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G.R.S. Form #114-B

To The A. C. C.

2506

MAR 10 1926

FULL NAME BROWN, Kenneth H.

RANK Sgt. SERIAL 137619

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION Hdq. Co., 146th F.A. 41 Pw

DATE OF DEATH. Oct 31, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Idaho

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED.

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION. 26 17 B  
Date Grave Row Block

Meuse-Argonne, #1232

Cemetery

MAR 17 1926

Robert O. Davis,  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General.  
By Eva

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MAR 11 1926  
WORLD WAR DIV.

23/306/ARK

LIBRARY  
MAR 19 26  
M. R. BRANCH  
O. Q. M. G.



# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Brown* *137619* *Kenneth H.*  
 (Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)  
*Sgt. Maj. Bn. 146th F.A.*  
 (Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *Nov. 1-1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL *Romagne*

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

*Romagne en Argonne*

GRAVE NUMBER

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? *Yes*

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? *Yes*

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

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

REPORTED BY:

*A. N. Mac Donald, Chaplain 146th F.A.*  
 (Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

WN, Sgt. Mjr., Kenneth H.  
 HOME: Twin Falls, Idaho. *137619*

killed at Romagne, France, on  
 on (2nd Bat., 146th F. A.) had  
 under very heavy shell fire but  
 st, 1918, Brown and several other  
 stance from our headquarters in a  
 our P.C. (Headquarters) had just  
 e had been talking for about  
 k within a few feet of us killing  
 eral others. Brown lived only  
 or Brown was one of the finest

and I have "soldiered" with him  
 knew him and every man in the  
 short distance from Romagne  
 e and Cunel by the regimental

Major, Harold W., 137687,  
 Co., 146th field artillery.

above.

BMP



Headquarters Company, 146th Field Artillery, BROWN, Sgt. Mjr., Kenneth H.  
3rd Army Corps. HOME: Twin Falls, Idaho. 137619

Sgt. Major Kenneth H. Brown was killed at Romagne, France, on the Argonne Meuse sector. This Battalion (2nd Bat., 146th F. A.) had been in this position for several days under very heavy shell fire but had suffered few losses. On November 1st, 1918, Brown and several other men and myself were standing a short distance from our headquarters in a rather unsettled position condition as our P.C. (Headquarters) had just been destroyed by four large shells. We had been talking for about 10 minutes when a nine inch shell struck within a few feet of us killing Brown and another man, and wounding several others. Brown lived only a few minutes after being hit. Sgt. Major Brown was one of the finest

men I have ever had the pleasure to know and I have "soldiered" with him since July 1917. He was liked by all who knew him and every man in the regiment was his friend. He was buried a short distance from Romagne France in a small cemetery between Romagne and Cunel by the regimental ~~exchange~~ chaplain.

INFORMANT: ELLIS, Sgt. Major, Harold W., 137687,  
Headquarters Co., 146th Field Artillery.  
HOME: Jerome, Idaho.  
Signed: By informant.

Emerg. address:  
David Brown,  
above.

BMP



Brown, Kenneth H.  
Sgt.

WESTERN MILITARY BUREAU  
ROUTE AND SCHEDULE

EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE SAILING FROM NEW YORK CITY May 28, 1930

Alameda County, State of California

Name Brown, Mrs Bessie M

Address 75 Vernon Street, Oakland, Calif.

Route going: West Pac Salt Lake, D&RGW Denver, CB&Q Chicago, Penna New York.

Return: Same route.

*(Stopped Denver, Colo)  
O.K.*

		ROAD	TRAIN	TIME	DATE
Itinerary going	Lv Oakland	W P	2	10:40 AM	May 21
	Ar Salt Lake	"	"	3:30 PM	" 22
	Lv "	D&RGW	"	6:15 PM	" "
	Ar Denver	"	"	8:00 PM	" 23
	Lv "	CB&Q	"	11:30 PM	" "
	Ar Chicago	"	"	7:00 AM	" 25
	Lv "	Penna	34	10:45 AM	" "
	Ar New York	"	"	3:35 PM	" 26
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Accommodations: Standard sleeper Oakland to Chicago and Chicago to New York

Elapsed Time: 121 Hrs 55 Min

Extra Fare:

*5 1/4*

*E-2*



STATEMENT OF EXCESS COST OF TRANSPORTATION.  
Chargeable to Brown, Mrs. Jessie

1025501  
1001  
Brown, Mrs. Jessie

Gold Star

June 29, 1930.

T/R Number	Travel Status	From	To		Cost
1021364	P	New York	Chicago		9.00
65	P	Chicago	Denver	LS	10.88
66	P	Denver	San Fran	LS	16.50
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Fin 3401 P 5095 A 3330-0					36.38

Transportation to which entitled.

Coach-	N. Y.	to	San. Fran.	LS	32.63
					<hr/>
Collectible.					3. 75
Balance Due.					3. 75



# MEDICAL RECORD

Party E  
Nurse N. Malinine

Brown, Kenneth H.  
Sgt Hd Co. 146 FA.

Station: Paris

Date: June 6<sup>th</sup> 1930.

Name Brown Mrs Bessie, H.

Home address 75 Vernon st., Oakland, Alameda County, California

Address of Nearest friend or relative Husband Mr David Brown

(same address)

Religion pro

Age 60

History of Present complaint: Heart trouble, swollen ankles. Pulse 88.

6/11 Seen by Dr. Merrill. 8/11 Seen by Maj. Kenner. Tabloid T.i.d. 10/11 Tabloid dis.  
By Maj. Eaves. 16/11 Slight cold. Seen by Maj. Kenner

INSTRUCTIONS. — This card will be started in all cases of Pilgrims requiring medical attention by the Medical Officer or Nurse first rendering such attention. Subsequently it will be carried by the nurse in attendance upon the group to which the Pilgrim is assigned. All Medical Officers rendering any assistance in the case will make an appropriate entry which will include date, time and signature. Upon final disposition of the case the Nurse in charge will deliver the card to the Office of the Chief Surgeon. Pilgrims sent to the American Hospital will be accompanied by this card properly completed, which will be authority for admission, in which case a duplicate card will be made and sent without delay to the Office of the Chief Surgeon.

(over)

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates) Valvula heart lesion - Hypertension - Slight edema.  
Cardio-Renal Vascular Disease 2 yrs duration  
BP 180/100 following 'Rheumatism'

Treatment and Progress: (include dates) Uses digitalis regularly - Luminal given 6/6/30.  
Sc Digitalis 8 drop 2nd Bromides 2nd  
6-9-30 Continue taking digitalis. RHE

Disposition: (include dates) 6-9-30 To remain in bed until morning of June 11/30  
6-10-30 - B.P. 210-110 - In bed. RHE.

Remarks:

6-10-30 Condition not good - Extrasystoles.

6/19/30 To Cherbourg.

1200.10



BROWN, KENNETH H.

May 12th, 1930

Mrs. Bessie M. Brown  
75 Vernon Street  
Oakland, Cal.

Dear Madam:

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

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

For The Officer in Charge:

Arrived N.Y. 3:35 PM - May 26  
Train 34 - Denver RR  
Capt Ross

Enclosures:  
2 tags

George F. R. ...  
1st Lieut. ...  
Assistant ...  
Quarters east: Mrs. E. Montgomery  
Mrs. C. B. Keely  
went: Mrs. Montgomery  
2 bags



Party "E" - Itinerary - Meuse-Argonne Group

Sailed May 28, 1930 on SS ROOSEVELT. Maj. K. M. Halpine in charge.

Arrived Cherbourg 4 a.m. June 5th. Met by Maj. Dailey, Capt. Ochs, Capt. Dalton, Capt. Mallett, Lt. Freeman, Capt. Kinderman, MC, five nurses and 3 civilian employees. Train left at 8.21 am for Paris. Arrived Gare des Invalides at 2.10 p.m. Met by Col. Ellis and members of his staff and a detail of officers, interpreters and nurses. Escorted to hotel. Remainder of day devoted to rest.

June 6th. Morning devoted to personal business; changing money, preparing laundry, etc. Left hotel at 3 p.m. for Arc de Triomphe. Wreath placed on tomb of the Unknown Soldier by Mrs. R. M. Tiger, who was selected by party for this duty. Proceeded to Restaurant Laurent after ceremony where tea and reception tendered by U. S. Government was held. Returned to hotel. Evening free.

June 7th. Shopping or resting in morning. Sightseeing in afternoon and evening.

June 8th. Those who desired attended Divine Services. Sightseeing in afternoon. Evening devoted to preparation for trip to cemetery next day.

June 9th. 7.15 a.m. depart for Ambassador. 7:30 a.m. depart Montmirail, Chalons s/s, Marne, St. Menould, Verdun.

June 10th. Visited Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery. Returned to 11-12-13. Verdun.

June 14th. Visited Cemetery, Suippes and Reims.

June 15th. Visited Reims Cathedral. Lunch at Reims. Chateau Thierry. Returned to Paris.

June 16th. Visited Fontainebleau.

June 17th. Morning free. Versailles in afternoon.

June 18th. Notre Dame - Napoleon's Tomb. Prepared for return trip.

June 19th. Left hotel between 9 and 9.30 am for Invalides Railway Station. Train left at 10.30 a.m. Accompanied by 5 officers, 6 nurses, 1 doctor and 2 civilian employees. Arrived Cherbourg 4.10 p.m. Left dock 5.11 p.m. Sailed at 6.45 p.m. on SS AMERICA. Capt. Ross in charge. Arrived Hoboken, N. J. 1.00 p.m. June 28th.

Mrs. Bessie M. Brown



WAR DEPARTMENT  
 "PILGRIMAGE WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"  
 -- ROOM 901 --  
 225 West 34th St., New York, N. Y.

BROWN, KENNETH H. — M.A.

PARTY E  
 NUMBER 752

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

Mrs. Bessie M. Brown  
 Name of Traveler

Actual cost of through Pullman,  
 New York, to Oakland, Cal.

Oakland, Alameda County  
 Home Address

\$ 3263 thru rate

Cal.

New York, to Oakland, Cal.  
 Destination

Via Penn. to Chicago - C.B. & Q to Denver - D & R.G. to Salt Lake - W.P. to dest.

June 28, 1930  
 Date of Departure

Ticket expires - Feb. 21, 1931

	Road	Train Number	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	Car	U.S.G. Order No.	Actual Cost
LV Penn sta.	P.R.R.	# 9	6/28	620P				
VAR CHICAGO	"	"	6/29	910P	X4	755	I-8-227. OK.	9
LV " "	C.B. & Q	# 3	"	1130P				
VAR SAN FRANCISCO	W.P.	# 1	7/3	335P	7	270		2363
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TOTAL

Remarks: X-THRU CARS

Stopover Chicago & Denver

New York to Chicago WQ 1-021-364 9.00  
 Chicago to Denver WQ 1-021-365 10.88  
 Denver to San Francisco WQ 1-021-366 16.50  
36.38  
32.63  
3.75  
 Capt Cisterns



Name BROWN, Mrs. Bessie M.

Paris Hôtel HOTEL AMBASSADOR

BOULEVARD HAUSSMANN

Home address 75 Vernon St. Oakland, Alameda Co. California.

Party E Group I Unit ROOSEVELT

Date of arrival JUNE 5, 1930 Date of departure JUNE 19. 1930 S/S AMERICA

Relationship Mother

Name of deceased BROWN, Kenneth H.

Rank Sgt Organization Hq. Co. 146th F.A.

Cemetery Meuse-Argonne



REMARKS





NAME BROWN, MRS. BESSIE M.

S.S. AMERICA JUN 27 1930

HOME OAKLAND, ALAMEDA COUNTY, CAL.

R.R. RR to Chi - C B + D to

STATION Denver - J. R. G. to

Salt Lake - W. P. to dest

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE Feby 21 - 1931.



Mrs Rebecca Brown





THE TRAVELERS TOWER  
at Hartford, Connecticut

Mr. Rebecca Brown  
Party D

DOLLARS						CENTS															
1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40				
8	9	10	20	30	40	50	45	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95					
<b>THE PULLMAN COMPANY</b> PASSENGER'S CASH FARE CHECK																					
CAR	LINE 684						Amount Collected						Changed Accom.								
FROM	Hartford						Pullman	\$	5	C	Lower Berth No.										
TO	Barnes						Railroad	\$	2	50	Upper Berth No.										
						Conductor	\$	7	50	Compartment											
						TOTAL	\$	12	50	Drawing Room											
No. Passengers 1						Date 1-19-30						192									
												Seat No.									

The amount charged is The Pullman Company's rate and a surcharge of 50% of that amount collected for the Railroad Company.

PROPERTY TAKEN INTO CAR WILL BE  
AT OWNER'S RISK

U 92337



# \$5,000.00

for  
25¢

**\$5,000.00**

**for accidental death**

Insures women same as  
men in this country  
and abroad.

**\$25.00**

**a week for total dis-  
ability caused by  
accident**

Age limit 18 to 70 years.

**YOUR TRAVELERS**

## **INSURANCE TICKET**

**protects you on or off the train**

**COSTS ONLY 25 CENTS A DAY**

7 days \$1.50	15 days \$2.75	45 days \$6.00
10 days 2.00	20 days 3.50	60 days 7.50
12 days 2.50	30 days 4.50	90 days 10.00
		120 days 13.00

**THE TRAVELERS**

**Hartford, Connecticut**

**Largest multiple-line insurance organization in the world. Issues the following forms  
of insurance: Life, Accident, Liability, Health, Automobile, Steam Boiler, Compensation,  
Group, Burglary, Plate Glass, Aircraft, Machinery, Fire, Windstorm, Inland Marine.**

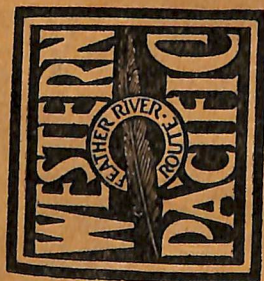


Brown, Mrs B. M.:



# Western Pacific

## Feather River Route



Mr B. M. Brown  
"E"

THE PULLMAN COMPANY	
<b>PASSENGER'S CHECK</b> —To identify accommodations purchased. 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 shown on the ticket.	
From	TO GOVERNMENT
To	28416
Accommodations	Car
Line No.	Via R.R.
Property taken into car will be entirely at owner's risk.	
Office 42-222	Form 1000-3
Passengers 1 2 3	2669

THE PULLMAN COMPANY	
<b>PASSENGER'S CHECK</b> —To identify accommodations purchased. 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 shown on the ticket.	
From	TO GOVERNMENT
To	
Accommodations	Car
Line No.	Via R.R.
Property taken into car will be entirely at owner's risk.	
Office 42-222	Form 1000-3
Passengers 1 2 3	2669



Mr. ....

Your train leaves at 1040 A.M.

Date .....

Lower .....

Upper .....

Compt. ....

Dr. R. ....

Car W-26

Rail Fare .....

Pullman Fare .....

Total .....

Please show your ticket at the gate.

Thank you.

Mrs. B. M. Brown  
4 E 6

Read the conditions under which it is sold and check routing. If it is an Excursion Ticket and your signature is necessary to validate it for the return journey, do not overlook that requirement.

# LOOK AT YOUR TICKET

Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Co.

Upper No.	Lower No.	Sl'pg Car No.
Comp. No.	D. R. No.	No. Tickets

No 187175  
C. B. & Q. 52

Passenger's Identification Check  
for railroad ticket collected  
for this trip and train only.

RETAIN THIS until called  
for by Conductor when any  
unused portion of your ticket  
will be returned.

No 187175

WEST. PAC. RY.  
MAY 17 1930  
NOT GOOD  
MAY 21 1930  
AND (C)  
Mrs. B. M. Brown  
4 E 6

WEST. PAC. RY.  
MAY 17 1930  
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MAY 21 1930  
OAKL. ARK.  
Mrs. B. M. Brown  
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*Form Letter from  
JO Wash*

File 201 - Brown, Mrs. J.

2nd Ind.

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Hq. Port of Embarkation, Pilgrimage, War Mothers and Widows, Room 1211,  
225 W. 34th St., New York, N.Y., December 12, 1930. To: The Finance  
Officer, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C.

1. These transportation requests were erroneously issued in the name of Mrs. Jessie Brown instead of Mrs. Bessie M. Brown.
2. Collection in the amount of \$3.75 was made from Mrs. Brown and reported by letter from this office dated July 10, 1930, File 552.01.
3. This amount is included in the \$93.95 collected from pilgrims in Party "E" which was deposited during the month of July 1930 with the Special Deposit Account of Major W. D. Dabney.

For Officer In Charge:

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



FINANCE OFFICER, U. S. ARMY

TRANSPORTATION BRANCH

MUNITIONS BUILDING, WASHINGTON D. C.

1st Ind.

512 -TB

From Mrs Jessie

Case #7796

Finance Office, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C.,

December 10,

1930

To:

Quartermaster

Pilgrimage W H &amp; W, 225 West 34th Street, New York, N Y

1. ~~Inviting attention to statement of transportation furnished above~~  
named officer.

2. It is requested that remittance be forwarded to this office in  
amount of \$....., made payable to Finance Officer, U. S. A.,  
Transportation.

For the Finance Officer:

P. A. SCHOLL,  
Captain, Finance Department,  
Transportation Branch.



RIC

Pilgrimage, War Mothers & Widows  
Rm 901, 225 W. 34 St., N.Y.C.

VIA POSTAL TELEGRAPH

A.C. TIPTON  
MAJ. INF. (DOL)

Ray E. Brown  
75 Vernon St.  
Oakland, Cal.

June 29, 1930

YOUR MOTHER ENROUTE TO JAMESVILLE IN GOOD HEALTH

COLONEL WILLIAMS

The above message sent from Hotel Astor for Mrs. Bessie M. Brown, Party E

Party "E"



RLC

Pilgrimage, War Mothers & Widows  
Rm 901, 225 W. 34th St., N.Y.C.

VIA POSTAL TELEGRAPH

A.C. TIPTON  
MAJ. INF. (DOL)

Mr. Robt. Brown  
Sinclair Street  
Janesville, Wisconsin

June 29, 1930

MRS BROWN ARRIVES MIDNIGHT MONDAY NORTHWESTERN REQUESTS TELEPHONE WILL

COLONEL WILLIAMS

The above message sent from Hotel Astor for Mrs. Bessie Brown, Party E



Pilgrimage, War Mothers & Widows  
Room 901, 225 W. 34th St.  
New York City, N.Y.

VIA WESTERN UNION

A.C. TIPTON  
MAJ. INF. (DOL.)

Dr. L. G. Crosby  
142 Metropolitan Bldg.  
Denver, Colo.

DAY LETTER

June 29, 1930

LETTER RECEIVED OH IF I HAD STAYED WITH YOU I WEEP WITH YOU BUT MY LONELINESS  
IS NOTHING TO YOURS DAVE IS IN MILTON WILL STOP FEW DAYS THERE THEN DENVER  
HOPE I CAN HELP YOU A LITTLE IN YOUR SORROW WILL BE HARD TO COME NOT FIND KITTIE THERE

BESS

The above message sent from Hotel Astor  
for Mrs. Bessie M. Brown, Party "E"



Date 9th May 1919.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: BROWN Kenneth H.

Number: 137619

Rank: Sgt.

Organization:

Hdq Co 146th F.A.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

14th March 1919.

Grave #53 Battle Area Cemetery

ROMAGNE, MEUSE 35 NE 308.2 E 285.2 N

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

14th March 1919.

Grave #14 Sec #2 Plot #1

ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY #1232

ROMAGNE, MEUSE 35 NE 308 E 285 N

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

Burial very poor, body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? No.

What other means of identification were found on the body? None.

Note:

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

Supervised by: Lt. Gove S. Wright.

R. H. ROSENTHAL  
2nd Lieut. O.M.C.U.S.A.

C.O. Group Unit

10294

CONFIRMED N° D.



Substantive

to: Code 2-1010

Substantive

anyone will be made and referred to other places  
of the person's residence for the purpose of  
the person's residence for the purpose of  
the person's residence for the purpose of



note:

What other names of identification were found on the body? none.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? no.

What other items were found upon the body? none.

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Duplicate.

Brown,

Kenneth H.

137,619

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Sgt.

Hq. Co. 146th. Field Artillery.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased. FatherDo you desire the remains brought to the United States? No

(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you }  
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)

David BrownTurner FallsIda

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

3-6713



Drawn by PF

3-14-21

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File

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

Oct. 26, 1922.

FILE: 293.8 C-R #52852

SUBJECT: Permanent Grave Location of Sergeant Kenneth H. Brown,  
Headquarters Company, 146th  
Field Artillery.

TO: Mr. David Brown, R.F.D.3, Twin Falls, Idaho.

1. The permanent grave of this soldier is No. 26, Row 17,  
Block B, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery at 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.

For the Quartermaster General:

MAILED

OCT 26 1922

G.R.S.

A  
E. E. DAVIS,  
X GEORGE H. PENROSE,  
Executive Assistant. G. R. S.

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DATE 3/3/22.1. NAME BROWN, Kenneth H.SERIAL No. 137619RANK Sgt.ORGANIZATION Hq.Co.146th FAGRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne Amer.Romagne-s-Montfaucon, Meuse#1232, Sec.2

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

14Sec.21

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

53 BACRomagneMeuse

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES

Verdun 35NE 285.2N 308.2E

CONCENTRATED TO

3/14/191421

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

Meuse Argonne 1232

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on crossdataf-1/pfb

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

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

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION

3/3/22/2617B.

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

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

CEMETERY

hd

AUDITED BY  
SEB 9/28/22





## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

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

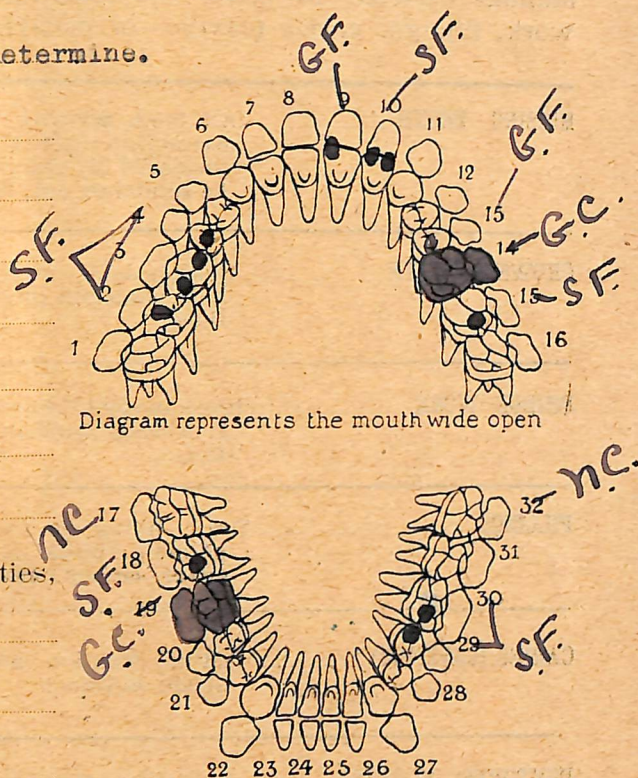


Place Fort gne 1232.

## REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Mar 2, 1922.

1. REMAINS OF BROWN, Kenneth H. SERIAL NUMBER 137619  
 RANK Sgt. ORGANIZATION Hq. Co. 146th FA.
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2. Disinterred (date): Mar 2, 1922. From (give complete location): gr 14, sec 2, plot 1. Cty. 1232.  
 By: Group Maire. Unit sec 1
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3. Reburied (date): Mch 3, 1922, Meuse Argonne Cty 1232, gr 26, bl B, row 17 In (give complete location):  
 By: Group Reburial S 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 U.S. uniform. badly decomposed, unrecognizable.
- 
5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? yes. On grave marker? yes.  
 (b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:  
body tag agrees. splint on left leg.
- 
6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items?
- (a) Height (actual measurement) impossible to determine.
- (b) Weight (estimated) do
- (c) Hair—Color 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)

left femur fractured.

7. Disinterment supervised by

E. Maire.

Approved:

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

8. Reburial

Supervised by

W.B. Sheild

Approved:

A.E. Dewey 1st Lt, QMC.  
(Title)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### MISSING TEETH

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



### CROWNED TEETH

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



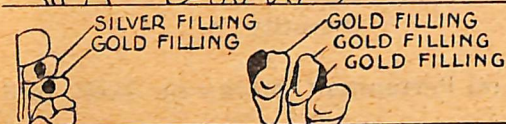
### BRIDGE WORK

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



### FILLINGS

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



### CARIES (CAVITIES)

Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:



### DENTURES (PLATES)

Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp"

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

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





To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Mar. 2, 1922

## REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

## DISINTERMENT

mg

## COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BROWN, Kenneth H.

10. Name \_\_\_\_\_

2. No. 137619

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

3. Rank Sgt.

12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_

4. Org. Hq. Co. 146th FA

13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_

5. D.D. 10-31-18

14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_

6. C.D. KIA(b) D.B. None

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 14 Sec. 2

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_

8. Plot 1 Row \_\_\_\_\_

16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_

9. \_\_\_\_\_

17. None18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer.19. Commune or town Romagne-s-Montfaucon20. Dept. or County Meuse21. Country France22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232, Sec. 223. Disinterred (Date) Mar. 2, 1922By Edmo Maire

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name BROWN, Kenneth H.Serial No. 137619Rank Sgt.Organization Hq. Co. 146th F.A.25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes On body? Yes

Signature Junior Technical Assistant

C.S.O. Meara

## PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).

None27. Condition of body Badly decomposed.28. Nature of burial U.S. Uniform, burlap and box.29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Mar. 2, 1922 By Edmo Maire31. Casket sealed by Edmo Maire

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

Edmo Maire



SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.)

Box No.

C-24936

32. Designation of body:

Name Kenneth H. BROWN

Rank Sgt.

Organization Hq. Co. 146th FA.

33. Consigned to:

Meuse-Argonne Amer. #1232,

Name of Permanent Cemetery Romagne-s-Montfaucon.Meuse

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Mar. 2, 1922

By Damo Naire

35. I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector

R. Richards, 1st Lt. QMC.

36. Remarks

None

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Mar. 5, 1922

To point of Concentration Romagne Morgue (Name)

Convoyer P.H. Moran

Signature Shipping Officer

G.F. Spann, Capt. QMC. JB

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery

(Name)

Convoyer

Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cty 1232, Mch 3, 1922

(Date)

42. Grave No. 26

Section

43. ~~Box~~ Block B

Row

17

G.R.S. Representative

A.E. Dewey, 1st Lt, QMC.



# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #52852

## I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BROWN, Kenneth H. Ser. No. 137619  
 (b) Rank Sgt. Organization Hq. Co. 146th F. A. TYP. evs  
 (c) Date of death 10/31/18 (d) Cause of death K/a CKR. 13.7

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

(a) Grave No. 14 Row - Plot 1 Sec. 2 TYP. evs  
 (b) Emerg. Address David Brown(Father) RFD #3, Twin Falls, Idaho

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases - CKR. 13.7

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

Date of receipt -

(a) Name David Brown (b) Relationship Father  
 (c) Address Twin Falls - Idaho  
 (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 PF Date 3-14-, 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 PF Date 3-14-, 1920.

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

no request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes PF

Examiner's Initials PF Date 3-14-, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE

CEMETERY No. 1232--Sec. 2 SHEET No. 24

G. R. S. Form No. 115  
 Amended April 6, 1920

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FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

CARDED

Make Form No. 114

AP. 3/26/21.



RECEIVED.

APR 26 1921

OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-DIV.

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

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on 3/23/21, 1920

*Sec. 2.*

*Par. 2. Not to be returned (E.G.S.).*

IX.

CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE.

ACTION TAKEN.

Desires body be \_\_\_\_\_

Body to be shipped to \_\_\_\_\_

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: \_\_\_\_\_



# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

## I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #52952

(a) Name BROWN, Kenneth H. Ser. No. 137819  
 (b) Rank Bgt. Organization Hq. Co. 146th F. A. } TYP. evs  
 (c) Date of death 10/31/18 (d) Cause of death K/a } B. J.

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

(a) Grave No. 14 Row - Plot 1 Sec. 2 TYP. evs  
 (b) Emerg. Address David Brown(Father) RFD #3, Twin Falls, Idaho

## III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases \_\_\_\_\_ CKR. B. J.

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

A. G. O. Card: David Brown, Father Twin Falls Idaho, desires body remain in France  
H. S. 3-25-21

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
Sec. 2. { letter of transmittal on 3/23/21, 192  
Chr. 2. Not to be returned (Egg).

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

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## VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.

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

COUNTRY

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

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

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

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FRANCE

1232--Sec. 2

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AP 3/16/21



52852  
GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Brown 137619 Kenneth N.  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Sgt. Maj. Btm 146th F.A.  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL Nov. 1 - 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL Romagne

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

Romagne en Argonne

GRAVE NUMBER

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? yes

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? yes

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

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

REPORTED BY:

A. M. MacDonald, Chaplain 146th F.A.  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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







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

Hq. G. R. S. File

2. Soldier's No. 137619

3. Brown Keneth H.  
Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials

4. Sgt. Hq 146th. F. A.  
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

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

6. .... B. A. C.  
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. Romagne Meuse  
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. 53  
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

9. Name Peg? ..... Cross? 1 Headboard? ..... Bottle? .....  
Check Method of Marking

10. Buried with Body? ..... Attached to Grave Marker? 1.  
Identification Tags

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

12. "A" sketch 19  
Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

13. ....  
Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed. Capt. Easterday

Group. .... Unit. .... G. R. S.

HEADQUARTERS  
PROV. UNIT "A" G. R. S.







# CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Brown</i>	<i>BR0</i>	3	<i>2 8 5-</i>
BURIED <i>Kenneth H</i>	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
	GRAVE <i>26</i>	2	<i>26</i>
	ROW <i>17</i>	2	<i>17</i>
	BLOCK <i>B</i>	1	<i>2</i>
STATE	<i>Idaho</i>	2	<i>12</i>
RANK	<i>Sgt</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>41</i>	2	<i>41</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>146</i>	3	<i>146</i>
ARM	<i>7a</i>	1	<i>3</i>
MARTIAL	<i>No</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Brown</i>	<i>Bro</i>	3	<i>2 8 5-</i>
RESIDENCE <i>Mrs. Bessie M.</i>	STATE <i>Calif</i>	2	<i>04</i>
	COUNTY <i>Alameda</i>	2	<i>01</i>
	CITY <i>Oakland</i>	3	<i>049</i>
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER	<i>Father</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Poor</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>

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Brown, Kenneth H. Sgt. Hq Co. 146 F.A.

Idaho

XC105-496

~~Widow?~~

Single



QM 293 A-M

Brown, Kenneth H. 1232

July 31, 1930.

Mrs. Bessie M. Brown,  
75 Vernon Street,  
Oakland, Calif.

Dear Madam:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of the testimonial expressing your appreciation to the United States Government, which you and the other mothers and widows returning on the SS America, were so kind as to send me regarding your pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe.

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

I am indeed pleased to receive such complimentary remarks concerning the care and consideration shown the women making the journey by the personnel connected with the pilgrimage.

Sincerely yours,

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

ADH  
JTH  
WRG

RS



NAME Brown, Mrs. Bessie M.  
ADDRESS 75 Vernon St. Oakland, Cal. *Alameda Co.*

DATE Aug - 4<sup>th</sup> 1930

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

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

SINCERELY,

(SIGNED)

Mrs. Bessie M. Brown



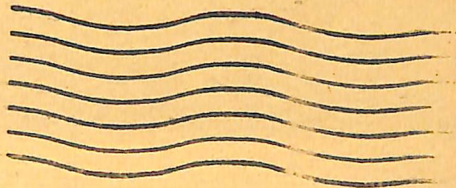
WAR DEPARTMENT

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS



Penalty for Private Use \$300.



PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.



STATEBrown Kenneth H  
Sgt. Adg. Co, 146<sup>th</sup> I.A....CALIFORNIA...75 Vernon Street  
Oakland  
Alameda CountyMother  
NAME Brown, Mrs. Bessie M. HOME ADDRESS .....NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN Mr. David Brown 75 Vernon St.  
Oakland, Cali.ARRIVAL IN NEW YORKDATE 5/26 HOTEL Pennsylvania ROOM NO. 1596DEPARTURE NEW YORKDATE May 28th, 1930 VESSEL S.S. ROOSEVELT CABIN NO. 117FDESTINATION CHERBOURG, FRANCE CEMETERY MEUSE-ARGONNE



RETURN NEW YORK

JUN 28 1930

DATE .....

NAME

Brown, Mrs. Bessie J.

HOME ADDRESS

75 Vernon St.  
Oakland, Cal.  
Alameda Co.

RETURN ON S. S.

S/S AMERICA

HOTEL

ASTOR

ROOM NO. 136

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

JUN 29 1930

DATE .....

ROAD

PRR

TRAIN

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CAR

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BERTH or SEAT

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REMARKS .....



N. Malinine, R.N.

# MEDICAL RECORD

Party E

Station : Paris

Date : June 6, 1930.

Name Brown, Mrs. Bessie H.

Home address 75 Vernon St., Oakland, Calif.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Husband, Mr. David Brown,  
same address

Religion Prot.

Age 60

History of Present complaint: Heart trouble, swollen ankles, Pulse 88  
June 6th: Seen by Dr. Merrill, June 8th: Seen by Maj. Kenner,  
Tabloid t.i.d. June 10th: Tabloid by Maj. Eames.  
June 16th; slight cold, seen by Maj. Kenner.

INSTRUCTIONS. — This card will be started in all cases of Pilgrims requiring medical attention by the Medical Officer or Nurse first rendering such attention. Subsequently it will be carried by the nurse in attendance upon the group to which the Pilgrim is assigned. All Medical Officers rendering any assistance in the case will make an appropriate entry which will include date, time and signature. Upon final disposition of the case the Nurse in charge will deliver the card to the Office of the Chief Surgeon. Pilgrims sent to the American Hospital will be accompanied by this card properly completed, which will be authority for admission, in which case a duplicate card will be made and sent without delay to the Office of the Chief Surgeon.

(over)



Diagnosis and complications: (include ☐ es)

Valvular heart lesion, hypertension, slight edema.

2 years duration following rheumatism. BP 180/100

Treatment and Progress: (include dates) Uses digitalis regularly, Luminal given June 6th  
Tr. Digitalis 8 drops, t.i.d. Bromides, t.i.d.

June 9th: Continue taking digitalis, R.H.E.

Disposition: (include dates) June 9th: To remain in bed until morning of June 11th.  
June 10th: BP 210/110. In bed. R.H.E.

Remarks: June 10th: Condition not good, extra systole.

June 19th, to Cherbourg. HWK



78 2 RETURN RECEIPT 232

*Received 5/28/30*

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

*Mrs. Bessie M. Brown*

(Signature or name of addressee.)

**Deliver to addressee only.**

*5/28/30*  
(Signature of addressee's agent.)

*5/28/30*  
Date of delivery, *5/28/30*, 192*30*

Form 3811

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# Post Office Department

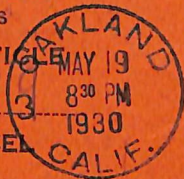
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REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 927488

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.**



782-C *Passerel* 5/28/30 1232  
RETURN RECEIPT

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

*Bessie M. Brown*

(Signature or name of addressee.)

*Ray Brown*

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, *5/17/30*, 192



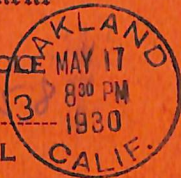
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QM 293 A-C  
Brown, Kenneth H. 1232

May 9, 1930

Mrs. Bessie May Brown,  
75 Vernon Street,  
Oakland, Calif.

Dear Madam:

This office is in receipt of communication from the State Department relative to your desire to stop over at Janesville, Wisconsin and Denver, Colorado on your return from the pilgrimage to the American cemeteries in Europe sailing on the S.S. Roosevelt May 28, 1930.

Please be advised that arrangements will be made for you to make stop-overs at Chicago and Denver. At Chicago you may make a side trip to Janesville, Wisconsin at your own expense. The fare from Chicago to Janesville and return is approximately \$6.75 for rail transportation, plus a small amount for pullman accommodations. There will also be an additional charge of approximately \$3.75 for pullman due to this routing which amount must be paid by you at the time you receive your return transportation in New York City.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

LM

*Noted on  
Card + Luto*

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QM 293 A-C

May 16, 1930

✓ Brown, Kenneth H. 1232 M  
Montgomery, Frank T. 1232 M

Mrs. Bessie M. Brown,  
75 Vernon Street,  
Oakland, California.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 7 relative to your desire to be quartered with Mrs. James Montgomery when you make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the SS "Roosevelt" May 26, 1930.

Notation has been made of your desire and it is believed that 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.

In connection with your desire to be placed in a cabin for two aboard ship, you are advised that your request will be given consideration when assignments are being made.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

EL



Alameda Co.

Oakland Calif. May 7<sup>th</sup> 1930.  
75 Vernon St.

Quartermaster General: Reply no.  
Washington D.C. L.M. 293 AC

Dear Sir:

I am writing this to ask if it would be possible at this late date for you to arrange for Alameda Co.

Mrs. James <sup>Elizabeth</sup> Montgomery of Berkeley Calif. Mother of Frank T. Montgomery (No- 1232 M.) and myself.

Mother of Kenneth H. Brown-1232 M. to travel together from N.Y. on sail May 28<sup>th</sup> on the S.S. Rodent.

We find ourselves alone because her daughter & my sister who were planning to go, with us, find themselves unable to go.

If possible we would like to have a two passenger cabin as we are neither of us very strong women. However we must leave this matter to your best judgement. but do hope we can go across companions in the same cabin and be together in France.

I thank you for the wonderful courtesy you have shown me and for what you are able to do in this matter.

Yours Truly,

75 Vernon St. Oakland Calif. Bessie M Brown.



Both acc.

Roosevelt May 26

quarters together noted

lv. list  
trans. list

Cards







DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

May 2, 1930.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE WAR DEPARTMENT:

In the application for a Special Pilgrimage Passport executed by Bessie May Brown on which passport No. 1007 was issued, she requested permission to stop over at (Janesville, Wisconsin) and Denver, Colorado, on her return trip. Inasmuch as this request was incorporated in the application itself, this Department adopts this means of notifying you of the applicant's desire with reference to stop overs. She has not been informed of this reference.

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6.54 extra rail  $\frac{1}{2}$  side trip Chgo-Jonesville  
9.75 " Pullman charges \$

Write Mrs. Brown - suggesting side trip  
be made <sup>from Edg</sup> to take care of Jamesville, Miss



QM 293 A-C  
Brown, Kenneth

April 2, 1930.

Mrs. Bessie M. Brown,  
75 Vernon Street,  
Oakland, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 25, 1930, making inquiry relative to the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Kenneth Brown, which you will make sailing on the SS ROOSEVELT May 28th. For your information there is enclosed herewith a copy of Regulations governing the pilgrimage.

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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Oakland Calif.

Mar. 25<sup>th</sup> 1930.

To The Quartermaster General:

Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

I have accepted the invitation of the Government to visit the grave of my son Kenneth, who lies in the Romagne cemetery. Will sail on S.S. Roosevelt.

May 28<sup>th</sup>

The information I have been able to gather is rather vague. so am asking you to send to me as soon as possible any thing that will help me in preparing for the trip. What clothing will be needed? Where can we go on this trip?

Can we visit any other countries than France? Yes. Where?

I saw sometime ago that an Amendment, to take the fathers of sons, same as the Mothers was pending.

What because of this Amendment?

Any information you can send to me, to help me to prepare for my trip will be gratefully received.

Sincerely (Mrs.) Bessie M. Brown

75 Vernon St.

Oakland Calif.







WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

March 27, 1930.

Brown, Kenneth H. 1232 M

Mrs. Bessie M. Brown,  
75 Vernon St.,  
Oakland, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



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Brown, Kenneth H.

I Accept the invitation extended  
(Accept or decline)

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

Mrs. Bessie M. Brown

(Name)

75 Vernon St., Oakland, Alameda Co., California

(Town or City)

(State)







1232

Oakland Calif. Mar. 14. 1931

Quartermaster General  
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

When I filled in the application  
blank for the Gold Star Mother's  
Pilgrimage to France. I am not  
sure whether the address on  
same was correct, so I am  
writing you at this time to make  
sure everything is right. as I hope  
to go when the Gold Star Mothers  
go from here.

My son Kenneth H. Brown, Supt.  
is buried in the Romayne Cem.

My address is 75 Vernon St.

Oakland Calif.

Thanking you in advance for  
courtesy in checking up on this  
matter for me. Love

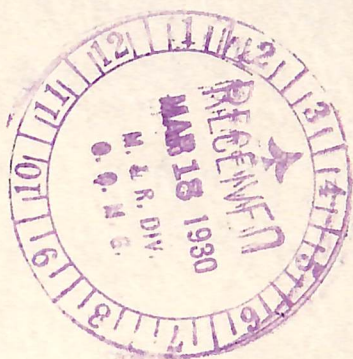
Sincerely

(Mrs. David.) Bessie M. Brown

75 Vernon St

Oakland Calif.







WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Brown, Kenneth H. 1232 M

October 7 , 1929.

Mrs. Bessie M. Brown,  
75 Vernon St.,  
Oakland, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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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) <u>yes</u> (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) <u>No</u>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <u>60</u> Health <u>Poor</u> (Years) ( <del>60</del> ) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <u>Yes</u> ( <del>No</del> ) Other language <u>no</u> (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Sept. 4, 1929.

Brown, Kenneth H.  
1232

Mr. David Brown,  
RFD 3,  
Twin Falls, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

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

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

X  
Mother  
Bessie M Brown.  
75 Vernon St.  
Oakland Calif.  
Yes.

For The Quartermaster General,

SEP 26 1929

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Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress  
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JOHN T. HARRIS,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Brown, Kenneth H.

June 29, 1929.

Mr. David Brown,  
RFD 3,  
Twin Falls, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Sergeant Kenneth H. Brown, Hdqrs. Co., 146th Field Artillery, whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty., Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M  
Brown, Kenneth H. 1232

July 31, 1930.

Mrs. Bessie M. Brown,  
75 Vernon Street,  
Oakland, Calif.

Dear Madam:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of the testimonial expressing your appreciation to the United States Government, which you and the other mothers and widows returning on the SS America, were so kind as to send me regarding your pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe.

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

I am indeed pleased to receive such complimentary remarks concerning the care and consideration shown the women making the journey by the personnel connected with the pilgrimage.

Sincerely yours,

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

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Brown, Kenneth H. 1232 M  
Montgomery, Frank T. 1232 M

May 16, 1930

Mrs. Bessie M. Brown,  
75 Vernon Street,  
Oakland, California.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 7 relative to your desire to be quartered with Mrs. James Montgomery when you make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the SS "Roosevelt" May 26, 1930.

Notation has been made of your desire and it is believed that 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.

In connection with your desire to be placed in a cabin for two aboard ship, you are advised that your request will be given consideration when assignments are being made.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Brown, Kenneth H. - 1232

May 12, 1930.

Mrs. Bessie M. Brown,  
75 Vernon Street,  
Oakland, California

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:

Leave Oakland	W P	Train # 2	10:40 AM	May 21
Arrive Salt Lake	"	2	3:30 PM	May 22
Leave Salt Lake	D&RGW	2	6:15 PM	May 22
Arrive Denver	"	2	8:00 PM	May 23
Leave Denver	CB&Q	2	11:30 PM	May 23
Arrive Chicago	"	2	7:00 AM	May 25
Leave Chicago	Penna	34	10:45 AM	May 25
Arrive New York	"	34	3:35 PM	May 26

(Penna Sta) 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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QM 293 A-C  
Brown, Kenneth H. 1252

May 9, 1930

Mrs. Bessie May Brown,  
75 Vernon Street,  
Oakland, Calif.

Dear Madam:

This office is in receipt of communication from the State Department relative to your desire to stop over at Janesville, Wisconsin and Denver, Colorado on your return from the pilgrimage to the American cemeteries in Europe sailing on the S.S. Roosevelt May 28, 1930.

Please be advised that arrangements will be made for you to make stop-overs at Chicago and Denver. At Chicago you may make a side trip to Janesville, Wisconsin at your own expense. The fare from Chicago to Janesville and return is approximately \$6.75 for rail transportation, plus a small amount for pullman accommodations. There will also be an additional charge of approximately \$3.75 for pullman due to this routing which amount must be paid by you at the time you receive your return transportation in New York City.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C  
Brown, Kenneth

April 2, 1930.

Mrs. Dessie M. Brown,  
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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

March 27, 1930.

Brown, Kenneth H. 1232 M

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
**Brown, Kenneth H. 1232-M**

**March 20, 1930.**

**Mrs. Bessie M. Brown,  
75 Vernon St.,  
Oakland, Calif.**

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  
Brown, Kenneth H. 1232 M

October 7 , 1929.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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JOHN T. HARRIS,  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

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Brown, Kenneth H.  
1232

Mr. David Brown,  
RFD 3,  
Twin Falls, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

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

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Brown, Kenneth H.

June 29, 1929.

Mr. David Brown,  
RFD 3,  
Twin Falls, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Sergeant Kenneth H. Brown, Hdqrs. Co., 146th Field Artillery, whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty., Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JOHN T. HARRIS,  
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