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G.R.S. Form #114-B

FULL NAME ..... BOYSON, John O. ✓

RANK ..... Pvt. 1/c ✓ SERIAL ..... 6168 ✓

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION ..... Med. Det. <sup>1st</sup> ARC M.H. #1. *not Dir.*

DATE OF DEATH ..... *Oct 5/18*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME ..... *N.Y.*

MEALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED.

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION ..... 40 ..... 7 ..... B  
Date Grave Row Block

Suresnes, #34  
Cemetery

15 Received A. G. O. SEP 2 1924  
REC'D WORLD WAR DIV.  
SEP 3 24

23/306/ARK

Boyson John O 6,168  
 (Surname) (Christian name in full.) (Army serial number.)  
 Pvt 1 c1 Med Det ARCMH 1  
 (Rank and organization.)  
 State your relationship to the deceased *Anna L. Boyson, Mother*  
 Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? *No*  
 (Yes or no.)  
 If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery? }  
 (Yes or no.)  
 If you desire the remains interred at the home of the deceased, give full information below as to where they should be sent:  
 (Name of person to receive remains.) (Express office.) (Telegraph office.)  
 (Number and street.) (City or town.) (State.)  
 (Sign here) *Anna L. Boyson.*  
*629 Birch St. Camden, N.J.*  
 (Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)  
 Read carefully the letter accompanying this card. 3-6713

Drawn by Mrs  
34-87  
12-30-30

1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-100

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**GRAVE LOCATION**

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Boyson, (6168) John O.  
(Surname) (Number) (First Name and Initials)

Pvt. 1/cl. Med. Dept.  
(Rank) (Organization)

PLACE OF DEATH: Maxamx Hosp. No. 1.

CAUSE OF DEATH:

DATE OF BURIAL: Oct. 8, 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL: E.E.F. Cemetery No. 34.

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

Map of A.E.F. Cemetery No. 34.

Suresnes, Paris, Seine.

GRAVE NUMBER: 402

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? yes Cross? yes

Headboard? Bottle?

**IDENTIFICATION TAGS:**

Was one buried with body? yes

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

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

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NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

*J. Beckley* Chaplain US Navy  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

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

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NEAREST RELATIVE: .....

ADDRESS: .....

RELATIONSHIP: .....

REPORTED BY:  
*J. Beckley* Captain U.S. Navy  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

Place Suresnes (Seine)

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Sept., 2, 1921

1. REMAINS OF Boyson, John O. SERIAL NUMBER 6168

RANK 1st Lt ORGANIZATION Med. Det. ARC M.H. No. 1

2. Disinterred (date): Sept., 2, 1921 From (give complete location): Grave 402

By: Group 3 Unit Sec. 6

3. Reburied (date): Sept., 2, 1921 In (give complete location): Grave 40, Row 7

By: Group 3 Unit Sec. 6 Nature of reburial Shipping case, metallic casket and blanket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: Badly decomposed features unrecognizable. U S uniform and Pine Box

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: None. Bodies in grave 401 and 403, adjacent, identified by body tags.

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

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

(b) Weight (estimated) Imp. to det.

(c) Hair—Color Black (apparently)

Quantity Long and medium

Characteristics Straight

(d) Hair on face—Color None visible

Location None visible

Quantity None visible

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) Imp. to det.

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

Skull and body posted.

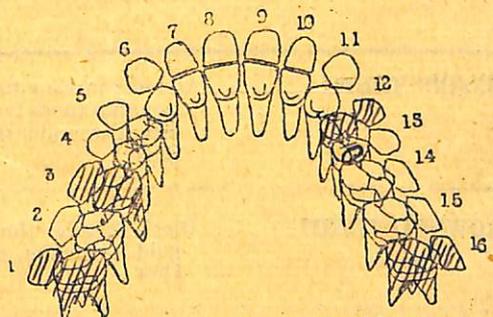
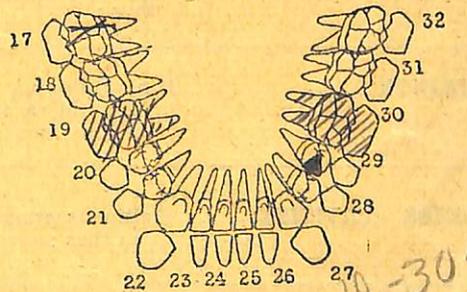


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



1-3-12-16, 19, 30 M B/a  
13 Cavity 17-32 Undeveloped  
29 Metal filling

7. Disinterment supervised by C. L. Hall

Approved: R F O'Leary, 1st Lt QMC  
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by C. L. Hall

Approved: R F O'Leary, 1st Lt. QMC  
(Title)

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

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

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

**MISSING TEETH** ..... All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :



**CROWNED TEETH** ..... Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :



**BRIDGE WORK** ..... Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :



**FILLINGS** ..... Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :



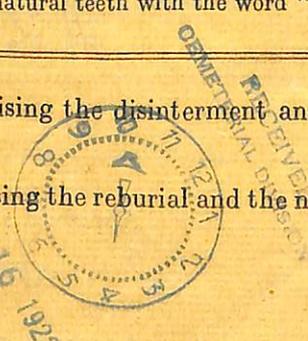
**CARIES (CAVITIES)** ..... Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :



**DENTURES (PLATES)** ..... Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp."

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

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



WASHINGTON

FILE  
7/10/22

FILE: 293.8 C-R June 14, 1922.

FROM: The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army (Boyson, John O. Pvt. 1/cl.)

TO:

SUBJECT: Mrs. Anna Boyson, 629 Birch St., Camden, New Jersey.  
Permanent Grave Location ofPrivate First Class,  
John O. Boyson,  
Medical Detachment, A.R.C.,  
Medical Hospital #1.

1. The permanent grave of this soldier is No. Row

Block

40, 7.

B. The American Cemetery of Suresnes, Department of Seine, France.

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

MAILED

JUN 14 1922

GEORGE H. PENROSE,  
Colonel, Q. M. Corps,  
G.R.S. Chief, Graves Registration Service.

mdt

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

1. NAME Boyson, John O SERIAL No. 6168RANK Pvt. 1st. cl ORGANIZATION Med. Det. A.R.C. M.H.#1GRAVE LOCATION Suresnes American Cty. 34  
CTY. NAME NUMBER402

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 402 SURESNES Seine  
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.COORDINATES Amer. Cem. #34CONCENTRATED TO Original burial

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

Original burialSUBSEQUENT REBURIALS None  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR *Houston*  
G.V.S. QUACKENBUSH  
Lieut.-Col., G.M.C., Chief, Operations Div.3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 9-2-21. 40. 7. Block B.  
DATE GRAVE ROW ~~REBOX~~SURESNES AMERICAN CEMETERY #34 (Seine) SURESNES.  
CEMETERY

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B



1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.

2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.

3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.

4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form I6, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.

AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

HEADQUARTERS, AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D. C.

FORM 114-B (REVISED 1-15-53)

PREPARED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

114-B

AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

FORM 114-B

AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept. 2/21

## 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 Boyson, John O

10. Name

2. No. 6168

11. No.

3. Rank Pvt. 1st. cl

12. Rank

4. Org. Med. Det. ARC. MH. #1

13. Org.

5. D.D. 10.5.18

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. DOD

(b) D.B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 402 Sec.

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. No discrepancy18. Cemetery American19. Commune or town Suresnes20. Dept. or County Seine21. Country France22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 3423. Disinterred (Date) 9/2/21By C.L. Hall

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name John O. BoysonSerial No. NoneRank Pvt 1/cOrganization Med. Det. ARC. MH #1 #25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? No On body? NoSignature C. L. Hall  
Junior Technical Assistant

## PREPARATION

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

None. Bodies in graves 401 and 403 adjacent, identified by body tags.27. Condition of body Badly decomposed - features unrecognizable.28. Nature of burial Part U.S. Uniform and pine box29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? No30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date 9/2/21 By C.L. Hall31. Casket sealed by C.L. HallSignature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) C. L. Hall  
(acting sup)

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-5001

32. Designation of body:

Name Boyson, John O Serial No. 6168

Rank Pvt. 1st. cl Organization Med. Det. AR. C.M.H. #1

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Suresnes American Cty. #34

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) 9 / 2 / 21 By Ct. L. Hall

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector R.F. O'Leary  
1st Lieut., QMC.

36. Remarks

Given new grave location for purpose of concentration.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) 9/2/21

To point of Concentration Suresnes (Seine)  
(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 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

41. Reinterred 9/2/21 (Date)

42. Grave No. 40 Section --

43. Plot Block B Row 7 (Cent. 34)

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G.R.S. Representative R.F. O'Leary  
1st Lieut., QMC.



COMPILED BY DISPOSITION OF DEATH DATA

File # 32629

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BOYSON, John O. Ser. N<sup>o</sup> 6168 } TYP. EK  
 (b) Rank Pvt. 1/c Organization Medical Detachment A.P.C.M.H.#1. } CKR. [Signature]  
 (c) Date of death 10/5/18 (d) Cause of death Organic Heart Trouble.

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

(a) Grave No. 402 Row -- Plot -- Sec. -- TYP. EK  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Anna Boyson (mother) 629 Birch St., Camden, N.J.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases NO CARD CKR. [Signature]

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt --

(a) Name Anna L. Boyson (b) Relationship mother  
 (c) Address 629 Birch St. - Camden - N.J. (Birch St.)  
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no  
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at --  
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. --  
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. --

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

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

no communication, dated --  
 confirming request in Par. IV., item --, above, or requesting that --  
no correspondence

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

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

7X no request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes - 208 P  
 Examiner's Initials llb P Date 1-3-, 1920/

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 34 SHEET No. 87

G. R. S. Form No. 115 Amended April 6, 1920

Concentrated into P. A. C. 34

Make Form No. 111

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

CARDED [Signature]

FEB 25 1921 H.S.



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(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Anna Boyson (mother) 629 Birch St., Camden, N.J. CKR

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

NO CARD

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

A.G.O. Card - Anna L. Boyson, mother, 629 Birch St., Camden, N.J., desires body remain in Europe.  
J.P.R. 2/10/21

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

Par. 2 Not to be returned. (next)

MAR 10 1921

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of Relationship Date of Relationship Desires Action taken  
and Source and name

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

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

CEMETERY NO.

SHEET NO.

S-666/MB

France

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Concentrated into P. A. C. 34

FEB 25 1921 H.S.

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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Boyson, John O Boy	3	2 0 12 5 5
BURIED	CEMETERY	1	6
	GRAVE	2	40
	ROW	2	07
	BLOCK	1	2
STATE	N. Y.	2	37
RANK	Priv 1/cl	1	2
DIVISION	Medical Corps	2	52
ORGANIZATION		3	X X
ARM	A.R.C.	1	5
MARITAL	No	1	2
NAME	Boyson, Mrs Anna Boy Lavinia	3	2 0 12 5 5
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	35
	COUNTY	2	04
	CITY	3	017
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT			
HEALTH	Bad	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	No	1	2
29/514/EAB			

AUDITED

DEC 31 1951

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QM 293 A-M  
Boyson, John O. (Sur)

August 25, 1932

Mrs. Anna L. Boyson,  
635 Birch Street,  
Camden, New Jersey.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of July 12th advising that you are unable to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private first class John O. Boyson, during the summer of 1933.

The pilgrimage was authorized by Congress in an endeavor to bring a measure of peace and solace to the hearts of the mothers and widows whose loved ones made the supreme sacrifice for their country during the late war, and it is deeply regretted that your health will not permit you to accept this last offer of the Government to visit the grave of your son.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 12, 1932

Boyson, John O. (Sur)

Mrs. Anna L. Boyson,  
~~611~~ Birch St.,  
635 Camden, N.J.

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?

Mr.  
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Mrs. Anna L. Boyson



Camden July. 12 - 32

Sir:-

I am very sorry I cannot make the trip to France. My health would not allow it I have been under Doctor care for the last 15. years

Thanking you  
I remain Mrs Anna. L. Boyson

635. Birch St Camden

New Jersey

please sir

its impossible  
for me to take the job i  
would dearly to take it  
but i am ruptured  
in two places and my  
heart is weak from  
over work. He for i  
got my allotment i don  
I wash a week and  
look for my children  
to the best i can  
for 17 years now i can  
not work my thanks

for the interest you folks  
take in me

Mrs Anna L. Bayson

62 1/2 Birch St

Camden  
please excuse this note



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

August 17, 1931

Boyson, John O. Pvt. (Sur) M

*Anna*  
Mrs. Anna L. Boyson,  
611 Birch St.,  
Camden, New Jersey

Dear Madam:

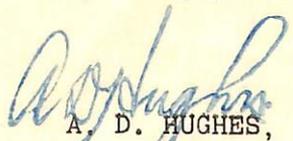
Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Boyson, John O. Pvt. (Sur) M

June 18, 1931

*Anna*  
Mrs. Anna L. Boyson,  
611 Birch St.,  
Camden, N. J.

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? *It is impossible*  
Write answer here

*for me to go. Only to say*

*Mrs. Anna L. Boyson*  
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Boyson, John O. 34 M

June 7, 1930

*Lainia*  
Mrs. Anna L. Boyson  
611 Birch Street  
Camden, N. J.

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)

*Anna L. Boyson*  
(Sign here)

QM 293 A-C  
Boyson, John O. 34 M

March 7, 1930.

Mrs. Anna Lavinia Boyson,  
611 Birch Street,  
Camden, N. J.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 17, 1930, relative to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act approved March 2, 1929.

Notation has been made of your inability to make the pilgrimage and your name has been stricken from the list of those who plan to visit the cemeteries in Europe under the Act of March 2, 1929.

I am sorry that your physical condition will not permit you to visit the grave of your son, the late Private First Class John O. Boyson, Medical Department, in the Surcouf American Cemetery in France. Should your health improve to such an extent as to permit you to go at some other time during the period from May 1, 1930, to October 31, 1933, every effort will be made to meet your wishes in the matter.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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February 28, 1930.

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*Anna*  
Mrs. Anna L. Boyson,  
611 Birch Street,  
Camden, N. J.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 17, 1930, relative to the legislation providing pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces who are now interred in such cemeteries.

The administration of the legislation in which you are interested is under the jurisdiction of the War Department, to which department your letter is being referred for attention.

ASSISTANT & CHIEF CLERK  
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For the director,



J. O'C. ROBERTS  
Assistant General Counsel.

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Camden  
N. J.

please sir

i see by the Camden Feb. 17/1930  
Curier that they have cho  
Anna L. Bayon of 611 Birch St Camden  
N. J. booked to take the trip to France.  
But i am not well enough to  
take the pilgrimage at all. and  
i said so in the two letters the  
Gourment sent me. i am very sorry.  
i can not go. at all please take  
my name of the list and oblig  
Mrs Anna L. Bayon.

listed on Congressional  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Boyson, John O. 34 M

October 8, 1929.

Mrs. Anna L. Boyson,  
611 Birch St.,  
Camden, N. J.

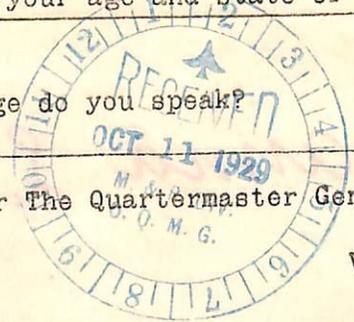
Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No)	<i>no</i>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No)	
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)	<i>poor</i> (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <i>yes</i> (No)		
	Other language (Specify language spoken)		

For The Quartermaster General,



Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK  
WASHINGTON

October  
10.  
1929.  
Camden

Dear Sir

I would like

to go to the grave of my son

but ill health wont permit.

me to take the pilgrimage. please

Excuse me for answering you on  
the back of this paper. for i am

not well enough to go and get

any other. And very thanks

for the interest you take in an  
hone mother

Mrs Anna L. Bayon

JOHN T. HARRIS  
Major, U. S. Corps  
Assistant

Camden  
N. J.  
May 10th

Dear Sir

as in regards 1929  
to the letter the government  
sent me. i am very sorry  
to say i can not ~~accept~~ the  
force of going to france. i  
would dearly love to go. for  
my health would not let me  
take the trip my son was not  
married. and i am his  
mother i am still an widow  
please use spelling and

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Mrs Anna Lavinia Bayson  
611. Birch

Camden  
N. J.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Boyson, John O.

May 6, 1929.

*Lavinia*  
Mrs. Anna Boyson,  
~~229~~ Birch Street,  
611 Camden, N. J.

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, John O. Boyson, Medical Department, whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Boyson, John O. Pvt. (Sur) M

June 18, 1931

Mrs. Anna L. Boyson,  
611 Birch St.,  
Camden, N. J.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

August 17, 1931

Boyson, John O. Pvt. (Sur) M

Mrs. Anna L. Boyson,  
611 Birch St.,  
Camden, New Jersey

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 12, 1932

Boyson, John O. (Sur)

Mrs. Anne L. Boyson,  
611 Birch St.,  
Camden, N.J.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ (Write answer here)

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

QM 293 A-M  
Boyson, John O. (Sur)

August 25, 1932

Mrs. Anna L. Boyson,  
635 Birch Street,  
Camden, New Jersey.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of July 12th advising that you are unable to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private first class John O. Boyson, during the summer of 1933.

The pilgrimage was authorized by Congress in an endeavor to bring a measure of peace and solace to the hearts of the mothers and widows whose loved ones made the supreme sacrifice for their country during the late war, and it is deeply regretted that your health will not permit you to accept this last offer of the Government to visit the grave of your son.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Boyson, John O. 34 M

June 7, 1930

Mrs. Anna L. Boyson  
611 Birch Street  
Camden, N. J.

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.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Write answer here)

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(Sign here)

QM 293 A-C  
Boyson, John O. 84 W

March 7, 1930.

Mrs. Anna Lavinia Boyson,  
611 Birch Street,  
Camden, N. J.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 17, 1930, relative to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act approved March 2, 1929.

Notation has been made of your inability to make the pilgrimage and your name has been stricken from the list of those who plan to visit the cemeteries in Europe under the Act of March 2, 1929.

I am sorry that your physical condition will not permit you to visit the grave of your son, the late Private First Class John O. Boyson, Medical Department, in the Suresnes American Cemetery in France. Should your health improve to such an extent as to permit you to go at some other time during the period from May 1, 1930, to October 31, 1933, every effort will be made to meet your wishes in the matter.

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  
Boyson, John O. 34 H

October 8, 1929.

Mrs. Anna L. Boyson,  
611 Birch St.,  
Camden, N. J.

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,

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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  
Boyson, John O.

May 6, 1929.

Mrs. Anna Boyson,  
629 Birch Street,  
Camden, N. J.

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".

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