

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BRAND 1683655 JOHN J.  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

PRIVATE Co. B. 305<sup>th</sup> INF.  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL SEPT. 16, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL

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

CHEMIN DES DAMES. SUD. - FIMES

MAP REFERENCE 291.42/4 - 204.17

GRAVE NUMBER

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? *yes* Cross? *no*  
Headboard? *no* Bottle? *no*

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? *yes*

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

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

REPORTED BY:  
DUNCAN H. BROWNE. CHAPLAIN. 305<sup>th</sup> INF.  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

BRAND, John, Joseph.-Pvt. 1683255  
740 Gorman Place  
New York N. Y.

on September 5th, 1918 one of the  
which the "Boche" were firing at us  
John Brand was at that moment.  
and John Brand told me that John  
ly and that the small pieces of  
only a few slight skins wounds  
two kilometers outside of Bloney  
ainless death.

Survivor: Peterson, Jonas P.-Cpl. 1697230  
Co. B. 305th. Inf.  
2472 Frisby Avenue  
Westchester  
New York City.

Co. B. 305th. Inf.  
77th. Division.

BRAND, John, Joseph.-Pvt. 1683255  
740 Gorman Place  
New York N. Y.

While we were advancing on September 5th, 1918 one of the many high explosive shells which the "Boche" were firing at us exploded near the place where John Brand was at that moment. The First Aid man who attended John Brand told me that John died of heart failure instantly and that the small pieces of shrapnel which hit him caused only a few slight skins wounds on his body. We were about two kilometers outside of Bloney Fismes where John Brand his painless death.

Informant: Peterson, Jonas P.-Cpl.1697230  
Co. B. 305th. Inf.  
2472 Frisby Avenue  
Westchester  
New York City.

Emergency address:  
Mrs. D. Brand  
206 Washington Ave.  
Rockaway Park N. Y.

EB.

G.R.S. Form #114-B

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FULL NAME... BRAND, John J. *Solley*

RANK... Private SERIAL... 1683655

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION... Company B, 305th Infantry *77th*

DATE OF DEATH... *Oct 5, 1918*

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

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED... *no rec.*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION.....	32	12	D.
	Date	Grave	Row
			Block

608

Cemetery

24/292/EYS

2 A. G. O.  
 JAN 22 1926  
 WORLD WAR DIV.

*Robert T. Davis,*  
 Major General,  
 The Adjutant General  
 by *H.*  
 JAN 26 1926

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12  
JAN 27 26  
M. & R. BRANCH  
O. O. M. G.

FISMES, MARNE

Place .....

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date..... MARCH 9, 1921

Brand, John J,

1683655

1. REMAINS OF..... Pvt. SERIAL NUMBER..... Co. B 305th Inf.

RANK..... ORGANIZATION.....

2. Disinterred (date): March 9, 1921 From (give complete location): Gr. 192 Sec. C Pt. 4

By: Group Avery Unit Section 7 AGRS.

3. Reburied (date): March 9, 1921 In (give complete location): Gr. 192 Sec. C Pt. 4

By: Group Avery Unit Sec. 7 Nature of reburial pine box & burlaps

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

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: Identified by cross only.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) do.

(c) Hair—Color do.

Quantity .....

Characteristics do.

(d) Hair on face—Color do.

Location..... do.

Quantity .....

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

Impossible to determine

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

One fibula, one tibula, and right foot missing

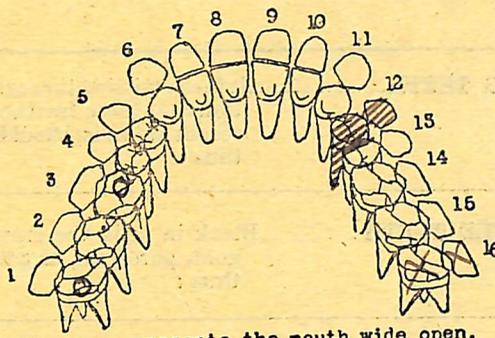
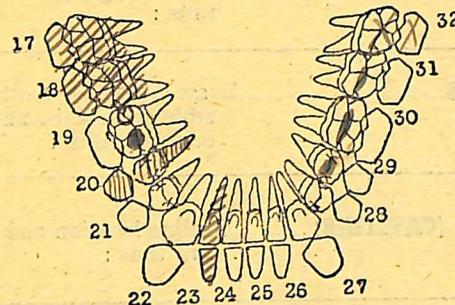


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



1 ca.; 3 cav.; 13 met. fill.; 16 uncut; 19 cav. & met. fill.; 29, 30 & 31 met. fill.; 32 not cut; 12, 17, 18, 20, 23 missing after death.

7. Disinterment supervised by H.S. Harpole 2nd Lt Q.M.C.

Approved: M.B. Birdseye 1st Lt Q.M.C. (Title)

8. Reburial supervised by H.S. Harpole 2nd Lt Q.M.C.

Approved: M.B. Birdseye 1st Lt Q.M.C. (Title)

JJO SCL.

Handwritten date 1/28/30 and initials A

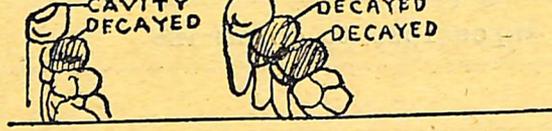
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METEOROLOGICAL DIVISION  
OCT 8 1921

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

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

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

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

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.

Brand, John J. 1,683,655 <sup>Dup.</sup> *ok* ✓  
(Surname.) (Christian name in full.) (Army serial number.)  
Pvt. Co. B, 305th Inf.  
(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased *Aunt*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? *yes*  
(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery? } *yes*  
(Yes or no.)

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

*M* (Name of person to receive remains.) *210 Fourth Street*  
(Express office.) (Telegraph office.) *N.Y.*

*Mrs J. Slavin*  
(Number and street.) (City or town.) (State.)

(Sign here) *366 - 5th Street -*

*Brooklyn N.Y.*  
(Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by sth

18781  
617-123

12-2-29-21

MS  
checked

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Brand John J</i>	<i>BRA</i>	3	<i>281</i>
	CEMETERY <i>608</i>	1	<i>2</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>32</i>	2	<i>32</i>
<i>Enl. 2-28-18</i>	ROW <i>12</i>	2	<i>12</i>
<i>21 yrs</i>	BLOCK <i>12</i>	1	<i>4</i>
STATE	<i>Ny</i>	2	<i>37</i>
RANK	<i>Pvt</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>77</i>	2	<i>77</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>305-</i>	3	<i>305</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Brand</i>	<i>BRA</i>	3	<i>281</i>
<i>Margaret</i>	STATE <i>Ny</i>	2	<i>37</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Queens</i>	2	<i>41</i>
<i>mother dead</i>	CITY <i>Richmond Hill</i>	3	<i>043</i> ✓
RELATION	<i>Step - mother</i>	1	<i>3</i>
OTHER	<i>Father</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Bad</i>	1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>no</i>	1	
<i>Age</i>			<i>62</i>

**AUDITED**

MAR 4 1922

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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Brand</i>	<i>Bra</i>	3	281
<i>John J.</i> BURIED	CEMETERY <i>608</i>	1	2
	GRAVE <i>32</i>	2	32
	ROW <i>12</i>	2	12
	BLOCK <i>11</i>	1	4
STATE	<i>N.Y.</i>	2	37
RANK	<i>priv.</i>	1	2
DIVISION	<i>77</i>	2	77
ORGANIZATION	<i>305</i>	3	305
ARM	<i>Inf.</i>	1	1
MARITAL	<i>No</i>	1	2
NAME <i>Brand, Mrs.</i>	<i>(S-M)</i>	3	
<i>Margaret</i> <i>117-18 123rd St.</i> RESIDENCE <i>Richmond Hill, N.Y.</i>	STATE	2	
	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Head</i>	1	6
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH			
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE 29/514		1	

AUDITED

MAR 4 1932

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Brand, John J. (OA) s

July 13, 1932.

Mrs. Margaret Brand,  
117 - 18 123rd St.,  
Richmond Hill, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

no.  
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Mrs Margaret Brand.



Nov 23/1931

Q 9, 293 a-M

John J Brand (O A) S M

Dear Sir. In reply to your  
Letter of November 18.

<sup>295</sup> Mrs Rose a Brand, Natural  
Mother of Private John J  
Brand. died July the 6 1901

Very truly yours

Margaret Brand ✓

117-18 12 St

Richmond Hill N Y



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Brand, John J. (OA) SM

September 29, 1931.

Mrs. Margaret Brand,  
117-18 123rd St.,  
Richmond Hill, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

In order that the records may be complete, 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 1932? <i>no</i>	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: <i>62</i> Health: <i>Poor</i>
3. Do you speak English? <i>Yes</i>	
4. What other language do you speak? <i>no</i>	<i>other</i>

Sign here

*Margaret Brand*

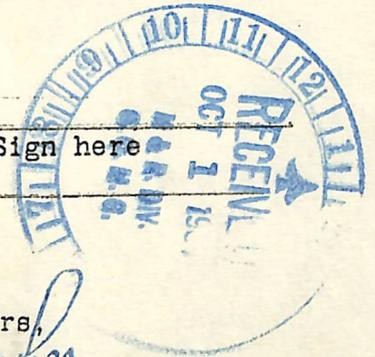
For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*A. D. Hughes*

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

Encl:  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Brand, John J    Pvt (OA) SM

July 8, 1931

Mrs. Margaret Brand,  
117 - 18, 123rd Street,  
Richmond Hill, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

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

QM 293 A-M  
Brand, John J. (QA)

March 21, 1932

Mrs. Margaret Brand,  
117-18 - 123rd Street,  
Richmond Hill, New York.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your stepson, the late Private John J. Brand.

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

Should you reconsider and desire to visit your son's grave this coming summer, it is requested that you so notify this office at the earliest practicable date. You are assured that not only will the pilgrimage be made at the expense of the Government, but everything possible will be provided for your comfort and welfare. D

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 OF THE ARMY  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~  
HOBOKEN, N.J.

JAN 27 1921

FROM: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. G.  
To: Mrs. D. Brand, ~~206 Washington Ave., Rockaway Park, New York.~~ *Union Ave, Aqueduct L.I.C.Y.*  
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. John J. Brand, Ser. No. 1683655, Co. B, 305th Inf.

The records of this office show that ~~you have requested that the body of the above named Mrs. J. Slavin, aunt, 366 5th St., Brooklyn, N. Y., has requested that his body be returned to the U.S. and shipped to her at 210 Fourth St., Brooklyn, N. Y.~~ *Remain in Europe*

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

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

If all blank spaces below are not filled out, it will necessitate a return of this paper and a SERIOUS DELAY in the shipment of this body. State in each case WHETHER or not these relatives are STILL LIVING.

Was soldier married? *no*

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow	<i>noted 7/17/21</i>		
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Father	<i>David Brand Union ave</i>		<i>NY</i>
Mother	<i>Dead Aqueduct</i>		
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1	<i>19-99 Eltson</i>	
	2	<i>ave Bronx</i>	
	3	<i>New York</i>	
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2	<i>Agnes Brand</i>	
	3		

Date *February 7-19-21*

Signature *David Brand*

Address

Relationship *Father*

I, the undersigned, am the \_\_\_\_\_ and nearest living next of kin of the within-named soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz: *To reexamine where he Died*  
(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to \_\_\_\_\_ (Name.)

(R. R. station.)

(State.)

3. To be returned to the U. S. and buried in \_\_\_\_\_ National Cemetery.

4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery. *Yes*

Signature *David Brand*

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.**

1. If definite instructions for the disposition of a body are not received from the next of kin within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.

2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.

3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT OF KIN IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.

4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest next of kin in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.

5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.

6. If YOU are not the nearest next of kin, please ask the nearest next of kin, if living near you, to fill out this paper.

7. If YOU are not the nearest living next of kin and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.

8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.

9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
CORRESPONDENCE BRANCH

NOTE.—INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DISPOSITION OF REMAINS will be issued by this office upon the properly executed authority of the legal next of kin in each case. The widow is the first person having disposition of the remains of her husband. Should there be no widow or children, the father and, in turn (upon his decease), the mother, is the proper authority. The brothers, in order of seniority, and then the sisters in order of seniority, if there are no brothers, next in authority to decide. Under an opinion rendered by the Judge Advocate General of the Army, if a widow has remarried she forfeits her right, and the next of kin as given above will make decision.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 6, 1930.

**Brand, John J. - 608 SM**

**Mrs. Margaret Brand,  
117-18 - 125rd St.,  
Richmond Hill, N. Y.**

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.

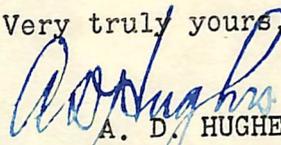
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank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

Margaret Brand

(Sign here)

no.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Brand, John J. 608-SM

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Margaret Brand,  
117-18 123rd St.,  
Richmond Hill, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

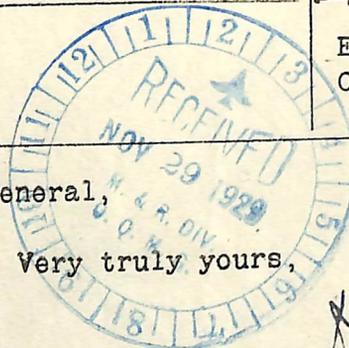
1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No) <i>no</i>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No) <i>no</i>
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	(No) <i>no</i>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <i>61</i> (Years)	Health (Good) <i>Poor</i> (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <i>yes</i> (No) Other language (Specify language spoken)	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Brand, John J.  
608

November 6, 1929.

Mrs. Margaret Brand,  
117-18 123rd Street,  
Richmond, Hill, N. Y.

*10-7-1929*  
*sent 11-22-29*

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, enabling the mothers and widows of the members of the military and naval forces of the United States now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries.

The records of this office indicate that you were the step-mother of the late Private John J. Brand, and in order to determine your eligibility under the Act to make the pilgrimage to his grave it will be appreciated if you will furnish the following information:

- (1) Date of your marriage to the father of Private Brand.
- (2) Were you married to Mr. Brand at the time his son entered the military service?
- (3) Were you married to Mr. Brand at the time of his son's death?

*February 4, 1906*

*Yes*

*Yes*

For the Quartermaster General.

*Mrs Margaret Brand*

Very truly yours,

*A. D. Hughes*  
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  
Brand, John J.

July 30, 1929.

Mr. David Brand,  
117 - 18 123rd St.,  
Richmond Hill, N. Y.

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 Private, John J. Brand, Co. B, 305th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return 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?

*No*

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. 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.

*Stepmother  
Margaret Brand  
117-18 123rd St*

*Richmond Hill*

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4. Does she desire to make the pilgrimage?

*No  
David Brand*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 21, 1929.

Brand, John J.

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Mrs. David Brand,  
Union Ave.,  
Aqueduct, Long Island,  
N.Y.

Father: David Brand,  
117 - 18 123rd St.,  
Richmond Hill, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private, John J. Brand, Co. B, 305th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Envelope.

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



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Brand, John J. (OA) 5

July 13, 1932.

Mrs. Margaret Brand,  
117 - 18 125rd St.,  
Richmond Hill, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

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

QM 293 A-M  
Brand, John J. (OA)

March 21, 1932

Mrs. Margaret Brand,  
117-18 - 123rd Street,  
Richmond Hill, New York.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your stepson, the late Private John J. Brand.

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

Should you reconsider and desire to visit your son's grave this coming summer, it is requested that you so notify this office at the earliest practicable date. You are assured that not only will the pilgrimage be made at the expense of the Government, but everything possible will be provided for your comfort and welfare.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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November 18, 1931.

QM 293 A-M

Brand, John J. (OA) SM

Mrs. Margaret Brand,  
117-18 123rd Street,  
Richmond Hill, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested you advise as to whether or not the late Private John J. Brand is survived by his natural mother, and if so, kindly furnish her name and address.

For your convenience in replying there is enclosed a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Brand, John J. (OA) SM

September 29, 1931.

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Mrs. Margaret Brand,  
117-18 123rd St.,  
Richmond Hill, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

In order that the records may be complete, 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 1932?	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Brand, John J Pvt (OA) SM

July 8, 1931

Mrs. Margaret Brand,  
117 - 16, 123rd Street,  
Richmond Hill, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 6, 1930.

Brand, John J. - 608 SM

Mrs. Margaret Brand,  
117-13 - 123rd St.,  
Richmond Hill, N. Y.

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  
Brand, John J.  
608

November 6, 1929.

Mrs. Margaret Brand,  
117-18 123rd Street,  
Richmond Hill, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, enabling the mothers and widows of the members of the military and naval forces of the United States now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries.

The records of this office indicate that you were the step-mother of the late Private John J. Brand, and in order to determine your eligibility under the Act to make the pilgrimage to his grave it will be appreciated if you will furnish the following information:

- (1) Date of your marriage to the father of Private Brand.
- (2) Were you married to Mr. Brand at the time his son entered the military service?
- (3) Were you married to Mr. Brand at the time of his son's death?

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

October 7, 1929.

Brand, John J. 600-SM

Mrs. Margaret Brand,  
117-18th St.,  
Richmond Hill, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Brand, John J.

July 30, 1929.

Mr. David Brand,  
117 - 18 123rd St.,  
Richmond Hill, N. Y.

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 **Private, John J. Brand, Co. B, 305th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.**

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

Write answers in space below:

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|--|--|
| 1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried?  |  |
| 2. If so, give her complete address.   |  |
| 3. 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. |  |
| 4. Does she desire to make the pilgrimage?   |  |

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 21, 1929.

Brand, John J.

Mrs. David Brand,  
Union Ave.,  
Aqueduct, Long Island,  
N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private, John J. Brand, Co. B, 305th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C

BRAND, John J. - Pvt.

November 15, 1924

Mr. David Brand,  
Union Ave., Aqueduct,  
Long Island, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

R.P. HARBOLD,  
Major, Q.M.G.  
Assistant.

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Record card.

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Place Chery Chartreuve (Aisne)

Date May 18, 1919

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name John J. Brand

Number: None

Rank: Pvt.

Organization: Co. B 305th Inf.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group I Unit 304

Disinterred (Date) May 18, 1919 From: (Give complete location)

From Grave #1 Sketch #243-Forsberg

34NW E204.30 N291.35

*Inquest*

Reburied (Date) May 18, 1919 in: (Give complete location)

(617)

Grave #192 Section C Cemetery #18 Fismes (Marne)

Map #34 Reims S.W. 286.25 N 205.75 E

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

Buried 2 feet deep-- Body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? No Tags

What other means of identification were found upon the body?

Identified by name on cross, and letters found on body

Note:

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

Supervised by Mech. R.L. Williams

1st. Lieut. Oscar W. Forsberg

C.O. Group 1 Unit 304

CONFIDENTIAL No. 20103

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# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 47781

## I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BRAND, John J. Ser. No. 1683#55  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. B. 305th Inf. TYP. EK  
 (c) Date of death 10/5/18 (d) Cause of death K/A CKR. gd

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

(a) Grave No. 192 Row -- Plot 4 Sec. C TYP. EK  
*St. R. gives: Mr. Richard Aloysius Brand (brother) 2750 3rd Ave. Bronx*  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. D. Brand (mother) 206 Washington Ave., (12-11) N. Y.  
Rockaway Park, New York.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases --- CKR. gd

## IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt None

(a) Name Mrs. Slavin (b) Relationship Aunt  
 (c) Address 366-5 St. Brooklyn, N.Y.  
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? yes  
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at \_\_\_\_\_  
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. name & address  
omitted.  
Exp + Tele - 210 North St, Brooklyn, N.Y.  
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. \_\_\_\_\_

Examiner's Initials SH Date 12-1, 1920.

## V. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_  
 confirming request in Par. IV., item \_\_\_\_\_, above, or requesting that  
no correspondence

Examiner's Initials SH Date 12-1, 1920.

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes all

Examiner's Initials SH Date 12-1, 1920.

COUNTRY France

CEMETERY No. 617

SHEET No. 123

Make Form No. \_\_\_\_\_

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

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FORM 115 A COMPLETED  
JAN 18 1921

all

Received 3/30/21

Checked 12-14

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 1920. RECEIVED.

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on 12/22, 1920

*Par. # 2. Not to be returned. (P)*

IX. CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE.	ACTION TAKEN.
Desires body be _____	
Body to be shipped to _____	

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: 2/7/21- Mr. David Brand (father) n.k., Union Av. Aqueduct, Long Island, New York, wishes body to remain in Europe. H-2/19/21-jt

**FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN TO REMAIN IN EUROPE**

**MAR 5 1921 718**



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Jan. 27, 1922.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BRAND, John J.  
2. No. 1683655  
3. Rank Pvt.  
4. Org. Co. B 305th Inf.  
5. D.D. Oct. 5 1918  
6. C.D. KIA

10. Name None  
11. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_  
14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) D.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 192 Sec. C  
8. Plot 4 Row \_\_\_\_\_  
9. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
17. No disc.

18. Cemetery American  
20. Dept. or County Marne  
22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 617

19. Commune or town Fismes  
21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) Jan. 27, 1922.

By Roy M. Perry

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Brand, John J.  
Rank Pvt.

Serial No. 1683655  
Organization Co. B. 305th Inf.

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

R. L. de Montozon  
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

R.L. de Montozon

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).

Bottle record agrees with Form

27. Condition of body Entirely decomposed. Features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial wooden box and burlap.

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 Jan. 27, 1922 By Roy M. Perry

31. Casket sealed by Roy M. Perry

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

Roy M. Perry  
Roy M. Perry

RECEIVED BY  
1226-3-22

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-22866

32. Designation of body:

Name John J. BRAND Serial No. 1683655

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. B. 305th Inf.

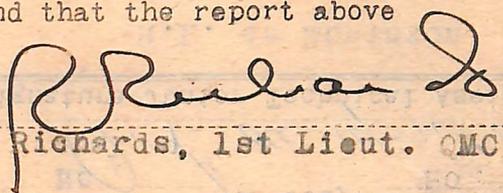
33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne Amer.#608, Seringes-et-Nesles,Aisne

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Jan. 27, 1922. By Roy M. Perry

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. Richards, 1st Lieut. OMC

36. Remarks None

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

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

(Name)

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

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

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

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_

To Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne Amer.Cty. 608 SERINGES-et-NESLES,Aisne

(Name)

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

R. Richards, 1st Lt. OMC

40. Received: Date FEB 1 1922

G.R.S. Representative R. M. Wood

41. Reinterred: Aug. 14, 1922, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes et Nesles (Aisne)

(Date)

42. Grave No. 32 Section ----

43. ~~Prot~~ BLOCK D Row 12

G.R.S. Representative



C. J. Blake,  
Capt., OMC.

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# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF Brand, John J. SERIAL NUMBER 1683655  
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. B. 305th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Jan. 27, 1922. From (give complete location): Gr. 192. Sec. C. Plot 4. Cty. 617.  
By: Group 5 Unit F.S. #7.

3. Reburied (date): Aug. 14, 1922 In (give complete location): Gr. 32, Block D, Row 12, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes et Nesles (Aisne)  
By: Group re-burial group Unit ----- Nature of reburial lined casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :  
Entirely decomposed. Features unrecognizable. Wooden box and burlap

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

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

Bottle record agrees with Form

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

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

(b) Weigh, (estimated) \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Hair—Color \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Characteristics \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Hair on face—Color \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

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

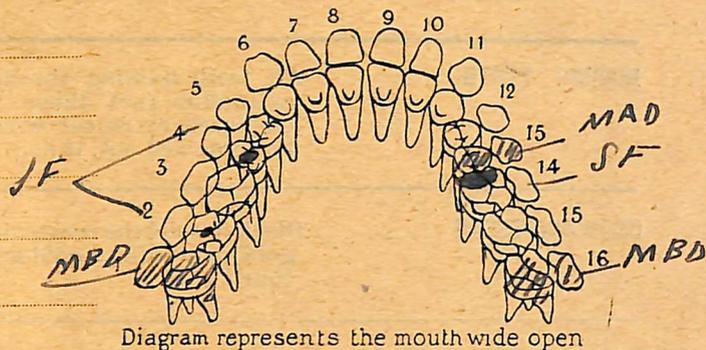
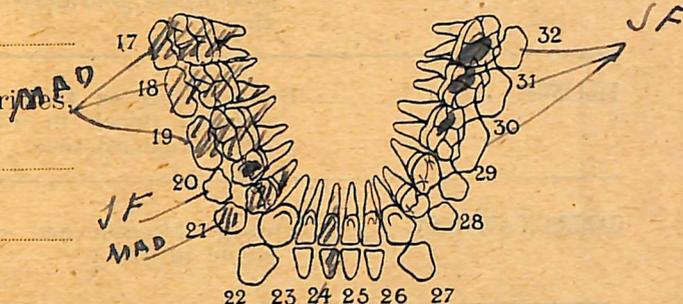


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



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

Left tibia and fibula missing. Left clavicle missing.

7. Disinterment supervised by Roy M. Perry

Approved; R. Richards  
(Title) 1st Lieut. OMC.

8. Reburial supervised by L. B. Hays

Approved: G. J. Blake  
(Title) Capt., OMC.

## 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 :



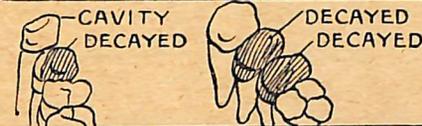
**BRIDGE WORK**..... Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus :



**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.



March 2, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Gen.Div.Cor.Br.  
(BRAND, John J.)

Mr. David Brand,  
Union Avenue,  
Aqueduct, L.I., N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt of shipping inquiry dated February 7th, 1921, relative to the remains of your son, the late Private John J. Brand, serial number 1683655, Company B, 305th Infantry, is acknowledged.

Instructions have been issued that your request to have the remains left in France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery be complied with. You are assured that the grave site will always be maintained as a fitting memorial of the late soldier's sacrifice.

The Department desires to convey to you renewed assurance of its sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q.M.C.,  
Officer in Charge.

*gnd*  
MAILED

BY:

MAR 4 1921

F. C. PALLAS,  
Executive Assistant.

COF BR. C. F. S.  
ff/cmw



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 DISTRICT OFFICE  
 W. B. ...

BY MEMORANDUM OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
 CONCERNING THE MATTER OF THE ...  
 THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT ...  
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 THE MATTER OF THE ...

Very truly yours,  
 W. B. ...

(SEVEN) FORM 1-1  
 W. B. ...

MAR 6 1921

Harlow C.W. *CSH* OF E OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER CEMETERY NO. DATE

Brand, John J. Pvt. 617 - 123 Dec. 2, 1920

SERIAL NUMBER ORGANIZATION

<sup>6</sup>  
1683255

*Adjustment Made*

*DEC 23 1920*

*47781*

Co. B. 305th Inf.

Date of death - 10-5-18

**FILE**

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

*Original attached to 2. 115*  
*12-11-20 "M"*

DATE 12/7/20

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP *Brother*

*Mr. Richard Aloysius Brand*

Address

*2950 3rd Ave. Bronx, N. Y.*

3709/1B

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ADDRESS REPLY TO

-----Division  
DIRECTOR OF STORAGE  
MUNITIONS BUILDING

WAR DEPARTMENT  
PURCHASE, STORAGE, AND TRAFFIC DIVISION  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE  
WASHINGTON

No:

From:

To:

Subject:

WAR DEPARTMENT  
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington.

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-0

Information requested of A.G.O.

Date Dec. 11, 1920

File No. *47781* Registration.

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed. Request confirmation of all information shown.

- a. Surname <sup>OK</sup> Brand
- b. Christian name <sup>OK</sup> John J.
- c. Serial Number <sup>OK</sup> 1683255 or 1683655
- d. Organization <sup>OK</sup> Co. B. 305th Inf.
- e. Rank <sup>OK</sup> Pvt.
- f. Date of death <sup>OK</sup> 10-5-18
- g. Cause of death <sup>OK</sup> K/A
- h. Authority (C.C.#)
- i. Emergency address
- j. Relationship

*m*  
*1683655*

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age of enlistment
- b. Color of eyes
- c. Color of hair
- d. Height
- e. Weight
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

DENTAL CHARTS

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

- a. Strike out teeth missing
- |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |   |            |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-------------|---|---|---|---|------------|---|
| 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2           | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7          | 8 |
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| 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2           | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7          | 8 |
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**FILE**

*Donnelly - M. R. - C.P.S.  
W. W. D. - Wgt - 3 - 12/13/20*

H. L. ROGERS,  
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.,

BY:

*H. J. Connor*  
H. J. CONNOR, N  
1st Lieut O.M.C.

CEMETERY NO: 617

SHEET NO: 123

TYPED BY: FED

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Date: 12 13 20

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Information (see enclosure for details)  
Subject dated 12/13/20  
The following information was

- 1. Name
- 2. Address
- 3. Date of birth
- 4. Date of issue
- 5. Date of expiration

(See page 2 of this document for details)  
NOVA REGISTRATION

- 1. Name
- 2. Organization
- 3. State of issue
- 4. Date of issue
- 5. Date of expiration

Information (see enclosure for details)  
Subject dated 12/13/20  
The following information was

(See page 2 of this document for details)  
NOVA REGISTRATION

- 1. Name
- 2. Organization
- 3. State of issue
- 4. Date of issue
- 5. Date of expiration

Information (see enclosure for details)

The following information was obtained from the records of the

1. Name

2. Address

3. Date of issue

4. Date of expiration

5. Date of issue

NOVA REGISTRATION

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Information (see enclosure for details)

File #

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Nov. 17, 1919

Research Section.

Card Dept.

G.R.S Form No. 8-W; Central Records Liaison.

FILE 1186

Memo For: G.R.S. representative, C.R.O.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

1. Items checked are to be completed:

- ✓ Surname: Brand
- ✓ Number: 1683655
- ✓ First name: John Joseph.
- ✓ Rank: Private
- ✓ Company: B.
- ✓ Organization: 305th Inf.
- ✓ Date of death: Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> 1918
- ✓ Cause: *K/a*
- Place: *K/a*

Location of hospital:

Number " "  
Class " "

✓ Emergency address *Mrs. D. Brand*  
*206. Washington Ave;*  
 ✓ Relationship: *mother.* *Rockaway Park*  
*New York*

Authority:  
 Cablegram No:  
 Telegram from:

dated:

Reported to Washington:

✓ C.C.Nos. *c.c. #306*

(Underscore the "official" C.C.)

Remarks:

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

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Form 1-A shows:  
Subject: Information received from  
Cemetery #C-584,  
Grave # Isolated

FILE

1. Items checked are to be completed:

Service: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
First name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of death: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cause: \_\_\_\_\_  
Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of hospital: \_\_\_\_\_

Number " " \_\_\_\_\_  
Class " " \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency address \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Authority: \_\_\_\_\_  
Certificate No: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Reported to Washington: \_\_\_\_\_

C.C. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

CHARLES C. FISHER  
Colonel, U.S.A.

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

March 6, 1919.

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.  
James D. Williams, Captain, Headquarters 305th Infantry, American E.F.

TO: Private John J. Brand, Co. B., 305th Infantry.

SUBJECT:

In reply to your letter of inquiry, with reference to the  
regretted death of this soldier, according to the records at these head-  
quarters he is buried in the COMMUNE of Longueval, in the DEPARTMENT of  
the Aisne. This information has not as yet been confirmed by my in-  
specting officers, but there is very little doubt that the burial took  
place in the commune above named.

By direction

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

Per MAURICE B. DIX  
Captain, American Red Cross  
Representative assigned to  
Graves Registration Service.

MBD/in.

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BRAND 1683655 JOHN. J.  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

PRIVATE Co B 305th INF  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL SEPT. 16, 1918.

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

CHEMIN DES DAMES - FISMES  
MAP REFERENCE 291.42.4 - 204.17

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:

CMME. Longueval (disine)  
(C-584 337.2. COORD SE-204.87  
N-291.425  
approf  
291.425

REPORTED BY: PUNCAH. BROWNE. CHAPLAIN. 305th INF.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

This portion to be sent to Chief of Graves Registration Service

*Handwritten scribble or signature*

Communal List No. 483-584  
Daily Report No. \_\_\_\_\_

47781

Headquarters 305th Infantry  
American E.F. January 23, 1919

Memorandum to Chief, Graves Registration Service,  
A. P. O. 717

Re. Pvt. John J. Brand #1683655 formerly Co. B 305th Inf.

Please advise whether or not you can verify burial of this soldier giving, if possible, the grave location, so that we can make reply to inquiry we have received concerning same.

M/B

2/1/19.

*James D. Williams*  
James D. Williams  
Captain 305th Infantry  
Personnel Adjutant.

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