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1. NAME BUCK, Stanley L. SERIAL No. 69150

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co.K, 103rd Inf.  
& DIVISION 26

GRAVE LOCATION St.Mihiel American Cty, Thiaucourt, M-et-M. #1233  
CTY. NAME NUMBER

73 GRAVE Sec.20 ROW 2 PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION #30 American Military Cemetery  
Vertuzey COMMUNE Meuse DEPT. #233

COORDINATES 52°N, 217.8N, 548.1E., Commercy Map B.

CONCENTRATED TO 6/19/19 73 Sec.20 2  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT  
St.Mihiel 1233  
CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on cross.

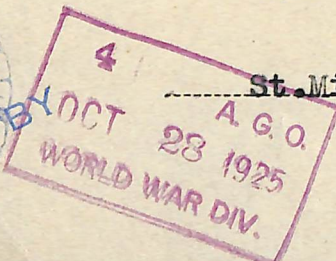
DATE OF DEATH June 16, 1918

Subsequent Reburials me  
STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME me  
MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED not of rec.

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR J. H. Joffe, 1st Lt., MC.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Aug. 18, 1922 15 14 Block B  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT



Received A. G. O. OCT 27 1925

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## 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 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.

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Buck 69150 Stanley  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)  
Corp. Col. 103 U.S. Inf.  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL June 21 1918

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

Mob. Hosp. #39 Vertagey, Meuse

GRAVE NUMBER 30

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? X

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: Roger B. T. Anderson  
Chaplain  
Mobile Hospital 39  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

This portion to be forwarded to Adj. Gen. H. R. A. E. F.

Co K. 103rd Infantry  
26th Division

" No wa  
hit on the place  
out but left it bu

Emergency Address  
Mrs Mable Luce (Mc  
Strong, Me.

G.F.

9156  
eyard, Me.

all made a direct  
empt to get his body  
"

1st Sgt. 60100  
antry  
St. Manchester N.H.  
919

, Chaplain

26 JUN 1918

**Received**

25 JUIN 1918

Hq. A. E. F.

Received

25 JUN 1918

Co K. 103rd Infantry  
26th Division

BUCK Stanley Pvt. 69156  
Home : New Vineyard , Me.

" He was in a dug out at Buconville when a shell made a direct hit on the place . He was so mangled that we didn't attempt to get his body out but left it buried there . This was on May 26th 1918 . "

Informant : Hogan , Walter 1st Sgt. 60100  
Co K. 103rd Infantry  
Home : 279 Manchester St ? Manchester N.H.  
February 14th 1919

Searcher A.G. Butser , Chaplain

Emergency Address :-  
Mrs Mable Luce (Mother )  
Strong , Me.

C.F.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Remains of :

NAME: **BUCK, Stanley**

NUMBER: **69150**

RANK: **Pvt.**

ORGANIZATION: **Co. K. 103 Inf.**

DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL MADE BY GROUP:

UNIT:

DISINTERRED: (Date)

FROM: (Give complete location)

**19 June 1919**

**Grave #30 Am. Mil. Cty. VERTUZEY MEUSE**

**52 SW E 348.1 N 217.8**

REBURIED (Date)

IN: (Give complete location)

**19 June 1919**

**Grave #73 Sec. 20 Plot 2.**

**St. Mihiel Am. Cemetery #1233.**

**THIAUCOURT M et M**

**1233**

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

**Burial good. Buried in box.**

Was one identification tag found upon the body ? **No**

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

**CONFIRMED No 11886**

Note:

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

Supervised by: **Lt. Glos.**

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

RECEIVED  
2 - JUL 1918  
O. C. Q. M.  
C. R. S.

Place Thiaucourt M & M

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date April 20, 1921

1. REMAINS OF BUCK, STANLEY, I. SERIAL NUMBER -----

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. K. 103-Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): April 20, 1921. Amer. Cty. 1233, Grave 73, P-2, Sec. 20  
From (give complete location):

By: Group 3 Unit 2. Field Section No. 10

3. Reburied (date): April 20, 1921. Amer. Cty. 1233, Grave 73, P-2, Sec. 20  
In (give complete location):

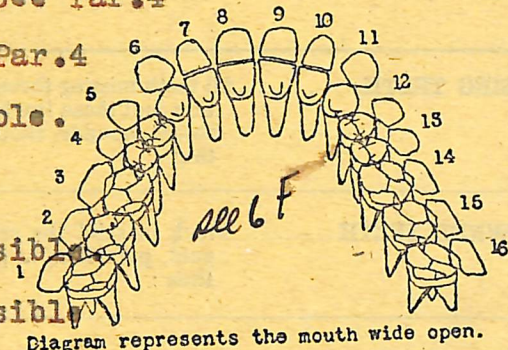
By: Group 3 Unit 2. Nature of reburial Box. Burlap Bottle record placed with body.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Box. U. S. uniform.  
Body badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable.

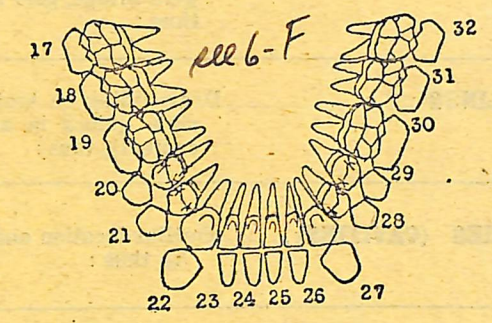
5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? yes On grave marker? yes  
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:  
Tag on body reads: "Corp. Stanley Buck-- 6-1502"

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items?  
(a) Height (actual measurement) Imp. to determine. See Par. 4 Impossible to take toothchart.

(b) Weight (estimated) Imp. to determine. See Par. 4  
(c) Hair—Color Imp. to determine. None visible.  
Quantity None visible  
Characteristics Imp. to determine. None visible



(d) Hair on face—Color Imp. to determine. None visible  
Location None visible  
Quantity None visible



(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) None visible. See Par 4.

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

Checker: Frederick B. Lyon

7. Disinterment supervised by T.P. Madine, Sup. Emb.

Approved: O.E. bound  
O.E. bound, 1st. Lt. QMC  
(Title)






8. Reburial supervised by T.P. Madine, Sup. Emb.

Approved: O.E. bound  
O.E. bound, 1st. Lt. QMC  
(Title)

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

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

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

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



✓ Luce, Mrs. Mabel (S-17)  
New Vineyard, Maine

✓ Railroad station, Farmington

Buck, J. L.  
Pvt.

Route Going and Returning: MC, Portland; B&M, Worcester; NYNH&H

Itinerary:

Aug. 25	Leave Farmington	1.50 P.M.	EST	Train No. 24	MC
	Arrive Leeds Jct.	3.17 P.M.	EST		
	Leave Leeds Jct.	3.18 P.M.	EST	Train No. 20	MC
	Arrive Portland	5.05 P.M.	EST		
	Leave Portland	8.00 P.M.	EST	Train No. 82	B&M
Aug. 26	Arrive New York (GCT)	6.24 A.M.	EST	Train No. 93-111	N

Coach, Farmington to Leeds Jct.

Leeds Jct. to Portland

Sleeper, Portland to New York

Elapsed time, 16 hrs. 34 min.

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JMA

Entered on list

*Mance*

Buck, Stanley L.

Pvt Co K 103d Inf.

Killed in action June 16, 1918.

Emergency address:

Mrs Mabel Luce, mother,  
Strong, Maine.

A.G.O. 7/5/18

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Write nothing below this line.

Party "S" - Itinerary - St. Mihiel Group

Sailed August 27, 1930 on AMERICA. Capt. R. E. Shannon in charge. Capt. Merrill Ross assistant. Arrived Cherbourg September 5th. Met by 11 officers, 8 nurses and 3 civilian employees. Train left 3.50 pm. Arrived Gare des Invalides in Paris at 10.15pm. Met by Officer in Charge and members of his staff, interpreters and nurses.

- Sept. 6th. Morning devoted to transaction of personal business. Exchange of money, preparation of laundry, etc. Wreath placed on tomb of Unknown Soldier at 5.30pm by Mrs. Mary Bacon for party. Tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent. Dinner at hotel.
- Sept. 7th. Left 6.30am for Bar-le-Duc via Porte de Pantin, Rosoy-en-Brie (rest stop Hotel du Savage), Sezanna (lunch Hotel de France), Vitry-le-Francois (rest stop Cafe Moderne), Revigny. Arrived 6.30pm. Quarters Hotel de Metz.
- Sept. 8th. Left Bar-le-Duc 8.30am for Nancy via St. Mihiel Cemetery, Thiaucourt; Lunch Hotel de Metz. Returned to cemetery. St. Pierre Auberge and Pont-a-Mousse. Arrived Nancy 6.15pm. Quarters Grand Hotel.
- Sept. 9th. Made daily trips to the St. Mihiel American Cemetery.  
and 10th. Different routes each trip.
- Sep. 11th. Left Nancy 8am for Troyes via Toul, Neufchateau (rest stop Modern Hotel), Bar-s-Aube (lunch Hotel du Commerce). Arrived Troyes 5pm. Quarters Grand Hotel.
- Sep. 12th. Left Troyes 8.50am for Paris via Sens (rest stop Hotel de Paris), Fontainebleau (lunch Hotel Legris). Arrived Paris 6pm. Dinner at hotel.
- Sep. 13th. Free or shopping. Lunch at hotel. Sightseeing. ~~seuvre~~. Sacre Coeur. Dinner at hotel.
- Sep. 14th. Free or church. Lunch at hotel. Sightseeing. Louvre. Visited Museum. Dinner at hotel. Sightseeing at nite.
- Sep. 15th. Sightseeing. Notre Dame. Lunch at hotel. Napoleon's Tomb. Dinner at hotel.
- Sep. 16th. Morning free. Lunch at hotel. Versailles. Refreshment at Belle Cycliste. Dinner at hotel.
- Sep. 17th. Free. Lunch and dinner at hotel.
- Sep. 18th. Train left Gare des Invalides at 2.12pm for Cherbourg. Arrived 8.50pm. PRESIDENT HARDING sailed 11pm. Arrived New York September 26, 1930.

Mrs. Mabel Luce

Buck, Stanley L.

NAME LUCE, MRS. MABEL

S.S. HARDING SEP 26 1930

HOME NEW VINEYARD, FRANKLIN COUNTY  
MAINE

R.R. N Y N H & H to Worcester

STATION B & M to Portland

TRAIN # The Cent to Farmington

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE Oct 26-30

Mrs Delia Baker.

So. Brewer.

Me.

Name LUCE, Mrs. Mabel, ..

HOTEL CARLTON

Paris Hôtel AV. DES CHAMPS-ELYSEES

Home address New Vineyard, Franklin County, Maine.

Party S Group 3 Unit ~~SS~~ AMERICA

Date of arrival SEPT. 5. 1930 Date of departure S/S HARDING, SEPT. 18. 1930

Relationship Mother

Name of deceased Buck, Stanley L.

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. K, 103d Inf.,

Cemetery St. Mihiel

REMARKS



*Mrs. Mabel Luer*

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

*BUCK, STANLEY L.*

*ST.M.*

Party *"S"*  
 Number *3427*

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

*Luce, Mrs. Mabel* ..... Actual cost of through Pullman.  
 Name of Traveler

*New Vineyard, Franklin County* ..... New York, to *Farmington, Maine*  
 Home Address

*Maine* ..... \$ *4.13*

New York, to *Farmington, Maine*  
 Destination

Via *NY. NH. & H. to Worcester - B&M to Portland - MAINE CENT. to Farmington*

Ticket Expires: *Sept. 26th, 1930.*  
 Oct. 26th, 1930. Date of Departure

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower <del>Rate</del>	Car	U. S. G. Order No.	Actual Cost
LV	<i>GR-CENTRAL</i>	<i>NYNHH</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>7:15 am</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>152</i>	<i>NO. 1024, 971</i>	<i>4.13</i>
AR	<i>Portland</i>	<i>Bm</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>5:45 am</i>				
LV								
AR								
LV	<i>Portland</i>	<i>Nb</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>7:45 am</i>		<i>Coach</i>		
AR	<i>Farmington</i>			<i>11:30 am</i>				
LV								
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TOTAL .....

Remarks:

*2650*

*Lt. Young*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
"PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"

ROOM 9-1211

225 WEST 34TH ST., NEW YORK, N. Y.

October 6th, 1950.

Dear Madam:

Mrs. Percy Tutting, a member of the party that you returned with from your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe, has informed this office that one of her dress suitcases went astray after she left the pier on the morning of her arrival.

If this suitcase by any circumstance could have accompanied you to your home, it will be appreciated if you will communicate with this office for shipping instructions.

A similar letter is being written to every mother of this party, with a view of locating this missing suitcase if possible.

Very truly yours,

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

*over*

I did not see Mr Nutting  
after we left the SS America  
for Newbourg and Paris.  
for she visited a different cemetery

New Vineyard Maine  
Oct 15/30



Received  
Most cordially  
Mrs Mabel Luce

George F R Taylor,  
Kind friends,

I have just recieved this notice  
from you and am ans right away

I am sorry for Mrs Nutting I came  
to know her very well as she was with  
Mrs Hurmiston and my self on  
206. Cabin on the SS America  
but I feel that she will find her  
suit case. I am so sorry for her.

I cant see how it could get delayed  
for there were stickers and tags of all  
kinds to be traced by

I am thanking you all for the trip  
abroad it was marvellously planned out from  
the begining and I am a good sailor for I was  
sick either way, and just made the most and  
all there was planned out for us the french people  
were very loyal to us and I love them for their

hospitality  
and all on board of both SS ships were kind as it self.

August 12th, 1930

Mrs. Mabel Luce  
New Vineyard, Maine

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:

*Quarters in NY - sent: Mrs. S. M. Mc Kinney  
" on Andover - Mrs Carrie Humiston  
Mrs. Percy Nutting*

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

Enclosures:

2 tags.

*Arr. NY 6:24 am Aug 26  
Train 93-111 - NY WH HPR  
H Young*

*2 bags*

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Buck Stanley L.	3	2 4 3
BURIED	CEMETERY 1233	1	3
	GRAVE 15-	2	5-
	ROW 14	2	14
	BLOCK B.	1	2
STATE	Me.	2	23
RANK	Priv.	1	2
DIVISION	26th	2	26
ORGANIZATION	103rd	3	103.
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARITAL	W 1/30	1	2
NAME	Mrs Mabel Luce	3	2 4 3
STATE	Me.	2	23
RESIDENCE	COUNTY Franklin	2	04
	CITY Newburyport	3	X
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	Yes	1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Fair	1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO. 1930	1	1
ACCEPTANCE	YR. 1930	1	1
29/514/EAB	yes	1	1
	Age 68		68

**AUDITED**  
OCT 5 1931  
RS

QM 293 A-M  
Buck, Stanley L. 1233

January 2, 1930

Mrs. Mabel Luce,  
New Vineyard,  
Maine.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 21, 1930, relative to your desire to be furnished with an American flag in memory of your son, the late Private Stanley L. Buck.

An order has this day been issued that a flag be forwarded you provided one has not previously been furnished.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

HL

Copy forward to G.S.O.

ASSISTANT AND CHIEF CLERK  
DEC 26 1930  
WAR DEPT.

Buck, Stanley L.  
Put. Co. K. 3812 Inf.

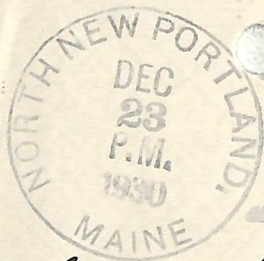
New Viner, Pa.  
Dec 21



War Department  
Washington D. C.

Dear Friends - Franklin Co.  
I am inquiring if I had <sup>1233 America</sup> <sup>aug. 27,</sup> <sup>30</sup>  
to have one of the large  
flags. some of the  
mothers have asked me  
if I had received mine.  
I said that I had not as yet.  
I am wishing you all a  
very lovely Christmas and  
glad new year.

Most Respectfully  
Mrs Mabel Luce



For  
War Department  
Washington  
D. C.



MERRY  
CHRISTMAS

QM 293 A-M

Buck, Stanley L. Pvt. 1233 M

November 21, 1930.

Mrs. Nabel Luce,  
New Vineyard, Maine.

Dear Madam:


Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 14, 1930, expressing your appreciation for the pilgrimage you have made to the grave of your son, the late Private Stanley L. Buck, in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery in France.

It is indeed gratifying to know that your trip was entirely satisfactory and that you received such courteous and efficient care throughout the journey. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages and has expended every effort that those making the journey might have a comfortable and pleasant trip. I feel, however, that the task was materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the mothers and widows who made the pilgrimage.

I am particularly glad to know that you were pleased with the appearance of your son's resting place and that you are satisfied you entrusted the care of his grave to a grateful Government. I can assure you that the St. Mihiel American Cemetery will be perpetually maintained in the same fine condition in which you found it as it will continue to be the constant effort of the Quartermaster Corps to make the final resting places of our hero dead fitting memorials.

Sincerely yours,

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



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ADH  
JTH  
WRG

Port. Stanley R. Buck  
12337M

Franklin Co. MS

America  
Aug. 27

New Vineyard Maine.

War Department,  
Office Of The Quartermaster General.

Dear Friends.

I am sending you all a card of  
Thank's for the marvelous trip  
abroad. every thing was so lovely  
all the way. our trip across the  
broad atlantic in the perfectly  
beautiful S Ship America. the weather  
was perfect all the way. The party I  
were all very nice we all had such  
a good time every one was so nice  
I met some very nice Star Mothers.  
There was lots of entertainments  
our Government was very

How glad I was that I left  
him there.

So now I am thanking  
you all again for the  
marvelous trip you so  
graciously planned  
out for us every movement  
was on time all the way.  
I was very tired on my return  
home. But have gotten nicely  
rested. (any way I am a good  
sailor for I wasn't sea sick after  
going across ~~the~~ <sup>our</sup> ~~comming~~ <sup>board.</sup>)

Most cordially,  
Mrs Mabel Luce

Nov. 14 1938.

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OQMC  
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lavish in all the Musical &  
programs.

Every one was so nice to us  
while in Paris. lots of pleasant  
memories of the people we met  
in the different places while  
enroute to the St Mihiel  
Cemetery. That was where I  
visited my son's resting place  
it is a beautiful place and  
I thank our Government for  
the splendid care and in  
erecting those lovely Marble  
crosses. that glister like  
Silver in the Sun. it surely  
is a field of honor. and when  
I entered it I felt that perfect  
piece of heart and felt



STATE

BUCK, STANLEY L.'S

..MAINE.....

M

Luce, Mrs. Mabel

New Vineyard,

NAME ..... HOME ADDRESS .. Franklin County.....

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN .....

Mrs D. Baker 585 S Main St.  
South Brewer, Maine

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE .....

Aug 26

HOTEL .....

New Weston

ROOM NO. ....

626

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE .....

August 27, 1930

VESSEL .....

SS. AMERICA .....

CABIN NO. ....

206E

DESTINATION .....

CHERBOURG

CEMETERY .....

ST. M.

RETURN NEW YORK

DATE SEP 26 1930

New Vineyard,  
Franklin County, Maine

NAME LUCE, JR. S/S HARDING HOME ADDRESS .....

RETURN ON S. S. S/S HARDING HOTEL ..... ROOM NO. 915

PENNSYLVANIA

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE 9/26

ROAD N.Y. N.H. & H. TRAIN 94 CAR 152 BERTH or SEAT L 9

REMARKS .....

NAME ..... LUC Mrs. Mabel ..... S

ADDRESS ..... New Vineyard, Maine .....

DATE .....

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. Mabel Luce*

WAR DEPARTMENT

Penalty for private use to avoid  
payment of postage, \$300.



OFFICIAL BUSINESS

**PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS**

**225 WEST 34TH STREET,**

**NEW YORK. N. Y.**

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Buck, S. L. 1233 M

August 1, 1930

Mrs. Mabel Luce  
New Vineyard, Maine.

Dear Madam:

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

Lv. Farmington	ME	No. 24	1.50 PM	August 25
Ar. Leeds Jct.	"	" "	3.17 PM	25
Lv. Leeds Jct.	"	" 20	3.18 PM	25
Ar. Portland	"	" "	5.06 PM	25
Lv. Portland	B&M	" 82	8.00 PM	25
Ar. New York	NYNH&H	"93-111	6.24AM	26

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.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

May 14, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Buck, Stanley L. -1233 M  
America 8-27

Mrs. Mabel Luce,  
New Vineyard, Maine.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Mrs Delia M. Baker

Name

586 South Main St

South Brewer Maine

Address

Penobscot County

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*A. D. Hughes*

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

Encl.  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 12, 1930.

Buck, Stanley L. 1233 N

Mrs. Habel Luce,  
New Vineyard, Maine.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than 2½x2½ inches in size and such documentary

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

America

8-27-30

1233

I Mrs. Mabel Luce 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.

*Thank you*

*Buck, Stanley S.*

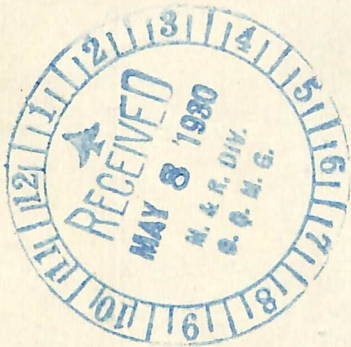
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Mrs. Mabel Luce,

(Name)

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New Vineyard, Franklin County, Maine.

(Town or City)

(State)



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 8, 1929.

Buck, Stanley L. 1233 M.

Mrs. Mabel Luce,  
New Vineyard,  
Maine.

*Sailed*  
AUG 27 1930

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) <i>Yes</i>	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <i>Yes</i>	(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) <i>No</i>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <i>68</i> Health <i>fairly</i>	(Years) (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <i>Yes</i>	(No) <i>No</i>
	Other language	(Specify language spoken)

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

*I was away at the time this letter reached here*  
Encl. Act Envelope  
*Mrs Mabel Luce*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Buck, Stanley L.

May 27, 1929.

Mrs. Mabel Luce,  
New Vineyard,  
Maine.

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 Stanley L. Buck, Co. K, 103rd Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, 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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O. O. W. O.  
JOHN T. HARRIS,  
Major, G. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

New Vineyard Maine.  
June 5<sup>th</sup> 1929.

War Department  
Office of the Quartermaster General  
Washington

Dear Friends

In reply I will say My Son Stanley L Buck  
was never married, I have never been over seas  
to visit his grave. I would love to go, and will  
plan to go if I am as well as I am now

~~X~~ Q.M. 293-A-C.

Buck, Stanley L.

(His Mother Mrs Mabel Luce.)

"Thank You"

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NEW ADDRESS  
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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WAR DEPARTMENT

QM 293 A-M  
Buck, Stanley L. 1233

January 2, 1950

Mrs. Mabel Luce,  
New Vineyard,  
Maine.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 21, 1930, relative to your desire to be furnished with an American flag in memory of your son, the late Private Stanley L. Buck.

An order has this day been issued that a flag be forwarded you provided one has not previously been furnished.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M  
Buck, Stanley L. Pvt. 1233 M

November 21, 1930.

Mrs. Nabel Luce,  
New Vineyard, Maine.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 14, 1930, expressing your appreciation for the pilgrimage you have made to the grave of your son, the late Private Stanley L. Buck, in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery in France.

It is indeed gratifying to know that your trip was entirely satisfactory and that you received such courteous and efficient care throughout the journey. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages and has expended every effort that those making the journey might have a comfortable and pleasant trip. I feel, however, that the task was materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the mothers and widows who made the pilgrimage.

I am particularly glad to know that you were pleased with the appearance of your son's resting place and that you are satisfied you entrusted the care of his grave to a grateful Government. I can assure you that the St. Mihiel American Cemetery will be perpetually maintained in the same fine condition in which you found it as it will continue to be the constant effort of the Quartermaster Corps to make the final resting places of our hero dead fitting memorials.

Sincerely yours,

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

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*Stanley*

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Book, S. L. 1233 H

August 1, 1930

Mrs. Mabel Luce  
New Vineyard, Maine.

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:

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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.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Buck, S. L. 1233-N

June 13, 1930

Mrs. Nabel Luce,  
New Vincyard, Maine.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Buck, Stanley L. 1233 H  
America 8-27

May 14, 1930

Mrs. Mabel Luce,  
New Vineyard, Maine.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

May 14, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Buck, Stanley L. -1233 M  
America 8-27

Mrs. Mabel Luce,  
New Vineyard, Maine.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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Name

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Address

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Buck, Stanley L. 1233 N

May 12, 1930.

Mrs. Habel Luce,  
New Vineyard, Maine.

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.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

May 1, 1930.

Buck, Stanley L. 1233 M

Mrs. Inabel Luce,  
Dear Madam: New Madamard, Maine.

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.  
Regulation.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 8, 1929.

**Buck, Stanley L. 1233 M.**

**Mrs. Mabel Luce,  
New Vinoyard,  
Maine.**

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Buck, Stanley L.

May 27, 1929.

Mrs. Mabel Luce,  
New Vineyard,  
Maine.

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 Stanley L. Buck, Co. K, 103rd Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, 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 re-married 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.

HJ ✓

BUCK, Stanley L., Pvt.

March 1, 1924

Mrs. Mabel Luce,  
New Vineyard,

Maine.

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

Assistant.

1- Incl.  
Record card.

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

MPK  
752



MAR 2 1924  
B. U. C.

Buck,  
(Surname.)

Stanley L.  
(Christian name in full.)

69150 I think  
69155  
(Army serial number.)

V  
K-2.  
me

Pvt Co K 103 Inf  
(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased Mother

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

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

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

(Name of person to receive remains.) (Express office.) (Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.) (City or town.) (State.)

(Sign here) Mrs Mabel Luer

(Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)

New Vineyard Maine

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Former address Strong

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Checked  
2-1-21  
E.M.

Drawn by GMS  
1233-439  
2-1-21

# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

**I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:**

File # 3950 *sim. 2-1-21* ✓

(a) Name HICK, Stanley L. Ser. No. 69150  
 (b) Rank Private. Organization Co.K, 103rd Inf. TYP. EK  
 (c) Date of death 6/16/18 (d) Cause of death KA CKR. J

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

(a) Grave No. 73 Row -- Plot 2 Sec. 20 TYP. EK  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Mabel Luce (mother) Strong, Maine.

**III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases** *O.K. Q.G.Q. (2-23-21) CE (over)* CKR. J

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

Date of receipt \_\_\_\_\_

(a) Name Mrs Mabel Luce (b) Relationship mother  
 (c) Address New Vineyard - Me  
 (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 msd Date 2-1-21, 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 msd Date 2-1-21, 1920.

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

*Mrs Mabel Luce  
 P.O. & R.F.D. Strong, Residence New Vineyard, Me.  
 8-11-18, requests remains sent to her.*

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes none

Examiner's Initials EM Date 2-1-, 1920.

COUNTRY France

CEMETERY No. 1233

SHEET No. 439

Make Form No. 114

MAR 2 1921 *RL*

CARDED

*checked CE  
 3-8-21*

MAY 23 1921

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

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

Cemeterial Division  
Overseas Project Sub-Section

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

MAR 18 1921

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on FEB 18 1921, 1920

Par. 2 Not to be returned.

EW

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: *B.G.W.R. Mrs. Mabel Luce (mother)*

*A.F.D # 2, Strong, Maine (39-21) ce  
H#120 Mrs Mabel Luce (mother) New Vineyard  
Maine R.R. #2 P.O. Strong requests that  
the remains of her son be left in France  
H4-19-21 Cms*

*5/2/21 note appended to ours of 4/2/21 from Mrs  
Mabel Luce. Pvt Stanley L Buck was single.  
His father she has not heard from him for 35 years.  
She as mother has all claims to decide. DT 5/6/21 J*

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Aug. 18, 1922

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT Jw. COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

- 1. Name BUCK, Stanley L.
- 2. No. 69150
- 3. Rank Pvt.
- 4. Org. Co.K, 103rd Inf.
- 5. D.D. June 16th 1918
- 6. C.D. KIA
- 10. Name Stanley Buck
- 11. No. 6-150
- 12. Rank Cpl.
- 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_
- 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) D.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- 7. Grave No. 73 Sec. 20
- 8. Plot 2 Row \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_
- 15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_
- 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_
- 17. None

- 18. Cemetery St. Mihiel American
- 19. Commune or town Thiaucourt
- 20. Dept. or County M-et-M.
- 21. Country France
- 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. # 1233

23. Disinterred (Date) Aug. 18, 1922 By A.W. Taggart

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name BUCK, Stanley L. Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rank Pvt. Organization Co.K. 103rd Inf.

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

*W.N. Tucker*  
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION W.N. Tucker

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).

Tag on body reads: Cpl. Stanley Buck, Co.K. 103 U.S. Inf., 6-150.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box and uniform

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? See Pars. 10, 11, 12 & 26

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Aug. 18, 1922 By A.W. Taggart

31. Casket sealed by A.W. Taggart

*808 10/19/23*  
 Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) A.W. Taggart  
A.W. Taggart

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-29460

32. Designation of body:

Name Stanley L. BUCK Serial No. --

Rank Pvt. Organization Co.K, 103rd Inf.

33. Consigned to:  
Name of Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel American Cty #1233, Thiaucourt, M-et-M.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Aug. 18, 1922 By A.W. Taggart

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 J.J. Powers  
J.J. Powers, 1st Lt., Q.M.C.

36. Remarks None

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Aug. 18, 1922  
To point of Concentration \_\_\_\_\_  
Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ (Name)  
Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

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 St. Mihiel Amer. 1233, Thiaucourt, France.  
Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ (Name)  
Signature Shipping Officer J.J. Powers, 1st Lt., Q.M.C.

40. Received: Date \_\_\_\_\_  
G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

41. Reinterred August 18, 1922 (Date)

42. Grave No. 15 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot Bk. B Row 14

G.R.S. Representative A.E. DEWEY, 1st, Lieut, QMC

Place Thiaucourt France

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date August 18, 1922.

1. REMAINS OF BUCK, Stanley L. SERIAL NUMBER 69150  
 RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Co K 103 Inf

2. Disinterred (date) : August 18, 1922 Gr. 73 Sec 20 Pl 2 Cem 1233  
 From (give complete location):

By : Group 2 Unit 1

3. Reburied (date) August 18, 1922 In (give complete location) : Gr. 15, Row 14, Bk. B Cemetery 1235, Thiaucourt, (M) ET M  
 Nature of reburial In casket and shipping case  
 By : Group Reburial Unit \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Tag on body reads "Cpl Stanley \_ Buck Co K 103 US Inf 6-150-

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) imp. to det.

(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) none visible

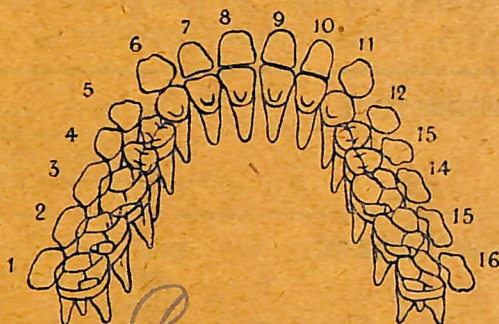
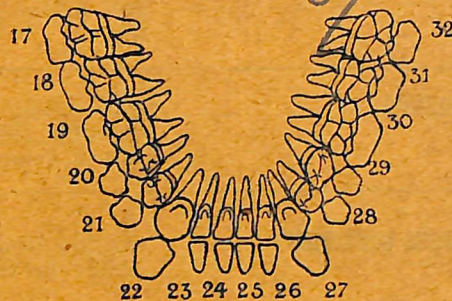


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



22 23 24 25 26 27

*See note 6*

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty)  
 wnt Right femur shattered right scapula fractured facial portion of skull shattered tooth chart impossible

7. Disinterment supervised by A. W. Taggart Approved : J J Powers  
 (Title) 1st Lieut OMC

8. Reburial supervised by H. L. Kramer Approved : A. E. Dewey  
 (Title) 1st Lieut, OMC

concentration

## 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.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File # 5950

(2-22-21) cl

(a) Name.....BUCK, Stanley L.....Ser.No.....69150  
 (b) Rank.....Private.....Organization.....Cause of.....Co.K, 103rd Inf.  
 (c) Date of death.....6/16/18.....death.....K A

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

(a) Grave No.....73.....Row.....--.....Flot.....2.....Sect.....20.....TP.....BK  
 (b) Emerg. Address.....Mrs. Mabel Luce(mother) Strong, Maine.

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

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

.....  
 .....  
 .....

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (letter of transmittal on.....192.....)

Par. 2 Not to be returned.

MAR 16 1921

FEB 18 1921 EW

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

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

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

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 .....  
 .....  
 .....  
 .....

VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J.....5-23.....192.....

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

CEMETERY NO.

SHEET NO.

S/566/LML

France

1233

439

MAR 12 1921 PRIORITY 104

New Vineyard Maine Apr 12

1921

Dearest Friends.



I am writing you and thanking  
from my heart. The sympathy  
that has been shown not only  
myself but all War Mothers.

There has been so many things done  
to comfort us who lost in this  
cruel world war. My son wanted  
to go. I never stood in his way

as bad as I felt to have him go. (I  
he said mother dont cry. some day  
When I come home I will tell you  
about my foreign trip I have a  
beautiful photo of the cemetery, here  
the rests. and the cross is marked  
so I can tell it from the rest, also  
a small one that came from the  
Red cross headquarters in Washington  
D-C. Again I thank you and say  
let him rest in France I know the place  
is beautiful. Sincerely Mrs Mabel Luce

save him up.

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

3950

Buck 69150 Stanley  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Corp. Co K 103 U.S. Inf.  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL June 21, 1918

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

Moh Hosp #39 Vertuzey France

Ben  
233

GRAVE NUMBER 30

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?  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: Roger B. T. Anderson  
Chaplain  
Mobile Hospital 39  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

24 JUN 1918

May 19, 1921.

File No. 293.6 Cem.Div .Cor.Br.

Re: Buck, Stanley L., Private,  
Serial Number 69150,  
Co. K, 103rd Infantry.

Mrs. Mabel Luce,  
New Vineyard, Maine.

Dear Madam:

Your communication requesting that the remains of the deceased soldier named above be left in France for burial in a permanent American cemetery has been forwarded to the Cemeterial Division, Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C., for necessary action.

The Cemeterial Division, Washington, D. C., will furnish you the grave location in the permanent American cemetery as soon as possible after the body has been placed therein.

The Department desires to renew its previous expression of sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

BY:

B.P. F. C. PALIAS,  
Executive Assistant.

Office of the Quartermaster General  
Cemeterial Division

MAY 23 1921

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MAY 20 1921  
COR. BR. G. R. S.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
 QUARTERMASTER CORPS  
 GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
 PIER 2, HOBOKEN, N. J.

April 22nd, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div., Cor.Br.  
 (BUCK, Stanley L.)

Mrs. Mabel Luce,  
 New Vineyard, Maine.

Dear Madam:

Receipt of Shipping Inquiry and communication dated April 12th, 1921, relative to the remains of the late Stanley L. Buck, Private, Serial Number 69150, Company K, 103rd Infantry, is acknowledged.

The Department desires to be assured that no relative, properly entitled to a voice in the disposition of remains is denied an opportunity of expressing his or her wishes. Accordingly, kindly inform this office if the deceased is survived by a widow, children or father, giving the name and address of each.

Your immediate attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

GENERAL DIVISION



MAY 2 1921

New Vineyard Maine BY:

April 29/1921

J. F. BUTLER  
 Captain, Infantry.

Kind Friends

In reply I will say that there are none Stanley being an only child and single his father I know nothing about for more than 35 years he may be dead for all I know.

I his mother ~~was~~ all the one entitled to say

Sincerely Mrs Mabel Luce.

noted on 115 11576/21 J

RECEIVED BY  
MAIL UNIT

MAY 23 1921

Cemeterial Division  
Overseas Project Sub-Section

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES  
COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND  
SERIALS ACQUISITION SERVICE  
SERIALS ACQUISITION SECTION  
MAY 23 1921

S-5/22/21

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By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

BY:

J. F. BUTLER,  
Captain, Infantry.

rf/ism

MAILED

APR 26 1921

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

WASHINGTON

1233-439

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**NK**

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

To: Mrs. Mabel Luce, New Vineyard, Maine. RFD #2 P.O. Strong,

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Stanley L. Buck, Ser. No. 69150 Co. K, 103rd Inf.

APR 1 1 1921

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above-named soldier remain in France.

ECB

*yes because I think he would wish it. I think it a shame to move them home*

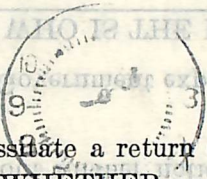
If these are not the correct instructions, please correct them. Make corrections on reverse side of this sheet.

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.

GEORGE H. PENROSE,  
Colonel, Q. M. C.

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? .....

APR 1 1921

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow .....			
Soldier's children. { (Name oldest first.)	1 .....		
	2 .....		
	3 .....		
Father .....			
Mother .....			
Brothers. { (Name oldest first.)	1 .....		
	2 .....		
	3 .....		
Sisters. { (Name oldest first.)	1 .....		
	2 .....		
	3 .....		

*Noted  
4/15/21  
CMT*

Date .....

Signature .....

Address .....

Relationship .....

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

for his country.  
 I certainly don't expect the rest where he gave his sweet life  
 After 3 years

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_, 192

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, am the \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**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.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION

~~Harlow G.W.~~

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

~~Buck, Stanley L., Pvt.~~

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

~~1233 - 439~~

~~2/24/21.~~

~~69150~~

~~Co. K, 105th Inf.~~

~~Date of death - 6/16/18.~~

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WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

NOTED FORM 115

DATE

DATE 3.9.21.CE

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Adjustment Made  
April 29 1922  
File No. 3950

Mrs. Mabel Lues

mother

Address

P.O.# 2, Strong, Maine

WAR DEPARTMENT  
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-0  
Information requested

Date 2/3/21.

File No.

Requisition.

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

*Adjustment Made*  
*MAR. 1. 1921*  
*3950*  
*File No. 3950*

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

- a. Surname *Buck* *OK*
- b. Christian name *Stanley L.* *OK*
- c. Serial Number *69150* *OK*  
or -----
- d. Organization *Co. K, 103rd Inf.* *OK*
- e. Rank *Pvt.* *OK*
- f. Date of death *6/16/18.* *OK*
- g. Cause of death *K/A.* *OK*
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- i. Emergency address *Mrs. Mable Luce*  
*Strong, Maine.*
- j. Relationship *mother*

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age of enlistment
- b. Color of eyes
- c. Color of hair
- d. Height
- e. Weight
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

**FILE**

DENTAL CHARTS

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

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

*S.M.*

*Donnelly*  
*Ent. Pers. Sec.*

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

CEMETERY NO:

C.W. *wg. 8*  
1233 *2/5/21*

BY:

*[Signature]*  
H. J. CONNER,  
1st. Lieut., Q.M.C.

SHEET NO:

439

TYPED BY:

I.W.

S/713/LML

*Rec'd World War Div.*  
*Date... FEB 4...*

*Rec'd in S. Div. AGO.*  
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AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

February 14th 1919

From : Chief, GRS., HqsSOS., AEF., APO.#717  
To : Mrs. Mabel Ince, Strong Maine, U. S. A.  
SUBJECT: Return of body to the United States (Stanley L. Buck)

1. Replying to your letter of August 11th 1918, it is regretted that no requests for the transfer of the bodies of our dead can be favorably considered at the present time. This decision has been jointly made, for urgent reasons, by the Secretary of the Navy and the Secretary of War.

2. Our present instructions are to the effect that nothing will be done until the matter of removal shall have been taken up as an entire project with a view to its execution as an entire project; and that the bodies will remain in the custody of the G. R. S., until the policy shall have been determined and announced.

3. Notation has been made concerning your request, and action will be taken as nearly in accordance therewith as may be possible under the instructions received from Washington relative to the complete procedure governing the disposition of bodies after the war.

4. There is enclosed herewith G. R. S. Bulletin #10-B entitled, "Information for the Friends of Our Dead," which will answer some of the questions that are likely to arise in your mind.

CHARLES C. PIERCE  
Lieut.-Colonel QMC., USA.

JEP:G

1 incl.

Reference: 3950.

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

3950  
April 28th. 1919.

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.  
TO: Mrs. Mabel Luce, Strong, R.2. Maine.  
SUBJECT: Private Stanley L. Buck, #69150.

In reply to your letter with reference to the burial place of your son, I beg to advise that Cemetery No. 233 is situated at VERTUZÉY, department of the MEUSE. It is an American Cemetery, and the grave is No. 30,

By direction

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

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

MBD/nm.

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Past Office And R.F.D. - Strong

Residence New Vineyard Maine

9/12/18  
Aug-11-1918

American Expeditionary Force  
Headquarters Services of Supply  
Graves Registration Service

Major Charles C. Pierce, A

Known: Chief, Graves Registration Service A.E.F.

To: Mrs Mabel Luce Strong Maine

Subject Location of Grave

My Dear <sup>Major Charles C. Pierce</sup> Friend and Friends

your see with the news as to the  
resting place of my Darling <sup>little</sup> boy and my  
only child I loved him enough to let him  
go. he was a great comfort to me  
always the same. his face a ray of



DOING OUR BIT

Stanley L. Buck

Sunshine loved and Respected by all  
who knew him. He was a devoted Son  
and loved his home when he left to  
join the colors. He went with a smile  
saying mother dont worry I am coming  
back. His letters he wrote home were always  
full of cheer, and said Mother Dear there  
are lots of things I could write that  
would be of interest to you but I  
cant our letters have to be censored so  
some day when I get home I will tell  
you all about my foreign trip

The light of my life has gone out  
I think of the Resurrection and not this  
life it seems strange I do not  
here from the Captain Albert E Andrews

The Capt of Co K. 183 Inf 26<sup>th</sup> Div. of which  
my son was a volunteer and saw service  
on the Mexican Border 1916. We have had  
the promise of the body's being returned to  
their friends I want him near where I  
can visit his resting place for it will only  
be a little while before we shall meet all our  
dear ones and such a meeting. I thank you  
for the care that I am assured you will give  
his resting place god bless you and protect  
you thru it all. How thankful I am that  
he isent in the hands of our Black hearted  
enemey Germany. God took him to him self.  
and not to be in there hands to suffer.  
cant <sup>resting place</sup> any of the boys who lost there lives  
June 16. We told to there mothers & friends of  
the location be told them now where they  
rest. I wish I might receive letters from  
some of the boys who were in the same bottle  
June 16 Zivray on the Sule front.

There was a Memorial Service  
for him <sup>with</sup> his friends

I am writing a little poem it is  
sad but beautiful that was read at  
the memorial at my request,  
with him there

I loved you enough to give you up -  
Yet it follows after. This love of mine  
Like a convoy ship across the sea.

To keep you safe on the battle line  
With the trusty rifle in your hand.  
To go with you through the Man's Land.

And should you join the unseen band.  
My love would stand in that last hour.

Myself ~~incarnate~~ incarnate to give  
you power.

For love never faileth. lad. you know  
and I loved you enough to let you go.

I am your friend you have  
my prayer god bless you  
be sure and have my name  
correct Mrs Mabel Luce and the  
mother of Stanley L Buck.

Write me more about him when you can.

Photo  
Return  
Address of cemetery  
effects



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Nov-22-1918

"DEEDS, SACRIFICES  
AND SERVICE"

Address Strong Maine R-2.  
Res New Vineyard Maine  
U.S.A.

My Dear Major Charles C. Pierce,

Now the war is over can you write  
me the name of the place where  
my son Stanley Leon Buck lies  
~~buried~~ buried you wrote me  
under the date of July 2 and  
stated that under military <sup>reasons</sup>  
you could not give me only  
the cemetery to which was

233

Very soon after I wrote you  
thanking you so much it  
has been a great comfort to me  
to know that much and your  
kindness

do you think that there will  
be photo's taken of the boys graves  
there has been rumors so that  
effect. I wish I must have  
one of my son's grave. when  
you think the boys will be  
brought home. <sup>for final interment</sup> the address  
of my sons that you have  
and the same at Washington  
D.C. will have to be  
changed so when you can  
this write me all and how  
I shall write to you in  
time. before they are brought  
home. I have read lots in  
the papers how the little

It seems to me that when the boys of his  
regiment come home they could bring  
them or have them sent to my  
address

french children ever there  
graves with flowers. Aunt  
they little angels to do those  
deeds of kindness out of respect  
for their dear mothers here at  
home we all appreciate all  
the devotion and care you  
all are doing for our dear  
ones who made the Supreme  
<sup>resting place</sup> sacrifice. now if you are  
allowed to give one the name  
of the town the cemetery 233 is in  
how glad I shall be. do you  
think it possible that I can  
even have any of his personal  
effects. if they were turned  
into the Deceased Soldier Department  
he was all I had in the world.  
I never stood in his way but gave  
~~sent~~ him up to Uncle Sam.

With a Smile through Tears.  
God Bless his Memory

For our hour of Triumph let us  
not forget those who made it  
possible. Many of them sleep in  
the fields of Flanders and Picardy,  
amid the wilds of the Argonne  
at Shell town Verdun and the  
Marne. They gave their lives in  
the very morning of manhood  
exultingly proud to make the  
great sacrifice. Not all the joy  
is of earth. For we can see in our  
visions the old road to Paradise  
a glow with the smiles and the  
singing of the golden lads  
along the way.

I hope to hear from you some day  
soon. Very Sincerely  
Mrs Mabel Luce

G.R.S. #106  
DISPOSITION OF BODY

War Department  
Office of the Quartermaster General.  
Graves Registration Service  
Washington, D.C.

Oct. 25, 1919.

For information of:

- (a) The Adjutant General of the Army
- (b) G.R.S., Paris, France.
- (c) Office Files.
- (d) Photographic Section.

Case of:

Pvt. Stanley L. Buck,  
Co. K, 103rd Inf.

Grave Location:

St. Mihiel American Cemetery,  
Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle,  
Grave 73, Sec. 20, Plot 2.

Request for action checked below:

- (a) Return of Body to the U.S.
- (b) Permanent Burial in France. *H.F.B.*
- (c) Cancellation of former requests.
- (d) Change of address.
- (e) Photograph of grave.

has been made by:

Mrs. Mabel Luce, (Mother)  
New Vineyard, Maine.

By authority of the Quartermaster General: B

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.  
Chief, Graves Registration Service.  
NS-2992/L

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

October 25, 1919.

FILES.

OK

Mrs. Mabel Luce,  
New Vineyard,  
Maine.

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

Case of: Pvt. Stanley L. Buck,  
Co. K, 103rd Infantry.

Place of burial: Reburied- St. Mihiel American Cemetery,  
Thiaucourt, Department of Meurthe-et-  
Moselle, Grave 73, Section 20, Plot 2.

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

G. R. S. MAILED

OCT 27 1919

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

Subject Private Emory B. Buck,  
#69150

Mrs Mabel C. C. C.

Changed to } former address.

Present address } Strong Maine R-2.

New Vineyard Maine.

Reference: 8950.

May 15 - 1919.

American Expeditionary Forces.

Headquarters Service of Supply

Office of the Chief Quartermaster

A-E-F Graves Registration Service.

My Dearest Friends

It has been nearly one year since my Soldier lad and all I had gave his life for Universal freedom, and since then I feel like this. He won his honours and lost his life there. I feel that to have his body brought home I rather not. Let him rest there with his Soldier

comrades. I think he would  
wish it so. I feel more  
reconciled to his body to  
remain where it is and rest.  
I do not think I even could  
stand to have him brought home  
and not see him and of  
course that could not be so let  
the dear darling rest he is only  
away. When I get the  
<sup>of his grave</sup> photo how nice it will be to  
look at it and I feel and  
give all trust to ~~you~~ <sup>you</sup> dear  
ones over sea for you have  
written me in the past that  
his resting place would be  
kept in presentable condition  
at all times and perhaps that  
some time I can visit it

But I have left it all with  
 Your dear friends and our  
 Heavenly Father who  
 doith all things right.  
 I feel some times that my  
 prayers have been in vain.  
 And the still small voice  
 within will say. He is just  
 "Away"

"He is not dead whom you so miss  
 Go day. Nor do I think he can be  
 far away. But only just beyond  
 your loving sight. In a fair  
 wonder-land of joy and light  
 Nor would he have you grieve  
 un comforted. But think so  
 happily of him instead, waiting  
 the opening of an unseen door  
 when you will clasp each other's hands

once more"

I will close my letter now  
with all prosperity to you  
all my prayers will follow  
you in your good work.  
in the care of our Soldier  
boy's resting place's I  
am your for all time  
God bless you and keep you.

Sincerely

Mrs Mabel Luce

New Vineyard Maine

My present home &  
address.

Private

Subject Stanley L Buck. #69150  
has the Cemetery No 233 situated in  
Vertuzey Department of the Meuse.  
it is an American Cemetery and the  
grave no is 30 (Thank you)

G.R.S. #106  
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By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Colonel, Q.M.G., U.S.A.  
Chief, Graves Registration Service.  
NS-2992/L

DO NOT USE SMALL SLIPS.

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Each clerk will sign his surname to steps  
taken by him, adding his room number.  
Indicate dates thus: 4-8-18.

DO NOT USE SMALL SLIPS.

THIS SPACE FOR OFFICE MEMORANDA.

Card in "No" file for Stanley L. Buck,  
Prot. Co. K. 103 Inf. Card is signed  
by: - Mrs. Mabel Luce (mother)  
New Vineyard, Maine.

M.C. G. 11-3-19.

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