

G.R.S. Form #114-B

FULL NAME *BRIGGS, Lewis A.*

RANK *Pvt.* SERIAL *1519879*

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION *Co. E. 145th Inf. 37th Div*

DATE OF DEATH *10-31-18*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *Ohio*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED *None*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION *6-12-22* *8* *1* *A*
Date Grave Row Block

Flanders Field, #1252
Cemetery

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Briggs *1,519,879* *Lewis*
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Pvt *Co E 145 Inf*
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: *Evac. Hosp #5 Staden, Belgium*

CAUSE OF DEATH: *Bronchial Pneumonia*

DATE OF BURIAL: *Nov. 1, 1918*

PLACE OF DEATH: *Burial Staden, Belgium*

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

Northend of town 100 ft from road

GRAVE NUMBER: *9*

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? *ist*

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? *Yes*

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP: *arks*

REPORTED BY:

Wm R Campbell Chaplain 1st Lt
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

F. C. Matthews
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

2nd Lieut, OMC, USA.
This portion to be sent to Chief of Graves Registration Service.

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

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Briggs 1,519,879 Louis
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Pvt. Co. E. 145 Inf.
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Staden, Belgium

CAUSE OF DEATH: Pneumonia

DATE OF BURIAL: Oct. 31 1918

Staden, Belgium
PLACE OF BURIAL: American Mil. Cemetery

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

GRAVE NUMBER: 9

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?

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

F. C. Matthews
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

2nd Lieut., DMC, USA.

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

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LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Briggs, L. 510, 079 Louis
(Surname) (Number) (First Name and Initials)

Art. Co. E. 145. Inf.
(Rank) (Organization)

PLACE OF DEATH: Staden, Belgium

CAUSE OF DEATH: Pneumonia

DATE OF BURIAL: Oct. 31. 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: Staden, Belgium
American Hill Cemetery

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

GRAVE NUMBER: 2

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?

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY: F. J. Matthews
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

G.R.S. FORM NO. 16.

Place Waereghem, Belgium

Date June 17, 1919

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name ~~BRIGGS, Lewis~~ BRIGGS, Lewis

Number: 1519879

Rank Pvt

Organization: Co. E, 145 Inf.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group 3 Unit 302

Disinterred (Date) From: (Give complete location)

6-5-19 Grave 9, Row 1, A.E.F.Cem., Staden, West Flanders, Belgium.

Sheet Roulers-Thielt; 168.5E 476.8N

Reburied (Date) in: (Give complete location)

6-5-19 Grave 160, Plot B, American Mil.Cem., Waereghem, West Flanders

Belgium. B.M. 1/40,000. Sheet 29-D-28-d-6-9.5

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

Body buried in blanket, badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? yes

What other means of identification were found upon the body? none

CONFIRMED No 713-42

Note:

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

Supervised by: Sgt. E.H.engel, Engrs.

H.E.Felter, 2nd Lieut., QMCUSA

C.O.Group 3 Unit 302

Date June 11, 1919

REPORT ON DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Name of:

Number: 181879

Name: [REDACTED]

Organization: [REDACTED]

Rank: [REDACTED]

Unit: [REDACTED]

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group: [REDACTED]

From: (Give complete location) [REDACTED]

Disinterred (Date): [REDACTED]

Grave 9, Row 1, A.E.F. Cem., Leiden, West Flanders, Belgium

6-8-19

Sheet numbers - Initial: 158.32 478.32

To: (Give complete location) [REDACTED]

Reburied (Date): [REDACTED]

Grave 160, Plot B, American Mil. Cem., Warsope, West Flanders

6-8-19

Belgium. P.M. 140,000. Sheet 22-D-28-4-2-1-3

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

body buried in blanket, badly decomposed.

Was any identification tag found? on the body? yes

What other means of identification were found upon the body? none

CONFIRMED No. 181879



Graves registration service. In doubtful cases, notation wherever will be made and reported to Chief. 1919, first being carefully examined for clues to identity. Report to the Effects Dept direct, as is required by G.O.C. on disinterment, effects are found upon the bodies, they will

Supervised by: Sgt. E.H. Engel, Surgeon. A. J. [REDACTED], and Lieut. [REDACTED]

C.O. Group 3 Unit 303

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Briggs,</i> <i>Lewis A</i>	<i>Bic</i>	3	2 8 9
	CEMETERY <i>1252</i>	1	8
BURIED	GRAVE <i>8</i>	2	08
	ROW <i>1</i>	2	01
	BLOCK <i>A</i>	1	11
STATE	<i>Ohio</i>	2	41
RANK	<i>Priv.</i>	1	2
DIVISION	<i>37</i>	2	37
ORGANIZATION	<i>145</i>	3	145
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	1
MARTIAL	<i>No</i>	1	2
NAME <i>Briggs, Emma</i>	<i>Bic</i>	3	2 8 9
	STATE <i>Ohio</i>	2	41
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Lake</i>	2	43
<i>505-E. Erie St</i>	CITY <i>Painesville</i>	3	106
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	1
OTHER	<i>Father</i>	1	1
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Poor</i>	1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>No</i>	1	
29/514/PJ	<i>Age</i>		

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Briggs, Lewis A.

FF

September 7, 1932

509 Mrs. Emma Briggs
417 E. Erie St. --- *Number changed*
Painesville, Ohio

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")

No ✓

2. Please state your age and condition of health:

Age: *70*

Health: *poor*

3. Do you speak English?

Yes

4. What other language do you speak?

none

Mrs. Emma Briggs,

509 E. Erie St.,

Painesville, O.

Sign here

add

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,

would prefer the cost of the trip in money.

Chas. W. Dietz

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

Briggs, Lewis A. (FF)

July 12, 1932

Mrs. Emma Briggs,
417 E. Erie St.,
Painesville, Ohio.

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) _____



VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON

April 22, 1932.

IN REPLY REFER TO: BA-G

YOUR FILE REFERENCE:

Mrs. Emma Briggs,
505 E. Erie St.,
Painesville, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

Your communication of April 19, 1932 has been referred to the Office of the Quartermaster General, War Department, Washington, D.C., for attention.

Any future correspondence relative to this matter should be addressed to that office.

By direction,

W. C. BLACK,
Chief Clerk.



April 25, 1932.

QM 293 A-M
Briggs, Lewis A. (FF) M

Mrs. Emma Briggs,
505 E. Erie Street,
Painesville, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of April 19, 1932, addressed to the Veterans Administration, relative to your desire to obtain a sum of money in place of the pilgrimage you are eligible to make to the grave of your son, the late Private Lewis A. Briggs, has been referred to this office for reply.

There is no provision of law which will permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow in lieu of the pilgrimage.

It is noted that you state your health will not permit you to make the pilgrimage, and in this connection you are advised that competent personnel to care for the comfort and needs of the pilgrims will be provided and doctors and nurses will be available. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 a number of women in very poor health made the pilgrimage and appeared to benefit by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

In the event you reconsider and desire to make the journey during the coming summer, arrangements will be made for you to sail July 27th on the AMERICAN IMPORTER with the mothers and widows who will visit the Flanders Field American Cemetery in Belgium, wherein the remains of your son are interred. If you desire to sail on July 27th it is requested you so advise this office at the earliest practicable date and arrangements will be made accordingly.

In the event you are unable to make the trip this summer, you will of course be given an opportunity to go next year. It is sincerely hoped that nothing will prevent your going at that time as 1933 is the last year for which pilgrimages are authorized.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

505 E. Erie St.,
Painesville, Ohio.

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War Veteran's Department,
Washington, D. C.:-

I understand there is an allowance given to those mothers of soldiers who did not avail themselves of the chance offered by the Government to visit their son's graves in Flander's Field Belgium. I did not, and am not going - am not well enough. So will never see Lewis' grave.

Yours respectfully,
Mrs. Emma Briggs.

Mrs. Emma Briggs.



Lewis Briggs

1252

*Not in war but
1932 No //*

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Briggs, Lewis A. Pvt. (F.F.) M

June 23, 1931

Mrs. Emma Briggs,
417 E. Erie St.,
Painesville, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

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

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

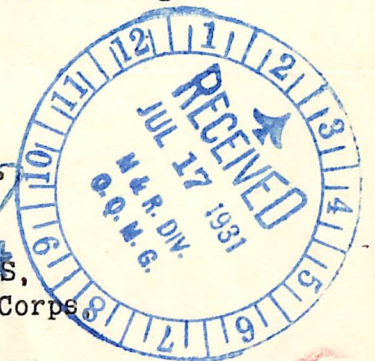
As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? No.
Write answer here

Mrs. Emma Briggs

Mrs. Emma Briggs.

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Briggs, Lewis A. Pvt 1252 M

October 11, 1930

Mrs. Emma Briggs
417 E. Erie Street
Painesville, Ohio

Dear Madam:

A reply has not been received to office letter of recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended 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 in 1931, 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?	<i>no</i>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	<i>no</i>
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age <i>65</i> Condition of health <i>good</i>
4. Do you speak English?	<i>yes</i>
5. What other language do you speak?	<i>no other</i>

Emma Briggs

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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Amendment
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 7, 1930.

Briggs, Lewis A. - 1252 M

Mrs. Emma Briggs,
417 E. Erie St.,
Painesville, Ohio.

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)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Briggs, Lewis A.

August 7, 1929.

Mrs. L. L. Briggs,
417 E. Erie St.,
Painesville, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated April 23, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

No.

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

Yes a mother. Lewis' father was nearly killed by a train and I am unable to leave for so long a time. If the government would give me even a small amount of the cost of the trip it would help a lot. I certainly appreciate your kind offer. We lost two sons one in the war and one died after he came home. He had dropped his insurance. We get Lewis' Thanking you once more I remain Yours Sincerely

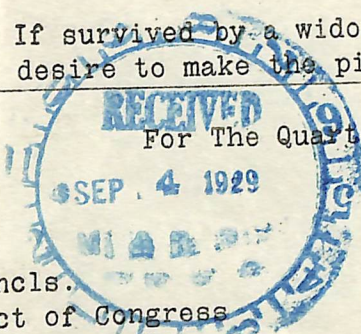
3. If survived by a widow or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage? No.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO OM 293 A-C
Briggs, Lewis A.

April 23, 1929.

Mrs. L. L. Briggs,
417 E. Erie St.,
Painesville, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Lewis A. Briggs, Company E, 145th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Flanders Field American Cemetery, Wareghem, Belgium.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

J. McCLINTOCK,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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Act of Congress.
Envelope.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Briggs, Lewis A.

FF

September 7, 1932

Mrs. Emma Briggs
417 E. Erie St.
Painesville, Ohio

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

Briggs, Lewis A. (FF)

July 12, 1932

Mrs. Emma Briggs,
417 E. Erie St.,
Painesville, Ohio.

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) _____

April 25, 1932.

QM 293 A-M
Briggs, Lewis A. (FF) M

Mrs. Emma Briggs,
505 E. Erie Street,
Painesville, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of April 19, 1932, addressed to the Veterans Administration, relative to your desire to obtain a sum of money in place of the pilgrimage you are eligible to make to the grave of your son, the late Private Lewis A. Briggs, has been referred to this office for reply.

There is no provision of law which will permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow in lieu of the pilgrimage.

It is noted that you state your health will not permit you to make the pilgrimage, and in this connection you are advised that competent personnel to care for the comfort and needs of the pilgrims will be provided and doctors and nurses will be available. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 a number of women in very poor health made the pilgrimage and appeared to benefit by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

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In the event you are unable to make the trip this summer, you will of course be given an opportunity to go next year. It is sincerely hoped that nothing will prevent your going at that time as 1933 is the last year for which pilgrimages are authorized.

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

Briggs, Lewis A. Pvt. (F.F.) M

June 23, 1931

Mrs. Emma Briggs,
417 E. Erie St.,
Painesville, Ohio.

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

October 11, 1930

Briggs, Lewis A. Pvt 1252 M

Mrs. Emma Briggs
417 E. Erie Street
Painesville, Ohio

Dear Madam:

A reply has not been received to office letter of recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages in 1931, 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. FUGHES,
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

June 7, 1930.

Briggs, Lewis A. - 1252 M

Mrs. Emma Briggs,
417 E. Erie St.,
Painesville, Ohio.

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)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Briggs, Lewis A. 1252 M

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Emma Briggs,
417 E. Erie St.,
Painesville, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Briggs, Lewis A.

August 7, 1929.

Mrs. L. L. Briggs,
417 E. Erie St.,
Painesville, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated April 23, 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,

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

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

S U S P E N D S L I P

It is requested that the
attached file be returned to

G. Ruch
(Name)

Comm Div 7
(Service)

5/7/29
(Date)

Return herewith _____
(Date) (Initials)

If further suspense is
necessary, please indicate below: -

RESUSPEND TO _____

RESUSPEND TO _____

RESUSPEND TO _____

_____ If no further suspense
is necessary, please
check here _____
and initial _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO ^B QM 295 A-C
Briggs, Lewis A.

April 23, 1929.

Mrs. L. L. Briggs,
417 E. Erie St.,
Painesville, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Lewis A. Briggs, Company E, 145th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Flanders Field American Cemetery, Wareghem, Belgium.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

J. McCLINTOCK,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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Act of Congress.
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MAY 23 PM 4
D. O. M. G. - M. R. DIV.

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Briggs,
(Surname.)

Lewis A.
(Christian name in full.)

1,519,879
(Army serial number)

Pvt

Co E 145th Inf
(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased.

Father Mother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

NO

(Yes or no.)

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

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mr & Mrs L L Briggs
304 Rutledge St
Memphis

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

3-6713

DUPLICATE

Postmarked
MAY 10-29

1252-60 10-15

Drawn by Pitt

Leave him rest where
he Lies

signed
Lincoln Let Briggs

Emma Briggs.

204 Prospect St
E.A. from Painesville, Ohio.
letter

54295

BRIGGS, Lewis A., Pvt.

February 8, 1924

Mrs. L. L. Briggs,
417 East Erie St.,
Painesville, Ohio.

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

O. Q. M. G.
CENTRAL MAIL ROOM

1-Incl.
Record card.

Assistant.

R. L. FOSTER

MEK

YDX

FEB 8 1924

B. O. C.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place Cem 1252. Belgium.

Date June 12, 1922.

1. REMAINS OF BRIGGS, Lewis A.

SERIAL NUMBER 1519879

RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION Co. E. 145th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) :

June 12, 1922.

From (give complete location) :

Gr. 160 Plot B. Cem 1252

By : Group 3

Unit Sec 2.

Blank

3. Reburied (date) June 12, 1922.

In (give complete location) :

Gr 8 Plot A Row 1 Flanders Field Cemetery No. 1252 Waereghem, Belgium. In regulation casket and shipping case. Bottle record placed with body.

By : Group Reburial

Unit Section No. 2

Nature of reburial

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

Blanket and wooden box.

Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags : Buried with body ? Yes

On grave marker ? No

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

Body tag checks.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement)

estimated 70 inches.

(b) Weight (estimated)

Impossible to determine

(c) Hair—Color

none visible

Quantity

do

Characteristics

do

(d) Hair on face—Color

do

Location

do

Quantity

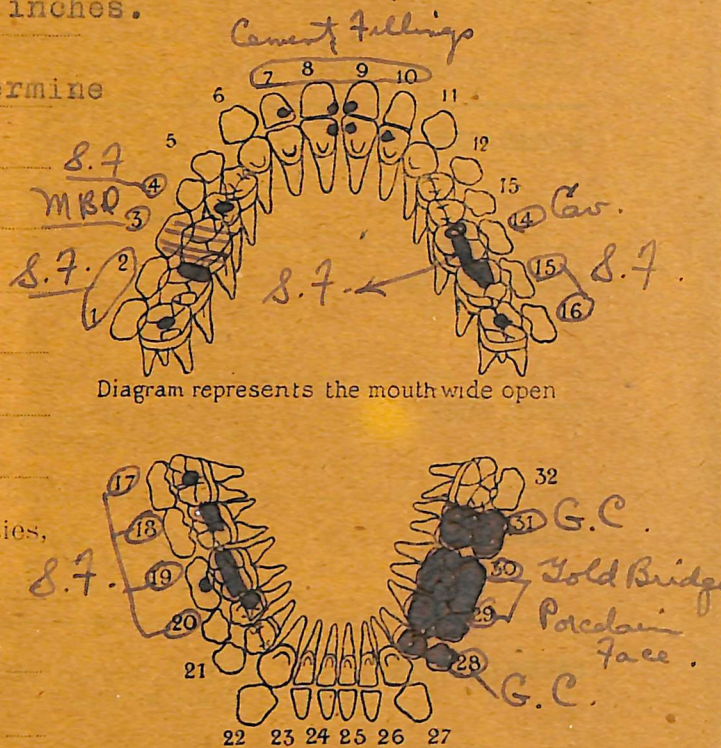
do

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

none visible.

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

Skull posted



7. Disinterment supervised by W.C. Folmer

W.C. Folmer.

Approved :

O.E. Davis.
1st Lt. G.M.C.

8. Reburial supervised by J. S. Pantelis

J. S. PANTELIS

Approved :

William D. Cleary
Chaplain, U.S. Army

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

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

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.

2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.






3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.

4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.

5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".

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

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

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.

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-872

32. Designation of body:

Name BRIGGS, LEWIS A. Serial No. 1519879

Rank PVT. Organization Co. E 145th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Flanders Field American Cemetery #1252,
Wareghem, Belgium.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) June 12, 1922. By W.C. Follmer.

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 *[Signature]*
C.E. Davis, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

36. Remarks

None.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) June 12, 1922.

To point of Concentration _____
Convoyer _____ (Name) _____
Signature Shipping Officer *[Signature]*
C.E. Davis, 1st Lt. 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 _____

To Permanent Cemetery Flanders Field Amer Cem. # 1252.
Convoyer _____ (Name) _____
Signature Shipping Officer *[Signature]*
C.E. Davis, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

40. Received: Date June 12, 1922.

G.R.S. Representative *[Signature]*
W.D. Cleary, Chaplain.

41. Reinterred _____ (Date) _____

42. Grave No. _____ Section _____

43. Plot A Row 1

G.R.S. Representative *[Signature]*
William D. Cleary
Chaplain, U. S. Army

AUDITED BY
LDL 5-16-23

EL

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE June 12, 1922.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BRIGGS, LEWIS A.
 2. No. 1519879
 3. Rank Pvt.
 4. Org. Co. E 145th Inf.
 5. D.D. 10-31-18
 6. C.D. DOD

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 160 Sec. _____
 8. Plot B Row _____
 9. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 17. None.

18. Cemetery AMERICAN
 20. Dept. or County _____
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1252

19. Commune or town WAEREGHEM
 21. Country BELGIUM

23. Disinterred (Date) June 12, 1922.By W.C. Follmer.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Briggs, Lewis, A.
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. 1519879
 Organization Co. E. 145th Inf.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? No. On body? Yes.Signature O.E. Davis Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

O.E. Davis, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

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).

Body tag checks.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.28. Nature of burial Blanket and wooden box.29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None.30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date June 12, 1922. By W.C. Follmer.31. Casket sealed by W.C. Follmer.Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) W.C. Follmer

COMPILATION N/R REQUESTS

I. DATA COMPILATION

A. Location Index Card:-

(1) Name Briggs, Lewis A. Ser. No. 1519879)
 (2) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. E, 145th Inf.) TYP. ESW
 (3) Date of death 10-31-18) CKR. MEH

B. Registration Card:- (Check Reg. Card Inf. against Loc. Ind. Inf.)

(4) Cause of death Broncho Pneumonia) TYP. FLR
 (5) Grave No. 160 Row --- Plot B Sect. ---) CKR. SS

II. FILES EXAMINATION

A. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; No card

B. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD Date of receipt None

(6) Relationship Father & Mother)
 (7) Name Mr. Mrs. L. L. Briggs)
 (8) Address 204 Prospect St., Painesville, Ohio)
 (9) Desires remains brought to U. S.? No)
 (10) Desires remains brought to U. S. and interred in National Cemetery at _____)
 (11) If brought back, what shipping instructions? _____)

C. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE Date of communication 8-18-19

(12) Does correspondence change or qualify request as made on A.G.O. card? If so, specify such information. Mrs. Emma Briggs (Mother)

204-Prospect St. Painesville, Ohio Correspondence agrees with card
 (13) A. G. O. Files EXAMINED by FB (Date) 3-30-20

D. (14) G. R. S. Files - Correspondence. (Has reference been made to File No. Cancellation memos? yes - MEH Does such correspondence, if containing request for disposition, reconcile with that of A. G. O.? MEH (Specify "Yes or "No".) If "No", give date of communication, the name, address, and relationship and substance of request.

No request for disposition, grave location registration blanks

(15) G. R. S. Files EXAMINED by MEH (Date) 3-31-20

Checked
MEH 10-28

III. FINAL ACTION

A. MEMORANDUM to D. M. O. in E. made (Date) _____

(16) Removal of Remains (within custody of G.R.S.) to _____

(17) Instructions that remains be left undisturbed _____

(18) Typed by _____ Checked by _____ (Date) _____

B. G. R. S. FORM NO. 114 made (Date) _____

(19) Typed by _____ Checked by _____ (Date) _____

C. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*Form 120 7/21/20 Mother confirms
previous instructions of
father + mother received from
D 24 8/16/20*

D. Dispatched (Date) _____ (Let. Trans. No. *12/3/20*)

PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED #7

Approved by _____

(Date) _____

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

JUL 20 1920

Push Answer

Noted on Form No. 115
Date *8/16/20 JCH*

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

TO: Mr & Mrs. L.L. Briggs, 204 Prospect St., Painesville, Ohio.

SUBJECT: Remains of Private Lewis A. Briggs,

no change; i.e.k.

The records of this office show that you have requested that his

body be Remain in Europe

The entire family join in asking that the remains of Lewis A. Briggs remain in Europe
~~*Emma Briggs, 204 Prospect St. Painesville*~~

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow	<i>none</i>		
Soldier's Children	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2. <i>none</i>		
	3.		
Father	<i>Lincoln Lee Briggs</i>		
Mother	<i>Emma Briggs</i>		
Brothers	1. <i>Milton L. Briggs (Moth at 204 Prospect - Painesville)</i>		
(Name oldest first)	2. <i>Paul A. Briggs (Painesville)</i>		
Sisters	<i>Mrs. Mrs. Powell, Painesville Ohio</i>		

Date *July 21 1920*

Signature *Emma Briggs*

Address _____ Relationship *Mother*

Note: - Instructions on the reverse side of this sheet should be carefully read before filling out this paper.

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The transfer of bodies will be made entirely at Government expense.

7. Use the enclosed envelope - pay no postage.

the case of this body.

6. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in

5. 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.

near you, to fill out this paper.

4. If YOU are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living

this matter.

3. 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

2. 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.

shown in the square on other side of this sheet.

1. This paper MUST be signed by the person who is the NEXT of kin in the order

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING OUT



In reply refer to:
293.8 C-R #54298

Jan. 6, 1923.

File

Mrs. Emma Briggs,
417 E. Erie St.,
Painesville, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be advised, in reply to your letter of recent date, that the remains of your late son, Private Lewis A. Briggs, Co.E, 145th Inf., now rest in Grave 8, Row 1, Block A, Flanders Field American Cemetery at Waereghem, Belgium.

This is a permanent American Cemetery and you are assured the grave will be marked by a suitable headstone of white marble and will be maintained in a manner befitting the supreme sacrifice made by this soldier.

Stamp-addressed envelope, forwarded to this office, is herewith returned.

Very truly yours,

H. J. CONNER,
Assistant.

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envelope.

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MAILED

JAN 6 1923

G.R.S.

417 E. East St
Peineerally, Ohio

Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. O. M. G.
File # 223.8
54298

Colonel Charles W. Riese,
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir: -

We received the photograph of
Lewis Briggs' grave long ago.

There is an Italian soldier who is now
in Italy. He wrote me that he was coming
to the U.S.A. in the spring and that he would
stop off one week in France. He has just
written me for the location of Lewis
Briggs' grave. Can you tell me anything?
Lewis

Here is what I can tell you.

Pvt. Lewis A. Briggs Co. H, died at hospital
5th son Oct. 30th, 1918 Serial W. 14199-79
If you can tell me so that by can find
the grave I will owe you much.

find stamped and self addressed
envelope for answer.

Sincerely yours

Emma Briggs

P. R. Samoise

A Gold Star mother

my other soldier came home
and died May 10th 1921.

RECEIVED
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

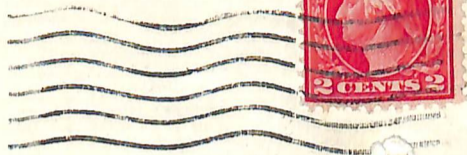


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JAN 6

Graves Registration Service
Washington, D.C.

417 E. Erie St.,
Painesville, O.



Col. Charles C. Pierce,
Grauer Registration Co.,
Washington,
D. C.

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293.6 (Briggs, Lewis A.) DRD
Burial Records Section, 7th & B Sts.

EJ

August 22, 1919.

Mrs. & Mrs. Lincoln Lee Briggs,
204 Prospect Street,
Painesville, Ohio.

Dear Sir and Madam:--

The card sent in by you relative to the final disposition of the remains of your son, Lewis A. Briggs, is herewith respectfully returned with the request that you sign your name in the proper place, and return same to this office in the enclosed addressed envelope, which requires no postage. The records of this office do not show that a card has previously been returned by you, and therefore, same may have been lost in the mails.

I take this opportunity to express to you the deep and sincere sympathy of the Department on account of the great loss sustained in the death of your son, and to commend you for the contribution you have made to the cause for which this soldier gave his life.

Very respectfully,

F. C. Harris
The Adjutant General

Per

✓ / Encls.

File
of 8-22-19

OK

#54298

Painesville Ohio Aug 18 1919
To the Adjutant General War Department
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir: -

We received your first card and
told you NO! Well we have not changed
our minds.

We gave to you of our best. A bright
healthy boy of 21. He was a volunteer and
went gladly and willingly.

You have done your worst and now
will you kindly leave us in peace,
I suffer by his broken hearted mother.

Mrs. Emma Briggs

Former address R. 1, Box 49

Present " 204 Prospect St.

Painesville Ohio

Linnell Lee Briggs (Father)

File OK - RPR
Chq. e.a. noted

card incl R

A. G. 2938
Briggs
Linnell L.

54298
GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Briggs 1,519,879 Lewis
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Pvt Co E 145 Inf
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Erac Hap #5 Staden, Belgium

CAUSE OF DEATH: Bronchial Pneumonia

DATE OF BURIAL: Nov. 1, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: Staden, Belgium

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

Northend of town 100 ft
from road

GRAVE NUMBER: 9

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? Headboard? Bottle?

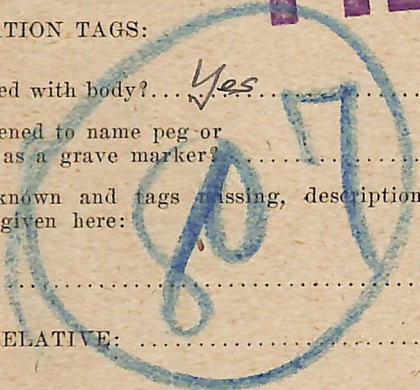
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IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes

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

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



NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP: Boss 593

REPORTED BY: Wm R Campbell, Chaplain 1st Lieut
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).



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BRIGGS, LOUIS. 1519879

Pvt. Co.E. 145 INF.

DIED: 2 am Oct. 31st 1918

Died of disease. in Hosp.

BURIAL. Near STADEN, Belgium.

Death while in line of duty.



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