

FULL NAME ..... BORTLE, Oscar R. ....

Pvt. 1/c ..... 3126372 ✓

RANK ..... SERIAL .....

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION ..... Co. B, 364th Inf ✓ 91st Div.

DATE OF DEATH ..... 10-31-18 ✓

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME ..... Minnesota

None

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED.

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION. 6-19-22 4 4 D  
Date Grave Row Block

Flanders Field, #1252

Cemetery

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LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bottle, 3126372 Oscar R.  
(Surname), (Number), (First Name and Initials)

Private 1st class Co. B 364 Inf.  
(Rank), (Organization)

PLACE OF DEATH: Courtrai 198.4-461.4

CAUSE OF DEATH: G.S. Wound

DATE OF BURIAL: Nov. 2, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: Courtrai 198.4-461.4

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

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GRAVE NUMBER: .....

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:

EMME. Waereghem (Belgium)

(C 909) SIT. 2978. COORD NE 198.4  
NEAREST RELATIVE: Courtrai N. 461.4

ADDRESS: .....

RELATIONSHIP: .....

REPORTED BY: Bryant Wilson Chaplain  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bottle 3126372 Oscar R.  
(Surname) (Number) (First Name and Initials)

1st Private Co. B. 364 Inf.  
(Rank) (Organization)

PLACE OF DEATH: Courtrai 198.4 - 461.4

CAUSE OF DEATH: G. S. wound

DATE OF BURIAL: November 2, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: Courtrai 198.4 - 461.4

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

MONUMENTAL GRAVE

GRAVE NUMBER:

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:

CMME. Waereghem (Belgium)

(C-909) HIT. 29 N.E. COORD. FEB 198.4 N. 461.4  
NEAREST RELATIVE: Courtrai

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

Raymond J. Graham 2nd Lt. 364 Inf.  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

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

File No 108057

Reg. Card. Dept. 6-20-19.

Liaison.

MEMO: For: G.R.S. Representative, C.R.C.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

**FILE**

1. Items checked are to be completed:

- ( ) Surname: BARTEL.
- ( ) Number: 3126372.
- ( ) First Name: Oscar.
- () Rank:
- ( ) Company:
- ( ) Organization: B. 364 Inf.
- () Date of Death:
- () Cause:
- ( ) Place:

Location of hospital:

- Number " "
- Class " "
- () Relative:
- () Relationship:
- () Address:

- () Authority:
- Cablegram No.:
- Telegram from:

dated:

- ( ) Reported to Washington:
- C.C. Nos:

(Underscore the "official" C.C.)

- ( ) Remarks:
- () Show present status on reverse side.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Lieut.-Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.

Initials of Reporter:

New case.

Buried.

Cty. No 1673.

Cty. Amer. B/A WAEREGHEM.  
( Poteghem.) BELGIUM.

Reported by the. GRS.

6/30/19

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Commercial List No.

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Serials List No.  
Daily Report No.

409-2072



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LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bottle, 3126 372 Oscar  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials)

Private Co. B 364 Inf  
(Rank). (Organization)

PLACE OF DEATH: Courtrai 1984

CAUSE OF DEATH: G. S. Wound

DATE OF BURIAL: Nov. 2, 1918

PLACE OF DEATH: Courtrai 1984

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

GRAVE NUMBER:

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? yes

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

Bryan Wilson, Chaplain  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

This portion to be forwarded to Central Records Office, A. G. O., A. E. F.

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LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bottle 3126 372 Oscar R.  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials)

Pvt. Private Co. B 364 Inf.  
(Rank). (Organization)

PLACE OF DEATH: Courtrai 1984-4614

CAUSE OF DEATH: G. S. Wound

DATE OF BURIAL: November 2, 1918

PLACE OF DEATH: Courtrai 1984-4614

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

GRAVE NUMBER:

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? Headboard? Bottle? yes

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? yes

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

Raymond J. Graham 2nd Lt. 364 Inf.  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

This portion to be forwarded to Central Records Office, A. G. O., A. E. F.

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bortb, 3126 372 Oscar R.  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Infantry Co. B 364 Inf.  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Courtrain 198.4-461.4

CAUSE OF DEATH: G. S. Wound

DATE OF BURIAL: Nov. 2, 1918

PLACE OF DEATH: ~~Burial~~ Courtrain 198.4-461.4

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

GRAVE NUMBER:

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:

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

Bryant Wilson, Chaplain  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).



Co B. 364th Infantry  
1st Division

Bortle, Oscar R. pvt I/c 3I26372  
Home; not available.

Informant was eye witness.  
Soldier was killed instantly by sniper  
Ground was held.  
No further informant available.

Oct. 31st 1918, about 8:00 A.M.

informant: Miller, Vonley J. pvt 2782027  
Co B. 364th Infantry  
Home: Nez Perce, Idaho

Searcher: Sgt Rowe, J. Leonard,  
Co B. 364th Inf .

S/A

Date June 2, 1919REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

## Remains of:

Name: BORTLE, OscarNumber: 3126372Rank: Pvt

Organization:

Co.B, 364th Inf.Disinterment and Reburial made by Group 3Unit 302

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

6-2-19. Grave 15, American B/F, Cem. Waereghem, West Flanders, Belgium.B.M. 1/40,000. Sht/ 29-D-28-a-4-4.

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

6-2-19 Grave 162, Plot C, American Mil. Cem. Waereghem, WestFlanders, Belgium. B.M.1/40,000. Sht.29-D-28-d-6-9.5

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

Body very badly decomposed. Buried in uniform.Was one identification tag found upon the body? yesWhat other means of identification were found on the body? none

## Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct, as is required by G. O. 170, G.H. 2, 1918., after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Sgt. E.J. CrowleyC.O. Group 3Unit 3022nd Lt. OMCUSA502

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CONFIRMED

*Bortle, Oscar R.*  
*Pfc.*

**WESTERN MILITARY BUREAU**

ROUTE AND SCHEDULE

EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE SAILING FROM NEW YORK CITY June 21, 1930

Los Angeles County, State of California

Name Bortle, Mrs Donna B (H-18)

Address 746 S Lake St., Los Angeles, Calif

Route going: AT&SF Chicago, Grd Trk Suspension Bridge, L V New York

Return: Same route

(Desires stopover at Chicago, Ill)

		ROAD	TRAIN	TIME	DATE	
Itinerary going	✓ Lv	Los Angeles	AT&SF	4	6:00 PM	June 15
	✓ Ar	Chicago	"	"	9:15 AM	" 18
	✓ Lv	"	Grd Trk	8	12:45 PM	" "
	✓ Ar	New York (Penna Sta)	L V	"	5:45 PM	" 19
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Accommodations: Standard sleeper Los Angeles, Calif. to Chicago, Ill., and Chicago, Ill to New York, N Y

Elapsed Time: 92 hours, 45 minutes *4*

Extra Fare:

**CODE SLIP**

**BORTLE Oscar R.**

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE	
NAME	Bortle, Oscar R.	BOR	3	2 5 8
BURIED	CEMETERY	1252	1	8
	GRAVE	4	2	04
	ROW	4	2	04
	BLOCK	D	1	4
STATE	Minn.		2	27
RANK	Priv. 1cl		1	2
DIVISION	91		2	91
ORGANIZATION	364		3	364
ARM	Inf.		1	1
MARITAL	Yes		1	1
NAME	Mrs Eva Bortle	Mrs BOR	3	2 5 8
RESIDENCE	STATE	minn	2	27
	COUNTY	Hennepin	2	27
	CITY	Minneapolis	3	034
RELATION	Mother		1	1
OTHER			1	
ELIGIBILITY	Yes		1	1
NATIVITY			1	
RACE			1	
ENGLISH	Yes		1	1
ATTENDANT			1	
HEALTH	Poor		1	
NO. OF SONS			1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.		1	
	YR.		1	
ACCEPTANCE	NO		1	
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**AUDITED**  
 SEP 20 1931  
 DEC 11 1931  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bortle, Oscar R. (FF)

July 12, 1932

Mrs. Eva L. Bortle,  
3248 Hennepin Ave., S.,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

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?

no  
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Mrs Eva L Bortle

File No.

OUT-CHARGE SHEET

Bottle, Oscar R - 1252

Date charged out

Charged to

Remarks:

See "Pilgrimage Completed"  
file for widow's case

INSTRUCTIONS.—If a document is taken from the files, charge it to the person to whom delivered. Make charge sheet in duplicate. Place one in record file and one in suspended file used for follow up on "charge out sheets."

Q. M. C. Form 355 (Old No. 492)  
Revised July 26, 1918

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Bortle, Oscar R. (FF) M

November 2, 1931.

Mrs. Eva L. Bortle,  
3248 Hennepin Ave. So.,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. In your reply to the recent inquiry as to whether or not you desired to make a pilgrimage in 1932, you advised you were undecided.

In view of the fact that steamship reservations must be made several months in advance, it is essential that this office know how many mothers and widows must be arranged for. It is possible that you may have made your decision by this time. It is therefore requested that 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. In the event you state you desire to make the journey in 1932 and circumstances prevent your making the pilgrimage, it is requested you notify this office as promptly as possible.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	<i>No</i>
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: <i>77</i> Health: <i>Fair</i>
3. Do you speak English?	<i>Yes</i>
4. What other language do you speak?	<i>None</i>

*Eva L Bortle*  
Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:  
Env.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Bortle, Oscar R. Pvt. 1cl (F.F.) M

June 23, 1931

Mrs. O. D. Bortle,  
3248 Hennepin,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Madam:

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

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

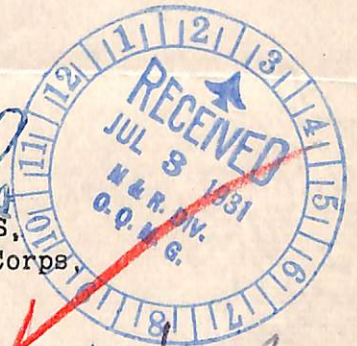
As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



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

*Undecided*  
Write answer here

*Mrs O D Bortle*

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bortle, Oscar R. I252-M

May 28, 1930.

Mrs. O. D. Bortle,  
3248 Hennepin,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



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

No ✓  
(Write answer here)

*Mrs O D Bortle*

(Sign here)

3248 Hennepin Ave 3d

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

October 7, 1929.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bortle, Oscar R. 1252 M

Mrs. O. D. Bortle,  
3248 Hennepin,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

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?	<del>(Yes)</del> (No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	<del>(Yes)</del> (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?	<del>(Yes)</del> (No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age 75 (Years) Health <del>(Good)</del> (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <del>(No)</del> Other language <i>no other</i> (Specify language spoken)

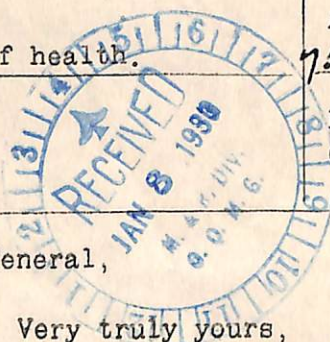
For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*John T. Harris*

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

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope



3248 Hennepin  
Minneapolis Minn  
April 26 - 1929

Mr. J. McClinton,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant,

Dear Sir:

In reply to your communication of April 22, referring to (DM 293 a-c, Bortle, Oscar R) I will state that my son's wife address is

"Mrs Donna B. Bortle  
Box 129, San Francisco  
Calif."

She has not married again,  
is still his widow.

Very sincerely yours,  
Eva L. Bortle,  
(Mrs O. D. Bortle)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bortle, Oscar R.

April 22, 1929.

Mrs. O. D. Bortle,  
3021 James Ave., South,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

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 Oscar R. Bortle, Company B, 364th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Flanders Field American Cemetery, Waereghem, Belgium.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

J. McCLINTOCK,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

5/13  
2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

BF

WAR DEPARTMENT  
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS & WIDOWS  
226 WEST 34TH ST., N. Y., N. Y., ROOM 901

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

VIA POSTAL TELEGRAPH

Mrs. Addie M. - King,  
2561 Cullom Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

A. C. TIPPIN,  
Major, Inf. (DOL)

July 21st, 1930.

MRS. BORTLE ARRIVED SAFE AND WELL LEAVING TODAY SIX FIFTEEN PM DUE TUESDAY  
EIGHT FORTYFIVE PM TRAIN CANADIAN NATIONAL ROAD

COLONEL WILLIAMS

(Above message sent for Mrs. Donna B. Bortle, Party "H", from  
Hotel Astor)

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BORTLE, OSCAR R

Party "H" - Itinerary - Flanders Field Group

Sailed June 21, 1930 on SS ROOSEVELT. Major J. F. Cottrell in charge.

Arrived Cherbourg 5 a.m. June 29th. Met by Major Daily, Capt. Mitchell, Capt. Dalton, Lieut. Gregory, Lieut. Freeman, Major Kinderman, three nurses and two civilian employees. Train left at 8.21 a.m. for Paris. Arrived Gare des Invalides at 2.30 p.m. Met by Lt. Col. Bartlett and members of the staff, with interpreters and nurses. Escorted to hotel. Remainder of day devoted to rest.

June 30th. Morning devoted to personal business; changing money, preparing laundry, etc. Left hotel at 3 p.m. for Arc de Triomphe. Wreath placed on tomb of the Unknown Soldier by Mrs. Wilhelmina Ohlson, who was selected by party for this duty. A wreath was also laid by Mrs. Anna Johnson on behalf of the N.Y. Fire Department. Proceeded to Restaurant Laurent after ceremony where tea and reception tendered by U.S. Government was held. Returned to hotel. Evening free.

July 1st. 7.15 a.m. depart Compiègne - Carrefour de l'Armistice - St. Quentin, Cambrai - Lille.

July 2nd. Visited Waereghem Cemetery. Returned to 3-4. Lille.

July 5th. Morning free. Lunch at Lille. Arras. Amiens.

July 6th. Morning free. Lunch at Amiens. Beauvais. Returned to Paris.

July 7th. Notre-Dame - Sacre-Coeur.

July 8th. Morning free. Napoleon's Tomb. Sightseeing Night Trip.

July 9th. Visit to Louvre - Versailles. Prepared for return trip.

July 10th. Due to the fact that the date of return was changed from July 10th to July 11th, this day was free and was devoted to shopping, etc.

July 11th. Left Hotel between 1 and 1.30 p.m. for Invalides Railway Station. Train left at 2.15 p.m. Accompanied by 5 officers, 1 doctor, 3 nurses and 1 civilian employee. Arrived Cherbourg 5.53 p.m. Sailed 7.25 p.m. on SS REPUBLIC. Major Cottrell in charge. Arrived Hoboken, N. J. 5 p.m. July 20th.

Mrs. Donna B. Bortle

June 5, 1930

Mrs. Donna B. Bortle  
746 S. Lake St.  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Please attach the enclosed tags to each piece of baggage, this to protect the safe arrival of same in New York.

Upon your arrival in this City, you will be met at the Railroad Station by a United States Army Officer, in uniform, who will wear on the left sleeve of his coat a blue cloth band, showing a Gold Star and the word "Pilgrimage". This officer will escort you and your baggage to your Hotel in New York City.

For the Officer in Charge:

George F. R. Ta 101  
1st Lieut., Q.M. Corps  
Assistant

Enclosures  
2 tags

2-Bags

Validate

1937

NAME BORTLE, MRS. DONNA B.

S.S. REPUBLIC JUL 19 1930

HOME LOS ANGELES, LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
CALIF.

R.R. L.V. to Suez Bridge

STATION Gr. Frank to Chicago

TRAIN # AT+SF to dest -

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE Oct 31 - 30

Stopover Chicago

~~A.C.~~

E. C. Bonniwell

Boy # 1129

San Francisco

Cal.

②

REMARKS



Name BORTLE, Mrs Dona B.

**HOTEL CARLTON**

Paris Hôtel AV. DES CHAMPS-ÉLYSÉES

Home address 746, S. Lake St. Los Angeles  
Box 1119, San Francisco California (Los Angeles Co)

Party H Group \_\_\_\_\_ Unit pp. ROOSEVELT

Date of arrival June 29-1930 Date of departure pp. REPUBLIC-II-1930

Relationship Widow

Name of deceased BORTLE, Oscar R.

Rank Pvt. Incl. Organization Co. B, 364th Inf.

Cemetery Flanders Field

WAR DEPARTMENT  
 "PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"  
 -- ROOM 901 --

225 West 34th St., New York, N.Y.

Party H  
 Number 1397

BORTLE, OSCAR R. — J.L.Fd.

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

MRS. DONNA B. BORTLE

Name of Traveler

LOS ANGELES, LOS ANGELES CO.

Home Address

CALIF.

Estimate cost of through Pullman.

New York, to LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

\$ 32.63

New York, to LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Destination.

Via L V TO SUSP BRIDGE - GR TRUNK TO CHICAGO - A T & S F TO DEST.

JULY 21, 1930

Date of Departure

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LV	<i>Extra Fare \$1.20</i>							
AR	<i>Chicago - Lgo</i>							

TOTAL 32.63

Remarks::

STOP OVER - CHICAGO

*67-1022054 Extra fare 1.20*

*Escorted to train by Capt Merrill Ross*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bortle, Oscar R. (FF)

July 12, 1932

Mrs. Eva L. Bortle,  
3248 Hennepin Ave., S.,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

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) \_\_\_\_\_

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Bortle Oscar R	BOR	3
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STATE	Miss.	2	4
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DIVISION	91	2	2
ORGANIZATION	364	3	91
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MARITAL	yes	1	1
NAME	Mrs. Donna B. Bortle	BOR	3
STATE	Calif	2	2 0 8
RESIDENCE	COUNTY Los Angeles	2	04
	CITY Los Angeles	3	19
RELATION	Widow	1	036
OTHER		1	5
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Good	1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR. 1930	1	
ACCEPTANCE	yes	1	
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1930  
 June  
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AUDITED  
 SEP 22 1931  
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File No.

OUT-CHARGE SHEET

Date charged out

Bottle, Oscar R- 1252

Charged to

Remarks: See Flanders Field File  
for Mother's Case

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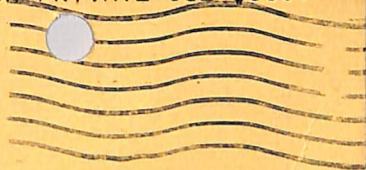
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OFFICIAL BUSINESS



PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300.



PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

NAME Bortle Mrs Donna B

ADDRESS 746 S. Lake St. Los Angeles, California

DATE Aug. 3, 1930

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) Donna B. Bortle

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RETURN RECEIPT

Received 6/21/30

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

X Mrs. Dora B. Bantle

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, 6-21, 1923

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PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300

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Received 5/21/30

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

Address only

X Mrs. Emma B. Barth  
(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

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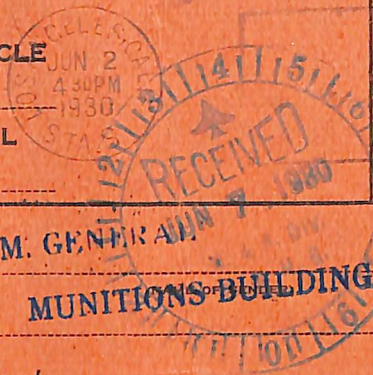
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State

STATE

*Bortle, Oscar R.*

CALIFORNIA

*BORTLE, OSCAR R.*

746 S. Lake St., Los Angeles

W  
NAME *Bortle, Mrs. Donna B.* HOME ADDRESS *Los Angeles County*

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN *E. C. Bonniwell - Box 1129  
San Francisco, Calif.*

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE *July 20* HOTEL *Mc Alpin* ROOM NO. *677*

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE *June 21, 1930* VESSEL *S. S. ROOSEVELT* CABIN NO. *131-B*

DESTINATION *CHERBOURG, FRANCE* CEMETERY *FLANDERS FIELD*

RETURN NEW YORK

JUL 20 1936

DATE .....

746 So. Lake St.  
Los Angeles County  
Los Angeles, Calif.

W  
NAME Bortle, Mrs. Donna B. HOME ADDRESS 746 So. Lake St.  
Los Angeles County  
Los Angeles, Calif.

RETURN ON S. S. S/S REPUBLIC HOTEL ASTOR ROOM NO. 144

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

0261 12 700

DATE .....

ROAD L. 21 TRAIN 3 CAR 151 BERTH or SEAT R. 1

REMARKS .....

*Chicago Ill*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bortle, Oscar R. 1252-W  
Roosevelt 6-21

May 12, 1930

Mrs. Donna B. Bortle,  
746 So. Lake St.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not furnished the name of your Emergency Addressee as requested in letter of instructions from this office.

It is requested that in the blank space below you write the name and address of the person in the United States whom you desire to be notified in case you become seriously ill or other emergency arises while you are making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

E. C. Bonniwell *noted*  
Name  
Box 1129, San Francisco Calif.  
Address

Please fill in the above and mail it TODAY in the self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Env.



QM 293 A-C  
Bortle, Oscar R. 1252

May 9, 1930

R.

Mr. H. W. Siddall  
Room 428 New Union Bldg.,  
516 West Jackson Blvd.,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Stefan  
Noted  
OK

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Donna B. Bortle, Los Angeles, California,  
Page H - 16, sailing on the SS ROOSEVELT, June 21, 1930.  
This Lady desires to be routed via Santa Fe with the  
stopover at Chicago.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C  
Bortle, Oscar B. 1232

May 10, 1930

Mr. H. W. Siddall,  
Room 428 New Union Station Bldg.,  
516 West Jackson Blvd.,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Siddall:

Refer to SS ROOSEVELT, June 21, Page H - 18,  
Mrs. Donna B. Bortle. This lady desires stopover at  
Chicago on her return from the pilgrimage and wishes  
to be routed via the Santa Fe RR.

Please route accordingly.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C  
Bortle, Oscar S. 1252

May 9, 1930

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Mrs. Donna B. Bortle,  
746 South Lake Street,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 2, relative to stopover in Chicago, sailing on the SS ROOSEVELT, June 21, 1930.

In connection therewith, you are advised that arrangements will be made for you to be routed over the Santa Fe Railroad as requested, with stopover at Chicago. There will be no additional charge for either rail or pullman transportation due to this stopover.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

LB:MS

S.F.

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Q.M. 293 A-C.

Bottle, Oscar B. 1252-W.

May 2, 1930.  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Los Angeles

War Dept,  
Office of Quartermaster General,  
Gentlemen.

Noted

Noted June 21st

I'm making my pilgrimage to Europe, sailing June 21., I should like to be routed thru Chicago with a stop-over on the return trip in that city. My preference would be the Santa Fe line.

Respectfully,

Donna B. Bottle  
746 So. Lake St  
Los Angeles, Calif

Mr  
trans list  
#16

QM 293 A-C  
Bortle, Oscar R. 1252 W

April 26, 1930

Mrs. Donna B. Bortle,  
746 So. Lake Street,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 12 relative to the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

You are advised that reservation has been made for you on the SS "Roosevelt", sailing June 21, 1930.

Your new address has been noted as 746 So. Lake Street, Los Angeles, California.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 22, 1930.

Bortle, Oscar R. 1252 W

Mrs. Donna B. Bortle,  
746 So. Lake St.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Madam:

The following instructions prepared by the Secretary of State contain the necessary instructions to be followed by you in obtaining the passport or travel document to be utilized in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. Please read the directions carefully and call in person upon the nearest Passport Agent or clerk of a Federal or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. In large cities there are usually two or more courts and at each county-seat a state court authorized to accept these passport applications.

When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

The instructions prepared by the Secretary of State are as follows:

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than 2½x2½ inches in size and such documentary

evidence of her American citizenship as she may have in her possession. In the absence of evidence of citizenship, her application should be witnessed by a credible person residing in the same community who is an American citizen, has known her for a long period of time and is able to swear to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that she is a citizen of the United States.

"A mother or widow who does not owe allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Pilgrimage Travel Document through a clerk of a Federal court or a State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens or through a Passport Agent upon the form of application prescribed for that purpose, entitled APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL DOCUMENT, issued under the Act of March 2, 1929, submitting therewith four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches in size and not less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size. When making application she should be accompanied by a credible witness who has known her for a period of two years or more.

"The Act of March 2, 1929, provides that no fee shall be charged for the execution of an application for a passport or travel document or for the issue of a passport or travel document to a mother or widow making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces are now interred.

"Special Pilgrimage Passports and Pilgrimage Travel Documents when issued by the Department of State will be forwarded to the War Department.

"Applicants resident in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle should execute applications at the Passport Agencies in those cities."

- For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Battle,  
Mrs. Donna.

746 So. Lake St. -  
Los Angeles, Calif  
" " " " Cal. -

Receipts

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June 21 - 30

QM 293 C.

Apr. 19, 1920.  
Los Angeles, Calif.  
Los Angeles Co

War Dept.,

Office Quartermaster General  
Washington D.C.

Gentlemen:

Roosevelt 6-21  
Rec.

In reply to your letter  
Apr. 11, I wish to say that I  
mailed the card accepting the  
invitation to sail June 21,  
about a week ago, and no  
doubt your office has received  
by now. kindly note that  
my address has been changed  
from Box 1129 San Francisco, to  
746 So. Lake St. Los Angeles  
Calif.

Box 1129  
129  
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Change of address noted

Respectfully,

Donna B. Bortle

File

QM 293 A-C  
Bortle, Oscar R. 1252 W

April 19, 1930

Mrs. Donna B. Bortle,  
746 South Lake Street,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 11 relative to your desire to make the pilgrimage to the grave of your husband, the late Private, first class, Oscar R. Bortle, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

Notation has been made of your new address, and the records of this office show that you are scheduled to sail on the SS "Roosevelt" June 21, 1930.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

RL

Roosevelt  
6-21-30  
1252

Bortle, Oscar

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 provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

**Mrs. Donna B. Bortle**

(Name)

~~Box 1129, San Francisco, San Francisco Co., Calif.~~

(Town or City)

(State)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE. 1929  
746 So. Lake St. Los Angeles Calif.  
Los Angeles Co.

postmark, Los Angeles,  
Calif



OM 293 A-0

Apr. 12 1930  
746 So. Lake St  
Los Angeles, Calif.  
Los Angeles 607

Widow of Oscar R. Bortle

Was Dept., Oscar R Bortle - 1252  
Office of Quartermaster General

Gentlemen. Accepted  
Roosevelt June 21

Yesterday I sent you a letter saying that I had had no recent message concerning the trip to France. Due to an error, my mail was delayed in forwarding. I received both the invitation as well as the description of the trip. Kindly change my address from Box 1129 San Francisco to 746 So. Lake St. Los Angeles, Calif.  
address  
I am  
Respectfully,  
Verna B. Bortle

Apr. 11, 1930.

1252

War Dept.

Office of the Quartermaster General.  
Washington D.C. accepts at  
Gentleman. Roosevelt June 21

Sometime ago I received  
a notice of my right to a  
trip to the cemeteries abroad.  
I believe I made out some  
blank. Since then I have  
heard nothing. In the mean-  
time my address has been  
changed from Box 1129 San  
<sup>San Francisco</sup> Francisco, Calif., to 746 South  
Lake St. Los Angeles, Calif. <sup>Los Angeles</sup>  
Thru error, the post-office did  
change of address noted

WAR DEPARTMENT  
Office of the Quartermaster General  
WASHINGTON

In Reply Refer To QM 293 A-C

Bortle, Oscar R. 1252-W

April 11, 1930

Mrs. Donna B. Bortle,  
Box 1129,  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

not have my forwarding  
address.

Will you kindly look this  
matter up and let me  
know immediately.

Respectfully

Honora B. Bortle

Widow of Oscar R. Bortle

OM 293 A-C



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929

Bortle, Oscar R. 1252 W

*Sailed*  
JUN 21 1930

~~Mrs. Donna B. Bortle,  
Box 129,  
San Francisco, Calif.~~

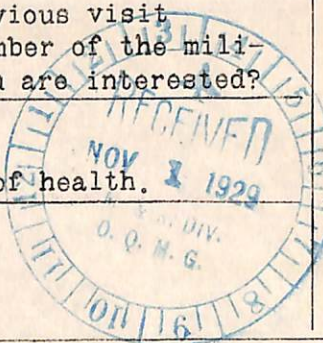
*Box 1129 746 South Lake St.  
Los Angeles, Calif.*

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)	<i>(initials)</i>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	<i>(initials)</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?	<i>(initials)</i>	(No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age 39 (Years)	Health (Good) <i>(initials)</i>
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <i>(initials)</i>	Other language _____ (Specify language spoken)



For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

May 11, 1929.  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Was Dept.,

Office of the Quartermaster General  
Washington, D. C.

293 Bortle

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of Apr. 22  
I wish to say that Oscar R. Bortle  
Private, first class, Company B, 364<sup>th</sup>  
Infantry, file number DM. 293 A-C  
has a mother, Mrs. Eva Bortle, 3248  
Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.;  
also, that I am now living in  
California, my address being  
Box 1129, San Francisco, Cal.  
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Respectfully,

Donna B. Bortle,  
(Widow of Oscar R. Bortle)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO ~~QH 233 A-C~~  
Bortle, Oscar R.

April 22, 1929.

Mrs. Donna B. Bortle,  
2657 S. Humboldt Ave.,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

*new address*  
(Box - 129 San Francisco)

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 widow of the late Private, first class, Oscar R. Bortle, Company B, 364th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Flanders Field American Cemetery, Waereghem, Belgium.

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother 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.

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relationship is that of a stepmother, mother through adoption or a woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. In case you have remarried it is also 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,

J. McCLINTOCK,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bortle, Oscar R. (FF) M

November 2, 1931.

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Mrs. Eva L. Bortle,  
3248 Hennepin Ave. So.,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. In your reply to the recent inquiry as to whether or not you desired to make a pilgrimage in 1932, you advised you were undecided.

In view of the fact that steamship reservations must be made several months in advance, it is essential that this office know how many mothers and widows must be arranged for. It is possible that you may have made your decision by this time. It is therefore requested that 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. In the event you state you desire to make the journey in 1932 and circumstances prevent your making the pilgrimage, it is requested you notify this office as promptly as possible.

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

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:  
Env.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Bortle, Oscar R. Pvt. 1cl (F.F.) M

June 23, 1931

Mrs. O. D. Bortle,  
3248 Hennepin,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

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? \_\_\_\_\_

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 12, 1930.

Bortle, Oscar R. 1252 W

Mrs. Donna B. Bortle,  
746 S. Lake St.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Somewhat heavier clothing is required to be worn in Europe than is necessary in the United States, in order to be comfortable. During the summer in Europe it is cool during the day and the nights are frequently chilly. Considerable rain is usually encountered during this time.

In order that you may be comfortable at all times, regardless of the condition of the weather, and may avoid missing any of the sights or any part of the itinerary which has been planned for you, the following suggestions are made.

The clothing which you will take with you should be slightly heavier and warmer than you would normally wear in the United States during the summer and should be strong and durable. It is essential that you take with you the necessary equipment to afford protection from the cold and dampness. Be sure to take at least two pairs of comfortable shoes to provide a change in the event your feet become wet. a pair of rubbers, an umbrella, and a sweater or some warm wrap to be used should the weather become uncomfortably cool. It is very desirable that, in addition to the sweater, you have with you a full length coat of medium weight for general wear.

The shortages of suitable facilities for laundry and the frequency of the moves you will make while in Europe will make it impracticable to secure as frequent service of this nature as may be desired. You should therefore provide yourself with sufficient Underwear, nightgowns, stockings and handkerchiefs to meet your requirements should it be impossible to have your washing done more frequently than once in two weeks.

If you will read carefully the suggestions made above, and comply with them, it will add greatly to your comfort throughout the trip and will assist the Government in carrying out successfully its plans for conducting the pilgrimage. This letter is being sent to every mother and widow who has accepted the invitation sent to her by the Government to visit the grave of her son or husband.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Bortle, Oscar R. 1252 N

May 29, 1930

Mrs. Donna B. Bortle  
746 S. Lake Street  
Los Angeles, Calif.

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. Los Angeles	AT&SF	No. 4	6:00 PM	June 15
Ar. Chicago	"	" "	9:15 AM	" 18
Lv. "	GtTrk	" 8	12:45 PM	" "
Ar. New York (PennSta)	L V	" "	5:45 PM	" 19

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.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bortle, Oscar R. 1252-M

May 28, 1930.

Mrs. O. D. Bortle,  
3248 Hennepin,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

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? \_\_\_\_\_  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bortle, Oscar R. 1252-W  
Roosevelt 6-21

May 12, 1930

Mrs. Donna B. Bortle,  
746 So. Lake St.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not furnished the name of your Emergency Addressee as requested in letter of instructions from this office.

It is requested that in the blank space below you write the name and address of the person in the United States whom you desire to be notified in case you become seriously ill or other emergency arises while you are making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

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Name

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Address

Please fill in the above and mail it TODAY in the self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C  
Bortle, Oscar B. 1232

May 10, 1930

Mrs. H. W. Siddall,  
Room 428 New Union Station Bldg.,  
516 West Jackson Blvd.,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Siddall:

Refer to SS ROOSEVELT, June 21, Page H - 18,  
Mrs. Donna B. Bortle. This lady desires stopover at  
Chicago on her return from the pilgrimage and wishes  
to be routed via the Santa Fe RR.

Please route accordingly.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C  
Bortle, Oscar B. 1252

May 9, 1930

Mr. H. W. Siddall  
Room 428 New Union Bldg.,  
516 West Jackson Blvd.,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Donna B. Bortle, Los Angeles, California,  
Page H - 18, sailing on the SS ROOSEVELT, June 21, 1930.  
This Lady desires to be routed via Santa Fe with the  
stopover at Chicago.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Bortle, Oscar R. 1252W  
Roosevelt 6-21

May 9 1930

Mrs. Donna B. Bortle,  
746 S. Lake St.,  
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Madam:

Requests for stop-overs on return from the pilgrimage to the American cemeteries in Europe are being received by this office, in some cases, too late to take action.

Transportation arrangements for the round-trip are made a month before departure and requests for stop-overs on return must be in this office at that time.

Stop-overs can not be allowed on the trip to New York or in Europe, but may be allowed at any point on return from New York provided there is no additional cost or, if there is, that it is paid in advance by the pilgrim.

If you desire stop-overs at any point on return, please advise this office AT ONCE as to the cities where you desire to stop and we will be glad to arrange accordingly, or advise you if there is any additional cost to be paid by you. Send your request direct to this office and do NOT include it with your passport application.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-C  
Bortle, Oscar B. 1252

May 9, 1930

Mrs. Donna B. Bortle,  
746 South Lake Street,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 2, relative to stopover in Chicago, sailing on the SS ROOSEVELT, June 21, 1930.

In connection therewith, you are advised that arrangements will be made for you to be routed over the Santa Fe Railroad as requested, with stopover at Chicago. There will be no additional charge for either rail or pullman transportation due to this stopover.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Bertle, Oscar R. 1252 W

April 26, 1930

Mrs. Donna B. Bertle,  
746 So. Lake Street,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 12 relative to the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

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You are advised that reservation has been made for you on the SS "Roosevelt", sailing June 21, 1930.

Your new address has been noted as 746 So. Lake Street, Los Angeles, California.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 22, 1930.

Bortle, Oscar R. 1252 W

Mrs. Donna B. Bortle,  
746 So. Lake St.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Madam:

The following instructions prepared by the Secretary of State contain the necessary instructions to be followed by you in obtaining the passport or travel document to be utilized in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. Please read the directions carefully and call in person upon the nearest Passport Agent or clerk of a Federal or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. In large cities there are usually two or more courts and at each county-seat a state court authorized to accept these passport applications.

When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

The instructions prepared by the Secretary of State are as follows:

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than 2½x2½ inches in size and such documentary

evidence of her American citizenship as she may have in her possession. In the absence of evidence of citizenship, her application should be witnessed by a credible person residing in the same community who is an American citizen, has known her for a long period of time and is able to swear to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that she is a citizen of the United States.

"A mother or widow who does not owe allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Pilgrimage Travel Document through a clerk of a Federal court or a State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens or through a Passport Agent upon the form of application prescribed for that purpose, entitled APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL DOCUMENT, issued under the Act of March 2, 1929, submitting therewith four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches in size and not less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size. When making application she should be accompanied by a credible witness who has known her for a period of two years or more.

"The Act of March 2, 1929, provides that no fee shall be charged for the execution of an application for a passport or travel document or for the issue of a passport or travel document to a mother or widow making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces are now interred.

"Special Pilgrimage Passports and Pilgrimage Travel Documents when issued by the Department of State will be forwarded to the War Department.

"Applicants resident in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle should execute applications at the Passport Agencies in those cities."

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-C  
Bertle, Oscar R. 1252 W

April 19, 1930

Mrs. Denna B. Bertle,  
746 South Lake Street,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 11 relative to your desire to make the pilgrimage to the grave of your husband, the late Private, first class, Oscar R. Bertle, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

Notation has been made of your new address, and the records of this office show that you are scheduled to sail on the SS "Roosevelt" June 21, 1930.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Office of the Quartermaster General  
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In Reply Refer To QM 293 A-C

Bortle, Oscar R. 1252-W

April 11, 1930

Mrs. Donna B. Bortle,  
Box 1129,  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

Bortle, Oscar R. 1252--W

March 24, 1930

Mrs. Donna B. Bortle,  
Box #1129,  
San Francisco, California.  
Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
**Bortle, Oscar R. 1252 W**

October 7, 1929.

**Mrs. Donna B. Bortle,  
Box 129,  
San Francisco, Calif.**

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bortle, Oscar R. 1252 M

October 7 1929.

Mrs. O. D. Bortle,  
3248 Hennepin,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Madam:

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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  
Bortle, Oscar R.

April 22, 1929.

Mrs. O. D. Bortle,  
3021 James Ave., South,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

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 Oscar R. Bortle, Company B, 364th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Flanders Field American Cemetery, Waereghem, Belgium.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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J. McCLINTOCK,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO—QM 293 A-C  
Bortle, Oscar R.

April 22, 1929.

Mrs. Donna B. Bortle,  
2637 S. Humboldt Ave.,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

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 widow of the late Private, first class, Oscar R. Bortle, Company B, 364th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Flanders Field American Cemetery, Wareghem, Belgium.

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother 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.

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relationship is that of a stepmother, mother through adoption or a woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. In case you have remarried it is also 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,

J. McCLINTOCK,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
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Bortle,  
(Surname.)

Oscar R.  
(Christian name in full.)

3,126,372  
(Army serial number)

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Co B, 364th Inf.  
(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased.

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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 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)

Honora B. Bortle

2637 So. Humboldt Ave. Minneapolis, Minn.

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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Checked

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Blissman by P.T.

BORTLE, Oscar R., Pvt.1/c1.

February 9, 1924

Mrs. Donna B. Bortle,  
2637 South Humboldt Ave.,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

**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.

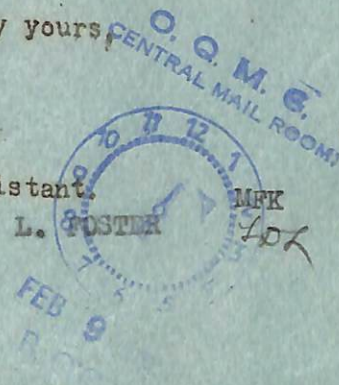
This American military cemetery is one of those to be maintained by the United States for all time in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of dignified design, with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will 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,

Assistant

R. L. FOSTER



1-Incl.  
Record card.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE June 19, 1922

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 BORTLE, OSCAR R.

10. Name

2. No. 3126372

11. No.

3. Rank Pvt. 1cl

12. Rank

4. Org. Co. B 364th Inf.

13. Org.

5. D.D. 10-31-18

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. KIA

(b) D.B. None

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 162 Sec.

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot C Row

16. Plot Row

9. none

17. none

18. Cemetery AMERICAN

19. Commune or town WAEREGHEM

20. Dept. or County

21. Country BELGIUM

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1252

23. Disinterred (Date) June 19, 1922

By Edmo Maire

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name BORTLE, Oscar R.

Serial No. 3126372

Rank Pvt 1st Cl.

Organization Co. B. 364th Inf.

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

L.R. Khasin  
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

L.R. Khasin.

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).

Corroded body tag-- -- 26372, legible. Rest illegible.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box, 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 June 19, 1922 By Edmo Maire

Edmo Maire

31: Casket sealed by

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

Edmo Maire  
Edmo Maire

AUDITED BY  
M.J. W. 5/16/23.  
C.R.51

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-863

32. Designation of body:

Name BORTLE, OSCAR R. Serial No. 3126372

Rank PVT. 1cl Organization Co. B 364th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Flanders Field American Cemetery #1252,

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Waereghem, Belgium. By Edmo Maire  
June 19, 1922

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 O. E. Davis  
O.E. Davis, 1st Lt U.M.C.

36. Remarks

None

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) June 19, 1922

To point of Concentration (Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery Flanders Field Amer Co, 1252, Waereghem, Belgium (Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer O. E. Davis, 1st Lt. U.M.C.

40. Received: Date June 19, 1922

G.R.S. Representative W.D. Cleary  
W.D. Cleary, Chaplain.

41. Reinterred June 19, 1922.

(Date)

42. Grave No. 4 Section

43. Plot BLOK D Row 4

EL

G.R.S. Representative

W. D. Cleary  
Chaplain, U. S. Army

Place Waereghem, Belgium.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date 3-7-21.

1. REMAINS OF Bortle, Oscar R. SERIAL NUMBER 3126372  
RANK Pvt. 1/c. ORGANIZATION Co. B, 364th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): 3-7-21. From (give complete location):  
Gr. 162, Plot C, American Cemetery #1252, Waereghem, Belgium.

By: Group 2 Unit Section No. 4

3. Reburied (date): 3-7-21. In (give complete location):  
Gr. 162, Plot C, American Cemetery #1252, Waereghem, Belgium.

By: Group 2 Unit Section No. 4 Nature of reburial In uniform, burlap and wooden box, with bottle and strip with data.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Buried in uniform and burlap; body badly decomposed; recognition impossible.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:  
Cross reads: "Pvt. 1/c. Oscar R. Bortle, Co. B, 364th Inf. #162." Disc on cross reads: "Oscar Bortle, 3126372." G.R.S. strip reads: "Bortle, Oscar R, 3126372, Pvt. 1/c., Co. B, 364th Inf. 162-C-1252." Disc on body reads: " - - - - - 3126372." No effects found.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items? Nos. 1,9,10,11, 16,24, - Missing since burial.  
(a) Height (actual measurement) Unable to determine. Nos. 2,3,15,17,31 - Silver fillings.

(b) Weight (estimated) -

(c) Hair—Color Apparently dark brown

Quantity Unable to determine

Characteristics -

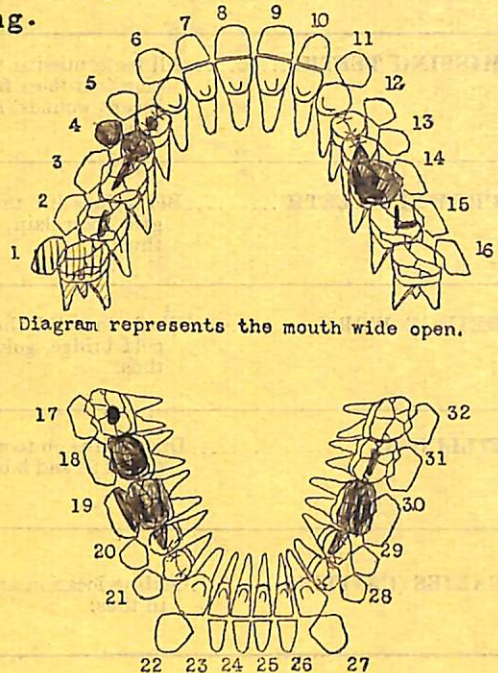
(d) Hair on face—Color -

Location -

Quantity -

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

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



No. 4 - Gold crown. Nos. 5, 13,14,18,19,20,29 - Gold fillings. No. 30-Decayed.

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7. Disinterment supervised by J. E. Benson Approved: F. B. Daniel  
J. E. BENSON (Title) F. B. DANIEL 1st Lt., Q.M.C. gvc

8. Reburial supervised by J. E. Benson Approved: F. B. Daniel  
J. E. BENSON (Title) F. B. DANIEL 1st Lt., Q.M.C.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date June 19, 1922

1. REMAINS OF BORTLE, Oscar R. SERIAL NUMBER 3126372  
RANK Pvt. 1st Cl ORGANIZATION Co. B. 364th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : June 19, 1922 From (give complete location) : Gr. 162 Plot C. Cem 1252

By : Group 4 Unit Sec 2.

3. Reburied (date) June 19, 1922 In (give complete location) : Gr. 4 Plot D Row 4 Flanders Field American Cemetery No. 1252 Waerghem, Belgium  
In regulation metallic casket and shipping case.  
Bottle record placed with body.

By : Group Reburial Unit Section 2. Nature of reburial

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :  
Wooden box, uniform.  
Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :  
Corroded body tag: ----- 26372 legible .Rest illegible

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Indiscernable

(b) Weight (estimated) due to decomposition

(c) Hair—Color apparently right  
Quantity thick  
Characteristics straight

(d) Hair on face—Color none visible  
Location none  
Quantity none

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

Bullet hole in skull on both sides.

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

Bullet hole in skull on both sides.

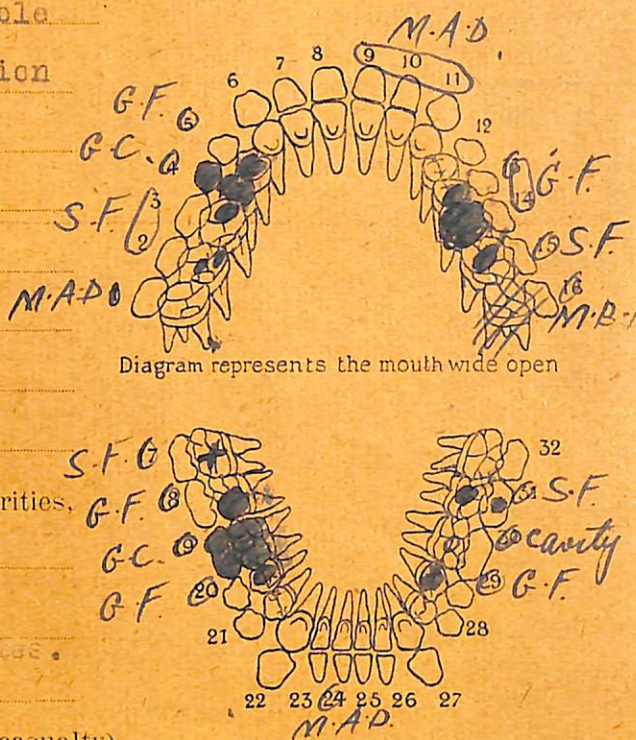


Diagram represents the mouth wide open

7. Disinterment supervised by Edmo Maire Approved : O. E. Davis

(Title) 1st Lt. J.M.C.

8. Reburial supervised by J. S. Pantelis Approved : W.D. Cleary

(Title) Chaplain, U.S. Army

COMPILATION N/R REQUESTS

I. DATA COMPILATION

A. Location Index Card:-

(1) Name Bortle, Oscar R. Ser. No. 3126372 )  
 ) TYP. ESW  
 (2) Rank Pvt. 1/c Organization Co. B. 364th Inf. )  
 ) CKR. men  
 (3) Date of death 10-31-18 )

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

(4) Cause of death K/a ) TYP. FLR  
 )  
 (5) Grave No. 162 Row --- Plot C/ Sect. --- ) CKR. sl

II. FILES EXAMINATION

A. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; No card

B. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD Date of receipt None

(6) Relationship Wife  
 (7) Name Clouma B. Bortle  
 (8) Address 2637 So Humboldt Ave, Minneapolis, Minn.  
 (9) Desires remains brought to U. S.? Yes  
 (10) Desires remains brought to U. S. and interred in National Cemetery at ---  
 (11) If brought back, what shipping instructions? ---

C. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE Date of communication ---

(12) Does correspondence Change or qualify request as made on A.G.O. card? If so, specify such information. ---

(13) A. G. O. Files EXAMINED by FB (Date) 3-30-20

D. (14) G R. S Files - Correspondence. (Has reference been made to File No. Cancellation memos? Yes-MCH Does such correspondence, if containing request for disposition, reconcile with that of A. G. O.? --- (Specify "Yes or "No".) If "No", give date of communication, the name, address, and relationship and substance of request.

No request for disposition  
Grave location Blank only

(15) G. R. S. Files EXAMINED by MCH (Date) 3-31-20

checked  
12/28  
10/24/20

III. FINAL ACTION

A. MEMORANDUM to D. M. O. in E. made (Date) .....

(16) Removal of Remains (within custody of G.R.S.) to.....

(17) Instructions that remains be left undisturbed .....

(18) Typed by ..... Checked by ..... (Date) .....

B. G. R. S. FORM NO. 114 made (Date) .....

(19) Typed by ..... Checked by ..... (Date) .....

C. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*Form 120 8/22/20 Wife received of  
Kin confirms previous info  
JSH 8/16/20*

D. Dispatched (Date) ..... (Let. Trans. No. *12/3/20*) .....

PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED #

Approved by .....

(Date) .....

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

JUL 20 1920

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

*Rush Answer*

TO: Donna B. Bortle, 2637 So. Humboldt Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.

SUBJECT: Remains of Private 1/c. Oscar R. Bortle,

Noted on Form No. 115

Date 8/16/20 J.H.K.

The records of this office show that you have requested that his

body ~~be~~ Remain in Europe.

*no change*

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~~ Europe.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
<u>Donna B. Bortle</u> Soldier's Widow	<u>2637 So. Humboldt Ave.</u>	<u>Minneapolis</u>	<u>Minn.</u>

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

3. <u>O. H. Bortle</u>	<u>3021 James Ave. So.</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>
Father			

<u>Mrs. O. H. Bortle</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>
Mother			

Brothers	1. <u>John Bortle</u>	<u>Portland</u>	<u>Oregon</u>
(Name oldest first)	2. <u>Lawrence Bortle</u>	<u>3021 James Ave. So.</u>	<u>Mpls. Minn.</u>

Sisters	<u>Eva Bortle</u>	<u>3021 James Ave. So.</u>	<u>Mpls. Minn.</u>
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Date July 22 1920 Signature Donna B. Bortle

Address 2637 So. Humboldt Ave. Relationship Wife.

Note: - Instructions on the reverse side of this sheet should be carefully read before filling out this paper.

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(OVER)

The transfer of bodies will be made entirely at Government expense.



~~98107~~  
GRAVE LOCATION, BLANK

BORTEL 3126372

53569  
OSCAR R.

Surname

Number

First Name

PVT.

B.

384 Infantry

Rank

Company

Organization

NOVEMBER 2, 1918

Date of Burial

MAP COURTRAI (THIEL)

198.4-461.4-1:40 000

Place of Burial

SEE ABOVE

Map Location and References

Grave No.

CROSS  
Kind of Marker

Identification Tags-

YES YES  
Body---Marker

If unknown Give Remarks Here and Below

CMME. Wavrom (Belgium)

(C 909) ENT. 29416 COORD E. 198.4

Courtrai N. 461.4

C. A. BEXROAD SENIOR CHAPLAIN 91ST DIV

Reported by:

55569

FROM: G. R. S. Officer, Paris.  
 TO: Chief, G. R. S., (Registration Branch), Tours,  
 SUBJECT: Location, grave of:

FILE NO. 55569

DATE May 16, 1919.

NAME **BORTLE, Oscar R.** SERIAL NUMBER **3126372**  
 RANK **Pvt. 1st. cl.** ORGANIZATION **Co.B, 364th. Inf.**

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with records?	1. Yes
2.	Date of death:	2. 10/31/18
3.	Grave location:	3. Commune of Waeroghem (Belgium) Map reference: Map 29 NE. Co-ordinates: E.19014: N.461.4.
4.	Who reported burial?	4. Chaplain Bryant Wilson
5.	Confirmed by G. R. S.?	5. No
6.	How is grave marked?	6. Cross
7.	Identification tags:	7.
	(a) Buried with Body?	(a) One
	(b) Attached to grave Marker?	(b) One
8.	Emergency address:	8. Mrs. Bonna D. Bortle (wife) 2637 S. Humboldt Ave. Minneapolis, Minn.
9.	Has above been notified? (Give Date)	9. <i>yes - 3-13-19</i>

## REMARKS:

Forwarded to Chief, G.R.S., May 17th. 1919.

The records of this office do not show whether this is an isolated burial or not.

Requested by... **CHRISTENSEN, Sgt. Martin.**.....  
 European address... **Room 141, Elysee Palace, Paris.**.....  
 Relationship to deceased... **Friend.**.....

Checked by .....

Inquirer informs: Home address, ~~Minneapolis~~, Minn.

**BRAINERD,**

MEMORANDUM TO FILES DEPARTMENT  
REGISTRATION BRANCH

TRANSFER ALL PAPERS—

From: File No. 108057 (canceled)

*Bartel, Oscar R.*

To: File No. 55569

*Bortle, Oscar R.*

*City # 1252*

*Identified as:- Bortle, Oscar R.*

By *D. T. Dodson*

Section, *Adj.*  
Dept.

Date *2-19-*, 192 *1*

O. K. Numerical File Index \_\_\_\_\_

Papers transferred by \_\_\_\_\_

FILE

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File This Under # 98107 <sup>(7)</sup>

# MEMORANDUM TO FILES DEPARTMENT

--REGISTRATION BRANCH--

TRANSFER ALL PAPERS

FROM:

File # 98107 <sup>(?)</sup> (Cancelled) x *Bostel, Oscar R* <sup>mett</sup>

TO:

File # 55569 <sup>(?)</sup> *Bostel, Oscar R* <sup>mett.</sup>

By: Kerda Melbourne

Section \_\_\_\_\_  
Audit Dept.

Date 11/5/19 <sup>12/27/19</sup>

O. K. NUMERICAL - FILE - INDEX \_\_\_\_\_

Papers Transferred By: E. M. O'Leary 8/4/20.

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*Ed Mrs. Dora P. Beale (wife)  
2637 So. Humboldt Ave  
Minneapolis, Minn.*



Name appears on

as soldier, having been reported as missing in action or  
prisoner in Germany in C. C. — — is now reported

1ST BURIAL CEM

FILE

55569

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For further data see Casualty Files

Postal Oscar R. - 3126372  
Co. B 36 of Eng.

Booth, Oscar R. # Julia  
(B.C.)