

G.R.S. Form #114-B

MAY 14, 1921

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✓ FULL NAME BUFFTON, John OK

✓ RANK Pvt. OK ✓ SERIAL 2339573 OK

✓ DIVISION & ORGANIZATION Co. K, 4th Inf. 3rd Div.

✓ DATE OF DEATH 9-30-18 OK

✓ STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Pa.

✓ MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED. /

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 10-21-21 Date 25 Grave 5 Row D Block

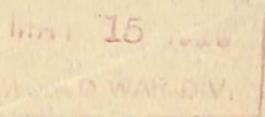
1232 - Meuse-Argonne

Cemetery

Robert G. Davis
Major General
Adjutant General
M.A.R. Branch
Q.Q.M.C.

MAY 19 1921

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Buffton 233957 R John
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).Co. R, 4, Inf.
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: near Mt. Tancor

CAUSE OF DEATH:
.....DATE OF BURIAL: Oct. 15th 191812.5
78.2PLACE OF BURIAL:
.....(Give Cemetery, Town and Department). Map references must
specify clearly what map is used.

1/50,000 mt. Tancor map.

GRAVE NUMBER:

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

2339573

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?Killed
1 kilometer S of
.....t. 1918, about
itnesses present.

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY: *J. Austin Lord*
Chaplain 4th Inf.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

C^o K - 4th Infantry -
3rd Division.

BUFFTON, John - Priv. 2339573

Killed in action by shrapnel about 27 Sept. 1918, about
1 kilometer south of Montfaucon, France. No eye witnesses present.

No informant given.

Not signed.

AL.

Place NEUFCHATEAUDate 28th June, 1919REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name BUFFTON JohnNumber: 2339573Rank Pvt. Organization: Co. K 4 Inf.Disinterment and Reburial made by Group UnitDisinterred (Date) From: (Give complete location)
20th June, 1919Isolated Gr., MONTFAUCON MEUSE55 NE EReburied (Date) in: (Give complete location)
20th June, 1919Cave # 93 Sec 105 Plot 2ARGONNE AMER CTY # 1232ROMAGNE MEUSE1232

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

Body buried in uniform and blanket; badly decomposed. Burial good.Was one identification tag found upon body? YewWhat other means of identification were found upon the body? NoneCONFIRMED NO. D-12,089

Note:

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

Supervised by Lt. ZangR. H. ROSENTHAL2nd Lieut. Q.M.C.U.S.A.C.C. GroupUnit

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Bufston	3	2 12 6
	John		1
BURIED	CEMETERY	1	
	GRAVE	2	15'
	ROW	2	05-
	BLOCK	1	4
STATE	Pa	2	44
RANK	Private	1	2
DIVISION	3	2	03
ORGANIZATION	4	3	004
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARTIAL	Wid	1	2
NAME	Bufston	3	2 12 6
Mrs. Philip	STATE	2	44
RESIDENCE	COUNTY	2	35'
	CITY	3	250
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	Yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Bad	1	AUDITED 2
NO. OF SONS		1	MAR 11932
DATE OF	MO.	1	cr
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	220	1	2
29/514/PJ	age	1	71 pm/

QM 293 A-M
Buffton, John MA

September 30, 1952.

Mrs. Philip Buffton,
R. F. D. #1, Bellmont,
Scranton, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to office letter of September 6, 1952, stating that you are unable to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private John Buffton.

It is indeed regretted that your physical condition will not permit you to accept the offer of the Government at this time. However, should your health improve and you desire to make the pilgrimage next year, it is requested that you notify this office, and arrangements will be made for you.

Properly qualified personnel will be provided to care for the comfort and needs of the mothers and widows making the pilgrimage, and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past three years many women who were in poor health made the trip and appeared to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received. Should you make the pilgrimage you are assured that everything possible will be done for your comfort and welfare.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Buffton, John (MA)

Sept. 6, 1932

Mrs. Philip Buffton Bell,
RD #1,
Scranton, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

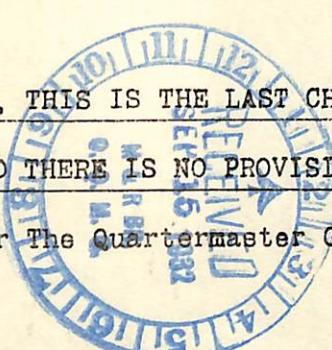
1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	<u>No</u>
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: <u>71</u> Health: <u>Poorly</u>
3. Do you speak English?	<u>Yes</u>
4. What other language do you speak?	<u>Welsh</u>

Mrs. Philip Buffton
Sign here

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

Encl:
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Buffton John (MA)

July 8 1932

Mrs Philip Buffton Bell
R D #1
Scranton Pa

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Buffton, John

Pvt., Co K, 111 Inf.

PENNSYLVANIA

123.

A. L.

Mother's latest address ?

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Widow ?

XC 105513

Mary Jane Buffton

Belmont - N.J. - 1

Scranton - Pa

Father died 12-8-28

Single

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

BUFTON, John OM-293-AM *M-A*

July 11, 1931

Mrs. Philip Buffton ~~B~~
R.D.# 1,
Scranton, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Buffton, John (M-A) H-

September 29, 1931 ed

Mrs. Phillip Buffton ~~H-~~
R D #1,
Scranton, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

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

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage
in 1932?

Age:
Health:

2. Please state your age and condition
of health:

3. Do you speak English?

4. What other language do you speak?

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Buffton, John 1232 M

June 7, 1930

Mrs. Philip Buffton ~~Reft~~
R. D. #1,
Scranton, Penn.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

QM 293 A-M
Buffton, John Pvt. (M-A) M

April 7, 1931.

Mrs. Philip Buffton ~~_____~~
R. D. #1,
Scranton, Pennsylvania

Dear Madam:

In order that your desires may be properly recorded and arrangements made for you accordingly, it is requested that you complete and return the enclosed questionnaire at your earliest convenience.

Kindly advise as to whether or not the late Private John Buffton was married and is survived by a widow and if so, her name and address.

For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed herewith a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Enclosures:
Questionnaire
Act - Amendment
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Buffton, John
1232

Sept. 4, 1929.

Mrs. Phillip Buffton,
2136 Brick Ave.,
Scranton, Pa.
c/o John Hobbs,

Dear Madam:

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

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

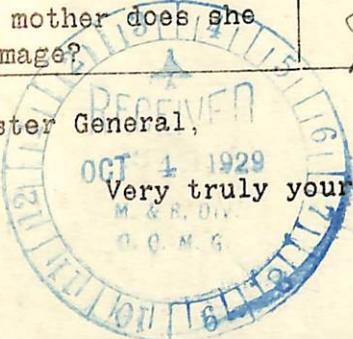
Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,



2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

*Mrs. Phillip Buffton
Bell M. J. R. D. #1
Scranton Pa. Mother*

W.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Buffton, John

June 29 1929.

Mrs. Phillip Buffton,
2136 Brick Ave.,
Scranton, Pa.
c/o John Hobbs.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Pvt. John Buffton, Co.K, 4th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.

Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

QM 295 A-M
Buffton, John MA

September 30, 1932.

Mrs. Philip Buffton,
R. F. D. #1, Bellmont,
Scranton, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to office letter of September 6, 1932, stating that you are unable to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private John Buffton.

It is indeed regretted that your physical condition will not permit you to accept the offer of the Government at this time. However, should your health improve and you desire to make the pilgrimage next year, it is requested that you notify this office, and arrangements will be made for you.

Properly qualified personnel will be provided to care for the comfort and needs of the mothers and widows making the pilgrimage, and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past three years many women who were in poor health made the trip and appeared to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received. Should you make the pilgrimage you are assured that everything possible will be done for your comfort and welfare.

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For The Quartermaster General,

1932 SEP 1
Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Buffton, John (MA)

Sept. 6, 1932

Mrs. Philip Buffton Bell,
RD #1,
Scranton, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Sign here

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Buffton John (MA)

July 8 1932

Mrs Philip Buffton Bell
B D #1
Scranton Pa

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Buffton, John (M-A) M-

September 29, 1931 ed

Mrs. Phillip Buffton Bell,
R D #1,
Scranton, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

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

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM
Burton, John Pvt (OA) M-

July 11, 1931

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Mrs. Philip Buffton Bell,
R.D. # 1,
Scranton, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

QM 293 A-M
Buffton, John Pvt. (M-A) M

April 7, 1931.

Mrs. Philip Buffton Bell,
R. D. #1,
Scranton, Pennsylvania

Dear Madam:

In order that your desires may be properly recorded and arrangements made for you accordingly, it is requested that you complete and return the enclosed questionnaire at your earliest convenience.

Kindly advise as to whether or not the late Private John Buffton was married and is survived by a widow and if so, her name and address.

For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed herewith a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Buffton, John Pvt. (M-A) M

April 7, 1931.

Mrs. Philip Buffton Bell,
R. D. #1,
Scranton, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the ^{of} ~~mother~~ of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?

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

3. Please give your age and state your health.

Age
Condition of Health

4. Do you speak English?

5. What other language do you speak?

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:

Envelope

Act

Amendment

O. O. M. G. W. C. R. D. W.

QI 293 A-M
Buffton, John Pvt 1232 M

October 11, 1930

Mrs. Philip Buffton Bell
R. D. #1
Scranton, Pennsylvania

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages in 1931, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age Condition of health
4. Do you speak English?	
5. What other language do you speak?	

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Buffton, John 1232 M

June 7, 1930

Mrs. Philip Buffton Bell
R. D. #1,
Scranton, Penn.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Buffton, John 1232 -M

Mrs. Philip Buffton Bell,
R. D. # 1,
Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.

Act

Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Buffton, John
1232

Sept. 4, 1929.

Mrs. Phillip Buffton,
2155 Brick Ave.,
Scranton, Pa.
c/o John Hobbs,

Dear Madam:

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

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29, 1929.

Buffton, John

Mrs. Phillip Buffton,
2156 Brick Ave.,
Scranton, Pa.
c/o John Hobbs.

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

Pvt. John Buffton, Co. K, 4th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incs.

Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

Buffton

John

2,339,573

Dup

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number)

Pvt.

Co K 4th Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Mother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

Yes. No

(Yes or no.)

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

Yes

(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. Philip Buffton

2136 Brick ave Scranton Pa. 70 John Hobbs

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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Check 12-26-1961
G.P.

12-26-61
1282-Age 108 = 26
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October 27, 1923.

Mrs. Phillip Buffton,
c/o John Hobbs,
2136 Brick Ave., Scranton, Pa.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the permanent grave of Private John Buffton, Company K, 4th Infantry, is grave 26, Row 5, Block D, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

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

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

Very truly yours,

O.Q.M.G.
Central Mail & File Re



10-27-1923

H.B

R. L. FOSTER
Assistant.

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COMPILED OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #30806

(a) Name	BUFFTON, John	Ser. No.	2339573	TYP. DMA CKR. B.J.
(b) Rank	Pvt.	Organization	Co. K, 4th Infantry	
(c) Date of death	9/30/18	(d) Cause of death	K.A	

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

(a) Grave No.	93	Row	-	Plot	2	Sec.	105	TYP.	DMA
(b) Emerg. Address	Mrs. Phillip Buffton (mother) 1428 Hall Ave., Scranton, Pa.								

III. Files of soldiers/dying from contagious diseases

CKR. **B.J.**

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

card 6-21-21

Date of receipt

None

(a) Name	<i>Mrs. Phillip Buffton</i>	(b) Relationship	<i>Mother</i>
(c) Address	<i>2136 Brick Ave., Scranton, Pa., of John Hobbs.</i>		
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.?	<i>No</i>		
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at	<i>Yes</i>		
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S.			

(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S.

Examiner's Initials

P.L.

Date

5-26-1921

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

, dated

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

Examiner's Initials

Date

1921

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

2-11-19 Mrs. Phillip Buffton 1428 Hall Ave., Scranton, Pa., asks location of grave, and any information you may be able to give. No request for disposition.

(a) Cancellation memos referred to?

Yes, P.L.

Examiner's Initials

P.L.

Date

5-26-1921

COUNTRY

FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232-Sec. 105 SHEET No. 26

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

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 192

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by

cable on	192
letter on	JUN 8 1921

, 192

Sec #105

~~Par. 1 To be returned.~~

~~HD~~

Par. 2. Not to be returned.

AP 7-2-21

IX.

REMARKS

REMARKS

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept. 12, 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BUFTON, John

10. Name

2. No. 2539573

11. No.

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank

4. Org. Co. K, 4th Inf.

13. Org.

5. D.D. Sept. 30.

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. KIA(b) D.B. No discrepancies

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 93 Sec. 105

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot 2 Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. No discrepancies18. Cemetery Argonne American19. Commune or town ROMAGNE-aux-MONTFAUCON20. Dept. or County Meuse21. Country France22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1252, Sec. 10523. Disinterred (Date) Sept. 12, 1921 By R.P. Jones

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name John Buffton

Serial No.

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. K, 4th Inf.25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? yes On body? yesW.D. Wilson
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail). No effects found.27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features not recognizable.28. Nature of burial Wooden box in uniform and burlap.29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? none30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Sept. 12, 1921 By R.P. Jones31. Casket sealed by R.P. Jones

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

R.P. Jones
wpa

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **C-5053**

32. Designation of body:

Name **BUFFTON, John**

Serial No. **2359573**

Rank **Pvt.**

Organization **Co.K., 4th Inf.**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **Argonne American # 1232 ROMAGNE-sous-MONTFAUCON (Meuse)**

Sept. 12, 1921

R.P. Jones

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date)

By

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

Geo.C.Bland
Geo.C.Bland,
1st Lt, QMC

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date)

Sept. 12, 1921

To point of Concentration

Morgue Romagne

Convoyer

W.J. Royed

(Name) *Albert M. Jackson*
Albert M. Jackson
Capt. QMC

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery

(Name)

Convoyer

Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

Sept. 12, 1921

G.R.S. Representative

Alfred M. Jackson

41. Reinterred

MeuseArgonne Cemetery # 1232 Oct 21st 1921

25

(Date)

42. Grave No.

Section

block D

5

43. Row

Row

G.R.S. Representative

James W. Younger
James W. Younger, Capt QMC

jt.

AUDITED BY
20250-43

Place Romagne 1232.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Sept. 12, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF BUFFTON, John SERIAL NUMBER 2359573

RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION

Co. K. 4th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): From (give complete location):

Sept. 12, 1921

Gr 93, Sec 105, lot 2.

By : Group 3

Unit 2

3. Reburied (date): In (give complete location):

Oct. 21st 1921 Meuse Argonne Cemetery # 1232 gr 25 block D row 5

By : Group re-burial S

Unit Nature of reburial unlined casket

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

wooden box and burlap and uniform. badly decomposed, features not recognizable.

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

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

no effects found.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items ? 14, 16, 30 M.A.D. 1, 3, 8, 9, 19, 29 decayed cavity

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

6, 12, 20, decayed root.

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

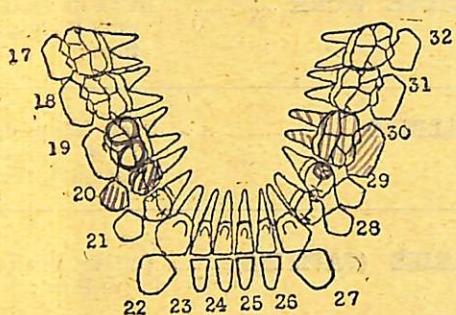
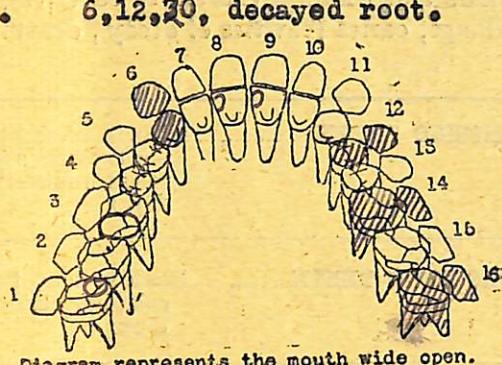
(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

Quantity do

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

missing parts) none visible.



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

none visible.

7. Disinterment supervised by R.P. Jones

Approved Geo. C. Bland 1st Lt. Q.M.C.
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Dufault

Approved James W. Younger, Capt Q.M.C.
(Title)

jt.

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.

COMPILED OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name	BUFFTON, John	Ser. No.	2339573	File #	30806
(b) Rank	Pvt.	Organization	Co. K, 4th Infantry	TYP.	DMA
(c) Date of death	9/30/18	(d) Cause of death	K.A		B.J.

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

(a) Grave No.	95	Row	2	Plot	2	Sec.	105	TYP.	DMA
(b) Emerg. Address	Mrs. Phillip Buffton (mother) 1428 Hall Ave., Scranton, Pa.								

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

CKR. **B.J.**

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

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by **Sec 7-2-21** **Par. 1 To be returned.** — **Par. 2 Not to be returned.**

cable on _____, 192
letter of transmittal on **JUN 8 1921**, 192

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., **AP 7-2-21**, 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

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

COUNTRY

CEMETERY NO. _____ SHEET NO. _____

30507
GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Buffton 2339573 John
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

(Rank).

(Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH:

nearmed Tancor

CAUSE OF DEATH:

DATE OF BURIAL: *Oct 13 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL: *12.5*

78.2

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

map of mt Tancor

GRAVE NUMBER:

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?

NEAREST RELATIVE: *Frontaucon (meuse)*

ADDRESS: *238 SHT. 3556 CO 12 278.2*

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY: *J. Austin Lord*

Chaplain 4th Inf.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).



238-885

30806

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

Reference - 30806.

April 17th, 1919.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.

TO : Mrs. Philip Buffton, 1428 Hallow Ave., Scranton, Pa.

SUBJECT : Pvt. John Buffton, Co. K, 4th Infantry, American E.F.

1. In reply to your letter of inquiry, with reference to the regretted death of this soldier, according to the records at these headquarters he is buried in the Commune of MONTFAUCON, Department of the MEUSE.

2. The grave location has not as yet been confirmed by the field force of this Service, but the notification of burial has been made to us, as herein stated, and is officially entered.

By direction

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

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

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

MBD-88.

Scranton Pa.

Feb. 11, 1919.

American Postoffice No. 17. ~~3619~~

Grave Registration Service, ~~30806~~

France.

Dear Sirs:-

Having
seen your item in the Scranton
Times of Feb. 10. in regard to information
concerning whereabouts of soldiers graves.

Would be very thankful if you could
inform us where the grave of
John Buffton is. Co. K. 42d U.S. Inf.
American Expeditionary Force. 3rd Division
we having received a telegram stating
that he was killed in action on the
30th. day of September 1918.

Thanking in advance for all inform-
ation you can give concerning him.
He was listed in the Dickson City
Casualties.

yours truly,

Mrs. Philip Buffton,

1428 Nallow Ave.,

Scranton Pa.

WAR DEPARTMENT

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
American Expeditionary Forces

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Mrs. Phillip Buffton
1428 H. 11th Ave.,
Scranton, Pa.

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