

G.R.S. Form #114-B

To The A. G. C.

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APR 27 1926

FULL NAME ..... BRIDGES, Leonard C. ✓

RANK ..... Sgt. ✓ SERIAL ..... 222895. ✓ (Off 7/8/27)

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION ..... 301st M.R.S. ech rep. shop Motor Trans. Corps.

DATE OF DEATH ..... April 5 - 1919

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME ..... Ky.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED.

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FINAL GRAVE LOCATION ..... 32 ..... 37 ..... CC....

Date

Grave

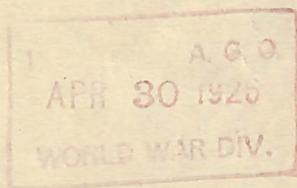
Row

Block

Meuse-Argonne, #1232

Cemetery

Robert C. Davis,  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General,  
By H. NAYLOR



23/306/ARK

Received  
MAY 5 1943  
M. & R. BRANCH  
O. O. M. C.

## GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bridges ..... No. 322895 ..... Leonard .....  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Sergeant ..... 3. Olist. Unit .....  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL ..... April 6, 1919 .....

PLACE OF BURIAL .....

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

Bazeilles-sur-Meuse, Vesges, France .....

American R. F. Cemetery No. 6 .....

Plan of August 29th, 1918 .....

GRAVE NUMBER ..... 836 .....

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

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

### IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? ..... Yes .....

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

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

REPORTED BY: *Gen'l. M. A. Carlisle*  
C. A. Carlisle, 2nd Lt. Q. M. C.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

KENTUCKY.

## MADISON COUNTY

Mrs. Martha Fletcher,  
Berea, Ky.  
Mrs. Victoria Fletcher,  
57 Center St., Berea, Ky.

Lv. Berea	L&N	#30	12:22 PM CT	May 5.
Ar. Cincinnati	"	"	6:35 PM ET	" "
Lv. "	B&O	#4	6:30 PM ET	" " (B&O to hold for L&N)
Ar. New York.	"	"	3:44 PM ET	" 6.

Route going: L&N Cincinnati, B&O New York  
Route return: B&O Cincinnati, L&N Berea.

Coach Berea to Cincinnati, Sleeper Cincinnati to New York.  
Elapsed time 26 Hours, 22 min.

## SCOTT COUNTY.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bridges,  
Stamping Ground, Ky.

Lv. Stamping Ground	F&C	#2	6:34 AM CT	May 5.
Ar. Paris	"	"	7:40 AM CT	" "
Lv. Paris	L&N	#40	8:35 AM CT	" "
Ar. Cincinnati	"	"	11:40 AM ET	" "
Lv. "	B&O	#38	1:25 PM ET	" "
Ar. New York	"	#518	1:12 PM ET	" 6.

Route going: F&C Paris, L&N Cincinnati, B&O New York.

Route returning: B&O Cincinnati, L&N Pairs, F&C Stamping Ground.

Motor Bus to Paris, Coach to Cincinnati, Sleeper for New York.

Elapsed time 29 Hours, 38 min.

## CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME Bridges	B R 1	3	2 8 9
Leonard	CEMETERY 1232	1	1
BURIED C.	GRAVE 32	2	32
	ROW 37	2	37
	BLOCK C	1	3
STATE	Tky.	2	20
RANK	Sgt	1	2
DIVISION	Motor Transport Corp	2	54
ORGANIZATION	301 M.P.S.	3	XXX
ARM	X	1	+
MARTIAL	No	1	2
NAME Bridges	B R 1	5	2 8 9
Mrs Eting	STATE Tky.	2	21
RESIDENCE	COUNTY Scott	2	05
	CITY Stamping Ground	3	+++
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER	Father	1	1
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	Yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Poor	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR. 1932	1	3
ACCEPTANCE	No	1	2
29/514/PJ	Age	1	68

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Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 925319

INSURED PARCEL

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

Return to Q. M. GENERAL

Street and Number,  
or Post Office Box,

(NAME OF SENDER)

MUNITIONS BUILDING

WASHINGTON,  
BRIDGES, LEONARD C (MA)

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

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING

OFFICE

WASH. D. C.

AND DATE OF DELIVERY



D. C.

# RETURN RECEIPT

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

*Elizabeth Rendges*  
(Signature or name of addressee)

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery

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Form 38

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

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# IMMEDIATE ACTION

IN REPLY  
REFER TO

QM 293 A-M  
Bridges, Leonard C. (MA)

## WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

Mrs. Elizabeth Bridges,  
Stamping Ground,  
Kentucky.

January 5, 1933.

Dear Madam:

During the past three years, numerous communications have been forwarded you relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

Under the law, 1933 is the last year you may make the pilgrimage at the expense of the Government, and it is imperative that this office have an expression from you as to whether or not you desire to take advantage of the opportunity afforded you.

It is requested therefore you answer the following inquiry, sign your name, and return this letter to this office.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE IN 1933?

(Yes) or  (No)

*No*

Sign here

A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.:

Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bridges, Leonard C. (MA)\*

Sept. 8, 1932.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bridges,  
Stamping Ground, Ky.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Sign here

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:

Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Bridges, Leonard C. (M A)\*

July 13, 1932

Mrs. Elizabeth Bridges,  
Stamping Ground, Ky.

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)

~~Levi~~  
5-17-32 ✓  
MA

Bridges, Leonard C.

I Decline by letter rec'd 2-20-32  
(Accept or decline)

the invitation extended  
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. Elizabeth Bridges  
(Name)

Stamping Ground, Scott Co., Ky.  
(Town or city) (State)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-M  
IN REPLY REFER TO \_\_\_\_\_

Bridges, Leonard C. (M-A) M

Feb. 15, 1932

Mrs. Elizabeth Bridges,  
Stamping Ground,  
Ky.

*Decline Leviathan  
May 17-1932*

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended, sailing on the LIVIATHAN, May 17, 1932.

In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you complete the card enclosed with the invitation, signifying whether or not you accept the invitation and return the same to this office immediately. If you have lost or misplaced the card, please write "Accept" or "Decline" on the bottom of this letter and return it to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before March 5, 1932, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



*Decline*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Bridges, Leonard G. Sgt. (MA) M\*

July 10, 1931.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bridges,  
Stamping Ground, Ky.

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 295 A-M  
Bridges, Leonard G. 1232 M

February 9, 1931

Mrs. Elizabeth Bridges,  
Stamping Ground,  
Kentucky.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your recent communication, declining the invitation to sail on the GEORGE WASHINGTON, May 6, 1931, to visit the grave of your son the late Sergeant Leonard G. Bridges.

Your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the journey during the summer of 1932, and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages are being arranged for that year.

Should you later find yourself in position to take advantage of the offer of the Government during 1931, please advise this office and arrangements will be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

LM

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

*Mr. John C.*

George Washington

5-6-31

1232

Bridges, Leonard C.

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To be answered

I Decline at Present 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.

*It may be that I will be able to make  
the trip in 1932*

Mrs. Elizabeth Bridges

(Name)

1932

Stamping Ground, Scott County, Kentucky

(Town or City)

(State)



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bridges, Leonard C. - 1232 M

June 18, 1930.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bridges,  
Stamping Ground, Ky.

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)

Yes

(Sign here)

NAME BRIDGES, MRS. ELIZABETH

S.S. HARDING JUN 6 1930

HOME STAMPING GROUND, SCOTT COUNTY, KY.

R.R.

STATION

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE

Cambridge

WAR DEPARTMENT

PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS & WIDOWS  
225 WEST 34TH ST. N.Y., N.Y., Room 901

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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

CANCELLED

Mrs. Elizabeth Bridges,  
Stamping Ground, Kentucky.

CANCELLED

Scott County

Cancelled

RPB-3-26-30-15M

MOTHERS AND WIDOWS PILGRIMAGE

NAME ..... **MRS. ELIZABETH BRIDGES**

DESTINATION ..... **NEW YORK, N. Y.**

HOTEL ..... **MC ALPIN**

RPB-3-26-30-15M

MOTHERS AND WIDOWS PILGRIMAGE

NAME ..... **MRS. ELIZABETH BRIDGES**

DESTINATION ..... **NEW YORK, N. Y.**

HOTEL ..... **MC ALPIN**

**PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS**

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MAY 6 1930

DATE .....

Received from Mrs. Bridges, Elizabeth .....,  
Stamping Ground, Scott County, Kentucky.

Her Railroad return ticket, which will be delivered to her on arrival from Europe

May 6 - B. & O. #518 - 12:30 P.M.  
Jersey City.

Signed .....

Officer-in-charge

Hotel .....

*Received*

PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

N O T I C E

DATE May 7, 1930

MRS Elizabeth Bridges Room No \_\_\_\_\_  
HOTEL M c Alpin NEW YORK CITY.

DEAR MADAM:

KINDLY REMEMBER THAT YOUR STEAMER America  
SAILS PROMPTLY FROM HOBOKEN, N. J. AT 11:00 A.M.

BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED AT \_\_\_\_\_

BUS WILL CALL FOR YOU AT 8 A.M.

WE HOPE YOU WILL BE READY AND WISH YOU A PLEASANT  
VOYAGE.

OFFICER IN CHARGE

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

BRIDGES, LEONARD C.

MA  
April 19th, 1930.

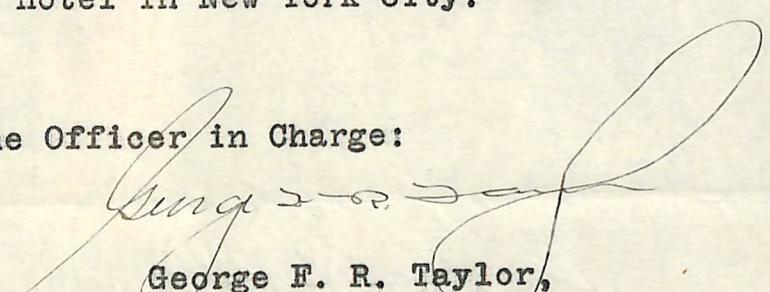
Mrs. Elizabeth Bridges,  
Stamping Ground,  
Kentucky.

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:

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

Enclosures:  
2 tags.

Bridges, Leonard S  
Sgt. 301 MR. Sunnt

declines by letter 4-8-30

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.

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Mrs. Elizabeth Bridges

(Name)

Stamping Ground, Scott County, Kentucky

(Town or City)

(State)

Approved  
or  
Original



QM 293 A-C  
Bridges, Leonard C. 1252 M

April 15, 1930

Mrs. Elizabeth Bridges,  
Stamping Ground,  
Kentucky.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 4 advising that you are unable to make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Sergeant Leonard C. Bridges, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

RE.

DO NOT DETACH THIS SLIP

Return accompanying papers to  
ROOM 242, STATE, WAR, AND NAVY BUILDING

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR

Date April 8, 1930.

Subject: Letter from Mrs. Elizabeth Bridges - 4/4/30 -  
stating that she will be unable to make Pilgrimage  
this year because of illness, but would like to go  
in 1931 or 1932.

To: THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

- 1 Necessary action.
- 2 Necessary action and direct reply.
- 3 Nec. action and prep. of reply for sig. of The Asst. Secy. of War.
- 4 Nec. action and prep. of reply for sig. of the Executive.
- 5 Preparation of memo. to inclose with reply.
- 6 Preparation of memo. on which to base personal reply.
- 7 Remark and recommendation.
- 8 Notation and filing or return.

*By direction of The Assistant Secretary of War:*

Geo. Van Horn Moseley,  
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,  
Executive.

*3 most highly  
regd. chf*

Form No. 1  
(Ed. Apr. 23, 1926)

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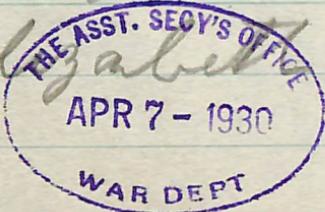
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Dear Secy  
Stamping Ground by  
Scott Co. Apr 4/30  
Dar Sir -

It will be im-  
possible for one to make  
the trip to Europe on  
Account of my Health -  
if you could arrange  
for me in the year 31 or  
32. Perhaps I can go

Get me back  
from you - Please

Yours



72  
Elizabeth Bridges  
1232

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bridges, Leonard C. 1232 M

March 10, 1930.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bridges,  
Stamping Ground, Ky.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than  $2\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$  inches in size and such documentary

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bridges, Leonard C. 1232 M

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bridges,  
Stamping Ground, Kentucky.

Dear Madam:

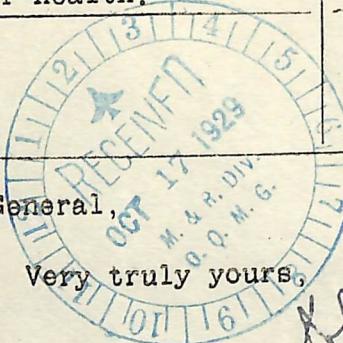
The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, 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?	<i>yes</i> (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?	<i>no</i> (Yes)	(No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <i>65</i> (Years)	Health <i>good</i> (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - <i>yes</i> Other language (Specify language spoken)	(Yes) (No)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

Encl.

Act

Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bridges, Leonard C.  
1232

Sept. 4, 1929.

Mr. A. J. Bridges,  
Stamping Ground, Ky.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 29, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

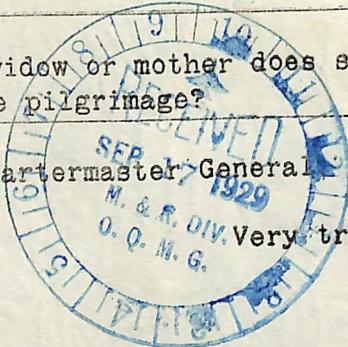
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1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried? If so, give her complete address:

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

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

For The Quartermaster General



Very truly yours,

*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  
Bridges, Leonard C.

June 29, 1929.

Mr. A. J. Bridges,  
Stamping Ground, Ky.

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 Sgt. Leonard C. Bridges, 301st M.R.S. Unit, whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Bridges, Leonard C. (MA)\*

Sept. 8, 1932.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bridges,  
Stamping Ground, Ky.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Sign here

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

For The Quartermaster General,  
Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Bridges, Leonard C. (M A)\*

July 13, 1932

Mrs. Elizabeth Bridges,  
Stamping Ground, Ky.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Bridges, Leonard C. (M-A) M

Feb. 15, 1932

Mrs. Elizabeth Bridges,  
Stamping Ground,  
Ky.  
Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended, sailing on the LIVIATHAN, May 17, 1932.

In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you complete the card enclosed with the invitation, signifying whether or not you accept the invitation and return the same to this office immediately. If you have lost or misplaced the card, please write "Accept" or "Decline" on the bottom of this letter and return it to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before March 5, 1932, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Bridges, Leonard C. Sgt. (MA) M\*

July 10, 1931.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bridges,  
Stamping Ground, Ky.

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  
Bridges, Leonard C. 1232 M

February 9, 1931

Mrs. Elizabeth Bridges,  
Stamping Ground,  
Kentucky.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your recent communication, declining the invitation to sail on the GEORGE WASHINGTON, May 6, 1931, to visit the grave of your son the late Sergeant Leonard C. Bridges.

Your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the journey during the summer of 1932, and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages are being arranged for that year.

Should you later find yourself in position to take advantage of the offer of the Government during 1932, please advise this office and arrangements will be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bridges, Leonard C. 1232-M

January 27, 1931

Mrs. Elizabeth Bridges,  
Stamping Ground,  
Ky.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "Washington" on May 6, 1931.

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

In the event no reply is received from you before February 17, 1931, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

July 1, 1930

Bridges, Leonard C. 1232-M

Mrs. Elizabeth Bridges  
Stamping Ground, Ky.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age Condition of Health
4. Do you speak English?	
5. What other language do you speak?	

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

Bridges, Leonard C. - 1232 M

June 18, 1930.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bridges,  
Stamping Ground, Ky.

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)

Washington D. C., April 16, 1930.

Mr. W. H. Howard,  
101 Marietta Street,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

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April 15, 1930

Mrs. Elizabeth Bridges,  
Stamping Ground,  
Kentucky.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 4 advising that you are unable to make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Sergeant Leonard C. Bridges, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Bridges, Leonard C. 1232-M

March 19, 1930

Mrs. Elizabeth Bridges,  
Stamping Ground, Kentucky

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bridges, Leonard C. 1232 M

March 10, 1930.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bridges,  
Stamping Ground, Ky.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than  $2\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$  inches in size and such documentary

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps.  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bridges, Leonard C. 1232 M

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bridges,  
Stamping Ground, Kentucky.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bridges, Leonard C.  
1232

Sept. 4, 1929.

Mr. A. J. Bridges,  
Stamping Ground, Ky.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 29, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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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  
Bridges, Leonard C.

June 29, 1929.

Mr. A. J. Bridges,  
Stamping Ground, Ky.

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 Sgt. Leonard C. Bridges, 301st M.R.S. Unit, whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Bridges.

(Surname.)

Leonard C

(Christian name in full.)

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(Army serial number.)

Sgt 301 MRS Unit

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

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Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

We do not

(Yes or no.)

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

} (Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive rema'ns.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here) Andrew Bridges

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

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our Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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AFB 10-12-21

Stamping Ground, Ky.

Mr. Andrew J. Bridges

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Dec. 1, 1922.

Mr. A. J. Bridges,  
Stamping Ground,  
Ky.

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

the late Leonard G. Bridges, Sergeant, 301st  
M. R. S. Unit, is Grave 32, Row 37, Block C, Meuse-Argonne American  
 ~~Cemetery. This is one of the permanent, American military cemeteries.~~  
to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will  
be marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design,  
with name, rank, organization, 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 main-  
tained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting  
place of our heroes.

MAILED

Very truly yours,

DEC 2 1922

G.R.S.

H. J. CONNER,  
Assistant.

22/1281/ARK

hs  
HCN

DATE 11/29/21

1. NAME Bridges, Leonard C SERIAL No. 222895

RANK Sgt. ORGANIZATION 301 MRS Unit

GRAVE LOCATION Amer. Bazoilles-sur-Meuse - Vosges

6

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

269

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 836. Bazoilles-sur-Meuse. Vosges.

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES E.346-21. N.170-12. Map; Mirecourt NW 84.

CONCENTRATED TO Feb. 1921. 269.

DATE GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

Bazoilles-sur-Meuse.

6.

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

Nothing of record.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

Not of record.

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

*W.M.H. Quaterman*

W.M.H. QUATERMAN, Capt. F.A. USA.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 11/29/21

32

37

C

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

XBLOCK

AUDITED BY

M.M.E.

10-20-22 el

Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse) 1232

CEMETERY

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114-B

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AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE



1922

1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.
2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.
3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.
4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form I6, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.

Place Bazoilles, (Vosges) France.

## REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date September 29th 1921.

1. REMAINS OF BRIDGES, LEONARD C. SERIAL NUMBER 222895.

RANK Pvt. SGT. ORGANIZATION 301 M.R.S. Unit.

2. Disinterred (date): September 29th 1921. From (give complete location): Grave 269.  
American Military Cemetery, G.R.S. Code # 6, Bazoilles, (Vosges) France.

By: Group 3 Unit Section 4.

3. Reburied (date): In (give complete location):

Nov. 29, 1921. Meuse-Argonne Cemetery 1232 Grave 32 Block 5 Row 37  
By: Group Reburial S. Unit Nature of reburial lined casket

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

Buried in uniform and wooden box. Body badly decomposed, recognition impossible.

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

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

Bottle containing reburial and hospital records found on body. No effects found.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Unable to determine.

(b) Weight (estimated) =

(c) Hair—Color Apparently light brown.

Quantity Medium.

Characteristics Straight.

(d) Hair on face—Color None found.

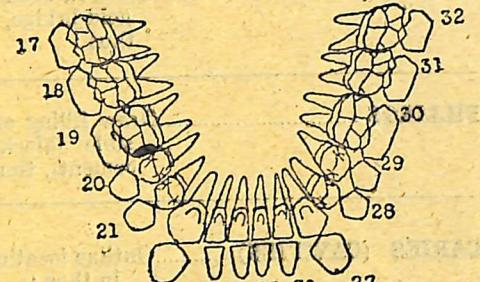
Location =

Quantity

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

missing parts) None.

Diagram represents the mouth wide open.

No. 13 Silver fillings.  
No. 19 Gold filling.

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

None. D-604017. Disinterment supervised by Theo Miller Approved: R. L. Fain  
(Title) Capt. Q.M.C.8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Durault Approved: James W. Younger  
(Title) Captain, Q.M.C.

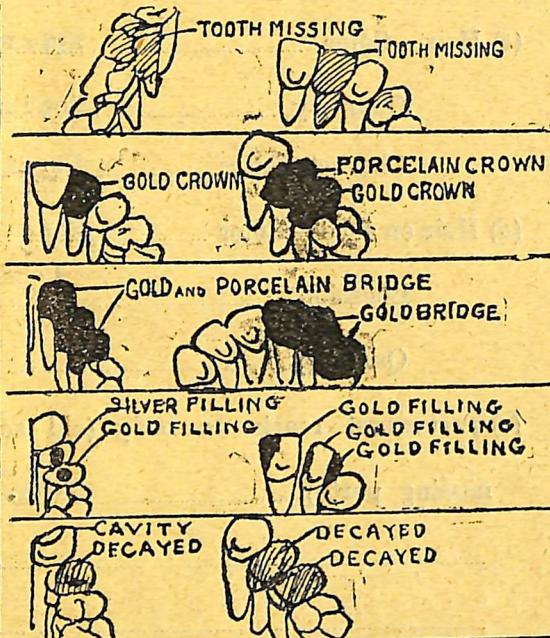
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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER COMPLETION OF G. R. S. FORM NO. 16-A

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

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



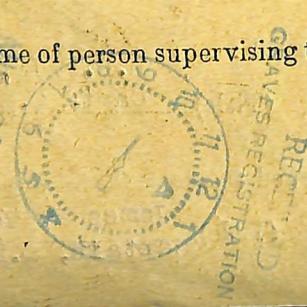
**CARIES (CAVITIES)** ..... Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :



**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.



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE September 29th 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	Bridges, Leonard C	10. Name	
2. No.	222895	11. No.	
3. Rank	Pvt. <i>sgt.</i>	12. Rank	
4. Org.	301 M.R.S. Unit	13. Org.	
5. D.D.	4-5-19	14. (a) D.D.	
6. C.D.	Empyema and Broncho Pneumonia	(b) D.B.	No Discrepancies.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No.	269	Sec.		15. Grave No.		Sec.
8. Plot		Row		16. Plot		Row
9.				17.	No Discrepancies.	

18. Cemetery Amer. 19. Commune or town Bazoilles-sur-Meuse

20. Dept. or County Vosges 21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 6

23. Disinterred (Date) September 29th 1921. By THEO. MILLER.

## 24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name	LEONARD C. BRIDGES.	Serial No.	----
Rank	<del>XXX</del> SGT.	Organization	301 M.R.S. Unit. Grave 269.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes. On body? Yes, Entirely corroded.

*Glenn C. Dorsey*  
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

GLENN C. DORSEY.

## 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 containing reburial and hospital records found on body. No effects found.  
Form 16a accomplished.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, recognition impossible.

28. Nature of burial In blanket, uniform and wooden box.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? No.

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Sept. 29th 1921. By THEO. MILLER.

31. Casket sealed by THEO. MILLER.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

*Theo. Miller*  
THEO. MILLER.

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-10692

32. Designation of body:

Name Bridges, Leonard C Serial No. 222895

Rank Sgt. Organization 301 M.R.S. Unit

33. Consigned to:

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

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) September 29th 1921. By THEO. MILLER.

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. L. TAIN,  
Capt. Q.M.C.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) September 29th 1921.

To point of Concentration Neufchateau, (Vosges) France.

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Capt. Q.M.C.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 130 OCT 1921

To Permanent Cemetery Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, (Meuse) France.

Convoyer C. L. RILEY Signature Shipping Officer W. R. Buckley, Capt. Q.M.C.

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cemetery 1232 Nov. 29, 1921.

(Date)

42. Grave No. 52 Section

43. Plot Block Row 37

G.R.S. Representative

James W. Younger,  
Captain, Q.M.C.

hba

## COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

## I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BRIDGES, Leonard C. Ser. No. 222895 TYP. vbb  
 (b) Rank Sgt. Organization 301st M.R.S. Unit Empyema & Broncho CKR. ✓  
 (c) Date of death 4-5-19 (d) Cause of death Pneumonia

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

(a) Grave No. 836 Row - 48 Plot - Sec. - TYP. vbb  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mr. A. J. Bridges (father) Stamping Ground, Ky.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases NO CARD CKR. ✓

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

Date of receipt None

(a) Name Andrew J. Bridges (b) Relationship Father  
 (c) Address Stamping Ground, Ky (Cause of death)  
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No  
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at -  
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. -  
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. -

Examiner's Initials SH Date 10/12, 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 10/12, 1920.

VI. G. R. S. FILES, CORRESPONDENCE—shows as follows: Father Andrew J. Bridges

Stamping Ground Ky. 4-28-19  
3 P requested grave location  
yes mom

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes mom  
 Examiner's Initials SH Date 10/12, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 6 SHEET NO. 68

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VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made , 1920.

Typed by , Checked by , 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by

cable on , 1920  
letter on NOV 17 1920, 1920

CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT CO. LTD.

**PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED** (H.S.)

IX.

**CORRECTIONS**

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: Form 120-1/10/21- Andrew J. Bridges, Stamping  
(Father) *AK*  
Ground, Kentucky, wishes body to remain in Europe. jt-1/18/21-H

**FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN - BODY**

**JAN 22 1921 TO REMAIN IN EUROPE. K**

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

WASHINGTON

HOBOKEN, N.J.

JAN 7 1921

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

To: Mr. Andrew J. Bridges, Stamping Ground, Kentucky.

SUBJECT: Remains of Sgt. Leonard C. Bridges, #222895, 301st M.R.S. Unit

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body remain in Europe.

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Major, U. S. A.

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 these relatives are STILL LIVING.

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Was soldier married? Soldier's widow <u>No</u>			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.) 1 2 3			
Father <u>Andrew J. Bridges</u>	<u>Water St.</u>	<u>Stamping Ground</u>	
Mother <u>Mo. J. Bridges</u>	<u>1915</u>		
Brothers. (Name oldest first.) 1 2 3	<u>W. B. Bridges</u>		
Sisters. (Name oldest first.) 1 2 3	<u>Carolina B. Stone</u> <u>Olla Bridges</u> <u>J. E. Robinson</u>		

Date Jan 10, 1921

Signature Andrew J. Bridges

Relationship

Father

Address Stamping Ground

IMPORTANT.—CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.



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, 1920.

I, the undersigned, am the Hather (Relationship.)

and nearest living relative of the within-named

soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:

(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.

Signature

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

- If definite instruction as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative 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.
- The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.
- 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.
- This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
- 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.
- If YOU are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
- If YOU are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.
- You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
- Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

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MAY 1921

CEMETERY DISPOSITION SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF, U. S. ARMY

ARMED FORCES

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See 115  
1-21-21

## COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

## I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name **BRIDGES, Leonard G.** Ser. No. **222895** }  
 (b) Rank **Sgt.** Organization **301st M.R.S. Unit** } TYP **vbb**  
 (c) Date of death **4-5-19** Cause of death **Empyema & Broncho Pneumonia** } **DB**

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

(a) Grave No. **836** Row **48** Plot **-** Sect. **-** TYP **vbb**  
 (b) Emerg. Address **Mr. A. J. Bridges (father) Stamping Ground, Ky.**

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases **NO CARD** CKR **DB**

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

*A. G. O. Card: Father, Andrew J. Bridges, Stamping Ground, Ky, (reverse of card) requests body be not returned to U.S.*  
*(H.S. 11-23-20)*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 192  
 (Letter of transmittal on **NOV 17 1920** 192)

**PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED (X.S.)**

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. **DEC 18 1920** 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. **JAN 28 1921** 192

COUNTRY

CEMETERY NO.

SHEET NO.

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

## REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place Razzilles

Date Feb. 9, 1921

1. REMAINS OF BRIDGES, Leonard C.

SERIAL NUMBER 222895

RANK Sgt.

ORGANIZATION 301st M.R.S. Unit

2. Disinterred (date):

From (give complete location):

Feb. 9, 1921

Gr. No. 836 Com. No. 6

By: Group 2

Unit

Sec. 8

3. Reburied (date):

In (give complete location):

Feb. 9, 1921

Gr. No. 269, Com. No. 6

Blanket &amp; Pine box

By: Group 8

Unit Sec. 8

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

U.S. Uniform, pine box, 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:

Bottle with Hosp. record found under cross, tag on body badly corroded impossible to read

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) 5' 7"

(b) Weight (estimated) 155 lbs

(c) Hair—Color Apparently dk. Brown

Quantity Medium

Characteristics Grayish

(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location

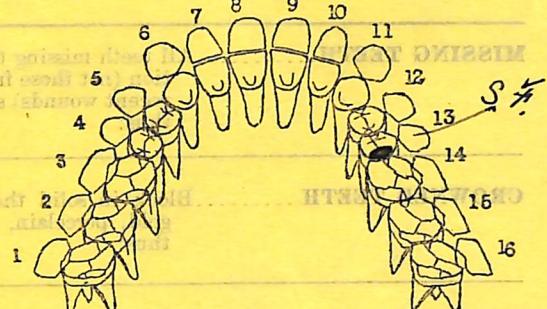
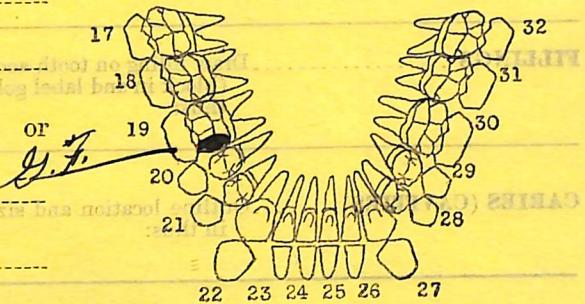


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.

Quantity

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

missing parts) None



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

E. Seils  
Checker

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7. Disinterment supervised by

Approved:

(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by

Approved:

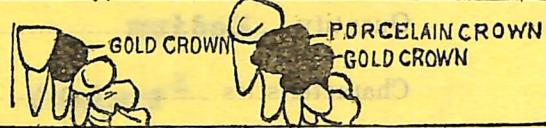
(Title)

D. B. LOUREY  
1st. Lt. Q.M.C.W. G. BALE  
Lt. Col. Q.M.C.

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

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

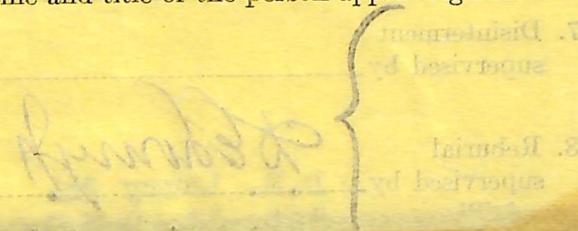
1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial 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."
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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."

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



WAR DEPARTMENT  
 QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
 CEMETERIAL DIVISION, GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

Jan. 25th, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div., Cor.Branch.  
 (Bridges, Leonard C.)

Mr. Andrew J. Bridges,  
 Stamping Ground, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt of shipping inquiry dated January 10th, 1921, relative to the remains of your son, the late Leonard C. Bridges, Sergeant, Serial No. 222895, 301st M.R.S. Unit, is acknowledged.

You are advised that your request that the remains of your son be left in France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery will 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 renewed assurance of its sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

By:

*ff/hk*  
 F.C. PALLAS,  
 Executive Assistant.

*B:*

*Mailed-O.P.D.*  
*ff*  
*JAN 27 1921*

ff/hk

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bridges ..... No. 222895 ..... Leonard .....  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Sergeant ..... 3. Olat. Unit M. R. S. ....  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL April 5, 1919.

PLACE OF BURIAL

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

Bazeilles-sur-Meuse, Vesges, France

American E. F. Cemetery No. 6

Plan of August 29th, 1918

GRAVE NUMBER 856

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Yes Cross? Yes

Headboard?  Bottle?  Yes

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes

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

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

REPORTED BY: *C. A. Carlisle*

C. A. Carlisle, 2nd. Lt. Q. M. C.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

This portion to be sent to Chief of Graves Registration Service



G. R. S. Form No. 113  
Reply to G. L. Inquiry.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 25, 1919.

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Mr. Andrew J. Bridges,  
Stamping Ground,  
Kentucky.

1. In reply to your inquiry we beg to say that the records of the Graves Registration Service contain the following information as to grave location:

Case of: Sgt. Leonard C. Bridges,  
301st Motor Repair Shop Unit,

Place of burial: Buried - American Cemetery, Bozoilles, Department of Vosges, Grave 836, Row 48.

2. The grave has been registered and suitably marked for present purposes, pending the adoption of a more permanent monument by the National Fine Arts Commission, which now has the matter under consideration.

3. While it is a sad duty on our part to convey information concerning the burial of men who were our valient comrades, it is a satisfaction to answer the queries of those who suffer so grievously by the casualties of War.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

eral:  
G. R. S. MAILED  
OCT 25 1919

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Colonel, Q. M. Corps,  
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

TO: - REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.  
FROM: - INQUIRY BRANCH.

Date 10/20/19

Please furnish information as checked (✓) below regarding the following soldier:

NAME Bridges, Leonard C. Serial Number

RANK Pgt. ORGANIZATION

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	No. 222895
2.	Date of Death.	<u>30/1st M.R.D. Unit.</u>
3.	Cause and place of death.	
4.	Number of Casualty & Cablegram.	
5.	Date buried.	
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	gr. T36, Row 48, Amer. Cty, #6, Bouzilles <del>soe</del> <del>meuse</del> , (Fosges)
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	
12.	Has above been notified? (Give date)	
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	Mr. L. J. Bridges, (7a.) Stamping Ground, Ky.
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	
15.	Inquiry made by?	
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STAMPING GROUND, KY.

April 28th, 1919.

Chief, Grave Registration Service,  
American Expeditionary Forces, France.

Gentlemen:

Will you please inform me of the exact location of  
the grave of my Son Sargt. Leonard C. Bridges who died April 5th, 1919  
in Base Hospital No. 81 France.

You're Truly,

*Andrew J. Bridges*



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CAN YOU HAVE BODY OF MY SON SERGEANT LEONARD BRIDGES

QUARTERMASTERS CORPS WHO DIED IN BASE HOSPITAL NUMBER 81 IN FRANCE

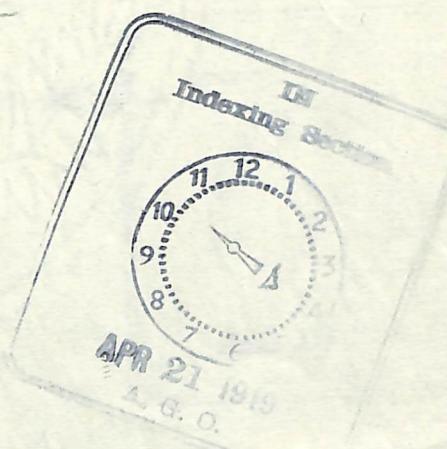
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ANDREW J BRIDGES.

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Car. Rep.  
Dear Dr. Pres.  
April 10<sup>th</sup>  
You will be kind.



3.8 Bridges, Leonard

A.G.O. 293-8

BRIDGES, LEONARD

April 17th, 1919.

Mr. Andrew J. Bridges,  
Stamping Ground, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

DATES ON WHICH THIS FILE IS CHARGED OUT

In answer to your telegram of April 14th, I beg to advise you that the records of this office show that your son, Sergeant Leonard Bridges, Quartermaster Corps, died of broncho pneumonia, April 10th, while serving with the Military Reserve Unit, in France.

Your attention is invited to the enclosed Memorandum of Information, setting forth, among other things, the policy of the War Department with respect to the return to this country of the bodies of our soldiers who die overseas.

It is desired to express to you the sincere sympathy of the Department on account of the loss you have sustained in the death of your son.

Very respectfully,

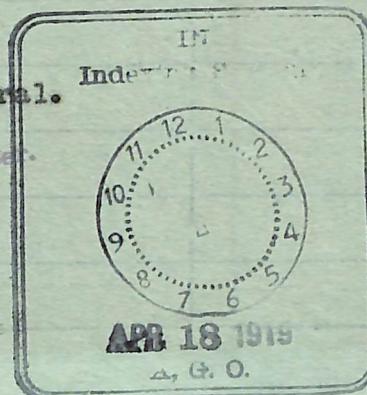
The Adjutant General.

Per

W. V. Carter.

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BRIDGES, LEONARD