

119 B-14
Bordwell,

John H.

2,853,072

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt

93 Trans C

(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
desire 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) *Tillie Kendall*

none
(Number and street or rural route.)

New Hampton
(City, town, or post office.)

Iowa
(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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G.R.S. Form #114-B

FULL NAME BORDWELL, John H. ✓

RANK Pvt. ✓ SERIAL 2853072 ✓

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION 93rd Trans. Cps. ✓ *not Dir.*

DATE OF DEATH *Feb 15 - 1919*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *Iowa*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED: ✓

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION.....	21	6	C
	Date	Grave	Row
		Suresnes, #34	Block

..... Cemetery

REC'D WORLD WAR DIV
1 AUG 20

Drawn by nst.

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checked by Cl

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

September 13, 1922.

FILE: 293.8 C-R #94765-
SUBJECT: Permanent Grave Location of Private John H. Bordwell,
93rd Transport Corps.
TO: Mrs. Charles Kendall, New Hampton, Iowa.

1. The permanent grave of this soldier is No. 21 Row 6
Block C, Suresnes American cemetery at Suresnes, Department of
Seine, France.

2. This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries
to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be
marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name,
rank, organization and date of soldier's death. The headstones will
be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in
progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action
or request on the part of relatives.

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

For the Quartermaster General;

GEORGE H. PENROSE,
Assistant

3 1922
G.R.S.

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bordwell 2853072 John

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

Pvt. 93rd Co. Trans Corps.

(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL February 16, 1919

(American Section)

PLACE OF BURIAL St Eloi Cemetery

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

La Rochelle, C. I. France.

GRAVE NUMBER 125

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? yes Cross?

Headboard?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? yes

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

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

Mrs. Charles Kendall

Hew Hampden, Iowa

Mother

REPORTED BY: Urban Wm. Lager

Chaplain Urban Wm. Lager

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

DATE 5/9/22.

1. NAME BCRDWHEEL, John H SERIAL No. 2853072

RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION 93rd Trans Cps

GRAVE LOCATION French Civ-LaRochele CTY. NAME 119-B NUMBER

125

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL ~~BATTLE AREA~~ GRAVE LOCATION 125 La Rochelle, (Charente Inf.) GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES None.

CONCENTRATED TO Feb. 16, 1919. 125 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

French Civ. Cemetery, La Rochelle, 119-B/ CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR W. R. Nichols W. R. Nichols, Major, G.A.C.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 5/9/22. 21. 6. C. DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT BLOCK.

Suresnes American Cemetery #34. Suresnes. Seine. CEMETERY

AUDITED BY
SAB 6/29/22

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF BORDWELL, John H. SERIAL NUMBER 2853072

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION 93rd Trans. Cps.

2. Disinterred (date): From (give complete location):

Oct. 20th, 1921 Gr. 125, Cem. 119-B.

By: Group 1 Unit Sec. 7

3. Reburied (date): In (give complete location):

May 9th 1922. Grave 21, Row 6, Block C, Cty 34, Suresnes.

By: Group special Unit metallic casket and shipping case
Nature of reburial

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

Pine box and uniform. Badly decomposed, features not recognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? Yes

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

Disc only. Autopsy on skull.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to estimate

(c) Hair—Color Apparently light brown

Quantity Moderate

Characteristics Curly

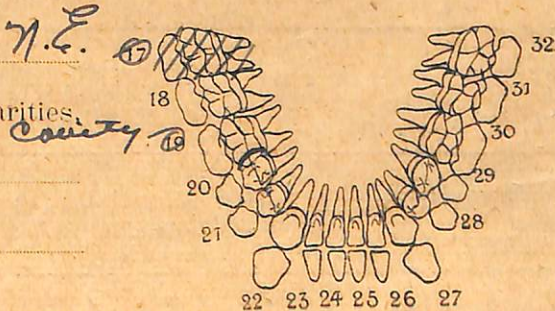
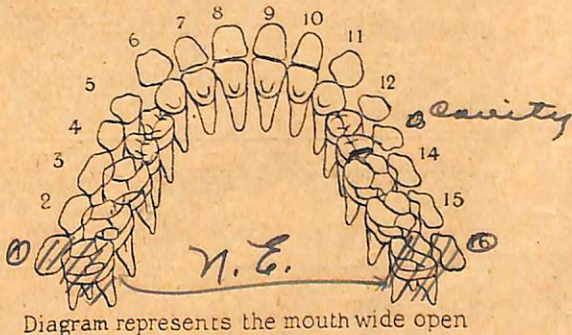
(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location

Quantity

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

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) None



E. S. Parker, checker.

7. Disinterment supervised by Ben A. Bradford
Ben A. Bradford, Sup. Eng.

Approved: C. S. Denny
(Title) 1st Lt., CAC.

8. Reburial supervised by Charles P. Keating
Charles P. Keating, Chief Sup. Sub.

Approved: H. S. Smith
(Title) Cablin,

D-60315

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE

Oct. 20th, 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 **BORDWELL, John H**
 2. No. **2853072**
 3. Rank **Pvt**
 4. Org. **93rd Trans Cps**
 5. D.D. **2-15**
 6. C.D. **DOD**

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. **125** Sec. _____
 8. Plot _____ Row _____
 9. _____

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

18. Cemetery **French Civ**
 20. Dept. or County **Charente Inf**
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. **119-B**

19. Commune or town **LaRochele**
 21. Country _____

23. Disinterred (Date) **Oct. 20th, 1921**

By **Ben A. Bradford**

24. Inscription on grave marker:
 Name **John H. Bordwell**
 Rank **Pvt.**

Serial No. _____
 Organization **93rd Trans. Cps.**

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker?

On body? **Yes**
 Signature **E. J. Fawcett**
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).

Disc only.

27. Condition of body **Badly decomposed, features not recognizable.**

28. Nature of burial **Pine box and uniform.**

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above?
No discrep.

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date **Oct. 20th, 1921** By **Ben A. Bradford**

31. Casket sealed by **Ben A. Bradford**
 Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) **Ben A. Bradford**

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C2759

32. Designation of body:

Name BORDWELL, John H Serial No. 2853072

Rank Pvt Organization 93rd Trans Cpt

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery American Concentration Cty 34 Suresnes

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Oct. 20th, 1921 By Bon A. Bradford

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 B. S. Denny, 1st Lt., C/C.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Oct 21

To point of Concentration Paris Morgue (Seine)

Convoyer Pierre de Montozon Signature Shipping Officer S. D. CAMPBELL, Capt. Q.M.C.

38. Received at Paris Morgue or Point of Concentration: Date Paris Morgue, Nov. 2, 1921

By G.R.S. Representative H. L. WARD, Major, Q.M.C.

39. Shipped from Paris Morgue or Point of Concentration: Date Paris Morgue, May 9th 1922.

To Permanent Cemetery Suresnes Amer. Cty No. 34, Suresnes, Seine

Convoyer Arthur De Wasch Signature Shipping Officer E. P. DOYLE, Capt. Q.M.C.

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred May 9th 1922.

(Date)

42. Grave No. 21 Section

43. Plot Block C. Row 6. Cty 34, Suresnes.

G.R.S. Representative H. S. SMITH
H. S. SMITH, Chaplin.

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

Rush Answer

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.

TO: Tillie Kendall, New Hampton, Iowa.

MAY 5 1920

SUBJECT: Disposition of remains of Pvt. John H. Bordwell.

Records of this office show your request to be as follows:

No change

Remains to be not returned to United States ~~postage~~

~~postage~~

If any modifications of the foregoing are desired please write same fully on the other side of this sheet.

The nearest living relative may choose between, (1) return of remains to homes for burial; (2) interment in Arlington, Va., National Cemetery; or (3) remain in France.

You are requested to fill out the following without delay and return in enclosed penalty envelope, which does not require postage.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Widow <i>Tillie Kendall</i>	<i>none</i>	<i>New Hampton</i>	<i>Iowa</i>
Children (Name oldest first)	<i>Lois Bordwell</i>		
Father <i>none</i>	<i>now</i>		
Mother <i>yes</i>	<i>married</i>		
Brothers <i>none</i>	<i>Lois Durant</i>		
Sisters <i>2</i>	<i>Hazel Bordwell</i>		

Date *May 7*

Signature *Tillie Kendall*

Address *New Hampton*

Relationship *Mother*

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #94765

1. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BORDWELL, John H Ser. No. 2853072
(b) Rank Private Organization 93rd Trans. Corps
(c) Date of death 2-15-19 of death Lobar Pneumonia
(d) Cause

*Exhumed
for concentration
in M.E.T.
34
11/22/20
AAS*

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

(a) Grave No. 125 Row --- Plot --- Sect. --- TYP. SH
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Charles Kendall (mother), New Hampden, Iowa

111. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; No Card) CKR. Ediff

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt None

(a) Name Lillie Kendall (b) Relationship mother
(c) Address New Hampton, Iowa
(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 BGL Date 4-27-1920

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

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

No Correspondence

Examiner's Initials JOB Date 4/28/1920

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

for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes - aa

Examiner's Initials aa Date 4-29-1920

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

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 1920

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by- (cable on _____, 1920
(letter on MAY 7, 1920

Par. 2 - Not to be returned. Sg



C O R E C T I O N S

IX.

Change of advice

Action taken

Desires body be

Body to be shipped to

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*were 9/27 - Mrs. Fiehl Kendall. deceased left no widow
or children. O.V.S. 9/28*

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

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

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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Telegram	
Day Letter	Blue
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RECEIVED AT 227 HUDSON STREET, HOBOKEN, N. J. ALWAYS OPEN

117NY DX 12 COLLECT GOVET

NEW HAMPTON IOWA 1140 AM SEPT 27 1920

REGISTER SERVICE ARM PIERS

HOBOKEN NJ

OUR WIRE TWENTY FIFTH JOHN BORDWELL LEFT NO WIDOW OR CHILDREN

MRS TILLIE DENDALL

153 PM

"STANDARD TIME"

*Noted on 11/5
10/29/28*

CDM

C. D. ANNIS, 1st Lt. Q.M. Corps.

Hoboken, N.J.

9/25/20.

Mrs. Tillie Kendall,

New Hampton, Iowa.

If late Private John K. Bordwell is survived by a widow or children necessary you wire this office, immediately, Government expense, name and address of each. Make telegraphic reply in either case. C-434.

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE,
Army Pier, Hoboken, N.J.

NIGHT

m.m.m.

CDM
Circular postmark: HOBOKEN N.J. SEP 25 1920

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RECORDED
Circular postmark: HOBOKEN N.J. SEP 25 1920

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 94765

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in concentration
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I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BORDWELL, John H. Ser. No. 2853072
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization 93rd Trans. Cps.
 (c) Date of death 2-15-19 Cause of death Lobar Pneumonia.

TYP HDP
 CKR MET

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

(a) Grave No. 125 Row -- Plot -- Sect. -- TYP. SH
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Charles Kendall, (Mother) New Hampden, Iowa.

MacB 4th

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases... No. Card. CKR ESW

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

Abd. Disposition Card, Tillie Kendall (mother), New Hampton, Iowa, requests remains be not returned - ED 9-13-20

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by - (cable on 192
 (letter of transmittal on 5/7/ 1920

Par. # 2. Body not to be returned/..... (SG)

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. **SEP 14 1920** **SEP 18 1920** 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. 10-2-1920

COUNTRY France CEMETERY NO. 119-B SHEET NO. 14
 G.R.S. FORM 115-A
 August 1920

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RETURN TO OSP:SS

(COPY)

GRAVE LOCATION

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BORDWELL 2853072 John H.

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

Private 93rd./Trans. Corps

(Rank) (Organization)

PLACE OF DEATH: Camp Hospital 39, LaRocheville, (Char. Inf.), France.

CAUSE OF DEATH: Lobar pneumonia, bilateral

DATE OF BURIAL: February 16, 1919.

PLACE OF BURIAL:

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

American Section, St. Eloi Cemetery,

LaRocheville, (Charente Inferieure), France.

GRAVE NUMBER: 125

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? yes Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? yes

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: Mother: Mrs. Charles Kendall,

ADDRESS: New Hampden, Iowa.

RELATIONSHIP: Mother.

REPORTED BY: Original signed by:

Chaplain Urban Wm. Lager.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

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

GRAVE LOCATION

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE

Bordwell 2853072 John

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

Pvt. 93rd Co. Trans. Corps.

(Rank) (Organization)

DATE OF BURIAL: February 16, 1919 (American Section)

PLACE OF BURIAL: St Eloi Cemetery

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

La Rochelle, C. I. France

GRAVE NUMBER: 125

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? yes Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? yes

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

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

Mrs. Charles Kendall

New Hampden, Iowa

Mother

REPORTED BY: Urban Wm. Lager

Chaplain Urban Wm. Lager

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bordwell, John H. Pvt. (Sur) M

August 17, 1931

Mrs. Matilda Kendall Rowe,
Walker, Iowa

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

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Competent personnel will be provided to care for the mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York until their return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities will be arranged for and in the event you decide to make a pilgrimage, you are assured everything possible will be done for your care and welfare. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 many mothers of advanced age and in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited therefrom.

Your name is being placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make a pilgrimage in 1933. However, should you change your mind in view of the above, and desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, it is requested you advise this office in order that arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 12, 1932

Burdwell, John H. (Sur)

Mrs. Matilda Kendall Rowe,
Walker, Iowa

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) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Bordwell, John H. Pvt. (Sur) M

June 18, 1931

Mrs. Matilda Kendall Rowe,
Walker, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

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JUN 18 - PM 11:45
QM M&R REP

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bordwell, John H. 34 M

June 7, 1930

Mrs. Matilda Kendall Rowe
Walker, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bordwell, John H. 34 M

October 8 1929.

**Mrs. Matilda Kendall Rowe,
Walker, Iowa.**

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bordwell, John H.
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August 9, 1929.

Mrs. Charles Kendall,
New Hampton,
Iowa.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated **May 6, 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,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bordwell, John H

May 6, 1929.

Mrs. Charles Kendall,
New Hampton,
Iowa.

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 John H. Bordwell, 93rd Transportation Corps, whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JOHN T. HARRIS,
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NAME <i>Bordwell, John H</i>	<i>BOR</i>	3	<i>2 0 0</i> <i>5 8</i>
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	BLOCK <i>C</i>	1	<i>3</i>
STATE	<i>Iowa</i>	2	<i>16</i>
RANK	<i>Pvt</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>Trans. Corps</i>	2	<i>62</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>93</i>	3	<i>093</i>
ARM		1	<i>X</i>
MARITAL	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Mrs Rowe</i>	<i>ROW</i>	3	<i>6 0 12</i> <i>8 5 13</i>
<i>Matilda Kendall</i>	STATE <i>Iowa</i>	2	<i>16</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Linn</i>	2	<i>57</i>
	CITY <i>Walker</i>	3	<i>XXV</i>
RELATION	<i>mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

August 17, 1931

Bordwell, John H. Pvt. (Sur) M

Mrs. Matilda Kendall Rowe,
Walker, Iowa

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

Competent personnel will be provided to care for the mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York until their return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities will be arranged for and in the event you decide to make a pilgrimage, you are assured everything possible will be done for your care and welfare. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 many mothers of advanced age and in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited therefrom.

Your name is being placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make a pilgrimage in 1933. However, should you change your mind in view of the above, and desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, it is requested you advise this office in order that arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Bordwell, John H. (Sur)

July 12, 1932

Mrs. Matilda Kendall Rowe,
Walker, Iowa

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.

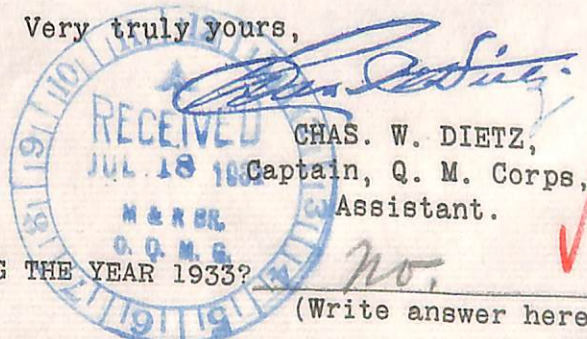
IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU GIVE THE MATTER YOUR MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BEFORE REACHING A DECISION, BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE TRIP AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

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,



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

No.
(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

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

Bordwell, John H. Pvt. (Sur) M

June 18, 1931

Mrs. Matilda Kendall Rowe,
Walker, Iowa.

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.

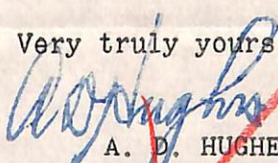
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or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

not able to,
Write answer here

Matilda Kendall Rowe

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bordwell, John H. 34 M

June 7, 1930

Mrs. Matilda Kendall Rowe
Walker, Iowa.

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.

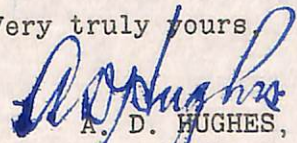
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank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

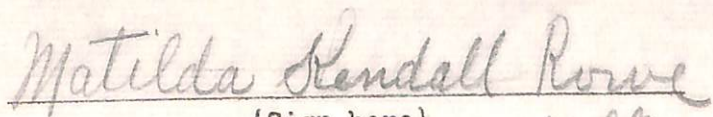
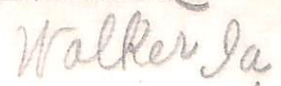
Very truly yours,


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



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

No.
(Write answer here)


(Sign here) 

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bordwell, John H.
34

August 9, 1929.

Matilda

Mrs. Charles Kendall, Rowe
~~New Hampton,~~
Walker Iowa

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated **May 6, 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?

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No

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Matilda Kendall Rowe

Walker Ia.

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

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

John T. Harris

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