

Brooks, James W. 1,679,458
(Surname.) (Christian name in full.) (Army serial number.)

Pvt. Co. M, 308th Inf.
(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased Mother.

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

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery? no.
(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:

Ms Mary C. Brooks American Western Union
(Name of person to receive remains.) (Express office.) (Telegraph office.)

200 S. main st. Hairport N.Y.
(Number and street.) (City or town.) (State.)

(Sign here) Mrs. Mary C. Brooks.

200 S. main st. Hairport N.Y.
(Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

drawn by ~~YH~~

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G.R.S. Form #114-B

FULL NAME BROOKS, James W. ✓

RANK Pvt. ✓ SERIAL 1679458 ✓

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION Co.M, 308th Inf ✓ 77 Div ✓

DATE OF DEATH Oct 15, 1918 ✓

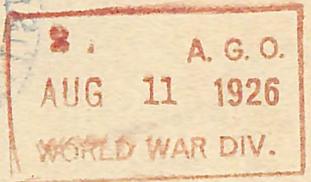
STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME N. Y. ✓

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED A silver star for act near Chevieres, Oct. 13, 1918, per G.O. 14, 77th Div dated Feb. 21, 1919.

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION
Date Grave Row Block
Meuse-Argonne, #1232

Rec'd World War Div.
3 APR 4 1928 Cemetery

Egm
AUG 13 1926



400
4-12-28

1st. Ind.

adc 7-3

War Department, A.G.O., April 12, 1928. To The Quartermaster General.

The records of this office show that the rank, at time of death, of James W. Brooks, Army serial number 1,679,458, was private 1st. class.

By order of the Secretary of War:

W. C. Channing
Adjutant General.

OK on #2

CC520 12/12

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Brooks 1679458 James W
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt. Co.M., 308 Infantry
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL... Oct 14 - 1918
Cemetery American.

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

520 meters due south of Catholic

Church at LaGrange aux Bois,

Dept of the Maine.

GRAVE NUMBER... 46 Plot 3

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? *yes*

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

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

REPORTED BY:
W. Brown, Captain
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

200 SOUTH MAIN STREET
FAIRPORT, N.Y.1

/NJM/

James W., Pvt. 1st Cl. 1679458
HOME: 200 South Main Street
FAIRPORT, N.Y.,

ly wounded in the right side of
He was on a runner post from
en Cenevieres and Marcy near
ately received first aid treat-
tal of the wounds received in
tter received from home;

HOFFMIRE, Edwin., Corpl. 1710409
Co. "M" 308th. Infantry.
435 # 148th. Street
NEW YORK CITY

Co. "M" 308th. Infantry.
77th. Division.

BROOKS, James W., Pvt. 1st. Cl. 1679458
HOME: 200 South Main Street
FAIRPORT, N.Y.,

Private BROOKS was severely wounded in the right side of stomach by shrapnel on October 24th. 1918. He was on a runner post from Battalion Hdqrs. to company Hdqrs. between Cenevieres and Marcy near Grandpre in the Aggonne Forest. He immediately received first aid treatment and evacuated. He died in the hospital of the wounds received in action, the following day according to letter received from home;

INFORMANT: HOFFMIRE, Edwin., Corpl. 1710409
Co. "M" 308th. Infantry.
HOME: 435 # 148th. Street
NEW YORK CITY

Next of Kin:
Mary C. Brooks
200 South Main Street
FAIRPORT, N.Y. 1

/NJM/

Place Sta. MENEHOULD

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Sept. 13, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF BROOKS, James W. SERIAL NUMBER 1679548 ⁴⁵

RANK Pvt. 1/c. ORGANIZATION Co. M, 308th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Sept. 13, 1921. From (give complete location): Grave 150, Sec. E, Pl. 3, Cem. 589.

By: Group ONE Unit F.S. #3.

3. Reburied (date): Oct 24th 1921 In (give complete location): Meuse Argonne Cemetry # 1232 Gr 20block F row 11

re-burial S unlined casket

By: Group _____ Unit _____ Nature of reburial _____

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

Blanket, badly decomposed, recognition impossible.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? yes On grave marker? yes

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

none

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items? 2,5,14,15 metal fill
3 gold fill.

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) imp. to det

(c) Hair—Color imp. to det

Quantity imp. to det

Characteristics imp. to det

(d) Hair on face—Color imp. to det

Location imp. to det

Quantity imp. to det

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

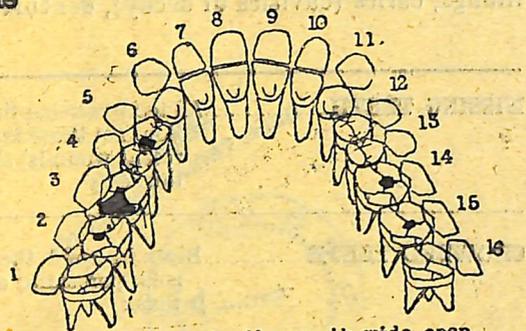
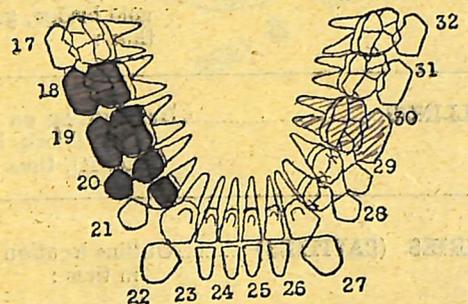


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



18,19,20 gold crown.

21 G.F. 30 M.B.D.

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

none visable.

7. Disinterment supervised by T. P. Madine Approved: Wm. H. Roach

(Title) 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Dufault Approved: James Younger

1st Lt. Younger, Capt. Q.M.C.

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

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

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON June 5, 1922.

FILE: 293.8 C-R - #71516-- (Brooks, James W. Private.)
FROM: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army.
TO: Mrs. Mary C. Brooks, 200 S. Main St., Fairport, New York.
SUBJECT: Permanent Grave Location of Private James W. Brooks,
Company M, 308th Infantry.

1. The permanent grave of this soldier is No. 20, Row 11,
Block F, The American Cemetery of the Meuse-Argonne, Romagne-sous-
Montfaucon, Department of Meuse, France.

2. This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries
to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be
marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name,
rank, organization and date of soldier's death. The headstones will
be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in
progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action
or request on the part of relatives.

3. In effecting removal, the utmost care and reverence were
exacted and more than willingly accorded by those performing this
sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually main-
tained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting
place of our heroes.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

GEORGE H. PENROSE,
Colonel, Q. M. Corps,
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

MAILED
JUN 5 1922

G.R.S.

MDT

6/5/vv
add.

DATE Oct. 24, 1921

1. NAME Brooks, James W. SERIAL No. 1679548

RANK Pvt. 1 cl. ORGANIZATION Co. M 308th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION American Cty. St. Mendhould, Marne 589 - Sec. E

CTY. NAME NUMBER

150

3

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Not known

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

Nothing of record

COORDINATES

CONCENTRATED TO Not known

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS Nothing of record

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR Wm Cline **Wm M. CLINE**
Captain Q.M.C.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Oct. 24, 1921 20 11 F

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

~~PLOT~~ Block

Meuse - Argonne Amer. Cty. #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

CEMETERY

AUDITED BY
C.K. 3/21/22

MM

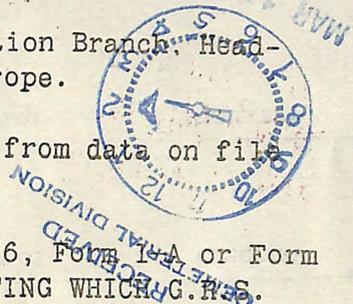
INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.

2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.

3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.

4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form I6, Form 16-A or Form 16-B, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept 13-21

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 Brooks, James W.

10. Name James W. Brooks,

2. No. 1679548

11. No. 1679458

3. Rank Pvt. 1 cl.

12. Rank

4. Org. Co. M 308th Inf.

13. Org. U.S.A.

5. D.D. Oct. 15

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. DOWRIA

(b) D.B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 150 Sec. E

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot 3 Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. None.

18. Cemetery American Cty.

19. Commune or town St. Menehould

20. Dept. or County Marne

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 589

23. Disinterred (Date) Sept 13-21

By T.P. Madine

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name James W. Brooks

Serial No.

Rank Pvt. 1 cl.

Organization Co. M, 308th Inf.

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

E. Walter Junck
Signature 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),

None.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed recognition impossible

28. Nature of burial blanket

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None. Serial No. on body reads "1679458"

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Sept 13-21 By T.P. Madine

31. Casket sealed by T.P. Madine

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) T.P. Madine

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-8541

32. Designation of body:

Name _____ Serial No. 45
1679648

Rank Brooks, James W. Organization _____

33. Consigned to: Pvt. 1 cl. Co. M 308th Inf.
Officer in Charge Operations.

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse Argonne Amer. Cty. 1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucou

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Sept 13-21 By T.P. Madine

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 W.H. Roach, 1st Lt. QMC.

36. Remarks _____



37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Sept 13-21

To point of Concentration Romagne sous Montfaucou (Name) Meuse

Convoyer R.H. Cronin Signature Shipping Officer W.H. Roach 1st Lt. QMC.

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 _____

Convoyer _____ (Name) _____
Signature Shipping Officer _____

40. Received: Date Sept 14, 1921

G.R.S. Representative Miss Delante Noque Subst

41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cemetery # 1232 Oct 24th 1921

42. Grave No. 20 (Date) _____ Section _____

43. ~~Plot~~ block F Row 11

G.R.S. Representative James W. Younger
James W. Younger, Capt QMC.
jt.

1684

X

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 71516

EXHUMED FOR CONCENTRATION

11-10-21

10/20/21

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BROOKS, James W. Ser. No. 1679458
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. M, 308th Inf.
 (c) Date of death 10-15-18 (d) Cause of death DWARIA

TYP. CKR.

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

(a) Grave No. 150 Row - Plot 3 Sec. E TYP. D
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Mary C. Brooks, (Mother) 200 S. Main St. Fairport, N.Y.

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

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt

(a) Name Mrs. Mary C. Brooks (b) Relationship Mother
 (c) Address 200 S. Main St. Fairport, N.Y.
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? Yes
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at No
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. Mrs. Mary C. Brooks 200 S. Main St. Fairport, N.Y. American Exp. - Western Union tele
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. -

Examiner's Initials MH Date 1-21-21, 1920.

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

dated _____, confirming request in Par. IV., item _____, above, or requesting that No correspondence

Examiner's Initials MH Date 1-21-21, 1920.

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

Mr. Herbert J. Hoefel 6 Carl St. Rochester, N.Y. 9/12/19, desires grave location, this information for the
 (a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes PF anxious parents

Examiner's Initials PF Date 1-22-, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 589 SHEET No. 17

checked 1-22-21

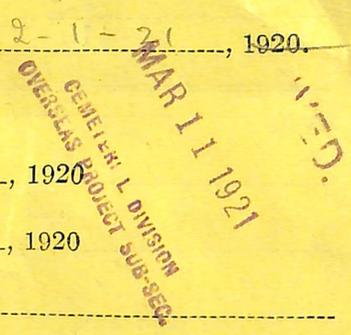
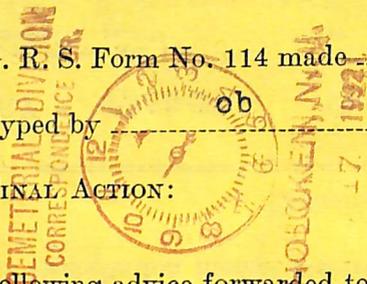
See disposition

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made 2/1/21, 1920.

Typed by ob, Checked by gpr, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 1920
letter on JAN 28 1921, 1920



Par. 1 To be returned. (L.S.)

IX. CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE.	ACTION TAKEN.
<p>Desires body be <u>7-1-21- Col. Rether states that mother desires shipment to Ireland.</u> Body to be shipped to <u>Ireland.</u> <u>Affidavit received, A.E. 1/28/21</u></p>	

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: Form 120 dated 2-23-21 from Mrs. Mary C. Brooks, Mother, 200 So. Main St., Fairport, N.Y., requests the remains of her late son left in Europe. Father deceased. No widow or children survive. Form 129 to hold body, Fred Wash, 3-3-21

H 2-28-21 (GA)

PROPOSED CABLEGRAM NO. 231 TO EUROPE-BODY TO REMAIN, 3-17-21

FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN - BODY TO REMAIN IN EUROPE MAR 11 1921

4/6/21 - Letter from Europe states return cancelled as per cable. Cp. 7/4/21.

EXHIBIT FOR

JEM

WAR DEPARTMENT

589-17 mrt

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

CEMETERIAL DIVISION

WASHINGTON

Hoboken, N.J.

FEB 19 1921

FROM: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. G.

To: Mrs. Mary C. Brooks, 200 S. Main St., Fairport, N.Y.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. James W. Brooks, Serial No. 1,679,458-

Co. M., 308th Inf. soldier

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above-named soldier ~~be returned to the United States and shipped to you at above address.~~

Remain in Europe ECS

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

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

MAR 15 1921

PROPOSED CABLEGRAM NO. 231 TO EUROPE BODY TO REMAIN

3-17-21

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

Was soldier married? *No.*

NAME OF-	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow <i>V</i>			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)			
1			
2 <i>V</i>			
3			
Father <i>deceased</i>			
Mother <i>Mrs. Mary C. Brooks</i>	<i>200 So. Main St</i>	<i>Fairport</i>	<i>N. Y.</i>
1 <i>C. L. Brooks</i>		<i>Pittsford</i>	<i>N. Y.</i>
2 <i>Jesse L. Brooks</i>	<i>941 Meigs St.</i>	<i>Rockeater</i>	<i>N. Y.</i>
3			
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)			
1 <i>Fannie F. Brooks</i>	<i>200 So. Main St.</i>	<i>Fairport</i>	<i>N. Y.</i>
2 <i>Mrs. J. H. Black</i>		<i>Geneseo,</i>	<i>N. Y.</i>
3 <i>Mary L. Brooks</i>	<i>200 So. Main St</i>	<i>Fairport</i>	<i>N. Y.</i>

Date *Feb. 23, 1921.*

Signature *Mrs. Mary C. Brooks*

Address *Fairport N. Y.*

Relationship *Mother.*

Feb 23, 1921

I, the undersigned, am the Mother and nearest living next of kin of the within-named

(Relationship.)

soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:
(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

1. ~~As stated on first page of this sheet.~~

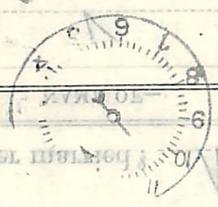
2. ~~To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to~~ _____
(Name.)

_____ (R. R. station.) _____ (State.)

3. ~~To be returned to the U. S. and buried in~~ _____ National Cemetery.

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

Signature Mrs. Mary C. Brooks



INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

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

COMPLETION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 71516

See 115
11-10-21

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BROOKS, James W. Ser. No. 1679458 TYP. DB
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. M, 208th Inf.
 (c) Date of death 10-15-18 Cause of death DUMIA

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

(a) Grave No. 150 Row Plot 3 Sect. E TYP. DB
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Mary C. Brooks, (Mother) 200 S. Main St. Fairport, N.Y.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases. CKR

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

also card - Mrs. Mary C. Brooks (mother) 200 S. Main St., Fairport, N.Y. - requests body returned to U.S. to her at this address - A.P. 2/12/21

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by - (cable on 192) (letter of transmittal JAN 28 1921 192)

Par. 1 To be returned. (L.S.)

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. FEB 15 1921 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken
<i>March 3-1921 Form 129</i>	<i>Mother (2-23-21) Mrs. Mary C. Brooks</i>	<i>Remain in France</i>	<i>MAR 15 1921 OVERSEAS ADVISED by proposed cable 25/ body to remain 3-17-21 48.</i>

*4/6/21 - Letter from Europe states return cancelled as per cable CP 5/4/21
 7-1-21 - Col. Rether states that mother desires shipment to Ireland. A.E. - 7-28-21.*

VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. 192

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY NO. 589 SHEET NO. 17
 G.R.S. FORM 115-A
 August 1920
 S-666/MB

Concentrated into P. A. C. 1232

MB 2-17-21

March 4th, 1921.

File No. 293.6 Gen.Div., Cor. Branch.
(BROOKS, James W.)

Mrs. Mary C. Brooks,
200 So. Main Street,
Fairport, New York.

Dear Madam

Receipt of Shipping Inquiry Form dated February 28rd, 1921, is acknowledged.

In accordance with your wishes instructions have been issued to leave the remains of your late son, Private James W. Brooks, Serial Number 1679456, Company M, 308th Infantry, in France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

You are assured that the grave site will always be maintained as a fitting memorial of the late soldier's sacrifice.

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

B. B. SHANNON,
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,
Officer in Charge.

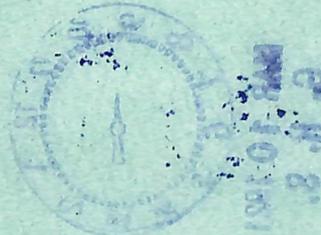
BY:

F. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

Mailed - O.P.D.

MAR 8 1921

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March 10, 1921

File No. 100-100000-100000
(100000, James W.)

Mr. J. W. ...
100 St. Main Street,
New York, New York.

Your ...

Receipt of ...
... 1921, is acknowledged.

In accordance with your ...
have been issued to leave the ...
Private ...
is ...

You are advised that the ...
will be maintained as a ...
file's ...

The Department wishes to ...
of its ...

In ...

W. A. ...
Captain, ...
Office in Charge

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W. A. ...
...

Mailed - O.T.D.
MAR 8 1921

MAR 10 1921
G. R. S.



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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

1921.

From: Graves Registration Service Officer, ^{March 3, 1921, W.J.}
To: Cemeterial Division (Overseas Project Sub-section)
Subject: Supplementary Advice concerning:

Name _____ Ser. No. _____
Rank Brooks, James W. Organization _____
Private Company H, 308th Infantry.
Cemetery No. 589 Cable Reference No. (Sheet No.) 17

Request shown below dated _____ is later in this case:

Name of Relative	Return to	Remain in	Special
Widow <u>None</u>	<u>Feb. 23, 1921.</u>	<u>France.</u>	
Children _____			
Guardian _____			
Father <u>deceased</u>			
Mother <u>Mrs. Mary C. Brooks, 200 So. Main Street, Fairport, New York.</u>			
Brother _____			
Sister _____			
Others _____			

Body to be shipped to, or for interment in: France in a permanent

American Cemetery.

R. E. SHANNON,
Capt., Quartermaster Corps,
GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER.

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Mallett-O.P.D.
MAR 8 1921

1 Inclosure.

Cable _____
Letter _____ 1921 forwarding advice to Europe dispatched _____ 1921.
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RECEIVED



MAR 10 1921

G. H. S.

Consular Office, Department of State

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Consular Office, Department of State

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Brooks 1679458 James
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt. Co.M., 308 Infantry
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL. Oct 14 - 1918
Cemetery American.

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

520 meters due south of Catholic
Church at LaGrange aux Bois,
Dept of the Marne.

GRAVE NUMBER. 46 Plot 3

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:
Was one buried with body? *Yes*

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

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

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REPORTED BY:
K A Bray Chaplain
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

29 OCT 1918

1. G. R. S. Form No. 1.

Hq. G. R. S. File

2. Soldier's No. 1679458

3. Brooks

James W.

Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials

4. Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. Date of Death Died of wounds Cause, if known

6. Oct. 15, 18. American Cemetery
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. La. Grange aux Bois Marne
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. 150 Sec. E, 3
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

9. Name Peg? Yes. Cross? Headboard? Bottle? Check Method of Marking

10. Buried with Body? Yes. Attached to Grave Marker? Yes. Identification Tags

11. If name unknown and tags missing, give marks and description.

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12. Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

13. Buried by Chaplain Kenneth Gray, M.H.4, Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed Sgt. W. E. Delta

Group 3 Unit 302 G. R. S.

Address reply to
OFFICE OF PURCHASE & STORAGE
Munitions Building

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE
WASHINGTON

Full

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CCP/tvh.

Sept. 18, 1919.

293.3 (Brooks, James W., Pvt.) GRS.

Graves Registration Service.

Mr. Herbert J. Hoeffel, 6 Carl St., Rochester, N. Y.

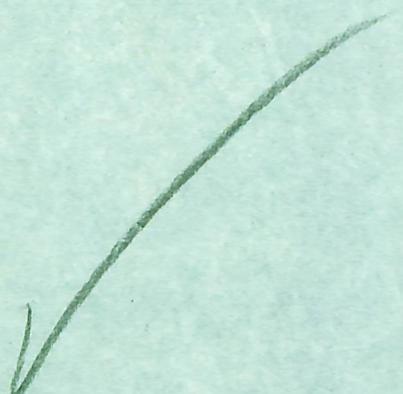
Grave Location.

1. Replying to your letter of Sept. 12th, I beg to say that the body of Private James Willard Brooks, 308th Infantry, Co. M, is buried in Grave 150, Section E, Plot 3, American Cemetery at St. Menehould, Department of the Marne.

2. The mother of the deceased was advised of this location by my office in France under date of Jan. 13, 1919. Please express to her my sincere sympathy in her great distress.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

Charles C. Pierce
Colonel, Q. M. C.
Chief, Graves Registration Service.



6 Carl St
Cochester N. Y.
Sept 12. 1919

Graves Registration Bureau
Washington D C



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Gentlemen,

Will you kindly inform
me where the body of James
Willard Brooks is located, he was
a member of Company "M" 308th
infantry 77th division

He died at a hospital of
wounds received in the Argonne.

His folks are very anxious for
the desired information Thanking you
in advance for same

Yours truly
Herbert J. Hoeffel

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

Date

7/15/19

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME Brooks, James Willard Serial Number 1679458

RANK Private ORGANIZATION 308th Inf. - Co M

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	<u>James W Brooks</u>
2.	Date of Death.	
3.	Cause and place of death.	
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	
5.	Date buried.	
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	(6) <u>Grave #150 - Sec. E - Plot 3 - Cty. #589</u>
7.	Who reported burial?	<u>Amer. County,</u>
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	<u>St. Menchould-Marne</u>
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	
12.	Has above been notified? (Give date)	(11) (Mother)
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	<u>Mrs. Mary C. Brooks</u> <u>#200 - 5th Main St.,</u> <u>Fairport,</u> <u>N.Y.</u>
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	
15.	Inquiry made by? <u>Herbert J. Haeffel,</u> <u>6 Carl St.,</u> <u>Rochester,</u> <u>N.Y.</u>	(12) <u>1-13-19</u>

N.B. All Proper names to be typewritten, or printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

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HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	BROOKS	3	283
	James M.		
	CEMETERY	1	1
BURIED	GRAVE	2	20
	ROW	2	11
	BLOCK	1	6
STATE	N.Y.	2	37
RANK	Pvt-1cl	1	2
DIVISION	77	2	77
ORGANIZATION	308	3	308
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARTIAL	20	1	2
NAME	Brooks	5	283
	Mary C		
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	37
	COUNTY	2	25
	CITY	3	243
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Dead-12-7-32	1	6
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	No	1	2

AUDITED

DEC 16 1931

(Signature)

QH 293 A-M

January 19, 1933.

Brooks, James W. (MA)

Mrs. Mary Brooks Pye,
812 Grand Avenue,
Rochester, New York.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date advising this office of the death of Mrs. Mary C. Brooks on December 7, 1932.

The death of Mrs. Brooks is deeply regretted and sincerest sympathy is extended to the members of her family in their bereavement.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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IN REPLY
REFER TO

QM 293 A-M
Brooks, James W. (MA)

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

Mrs. Mary C. Brooks,
Fairport,
New York.

Diets

January 5, 1933.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE IN 1933?

no
(Yes) or (No)

Mary C. Brooks of Fairport, N.Y.
Died Dec - 7 - 1932.

Sign here

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



Mary Brooks Tye
812 Grand Ave
Rochester, N.Y.
Encl.:
Env.

Post Office Department

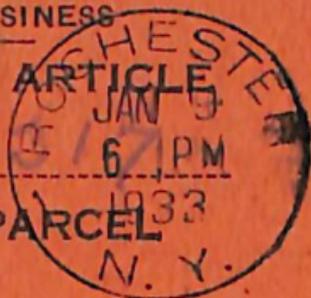
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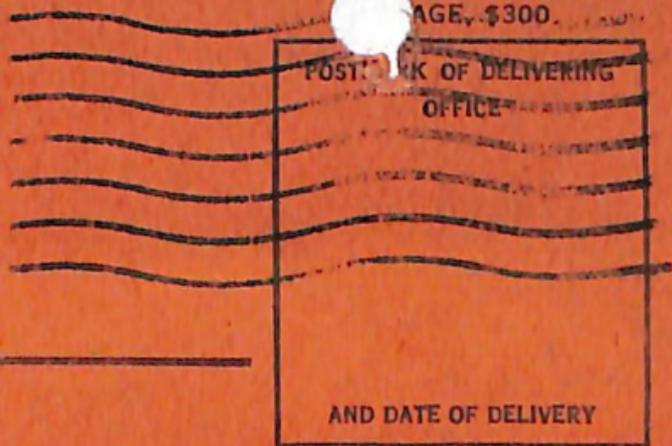
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INSURED PARCEL

No. _____



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



Return to Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,
or Post Office Box,

MUNITIONS BUILDING

WASHINGTON,

BROOKS, JAMES W (MA.)

D. C.

RETURN RECEIPT

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

Mrs. Mary C. Brooks

(Signature or name of addressee)

Mrs. Mary Brooks Pye

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of deli

Form 3811

1-9, 1933

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QM 293 A-M

WAR DEPARTMENT

Brooks, James W. (MA)⁹ OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

Mrs. Mary C. Brooks,
Fairport, NY

October 12, 1932.

Dear Madam:

Your Government has provided an opportunity for all Mothers and Widows of deceased members of the American Forces who were lost, buried at sea, or whose remains are now interred in Europe, to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. This was done in the hope that all who may make the pilgrimage will derive a measure of comfort and solace from the visit.

You are numbered among those who are privileged to make this pilgrimage.

During July and September of this year, inquiries were addressed to you as to whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage to Europe. To these inquiries no reply has been received from you.

You probably do not realize how important it is that a reply be received from you. If we do not receive replies, it becomes very difficult to make the necessary and proper arrangements for those who are to make the trip, as everything must be arranged in advance. Consequently, it is just as important for the Government to know the names of those who do not desire to take advantage of its offer as it is to know the names of those who do.

Will you please devote a few moments of your time to write either the word "YES" or "NO" in the following space _____, thus indicating whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage during 1933 and sign your name here _____ . Use the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage, and return this sheet.

This reply will assure your Government that no worthy Mother or Widow has failed to receive its offer in commemoration of a loved one departed, and will greatly assist in making the necessary preparations for those of them who wish to take advantage of the privilege.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Sept. 6, 1932.

Brooks, Jas. W. (MA)

Mrs. Mary C. Brooks,
Fairport, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Sign here

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Brooks James W (MA)

July 8 1932

Mrs Mary C Brooks
Fairport
New York

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Brooks, James W. Pvt. (M-A) M

June 11, 1931.

Mrs. Mary C. Brooks,
Fairport, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



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

NO
Write answer here

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Brooks, James W. 1232-M

June 3, 1930

Mrs. Mary C. Brooks,
Fairport, New York.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,



Very truly yours,

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

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

NO. ✓
(Write answer here)

Mrs. Mary C. Brooks
(Sign here)

Yairport.
N.Y.

To L.M. 293. a-c

Am the mother of
J. Willard Brooks -
Who died in France
He was never married.

Yours Truly,

Mary C. Brooks

July 3^d 1929, Yairport.
N.Y.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29 , 1929.

(Brooks, James W.)

Mrs. Mary C. Brooks,
200 S. Main St.,
Fairport, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private James W. Brooks, Co. M, 308th 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

January 19, 1933.

Brooks, James W. (MA)

Mrs. Mary Brooks Pye,
812 Grand Avenue,
Rochester, New York.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date advising this office of the death of Mrs. Mary C. Brooks on December 7, 1932.

The death of Mrs. Brooks is deeply regretted and sincerest sympathy is extended to the members of her family in their bereavement.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Brooks, Jas. W. (MA)

Sept. 6, 1932.

Mrs. Mary C. Brooks,
Fairport, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Sign here

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Brooks James W (MA)

July 8 1932

Mrs Mary C Brooks
Fairport
New York

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

June 11, 1931.

Brooks, James W. Pvt. (M-A) M

Mrs. Mary C. Brooks,
Fairport, N. Y.

Dear Madam

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

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1931
Aug - 11 - AM 11:45
O&MG M&R BR

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Brooks, James W. 1232-M

June 3, 1930

Mrs. Mary C. Brooks,
Fairport, New York.

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
Brooks, James W., 1232 M

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Mary C. Brooks,
Fairport, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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June , 1929.

(Brooks, James W.)

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Mrs. Mary C. Brooks,
200 S. Main St.,
Fairport, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private James W. Brooks, Co. M, 308th 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,

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Envelope.

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