

FULL NAME *BRIGGS, Ralph S.*

RANK *Pvt.* SERIAL *1691817*

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION *Co. F, 26th Inf. - 1 Div*

DATE OF DEATH *Oct. 2, 1918* ~~abt. 11-7-18~~ *OK*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *Mass*

MEALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED *None*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION *10-20-21* *25* *13* *F*
Date Grave Row Block

1232 - Meuse-Argonne
Rec'd World War Div *Cemetery*
3 APR 4 1928

23/306/ARK

2 A.G.O.
AUG 11 1926
WORLD WAR DIV.

Robert G. Davis,
Major General,
The Adjutant General.
By

MA.
AUG 16 1926

RECEIVED

Received
AUG 17 26
M. & R. BRANCH
E. O. M. C.

1898

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

1691817
LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Briggs ~~1691817~~ Ralph S.
(Surname) (Number) (First Name and Initials)

Priv Co F 26 Inf M.F.
(Rank) (Organization)

PLACE OF DEATH: La Petite Bois

CAUSE OF DEATH: Action

DATE OF BURIAL: Nov 3 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: 86-300-05

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

Buzancy Special 92c

GRAVE NUMBER: 8

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

J.J. Morley 1st Lt Chap.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

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

4 Scituate Sept 29, 1932

Washington Lauter master Depot

Gentlemen

Many thanks for the nice flag which arrived yesterday in memory of my dear ²⁴³ Pt. Ralph S. Briggs Co. F. 26th Inf. killed in Argonne. It will be cherished by me as long as I live.

Very sincerely

Mary E. Briggs

Gold Star Mother



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9/30/32
som

Place Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date 13 January 1921.

1. REMAINS OF Ralph S. Briggs. SERIAL NUMBER 1691817

RANK ----- ORGANIZATION -----

2. Disinterred (date): 12 January 1921. From (give complete location): Map 35 NE. N. 283.5 E. 302.9 Commune of Exermont, (Ardennes).

By: Group J. VAN EGMOND Unit -----

3. Reburied (date): 13 January 1921. In (give complete location): Argonne American Cemetery, Grave 54 Sect. 113 Plot 2. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

By: Group ----- Unit ----- Nature of reburial Regulation.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: Body buried in slicker, blanket and uniform, about 1 1/2 feet deep. Body badly decomposed. Shoes about size #8.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: Temporary G.R.S. Cross over grave with G.R.S. tag attached which read "RALPH S BRIGGS 1691817" also identification tag nailed to cross which read "RALPH S BRIGGS USA" the other side of tag read "169181-". Collar ornament found on blouse which read "USNA".

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

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

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to determine.

(c) Hair—Color None found.

Quantity " "

Characteristics " "

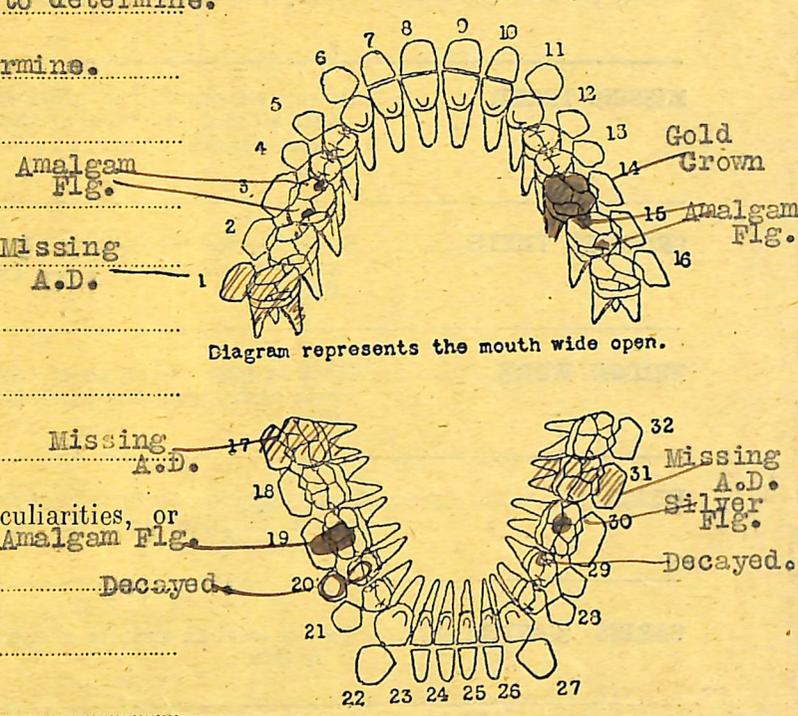
(d) Hair on face—Color " "

Location -----

Quantity -----

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

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) None.



CONFIRMED No. D 21354

7. Disinterment supervised by J. VAN EGMOND, Civ. Empl., AGRS., QMC., in E. Approved: L. O. MATHEWS, Major QMC.

8. Reburial supervised by H. C. BIERBOWER, Major MC. Approved: L. O. MATHEWS, Major QMC.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



ITINERARY OF MEUNE-ARGONNE GROUP

PARTY "C" 1931 PILGRIMAGE

Briggs, Ralph S.

Sailed from New York on the PRESIDENT HARDING May 20, 1931, in charge of Captain C. E. Melanson and arrived Cherbourg Harbor at 2 P.M. May 29th. Tender used for the regular passengers was employed for the use of Party C. The following personnel met the boat: Major Francis M. Fitts, Captain John P. Lake, Captain Myron J. Conway, Lt. Wm. L. Barriger, Lt. Harry C. Newsham, Lt. Hugh F. J. Hoffman, Lt. Brendan M. Greeley, Miss Eulon, 4 other nurses and 2 civilian employees. Arrived at the Gare des Invalides at 9:55 P.M. and went straight to the hotel.

May 29th - A. M. free - conference with conducting officer. Lunch at hotel and departed at 3:30 P.M. for ceremony at the Arc de Triomphe for placing of wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier and then to Restaurant Laurent for tea and reception.

May 30th - Special Church Services in A.M. and Decoration Day services at Suresnes in P.M.

May 31st - Church or free - pack baggage.

June 1st - Departed for Verdun via Forte de Pantin, M^ontmirail, Chalons s/ Marne. Arrived at 5:45 P.M.

June 2nd 3rd 4th 5th - Visited cemetery daily and sightseeing trips in vicinity.

June 6th - Departed Verdun at 7:30 a.m. via St. Menesould, Sulpes, Reims Chateau Thierry and on to Paris.

June 7th - Church or free - and night sightseeing trip.

June 8th - Visited Colonial Exposition and Napoleon's tomb.

June 9th - Free or shopping.

June 10th - free or visit to Louvre.

June 11th - entrained at 11:25 a.m. for the trip to Cherbourg.

Mrs. Mary E. Briggs

Name BRIGGS, Mrs. Mary E.

HOTEL AMBASSADOR

Paris Hôtel BOULEVARD HAUSSMANN

Situate

Home address Tilden Road, Egypt, Plymouth County, Massachusetts

Party C ~~I~~ Group Unit SS. PRES. HARDING

Date of arrival May 28, 1931 Date of departure SS. PRES. ROOSEVELT, June 11, 1931

Relationship Mother, 60

Name of deceased BRIGGS, Ralph S.

Rank Pvt Organization Co. F, 26th Inf

Cemetery Meuse-Argonne

G. 25. F-13

6/12

REMARKS

Deleted from Party "I"

6/12/1930



FVR

VIA POSTAL TELEGRAPH

Briggs, Ralph S.

John Daly

Mr. Horace C. Briggs,

Scituate, New York. Tel. Scituate 909 M

June 19, 1931

MRS MARY E BRIGGS ARRIVED SAFELY WILL ARRIVE SCITUATE VIA NEW YORK NEW HAVEN
AND HARTFORD AT FOUR SIX P M JUNE TWENTIETH PLEASE MEET HER

COLONEL POPE

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PARTY **C**..... FILE NO. **264**.....

NAME **Briggs, Mrs. Mary E.**
Scituate, Mass......

ROUTE OF TICKET

NYPHP 19 to *Scituate*
via Boston
..... to

Expiration date *July - 30 - 31*.....

The following stop overs are requested.

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(Signature of Pilgrim)

WAR DEPARTMENT

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

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Briggs, Mrs Mary E.



"Flagship" of the Shore Line Fleet

THE YANKEE CLIPPER

BOSTON — NEW YORK

Finest Afternoon Train in America

Over a Boulevard of Steel

Daily Except Saturdays and Sundays

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THE NEW HAVEN R. R.



THE PULLMAN COMPANY
 PASSENGER'S CHECK — To identify accommodations purchased.

BOSTON to NEW YORK, N. Y.

SEAT 20 CAR 4Y

LINE NO. _____ VIA _____ R. R. _____

OFFICE 4-1 FORM 1(E) \$1.50

The amount charged is The Pullman Company's rate and a surcharge of 50% of that amount required by and collected as agent for the Railroad Company, as follows:

Pullman Company retains	\$1.00
Railroad Company receives	0.50
Total Charge	\$1.50

Property taken into car will be entirely at owner's risk

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The New York
New Haven
and Hartford
RAILROAD CO.

Mrs Mary E Briggs

space are not to be used, if notice to that effect is given as much before departure time of train as possible—not less than one hour.

Patrons often experience inconvenience and complain because of inability to secure space when called for, due to the surrenders made closely approaching leaving time of train.

Your helpful cooperation is respectfully requested.

1 BOSTON 1

MAY 18 '31

1 TERMINAL 1

MAY 18

1 TERMINAL 1

Tickets \$

Drawing Room

Compartment

Parlor Car Seats

Berth

TOTAL \$

W.I.

Canceled Reservations

It will be helpful, when Pullman tickets purchased for space are not to be used, if notice to that effect is given as much before departure time of train as possible—not less than one hour.

Patrons often experience inconvenience and complain because of inability to secure space when called for, due to the surrenders made closely approaching leaving time of train.

Your helpful cooperation is respectfully requested.

QM 516 A-M
Pilgrimage - Gold Star

May 7, 1931

SUBJECT: Quarters Together

TO: Officer in Charge
Pilgrimage Port of Embarkation
225 West 34th Street.
New York City

The following pilgrims sailing on the PRESIDENT HARDING, May 20, 1931, have expressed a desire to be quartered together, and it is requested that every effort be made to comply with their wishes:

Pilgrim	Page	Desires Quarters With	Page
Mrs. Mabel E. Luke Dedham, Mass.	C-2	Mrs. Mary E. Briggs Scituate, Mass.	C-2
Mrs. Florence MacLean W. Somerville, Mass.	C-11		
Mrs. Eva M. Pickett Newport, Minn.	C-3	Mrs. Catherine M. Indolph St. Paul Park, Minn.	C-9
Mrs. Sarah M. Ingalls Central Nyack, N. Y.	C-5	Mrs. Jessie Jelly Nyack, N. Y.	C-6
Mrs. Dorothy Secor Pearl River, N. Y.	C-6		

For The Quartermaster General.

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

COPY

PARTY "C"
May 6th, 1931.

Mrs. Mary E. Briggs
Scituate, Mass.

Dear Madam:

There are enclosed herewith two tags and four identification pasters which have been prepared for the purpose of protecting your baggage while in transit, and to insure its safe arrival at the hotel where you are to stop in New York City. Please attach the tags to the handle of each piece of your baggage and place a paster on each end of each piece of your baggage before leaving your home.

Upon your arrival in New York City, you will be met at the railroad station by an Army Officer who will be in uniform. During your sojourn in New York before sailing for Europe, and upon your return from Europe, you will stop at the Hotel Pennsylvania, 33rd Street and 7th Avenue, New York City.

All mail intended to reach you between May 20, 1931, the day you sail from the United States, and June 11, 1931, the day you leave Europe, should be addressed to you in care of American Pilgrimage, 146 Avenue des Champs Elysees, Paris, France; for example:

Mrs. Mary Smith,
c/o American Pilgrimage,
146 Avenue des Champs Elysees,
Paris, France.

In making reservations for your journey home from New York City, it is necessary for this office to furnish the railroads with the exact time and date of your departure. The party you are to travel with will be disbanded in New York City on the day following your return from Europe and all arrangements for your accommodations will be made with the railroads by this office accordingly. Upon your return from Europe, it will therefore be necessary for you to remain in the hotel over night as a guest of the United States Government.

There is also enclosed herewith information relative to the cemeteries in Europe.

Very truly yours,

George F. R. Taylor
GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR,
1st Lieut. Q.M.C. (DOL)

7 Incl:

- 2 Baggage Tags
- 4 Baggage Pastors
- 1 Copy Cemeterial Information

Capt Carroll
met her
on arrival

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Briggs, Ralph S. S.N. 1691817
Pvt., Co. F, 26th Inf.
Son

September 22, 1932

Mrs. Mary E. Briggs,
Off First Parish Road,
Scituate, Mass.

Dear Madam:

In compliance with your recent request,
instructions have been issued to forward you a
flag in honor of the above named decedent, pro-
vided a flag has not previously been furnished
for him.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JAS. H. LAUBACH,
Lt. Colonel, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

1932 SEP -22- PM 12: 47

Copy to Commanding Officer, Washington, Q. M. Depot.
With instructions to furnish flag.

EM/vd

American Gold Star Mothers

OF THE WORLD WAR, INC.

NEW YORK STATE



Headquarters: Pennsylvania Hotel, Seventh Avenue and 33rd Street, New York City

Quarter Master General
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have been informed that I am entitled to an American flag from the Government in memory of

my beloved

²⁹²
Ralph Stanwood Briggs

SON OR DAUGHTER

Name of Mother

Mary E. Briggs

Address

off First Parish Road, Scituate Mass

NUMBER

STREET

CITY

STATE

Name of Deceased

Ralph Stanwood Briggs

Army, Navy, ~~Marine~~

Private

RANK

26th Inf.

REGIMENT

F

COMPANY

Stationed at

over seas

Lost at Sea

Among the Missing

Or Unknown

Place and Date of Death

London St. Georges Oct 3, 1918

Where Buried

Romagne Cemetery - France

I will be very grateful if same will be forwarded to me.

Respectfully yours,

(Mrs) Mary Esther Briggs



I will be very grateful if you will be pleased to forward me the following information...

Where Bred? *Germany*

Place and Date of Death *Germany 1945*

Lost or Set *among the Missing* Of Unknown

Stationed at *Germany*

Name, Rank, Service *Major*

Name of Descendant *John*

Address *1000 ...*

Name of Mother *Wanda*

How Reported *...*

I have been informed that I am entitled to an American flag from the Department of Defense...

Dear Sir:

Washington, D. C.
Central Postal Directory

Department of Defense, Washington, D. C.



NEW YORK STATE
OF THE WORLD WARS INC

American Red Cross

MADE IN U.S.A.

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	<i>Briggs,</i>	3	289
	<i>Ralph S</i>		
	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	1
BURIED	GRAVE <i>25</i>	2	25
	ROW <i>13</i>	2	13
	BLOCK <i>7</i>	1	6
STATE	<i>Mass</i>	2	25
RANK	<i>Priv</i>	1	2
DIVISION	<i>1</i>	2	01
ORGANIZATION	<i>26</i>	3	026
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	1
MARTIAL	<i>No</i>	1	2
NAME	<i>Briggs,</i>	3	289
	<i>Mrs. Mary</i>		
	STATE <i>Mass</i>	2	25
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Plymouth</i>	2	12
	CITY <i>Egypt</i>	3	xxx
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Good</i>	1	1
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR. <i>1931</i>	1	2
ACCEPTANCE	<i>yes</i>	1	1
	<i>Age 61</i>		61

*Failed
May 20, 1931*

AUDITED
NOV 4 1931

QM 293 A-M
Briggs, Ralph S. Pvt. (MA) M

June 30, 1931.

Mrs. Mary E. Briggs,
Scituate, Massachusetts.

Dear Mrs. Briggs:

I have your letter of June 25th expressing your appreciation for the pilgrimage you recently made to Europe to visit the grave of your son, the late Private Ralph S. Briggs, in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France.

The pilgrimage was authorized by Congress in an endeavor to bring a measure of comfort and solace to the hearts of the mothers and widows whose loved ones made the supreme sacrifice for their country, and it would seem from the generous expressions contained in the letter that the effort has not been in vain.

I am delighted to know that you were pleased with the arrangements made for your comfort and welfare and that the personnel as a whole rendered such satisfactory and commendable service. I feel, however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the mothers and widows.

You are assured that the Meuse-Argonne Cemetery will be perpetually maintained in the same fine condition in which you found it as it will continue to be the constant effort of the Quartermaster Corps, which is charged with the upkeep of all National cemeteries, to make it a fitting resting place for the heroes who are buried there.

Sincerely yours,

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

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(M-a)

Scituate Mass

Briggs Ralph S.
Bat. Co. 7, 26th Inf.

June 25/31.

Plymouth Co.
Failed on the
Harding May 20. 31

Quarter Master General

I wish to extend hearty thanks to a generous government for the privilege of sharing in the Gold Star Pilgrimage. It was just perfect, so carefully planned and carried out. It was my good fortune to be quartered at Hotel Ambassador in Paris and that group owes very much to Capt. John Lake. His cheery smile, unfeigning thoughtfulness, and courtesy made every thing for us all just so much easier. Our sweet nurse, Miss Gibbard, also helped us over some of the rough places, and Mr Hunter our guide was a mine of information for us. Going and coming on the ships we were

ever mindful of the watchful care
of Capt. Mac Linnan.

Again thanking Uncle Sam

I am Gratefully yours

Mary E. Briggs

Gold Star Mother

Camp C.



MEDICAL RECORD
COMMODORE

Party: **C** Hotel **McAlpin** **PENNSYLVANIA** **Harding** **Eastbound**
S. S. Roosevelt **Westbound**

Name **Briggs, Mrs. Mary E. (Pvt. Ralph S. Briggs, 25, 13, F.) - ma**

Home Address **Scituate, Mass.**

Name and address of nearest relative or friend **Mr. Kenneth R. Briggs,**
Greenbush, Mass.

Religion Age **60 M.**

History of present complaint: **Eastbound: May 20th; Mal-de-mer, Chlorotone gr. V.**
J.P.I.

INSTRUCTIONS: This card will be prepared for each Pilgrim treated on ship, east or west bound. Cards to be included in report of Liaison Officer upon return to New York.

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)

Treatment and Progress: (include dates)

Disposition: (include dates)

Remarks:

PARTY
C

EASTBOUND
STATE

GROUP
M.A.

60 - M

MASSACHUSETTS

Mrs. Briggs, Mary E. Address Scituate,
(Name of Pilgrim) (Street & No.) (City or Town)
Mass. Plymouth.
(State) (County)

Mrs. Kenneth R. Briggs Address Greenbush
(Name of Nearest Kin) (Street & No.) (City or Town)
Mass. (County)

ARRIVAL NEW YORK

VIA. R.R. N.Y.N. H. & H. Train No. 11 Date May 18, 1931 - 2.30 P. M.
Hotel Commodore Room No. 643
Roomed with Alone

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

Date MAY 20, 1931 Vessel HARDING Cabin No. 110-E
In Cabin with Mrs. E. H. Hendrickson

(Over Westbound)

WESTBOUND
ARRIVAL NEW YORK

Date June 19, 1931 Vessel Roosevelt Cabin No. 110-E
In Cabin with Mrs E. H. Hendrickson
Hotel Commodore Room No. 833
Roomed with Mrs. E. H. Henderson

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

VIA. R.R. NH Train No. 10 Space S 4 Car No. 29 Date 6-20-31

REMARKS

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(C Eastbound)

NAME Briggs, Mrs. Mary E.

ADDRESS Scituate, Mass.

DATE June 22nd 31

TO: Officer-In-Charge,
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

I beg to inform you that I have returned to my
home safely and in good health.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Mary E. Briggs

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICIAL BUSINESS



Penalty for private to avoid
payment of pos \$300.



PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

4065-c

1232

RETURN RECEIPT

S. S. Harding 5-20-31

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

Mrs Murray E. Briggs

(Signature or name of addressee)

Personal Signature

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery

April 25, 1931

Form 3811

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1929

Briggs R.S.

5-618

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 926826

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____

Return to Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,
or Post Office Box, MUNITIONS BUILDING

WASHINGTON,

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

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING
OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

D. C.

4065

1232

RETURN RECEIPT

S. S. Farmer 5-20-31

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

SHIPPING

Mrs Mary E. Briggs

(Signature or name of addressee)

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery _____, 19____

Form 3811

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1929

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Deliver to addressee only

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 926921

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____

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

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING
OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

*Street and Number,
or Post Office Box,*

MUNITIONS BUILDING

WASHINGTON,

D. C.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Briggs, Ralph S. (M-A) M

April 24, 1931

Mrs. Mary E. Briggs,
Scituate,
Mass.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. ~~593,964~~ in the amount of \$ 5.00 to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST THIS CHECK BE CASHED AND USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED.

If for any reason, you are not able to sail on the date mentioned in your invitation, the check must be returned to this office immediately.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl.
Check No.

QM 293 A-M
Briggs, Ralph S. 1252 M

March 21, 1931

Mrs. Mary E. Briggs,
27 Standish Avenue,
Braintree Highlands, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 15th, relative to the pilgrimage which you are to make to the grave of your son; the late Private Ralph S. Briggs, sailing on the PRESIDENT HARDING, May 20th, 1931.

In compliance with your request, there is enclosed, herewith, a duplicate invitation for you to sail on that date. It is regretted to advise that it will be necessary for you to make application for another passport to make the journey to the grave of your son this year.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:
Envelope.
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QM 293 A-M

March 17, 1931

See
Luke, Stanley H. 1232
~~Briggs, Ralph S. 1232~~
MacLean, Roderick A. 1233

for letter

Mrs. Mabel E. Luke,
14 Willow Street,
Dedham, Massachusetts.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 9th, relative to the pilgrimage which you are to make to the grave of your son, the late Stanley H. Luke, Bugler, sailing on the PRESIDENT HARDING, May 20th, 1931.

Mrs. Adra J. Tyler and Mrs. Carrie Foss have declined invitations to sail May 20th, while Mrs. Ella Wellbrock is listed to sail on the PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, May 27th, with a group of mothers and widows of deceased veterans who were lost and buried at sea.

It is believed, however, that you and Mrs. Mary Briggs and Mrs. Florence MacLean can be placed in the same cabin aboard ship and in the same hotel room in New York. In view of the fact that MacLean is not to visit the same cemetery as you and Mrs. Briggs, it will be impracticable to quarter her with you in Europe.

With reference to your desire to visit St. Etienne, it is suggested you take the matter up with Colonel Richard T. Ellis, 146 Avenue des Champs Elysees, upon your arrival in Paris. In the event the itinerary of the group with whom you make the pilgrimage does not include a trip to St. Etienne, Colonel Ellis will be glad to arrange for you to visit there, provided you return in time to sail with the group with whom you make the journey. Should you leave your group to make this trip, however, it must be understood that all expenses incurred, thereby, must be borne from private funds.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

KL *EP*

✓ CC CAPT SHANNON

+ Col Ellis

Plymouth Co.
Situata, Mass,

Mar 17, 1931

who sent an invitation -
We have her acceptance card for Harding and are attaching a copy unit.

Quarter Master General Office

Last year I was to have sailed on the Gold Star Pilgrimage to France but was prevented by serious illness. This year I am slated to go on Steamer Pres. Harding May 20th. Will my pass port filed last year do or do I file another?

I find on looking over papers I have no invitation to show at Pass Port Office as I did last season. Of course have my birth certificate and citizenship issued from my home but really nothing to certify when I am sailing or that I am a Gold Star Mother. Will you send me some thing, by return mail if possible, to this effect.

Address me at address given below as I shall be ~~now~~ staying near Boston for a week and can attend to this more readily than at home.

Very truly
Mary E. Briggs
Gold Star Mother

(here 1 week)
27 Standish Ave
Braintree Hds
Mass

90 J. R. Betts.

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Briggs,
Paepen
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Harding
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1232

Briggs, Ralph S.

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 pro-
visions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Mary E. Briggs

(Name)

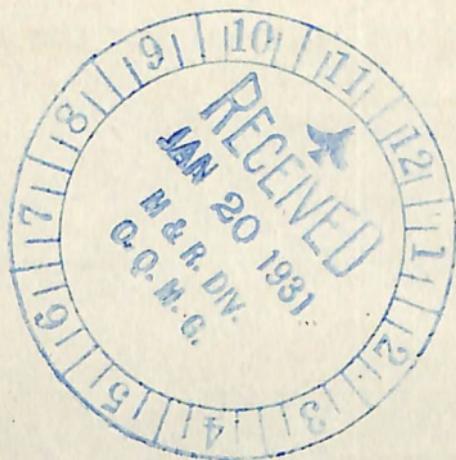
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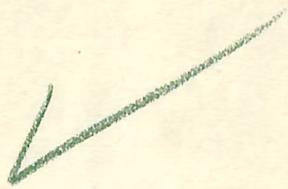
Mrs Mary E. Briggs
Scituate Mass.



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C. P. M. C.

Briggs, Mrs. Mary E.
Briggs, Ralph S. 1232
Plymouth Co., Mass.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON



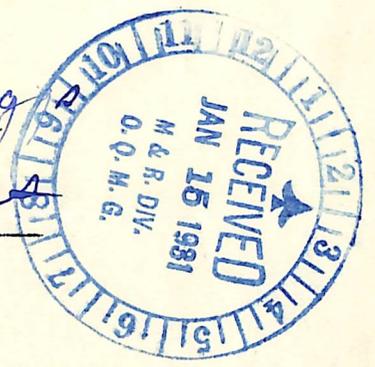
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AND MAIL THIS LETTER PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED
ENVELOPE WHICH REQUIRES NO POSTAGE.

Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In the blank space below you will find
the name and address of the person in the United
States whom I desire to be notified in case I be-
come seriously ill or other emergency arises while
I am making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by
the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mr Kenneth R. Briggs
Name
Greenbush Mass
Address



Very truly yours,

(Your name) Mary E. Briggs

(Your address) Situate Mass

Briggs, Mrs. Mary
Briggs, Ralph S.
Plymouth Co., Mass.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IF YOU DESIRE A STOPOVER ON YOUR RETURN FROM EUROPE
PLEASE FILL IN THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN IT TO THIS
OFFICE

2892

Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

On my return from the pilgrimage to American
Cemeteries in Europe, I desire to stop over at the
following point, or points, for the number of days shown
after the name of the town:

City where I desire stopover:

No. of days

No stop over



Very truly yours,

(Your name) *Mrs. Mary E. Briggs*

(Your address) *Scituate, Mass*

QM 295 A-M
Briggs, Ralph S. 1232

September 12, 1930.

Mrs. Mary Briggs,
Scituate, Mass.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not returned the identification badge forwarded you in connection with the pilgrimage you were scheduled to make under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

It is requested that you return the badge to this office immediately. The badge will be returned to you when you are again scheduled to make the pilgrimage.

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

July 1, 1930

.Briggs, Ralph S.

1232-M

Mrs. Mary E. Briggs
Scituate, Mass.

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?

Yes

2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?

Yes

3. Please give your age and state your health.

Age

61

Condition of Health

good

4. Do you speak English?

Yes

5. What other language do you speak?

None

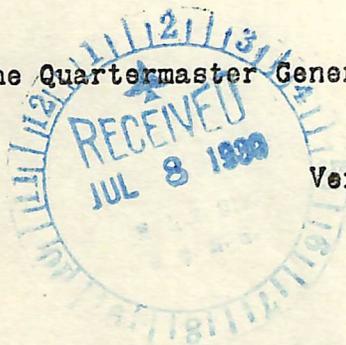
For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:

Envelope
Act
Amendment



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Briggs, Ralph S. 1232 M

June 26, 1930.

Mrs. Mary E. Briggs,
Scituate, Mass.

Duplicate

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes

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



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

Yes

(Write answer here)

Mary Esther Briggs

(Sign here)

1669

1232

RETURN RECEIPT

Article 6/2530

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

Mrs. Mary E. Briggs

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

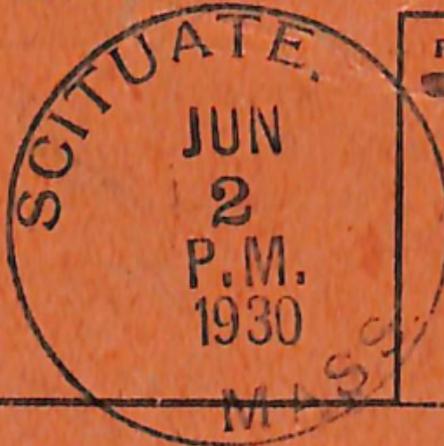
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REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 926728

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____

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Q. M. GENERAL (NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number, } or Post Office Box, }

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RETURN RECEIPT

Article 6/25/90

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

x Mrs Mary E. Cargy
(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, _____, 191

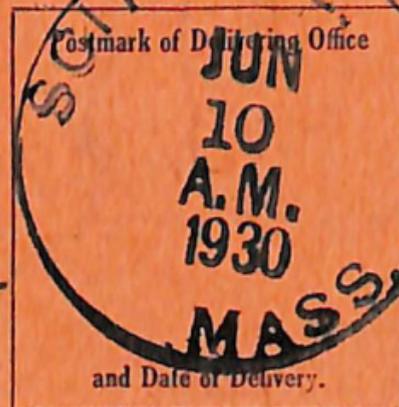
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Return to _____

Q. M. GENERAL

(Name of sender.)

Street and Number,
or Post Office Box, }

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Post Office at _____

Washington, D. C.

State _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Briggs, Ralph S. 1232 M

June 19, 1930.

Mrs. Mary E. Briggs,
Scituate,
Mass.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,



Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes

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



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

Yes
(Write answer here)

Mary Esther Briggs
(Sign here) *Gold Star Mother*

QM 293 A-C

Briggs, Ralph S. 1232 M

June 13, 1930.

Mrs. Mary E. Briggs
P. O. Box 82
Soituate, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of a letter dated June 9, 1930 from Mrs. Esther Briggs Betts, enclosing the check amounting to \$5.00 previously forwarded you for your trip to New York.

Relative to your inability, due to ill health, to make the pilgrimage to the grave of the late Ralph S. Briggs, at the present time, you are advised that your name has been placed on the list of mothers and widows eligible to make the pilgrimage under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, in 1931. You will be communicated with when arrangements are being made for that year.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Washington, D. C. June 13, 1930

Mr. Frank Van Ummersen
New England Passenger Assn.
Room 493, South Station
Boston, Mass.

declined

REPUBLIC JUNE TWENTY FIFTH MARY BRIGGS PAGE EYE FIVE CANCELS RETURN
TRANSPORTATION REQUEST

GSM 1630

Dewitt
Quartermaster General

QM 552.01 A-C
N. E. P. A.

Briggs, Ralph S. - 1232-

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is quite ill and her
Dr. forbids her to
make this trip at
this time. whether
or not she will be
able to make the trip
later this summer
remains to be seen, and
she will get in touch
with your department
at some future date.

Am enclosing check
for \$5.00 which of
course she cannot
use now.

Very truly yours,
Esther Briggs Bell

Deleted from
Transp. Rep.
6/25/30

6/14/30. Listed for
1931

Q.M. 293 A-C Scituate. Mass.
Briggs, Ralph S. June 9th
1232-m ch 338467 \$5.00

office of Q.M. genl. ^{with withdrawal}
War Dept.
Wash. D.C. 6/11/30
Gentlemen: Plymouth Co.

am writing to
inform you that Mrs.
Mary E. Briggs, of
Scituate, Mass. good
star mother, who was
planning on sailing
on the S.S. Republic
on June 25th, will be
unable to make the
trip at this time. She

Briggs - Ralph S.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Briggs, Ralph S. 1232-M

June 6, 1930.

Mrs Mary E. Briggs,
Scituate, Massachusetts.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. 558,267 in the amount of \$ 5.00, to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST THIS CHECK BE CASHED AND USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED.

If for any reason, you are not able to sail on the date mentioned in your invitation, the check must be returned to this office immediately.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Check No.

Briggs, Ralph S. - 1232

June 5, 1930.

Mrs. Mary E. Briggs,
Scituate,
Massachusetts.

Dear Madam:

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

Lv. Scituate	NYNH&H (via Boston)	Train No. 5070	7:07 AM (EST)	June 24
Ar. Boston (So. Sta.)	NYNH&H	" "	7:58 "	" "
Lv. Boston (No. Sta.)	"	" "	9:00 "	" "
Ar. New York (G. C. T.)	"	" "	2:30 PM	" "

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-C
Frye, Dean B. 608 M for letter
X Briggs, Ralph S. 1232 M

May 15, 1930.

Mrs. Amy Allen Frye,
Allen Street,
Scituate Mass.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 7, 1930, relative to your desire to sail on the SS "REPUBLIC" June 25, 1930, instead of on the SS "AMERICA" July 2, 1930, in order that you may be quartered with Mrs. Horace Briggs when you make the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by Congress in the Act approved March 2, 1929.

In this connection you are advised the invitation issued for you to sail on July 2, 1930, has been cancelled and another issued for you to sail on the SS "REPUBLIC" June 25, 1930. Notation has been made on the records of this office of your desire to be quartered with Mrs. Briggs and it is believed your wishes can be complied with and that you can be placed in the same cabin aboard ship and in the same hotel rooms in New York and Paris.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, U. S. M. Corps,
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Briggs, Ralph S. 1232-M
Republic 6/25

May 12, 1930

Mrs. Mary E. Briggs
Seituate, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Mr. Kenneth R. Briggs
Name

Greenbush, Mass
Address

Noted
Rep. Seituate 232w

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes

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

Encl.
Env.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 12, 1930.

Briggs, Ralph S. 1232 M

Mrs. Mary E. Briggs,
Scituate, Mass.

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.

Republic
6/25/30
1232

Briggs, Ralph S

Declined by letter 6/9/30

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.

1931

Mrs. Mary E. Briggs

(Name)

Mrs Mary E. Briggs

~~Tilden Road, Egypt, Plymouth Co., Mass.~~

(Town or City)

(State)

Scituate, Plymouth Co Massachusetts

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 1929

(Present address)
Scituate

Westmore, Boston, Mass.



Scituate Mass

Oct 15/29

LM 2939-C
1232 m

War Dept-

Kindly send any further
communications to me addressed
to Scituate Mass, P.O. Box 82
as I have moved from Tilden Rd

Egypt-

Very truly

Mrs Mary E. Briggs

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON



IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Briggs, Ralph S. 1232 M

Mrs. Mary E. Briggs,
Tilden Road,
Egypt, Mass.

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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age 60 Health <i>very</i> (Years) (Good) (Poor)	
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) Other language <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Specify language spoken)	

For The Quartermaster General,



Very truly yours,

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

Encl.
Act
Envelope

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Tilden Rd
Egypt Mass
Junt 8th

Maj John T. Harris

Dear Sir

Your letter of June 29/29 sent to ~~me~~^{me}
64 Centre Av. Abington Mass (my residence at the
time of the death of my son) was forwarded
and reached me yesterday. My son Ralph
S. Briggs, Pvt., was unmarried at the time
of his death so that I am the only one
left to make this pilgrimage which the
U.S. Government is so generously giving to the
Gold Star Mothers and widows. Any further
communications to me kindly send to
above address

(Mrs.) Mary E. Briggs.

Mrs. Horace C. Briggs



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29 1929.

(Briggs, Ralph S.)

Mrs. Horace C. Briggs,
64 Centre St.,
Abington, Mass.

*Tilden Road,
Egypt, Mass.*

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 Ralph S. Briggs, Co. F, 26th Inf., 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 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,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

QM 293 A-M
Briggs, Ralph S. (MA)

July 2, 1931

Mrs. Mary E. Briggs,
Scituate,
Massachusetts.

Dear Mrs. Briggs:

I have the letter of June 10th which you and the other mothers and widows who recently made a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe were so kind as to send me in appreciation of the courteous care and attention you received.

The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages and expended every effort that those making the journey might have a comfortable and pleasant trip.

I am indeed glad to know that you were pleased with the arrangements made for your comfort and welfare and that the officer assigned to your group rendered such satisfactory and commendable service. I am sure, however, that his task was materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the mothers and widows making the journey.

With sincere appreciation of the sentiments you expressed, I am

Sincerely yours,

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

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X 330.13 PILGRIMAGE, GOLD STAR

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WRG

QM 293 A-M
Briggs, Ralph S, Pvt. (MA) M

June 30, 1931.

Mrs. Mary E. Briggs,
Scituate, Massachusetts.

Dear Mrs. Briggs:

I have your letter of June 25th expressing your appreciation for the pilgrimage you recently made to Europe to visit the grave of your son, the late Private Ralph S. Briggs, in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France.

The pilgrimage was authorized by Congress in an endeavor to bring a measure of comfort and solace to the hearts of the mothers and widows whose loved ones made the supreme sacrifice for their country, and it would seem from the generous expressions contained in the letter that the effort has not been in vain.

I am delighted to know that you were pleased with the arrangements made for your comfort and welfare and that the personnel as a whole rendered such satisfactory and commendable service. I feel, however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the mothers and widows.

You are assured that the Meuse-Argonne Cemetery will be perpetually maintained in the same fine condition in which you found it as it will continue to be the constant effort of the Quartermaster Corps, which is charged with the upkeep of all National cemeteries, to make it a fitting resting place for the heroes who are buried there.

Sincerely yours,

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

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

Briggs, Ralph S. M A M

Mrs. Mary E. Briggs,

Scituate, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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Lv. Scituate, Mass.	NYNH&H	#660	7:07 AM	EST	MAY 18
Arr. Boston (So.Sta.)	"	"	7:55 AM	"	" 18
Lv. Boston (So.Sta.)	"	11	9:00 AM	"	" 18
Arr. New York (GCT)	"	"	2:30 PM	"	" 18

Coach, Scituate, Mass. to Boston, Mass.
Parlor Car, Boston, Mass. to New York, N. Y.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

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WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Briggs, Ralph S. (M-A) M

April 24, 1931

Mrs. Mary E. Briggs,
Scituate,
Mass.

Dear Madam:

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There is enclosed herewith Check No. 593,901n the amount of \$ 5.00, to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST THIS CHECK BE CASHED AND USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED.

If for any reason, you are not able to sail on the date mentioned in your invitation, the check must be returned to this office immediately.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Briggs, Ralph S. 1232 M

March 21, 1931

Mrs. Mary E. Briggs,
27 Standish Avenue,
Braintree Highlands, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 15th, relative to the pilgrimage which you are to make to the grave of your son, the late Private Ralph S. Briggs, sailing on the PRESIDENT HARDING, May 20th, 1931.

In compliance with your request, there is enclosed, herewith, a duplicate invitation for you to sail on that date. It is regretted to advise that it will be necessary for you to make application for another passport to make the journey to the grave of your son this year.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Luke, Stanley H. 1232
Briggs, Ralph S. 1232
MacLean, Roderick A. 1233

March 17, 1931

Mrs. Mabel E. Luke,
14 Willow Street,
Dedham, Massachusetts.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 9th, relative to the pilgrimage which you are to make to the grave of your son, the late Stanley H. Luke, Bugler, sailing on the PRESIDENT HARDING, May 20th, 1931.

Mrs. Adra J. Tyler and Mrs. Carrie Foss have declined invitations to sail May 20th, while Mrs. Ella Wellbrock is listed to sail on the PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, May 27th, with a group of mothers and widows of deceased veterans who were lost and buried at sea.

It is believed, however, that you and Mrs. Mary Briggs and Mrs. Florence MacLean can be placed in the same cabin aboard ship and in the same hotel room in New York. In view of the fact that MacLean is not to visit the same cemetery as you and Mrs. Briggs, it will be impracticable to quarter her with you in Europe.

With reference to your desire to visit St. Etienne, it is suggested you take the matter up with Colonel Richard T. Ellis, 146 Avenue des Champs Elysees, upon your arrival in Paris. In the event the itinerary of the group with whom you make the pilgrimage does not include a trip to St. Etienne, Colonel Ellis will be glad to arrange for you to visit there, provided you return in time to sail with the group with whom you make the journey. Should you leave your group to make this trip, however, it must be understood that all expenses incurred, thereby, must be borne from private funds.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Briggs, Ralph S. 1232

September 12, 1930.

Mrs. Mary Briggs,
Scituate, Mass.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not returned the identification badge forwarded you in connection with the pilgrimage you were scheduled to make under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

It is requested that you return the badge to this office immediately. The badge will be returned to you when you are again scheduled to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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

July 1, 1930

Briggs, Ralph S.

1232-M

Mrs. Mary E. Briggs
Scituate, Mass.

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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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 26, 1930.

Briggs, Ralph S. 1232 M

Mrs. Mary E. Briggs,
Scituate, Mass.

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

June 19, 1930.

Briggs, Ralph S. 1232 M

Mrs. Mary E. Briggs,
Scituate,
Mass.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Sign here)

QM 293 A-C

Briggs, Ralph S. 1232 M

June 13, 1930.

Mrs. Mary E. Briggs
P. O. Box 82
Scituate, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of a letter dated June 9, 1930 from Mrs. Esther Briggs Betts, enclosing the check amounting to \$5.00 previously forwarded you for your trip to New York.

Relative to your inability, due to ill health, to make the pilgrimage to the grave of the late Ralph S. Briggs, at the present time, you are advised that your name has been placed on the list of mothers and widows eligible to make the pilgrimage under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, in 1931. You will be communicated with when arrangements are being made for that year.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Briggs, Ralph S. 1232-M

June 12, 1930

Mrs. Mary E. Briggs,
Scituate, Massachusetts.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Briggs, Ralph S. - 1232

June 5, 1930.

Mrs. Mary E. Briggs,
Scituate,
Massachusetts.

Dear Madam:

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

Lv. Scituate	NYNH&H (via Boston)	Train No, 5076	7:07 AM (EST)	June 24
Ar. Boston (So. Sta.)	NYNH&H	" " "	7:58 " "	" "
Lv. Boston (No. Sta.)	"	" " 9	9:00 " "	" "
Ar. New York (G. C. T.)	"	" " "	2:30 PM "	" "

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-0
Briggs, Ralph E. -1232 M

June 2, 1930.

Mrs. Mary E. Briggs,
Scituate, Mass.

Dear Madam:

The acceptances from the mothers and widows who are to make the pilgrimage to France, sailing on the SS REPUBLIC, June 25, 1930, are far in excess of the number anticipated, and due to this fact this boat will be somewhat crowded and the accommodations will not be as satisfactory as The War Department desires to furnish. Over 300 women have accepted invitations to sail on this boat and it is desired if possible to reduce this number to around 200 by voluntary transfers of women who are booked to sail.

Much more comfortable accommodations can be furnished on the SS REPUBLIC, sailing August 30, 1930, and should you change your sailing date to August 30th, a more comfortable trip can be assured.

If you desire to change from June 25th to August 30th, please notify this office at once, in order that the necessary adjustments can be made.

For The Quartermaster General;

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-C
Frye, Dean B. 608-M
Briggs, Ralph S. 1232-M

May 15, 1930.

Mrs. Amy Allen Frye,
Allen Street,
Scituate, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 7, 1930, relative to your desire to sail on the SS REPUBLIC June 25, 1930, instead of on the SS AMERICA July 2, 1930, in order that you may be quartered with Mrs. Horace Briggs when you make the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by Congress in the Act approved March 2, 1929.

In this connection you are advised the invitation issued for you to sail on July 2, 1930, has been cancelled and another issued for you to sail on the SS REPUBLIC June 25, 1930. Notation has been made on the records of this office of your desire to be quartered with Mrs. Briggs and it is believed your wishes can be complied with and that you can be placed in the same cabin aboard ship and in the same hotel rooms in New York and Paris.

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

Briggs, Ralph S. 1232-M
Republic 6/25

May 12, 1930

Mrs. Mary E. Briggs
Seituato, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Name

Address

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
~~Briggs, Ralph S. 12-2-30~~
Republic 6-25

May 8, 1930

Mrs. Mary E. Briggs,
Seituate, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Briggs, Ralph S. 1232 W

April 12, 1930.

Mrs. Mary E. Briggs,
Scituate, Mass.

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 2½x2½ 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

Briggs, Ralph S. 1232-M

March 27, 1930

Mrs. Mary E. Briggs,
Tilden Road,
Egypt, Mass

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Briggs, Ralph S. 1232 M

Mrs. Mary E. Briggs,
Tilden Road,
Egypt, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl.
Act
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29 1929.

(Briggs, Ralph S.)

Mrs. Horace C. Briggs,
64 Centre St.,
Abington, Mass.

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 Ralph S. Briggs, Co. F, 26th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Remagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since 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,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

Briggs

(Surname.)

Ralph S.

(Christian name in full.)

1,691,817

(Army serial number.)

Pvt

Co F 26 Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Mother & Father

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 Horace C. Briggs

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

64 Centre Av, Abington, Mass.

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by MH
1232-5/13-11
6-4-21

Checked by
as6-4-21

November 13, 1925

Mr. Horace C. Briggs,
64 Centre St.,
Abington, Mass.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the permanent grave of **Private Ralph S. Briggs, Company F, 26th Infantry, 15 Grave 25, Row 13, Block F, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagnous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.**

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

You are assured in effecting removal of the remains, the utmost care and reverence were exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed this sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

R. L. FOSTER

Assistant.

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O. Q. M. G.
CENTRAL MAIL ROOM.



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B. O. C.

*file
11/14/25*

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File # 83682

(a) Name BRIGGS, Ralph S. Ser. No. 1691817
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. F. 26th Inf.
 (c) Date of death abt. 11-3-18 (d) Cause of death k/a

TYP. hmp
 CKR. [Signature]

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

(a) Grave No. 54 Row - Plot 2 Sec. 113 TYP. hmp
 (b) Emerg. Address Mr. Horace A. Briggs (father) 64 Phillips St.,
Wollaston, Mass.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases /
 CKR. [Signature]

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt _____

(a) Name Mr & Mrs Horace A. Briggs (b) Relationship Parents
 (c) Address 64 Centre Ave. Abington, Mass
 (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 [Signature] Date 6/4, 1921

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

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

Examiner's Initials _____ Date _____, 192

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

Feb. 126/19 - John B. Daniels
Corp 277, Madison Sq. Pl. N. Y. C. - Live Father of
the above deceased; address: Horace Briggs

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? 64 Centre Ave., Abington, Mass.
No request for disposition
 Examiner's Initials [Signature] Date 6/4, 1921

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232 Sec. 113 SHEET No. 11

*checked P.F.
7-6-21*

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

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 192

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
letter on JUN. 16 1921, 192

Sec. # 113

Par. 2 Not to be returned

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IX.

REMARKS

WRITE NOTHING BELOW THIS LINE.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE August 31, 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 BRIGGS, Ralph S
 2. No. 1691817
 3. Rank Pvt
 4. Org. Co. F, 26th Inf.
 5. D.D. 11-3-18
 6. C.D. K.I.A.

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 54 Sec. 113
 8. Plot 2 Row _____
 9. _____

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

18. Cemetery Argonne American
 20. Dept. or County Meuse
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. # 1232
 23. Disinterred (Date) August 31, 1921

19. Commune or town ROMAGNE-sous-MON-TFAUCON
 21. Country France
 Sec. # 113
 By J.L. Haky

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name BRIGGS, Ralph S.
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. _____
 Organization Co. F, 26th Inf.

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

L.B. Ayers

Signature J. L. Haky Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail) Bottle record found with body "Ralph S. Briggs, 1691817". GRS plaques agree with records.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features not recognizable.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box in uniform blanket and burlap.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date August 31, 1921 By J.L. Haky

31. Casket sealed by J.L. Haky

AUDITED BY Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

2025 10 13
JC

J. L. Haky

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-3263

32. Designation of body:

Name BRIGGS, Ralph S Serial No. 1691817

Rank Pvt Organization Co. F, 26th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Argonne Amns. Cty. #1232 ROMAGNE-sous-MONT FAUCON, (Meuse)

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) August 31, 1921 By J. L. Haky

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

G.B. Klawell
G.B. Klawell
1st Lt, Q.M.C.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) August 31, 1921

To point of Concentration Morgue, Romagne

(Name)

Convoyer D.F. Power Signature Shipping Officer *H.C. Luck*
Capt. Inf.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery

(Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date Aug 31 1921

G.R.S. Representative *James W. Younger*

41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cem. #1232. Oct. 20, 1921.

(Date)

42. Grave No. Row 13 Block F Gr. 25 Section

43. Plot Row

G.R.S. Representative *James W. Younger*
JAMES W. YOUNGER,
CAPT., QMC.

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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place Romagne #1232.

Date Aug. 31, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF BRIGGS, Ralph S. SERIAL NUMBER 1691817

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. F. 26th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Aug. 31, 1921 From (give complete location): Gr 54 Plot 2 Sec 113.

By: Group 5 Unit 2

3. Reburied (date): Oct. 20, 1921 Meuse-Argonne Cty. 1232 In (give complete location): Grave 25 Block F Row 13

By: Group Reburial Sec. Unit Nature of reburial Unlined casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :
wooden box and burlap and uniform.
badly decomposed, features notrecognizable.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :
Bottle record found with body "Ralph S. Briggs, 1691817" - G.R.S. plaque

agrees with records

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items 1, 17, MAD. 14 G.C. 3, 15, 19, 30 S.F. 29 cav. 7, 8, G.F. 20 decayed to roots.

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

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

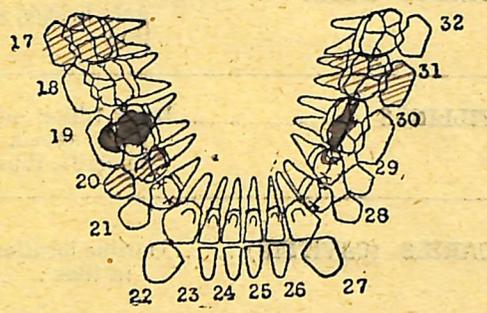
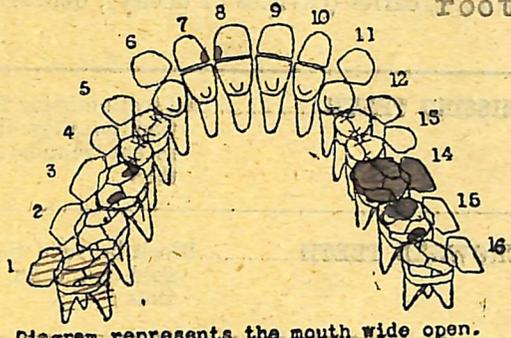
(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

Quantity do

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

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) none.



7. Disinterment supervised by J.L. Haky

Approved : G.B. Kidwell QMC
(Title) 1st Lt.

8. Reburial supervised by J.B. [Signature]

Approved :
(Title)

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

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

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

<p>MISSING TEETH.....All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">TOOTH MISSING TOOTH MISSING</p>
<p>CROWNED TEETH.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD CROWN PORCELAIN CROWN GOLD CROWN</p>
<p>BRIDGE WORK.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD AND PORCELAIN BRIDGE GOLD BRIDGE</p>
<p>FILLINGS.....Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">SILVER FILLING GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING</p>
<p>CARIES (CAVITIES).....Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">CAVITY DECAYED DECAYED DECAYED</p>
<p>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."</p>	

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

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 83682

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BRIGGS, Ralph S. Ser. No. 1691817 } hmp
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. F. 26th Inf. } TYP.
 (c) Date of death abt. 11-3-18 (d) Cause of death k/a } *Sp*

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

(a) Grave No. 54 Row - Plot 2 Sec. 113 TYP. hmp
 (b) Emerg. Address Mr. Horace N. Briggs (father) 64 Phillips St.,
Wollaston, Mass.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases CKR. *Sp*

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

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V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on 192
Sec. #113 { letter of transmittal on JUN 16 1921 192

Par. 2 - Not to be returned.

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

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

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

COUNTRY CEMETERY No. SHEET No.

83682 #70
GRAVE LOCATION BLAN

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bigg 2 1691715 Ralph S
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Private Co F 264 Inf M.G.
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: La Petite Bois

CAUSE OF DEATH: Accident

DATE OF BURIAL: Nov 3 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: 86 - 300 - 05

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

Buzancy General Rec

GRAVE NUMBER: 8

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

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

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

CMME Landrec et St. Georges

(C-331) SHIT. 35 N.E. COORD } E 300.05
NEAREST RELATIVE } V-286.00

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

J J Morley 1st Lt Chap
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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



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Annual List No. _____
Daily Report No. _____

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

~~ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT~~

Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

JUL 8 1921

PLEASE
EXPEDITE

G.R.S. Form 3-W-A-0
Information requested of A.G.O. File No. **83682** Date
File No. **83682** Registration.

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)
To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.
Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

NOTED FORM 115
DATE 7-6-21 RF

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

- a. Surname **Briggs** *OK* i. ~~Date of death~~ **Abt. 11/3/18** *OK*
- b. Christian name **Ralph S.** *OK* g. Cause of death **K/A.** *OK*
- c. Serial Number **1691817** *OK* h. Authority (C.O.#)
- d. Organization **Co. F, 26th Inf.** *OK* i. ~~Emergency address~~ **Horace E. Briggs
64 Phillips St.
Wollaston, Mass.**
- e. Rank **Pvt.** *OK* j. ~~Relationship~~ **Father.**

BODY DESCRIPTION
(See page #2 of the Service Record)

DENTAL CHARTS
(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

- a. Age of enlistment
- b. Color of eyes
- c. Color of hair
- d. Height
- e. Weight

- a. Strike out teeth missing
- 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
upper right upper left
- 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
lower right lower left

f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

*Horace E. Briggs
64 Phillips St.
Wollaston, Mass.*

*Revised (H.C. 20)
Per. Sect. 9/29/21
W.G.C.*

CEMETERY NO: **N.C. 1232-Sec. 113**

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

SHEET NO: **11**
TYPED BY: **I.W.**

BY: *H. J. Conner*
H. J. CONNER,
1st Lieut. Q.M.C.

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*Rec'd World War Div.
Date JUN 29 1921*

~~Adjutant DEPARTMENT~~
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

JUL 8 1921

G.R.S. Form 3-W-A-0

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- b. Christian name **Ralph S.** *OK*
- c. Serial Number **1691817** *OK*
- d. Organization **Co. F, 26th Inf.** *OK*
- e. Rank **Pvt.** *OK*
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- g. Cause of death **K/A.** *OK*
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- i. Emergency address **Horace E. Briggs
675 Phillips St.
Wollaston, Mass.**
- j. Relationship **Father.**

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*Donnelly (K.C. 20)
Rec'd Sect. 9/29/21
W.G.C.*

CEMETERY NO: **N.C. 1232-Sec. 113**

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

SHEET NO: **11**
TYPED BY: **I.W.**

BY: *H. J. Conner*
H. J. CONNER,
1st Lieut. Q.M.C.

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Date JUN 29 1921*

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Wollaston, Mass.*

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Reference: 83682.

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

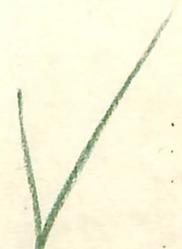
May 27th, 1919.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.
TO : Lieut. H.E. Marsh, M.C., 305th Sanitary Train, Camp Lee, Va.
SUBJECT: Private Ralph S. Briggs, Co.F., 26th Infantry.

With an assurance of very deep sympathy, and in reply to your letter of enquiry, you are advised that information has been filed in this office by the burial officer concerned, to the effect that the above named soldier is buried in the Commune of LANDRES-et-ST. GEORGES, Department of ARIENNES. The grave is marked with the regulation cross with Identification Tag attached.

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

CCP/cac.
Encl. 10.B. & 004.5



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

May 9th, 1919.

Burial information for the American Red Cross.
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Soldier's name : BRIGGS, Ralph S.,

Rank : Private.

Organization : Co. F., 26th Infantry.

Date of Death : About 3rd November, 1919.

Place of Burial : The Commune of LANDRES-ET-ST. GEORGES
department of the ARDENNES.

Reference number : 83682.

(All communications regarding this Grave location should
quote the above reference number and be addressed to : -

Chief, Graves Registration Service
Headquarters Service of Supply
Office of the Chief Quartermaster
American E. F.
France.)

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

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

May 9th, 1919.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.
TO : Mrs Mary M. Briggs, 64, Centre Street, Abington,
Massachusetts, U.S.A.
SUBJECT : Private Ralph S. Briggs, Co. F., 26th Infantry,
American E.F.

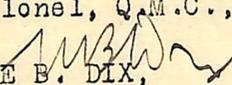
1. In reply to your letter of inquiry, I am very sorry to have to inform you that my field force has not as yet succeeded in obtaining any definite burial information regarding this soldier. You may rest assured that every possible effort will be made to locate the grave, and, if necessary, a special search will be made of the area where he died and is, no doubt, buried.

2. Careful note is being made of your name and address, and immediately the burial information is received, you will be informed.

By direction

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

Per


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

(Enclosures - G.R.S.):
(10 - B, .004.5.)

MBD/GC.



83682

201. Briggs Ralph Pvt.

1st Ind.

AS/lr

Central Records Office, A.G.D., A.P.O.#902, April 5, 1919 - To
Chief, Graves Registration Service, A.P.O.#717., for
information relative to the burial location of Pvt. Ralph
Briggs, 1691817.

The records show this soldier to have been killed in action
on November 3, 1918, while a member of Company F., 26th Infantry.

Briggs, Ralph (Pvt)

2nd Ind.

WM. A. WOODLIEF.

Adjutant General/ldc

Chief, G.R.S., HQ. S.O.S., A.P.O.#717, AM.E.F. April 10, 1919

To: Central Records Office, A.G.D., A.P.O.#902, AM.E.F.

Returned. The records of this office show the above mentioned soldier killed
in action Nov.3, 1919 and buried same date in Commune of Landres-et-St.Georges,
(Ardennes) Map reference: Map 35 N.E., Co-ordinates E.300.05, N.286.50.
Grave is marked by a cross to which is attached one identification tag.
Burial was reported by Chaplain J.J.Morley, 1st Lt. This information has
not been confirmed by Graves Registration Service.

CHARLES C. PIERCE

Lieut. Colonel, G.M.C., U.S.A.





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Jany. 26th 1919.

Central Records Office

Bourges Chapter of Cher., France

Gentlemen,

Information is most earnestly desired relative to Private Ralph S. Briggs of Wallas ton (Quincy), Mass., both by myself and his parents, Horace Briggs, 64 Centre Avenue, Abington, Mass. Following is his record:

Ralph S. Briggs, age 24, assigned to Camp Devins, April 25th, 1918.
Left Camp Devins July 5th in Co. K. 301st Regt. 76th Div.
Transferred about Aug. 6th in France, to Co. D. 163rd Infantry.
Re-transferred about Aug. 30th to Co. F, 26th Infantry, 1st Div.
Serial Number 1,691,817.

Last letter dated about Aug. 30th from last named address.

Letters written to him in July returned to senders, his parents, all returned between Dec. 28th and Jany. 2nd. One only bore any mark, this reading as follows: "Sick, 10/28/'18. U.S. Cent. P.O., Dept. H. Enl., Bourges."

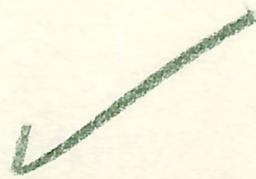
No reply has been made to his parents from the authorities at Washington.

Both his parents, at their address given above, and I, myself, at address below shall take it as an especial favor if your office will see what may be done relative to obtaining information relative to this young man. On account of physical unfitness he was previously rejected from all branches of the service to which he made application for enlistment. Thanking you in advance for all courtesies,

Sincerely yours

(Sgd) John B. Daniels

Box 277, Madison Square P.O. New York City





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305TH SANITARY TRAIN
CAMP LEE, VA.

From: H. E. Marsh 319 F. V. 305TH San. Tr.
To: Bureau of Graves Reg.
Subject: Location of grave.

Will you kindly
send me the exact location
of the grave of Pvt.
Ralph S. Briggs 26th
Infantry at Landrum St.
Georgia.

H. E. Marsh
1st Lt. M. E.





COBOLNARY TPAH
CAMBEE 7A

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