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To The A. G. O.

Apr 27 1926

5085

DATE 12/2/21.

1395179

1. NAME BRASSEL, John R

SERIAL No.

RANK Pvt

Hq Horse Bn 108th Amm Trn

ORGANIZATION

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne-s-Montfaucon 1233 Sec. 32

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

113

Sec. 32

3

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

BAC 6

Very

Meuse

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES

35SE

275N

305.6E

CONCENTRATED TO

4/28/19

113

Sec 32

3

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

Meuse Argonne

1233

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on body

data f-1/pfb

DATE OF DEATH

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

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

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION

12/2/21.

5

36

C.

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

Block 1001

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

CEMETERY

A. G. O.

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AUDITED BY

B.W. 3-27-23.

MAY 4 - 1926

APR 30 1926

WORLD WAR DIV.



## 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.





## GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Brassell 1395179 John D  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Wagoner 108 Army Train  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL Oct 8-18

PLACE OF BURIAL 500 yds SW of Very

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

50 yds SE of Very Cleppy Road  
Dept Meuse

GRAVE NUMBER 18

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? Yes

Headboard? Bottle? Yes

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: Yes

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:

John D Chaffin 108 Army Train  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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



Place NEUCHÂTEAUDate 3rd June 1919REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: BRASSEL, John R.Number: 1395179Rank: UnknOrganization: Unkn

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

28th April 1919B/A Cemetery Grave No 6VERY, MEUSE. 35SE 305.6E 275.N

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

28th April 1919Grave No 113 Sec 32 Plot 3Argonne American Cemetery #1232ROMAGNE, MEUSE.1232

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

Buried in uniform and blanket, body badly decomposed, burial good.Was one identification tag found upon the body? YesWhat other means of identification were found on the body? None11014  
11014

Note:

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

Supervised by: Lt GrantR. H. ROSENTHAL2nd Lieut. Q.M.C.U.S.A  
C.O. Group Unit



Supervised by: T. Quinn

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O.O. Group  
Sgt. Lieut. O.M.C.U. 24

F. H. ROSENTHAL

whereof will be made and reported to Chief. Graves Registration Service.  
after being carefully examined for clues to identity. It is recommended that the body be sent to the Effects Depot direct as is required by O.O. 11014.

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon body, the body should be reported to the Effects Depot.



What other means of identification were found on the body? One  
Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

During in uniform and disinterment body badly decomposed, parts of body.  
Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:

South Hill 1819

Graves American Cemetery 1835

Reburied (Date)

In: (Give complete location)

VERY HIGH 2225 205.03 SLS.1

South Hill 1819

Graves American Cemetery 1835

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Rank: Private

Organization: Unit

Name: BRADSHAW, John E.

Number: 1335119

Remains of:

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.



*Brassell, John R.*  
**CENTRAL PASSENGER ASSOCIATION** *Pot.*

**TRANSPORTATION BUILDING**  
HARRISON AND DEARBORN STREETS

**CHICAGO, ILL.**

C. A. FOX, CHAIRMAN  
R. E. PEPPER, SECRETARY

FILE NO.

SAILING FROM NEW YORK JULY 9, 1930

S. S. HARDING

No. 402

Name        Mrs Rose H Brassell (K-3)  
Address     8034 Drexel Ave.  
From        Chicago, Ill.            To New York and return

Going Route

NYC    to    New York

Return same route

Train Schedule to New York

|              |          |         |        |
|--------------|----------|---------|--------|
| Lv. Chicago  | 10:35 AM | No. 10  | July 7 |
| Ar. New York | 3:45 PM  | No. 142 | July 8 |

Sleeping car from Chicago to New York

Elapsed time 29 Hrs 10 Min

11/4

H6H



Brassel, John R

Party "K" - Itinerary - Meuse-Argonne Group

- Sailed July 9, 1930 on PRESIDENT HARDING. Captain William Hesketh in charge. Lt. Col. H. S. Grier observer. Arrived Cherbourg 12.20am July 17th. Special tender arrived 5.25am bearing Maj. Dailey and Kinderman; Capt. Mitchell, Haley, Earnest, Dalton, Conway and Stark; Lts. Freeman and Binns, 3 nurses; 3 civilian employees. Train left 8.29am; arrived Gare des Invalides, Paris, 2.21pm. Met by Col. Ellis and members of his staff, interpreters and nurses. Taken in bus to hotel.
- July 18th. Morning devoted to transaction of personal business. Exchange of money, preparation of laundry, etc. Afternoon-Arc de Triomphe. Wreath laid by Mrs. Fitzsimmons for party. Tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent. Dinner at hotel.
- July 19th. Departed 7.15am for Verdun via Montmirail, Chalons s/Marne (lunch Hotel Maute-Mere-Dieu), Ste. Menhoult (rest stop Modern Hotel). Arrived 6.15pm.
- July 20th, 21st, 22nd. Daily trips made from Verdun to the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery.
- July 23rd. Left Verdun 9.15am for Reims. Lunch at Cemetery. Left 2pm via Charpentry, Argonne Forest, Four-de-Paris, Vienne-le-Chateau, Vienne-la-Ville, Somme-Bionne. Rest stop Hotel Champagne at Suippes. Jonchery, St. Hilaire-le-Grand. Arrived Reims 6.00pm. Quarters Hotel Bristol Crystal.
- July 24th. Visited Cathedral and Reims. Lunch Hotel Crystal. Departed 1.30pm for Paris via Champfleury, Ay, Epernay, Dormans, Chateau Thierry (rest stop Hostellerie du Bonhomme) Belleau Woods, Le Thiolet, Montreuil-aux-Lions, La Ferte-sous-Jouarre. Arrived Paris 6.45pm. Dinner at hotel.
- July 25th. Free or shopping. Lunch at hotel. Sightseeing trip - Notre Dame. Dinner at hotel.
- July 26th. Visited Louvre. Lunch at hotel. Sightseeing trip - Napoleon's Tomb. Dinner at hotel.
- July 27th. Free or Church. Lunch at hotel. Sacre Coeur. Dinner at hotel. Sightseeing trip at nite.
- July 28th. Fontainebleau via Barbizon. Lunch Hotel Legris. Visited Chateau. Departed 4pm via Melun for Paris. Arrived 6.30pm. Dinner at hotel.
- July 29th. Boat train for Cherbourg. Left 9.22am. Arrived 3.32pm. PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT sailed about 6.25pm. Arrived New York August 6th.

Mrs. Rose H. Brassel



June 19th, 1930.

Mrs. Rose H. Brassel,  
8034 Drexel Avenue,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

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

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

For the Officer in Charge:

Arrived N.Y. 3:45 PM July 7  
Train 142 - N.Y.C.R.R.  
Capt Cinters

George F. B. Taylor.  
1st. Lieut., Q.M. Corps.  
Assistant.

Enclosures:  
2 tags.

Quarters: Mrs Gertrude Healey

2 bags



WAR DEPARTMENT  
 "PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"  
 ROOM 901  
 225 WEST 34TH ST., NEW YORK, N. Y.

BRASSEL, John R. — M.A.

Party K  
 Number 1932

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

MRS ROSE H. BRASSEL ..... Actual cost of through Pullman.  
 Name of Traveler

CHICAGO, COOK COUNTY ..... New York, to CHICAGO, ILL.  
 Home Address

ILLINOIS ..... \$ 9.00

New York, to CHICAGO ILL .....  
 Destination

Via N.Y.C. to destination

Ticket expires- Sept. 5, 1930 ± Aug. 7, 1930

Date of Departure

|    | Road            | Tr. No. | Date | Time | Lower or Seat | Car | U. S. G. Order No. | Actual Cost |
|----|-----------------|---------|------|------|---------------|-----|--------------------|-------------|
| LV | Grand Cent. NYC | 7       | 8/7  | 2041 | De            |     |                    |             |
| AR | Chicago Ill.    |         | 8/8  | 4581 |               |     | WQ-1022-920        | 9.00        |
| LV |                 |         |      |      |               |     |                    |             |
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| AR |                 |         |      |      |               |     |                    |             |

TOTAL .....

Remarks:

Lt Young



Name..... BRASSEL, Mrs. Rose H.

Paris Hôtel..... HOTEL AMBASSADOR

BOULEVARD HAUSSMANN

Home address..... 8034 Drexel Ave., Chicago Cook Co., Illinois.

Party..... K..... Group I..... Unit ~~33~~. HARDING"

Date of arrival..... July 17, 1930..... Date of departure ~~33~~. ROOSEVELT" July 29, 1930.

Relationship..... Widow

Name of deceased..... BRASSEL, John R.

Rank..... Pvt..... Organization..... Hq.Co., H.Bn., 108 Amm Tn.

Cemetery..... Meuse-Argonne



REMARKS



Rose H. Bracey



NAME BRASSEL, MRS. ROSE H.

S.S. ROOSEVELT

1932

HOME CHICAGO, COOK COUNTY, ILL.

R.R. N Y C to dist

STATION

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE ~~AUG~~ 6 1930

Sept 5-30

Lawrence Brussel.

8034 Dwyer  
Ave

Chi



VIA WESTERN UNION

A. J. FUNK  
Captain, Inf. (DOL)

August 6, 1930

Mr. Lawrence J. Brassel  
8034 Drexel Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

YOUR MOTHER ARRIVED SAFE AND WELL WILL ARRIVE AT 4:58 P. M. PLEASE  
MEET HER AT INGLEWOOD

COLONEL WILLIAMS

MRS. ROSE BRASSEL PARTY K HOTEL ASTOR



These are names of graves located while we were on battlefield Dec. 3-23, 1918  
( submitted by Chap. Calvin S. Smith.)

200 yds from Very. By Very-Cheppy road.

|                                    |         |                     |             |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------------------|-------------|
| Frank Blaschka                     | 27513 8 |                     |             |
| John Moschnska                     | 279411  |                     |             |
| Alfred D. Klingman                 |         | E 362               |             |
| Lyd W. Brooks,                     | 3126805 |                     |             |
| Harry Schiels                      | 273306  |                     |             |
| John R. Braswell                   | 1295179 | . 108 Am. Train.    |             |
| Oliver G. Ward                     | 1395079 | Sgt . 108 Am. Train |             |
| McShane, John G.                   | 1395170 | Sgt 108 Am/ Tr.     |             |
| Drennen Merritt                    | 2867460 |                     |             |
| Ira L. Payne                       | 3167370 |                     |             |
| John T. Phillips                   | 3126467 |                     |             |
| Richard Vrbanchek                  | 1634128 |                     |             |
| Samuel L. Catlin                   |         | 64 Co. B, 3 2 D.    | 121 M.G.Bn. |
| Harry A. Chamberlain               | 285365  | or 285865           |             |
| George F. Buckner                  | 256662  |                     |             |
| Henry Lanson                       |         | Sgt                 |             |
| George S. Simington                | 2294083 | K 361               |             |
| Walter S. Archer                   | 3192913 | C 316 Eng           |             |
| Joseph Carretto                    | 2780908 | A 362               |             |
| Leslie Deliahant                   |         | 122 F.              | A. Hq.      |
| John Hall                          | 2267069 |                     |             |
| Harley A. Reeser                   | 269489  | Sgt                 |             |
| Joseph R. Larm                     | 3260306 |                     |             |
| Henry Lawson, or Larson or Lanson, |         | Corp.               |             |

793 Bet Braswell John R

D.O.O.

file  
3/27/33  
K

CROSS INDEX



## CODE SLIP

| HEADING                     | SUB-HEADING           | NO. OF COLS | CODE         |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------------|
| NAME <i>Brassel, John R</i> | <i>B Ra</i>           | 3           | <i>2 8 1</i> |
|                             | CEMETERY <i>1232</i>  | 1           | <i>1</i>     |
| BURIED                      | GRAVE <i>5</i>        | 2           | <i>05</i>    |
|                             | ROW <i>36</i>         | 2           | <i>36</i>    |
|                             | BLOCK <i>C</i>        | 1           | <i>3</i>     |
| STATE                       | <i>Illinois</i>       | 2           | <i>13</i>    |
| RANK                        | <i>Pat</i>            | 1           | <i>2</i>     |
| DIVISION                    | <i>33</i>             | 2           | <i>33</i>    |
| ORGANIZATION                | <i>108</i>            | 3           | <i>108</i>   |
| ARM                         | <i>Arm. Trn</i>       | 1           | <i>8</i>     |
| MARTIAL                     | <i>yes</i>            | 1           | <i>1</i>     |
| NAME <i>Brassel</i>         | <i>B Ra</i>           | 3           | <i>2 8 1</i> |
| <i>Mrs. Rose Hassett</i>    | STATE <i>Illinois</i> | 2           | <i>13</i>    |
| RESIDENCE                   | COUNTY <i>Cook</i>    | 2           | <i>16</i>    |
| <i>(Mother dead)</i>        | CITY <i>Chicago</i>   | 3           | <i>028</i>   |
| RELATION <i>9/18/31</i>     | <i>Widow</i>          | 1           | <i>5</i>     |
| OTHER                       |                       | 1           |              |
| ELIGIBILITY                 | <i>yes</i>            | 1           | <i>1</i>     |
| NATIVITY                    |                       | 1           |              |
| RACE                        |                       | 1           |              |
| ENGLISH                     | <i>yes</i>            | 1           | <i>1</i>     |
| ATTENDANT                   |                       | 1           |              |
| HEALTH                      | <i>Good</i>           | 1           | <i>1</i>     |
| NO. OF SONS                 |                       | 1           |              |
| DATE OF                     | MO.                   | 1           |              |
| TRIP                        | YR.                   | 1           |              |
| ACCEPTANCE                  | <i>yes</i>            | 1           | <i>1</i>     |
| 29/514/PJ                   | <i>agz</i>            |             | <i>38</i>    |

*Andert*  
OCT 12 1931  
*MB*



QM 293 A-M

Brassel, John R. 1232-W

August 16, 1930.

Mrs. Rose H. Brassel,  
8034 Drexel Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

The testimonial dated August 2nd to the Officer in Charge, Gold Star Pilgrimage, New York City, which you and the other mothers and widows returning on the SS "President Roosevelt" were so kind as to send regarding your pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, has been forwarded to me.

It is gratifying to know that the officers of the Army and the personnel connected with the pilgrimage rendered such courteous and efficient service. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages and has expended every effort that those making the journey might have a comfortable and pleasant trip. I feel, however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation shown by the mothers and widows who are making the pilgrimage.

With sincere appreciation of the sentiments expressed by you,

Sincerely yours,

J. L. DeWITT,  
Major General,  
The Quartermaster General.

RES  
JTH  
WRG

RS

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K  
NAME Brassel, Mrs Rose H.

ADDRESS ~~8034 Drexel Ave., Chicago, Ill.~~

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

TO: OFFICER-IN-CHARGE,  
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

I BEG TO INFORM YOU THAT I HAVE RETURNED  
TO MY HOME SAFELY AND IN GOOD HEALTH.

SINCERELY,

(SIGNED) Mrs. Rose H. Brassel.

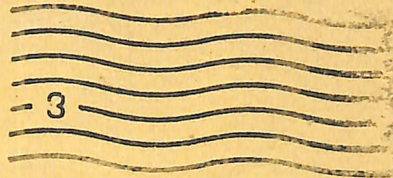


WAR DEPARTMENT

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300.



PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.



STATE

Brassel, John R.

ILLINOIS

W

NAME ..... Brassel, Mrs. Rose H. HOME ADDRESS ..... 8034 Drexel Ave.  
 Chicago, Cook County

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN ..... Lawrence Brassel, same

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE ..... July 8 HOTEL ..... Roosevelt ROOM NO. 550

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE ..... JUL 9 1930 VESSEL ..... S/S HARDING CABIN NO. 204 B

DESTINATION ..... CHERBOURG CEMETERY ..... M. A.



RETURN NEW YORKDATE AUG 6 1930

NAME ..... BRASSEL, MRS. ROSE H. ..... HOME ADDRESS ..... 8034 DREXEL AVE.,  
CHICAGO, COOK CO.  
ILLINOIS.

RETURN ON S. S. S/S ROOSEVELT ..... HOTEL ASTOR ..... ROOM NO. 29 ✓

DEPARTURE NEW YORKDATE AUG 7 1930

ROAD Emp ..... TRAIN 7 ..... CAR 182 ..... BERTH or SEAT L2 .....

REMARKS .....

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*Dore H. Bessie*  
(Signature or name of addressee.)

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Date of delivery,

*6/25*, 19 *30*



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1232

RETURN RECEIPT

*Handing 7/9/30*

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

*Mrs Rue H. Brissell*

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

*6-18-30*  
Date of delivery, \_\_\_\_\_, 192*30*

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Brassel, John R. (M-A) M

September 29, 1931.

Mrs. Mary Weldon,  
8034 Drexel Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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:

3. Do you speak English?

4. What other language do you speak?

Age:  
Health:



Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:  
Env.

*Mrs. Mary Weldon, passed away Sept 18 - 1931*  
*Signed By her Daughter in Law*  
*Mrs. Cora H. Brassel*



QM 293 A-M  
Brassel, John R. 1232-W

July 17, 1930.

Mrs. Rose H. Brassell,  
8034 Drexel Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 11, 1930, relative to your desire to take with you from Chicago to New York your cousin's four-year-old nephew, when you depart on the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act approved March 2, 1929.

In this connection you are advised that there is no objection to your taking the child with you on the train from Chicago to New York, provided he is delivered to his aunt immediately upon your arrival in New York.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

P



Chicago. Ill.  
June 11 - 1930  
Cook Co.

John R. Brasel  
1232 W

Dear Sir:

accepts  
Harding, July 9, 1930

I am one of the  
sold star widows going on  
the pilgrims in July. I could  
say when leaving Chicago,  
What I would like to know  
is, I have a Cousin living  
in New York. She has a nephew  
here in Chicago and wants to  
have me take him as far  
as New York to her. Please inform  
me if I can do so. And take  
him in the same train  
with me and the rest of the  
group. He is four years old.

I would greatly appreciate  
what you can do in regards to same.

Mrs. Rose H. Brasel  
8034 - W. 94th Ave

Chicago. Ill.







Harding  
7/9/30  
1232

Brassel John R

I accept. the invitation extended  
(Accept or decline)

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

Mrs. Rose H. Brassel

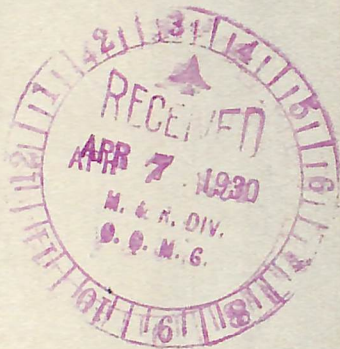
(Name)

8034 Drexel Ave., Chicago, Cook Co., Ill.

(Town or City)

(State)







WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-M

IN REPLY REFER TO

Brassel, John R. Pvt. (M-A) M

June 11, 1931.

Mrs. Mary Weldon,  
8034 Drexel Ave.,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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.

Brassel, John R. - 1232 M

*mother*

Mrs. Mary Weldon,  
8034 Drexel Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? no  
(Write answer here)

*Mrs. Mary Weldon*  
(Sign here)  
*mother*



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

May 12, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Brassel, John R. -232 W  
Harding 7-9

Mrs. Rose H. Brassel,  
8034 Drexel Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Name

Address

*Mr. Laurence J. Brassel*  
*8034 - Harding Ave.*

*Noted*

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 12, 1930.

Brassel, John R. 1232 W

Mrs. Rose H. Brassel,  
8034 Drexel Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Brassel, John R. 1232 M

Mrs. Mary Weldon,  
8034 Drexel Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

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.

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 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 70<br>(Years)  | Health<br>(Good) (Poor)                     |
| 5. What language do you speak?                                                                                                                | English (Yes) (No) | Other language<br>(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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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

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8034 Drexel Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

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| 4. Please give your age and state of health.                                                                                                  | Age 38 (Years)                                      | Health <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Good) (Poor) |
| 5. What language do you speak?                                                                                                                | English - (Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | (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.



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WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Brassel, John R.

August 30, 1929.

Mrs. Rose Hassett Brassel,  
8034 Drexal Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the widow of the late Pvt. John R. Brassel, Hq. Co., Horse Bn., 108th. Amm. Tn., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, 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. Have you remarried since the death of the above named veteran?
2. If not, do you desire to make the pilgrimage?
3. Is the deceased survived by a mother?
4. If so, give her name and complete address.

No

Yes.

Yes.

Mrs. Mary Weldon  
8034 Drexal Ave.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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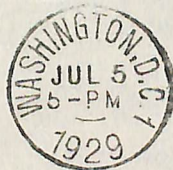
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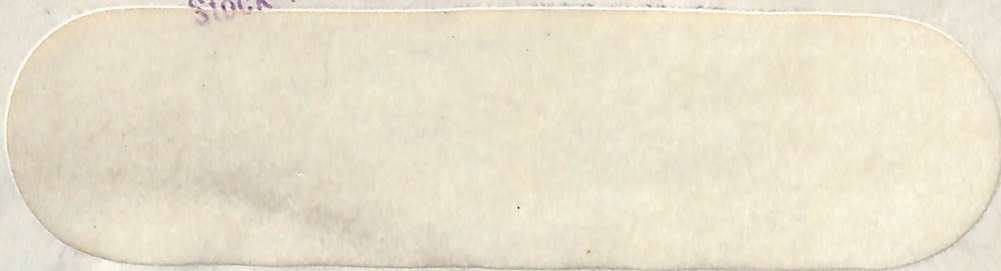
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29, 1929.

Brassel, John R.

Mrs. Rose Brassel,  
3824 South Union Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

*Wife*  
*Mrs. Rose Hassett Brassel*  
*37 8034 - Rexal Ave*  
*Chicago Ill.*

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Brassel, John R. (M-A) M

September 29, 1931. AL

Mrs. Mary Weldon,  
8034 Drexel Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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,

Encl:  
Env.

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



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

QM 295 A-M  
IN REPLY REFER TO  
Brassel, John R. Pvt. (M-A) M

June 11, 1931.

Mrs. Mary Weldon,  
8034 Drexel Ave.,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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  
Brassel, John R. 1232-W

August 16, 1930.

Mrs. Rose H. Brassel,  
8034 Drexel Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

The testimonial dated August 2nd to the Officer in Charge, Gold Star Pilgrimage, New York City, which you and the other mothers and widows returning on the SS "President Roosevelt" were so kind as to send regarding your pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, has been forwarded to me.

It is gratifying to know that the officers of the Army and the personnel connected with the pilgrimage rendered such courteous and efficient service. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages and has expended every effort that those making the journey might have a comfortable and pleasant trip. I feel, however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation shown by the mothers and widows who are making the pilgrimage.

With sincere appreciation of the sentiments expressed by you,

Sincerely yours,

J. L. DeWITT,  
Major General,  
The Quartermaster General.

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QM 293 A-M  
Brassel, John R. 1232-W

July 17, 1930.

Mrs. Rose H. Brassell,  
8034 Drexel Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 11, 1930, relative to your desire to take with you from Chicago to New York your cousin's four-year-old nephew, when you depart on the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act approved March 2, 1929.

In this connection you are advised that there is no objection to your taking the child with you on the train from Chicago to New York, provided he is delivered to his aunt immediately upon your arrival in New York.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Q. M. G. M. & R. DIV.

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Brassel, John R. - 1232

June 13, 1930.

Mrs. Rose H. Brassel,  
8034 Drexel Avenue,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements have been completed for your transportation to New York City on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe. One week before your departure the railroad ticket agent, of the first road shown below, will deliver your railroad and pullman ticket to you. Your route to New York will be as follows:

|              |     |              |          |        |
|--------------|-----|--------------|----------|--------|
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All railroad employees have been instructed by their officials to see that you are shown every courtesy and given assistance, particularly at points where it is necessary to change cars.

Should you not receive your ticket six days before the date shown for your departure please take up at once with the ticket agent and if he does not have your ticket, telegraph this office, collect, to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Brassel, John R. 1232-W

June 12, 1930

Mrs. Rose H. Brassel,  
8034 Drexel Ave.,  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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



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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



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

June 6, 1930.

Brassel, John R. - 1232 M

Mrs. Mary Weldon,  
8034 Drexel Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

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



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

May 12, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Brassel, John R. -232 W  
Harding 7-9

Mrs. Rose H. Brassel,  
8034 Drexel Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

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

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Name

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Address

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
~~Brassel, John H. - 1232 W~~  
Harding 7-9

May 6, 1930

Mrs. Ross H. Brassel,  
8034 Drexel Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 12, 1930.

Brassel, John R. 1232 W

Mrs. Rose E. Brassel,  
8034 Drexel Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

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

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Brassel, John R. 1232-W

March 29, 1930

Mrs. Rose H. Brassel,  
8034 Drexel Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.  
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.

Brassel, John R. 1232 M

Mrs. Mary Weldon,  
8034 Drexel Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

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<br>(Years)       | Health<br>(Good) (Poor)                     |
| 5. What language do you speak?                                                                                                                | English - (Yes) (No) | Other language<br>(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

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Chicago, Ill.

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JOHN T. HARRIS,  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Brassel, John R.

August 30, 1929

Mrs. Rose Hassett Brassel,  
8034 Drexel Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the widow of the late Pvt. John R. Brassel, Hq. Co., Horse Bn., 108th. Amm. Tn., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Mont-faucon, Meuse, 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. Have you remarried since the death of the above named veteran? |  |
| 2. If not, do you desire to make the pilgrimage?                  |  |
| 3. Is the deceased survived by a mother?                          |  |
| 4. If so, give her name and complete address.                     |  |

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

June 29, 1929.

Brassel, John R.

Mrs. Rose Brassel,  
3824 South Union Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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



In reply refer to:  
293 C-R

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

July 5, 1923.

Mrs. Rose Brassel,  
3824 South Union Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of Private John R. Brassel, Headquarters Company, Horse Battalion, 108th Ammunition Train, is Grave 5, Row 36, Block C, 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 a 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,

RD

23/236/ARK

  
H. J. Conner,  
Assistant.



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3824 South Union Ave.,

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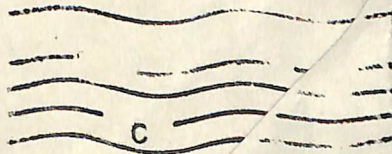


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In reply refer to:  
293 C-R

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3624 South Union Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

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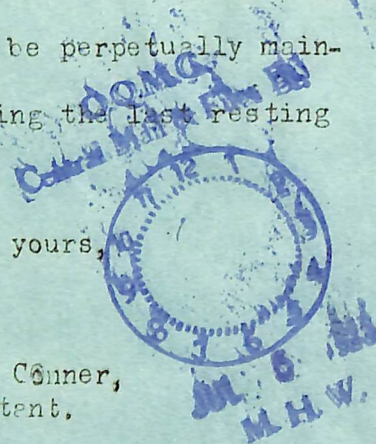
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Brassel,

(Surname.)

John R.

(Christian name in full.)

1.395.179

(Army serial number.)

Pvt.

Hq. Co Horse Bn 108

Ann Tr.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Wife

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery?

Leave to them  
(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mrs. Rose Hassett Brassel.  
3824. S Union Ave. Chicago Ill.

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

3-6713



Noted by S.C.

Date 4-27-21

1232 Sec. 32 - 25

Checked by  
at 4-27-21



# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File 36993

## I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BRASSEL, John R. Ser. No. 1395179  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Hdqrs. Co. Horse Bn.  
108th Amm. Train.  
 (c) Date of death 10-8-18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. B

CKR. 30

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

(a) Grave No. 113 Row B-2- Plot 3 Sec. 32 TYP. B

(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Rose Brassel (wife) 6227 Langley Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases / / / / / / / / / / / / CKR. 30

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

Date of receipt None

(a) Name Mrs. Rose Hassett Brassel (b) Relationship Wife

(c) Address 3824 S. Union Ave. Chicago, Ill.

(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No - "Leave body there"

(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 G. C. Date 4-27-21, 1920.

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

\_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_

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

Examiner's Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

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

No request for disposition.

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? \_\_\_\_\_

Examiner's Initials G. C. Date 4-27-21, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE

CEMETERY No. 1232-Sec. 32 SHEET No. 25







Location Index.....

Discrepancies.....

Name.....

Rank.....

Serial No.....

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*4-27-21*

A.G.O. Card & Corr.....

Discrepancies.....

Name.....

Rank.....

Serial NO.....

Org.....

Remarks *E. a.*

G. R. S. Corr.....

Discrepancies.....

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Checkers.....

Discrepancies.....

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Remarks *EA - (latest)*

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

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
See 32 letter of transmittal on 5-9-, 192/  
Par. # 2, Not to be returned (#A-5)

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

## VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

| Date of and source. | Relationship and name. | Desires. | Action taken. |
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VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J. \_\_\_\_\_, 192

COUNTRY

CEMETERY No. \_\_\_\_\_ SHEET No. \_\_\_\_\_



Place Re 1232.

## REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Dec 2, 1921.1. REMAINS OF BRASSEL, John R. SERIAL NUMBER 1395179RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Hq. Horse Bn. 108th Amm. Tr.2. Disinterred (date): Dec 2, 1921 From (give complete location): gr 113, sec 32, plot 3. Cen 1232By: Group Gr 5. Unit sec 13. Reburied (date): Dec 2, 1921 In (give complete location): Meuse-Argonne Cem. 1232, Gr 5, Row 36, Block CBy: Group Re-burial S Unit  Nature of reburial unlined casket

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

wooden box and uniform, badly decomposed, features not recognizable.5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? yes. On grave marker? yes.

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

none.

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 doQuantity doCharacteristics do(d) Hair on face—Color doLocation doQuantity do

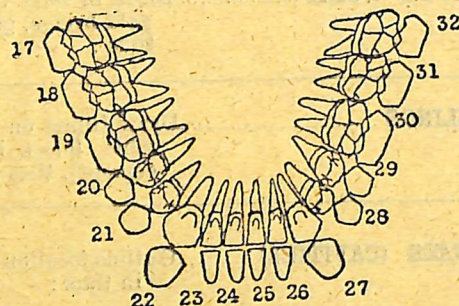
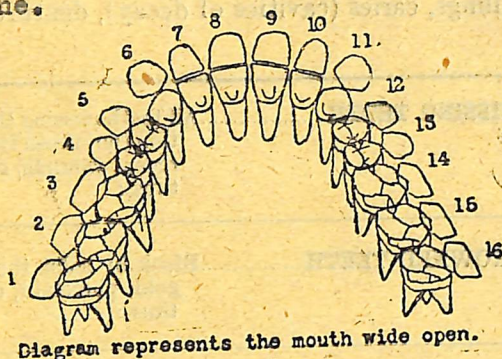
(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or

missing parts) do

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

head shattered.7. Disinterment supervised by H. E. Strong Approved: H. E. Strong  
H. E. Strong. (Title)8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Dufault Approved: James W. Younger  
A. U. Dufault (Title) Captain, QMC

mr





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

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

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

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



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



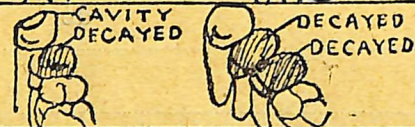
**BRIDGE WORK**.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus:



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



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



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

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

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



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Dec 2 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 BRASSEL, John R  
 2. No. 1395179  
 3. Rank Pvt  
 4. Org. Hq Horse Bn 108 Amm Trn  
 5. D.D. 10-8-18  
 6. C.D. 111

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 113 Sec. 32  
 8. Plot 3 Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 17. None

18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty.19. Commune or town Chagny-S-Montfaucon20. Dept. or County Meuse21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. \_\_\_\_\_

1232 Sec. 32

23. Disinterred (Date) Dec 2 1921By H E Strong

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name John R BrasselSerial No. 1395179Rank Pvt.Organization Hq Horse Bn. 108 Amm Tr25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes Yes on body? Yes

Signature Junior Technical Assistant

L B Ayers.

## 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).

None27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable28. Nature of burial Pine box and uniform29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Dec 2 1921 By H E Strong31. Casket sealed by H E Strong

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

AUDITED BY



C-17874

SHIPMENT. <sup>MT</sup> (Show actual marking of box.) Box No.

32. Designation of body:

Name

Serial No.

John R Brassel

1395179

Rank

Pvt

Organization

HQ Horse Bn 108 Amer Exp

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery

Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne-s-Montfaucon  
1232

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date)

Dec 2 1921

By

H E Strong

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

*H S Harpole*

H S Harpole, 1st Lt. MC

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date)

Dec 2 1921

cc

To point of Concentration

Morgue Romagne

Convoyer

W J Royed.

Signature Shipping Officer

(Name

J. Gerald Cole  
J. GERALD COLE  
Captain, C. A. C.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery

(Name

Convoyer

Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred

Meuse-Argonne Cemetery 1232

Dec. 2, 1921

(Date

42. Grave No.

5

Section

43. Plot

C

Row

36

G.R.S. Representative

James W. Younger  
Captain, C. A. C.  
mr



INVESTIGATION & ADJUSTMENT DEPARTMENT

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF  
WASHINGTON

FROM: O.Q.M.G.  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
Munitions Building  
Room 1109

PLEASE  
EXPEDITE

1761 6 AMV

Date

File No. 36993

Registration.

ADJUSTMENT MADE

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, Sixth and B Streets NW., 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. BRASSEL <i>OK</i>                     | ✓ f. Date of death. 10/8/18 <i>OK</i>                                                    |
| ✓ b. Christian name. John R. <i>OK</i>              | ✓ g. Cause of death. K/A <i>OK</i>                                                       |
| ✓ c. Serial number. 1395179 <i>OK</i>               | ✓ h. Authority (C. C. No.) 290 <i>OK</i>                                                 |
| ✓ d. Organization. <i>Hq. Horse Bn, 108 Amm. Bn</i> | ✓ i. Emergency address. Mrs. Rose Brassel, <i>OK</i><br>6227 Langley Ave., Chicago, Ill. |
| ✓ e. Rank. Pvt. <i>OK</i>                           | ✓ j. Relationship. Wife <i>OK</i>                                                        |

BODY DESCRIPTION.

(See page 2 of the Service Record.)

- a. Age at 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 |
| Upper right     | Upper left.     |
| 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 |
| Lower right.    | Lower left.     |

*Donnelly (H.E. 20)  
Pers. Sect. 7/4/21.  
107.8.*

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

By

*H. J. Conner*

H. J. CONNER,  
1st Lieut. ~~Quartermaster~~, Q. M. C.

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Quartermaster General, U. S. A.,

By

*H. J. Conner*

H. J. CONNER,  
1st Lieut. ~~Quartermaster~~, Q. M. C.

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Date April 30, 1921.

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File No. 38993

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To: The Adjutant General of the Army, Sixth and B Streets NW, 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. BRASSEL  
b. Christian name. John R.  
c. Serial number. 1335179  
d. Organization.  
e. Rank. Pvt.  
f. Relationship. Wife  
g. Emergency address. Mrs. Rose Brasel, 6327 Larkley Ave., Chicago, Ill.  
h. Authority (C. C. No.) 230  
i. Cause of death. N/A  
j. Date of death. 10/8/18

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page 2 of the Service Record.)

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e. Weight.  
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Upper right 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
Upper left  
Lower right 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
Lower left

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

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Brassell 10549 John R

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

Wagoner 1080mm Train

(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL Oct 8-18

PLACE OF BURIAL 500 yds SW of Very

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

+ 50 yds SE of Very Chippy Road  
Dept Meuse

GRAVE NUMBER 18

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? Yes

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Vas one buried with body? Yes

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

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

CMME. Very (Meuse)

(C-225) SIIT. 35 SE. COORD (E-306.0)

N-275.6

REPORTED BY:

Wagoner Chaplain 1080mm Train

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

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LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Brussell 1395179 John R  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Wagoner Lt Horse 108 Ammunition  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL 10/8/18

PLACE OF BURIAL Junction road at

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

Very. Dept Meuse Map Monfaucon  
150000 06:76

GRAVE NUMBER 18

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? Yes

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes

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

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

Shell fire

REPORTED BY:

J. G. Hearn Chaplain 108 A. T.  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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## LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Brasseel 1395179 John R  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)  
Wagoner Horse Batt. 108 amm train  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL. 10/8/18

PLACE OF BURIAL. Junction of roads at Verry

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

Dept Meuse Map Montfaucon  
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Killed by shell fire

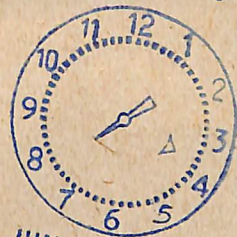
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