

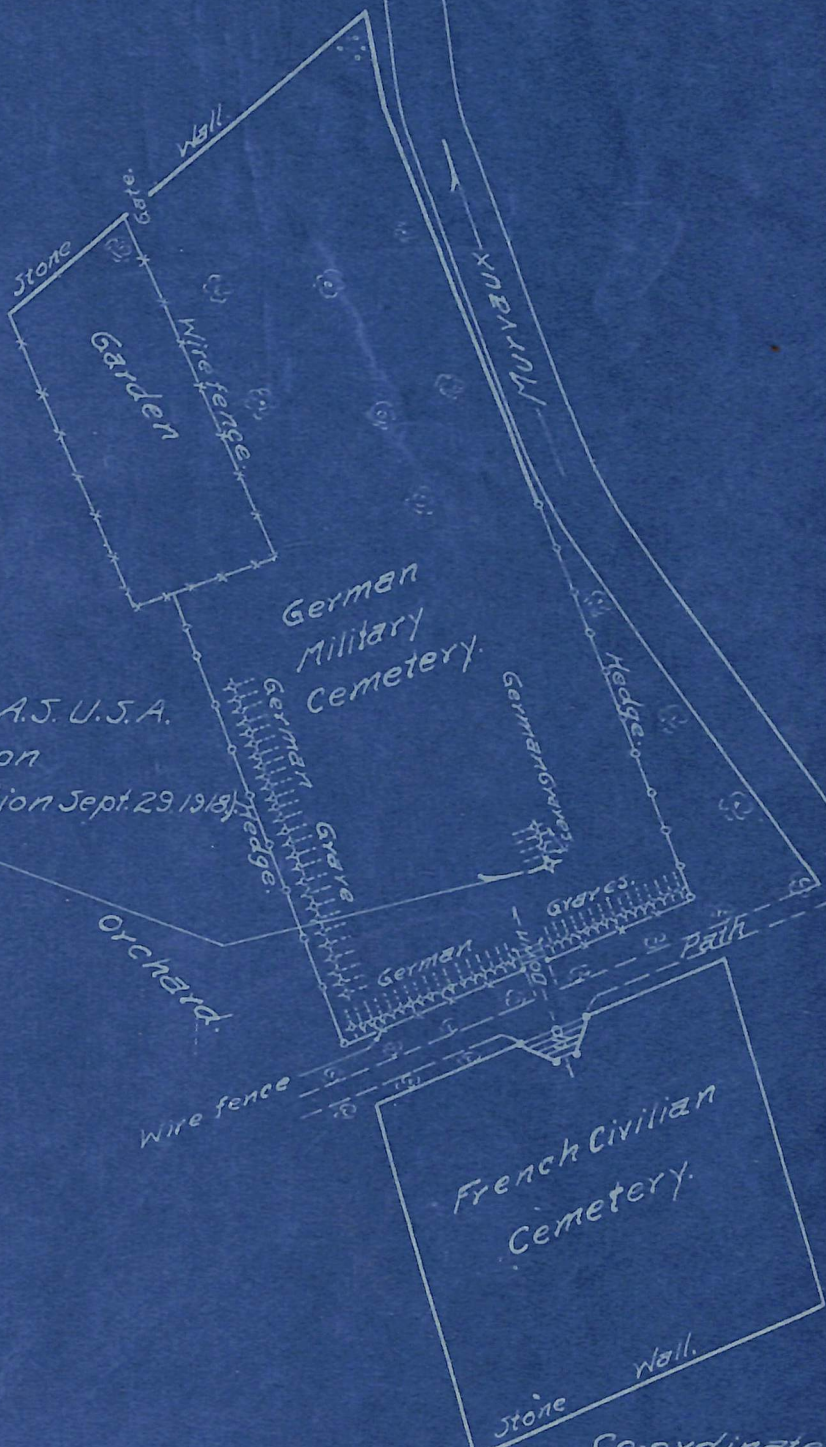
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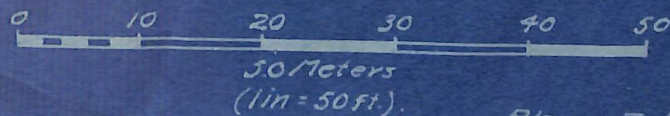
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Grave of:-
2nd Lt. Frank Luke Jr. A.S. U.S.A.
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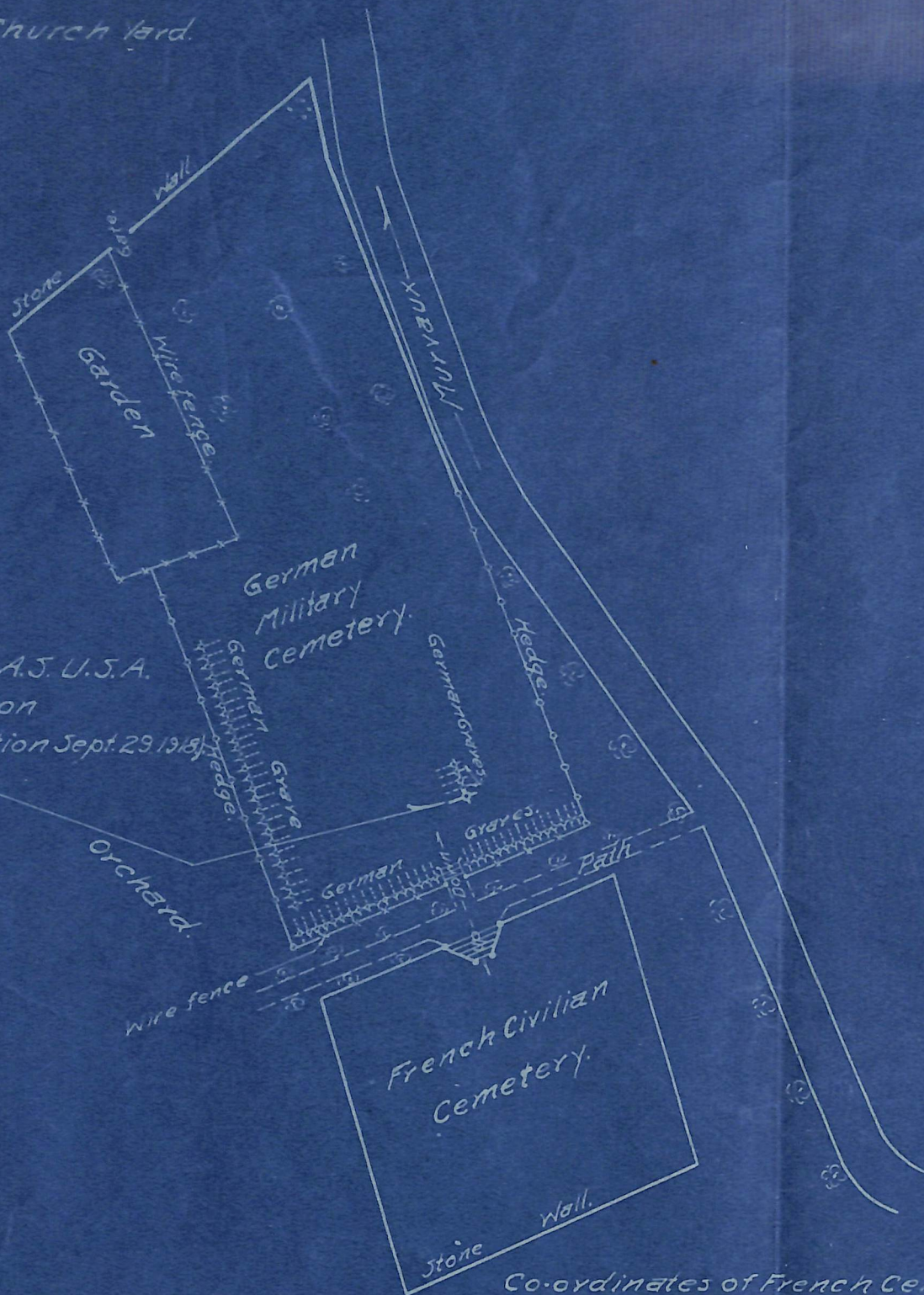


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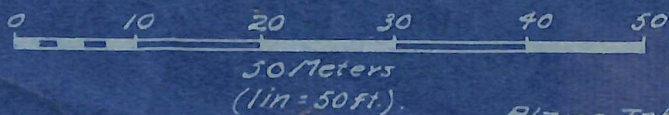
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Church yard.



of:-
 Frank Luke Jr. A.S. U.S.A.
 27th Aero Squadron
 Killed in action Sept. 29 1918

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Plane Table Survey.

G.R.S.

PLAT C-217.

PARTY 5 - BOOK 4 - PAGE 20.

DET. 1ST. BN. 29TH ENGINEERS.

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America

Aug 27-1930

1232

Luke Frank

I ~~accept~~ Declines by telegram 6/4/30 *Ans*
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.

1931

Mr Luke

(Name)

2200 Monroe St

(Town or City)

Phoenix

(State)

Ariz.

~~Roosevelt~~
8-17-32
ma ✓

Luke, Frank
2nd Lt

Case First
I decline by wire 5/23/32 the invitation extended
Accept or decline

me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of
the Government of the United States under the pro-
visions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs Frank Luke

Name

2200 W Monroe St, Phoenix Ariz

Town or City

State

Maricopa Co.

gc

MAR - 2 1928

DATE 11/1/21.

1. NAME LUKE, Frank Jr.

SERIAL No. ---

RANK 2nd Lieut.

ORGANIZATION U.S.S.C. 27th Aero Sqdrn.

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse) 1232 Sec. 55

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

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PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

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Meuse

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Meuse Argonne 1232

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

GRS placque on peg in grave.

data f-1/pfb

DATE OF DEATH

Sept 27 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

Arizona

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

D. S. C. + Italian Cross

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

M. B. BIRDSEYE
1st Lt., Q.M. Corp., U.S. Army

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION

11/1/21.

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DATE

GRAVE

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Block Plot

Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. #1232 Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse)

CEMETERY

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AUDITED BY
M.A.D. 4-16-22
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MAR 3 1928
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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 16, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.

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Luke, Frank

I declines by wire 5-2-33 the invitation extended
Accept or decline

me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of
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visions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mr. Frank Luke

Name

2200 W. Monroe St., Phoenix, Ariz.

Town or City

State

CODE SLIP

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	COUNTY	2	07
	CITY	3	011
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER	Father	1	1
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	1
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Declined Roosevelt 8-17-32
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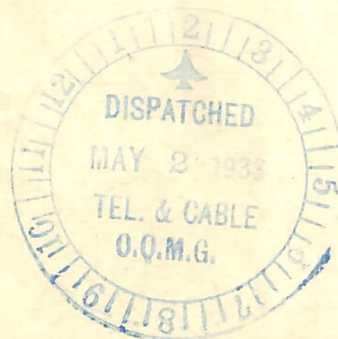
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=ANSWERING YOUR TELEGRAM STOP WILL BE UNABLE TO MAKE
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=MRS FRANK LUKE..

*Declines Roosevelt
July 26-*

RECORD ATTACHED



*293
Julia - Frank*

Washington, D. C., May 1, 1933

MRS. FRANK LAKE
2300 WEST MONROE STREET
PHOENIX, ARIZONA

REPLY TO INVITATION TO SAIL JULY TWENTY SIX NOT RECEIVED DO YOU ACCEPT
OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER OSM FOUR FOUR NINE SEVEN

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

QM 293 A-M
Lake, Frank (MA)
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Luke, Frank (MA)

February 13, 1933

Mrs. Frank Luke,
2200 W. Monroe St.,
Phoenix, Ariz.

Dear Madam:

No reply has been received to the invitation forwarded you to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe, sailing on the **President Roosevelt, July 26th.**

In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you accept or decline the invitation. It is requested therefore you complete AT ONCE the card enclosed with the invitation forwarded you, signifying whether you accept or decline the invitation. If you have lost or misplaced the card, please write "Accept" or "Decline" on the bottom of this letter and return it to this office.

PLEASE REPLY PROMPTLY.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-M
Luke, Frank Jr. (MA)

November 8, 1932

Mr. Frank Luke,
2200 W. Monroe Street,
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 26th advising that Mrs. Luke is hesitant about making a pilgrimage to the grave of her son, the late Lieutenant Frank Luke, Jr., unless accompanied by you.

Under the law governing the pilgrimages the Government can bear no part of the expense of relatives or friends accompanying pilgrims on their journey, nor can it make any arrangements for them. It is possible, however, for you to accompany Mrs. Luke at personal expense, and it is estimated the entire journey would cost you \$700.

All expenses of the pilgrimage for mothers and widows, including meals, tips, hotel accommodations, transportation by water, rail, taxi and bus, as well as incidental expenses such as laundry, are borne by the Government. With the exception of a per diem allowance forwarded the mothers and widows to cover cost of incidental expenses enroute to and from New York City, all expenses of the journey are paid by the pilgrimage offices.

In the event you desire to make the pilgrimage with Mrs. Luke at your own expense, you should communicate with the Roosevelt Steamship Company, #1 Broadway, New York City, as soon as she receives her formal invitation to make the journey. This company will furnish complete information as to steamship fares and reservations. If you wish to be quartered with Mrs. Luke aboard ship, you should secure cabin-class accommodations.

Busses are chartered in Europe for the transportation of mothers and widows to and from the cemeteries and on sightseeing trips in and around Paris, and inasmuch as these busses are for official use only, this office could not authorize your transportation in them. It is therefore suggested that you arrange with some

QM 293 A-M
Luke, Frank Jr. (MA)

November 8, 1932

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reliable tourist agency for your hotel accommodations and transportation abroad.

Should you plan to accompany Mrs. Luke on the pilgrimage, it is requested you notify this office when you have made your final preparations, and arrangements will be made for you to occupy the same cabin aboard ship and the same hotel rooms in New York and Europe, provided you secure the same class of accommodations.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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STATE TAX COMMISSION OF ARIZONA

FRANK LUKE, CHAIRMAN
M. A. MURPHY, MEMBER
E. A. HUGHES, MEMBER

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

CLARENCE L. STANDAGE, SECRETARY
M. S. STANLEY, ACCOUNTANT

Oct. 26, 1932

Captain Charles W. Dietz, Q.M. Corps.,
Washington, D. C.

MA

In-re Q.M. 293 A-M

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Luke has received your communication in regard to visiting the grave of our son, Frank Luke, Jr. Mrs. Luke is very desirous of making the pilgrimage to Europe, but says she cant make the trip unless I accompany her. Have you not some right by which a per diem allowance is made to the Mothers, if so, in that event she will be pleased to make the trip.

Please let me hear from you.

Yours very truly,

Frank Luke
Frank Luke.

FL:BEC

*Delivered
1/13/33 accept*

QM 293 A-M

Luke, Frank (MA)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

Oct 12, 1932

Mrs. Frank Luke,
2200 W. Monroe St.,
Phoenix, Ariz.

Dear Madam:

Your Government has provided an opportunity for all Mothers and Widows of deceased members of the American Forces who were lost, buried at sea, or whose remains are now interred in Europe, to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. This was done in the hope that all who may make the pilgrimage will derive a measure of comfort and solace from the visit.

You are numbered among those who are privileged to make this pilgrimage.

During July and September of this year, inquiries were addressed to you as to whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage to Europe. To these inquiries no reply has been received from you.

You probably do not realize how important it is that a reply be received from you. If we do not receive replies, it becomes very difficult to make the necessary and proper arrangements for those who are to make the trip, as everything must be arranged in advance. Consequently, it is just as important for the Government to know the names of those who do not desire to take advantage of its offer as it is to know the names of those who do.

Will you please devote a few moments of your time to write either the word "YES" or "NO" in the following space_____, thus indicating whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage during 1933 and sign your name here_____. Use the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage, and return this sheet.

This reply will assure your Government that no worthy Mother or Widow has failed to receive its offer in commemoration of a loved one departed, and will greatly assist in making the necessary preparations for those of them who wish to take advantage of the privilege.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Luke, Frank (MA)*

Sept. 8, 1932.

Mrs. Frank Luke
2200 W. Monroe St.,
Phoenix, Ariz.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Sign here

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Luke, Frank (N A)*

July 18, 1932

Mrs. Frank Luke,
2200 W. Monroe St.,
Phoenix, Ariz.

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) _____

QH 293 A-M
Luke, Frank (MA)

May 25, 1932

Mrs. Frank Luke,
2200 W. Monroe Street,
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of May 23rd declining the invitation to sail August 17th on the PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT to visit the grave of your son, the late Second Lieutenant Frank Luke.

It is deeply regretted that your health will not permit you to make the pilgrimage at this time, and it is sincerely hoped that you will improve rapidly. You will be communicated with again relative to your desire to visit your son's grave when pilgrimages are being arranged for next year. It is hoped you will be able to take advantage of the offer of the Government at that time, as 1933 is the last year for which pilgrimages are authorized.

Properly qualified personnel will be provided to care for the comfort and needs of the mothers and widows making the pilgrimage and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years many mothers in poor health and of advanced age made the journey and appeared to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received. Should you make the trip you are assured that everything possible will be done for your comfort and welfare.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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ON ACCOUNT OF SICKNESS WILL BE UNABLE TO ACCEPT TRIP TO
FRANCE=

MRS FRANK LUKE.

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9:30 am
5/24/32
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Decline
Roosevelt
8-17-32

RECORD ATTACHED

DISPATCHED
MAY 24 1932
TEL. & CABLE
O.Q.M.G.

Washington, D. C., May 23, 1932

MRS. F. LUKE,
2200 W. MONROE ST.,
PHOENIX, ARIZ.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL AUGUST SEVENTEEN NOT RECEIVED
DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER 4261GSM

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

QM 293 A-M Luke, Frank (M-A) M

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QM 293 A-M

Luke, Frank (M-A) M

Feb. 15, 1932

Mrs. F. Luke,
2200 W. Monroe St.,
Phoenix, Ariz.

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, as amended, sailing on the PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, August 17, 1932.

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 immediately. If you have lost or misplaced the card, please write "Accept" or "Decline" on the bottom of this letter and return it to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before June 4, 1932, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-M
Luke, Frank (MA) M

May 28, 1931

Mrs. Frank Luke,
2200 W. Monroe Street,
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Madam:

This office is in receipt of a communication from Mr. Frank Luke, advising that you are unable to sail on the AMERICA August 12th, 1931, to visit the grave of your son, the late 2nd Lieutenant Frank Luke.

It is deeply regretted that you are not able to make the pilgrimage at this time. Your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to visit the cemeteries of Europe in 1932, and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages are being arranged for that year.

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-M

Luke, Frank (M-A) M

April 20, 1931

Mrs. F. Luke,
2200 W. Monroe St.,
Phoenix, Ariz.

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 "America" on August 12, 1931.

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 June 12, 1931, 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
A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

*Decline America
Aug. 12-
listed for 1932*

Dear Sir

Mrs Luke will be unable to make the journey to Europe this year.

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*Yours very truly
Frank Luke*

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Luke, Frank 1332-W

June 18, 1930

Mrs. F. Luke,
2200 W. Monroe Street,
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

QM 293 A-C
Luke, Frank, Jr. 1252 M

June 10, 1930

Mrs. Frank Luke,
2200 W. Monroe Street,
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 26, declining the invitation to sail on the SS "America" August 27, 1930, to visit the grave of your son, the late Second Lieutenant Frank Luke, Jr., under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

In compliance with your request your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows who desire to make the journey in 1931, and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages are being arranged for that year.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C
Luke, Frank 1232

June 7, 1930.

Mr. Frank Luke,
2200 W Monroe St.,
Phoenix, Ariz.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of June 4, 1930, advising this office that Mrs. Frank Luke will not be able to accept the invitation issued for her to sail on the SS AMERICA August 27th to visit the grave of her son in Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

In this connection you are advised Mrs. Luke's name is being placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the pilgrimage in 1931 and she will be communicated with when the plans for the pilgrimage for that year are being arranged.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WASHINGTON DC

MRS LUKE GOLD STAR MOTHER WILL NOT BE ABLE TO
MAKE OVERSEA TRIP THIS YEAR

FRANK LUKE SR

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*Decline noted -
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Night Letter

Washington, D. C. June 3, 1930

MRS. F. LUKE,
2200 W. MONROE STREET,
PHOENIX, ARIZ.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL AUGUST TWENTY SEVENTH NOT RECEIVED STOP

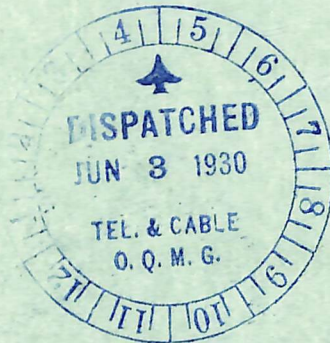
DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

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QM 293 A-C Luke, Frank





STATE TAX COMMISSION OF ARIZONA

E. A. HUGHES, CHAIRMAN
M. A. MURPHY, MEMBER
FRANK LUKE, MEMBER

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

CLARENCE L. STANDAGE, SECRETARY
M. S. STANLEY, ACCOUNTANT

Maricopa Co.

May 28 1930

Capt A. D. Hughes
Q. M. Corps

attention Q M 293 A-C Frank Luke for
12327M

Dear Sir: Mrs Luke would like to avail herself
of the privilege of making the trip to France
a certain time in the year 1931 or 1932

Yours very truly

Mrs Frank Luke

By Frank Luke Sr

Invitation mailed

America

Aug. 27, 1930.

Declined Inv. America 8/27/30
Listed for 1931

Rec'd June 4th

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Luke, Frank

June 27, 1929.

Mr. Frank Luke,
2200 W. Monroe St.,
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, entitled an Act "To enable the mothers and widows of the deceased soldiers, sailors and marines of the American forces now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries".

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late 2nd Lieut. Frank Luke, ASSC. Att. 27th Aero Sqdn., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Luke, Frank
1232

August 30, 1929.

Mr. Frank Luke,
2200 W. Monroe St.,
Phoenix, Ariz.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 27, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

No

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

Survived by mother

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

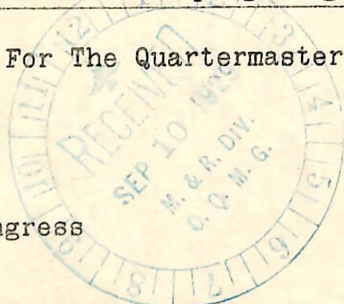
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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Luke, Frank (MA)*

Sept. 8, 1932.

Mrs. Frank Luke
2200 W. Monroe St.,
Phoenix, Ariz.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Sign here

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

July 15, 1932

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Luke, Frank (M A)*

Mrs. Frank Luke,
2200 W. Monroe St.,
Phoenix, Ariz.

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
Luke, Frank Jr. (MA)

November 8, 1932

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reliable tourist agency for your hotel accommodations and transportation abroad.

Should you plan to accompany Mrs. Luke on the pilgrimage, it is requested you notify this office when you have made your final preparations, and arrangements will be made for you to occupy the same cabin aboard ship and the same hotel rooms in New York and Europe, provided you secure the same class of accommodations.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Luke, Frank Jr. (MA)

November 8, 1932

Mr. Frank Luke,
2200 W. Monroe Street,
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 26th advising that Mrs. Luke is hesitant about making a pilgrimage to the grave of her son, the late Lieutenant Frank Luke, Jr., unless accompanied by you.

Under the law governing the pilgrimages the Government can bear no part of the expense of relatives or friends accompanying pilgrims on their journey, nor can it make any arrangements for them. It is possible, however, for you to accompany Mrs. Luke at personal expense, and it is estimated the entire journey would cost you \$700.

All expenses of the pilgrimage for mothers and widows, including meals, tips, hotel accommodations, transportation by water, rail, taxi and bus, as well as incidental expenses such as laundry, are borne by the Government. With the exception of a per diem allowance forwarded the mothers and widows to cover cost of incidental expenses enroute to and from New York City, all expenses of the journey are paid by the pilgrimage offices.

In the event you desire to make the pilgrimage with Mrs. Luke at your own expense, you should communicate with the Roosevelt Steamship Company, #1 Broadway, New York City, as soon as she receives her formal invitation to make the journey. This company will furnish complete information as to steamship fares and reservations. If you wish to be quartered with Mrs. Luke aboard ship, you should secure cabin-class accommodations.

Busses are chartered in Europe for the transportation of mothers and widows to and from the cemeteries and on sightseeing trips in and around Paris, and inasmuch as these busses are for official use only, this office could not authorize your transportation in them. It is therefore suggested that you arrange with some

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name DUKE Frank

Number:

Rank 2nd Lieut.

Organization:

Pilot, 27th Aerial Sqdrn.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

19th June 1919.

Isolated Grave

MURVAUX, ARDENNES 35 NE 319.3 E 290.85

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

19th June 1919.

Grave #109 Sec #55 Plot #3

ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY #1232

ROMAGNE, MEUSE.

1232

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

Burial good, buried in aviator's uniform, body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body?

No.

What other means of identification were found upon the body?

None.

CONFIRMED No. D-11974

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Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon the bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct, as is required by C.O. 170, G.H.Q. 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 Capt. Smith.

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C.O. Group



Revised by Capt. Smith.

whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

After being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notation sent to the Effects Dept direct, as is required by C.O. No. G.S. 1013.

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partial good, buried in winter's uniform, body badly decomposed.

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

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Disinterred (Date) From: (Give complete location)

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group Unit

Rank and Title. Organization: Pilot, 87th Aerial Sqdn.

Name and Rank. Number:

Remains of:

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date: 21st June 1918.

C.O. No. 1013.

Handwritten initials and numbers: 21/ 1013

America

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Luke, Frank

I Decline the invitation extended
(Accept or decline)

me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of
the Government of the United States under the pro-
visions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. F. Luke

(Name)

1932

2200 W. Monroe St., Phoenix, Maricopa Co.

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Washington, D. C., May 23, 1932

MRS. F. LUKE,
2200 W. MONROE ST.,
PHOENIX, ARIZ.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL AUGUST SEVENTEEN NOT RECEIVED
DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER 4261GSM

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QM 293 A-M
Luke, Frank (MA)

May 25, 1932

Mrs. Frank Luke,
2200 W. Monroe Street,
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of May 23rd declining the invitation to sail August 17th on the PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT to visit the grave of your son, the late Second Lieutenant Frank Luke.

It is deeply regretted that your health will not permit you to make the pilgrimage at this time, and it is sincerely hoped that you will improve rapidly. You will be communicated with again relative to your desire to visit your son's grave when pilgrimages are being arranged for next year. It is hoped you will be able to take advantage of the offer of the Government at that time, as 1933 is the last year for which pilgrimages are authorized.

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Properly qualified personnel will be provided to care for the comfort and needs of the mothers and widows making the pilgrimage and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years many mothers in poor health and of advanced age made the journey and appeared to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received. Should you make the trip you are assured that everything possible will be done for your comfort and welfare.

FOR MAY - 23
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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M

Luke, Frank (M-A) M

Feb. 15, 1932

Mrs. F. Luke,
2200 W. Monroe St.,
Phoenix, Ariz.

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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, as amended, sailing on the PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, August 17, 1932.

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 immediately. If you have lost or misplaced the card, please write "Accept" or "Decline" on the bottom of this letter and return it to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before June 4, 1932, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

Should you desire to make a pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested 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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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 AM

Luke, Frank 2nd Lt. (MA) M

September 22, 1931.

Mrs. F. Luke,
2200 W. Monroe St.,
Phoenix, Ariz.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you are the **mother** of the deceased veteran named above and have expressed your desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during 1932 in his honor.

In order to assure a satisfactory journey, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Please give your age and state your health.	Age Condition of Health
2. Do you speak English?	
3. What other language do you speak?	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

QM 293 A-M
Luke, Frank (MA) M

May 28, 1931

Mrs. Frank Luke,
2200 W. Monroe Street,
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Madam:

This office is in receipt of a communication from Mr. Frank Luke, advising that you are unable to sail on the AMERICA August 12th, 1931, to visit the grave of your son, the late 2nd Lieutenant Frank Luke.

It is deeply regretted that you are not able to make the pilgrimage at this time. Your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to visit the cemeteries of Europe in 1932, and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages are being arranged for that year.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Luke, Frank (M-A) M

April 20, 1931

Mrs. F. Luke,
2200 W. Monroe St.,
Phoenix, Ariz.

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 "America" on August 12, 1931.

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 June 12, 1931, 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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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Luke, Frank 1232-M

June 18, 1930

Mrs. F. Luke,
2200 W. Monroe Street,
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

GUERRILLA FLYER SCORED VICTORY IN LAST MOMENTS

Lieut. Luke, Missing Since Argonne Drive, Sleeps in Lonely Grave

18 VICTIMS IN 17 DAYS

Intrepid but Unruly Arizona Aviator Had Meteoric Career in War

The final chapter can now be written in the story of Lieut. Frank Luke, Jr., the young Arizona flyer who, after a meteoric appearance among the foremost American aviators, vanished from sight over the German lines in the first days of the Argonne drive. His grave has been found in the cemetery of the little village of Murvaux east of Dun-sur-Meuse, and from the stories of the wondering villagers can be pieced together a narrative which shows that he fought to the last moment and, as always, fought hard and fought alone.

Lieutenant Luke scored his first official victory on September 12—the first day of the St. Mihiel drive. He was killed 17 days later. On that day he brought down his eighteenth Boche. The observers said of him that he seemed to be possessed by some lunatic notion that he must tie Fonck's record in a single season.

There was no holding him in check. He picked fights against heavy odds, flew alone when he was under orders not to, flew at times and under weather conditions when he was supposed to be safe in camp, and, toward the end, went scouting to strange fields for his replenishments of gas and ammunition, fearful, if he showed up at his own air-drome, lest he be held there. Indeed, on that last day, there were orders out to sentence him to a month of ground work as soon as he showed up.

That was September 29. Late that afternoon, an observer reported that a Spad had dropped a message bag: "Look for burning balloons." It was signed "Luke." At 5:05 two Boche balloons were seen to fall in flames. Seven minutes later a third blazed and fell. Luke was not seen again.

The Legend of Murvaux

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On October 18, a telegram from the International Red Cross reported him as "killed in action," and late in December an American officer, returning from a prison camp in Germany, reported that in the village of Murvaux and the countryside round about there had already grown up a legend of a young American flyer who, just before sundown on the fourth day of the great battle, wrought great destruction among the German balloons, and who then, mortally wounded, came to earth and, gun in hand, stood off the enemy till he fell dead in the field. He was buried, they said, in the village churchyard.

From that legend, as enlarged and corrected by the affidavits of 15 French men and women and children, the Luke identification has been made. They saw his plane streak across the sky, headed straight for a captive balloon and chased by a German escadrille that had picked him up when he crossed the lines.

Dipping, wheeling, dodging, he eluded his pursuers. He destroyed that balloon, and, though the chase grew hotter and though the fire from scores of machine guns and anti-aircraft guns was by that time throwing up an almost solid barrier of bullets, he destroyed another. In this last dash he was wounded.

Dark was coming on and he was ten kilometers inside the enemy lines. It is guessed that he knew he was done for and that his one idea was to do as much damage as he could in his last few moments of life.

Flying low over Murvaux, he poured all the ammunition his machine gun had into the enemy troops and material assembled there. In that last descent, he managed to kill six Germans and wounded as many more. Then he landed in a field. The villagers saw the Germans running toward him, saw him weakly draw his automatic to defend himself and then topple over on the ground.

No Straw, No Winding Sheet

The villagers say that the German commandant of Murvaux would not allow straw to be placed in the cart that dragged Luke to the cemetery and that he drove off some women who brought a sheet to wrap around the body. This officer, they say, gave the body a contemptuous kick and said: "Get that out of my way as quick as possible."

Luke was a second lieutenant. He was born May 19, 1897, the son of Frank Luke, of 2200 West Monroe street, Phoenix, Ariz. His most sensational exploit was on September 18, when he destroyed two enemy balloons in the vicinity of Mars-la-Tours and the same day, single-handed, destroyed three enemy planes in a combat that lasted only ten minutes.

While he did not win his first official victory until September 12, his own combat reports show that on August 16 he attacked an enemy formation of five machines and brought down one. Official confirmation was lacking and it is believed that it was the expression of some skepticism at that time which stung Luke into the trouble-seeking, guerilla warfare he waged from then on. Those who saw his later work believe that that battle of August 16 should be put on his official score.

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Luke, Frank, Jr. 1232 M

June 10, 1930

Mrs. Frank Luke,
2200 W. Monroe Street,
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 28, declining the invitation to sail on the SS "America" August 27, 1930, to visit the grave of your son, the late Second Lieutenant Frank Luke, Jr., under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

In compliance with your request your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows who desire to make the journey in 1931, and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages are being arranged for that year.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C
Luke, Frank 1332

June 7, 1930.

Mr. Frank Luke,
2200 W Monroe St.,
Phoenix, Ariz.

Mr. Luke

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of June 4, 1930, advising this office that Mrs. Frank Luke will not be able to accept the invitation issued for her to sail on the SS AMERICA August 27th to visit the grave of her son in Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

In this connection you are advised Mrs. Luke's name is being placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the pilgrimage in 1931 and she will be communicated with when the plans for the pilgrimage for that year are being arranged.

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

Luke, Frank 1232-M

May 21, 1930

Mrs. F. Luke,
2200 W. Monroe St.,
Phoenix, Ariz.

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 "America" on August 27, 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 July 5, 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.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

May 1, 1930.

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C
Luke, Frank -1233 H

Mrs. F. Luke,
2200 W. Monroe Street,
Phoenix, Arizona.

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.

1 Enclosure.
Regulation.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Luke, Frank 1232 M

Mrs. F. Luke,
2200 W. Monroe St.,
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl.
Act
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Luke, Frank
1232

August 30, 1929.

Mr. Frank Luke,
2200 W. Monroe St.,
Phoenix, Ariz.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 27, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Luke, Frank

June 27, 1929.

Mr. Frank Luke,
2200 W. Monroe St.,
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, entitled an Act "To enable the mothers and widows of the deceased soldiers, sailors and marines of the American forces now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries".

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late 2nd Lieut. Frank Luke, ASSC. Att. 27th Aero Sqdn., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
(Luke, Frank)

October 26, 1927.

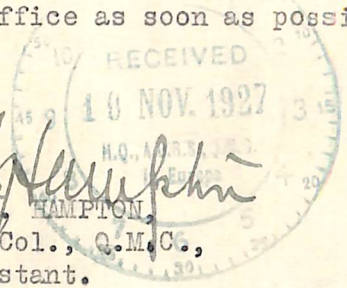
SUBJECT: Photograph of grave.

TO: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe,
20 rue Molitor, Paris, France.

1. It is requested that a photograph be taken of the grave of the late 2nd Lieutenant Frank Luke, ASSC, Attached to 27th Aero Squadron, who was killed in action on September 29, 1918, and is permanently interred in Grave #13, Row 26, Block A, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

2. The photograph will be forwarded to this office as soon as possible.

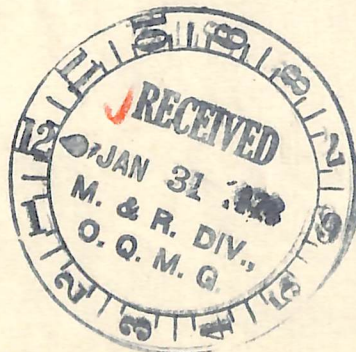
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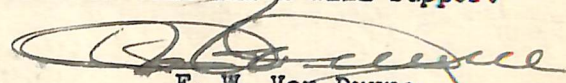
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K. J. HAMPTON,
Lt. Col., Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

293. Luke, Jr. Frank, 2nd Lt. 1st Ind.
Hdqs., American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in E., 20, rue Molitor,
Paris, France, January 10, 1928. To: The Quartermaster General, Washington,
D.C., U.S.A.

In compliance with the above instructions, a photograph has been taken of the grave of the late 2nd Lieutenant Frank Luke, Jr., 27 Aero Sqdn., and two prints are forwarded herewith. The condition of the ground in the vicinity of the grave is due to the installation of a concrete beam which will support the marble crosses now being erected there.

2 Encls.
Photographs.




F. W. Van Duyne,
Colonel, Q.M. Corps,
Chief.

QM 293 A-C
(Luke, Frank)

February 2, 1928.

Mr. C. J. Dockarty,
National Newspaper Service,
326 West Madison Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Returned &
Remailed To
2708 Ontario Rd.
Wash., D.C.
2/8/28 - RK

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your request, there is enclosed herewith a photograph of the grave of the late 2nd Lieutenant Frank Luke, 27th Aero Squadron, #13, Row 26, Block A, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

The Quartermaster General regrets that this matter has been delayed so long, but, because of the installation of our reinforced concrete beams for the permanent crosses, the condition of the ground around the grave has been such as to produce an unsatisfactory picture.

Very truly yours,

K. J. HAMPTON,
Lt. Col., Q.M.G.,
Assistant.

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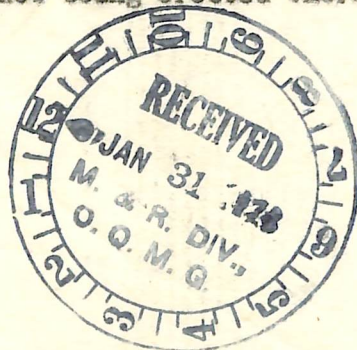


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F. W. Van Duyns,
Colonel, Q.M. Corps,
Chief.

B
QM 293 A-C
(Luke, Frank)

December 6, 1927.

Dear Colonel Van Dyne:

I am enclosing a copy of office letter dated October 26, 1927, requesting a photograph of the grave of the late 2nd Lieutenant Frank Luke, who, you will observe, is buried in the American cemetery at Romagne. Mr. C. J. Dockarty, who made the request, was in my office this morning, and is anxious to receive the photograph as early as possible, as it is to fit into some honors that are to be paid Lieutenant Luke at a very early period.

Will you therefore, see if the photograph can not be forwarded at once.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Van Dyne, and those connected with your office,

Sincerely yours,

K. J. HAMPTON,
Lt. Col., Q.M.C.

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Colonel F. W. Van Dyne, Q.M.C.,
Chief, American G.R.S., Q.M.C., in E.,
20 rue Mblitor, Paris, France.



QM 293 A-C
(Lake, Frank)

October 26, 1927.

SUBJECT: Photograph of grave.

TO: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe,
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2. The photograph will be forwarded to this office as soon as possible.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

K. J. HAMPTON,
Lt. Col., Q.M.C.,
Assistant.



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QH 293 A-C. (Luke, Frank, Jr.) 2nd Ind.
War Department, OQMG, Washington, February 19, 1927 - To: The Adjutant
General, Washington, D.C.

1. The records of this office show that the late Frank Luke, Jr.,
2nd Lieutenant, 27th Aero Squadron, Air Service, is permanently interred
in Grave 13, Row 26, Block A, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-
sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

For The Quartermaster General:

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Encl. withdrawn

K. J. HAMPTON,
Lt. Col., Q.M.C.,
Assistant



AG 201 Luke, Frank Jr.
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War Dept., A.G.O., February 15, 1927. To The Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

1. The records of this office show that Frank Luke Jr., was killed in action September 29, 1918 while serving as a 2nd Lieutenant, 27th Aero Squadron, Air Service, American Expeditionary Forces, and was buried 5 miles east of Dun-sur-Meuse, Cemetery C-533, G.R.S. 459-4.

2. There is inclosed a copy of letter to Senator Henry F. Ashurst.

By order of the Secretary of War:

(Sgd) JOE N. DALTON
Adjutant General.

2 Incls.
Copy of letter of 2-15-27
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Dalton, Joe N.

UNITED STATES SENATE,

February 9, 1927

Hon. Dwight F. Davis,
Secretary of War,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Herewith I hand you a letter from
Lt. Colonel H. E. Hartney.

Please give me full information.
Kindly return the enclosure.

Respectfully yours,

(Sgd.) Henry F. Ashurst

In reply refer to
AG 201-luke, Frank
2-9-27 WW

February 15, 1927.

Honorable Henry F. Ashurst,
United States Senate.

Dear Senator Ashurst:

I have your letter of February 9, 1927, inclosing a letter from Lieutenant Colonel H. E. Hartney, Air Corps Reserves, relative to the burial place of the late Frank Luke, Jr., Second Lieutenant, 27th Aero Squadron, Air Service.

This Department is conducting an investigation in this case, upon completion of which I shall be pleased to advise you further relative to this matter.

I am returning the inclosure received with your letter, as requested by you.

Sincerely yours,

Dwight F. Davis
Secretary of War.

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FILE UNDER NO. 293. - Luke, Frank Jr., (Deceased)
Pilot 27th Aero Sq.

Sept. 28, 1925.

INDEX SHEET

SYNOPSIS

1st Ind. -

From - OQMG.,

To - Chief, AGRS, QMC., Europe. Re: Death of Lt. Luke.

Inviting attention to inclosed additional information obtained from
Consenvoye Communal List #2194, Map 33 NE, C6285.

DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO. 293. - Roberts, Ivan A.
2nd Lt. - 27th Aero Sqdn.

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293. Burial Information. 3rd Indorsement. RHR/nwa.
Here. American G. R. S., Q. M. C., in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris. July 8, 1920.
To: Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, WASHINGTON, D. C.

1. Returned. 2nd Lieut. Frank LUKE, 27th Aero Squad., is buried in
Grave #109, Section 55, Plot 3, Cemetery #1232 and 2nd Lieut. David A. Redford,
Co. C., 6th Marines is buried in Grave #160, Plot #4, Section F, Cemetery #593.

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Lt. Col., Q. M. C.
Chief.

293 Burial Information 1st Ind.

Chief, American G.R.S. Q.M.C. in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, 10 May, 1920.
To Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

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1. Information slip as follows: - #95867

Frank Luke, Lieut. Pilot 27th Aero Squad.

Grave 109, Section 55, Plot 2, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon.

David A. Redford, 2nd Lieut. 6th Marines.

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Lt. Col., Q.M.C.



File No.

Case of Luke, Frank, 2nd Lieut
27th Aero Sqdn.
letter of May 10th reports grave location

Gr. 109 Section 55 Plot 2 Cty. 1232

Our form 1-A shows location as
#11974 Gr. 109 Section 55 Plot 3

Case of Redford, David A. 2nd Lt
Co. C. 6th Marines
letter of May 10th reports grave location

Gr. 260, Plot F Cty. 593

Our revised form 1-A shows location as

Gr. 160, Plot 4, Section F

form 1-A, #2400 shows grave location as
Grave # 160 Plot F.

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AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, Q.M.C., IN EUROPE
7, rue Quentin-Bauchart
Paris

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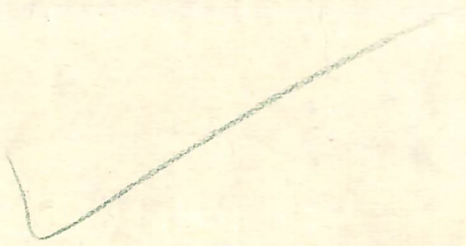
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FROM : Commanding Officer
TO : Chief, American Graves Registration Service, 8, Avenue
d'Iena, Paris.
SUBJECT : Information Requests.

1. Herewith find information requests in duplicate, showing information disclosed by the Commanding Officer of Area #1, Zone of France.

L. A. Shipman
L. A. SHIPMAN
Major, Q.M.C.

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of phrase.

Information disclosed by the commanding officer of the 41st Aero Squadron, 1st Cavalry Division, is hereby disseminated in duplicate, one copy to the

SUBJECT: Information requests.

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FROM: Commanding Officer,

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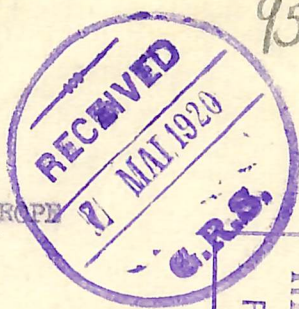


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Office of the Supervisor
Area #1 Zone of France
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(MEUSE).

May 4, 1920.

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INFORMATION REQUESTED BY:

Miss Katherine Welch,
16, Avenue Wagram, Paris.

REGARDING: FRANK LUKES (Name) (Rank) (Organization)

INFORMATION GIVEN: FRANK LUKES (Name) LIEUT. (Rank) PILOT, 27th AERO SQUAD. (Organization)

Grave. 109, Section 55, Plot 2.

REGARDING: David Redford. (Name) (Rank) (Organization)

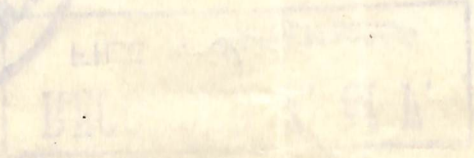
INFORMATION GIVEN: David A. Redford, (Name) 2nd Lieut. (Rank) 6th Marines. (Organization)

Grave 260, Plot F., Cemetery #593, at PLOISY, (AISNE).

Signed. _____



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41 East 42nd St.
New York City,
Telephone Murray Hill 2442.

February 8, 1927.

Honorable Henry F. Ashurst,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator,

I want to thank you for your favor of the 5th inst.
enclosing information supplied by the Quartermaster General of
the U. S. Army regarding Lieut. Frank Luke. You will recall
that he was buried later at Arlington.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

H. E. Hartney,

Lt. Col., O. R. A. C.

(This copy prepared in the A.G.O. as Senator Ashurst requested
that the original be returned to you.)

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201-Luke, Frank, Lieut.

Asst. C.A.S., Hq. S.O.S., A.E.F., April 25, 1919. To - Graves
Registration Services, Hq. S.O.S., A.E.F.

This report has been held to refer to 2nd Lieut. F. Luke
from date of receipt from Amer. Red Cross.

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Aubrey Lippincott
AUBREY LIPPINCOTT
Colonel, Air Service.

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201-Luke, Frank, Lieut.

Asst. C.A.S., Hq. S.O.S., A.E.F., April 25, 1919. To - Graves
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from date of receipt from Amer. Red Cross.

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AUBREY LIPPINCOTT
Colonel, Air Service.

In reply refer to:
QM - 293 C-R

Aug. 31, 1923.

Mr. Frank Luke,
2200 W. Monroe St.,
Phoenix, Ariz.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of

2nd Lieutenant Frank Luke, Aviation Section, Signal Corps, attached to 27th Aero Squadron, is Grave 13, Row 26, Block A, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be marked by headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. 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.

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.

Very truly yours,

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H. H. CHEAL

H. J. Conner,
Assistant.



AUG 31 1923
B. O. C.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File 95867

(a) Name LUKE, Frank Ser. No. -
(b) Rank 2nd Lt. Organization ASSC ATT. 27th Aero Sqdn.
(c) Date of death abt. 9-30-18 (d) Cause of death k/a

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CKR. J

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2/22 for concentration # 1232
Monroe - Argonne 1232
att 3/10/22

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

(a) Grave No. 109 Row - Plot 3 Sec. 55 TYP. b
(b) Emerg. Address Mr. Frank Luke (father) 2200 W. Monroe St.,
Phoenix, Ariz.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases / / / CKR. J

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt

no card in file HR 5-27-21

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

Examiner's Initials Date, 192

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

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

Examiner's Initials Date, 192

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

no request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes

Examiner's Initials HR Date 5-27, 1921

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232 Dec. 55 SHEET No. 109

JUN 15 1921

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made _____, 192

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 192

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
letter on JUN - 7 1921, 192

Sec. 55

Par. 2 Not To Be Returned (EGS)

IX.

REMARKS

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Nov. 1, 1921.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name LUKE, Frank Jr.
 2. No. ---
 3. Rank 2nd Lieut.
assc. att.
 4. Org. 27th Aero Sqdrn.
 5. D.D. abt. Sept. 30th.
 6. C.D. KIA

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 109 Sec. 55
 8. Plot 3 Row _____
 9. _____

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

18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne American
 20. Dept. or County Meuse
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232.Sec.55
 23. Disinterred (Date) Nov. 1, 1921.

19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon
 21. Country France.
 By W. G. Durisoe.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Frank Luke, Jr.
 Rank 2nd Lieut.

Serial No. ---
 Organization 27th Aero Sqdn

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? No On body? No

C. Smyth O'Meara
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant
C. Smyth O'Meara.

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).
GRS plate on stake reads, "2nd Lieut Frank Luke Pilot 27th Aero Sqdn, Sept. 29, 1918.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed; features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial US uniform (officers), burlap and pine box.

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 Nov. 1, 1921. By W.G. Durisoe.

31. Casket sealed by W.G. Durisoe.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

W. G. Durisoe
W.G. Durisoe.



SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-14147

32. Designation of body:

Name LEE, Frank Jr. Serial No. _____

Rank 2nd Lieut. Organization 27th Aero Sqdrn.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Neuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. # 1232 Romagne-sous-Montfaucon.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Nov. 1, 1921 By W.G. Durisoe.

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. C. Worthington, 1st Lieut. OMC.

36. Remarks None.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Nov. 1, 1921. d

To point of Concentration Morgue, Romagne.

Convoyer W. J. Royed. Signature Shipping Officer G. F. Spahn, Capt. OMC.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date _____

By G.R.S. Representative _____

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date _____

To Permanent Cemetery _____

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____

40. Received: Date _____

G.R.S. Representative _____

41. Reinterred Neuse Arg. Cemetery. 1232 Nov. 1, 1921.

42. Grave No. 13. (Date) _____ Section _____

43. ~~Block~~ Block A. Row 26.

G.R.S. Representative James W. Younger
James W. Younger
Captain, Q. M. C.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Nov, 1, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF LUKE FRANK JR. SERIAL NUMBER -----
RANK 2nd Lt. ORGANIZATION A.S.S.C. det. 27th Aero Squad.

2. Disinterred (date): Nov, 1, 1921. From (give complete location):
Gr. 109 sec 55 pt 3 Cem., #1232.

By: Group Duriscoe Unit Sec. 1

3. Reburied (date): Nov, 1, 1921. In (give complete location):
Row 26, Block A, Grave 13, Cem. 1232.

By: Group Reburial S. Unit _____ Nature of reburial Unlined Casket.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
In U.S. uniform burlap and pine box, badly decomposed features unrecognizable.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
GRS plaque on stake reads: " 2nd Lt. Frank Luke Pilot 27th Aero Squad. Sept. 29-18.

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

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

(b) Weigh, (estimated) Imp to det.

(c) Hair—Color None

Quantity None

Characteristics None

(d) Hair on face—Color None

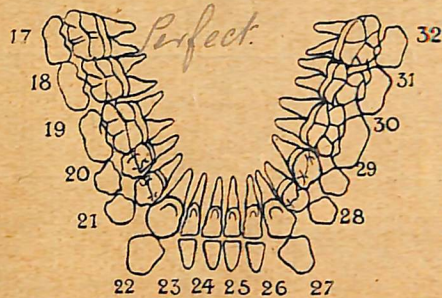
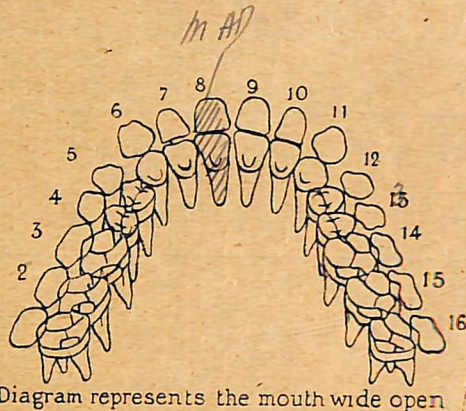
Location None

Quantity None

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

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

None visible



7. Disinterment supervised by W. G. Duriscoe Approved: R. C. Worthington
W. G. Duriscoe S. C. R. C. Worthington 1st. Lt. OMC
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Dufault Approved: James W. Younger
WS. A. U. Dufault concentration (Title) James W. Younger Captain, Q.M.C.






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 Questions 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".

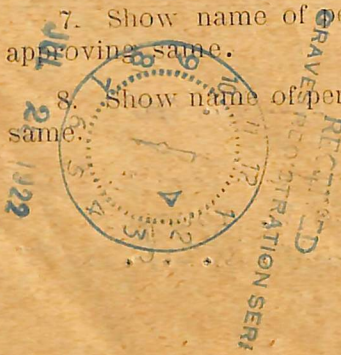
(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No 6.

6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

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.



WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

GMM 1-217

O.C.M.C.

IN REPLY REFER TO AG 201 Luke, Frank Jr (WW)

WASHINGTON

June 20, 1923.

SUBJECT: Report of Death.

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To: Quartermaster General of the Army,
Washington, D.C.

293 Luke, Frank Jr. Rf

1. An investigation recently completed by this Department in the case of Frank Luke Jr, 2nd Lt, 27th Aero Squadron, who had been previously reported as killed in action about September 30, 1918 now shows that he was killed in action September 29, 1918 and that the former report is erroneous.

By order of the Secretary of War:

Adjutant General.



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Lucker, Frank

Lieut. Aviator.

Death rep. 5 & 7 letter from Frankfurt
Red Cross received Dec. 24, 18 states
that Lt. Lucker was shot dead from his
machine Sept. 29th, 18. Grave not locat-
ed.

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

LUKE Frank

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

2d Lieut. ASSC Att 27th Aero Squad.

(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH:

CAUSE OF DEATH:

DATE OF BURIAL:

PLACE OF BURIAL:

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

FILED

GRAVE NUMBER:

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

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?.....

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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O.C. O.M.
O.R.S.

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Luke, Frank, Jr.

2nd Lieut. ASSC 27 Sq.

Death Rep. 6 Letter from Frankfurt Red Cross received Dec.24th states that 1st.Lt.Luke was shot out of his machine Oct.3 and killed Grave on the western side of the Maas, No further details.

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A.R.C. - Berne Report.

G. R. S. FORM NO. 12

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

FROM : ADJUTANT GENERAL.

TO : C.O., A.S.S.C. Att. 27th Aero Squad.

SUBJECT : Information for burial Register.

1. You are directed to transmit without delay to the Chief, Graves Registration Service, the information indicated on enclosed Graves Location Blank as necessary for the completion of official records.

By Command of General Pershing:

Robert C. Davis
Adjutant General.

Note:

In case this item is checked, you will note hereon:

Nearest relative of deceased:

Relationship: _____

Address: _____

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G. R. S.

1. G. R. S. Form No. 1.

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Hq. G. R. S. File

OMME.

Murvaux (ME 58)

F 31930
N 290.85

2. Soldier's No. 53

35 NE

3. Unknown

Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials

4. 2nd Lieut

Rank

Company

Regt. or Corps

AVIATION
2539th 2700 Aerodrome

5. Date of Death

Date of Death

Cause, if known

9. 02. 1918

6. Date of Burial

Date of Burial

Cemetery

German

7. Murvaux

Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

Meuse

8. 1

Grave No.

Plot No. or Letter

9. Name Peg? Cross? Headboard? Bottle?

Check Method of Marking

10. Buried with Body? Attached to Grave Marker?

Identification Tags

11. If name unknown and tags missing, give marks and description.

Grave unmarked. Information obtained from

French Civilians who made burial under

12. German orders

Map Reference, interment is outside of cemetery

Map 35 N.E. Point 290.85 N. 319.30ME.

13. Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed

Sgt. W. E. Durison

Group Unit 301 G. R. S.

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UNIDENTIFIED AVIATOR.

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This officer was killed at Mervaus (5 kilometers east of Dun-sur-Meuse) on Sunday September 29th, 1918. The Germans stripped him of all identifications, but Captain McCormick of the 301st Unit Graves Registration stationed at Fontaine near Mervaus was so interested in the story told by the French people of Mervaus concerning the death of this aviator that he exhumed the body and stated that it was that of a man of medium height heavy set and with light hair. On his wrist he found an Elgin watch #20225566, which was under the sleeve of his combination and which the German who had stripped him of all papers and identification marks has evidently missed. The village people of Mervaus told Captain McCormick that this aviator first shot down three German balloons and two German planes, then descended low over the ground and killed eleven Germans with either hand bombs or machine gun bullets. While flying low his plane was hit from the ground and he himself was apparently wounded. He made a successful landing got out of his plane and when the Germans called on him to surrender replied by drawing his automatic and opening fire, thus standing he continued to defend himself until killed. The description of this aviator by Captain McCormick and the fact that Lieut. Frank Luke dropped a note to a balloon company that day stating that he was going to shoot down the balloons which were shot down, make it almost certain that this officer was 2nd Lieut. Frank Luke, Air Service, whose nearest relative is Frank Luke, 2200 West Monroe St., Phoenix, Arizona. If the Air Service wishes to check this case it is suggested that a representative of the Air Service be sent to Mervaus and obtain sworn statements from the French people of that village.

Murvaux (Meuse)

From report of the A. N. C. dated January 7th, 1919.
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Daily Report No. *(scribble)*

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amongst papers in St. Walter's room.

From coordinations etc these
are the same man.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE
WASHINGTON

May 27, 1920.

MEMORANDUM TO Lt. Spaulding, A.E.F. History, Information Group.
7th & B Street, Branch-262.

Confirming telephonic conversation of May 27, 1920.
re. case of Lt. Frank Luke, 27th Aero Squadron,
the records of this office show that 2nd Lt. Frank Luke, 27th
Aero Squadron, is reburied in;

Grave #109, Section #55, Plot #3,
Argonne American Cemetery #1232,
Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

Original burial German Military Cemetery #1803, Murvaux,
Meuse.
Date of original burial No record
Date of reburial 6/19/19

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Colonel, U. S. Army,
Chief, Graves Registration Service.
By:

CHARLES J. WYNNE,
Captain, Q.M.C.,
Graves Registration Service.

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G. D. S. MAILER
MAY 28 1920

2nd Indorsement

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File No. - Registration

From: O.Q.M.G. Cemeterial Division, June 17, 1920, To: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe, #8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, France

1. Returned. Attention is invited to difference between Form 1-A and 1st Indorsement covering the grave locations of the two above mentioned officers. Form 1-A submitted to this office covering the graves of these officers shows the following:

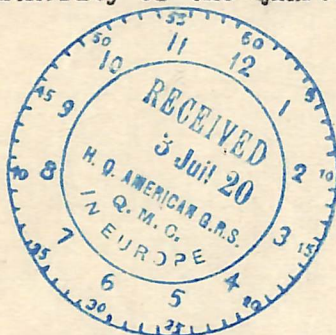
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2nd Lieut. Frank Luke, 27th Aero Squadron, buried in Grave #109, section 55, plot 3, Cemetery #1232.

2nd Lieut. David A. Redford, Company C, 6th Marines, buried in Grave #160, plot 4, section F, Cemetery #593.

2. In view of the fact that the information contained in preceding indorsement does not accord with the records of this office, it is requested that an investigation be instituted for the purpose of ascertaining the correct grave location of the above named officers; report to be made to this office of results obtained.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:



CHARLES C. PIERCE
Colonel, U. S. Army
Chief, Cemeterial Division

By: *E. E. Davis*
E. E. DAVIS
Executive Assistant.

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293. Burial Information. 3rd Indorsement. RHR/nwa.
Hqrs., American G.R.S., Q.M.C., in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris. July 8, 1920.
To: Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, WASHINGTON, D.C.

1. Returned. 2nd Lieut. Frank LUKE, 27th Aero Squad., is buried in Grave #109, Section 55, Plot 3, Cemetery #1232 and 2nd Lieut. David A. Redford, Co. C., 6th Marines is buried in Grave #160, Plot #4, Section F, Cemetery #593.

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H. F. RETHERS,
Lt. Col., Q.M.C.
Chief.

Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. Q. M. G. H. Q. in Europe
File # 95867
Case: 95867

Received, Cemeterial Div., O. Q. M. G. H. Q. in Europe
File # 293
Case: 17154
Redford David A.

File No. - Registration

From: G. S. H. C. General Division, June 14, 1933, For: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, P. O. Box 100, in Europe, Paris, France

1. Noted. Attention is invited to difference between Form I-A and Form I-B covering the grave locations of the two above mentioned officers. Form I-A submitted to this office covering the graves of these officers show the following:

- 1. 1st Lieut. Frank Lane, 87th Aero Squadron, buried in Grave #109, Section 22, Plot 3, Cemetery #122.
- 2. 1st Lieut. David A. Bedford, Company C, 8th Marines, buried in Grave #109, Plot 3, Section 22, Cemetery #122.

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2. In view of the fact that the information contained in preceding information does not accord with the records of this office, it is requested that an investigation be instituted for the purpose of ascertaining the correct grave location of the above named officers; report to be made to this office as soon as possible.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. FISKE
Colonel, U. S. Army
Chief, General Division

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3. Burial information...
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L. F. HARRIS
Lt. Col., G. S. H. C.
Chief

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2nd Indorsement

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By authority of the Quartermaster General:

PM

CHARLES C. PIERCE
Colonel, U. S. Army
Chief, Cemeterial Division

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By:

ED
E. E. DAVIS
Executive Assistant.

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Inv. S.S.
Inv. & Adj. Dept.

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XX See # 17154
It, David A Redford

July 17
~~July 20/20~~

G. R. & MAILED

JUN 17 1920



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FACTORIES ELGIN, ILL.
GENERAL OFFICES, 10 SO. WABASH AVE., CHICAGO.
NEW YORK OFFICE, 15 MAIDEN LANE.
TORONTO OFFICE, TRADERS BANK BLDG.

ELGIN NATIONAL WATCH COMPANY

Chicago,
May 20th, 1919.

Mr. Charles C. Pierce,
Lieut. Colonel, Q.M.C.,
G.R.S., Hq. S.O.S.,
A. P. O. #717,
American Expeditionary Forces.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of April 30th regarding an Elgin Watch No. 20225566 which was found on the wrist of an unidentified aviator has been received.

The factory report that this movement was shipped by them on July 14th, 1917, but their records do not show to whom it was sent.

We are very sorry, therefore, that it is not possible for us to give you information that may enable you to identify this American soldier.

Yours very truly,

ELGIN NATIONAL WATCH COMPANY.

HDS/w

Unidentified Aviator

Case of Luke. Frank

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


FRANCE? April 30, 1919.

FROM : Chief, G.R.S. Hq. S.O.S., A.P.O. #717.
TO : Messrs. Elgin Watch Company, Elgin, Illinois., U.S.A.
SUBJECT : INFORMATION.

1. An Elgin Watch #20225566 has been found on the wrist of an unidentified body of an American Aviator. We have been unable to establish the identity of this Aviator and it is thought that you can probably give us some information as to where this watch was purchased.

2. Any information that you may be able to supply will be appreciated by this office as well as the relatives of the deceased.

JRP/KO'B.


CHARLES C. PIERCE.
Lieut. Colonel, G.C., USA.





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GRAHAM C. SIMPSON

subscribed by this office as well as the relatives of the deceased.
The information that has been received is that the body of the
deceased was found in the vicinity of the above mentioned place.
The body was found in the vicinity of the above mentioned place.
The body was found in the vicinity of the above mentioned place.

SEARCHED : INDEXED :

TO : Messrs. K. J. & Co. Chicago, Ill.
FROM : Chief, U.S.S. No. 6,000, V.I.C. 1111.

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GRAND INVESTIGATOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF GOVERNMENT
HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON D.C.

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

FRANCE, April 30, 1919.

MEMORANDUM to Sgt. Hoffecker :

If on record in the Central Records office, it is requested that you advise this office of the description of the personal appearance of 2nd Lieutenant Frank Luke, A.S., attached to the 27th Aero Squadron.

JCP/KO'B.

James R. Pierce
CHARLES C. PIERCE.
Lieut. Colonel, QMC., USA.

Returned. There is no record on file in the C.R.O. of the above.

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

France, April 22nd, 1919.

FROM : Chief, G.R.S., Hq. S.O.S., A.E.F., A.P.O. #717.
TO : Chief, U.S. Air Service, American E.F. FRANCE.
SUBJECT : Identification of Unknown Aviator. (Lieutenant)

1. This office has received a report covering the burial of an "Unknown Lieutenant" of the Air Service, buried in Grave #1. Mervaus (Meuse). This information was obtained from a French civilian, who made the burial under German orders.

2. The following is a report of the American Red Cross, dated January 7, 1919, concerning the death and burial of 2nd Lieut. F. Luke :-

" UNIDENTIFIED AVIATOR "

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"This officer was killed at Mervaus (5 kilometers east of Dun-sur-Meuse) on Sunday September 29th, 1918. The Germans stripped him of all identification, but Captain McCormick of the 301st Unit Graves Registration stationed at Fontains near Mervaus was so interested in the story told by the French people of Mervaus concerning the death of this aviator that he examined the body and stated that it was that of a man of medium height heavy set and with light hair. On his wrist he found an Elgin watch #20225566, which was under the sleeve of his combination and which the German who had stripped him of all papers and identification marks has evidently missed. The village people of Mervaus told Captain McCormick that this aviator first shot down three German balloons and two German planes, then descended low over the ground and killed eleven Germans with either hand bombs or machine gun bullets. While flying low, his plane was hit from the ground and he himself was apparently wounded. He made a successful landing, got out of his plane and when the Germans called on him to surrender replied by drawing his automatic and opening fire, thus standing he continued to defend himself until killed. The description of this aviator by Captain McCormick and the fact that Lieut. Frank Luke dropped a note to a balloon Company that day, stating that he was going to shoot down the balloons which were shot down, make it almost certain that this officer was 2nd

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HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY.
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE.

France, April 22nd , 1919.

FROM : Chief, G.R.S., Hq. S.O.S., A.E.F., A.P.O. #717.
TO : Chief, U.S. Air Service, American E.F. FRANCE.
SUBJECT : Identification of Unknown Aviator. (Lieutenant)

1. This office has received a report covering the burial of an "Unknown Lieutenant" of the Air Service, buried in Grave #1. Mervaus (Meuse). This information was obtained from a french civilian, who made the burial under German orders.

2. The following is a report of the American Red Cross, dated January 7, 1919, concerning the death and burial of 2nd Lieut. F. Luke :-

" UNIDENTIFIED AVIATOR "

"This officer was killed at Mervaus (5 kilometers east of Dun-sur-Meuse) on Sunday September 29th, 1918. The Germans stripped him of all identification, but Captain McCormick of the 301st Unit Graves Registration stationed at Fontains near Mervaus was so interested in the story told by the French people of Mervaus concerning the death of this aviator that he exhumed the body and stated that it was that of a man of medium height heavy set and with light hair. On his wrist he found an Elgin watch #20225566, which was under the sleeve of his combination and which the German who had stripped him of all papers and identification marks has evidently missed. The village people of Mervaus told Captain McCormick that this aviator first shot down three German balloons and two Germanplanes, then descended low over the ground and killed eleven Germans with either hand bombs or machine gun bullets. While flying low, his plane was hit from the ground and he himself was apparently wounded. He made a successful landing, got out of his plane and when the Germans called on him to surrender replied by drawing his automatic and opening fire, thus standing he continued to defend himself until killed. The description of this aviator by Captain McCormick and the fact that Lieut. Frank Luke dropped a note to a balloon Company that day, stating that he was going to shoot down the balloons which were shot down, make it almost certain that this officer was 2nd

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From Corporal John Sherry
24 Co. Transportation Corps
APO 713 American F.F.

Cross Registration Bureau
APO 717 American F.F.

Subject: Notice of Re-burial

Sirs:-

Have been indirectly in-
formed that Lieut Frank Luxe
of 2200 W. Monroe St Phoenix
Arizona, killed at Marwanx
(Capt of Muse) Sept 29-1918
will be reburied at the Nation-
al Cemetery at Comanche some
time during the latter part
of the current month.

As the Lieut. was a personal
friend of mine and as his fam-
ily desires to have me pay the

upon a visit I shall be
 pleased to have you inform
 me at the earliest possible
 moment ^{that} the body is reburied.
 as I am postponing my depart-
 ure from France until the
 mission is accomplished

Thanking you in anticipa-
 tion of this courtesy I am

Respectfully yours
 John S. Herry

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No. of the 27 Aero Squadron



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June 23rd, 1919.

Corporal John Sherry, 24th Co., T.C., A.P.O. 713, AMERICAN E.F.

2nd Lieut. Frank Luke, A.S.S.C., Attached 27th Aero Squadron,
American E.F.

In reply to your letter of June 15th, 1919, you are advised that you have been rightly informed in the matter of the removal of the remains of Lieut. Luke from their original resting place to the National Cemetery at Romagne-sous-Montfaucon. Records filed in this office do not at present show that this has been done, but as soon as practicable, after report of the transfer is received, you will be advised of the new grave location.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.,
Chief, G.R.S.

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