going: Grt Nor St Paul, CB&Q Chicago, B&O New York

Return: B&O Chicago, CMStP&P St Paul, Grt Nor

Stopover at Milwaukee, Wis.

	ROAD	TRAIN	TIME	DATE
Itinerary going ✓ Lv Great Falls	Grtnor	236	7:10 PM	June 2
Ar St Paul	"	2	10:30 PM	" 3
Lv " "	CB&Q	44	10:50 PM	" "
✓ Ar Chicago	"	"	8:45 AM	" 4
✓ Lv " "	B&O	10	9:50 AM	" "
✓ Ar New York	"	"	10:46 AM	" 5
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Accommodations: Standard sleeper Great Falls, Mont. to Chicago, Ill. and Chicago, Ill. to New York, N.Y.

Elapsed Time: 61 hrs; 36 min.

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Extra Fare:

Handwritten initials

QM 293 A-M  
Boettcher, William A. (OA)

September 15, 1933.

Mrs. Annie Boettcher,  
615 5th Ave., No.,  
Great Falls, Mont.

Dear Mrs. Boettcher:

I am in receipt of the letter of July 2nd wherein you and the other mothers and widows who sailed on the S. S. Washington, June 7th, express your appreciation for the pilgrimage you made to the cemeteries of Europe.

It is gratifying to know that your trip was entirely satisfactory, and that the officers of the Army and the nurses rendered such courteous and efficient service. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages, and has expended every effort that those making the journey might have a comfortable and pleasant trip. I feel, however, that the task was materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the mothers and widows.

With sincere appreciation of your complimentary remarks regarding the conduct of the pilgrimage, I am

Very truly yours,

J. L. DeWITT,  
Major General,  
The Quartermaster General.

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QM 293 A-M  
Boettcher, William A. (QA)

April 26, 1933

Miss Kathryn M. McGovern,  
208 $\frac{1}{2}$  Central Ave.,  
Great Falls, Montana.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of April 21st, addressed to The Adjutant General, has been forwarded to this office for reply to your inquiry relative to obtaining a "Gold Star" pin for Mrs. Anna Boettcher.

This office has no knowledge of the "regular Gold Star pin" to which you refer. No such emblems are issued by the War Department. It is understood that pins of various designs are issued to the members of the various patriotic organizations, such as Gold Star Mothers of America, American War Mothers, etc., and it would appear that Mrs. Boettcher paid for and received an American Legion Auxiliary Star pin.

Identification badges are furnished the mothers and widows making the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe and a badge will be furnished Mrs. Boettcher prior to her departure from her home. Please assure Mrs. Boettcher that a pin, signifying that she is a member of one of the various patriotic organizations, is not necessary.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JAS. H. LAUBACH,  
Lt. Col., Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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QM 293 AM  
Boettcher, Wm. A. (OA)

April 22, 1933

Mrs. Anna Boettcher,  
615 Fifth Avenue, No.,  
Great Falls, Mont.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 17, enclosing money order in the amount of 76¢, covering excess pullman fare for a stopover at Milwaukee, Wis. on your return from a pilgrimage to the Oise Aiane American Cemetery in Europe, sailing from New York on the S.S. WASHINGTON, June 7, 1933.

Arrangements for your transportation, providing for this stopover on your return journey, will be made accordingly.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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U.S. MARINE CORPS

QM 293 AF  
Boettcher, William A. (OA)

April 12, 1933

Mrs. Anna Boettcher,  
615 5th Avenue, North,  
Great Falls, Montana.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your request for a stopover at Milwaukee, Wis. on your return from a pilgrimage to the Oise Aisne American Cemetery in Europe, sailing from New York on the S.S. WASHINGTON, June 7, 1933.

Arrangements can be made for this stopover but there will be an additional cost involved of seventy six cents (76¢) due to a difference in pullman fare. All expenses incurred by you during your visit at Milwaukee must be paid from your personal funds.

As final transportation arrangements are now being completed, it is requested that you telegraph this office, collect, immediately upon receipt of this letter, advising whether or not you desire the stopover at Milwaukee, Wis. If you wish this stopover, please forward money order to this office at once in the amount of seventy six cents (76¢), payable to the Finance Officer, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C. and state in your wire when money order is being forwarded.

The self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience in sending remittance, and does not require postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 295 A-M

March 28, 1933.

Boettcher, William A. (QA)

Mrs. Anna Boettcher,  
615 5th Avenue North,  
Great Falls, Montana.

Dear Madam:

In accordance with your letter of March 21st, I am enclosing an invitation to sail June 7th on the WASHINGTON to visit the grave of your son in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery in France.

A letter containing detailed information relative to the pilgrimage is being forwarded you under separate cover.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Invitation

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CHAS. W. DIETZ

QM 293 A-M  
Boettcher, William A. (OA)

February 24, 1933

Mrs. Annie Boettcher,  
Brookside, Montana.

Dear Madam:

Information has been furnished this office that you may desire to accept the last offer of the Government to visit the grave of your son, the late Private first class William A. Boettcher.

The following women from Montana are scheduled to sail on the Washington, June 7th, and will visit the same cemetery wherein rest the remains of your son:

Mrs. Luigia Pizini,  
Black Eagle,

Mrs. E. J. Walther,  
410 - 12th Ave.,  
Havre,

Mrs. Sarah C. Welborn,  
Box 431,  
Harlowton.

Should you desire to make the journey, an invitation to sail on the Washington, June 7th, will be forwarded you. As advised in office letter of November 30th, every care and attention will be accorded you while on the journey and every effort made to assure you a pleasant and satisfactory pilgrimage.

A self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience in advising whether or not you desire to accept the invitation.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M  
Boettcher, William A. (OA)

February 24, 1933

Mrs. Ella W. Turpin,  
Malta, Montana.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 18th, advising that you believe Mrs. William Boettcher desires to make a pilgrimage to the grave of her son, the late Private first class William A. Boettcher during the coming summer.

Accordingly Mrs. Boettcher is being communicated with relative thereto.

Your kindness in communicating with this office relative to this matter is appreciated.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M  
Boettcher, William A. (OA)

November 30, 1932

Mrs. Annie Boettcher,  
Brookside, Montana.

Dear Madam:

Information has been furnished this office that you have heretofore declined the privilege of making a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private first class William A. Boettcher, because you were hesitant about making the journey unattended.

Your attention is invited to the fact that arrangements have been made with the railroad companies that their personnel render particular attention to the mothers and widows making the pilgrimage. From the time you board the train until you arrive in New York, you will be well cared for by the employees of the railroad companies. Upon arrival in New York you will be met by an officer of the Regular Army who will escort you to the hotel. From the time of your arrival in New York until you return thereto from Europe, you will be under the guidance of an officer of the Army, personnel to care for your comforts and needs will be provided and doctors and nurses will be available. You are assured that, should you make a pilgrimage, every care and attention will be accorded you.

The records show that four women from Montana have stated they desired to make the pilgrimage, two of whom are scheduled to visit the same cemetery wherein rest the remains of your son. It is possible that arrangements could be made for you to be with one of these women during the entire journey.

In view of the foregoing, should you reconsider and desire to make a pilgrimage, it is requested you advise this office in order that the necessary arrangements may be made for you. A self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Boettcher, William A. OA

September 6, 1932.

Mrs. Annie Boettcher,  
Brookside,  
Montana.

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.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Boettcher, William A. (OA)

July 11, 1932.

Mrs. Annie Boettcher,  
Brookside,  
Mont.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) \_\_\_\_\_

QM 293 A-M  
Boettcher, William A. (OA)

January 4, 1932.

Mrs. Annie Boettcher,  
Brookside,  
Montana.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence with this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private, first class, William A. Boettcher. In reply to a questionnaire you advised that you did not desire to visit your son's grave next summer.

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

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
It is believed you should feel no hesitancy in making the journey, and should you later decide to visit your son's grave next summer, it is requested you so notify this office. Should you make the trip, you are assured that the pilgrimage will not only be made at the expense of the United States but that everything possible for your comfort and welfare will be provided.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

June 20, 1931.

Boettcher, William A. PFC (CA) M

Mrs. Annie Boettcher,  
Brookside, Montana.

Dear Madam:

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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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Boettcher, William A. 608 M

June 7, 1930

Mrs. Amie Boettcher  
Brookside, Mont.

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)

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(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Boettcher, William A. 608 M

Mrs. Annie Boettcher,  
Brookside, Mont.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl.  
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Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Boettcher, William A.  
608

Aug. 28, 1929.

Mrs. Annie Boettcher,  
Brookside, Mont.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated **June 21, 1929** making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 21, 1929.

**Boettcher, William A.**

**Mrs. Annie Boettcher,  
Brookside, Mont.**

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, first class William A. Boettcher, Hq. Co. 129th Inf. whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.**

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress,  
Envelope.

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

RECEIVED  
DEPARTMENT OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON  
JUN 21 1929  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

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Boettcher

(Surname.)

William A.

(Christian name in full.)

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(Army serial number)

Pvt

Hqrs Co 129th Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Mother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

No.

(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery?

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Anna Boettcher

(Number and street or rural route.)

Star Route

(City, town, or post office.)

Brookside Mont.

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by Om

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**REVIEWED  
OSP SS.**

*G.M.M. 11-13-20*

QM 293 A-C

April 25, 1924

BOETTCHER, William A., Pvt.

Mrs. Annie Boettcher,  
Star Route,  
Brookside, Mont.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires to invite your attention to the inclosed card which gives the permanent cemetery location of the soldier's grave in which you are interested.

This American military cemetery is one of those to be maintained by the United States for all time in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of dignified design, with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

Please be assured that in effecting removal of the dead, the utmost reverential care was exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed this sacred duty. For the future, these graves will be perpetually maintained by the Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

1-Incl.  
Record card.

R. P. HAROLD  
Assistant.

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APR 29 1924

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G.R.S. FORM #114-A.

STATION St. Aignan(L-et-C)

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Oct 21st 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BOETTCHER, William A.

10. Name

2. No. 84011

11. No.

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank

4. Org. Hq. Co. 129th Inf.

13. Org.

5. D.D. 9.14.18

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. Pneumonia

(b) D.B. none

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 52 Sec.

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. none

18. Cemetery American

19. Commune or town Noyers

20. Dept. or County Loir et Cher

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 319

23. Disinterred (Date) Oct 21st 1921

By E. J. Frank

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name William A. Boettcher

Serial No. -----

Rank Pvt

Organization Hq. Co. 129th Inf.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? yes On body? yes

W. N. Tucker  
Signature Junior Technical Assistant  
W. N. Tucker

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).

none

27. Condition of body badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial wooden box and uniform.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? none

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Oct 21st 1921 By E. J. Frank

31. Casket sealed by E. J. Frank

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

E. J. Frank

AUDITED BY  
11/25/24  
scb

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-12399

32. Designation of body:

68 Name BOETTCHER, William A. Serial No. 84011  
Rank Pvt. Organization Hq. Co. 129th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne Amer. Cty. 608. Seringes-et-Nesles (Aisne)  
~~Aisne-Marne Amer. Cty. #1764, BELLEAU (Aisne)~~

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Oct 21st 1921 By E. J. Frank

35. I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector F. Overheiser, 1st. Lt. QMC

36. Remarks none

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

To point of Concentration \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

To Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne Amer. Cty. 608. Seringes-et-Nesles (Aisne)  
~~Aisne-Marne Amer. Cty. #1764, BELLEAU (Aisne)~~

Convoyer H F Tebeau Signature Shipping Officer G A ROSS (Name)

40. Received: Date 6 NOV 1921 Captain QMC

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

41. Reinterred 9/11/22, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes-et-Nesles, (Aisne) (Date)

42. Grave No. 1, Blk. B. Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row 39,

G.R.S. Representative C. J. Blake

C. J. Blake,  
Capt. QMC

gs.

Place Noyers L-et-C

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date October 21, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF Boettcher William A. SERIAL NUMBER 84011  
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Hq. Co. 129th Inf

2. Disinterred (date): October 21st, 1921. From (give complete location): Gr. 52 Cemetery 319

By: Group \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

3. Reburied (date): 9/11/22 In (give complete location): Gr. 1, Blk. B. Row 39. Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes-et-Nesles, (Aisne)

By: Group reburial group. Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial metal lined casket.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Pine box and blanket, body decomposed, skeleton disarticulated.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? yes 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? MBD 1 19 30 SF 3 14 15  
(a) Height (actual measurement) impossible to ascertain 31 PE 16

(b) Weight (estimated) impossible to estimate

(c) Hair—Color none visible

Quantity none

Characteristics none

(d) Hair on face—Color none

Location none

Quantity none

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) impossible to determine

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) MBD 1 19 30 SF 3 14 15 31  
impossible to determine

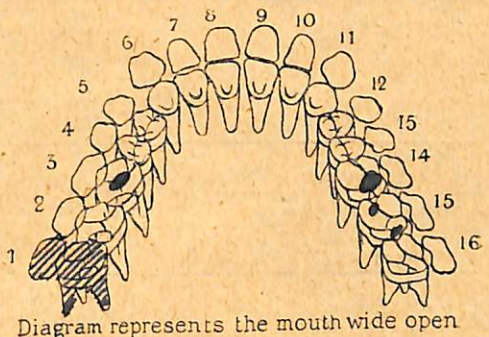
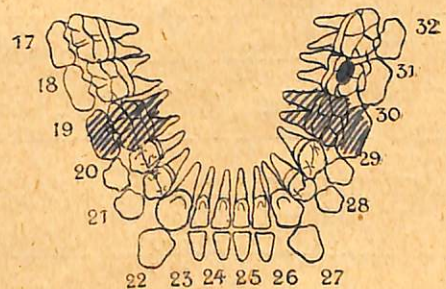


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



Checker W N Tucker

7. Disinterment supervised by E. J. Frank, Supervising Emb

Approved: F Overheiser,  
(Title) 1st Lieut QMC






8. Reburial supervised by L. D. Hays

Approved: C. J. Blake,  
(Title) Capt. QMC

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER COMPLETION OF G. R. S. FORM NO. 16-A

Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Question 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".  
(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No 6.
6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

<b>MISSING TEETH</b>	All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus:	
<b>CROWNED TEETH</b>	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:	
<b>BRIDGE WORK</b>	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus:	
<b>FILLINGS</b>	Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:	
<b>CARIES (CAVITIES)</b>	Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:	
<b>DENTURES (PLATES)</b>	Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp"	

7. Show name of person supervising the disinterment and the name and title of the person approving same.

8. Show name of person supervising the reburial and the name and title of the person approving same.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

1. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name Boettcher, William A. Ser. No. 84011 )  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Hq. Co. 129th Inf. ) TYP. ILH  
 (c) Date of death 9-14-18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA ) CKR. 1-16-22

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

(a) Grave No. 52 (Original burial) Row 2 Plot --- Sect. --- ) TYP. EML  
 (b) Emerg. Address Annie Boettcher (mother), Brookside, Montana.

111. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; No Card ) CKR. 1-16-22

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt None

(a) Name Mrs Anna Boettcher (b) Relationship Mother  
 (c) Address Star Route Brookside, Montana.  
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No  
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at ---

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

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

Examiner's Initials JR Date 5-12- 1920

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

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

No Correspondence

Examiner's Initials MM Date 5-19- 1920

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes - M.H.S.

Examiner's Initials M.H.S. Date 5-13- 1920

COUNTRY France CEMETERY NO. 319 SHEET NO. 39

G.R.S. Form #115

Amended April 6, 1920.

Make Form #114

Rechecked  
9mm 11-13-20

*Exhumed*  
*1-16-22*  
*Cor. Brookside*  
*Annie - Annie 608*  
*at 2/6/22*

X

VII. G. R. S. FORM No. 114 made 5/13, 1920

Typed by PS, Checked by \_\_\_\_\_, 5/13 1920

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by- ( cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
( letter on 6/28, 1920

*Not to be returned (MacB)*

IX.

CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE

ACTION TAKEN

Desires body be

Body to be shipped to

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*125 Form - 5/ - Mother,  
Mrs Anna Boettcher, confirms<sup>26</sup> shipping  
instructions. Father and mother live  
at same address and are nearest of  
kin.*

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

JUL 9 - 1920

319-39

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.  
TO: Mrs. Anna Boettcher, Star Route, Brookside, Montana  
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. William A. Boettcher

MAY 20 1920  
Push answer  
no change  
etc.

The records of this office show that you have requested that his  
body be Not returned to United States X

You have failed to furnish this office the names and addresses  
of those persons indicated by the blue arrow on the enclosed form.

You are requested to furnish this office at the earliest prac-  
ticable moment the name and address of each of those persons indi-  
cated by the blue arrow. If these persons are not living you should  
so state on the attached form and return the same at once to this  
office, otherwise there will be an endless and unnecessary delay in  
the handling of this case. Prompt action is necessary.  
NS-8794/L

NAME OF NO. & STREET TOWN STATE

→ Soldier's Widow *was single man*

→ Soldier's Children 1. *noted on form*  
(Name oldest first) 2. *114*  
3.

→ Father *William Boettcher Brookside Mont*

→ Mother *Mrs Anna Boettcher Brookside Mont*

Brothers (Name oldest first) 1. *John Boettcher Great Falls Montana*  
2. *George Boettcher Brookside "*  
3. *Walter Boettcher Brookside "*  
4. *Aurora Boettcher Great Falls "*

Sisters 1. *Mrs Anton Burns Brookside Montana*  
2. *Mrs Edward K. Lix Great Falls Montana*

Date *5-26* Signature *Mrs Anna Boettcher*

The transfer of bodies will be made  
entirely at Government expense

Address *Brook side,* Relationship *Mother*  
Note:- Instructions on the reverse side of this sheet should be carefully read  
before filling out this paper. (OVER)

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no change  
de!*

The records of this office show that you have requested that his  
body be Not returned to United States X

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

PS

*was soldier married*  
NAME OF NO. & STREET TOWN STATE

Soldier's Widow

*was single man*

*Noted on 114 Form*

Soldier's Children 1.  
(Name oldest first) 2.  
3.

Father

*William Boettcher Brookside Mont*

Mother

*Mrs Anna Boettcher Brookside Mont*

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2. *Mrs Edward K. Lix Great Falls Montana*

Date *5-26*

Signature *Mrs Anna Boettcher*

Address *Brook side,* Relationship *Mother*

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(OVER)

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RECEIVED



AUG 2 1920  
G. H. S.

JUN 25 1920



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INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT

1. This paper MUST be signed by the person who is the NEXT of kin in the order shown in the square on other side of this sheet.
2. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
3. 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.
4. If YOU are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
5. If YOU are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.
6. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
7. Use the enclosed envelope - pay no postage.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File--21939

Form 115  
See  
2/6/22  
att

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name	Boettcher, William A.	Ser. No.	84011	} TYP	ILH
(b) Rank	Pvt.	Organization	Hq. Co. 129th Inf.		EP
(c) Date of death	9-14-18	Cause of death	DVRIA		LM

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

(a) Grave No. ~~52~~<sup>26</sup> Row 2 Plot Sect. TYP EML

(b) Emerg. Address Annie Boettcher (mother) Brookside, Montana.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases no card CKR AW

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

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V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 192  
(Letter of transmittal on 6-28 192 0

Not to be returned MacB

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

COUNTRY France  
G.R.S. FORM 115-A  
AUGUST, 1920

CEMETERY NO. 319

SHEET NO. 39

21939

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Boettcher ..... 84011 ..... William A. ....  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Priv. .... Hdq. Co. 129th Inf. ....  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL Sept. 16th 1918. ....

PLACE OF BURIAL United States Cemetery. ....  
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

United States Cemetery at Noyers. ....

St. Aignan-Noyers. ....

Loire et Cher, France. ....

GRAVE NUMBER 26 *ok Reburied to 52*

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? ..... Cross? **Yes** . . .

Headboard? ..... Bottle? .....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? . . . . **Yes** . . . .

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

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

**REVIEWED  
OSP SS.**

REPORTED BY:  
*James G. Tougas, Chaplain*  
Lt. James G. Tougas, Chaplain,  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

81939  
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RENEWED  
OSP SS.

REPORTED BY:

*Lt. James G. Tougas, Chaplain.*  
Lt. James G. Tougas, Chaplain.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

21 SEP 1918

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Boettcher,</i>	<i>BOE.</i>	3	2 9 5
<i>William A.</i>	CEMETERY <i>608</i>	1	2
BURIED	GRAVE <i>1</i>	2	01
	ROW <i>34</i>	2	34
	BLOCK <i>B</i>	1	2
STATE	<i>Montana</i>	2	31
PANK	<i>Pol - 1st. Cl.</i>	1	2
DIVISION	<i>32</i>	2	32
ORGANIZATION	<i>127</i>	3	127
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	1
MARTIAL	<i>No</i>	1	2
NAME <i>Boettcher,</i>	<i>BOE</i>	5	2 9 5
<i>Mrs. Annie</i>	STATE <i>Montana</i>	2	31
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Cascade</i>	2	07
<i>615-5<sup>th</sup> Ave no</i>	CITY <i>Great Falls</i>	3	008
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>grad</i>	1	1
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR. <i>1933</i>	1	4
ACCEPTANCE <i>mb</i>	<i>yes</i>	1	1
<i>29/514/PJ</i>	<i>age</i>		65

**AUDITED**  
 DEC 14 1981  
*RMW*

Name.....BOETTCHER, Mrs. Annie.....

Paris Hôtel.....HOTEL D' IENA  
AVENUE D' IÉNA.....

Home address.....615 5th Ave., Mo., Great Falls, Cascade Co., Montana.....

Party.....B.....Group.....Unit.....

Date of arrival 6/14/33. SS. WASHINGTON Date of departure 6/29/33. SS. HARDING.....

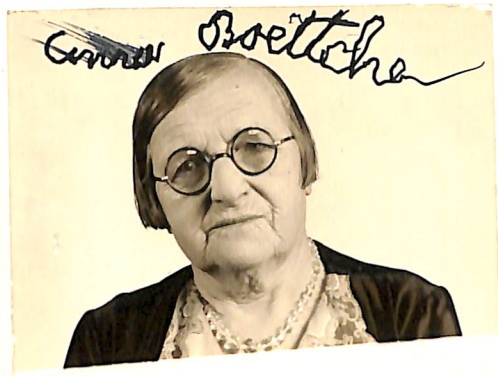
Relationship.....Mother, age 65.....

Name of deceased.....Boettcher, William A. ....

Rank.....Pvt. 1st. Organization.....127 Inf.....

Cemetery.....OISE AISNE.....1 B 34.....

REMARKS



July 2 (cont.)

Monday, July 17, visited Amy, lunched at hotel, visited Lafayette  
Goodrich.

Tuesday, July 18, visited the boys, lunched at the hotel.  
The afternoon was free.

Wednesday, July 19, prepared for to leave from St. Louis and  
arrived, started on train for St. Louis.

MRS. A. ANNIE BOETTCHER

PART II  
OF THE JOURNALS

Wed

Tuesday, June 12, arrived at 10 hours at 5:30. One of the assistants in charge of the... the party was met at the door by Mr. G. M. Talbot and other... arrived at the... Hotel... *Antonia*

Wednesday, June 13, during the morning, conferences were held with the... the pilgrim visited...

Friday, June 15, the morning was spent... After lunch at the hotel, the pilgrim visited...

Saturday, June 17, the morning was free, after a luncheon at the hotel, the pilgrim attended the ceremony at the... and left...

Sunday, June 18, the morning was free, lunch at 11:30. At 1:30 P.M. departed for...

Monday, June 19, lunch at cemetery, night at...

Tuesday, June 20, at Poissons, visited cemetery, lunch at... night at Poissons.

Wednesday, June 21, at Poissons, lunch at home, night at Poissons.

Thursday, June 22, at Poissons, visit of... lunch at Poissons, visited cemetery, night at Poissons.

Friday, June 23, at Poissons, visited... lunch at... and back to Paris for the night.

Saturday, June 24, the morning was free, lunch at the hotel, visited... in the afternoon.

Sunday, June 25, the morning at church, lunch at hotel, 5:30 P.M. went on night... trip.

Monday, June 26, visit... in the morning, lunch at... visited... in the afternoon.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
PILGRIMAGE WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS  
225 West 34th. St. New York, N. Y.

Party B

Number 142

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATIONS.

Boettcher, Mrs. Annie  
Name of Pilgrim  
Great Falls, 615- 5th Ave., No.  
City Home Address County  
Mont.  
State

Actual cost of  
Through Pullman at the  
Lower Berth Rate.

New York, to Great Falls, Mont.

Destination of Ticket Great Falls, Mont. \$..... 25.50

via B & O to Chicago - C M St P & P to St Paul - Gr N to Great Falls

July 8th, 1933  
Date of Departure

Oct. 31, 1933  
Expiration Date of Ticket

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower Seat or Coach	Car	U.S.G. Order No.	Actual Cost
Lv. <u> Jersey City, N. J.</u>	<u>B&amp;O</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7/8</u>	<u>2:52 Pm</u>				
Ar. <u> Chicago, Ill.</u>	"	"	<u>7/9</u>	<u>2:05 Pm.</u>	<u>lower 10</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>WQ 1.028.826</u>	<u>9.00</u>
Lv. <u>"</u>	<u>C.M.S.P.&amp;P.</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>7/9</u>	<u>3:30 Pm.</u>	<u>C.M.S.P.&amp;P.</u>	<u>PARLOR CAR</u>		
Ar. <u> Milwaukee, Wis.</u>	"	"	"	<u>5:15 Pm</u>	<u>act. 14</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>WQ 1.028.827</u>	<u>.75</u>
Lv. <u>"</u>	"	<u>1</u>	<u>Daily</u>	<u>9 Pm</u>				
Ar. <u> St. Paul, Minn.</u>	"	"	"	<u>7 am.</u>	<u>lower</u>			<u>3.75</u>
Lv. <u>"</u>	<u>Gr N</u>	<u>1</u>	"	<u>8:50 am.</u>			<u>WQ 1.028.828</u>	<u>15.38</u>
Ar. <u> Great Falls, Mont.</u>	"	<u>235</u>	"	<u>10:45 am.</u>	<u>lower</u>			<u>12.00</u>
Lv.								
Ar.								
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Ar. <u> T/R E. C. M. St. P &amp; P, T. R.</u>								
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Excess Fare New York, to. Cost \$ Total 25.50

Stop Over Milwaukee, Wis. Through Rate 24.75

Excess QMG 38

Boettcher, William A. (O.A.)

Mothers' & Widows' Pilgrimage  
Stopovers on return

Name: Boettcher, Mrs. Anna

Address: 615 5th Avenue North, Great Falls, Mont.

Party: B -15

Stopovers desired at:  
Milwaukee, Wisc.

Rail

Bx0

Excess

None

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Value</u>
New York City	Milwaukee, Wis.	L B	10.13
Milwaukee, Wis.	Great Falls, Mont.	L B	15.38

Total: 25.51  
 Thru Pullman Fare: 24.75  
 Excess: \$ .76

Amounts shown as "excess" have been collected by the Quartermaster General and remitted to the Finance Officer, Washington, D.C.

*Handwritten signature*

Mrs. Albert Jarvis  
1825 North Aster St.,  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

July 7, 1933

MRS ANNIE BOETTCHER WILL ARRIVE FIVE FIFTEEN SUNDAY AFTERNOON JULY NINE  
VIA CMS&P RR TRAIN NUMBER TWENTYTHREE PLEASE MEET HER

COLONEL POPE

Aug. 14, 1933.

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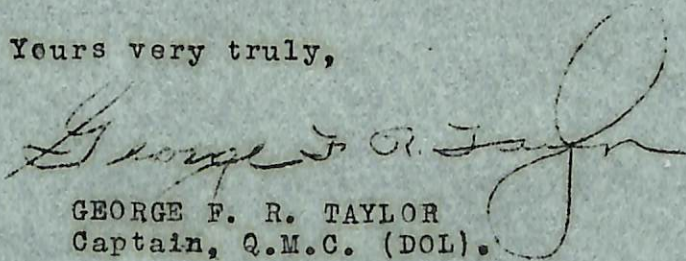
Mrs. Annie Boettcher,  
615 - 5th Ave. N.,  
Great Falls, Mont.

Dear Madam:

At the time of your departure from the Hotel in New York for your home you were furnished a postal card, with request that you sign same upon arrival home and mail it to this office.

As no record can be located of receiving this card from you, another is enclosed herewith, which it is requested you sign and mail, in order that the records may be completed.

Yours very truly,



GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR  
Captain, Q.M.C. (DOL).

J. F. M.

PARTY "B"  
May 22, 1933

Mrs. Annie Boettcher,  
615 - 5th Ave., No.,  
Great Falls, Mont.

Dear Madam:

Upon your arrival in New York City you will be met at the railroad station by an Army Officer who will engage porter service to take care of your baggage and escort you to the hotel. During your sojourn here before sailing for Europe and upon your return from Europe, you will stop at the Hotel McAlpin, 34th Street and Broadway, New York City.

The two tags and four identification pasters accompanying this communication are intended to protect your baggage while in transit. One tag should be attached to the handle of each piece of your baggage and a paster placed on each end of each piece of your baggage before leaving your home. Your baggage will be safer and also more readily available to you after your arrival in New York if it is placed with you on the train.

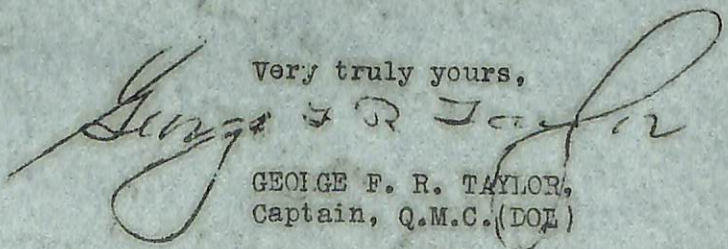
All mail intended to reach you between June 7th, 1933, the day you sail from the United States, and June 29th, 1933, the day you leave Europe, should be addressed to you in care of American Pilgrimage, 20 Rue Molitor, Paris (16), France; for example:

Mrs. Mary Smith,  
c/o American Pilgrimage,  
20 Rue Molitor,  
Paris (16), France.

The party you are to travel with will be disbanded in New York City on the day following your return from Europe and all arrangements for your Pullman accommodations will be made with the railroads in advance by this office. This will require you to remain in New York at the hotel over night as a guest of the United States Government.

Information relative to the cemeteries in Europe is enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,



GEOIGE F. R. TAYLOR,  
Captain, Q.M.C. (DOL)

- 7 Incls.:  
2 Baggage Tags  
4 Baggage Pastors  
1 Copy Cemeterial Information

PARTY ..... B ..... FILE NO. ....

NAME Boettcher, Mrs. Annie  
615 - 5th Ave. No.  
Great Falls, Mont.

ROUTE OF TICKET

*B & O* ..... to *Chicago*  
*CM&STP* ..... to *St. Paul*  
*Gr. N.* ..... to *Great Falls*

..... to .....

..... to .....

..... to .....

..... to .....

..... to .....

..... to .....

..... to .....

Expiration date *Oct. 31, '33* .....

The following stop overs are requested.

*Milwaukee, Wis.*

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(Signature of Pilgrim)

IN CABIN WITH

Mrs. Sarah C. Welborn- B-53-3-Group OA

Insures women same as  
men in this country  
and abroad.

Age limit 18 to 70 years.

**YOUR TRAVELERS  
INSURANCE TICKET**

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**COSTS ONLY 25 CENTS A DAY**

7 days \$1.50  
10 days 2.00  
12 days 2.50

15 days \$2.75  
20 days 3.50  
30 days 4.50

45 days \$6.00  
60 days 7.50  
90 days 10.00  
120 days 13.00

**THE TRAVELERS**

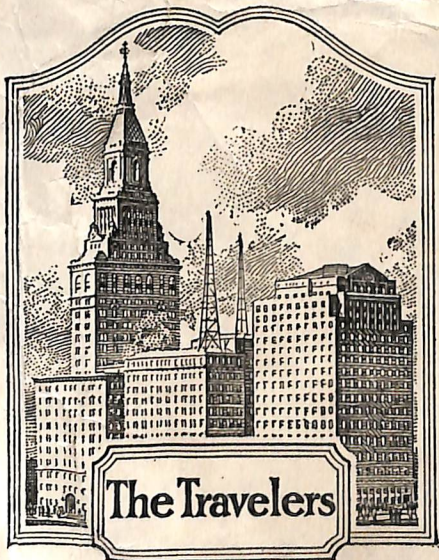
**Hartford, Connecticut**

Issues the following forms of insurance: Life, Accident, Liability,  
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25¢  
for

\$5,000.

MAXIMUM of



The Travelers

HARTFORD, CONN.

Ms Boettcher  
"B"

# READ

## AND PRESERVE THIS CAREFULLY

### Passengers' Identification Check

This check is not good for passage but identifies your railroad ticket taken by the Conductor for this trip and train only. Any unused portion of your ticket will be returned to you. After your ticket has been returned and just before your departure from the train satisfy yourself that you have not left any of your personal effects on car.

## GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY CO.

A No 63858

If you desire to stop over enroute, be sure to notify Conductor and secure your ticket before leaving train.

Car.....

# THE PULLMAN COMPANY

OFFICE 30-22

FORM 1000-3

**PASSENGER'S CHECK**—To identify accommodations purchased.

GREAT FALLS, MONT

From

CHICAGO, ILL

To

Accommodations

L 7 Car 97

Line No.

Via G. N. R. R.

503

1 2 3

Persons

Property taken into car will be entirely at owner's risk.

GREAT NORTHERN  
D RAILWAY D

JUN = 2'33

GREAT FALLS, MONT.

*Mrs Boettcher  
6*

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**Passenger's Receipt**

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**90605**

**COUPON  
TRANSFER**

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**THE PARMELEE COMPANY  
CHICAGO**

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**Not Good if Detached**

Dr. A. R. Oakes

# THE PULLMAN COMPANY

OFFICE 30-22

FORM 1000-3

**PASSENGER'S CHECK** — To Identify accommodations purchased.

CHICAGO, ILL

From .....

To NEW YORK, N. Y.

Accommodations *L 6* Car *103*

Line No. .... Via *306* R. R.

503  
1 2 3  
Persons

Property taken into car will be entirely at owner's risk.

GREAT NORTHERN  
D RAILWAY D

JUN = 2'33

GREAT FALLS, MONT

ms Boettcher  
"B"

Party B

# MEDICAL RECORD

O. A. Cmty

Nurse P. Knowles

Station: Hotel d'Iena, Paris

Date: June 16, 1933.

Name Boettcher, Mrs. Annie

Home address 615 5th Ave. No., Great Falls, Cascade County, MONTANA.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Mrs. Ed. Klies (daughter)

same address.

Religion Protestant,

Age 65

History of Present complaint:

June 16th, Cold

**INSTRUCTIONS.** — This card will be started in all cases of Pilgrims requiring medical attention by the Medical Officer or Nurse first rendering such attention. Subsequently it will be carried by the nurse in attendance upon the group to which the Pilgrim is assigned. All Medical Officers rendering any assistance in the case will make an appropriate entry which will include date, time and signature. Upon final disposition of the case the Nurse in charge will deliver the card to the Office of the Chief Surgeon. Pilgrims sent to the American Hospital will be accompanied by this card properly completed, which will be authority for admission, in which case a duplicate card will be made and sent without delay to the office of the Chief Surgeon.

(over)

Diagnosis and complications : (include dates)

Pharyngitis acute.

Treatment and Progress : (include dates)

June 16th, Cold capsules - Brnady  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. Hot Limon.

June 17th, Better.

Disposition : (include dates) June 29th, to Le Havre, Fitts.  
active.

Remarks :

DIS.

O.A.

# MEDICAL RECORD

Party: B-15

WASHINGTON  
S. S. HARDING

Eastbound  
Westbound

Name Boettcher, Mrs. Annie

Home Address 615 - 5th Ave. No., Great Falls, Montana

Name and address of nearest relative or friend Mrs. Ed Klies, (Daughter)  
815-5th Ave., No., Great Falls, Mont.

Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Age 65-M

History of present complaint:

(OVER)

INSTRUCTIONS: This card will be prepared for each Pilgrim treated on ship, east, or west bound. Cards to be included in report, of Liaison Officer upon return to New York.

PARTY

EASTBOUND

GROUP

B-15

STATE

O.A.

65-M

MONTANA

Mrs. Boettcher, Annie

Address 615 - 5th Ave.No.

Great Falls

(Name of Pilgrim)

(Street & No.)

(City or Town)

Mont.

Cascade

(State)

(County)

Mrs. Ed Klies - Daughter

Address 815 - 5th Ave. N.

Great Falls

(Name of Nearest Kin)

(Street & No.)

(City or Town)

Montana

Cascade

(State)

(County)

ARRIVAL NEW YORK

VIA. R.R. B&O

Train No. 10

Date 6-5-33

Hotel McAlpin

Room No. 673

Roomed with Mrs. Laura Lamphear

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

Date 6-7-33

Vessel Washington

Cabin No. B-53-1

In Cabin with Mrs. Sarah Welborn B-53-3

(Over Westbound)

WESTBOUND

ARRIVAL NEW YORK

Date **July 7, 1933** Vessel **President Harding** Cabin No. **C-121-F**  
In Cabin with **Mrs. Mary E. Carson C-121-E & Mrs. C. A. Palmer C-121-C**  
Hotel **Mc Alpin** Room No. **771**  
Roomed with **Mrs. Mary E. Carson**

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

VIA. R.R. **B & O** Train No. **7** Space **L 10** Car No. **74** Date **7/8/33**

REMARKS

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(Over Eastbound)

WAR DEPARTMENT

Penalty for private use to avoid  
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OFFICIAL BUSINESS



**PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS**  
**225 WEST 34TH STREET,**  
**NEW YORK, N. Y.**

B

NAME Mrs. Annie Boettcher, .....

615 - 5th Ave N.,

ADDRESS ..... Great Falls, Mont. ....

DATE *Sept 4 - 1933*

TO: Officer-In-Charge,  
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

I beg to inform you that I have returned to my  
home safely and in good health.

Sincerely,

(Signed) *Mrs. Anna Boettcher*

Party B

# MEDICAL RECORD

O. A. Cmty

Nurse *P. Knowles*

Station: *Paris Hotel W. Gen*

Date: *June 16 1908*

Name *Boettcher, Mrs. Annie*

Home address *615 5th Ave. No., Great Falls, Cascade County, MONTANA*

Address of Nearest friend or relative *Mrs. Ed. Ellis (daughter)*  
*815 5<sup>th</sup> Av. No. Great Falls, Mont.*

Religion *Prot.* Age *65*

History of Present complaint:  
*June 16. Cold.*

**INSTRUCTIONS.** — This card will be started in all cases of Pilgrims requiring medical attention by the Medical Officer or Nurse first rendering such attention. Subsequently it will be carried by the nurse in attendance upon the group to which the Pilgrim is assigned. All Medical Officers rendering any assistance in the case will make an appropriate entry which will include date, time and signature. Upon final disposition of the case the Nurse in charge will deliver the card to the Office of the Chief Surgeon. Pilgrims sent to the American Hospital will be accompanied by this card properly completed, which will be authority for admission, in which case a duplicate card will be made and sent without delay to the office of the Chief Surgeon.

(over)

Diagnosis and complications : (include dates)

Pharyngitis acute -

Treatment and Progress : (include dates)

June 10. Old capsules. Brandy  $\frac{1}{2}$  g. Hot Lemon.  
" 17. Butts.

Disposition : (include dates)

June 29. To Lettore. Butts.

Active

Remarks :

WKS

QM 293 A-M  
Boettcher, William A. (OA)

September 15, 1933.

Mrs. Annie Boettcher,  
615 5th Ave., No.,  
Great Falls, Mont.

Dear Mrs. Boettcher:

I am in receipt of the letter of July 2nd wherein you and the other mothers and widows who sailed on the S. S. Washington, June 7th, express your appreciation for the pilgrimage you made to the cemeteries of Europe.

It is gratifying to know that your trip was entirely satisfactory, and that the officers of the Army and the nurses rendered such courteous and efficient service. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages, and has expended every effort that those making the journey might have a comfortable and pleasant trip. I feel, however, that the task was materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the mothers and widows.

With sincere appreciation of your complimentary remarks regarding the conduct of the pilgrimage, I am

Very truly yours,

J. L. DOWETT,  
Major General,  
The Quartermaster General.

RES

RTE

RM

Washington

Boettcher, Wm. A. PFC

6-7-33

OA

I Accept 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 pro-  
visions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Annie Boettcher

Name

615 - 5th Ave. No., Great Falls, Cascade Co., Mont.

Town or City

State

6550 c. Boettcher, Wm A

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RETURN RECEIPT

Wash - June

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

Wm A Boettcher

(Signature or name of addressee)

Lillian K... ..

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery 5/19, 1933

**Post Office Department**

**OFFICIAL BUSINESS**

**REGISTERED ARTICLE**

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**Q. M. GENERAL**

(NAME OF SENDER)

*Street and Number,  
or Post Office Box,* \_\_\_\_\_

**MUNITIONS BUILDING**

**WASHINGTON,**

**D. C.**

6550

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RETURN RECEIPT

Wash June 7

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

Mrs. Annie Baetzler  
(Signature or name of addressee)

Mrs. L. W. Kocher  
(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery 5/15, 1933

Form 3811

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

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**Post Office Department**

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**D. C.**

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AND DATE OF DELIVERY

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Boettcher, Wm. A. (QA)

May 17, 1933

Mrs. Annie Boettcher,  
615 5th Ave., No.,  
Great Falls, Montana

Dear Madam:

Arrangements have been completed for your transportation to New York City on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe. One week before your departure the railroad ticket agent, of the first road shown below, will deliver your railroad and pullman ticket to you. Your route to New York will be as follows:

Lv. Great Falls	GrtNor	Train No. 236	7:10 PM	June 2
Ar. Chicago	CB&Q	44	8:45 AM	" 4
Lv. "	B&O	10	9:50 AM	" "
Ar. New York (Jersey City)	"	"	10:46 AM	" 5

Accommodations: Standard sleeper from Great Falls, Montana to New York, N. Y.

All railroad employees have been instructed by their officials to see that you are shown every courtesy and given assistance, particularly at points where it is necessary to change cars.

Should you not receive your ticket six days before the date shown for your departure please take up at once with the ticket agent and if he does not have your ticket, telegraph this office, collect, to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-M

May 15, 1933

Boettcher, Wm. A. (OA)

Mrs. Annie Boettcher  
615 - 5th Ave. No.,  
Great Falls, Mont.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed Check No. 178,465 in the amount of \$ 20.62 , to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST THIS CHECK BE CASHED AND USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED.

If for any reason, you are not able to sail on the date mentioned in your invitation, the check must be returned to this office immediately.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:  
Check No.

JAS. H. LAUBACH,  
Lt. Col., Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Boettcher, Wm. A. OA M

April 24, 1933

Mrs. Annie Boettcher,  
615 5th Ave., No.,  
Great Falls, Montana

Dear Madam:

With reference to previous correspondence on this subject, you are informed that your passport has been received and will be delivered to you aboard ship.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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CHAS. W. DIETZ,  
~~H. E. SHANNON~~,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

QM 293 A-M  
Boettcher, William A. (QA)

April 26, 1933

Miss Kathryn M. McGovern,  
208 $\frac{1}{2}$  Central Ave.,  
Great Falls, Montana.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of April 21st, addressed to The Adjutant General, has been forwarded to this office for reply to your inquiry relative to obtaining a "Gold Star" pin for Mrs. Anna Boettcher.

This office has no knowledge of the "regular Gold Star pin" to which you refer. No such emblems are issued by the War Department. It is understood that pins of various designs are issued to the members of the various patriotic organizations, such as Gold Star Mothers of America, American War Mothers, etc., and it would appear that Mrs. Boettcher paid for and received an American Legion Auxiliary Star pin.

Identification badges are furnished the mothers and widows making the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe and a badge will be furnished Mrs. Boettcher prior to her departure from her home. Please assure Mrs. Boettcher that a pin, signifying that she is a member of one of the various patriotic organizations, is not necessary.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JAS. H. LAUBACH,  
Lt. Col., Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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CASCADE COUNTY CHAPTER  
**AMERICAN RED CROSS**

208½ CENTRAL AVENUE  
 GREAT FALLS, MONTANA  
 TELEPHONE 2-1388

MISS KATHRYN M. MCGOVERN, Ex. Sec'y.

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April 21, 1933

The Adjutant General's Office  
 War Department  
 Washington, D. C.

Re: BOETTCHER, Mrs. Anna  
 615 5th Avenue North  
 Great Falls, Montana

Dear Sir:

The above named woman, Mrs. Anna Boettcher, a Gold Star Mother, has requested us to write in relative to the possibility of getting her a "Gold Star" Mother pin. Mrs. Boettcher's son, William A. Boettcher, died in France in September 1918 and she is planning on making a pilgrimage to France in June and for that reason is very anxious to get a "Gold Star" Mother pin before she leaves.

Mrs. Boettcher applied and paid for her "Gold Star" Mother pin at Malta, Montana but only received a Legion Auxiliary Star Pin instead.

We are anxious to know whether or not it will be possible for Mrs. Boettcher to get the regular "Gold Star" Mother pin.

Thanking you for an early reply, we are

Very truly yours,

*Kathryn M. McGovern*  
 (Miss) Kathryn M. McGovern  
 Executive Secretary

KM

12 Received A. G. O. APR 24 1933



QM 293 AM  
Boettcher, Wm. A. (OA)

April 22, 1933

Mrs. Anna Boettcher,  
615 Fifth Avenue, No.,  
Great Falls, Mont.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 17, enclosing money order in the amount of 76¢, covering excess pullman fare for a stopover at Milwaukee, Wis. on your return from a pilgrimage to the Oise Aisne American Cemetery in Europe, sailing from New York on the S.S. WASHINGTON, June 7, 1933.

Arrangements for your transportation, providing for this stopover on your return journey, will be made accordingly.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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RECEIPT

DOLLARS	<i>30</i>

FOR REMITTER

TO DETACH AND HOLD

MUST BE PRESENTED AT  
OFFICE OF ISSUE WHEN IN-  
QUIRY IS MADE REGARDING  
ORDER

ISSUING OFFICE

APR 21 1933

M. O. B. I.

STAMP HERE

Boettcher wma-aa

accepts Wash  
June 7-

No 284257  
76¢ rec'd 4/2/33  
20¢

Great Falls, Montana  
April 17 - 33

The Quartermaster General  
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your  
letter of April 12, 1933. filed  
as O.M. 293 FM.

You will find enclosed  
Money Order to the amount  
of seventy six cents (76¢)  
covering additional Pullman  
charges on stopover at  
Milwaukee Wis. on my return  
from France of the Government  
pilgrimage.

Very truly yours

Mrs Anna Boettcher  
615 - 5 ave So  
Great Falls  
Montana



# Signal Corps, United States Army

*SM*  
Received at

War Department Message Center,  
Room 3441, Munitions Building,  
Washington, D. C.

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH CO.

3-9311

WN87 22 GOVT COLLECT=GREATFALLS MONT APRIL 17 1220P

THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL=

=WASHINGTON DC=

1933 APR 17 PM 2 59

REPLYING TO LETTER QM 293 AM WISH TO MAKE STOP OVER AT  
MILWAUKEE WIS AM SENDING MONEY ORDER TODAY=

=MRS ANNA BOETTCHER.

*615 - 5th Ave. No.*

*am*

*accepts work -  
June 7*



*293  
Boettcher, Wm. A. - ca*

IF YOU DESIRE A STOPOVER ON YOUR RETURN FROM EUROPE PLEASE READ CAREFULLY THE PARAGRAPH, "STOPOVERS IN THE UNITED STATES", ON PAGE 3 OF THE ENCLOSED LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS, FILL IN THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN IT TO THIS OFFICE.

Boettcher, William A. (OA)  
Boettcher, Mrs. Anna  
615 5th Avenue North  
Great Falls, Montana.  
WASHINGTON June 7th

Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

On my return from the pilgrimage to American Cemeteries in Europe, I desire to stop over at the point, or points, listed below, for the number of days shown after the name of the town. If these stopovers will cause me any expense I am to be advised of the amount and may then withdraw this request if I so desire.

<u>Cities where I desire to stopover:</u>	<u>No. of days</u>
<u>Millwaukee Wis.</u>	<u>14 days</u>
<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
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Very truly yours,

Mrs Anna Boettcher  
(Your name)

615-5 ave So. Great Falls Montana  
(Your address)

Boettcher, William A.

Mothers' & Widows' Pilgrimage  
Stopovers on return

Name: **Boettcher, Mrs. Anna**

Address: **615 5th Avenue North, Great Falls, Mont.**

Party: **B**

Stopovers desired at:

**Milwaukee, Wisc.**

Rail

		Excess	None
		<u>Pullman</u>	
<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Value</u>
New York City	Milwaukee, Wis.	L B	10.15
Milwaukee, Wis.	Great Falls, Mont.	L B	15.30
		Total:	<u>25.45</u>
		Thru Pullman Fare:	<u>24.75</u>
		Excess:	\$ <u>.70</u>

Amounts shown as "excess" have been collected by the Quartermaster General and remitted to the Finance Officer, Washington, D.C.

QM 293 AM  
Boettcher, William A. (OA)

April 12, 1933

Mrs. Anna Boettcher,  
615 5th Avenue, North,  
Great Falls, Montana.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your request for a stopover at Milwaukee, Wis. on your return from a pilgrimage to the Oise Aisne American Cemetery in Europe, sailing from New York on the S.S. WASHINGTON, June 7, 1933.

Arrangements can be made for this stopover but there will be an additional cost involved of seventy six cents (76¢) due to a difference in pullman fare. All expenses incurred by you during your visit at Milwaukee must be paid from your personal funds.

As final transportation arrangements are now being completed, it is requested that you telegraph this office, collect, immediately upon receipt of this letter, advising whether or not you desire the stopover at Milwaukee, Wis. If you wish this stopover, please forward money order to this office at once in the amount of seventy six cents (76¢), payable to the Finance Officer, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C. and state in your wire when money order is being forwarded.

The self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience in sending remittance, and does not require postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

1 Encl.  
Envelope  
LM

PLEASE FILL IN THE INFORMATION CALLED FOR BELOW,  
AND MAIL THIS LETTER PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED  
ENVELOPE WHICH REQUIRES NO POSTAGE.

Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

Boettcher, William A. (OA)  
Boettcher, Mrs. Anna  
615 5th Avenue North  
Great Falls, Montana.  
WASHINGTON June 7th

Sir:

In the blank space below you will find the name,  
address, and relationship to me, of the person in the United  
States whom I desire to be notified in case I become  
seriously ill or other emergency arises while I am making  
the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress  
approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs Ed Klie  
Name

815-5 ave no Great Falls Montana  
Address

Daughter  
Relationship

Very truly yours,

Mrs Anna Boettcher  
Your name

615-5 ave no Great Falls  
Your address Mont.



QM 293 A-M

March 28, 1933.

Boettcher, William A. (QA)

Mrs. Anna Boettcher,  
615 5th Avenue North,  
Great Falls, Montana.

Dear Madam:

In accordance with your letter of March 21st, I  
am enclosing an invitation to sail June 7th on the WASHINGTON  
to visit the grave of your son in the Oise-Aisne American  
Cemetery in France.

A letter containing detailed information relative  
to the pilgrimage is being forwarded you under separate cover.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Invitation

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Boettcher, Wm. A. (Da)

3-28-33  
Dev. attached for  
wash. June 7.  
considered "accept"

Great Falls Mont.

March 21-33

The Quartermaster General  
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter  
of Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> and listed as  
Q M 2937 M. pertaining to the  
Government's offer to visit my  
sons grave in June next.

Since the death of my  
husband and as this too  
is my last chance I have  
decided to accept the offer.

So if you will kindly make  
the necessary arrangements  
and send me what information  
you can I will be greatly  
indebted to you.

Thanking you in ad-  
vance I remain

Yours Truly  
Mrs Anna Boettcher

615-5 ave No

(Formerly of Brookside Mont.) Great Falls Mont.

QM 293 A-M  
Boettcher, William A. (OA)

February 24, 1933

Mrs. Ella W. Turpin,  
Malta, Montana.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 18th, advising that you believe Mrs. William Boettcher desires to make a pilgrimage to the grave of her son, the late Private first class William A. Boettcher during the coming summer.

Accordingly Mrs. Boettcher is being communicated with relative thereto.

Your kindness in communicating with this office relative to this matter is appreciated.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M  
Boettcher, William A. (QA)

February 24, 1933

Mrs. Annie Boettcher,  
Brookside, Montana.

Dear Madam:

Information has been furnished this office that you may desire to accept the last offer of the Government to visit the grave of your son, the late Private first class William A. Boettcher.

The following women from Montana are scheduled to sail on the Washington, June 7th, and will visit the same cemetery wherein rest the remains of your son:

Mrs. Luigia Pisini,  
Black Eagle,

Mrs. E. J. Walther,  
410 - 12th Ave.,  
Havre,

Mrs. Sarah C. Welborn,  
Box 431,  
Harlowton.

Should you desire to make the journey, an invitation to sail on the Washington, June 7th, will be forwarded you. As advised in office letter of November 30th, every care and attention will be accorded you while on the journey and every effort made to assure you a pleasant and satisfactory pilgrimage.

A self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience in advising whether or not you desire to accept the invitation.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Boetcher, Wm. A. - (Ca)

Malta Montana

Feb. 18, 1932

To the Office of the Quartermaster-General,  
The War Department,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

yesterday a neighbor of  
Mrs. William Boetcher of Dodson, Mont.,  
came to me asking that I write to  
you in regard to Mrs. Boetcher's in-  
vitation which was sent from  
your office asking her to accept  
or reject your invitation which to go  
to France next summer on the  
final gold star pilgrimage. Your  
letter was accidentally destroyed  
and Mrs. Boetcher does not know  
where to write. Her neighbor thinks  
that Mrs. Boetcher wants to make  
the trip this year. She has been  
very timid about it, but feels  
differently since I returned from  
my pilgrimage last summer.  
Hoping you can send another

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letter to Mrs Boetcher, and that  
it is not too late, I am,

Gratefully yours,

(Mrs) Ella W. Turpin

P.S. - The lady who asked me to  
write is Mrs John Chezik, Dodson, Mont.  
If you send a letter to Mrs.  
Boetcher in care of Mrs. Chezik,  
she will receive it.

E. T.



QM 293 A-M  
Boettcher, William A. (OA)

November 30, 1952

Mrs. Annie Boettcher,  
Brookside, Montana.

Dear Madam:

Information has been furnished this office that you have heretofore declined the privilege of making a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private first class William A. Boettcher, because you were hesitant about making the journey unattended.

Your attention is invited to the fact that arrangements have been made with the railroad companies that their personnel render particular attention to the mothers and widows making the pilgrimage. From the time you board the train until you arrive in New York, you will be well cared for by the employees of the railroad companies. Upon arrival in New York you will be met by an officer of the Regular Army who will escort you to the hotel. From the time of your arrival in New York until you return thereto from Europe, you will be under the guidance of an officer of the Army, personnel to care for your comforts and needs will be provided and doctors and nurses will be available. You are assured that, should you make a pilgrimage, every care and attention will be accorded you.

The records show that four women from Montana have stated they desired to make the pilgrimage, two of whom are scheduled to visit the same cemetery wherein rest the remains of your son. It is possible that arrangements could be made for you to be with one of these women during the entire journey.

In view of the foregoing, should you reconsider and desire to make a pilgrimage, it is requested you advise this office in order that the necessary arrangements may be made for you. A self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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MOTHERS AND WIDOWS SCHEDULED TO SAIL IN 1933.

Meuse-Argonne Cemetery

Mrs. Agnes M. Piazzola,  
428 Mullen Street, Butte, Mont.

Mrs. Laura Lanphear,  
Busteed Route, Columbus, Mont.

Oise-Aisne Cemetery

Mrs. Luigia Pizini,  
Black Eagle, Montana.

Mrs. E. J. Walther,  
410 12th Ave., Havre, Mont.

accept  
accept

Melborn, Mrs Sarah C  
Box 431  
Harlowton

C O P Y

Ella Turpin, Superintendent

Lillie McConnel, Clerk

Office of  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS  
Phillips County

Malta, Montana

November 26, 1932

Captain R. E. Shannon,  
Quartermaster Corps,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Last year when my pilgrimage to France was being arranged (QM 293 AM), I had several letters from you. Now I understand that mothers who have not been able to go other years may be sent next summer. Somewhere, too, I have gathered the impression that when mothers are not able to travel alone the government will also pay the expenses of an attendant to accompany and give personal help to such mothers.

There are two mothers in this county who have refused to make the pilgrimage to the graves of their sons because they are not able to travel alone. Each of them has said to me that had they been able to go with me, they would have accepted the privilege. Their names are: Mrs. William Boetcher, Dodson, and Mrs. Ulness of Forks, Montana. Mrs. Boetcher is frail but not sickly; she is German and cannot speak English very well and she is a timid soul. Mrs. Ulness is strong enough in spite of her seventy years, but she is nearly blind; she can see to get around the house all right but cannot distinguish people across the room. Because of this infirmity she has been afraid to attempt to make the pilgrimage. I should like very much to help these two worthy mothers to the happiness that the pilgrimage brought to me; and as I shall be free next summer, I should like very much to attend them on the trip. Having made the journey myself I would be able to know better just how to plan to make it comfortable for them.

Lieutenant E. V. Kerr was the officer in charge of my group, and I refer you to him if you wish information as to my personal qualifications for such a position. I of course expect that you will make thorough investigations. I have not mentioned the fact that I am writing to you to either of the ladies mentioned; if you think it might be arranged I will see each of them. They live at some distance from me.

I shall be very glad to hear from you in regard to this.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ella W. Turpin

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Boettcher, William A. OA

September 6, 1932.

Mrs. Annie Boettcher,  
Brookside,  
Montana.

Dear Madam:

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


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

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	No
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: 65 Health: Good
3. Do you speak English?	Yes
4. What other language do you speak?	German

  
Mrs Annie Boettcher  
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.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Boettcher, William A. (OA)

July 11, 1932.

Mrs. Annie Boettcher,  
Brookside,  
Mont.

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  
Boettcher, William A. (OA)

January 4, 1932.

Mrs. Annie Boettcher,  
Brookside,  
Montana.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence with this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private, first class, William A. Boettcher. In reply to a questionnaire you advised that you did not desire to visit your son's grave next summer.

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

It is believed you should feel no hesitancy in making the journey, and should you later decide to visit your son's grave next summer, it is requested you so notify this office. Should you make the trip, you are assured that the pilgrimage will not only be made at the expense of the United States but that everything possible for your comfort and welfare will be provided.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM  
Boettcher, William A. PFC (OA) M

June 20, 1931

Mrs. Annie Boettcher,  
Brookside, Montana.

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.

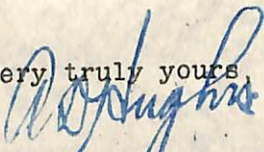
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or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

Write answer here

  
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Boettcher, William A. 608 M

June 7, 1930

Mrs. Annie Boettcher  
Brookside, Mont.

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.

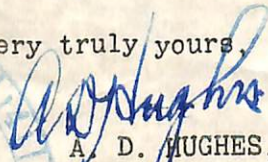
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? No

(Write answer here)

  
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

**Boettcher, William A. 608 M**

**Mrs. Annie Boettcher,  
Brookside, Mont.**

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>No</i>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No) <i>No</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>63</i> (Years)	Health <i>Poor</i> (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <i>yes</i> (No)	Other language <i></i> (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Boettcher, William A.  
608

Aug. 28, 1929.

Mrs. Annie Boettcher,  
Brookside, Mont.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 21, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

*No, he is not.*

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

*Mrs Annie Boettcher  
mother*

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

*No.*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June , 1929.

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**Boettcher, William A.**

**Mrs. Annie Boettcher,  
Brookside, Mont.**

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, first class William A. Boettcher, Hq.Co. 129th Inf. whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.**

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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