

To The A. G. O.

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G.R.S. Form #114-B

JUN 1 - 1926

FULL NAME *Burnham* ^{OK} *Arthur R. Ralph* ^{OK}

RANK *Pvt. 1/c* ^{OK}

SERIAL *126783* ^{OK}

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION *Hq. Co., 7th F.A. 1st Div.*

DATE OF DEATH *Oct. 4, 1918*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *Massachusetts*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED *cited in G.O. 1st Div dated Jan 1, 1920*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION *14* *10* *E*

Date Grave Row Block

Meuse-Argonne, #1232

Cemetery

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

By *RD*

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1926
WORLD WAR DIV.

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Burnham 126783 Arthur
(Surname) (Number) (First Name and Initials)

Pvt. Hdqrs. Co. 7th F.A.
(Rank) (Organization)

PLACE OF DEATH:

CAUSE OF DEATH:

DATE OF BURIAL: Oct. 4, 1918

PLACE OF DEATH: Varennes, Meuse, France
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department). Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

Coordinated Map
Forest No. Argonne 303.2 - 273.2

GRAVE NUMBER:

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

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

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

This body was buried by A. K. S. Chaplain, presumably a Chaplain O'Connell

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

REPORTED BY:

Chaplain Frank A. Arbuckle
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

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

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303.2 - 273.2

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REPORTED BY:

Frank A. Arbuckle, Chaplain
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

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

Hqs. Co. 7th F.A.
1st Division

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BURNHAM Arthur Pvt. I26783

Hit by fragments of shell in Very Valley on October 4th
1918 while eating dinner .
Died on his way to hospital .
Buried at Very Valley in the American Cemetery . "

Eye Witnesses:-Edward M. Kearns , Jr.
Thomas W. Byrne ;
Sam Wis hnawitz .

Signed : W.B. Miller , Ist Lt.
7th F.A.

C.F. .

Place NEUFCHATEAU

Date 7th June, 1919.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

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Remains of:

Name: BURNHAM, A. R.

Number: 127683

Rank: Unkn

Organization: Unkn

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

5th May, 1919.

Isolated Grave #3

VARENNES MEUSE

35 SE E 303.05 N 272.9

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

5th May, 1919.

Grave #123 Sec. 16 Plot #3

ARGONNE AMER. CEMETERY #1232

ROMAGNE MEUSE

1232

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

Burial good; body buried in uniform; body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? No

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

CONFIRMED No. D.-----

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Note:

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

Supervised by: Lt. Jordan

R. H. ROSENTHAL

C.O. Group 2nd Lieut Unit U. S. A.

WLP

Burnham,

Arthur R. ~~alph~~

126,783 ✓

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt. ~~H.~~ Hq. Co. 7 F. A.

(Rank and organization.)

8 m. m.
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
want 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. Blanche Ida Burnham*

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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(over)

Letter sent to-

Mrs. Blanche Burnham,

R F D 1

Center Bornstead, N. H.

*AT
3/29/21
Burnham
Bornstead*

1232-See 16-35

3-29-21

Known by PT

Place NEUFCHATEAU

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

September 14, 1922.

FILE: 293.8 C-R #40210-

SUBJECT: Permanent Grave Location of **Private 1st class Arthur R. Burnham,**
Headquarters Co., 7th P.A.

TO: **Mrs. Blanche Burnham, Barnstead, N.H. R. #1.**

File

1. The permanent grave of this soldier is No. **14** Row **10**
Block **E**, Meuse-Argonne American cemetery at Romagne-sous-Montfaucon,
Department of Meuse, France.

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

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

For the Quartermaster General:

GEORGE H. PENROSE,
Assistant.



SEP 14 1922

EUROPEAN CLAIMS UNIT
Fort Myer, Va.

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DATE 1/20/22

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1. NAME BURNHAM, Arthur R SERIAL No. 126783

RANK PFC ORGANIZATION Hq Co 7th F.A.

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne, Amer Cty, ROMAGNE-s-MONTFAUCON #1232 sec16

CTY. NAME Meuse NUMBER 3

123 sec16 3
GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Isol. Varemmes (Meuse)

GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES 35SE, 272.9N, 303.05E

CONCENTRATED TO 5.5.19 123 16 3

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse-Argonne 1232.

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Serial No. 126783 on plate.

Data Form 1

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

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DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR M. B. Birdseye M. B. BIRDSEYE

1st Lt., Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 1/20/22 14 10 E

DATE GRAVE ROW ROW BLOCK

Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery #1232. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon. Meuse.
CEMETERY

AUDITED BY
SCB 8/15/22

Place Romagne 1232.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Jan 18, 1922.

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1. REMAINS OF BURNHAM, Arthur R. SERIAL NUMBER 126783.

RANK Pvt. 1/c ORGANIZATION Hq. Co. 7th F.A.

2. Disinterred (date): Jan 18, 1922 From (give complete location): gr 123, sec 16, plot 3. Cty. 1232.

By: Group Mairie Unit sec 1

3. Reburied (date): January 20 1922 In (give complete location): Meuse Argonne Cemetery #1232 Grave 14 Block "E" Row 10

By: Group reburial S Unit Nature of reburial unlined casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: wooden box and burlap and U.S. uniform, body decomposed, unrecognizable.

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

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

G.R.S. plaque on body: Arthur R. Burnham 126783

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

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

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

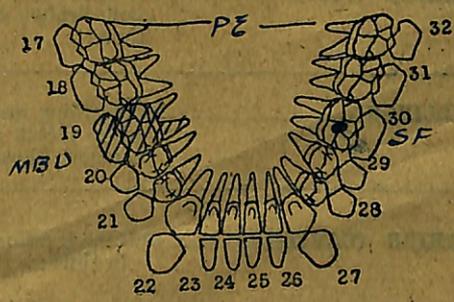
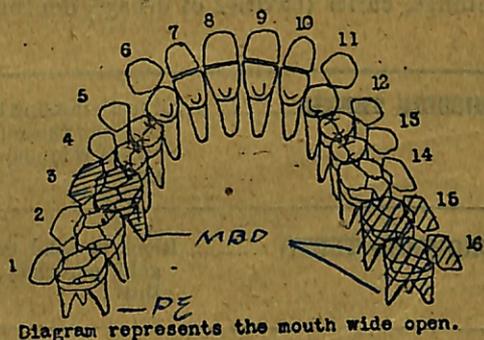
(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

Quantity do

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

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



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7. Disinterment supervised by E. Mair

Approved: A. E. Dewey 1st Lt. U.S. M.C.
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by W. B. Sheild

Approved: James W. Younger
(Title) Captain, G.M.C.

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-22494

32. Designation of body:

Name Arthur R. BURNHAM Serial No. 126783

Rank PFC Organization Hq Co, 7th F.A.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse-Argonne, Amer #1232, ROMAGNE-s-MONTFAUCON
(Meuse)

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Jan 18 1922 Bv Edmo Maire

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 A E Dewey
A E Dewey 1st Lt. QMC

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Jan 18 1922 CC

To point of Concentration Morgue Romagne
(Name)

Convoyer W J Royed Signature Shipping Officer G F Spann, 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

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred, Meuse Argonne Cemetery #1232 January 20 1922
(Date)

42. Grave No. 14 Section

43. ~~Block~~ Block E Row 10

G.R.S. Representative James W. Younger
James W. Younger
Captain, Q.M.C.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Jan 18 1922

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT



Records of G.R.S. Headquarters. ml Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name	BURNHAM, Arthur R	10. Name	
2. No.	126783	11. No.	
3. Rank	PFC	12. Rank	
4. Org.	Hq Co 7th F.A.	13. Org.	
5. D.D.	Oct 4th	14. (a) D.D.	
6. C.D.	KIA	(b) D.B.	None

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No.	123	Sec.	16	15. Grave No.		Sec.	
8. Plot	3	Row		16. Plot		Row	
9.				17.		None	

18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne, Amer. 19. Commune or town ROMAGNE-s-MONTRAUCON

20. Dept. or County Meuse 21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. #1232 sec16

23. Disinterred (Date) Jan 18 1922 By Edmo Maire

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name	Arthur R Burnham	Serial No.	126783
Rank	PFC	Organization	Hq Co 7th FA

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

Signature Junior Technical Assistant C. Smyth O'Meara

PREPARATION

C Smyth O'Meara

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).

GRS plaque on body agrees

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed features unrecognizable

28. Nature of burial US uniform burlap and box

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Jan 18 1922 By Edmo Maire

31. Casket sealed by Edmo Maire

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor Edmo Maire Edmo Maire.)

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File 40210

See Form 115
Att 4/20/22

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

BURNHAM, Arthur R. 126783
(a) Name Ser. No. B
Pvt. 1/c Hqrs. Co., 7th P.A. TYP.
(b) Rank Organization K/A
(c) Date of death 10-4-18 (d) Cause of death

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

123 - 3 16 B
(a) Grave No. Row Plot Sec. TYP.

Mrs. Blanch Burnham (friend) Amesbury, Mass.
(b) Emerg. Address P.O. give Sgt. Harold C. Rice (cousin) Troop "C" 2nd N. S. Cav. (4-5-21) 1st m.m.

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 cable on _____, 192
Section - 16 letter of transmittal on 4-6-, 1921
Par. 2. Not to be returned (J & K)

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., APR 12 1921, 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.

Mr. Barnstead, N. H.

March 4, 1919.

Adjutant Gen. of U. S. Army,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir; -

There reached me to-day
from the Chief of the graves registration
service,
a letter in regard to the bringing
of the body of my son home, at some
future date, from France, where he
was killed, on Oct. 4, 1918.

Kindly order him left there. I am a
widow, with six minor children,
three absolutely dependant. I do
not own a plot in the cemetery, and
have no means to get there with.
He will sleep just as quietly there,
and since I cannot have him alive, will

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not have him disturbed.

Should like his personal effects sent home to me, his mother if I may.

He was,

1st. cl. priv. Arthur R. Burnham,
Headquarters Co., 7th F. A.,

and was killed Oct. 4, 1918, in the
battle of Verdun, France.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Blanche I. da Burnham,

Chr. Barnstead, N. H., R. F. D. 1.

formerly of,

Amesbury, Mass. R. D. 1.

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RECEIVED MISSEL. DIV
MAR 7 1919

Date

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March 12, 1919.

Mrs. Blanche Ida Burnham,
R.D. #1, Center Barnstead,
New Hampshire.

Dear Madam:

Referring to your letter of March 4, relative to the body of your son, 1st cl. Private Arthur R. Burnham, Headquarters Company, 7th Field Artillery, I beg leave to advise you that the plans for the final disposition of the bodies of our soldiers who have lost their lives in the service abroad are being formulated and the Department will have ready within a few days instructions which will be sent to the persons whose names were given by the soldier to be notified in case of emergency.

Inquiry concerning the personal effects of your son should be directed to the Effects Bureau, Port of Embarkation, Hoboken, New Jersey.

It is desired to express to you the deep sympathy of the Department on account of the great loss you have sustained and to commend you for the contribution you have made to the cause for which this soldier gave his life.

Very sincerely,

IDR-HRC-64

IN
Indexing Section
The Adjutant General.

Per W. V. Carter.

14 1919

Date 3-13-19. Sig. BD

FILE

A.G.O 293.8

BURNHAM, ARTHUR R.

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Burnham 126783 A.R. (Surname) (Number) (First Name and Initials)

Pvt. Hdqrs Co 7th F.A. (Rank) (Organization)

PLACE OF DEATH: Varennes, Meuse, France

CAUSE OF DEATH: Killed in Action

DATE OF BURIAL: Oct 4 1918

PLACE OF DEATH: Varennes, Meuse, France

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

Co. Ordinated Map: Foret Argonne

1 - 20,000 303.0 - 273.2

GRAVE NUMBER:

HOW MARKED: Name Peg Cross? yes

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? yes

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

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

Buried By A.K.C. Chaplain Presumably Chaplain O'Connell

NEAREST RELATIVE: VARENNES-EN-ARGONNE

ADDRESS: 156 SIT 35 SE COORD E 303.0 N 273.2

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

Frank H. Helms, Chaplain 1st Div (Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

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17 OCT 1918

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Daily Report No. _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-H
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 3-30-21

File No. Requisition

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

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

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

- a. Surname BURNHAM, A.K.
 - ✓ b. Christian name Arthur R. A.K.
or (Arthur Ralph)
 - c. Serial Number 126783 A.K.
 - d. Organization Hdqrs. Co., 7th F.A. A.K.
 - ✓ e. Rank Pvt. 1/c A.K.
or (Pvt.)
 - f. Date of death 10-4-18 A.K.
 - g. Cause of death K/A A.K.
 - h. Authority (C.O.#)
 - i. Emergency address Sgt Harold C. Rice
 - ✓ j. Relationship Troop C
Cousin 2nd U.S. Cav.
- DENTAL CHARTS
(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

NOTED FORM 115
DATE 4-5-21-8 1/2 207

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

- a. Age of enlistment
 - b. Color of eyes Adjustment Made
 - c. Color of hair
 - d. Height
 - e. Weight
 - f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)
- a. Strike out teeth missing
- | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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H. L. ROGERS,
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.

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

CEMETERY NO: 1232-Sec. 16

SHEET NO: 35

PREPARED BY: VH.

6/713/LML

Date MAR 31 1921

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Ctr. Barnstead, N. H.

March 4, 1919.

Bulletin 0040 sent 4/11/19

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Chief, Graves Registration Service,
Headquarters Services of Supply,
A. P. C. 717,
American E. F., France.

Dear Sir,

There reached me to-day
from your office, a letter in regard
to the death of my son,

1st cl. Pvt. Arthur R. Burnham,

Hd. qts. Co. 7th F. A.,

who died Oct. 4, 1918, killed in action.

And stated that inquiries in regard
to photograph of same, should be
made of you. If there is a photograph,
may I, his mother, have it? Have one
of him before he went away, but should

appreciate one in his uniform.

Respectfully,

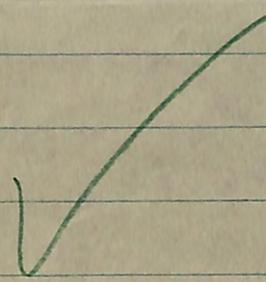
Mrs. Blanche Ida Burnham,

Ctr. Barnstead, N. H. R. F. D. 1.

formerly of,

Amesbury, Mass.

R. F. D. 1.



November 23, 1932.

QM 293 A-M
Burnham, Arthur Ralph (MA)

Mrs. Blanche I. Coffin,
Box 198,
Amherst, N. H.

Dear Madam:

In reply to a recent questionnaire from this office you advised that you were undecided about making a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private first class Arthur Ralph Burnham, during the summer months of 1933.

In order that the best available accommodations may be secured for the mothers and widows, it is necessary that hotel and steamship accommodations be made several months in advance. It is therefore requested you advise at this time whether or not you believe you will be able to make the journey next summer. Should you make the trip you are assured that everything possible for your comfort and welfare will be provided.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.
Env.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Burnham Arthur R (MA)

July 8 1932

Mrs Blanche B Coffin
Box 198
Amherst N H

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) _____

QM 293 A-M
Burnham, Arthur R. (MA) M

July 13, 1931.

Ms. Blanche B. Coffin,
Box 198,
Amherst, N. H.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to questionnaire forwarded you under date of June 11, 1931, advising that you are unable to make a pilgrimage to Europe to visit the grave of your son the late Private Arthur R. Burnham, on account of illness in your family.

Please be advised that all expenses of the pilgrimage including meals, tips, transportation by water, rail, taxi, and bus as well as incidental expenses, such as laundry, will be borne by the Government. Mothers and widows making the journey will need money only for the purchase of articles of a personal nature, such as souvenirs.

It is regretted that the ill health of a member of your family prevents you from making the pilgrimage during 1932. Accordingly, your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows eligible to make the pilgrimage during 1933, and you will be communicated with at a later date relative thereto.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AMM
Burnham, Arthur R. Pvt. (M-A) M

June 11, 1931.

Mrs. Blanche B. Coffin,
Box 198,
Amherst, N. H.

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burnham, Arthur B. 1232-M

June 18, 1930

Mrs. Blanche B. Coffin,
Box 198,
Amherst, New Hampshire.

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)

May 9, 1930.

QM 295 A-C
Burnham, Arthur R. 1252 M

Mrs. Blanche I. Coffin,
Box 198,
Amherst, New Hampshire.

Dear Madam: -

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of May 4, declining the invitation to sail on the SS. AMERICA August 27, 1930, to visit the grave of your son the late Private Arthur R. Burnham, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

Your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the journey in 1931 and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages are being planned for that year.

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

May 1, 1930.

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

Burnham, Arthur R.-1232 M

Mrs. Blanche B. Coffin,
Box 198,

Amherst, N. H.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Burnham, Arthur R 1232 -M

Mrs. Blanche I. Coffin,
Box 198,
Amherst, N. H.

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,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JOHN T. HARRIS,
 Major, Q. M. Corps,
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burnham, Arthur R.
1232

Sept. 4, 1929

Mrs. Blanch Burnham,
Route No. 1,
Barnstead, N. H.

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

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| 1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried? If so, give her complete address: | |
| 2. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite. | |
| 3. If survived by a widow or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage? | |

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burnham, Arthur R.

August 12, 1929

Mrs. Blanch B. Coffin,
Box 198,
Amherst, N. H.

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. Arthur R. Burnham, Hdqrs. Co. 7th P. A., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return 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?

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29, 1929.

Burnham, Arthur R.

**Mrs. Blanch Burnham,
Route No. 1,
Barnstead, N.H.**

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 friend of the late Pvt. Arthur R. Burnham, Hdqrs Co., 7th F.A., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Mont-faucon, 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,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

November 23, 1932.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Burnham, Arthur Ralph (MA)

Mrs. Blanche I. Coffin,
Box 198;
Amherst, N. H.

Dear Madam:

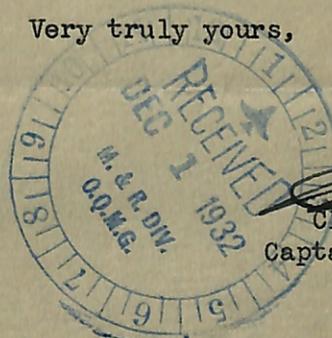
In reply to a recent questionnaire from this office you advised that you were undecided about making a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private first class Arthur Ralph Burnham, during the summer months of 1933.

In order that the best available accommodations may be secured for the mothers and widows, it is necessary that hotel and steamship accommodations be made several months in advance. It is therefore requested you advise at this time whether or not you believe you will be able to make the journey next summer. Should you make the trip you are assured that everything possible for your comfort and welfare will be provided.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

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*Office of Quartermaster Gen.,
Washington, D. C.*

Dear Sus:-

I'm sorry to have to say that it looks as though it would be impossible to make the trip the government has so kindly offered. Do not make reservations for me.
Respectfully, Mrs. Blanche I. Coffin,

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Burnham Arthur R (MA)

July 8 1932

Mrs Blanche B Coffin
Box 198
Amherst N H

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.

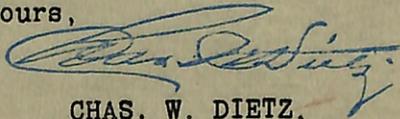
IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU GIVE THE MATTER YOUR MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BEFORE REACHING A DECISION, BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE TRIP AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

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? Undecided Cannot tell

(Write answer here)

if I will be at liberty to go.
(Sign here) Mrs. Blanche B. Coffin

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293 A-M

July 13, 1931.

Burnham, Arthur R. (MA) M

Mrs. Blanche B. Coffin,
Box 198,
Amherst, N. H.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to questionnaire forwarded you under date of June 11, 1931, advising that you are unable to make a pilgrimage to Europe to visit the grave of your son the late Private Arthur R. Burnham, on account of illness in your family.

Please be advised that all expenses of the pilgrimage including meals, tips, transportation by water, rail, taxi, and bus as well as incidental expenses, such as laundry, will be borne by the Government. Mothers and widows making the journey will need money only for the purchase of articles of a personal nature, such as souvenirs.

It is regretted that the ill health of a member of your family prevents you from making the pilgrimage during 1932. Accordingly, your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows eligible to make the pilgrimage during 1933, and you will be communicated with at a later date relative thereto.

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-M
Burnham, Arthur R. Pvt. (M-A) M

June 11, 1931.

Mrs. Blanche B. Coffin,
Box 198,
Amherst, N. H.

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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.

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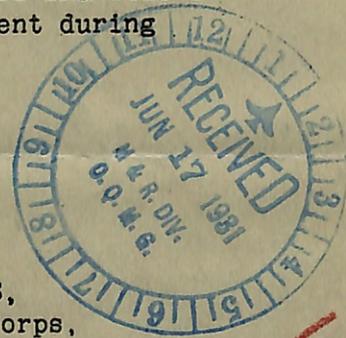
This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes

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



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? No.

Write answer here

It would be a grand trip in some respects, but shall have to forego the pleasure owing to illness in the family. Cannot afford it also.

Mrs. Blanche B. Coffin

Sign here

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burnham, Arthur R. 1232-M

June 18, 1930

Mrs. Blanche B. Coffin,
Box 198,
Amherst, New Hampshire.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? No. *I maybe* (Write answer here)

*blind before that time. My eye is
pretty bad. One especially. Had exstirp.*

Mrs. Blanche B. Coffin.

(Sign here)

May 9, 1930.

QM 295 A-3
Burnham, Arthur R. 1232 M

Mrs. Blanche I. Coffin,
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Amherst, New Hampshire.

Dear Madam: -

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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Burnham, Arthur R.

I decline the invitation extended
(Accept or decline)

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

Mrs. Blanche B. Coffin

(Name)

1931

Box 198, Amherst, Hillsborough Co., N.H.

(Town or City)

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Quartermaster Gen. Burnham, Arthur R.
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Dear Sir:-

Lack of finances and poor health force me to decline the invitation presented by the U. S. Gov. but which I should very much like to accept under favorable conditions.

Respectfully,

(Mrs.) Blanche B. Coffin

answ. 5-9-30

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Burnham, Arthur R. 1232 M

October 7 , 1929.

Mrs. Blanch B. Coffin,
Box 198,
Amherst, N. H.

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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/> (No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/> (No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	<input type="checkbox"/> (Yes)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (No)
4. Please give your age and state of health:	Age (Years) 37	Health (Good) <input type="checkbox"/> (Poor) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (No) <input type="checkbox"/> Other language (Specify language spoken)	



For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Burnham, Arthur R.
1232

Sept. 4, 1929

Mrs. Blanch Burnham,
Route No. 1,
Barnstead, N. H.

*Coffin,
Amherst, N. H.
Box 198.*

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:

unmarried

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.

mother.

*Mrs. Blanche J. Coffin
Amherst, N. H. Box 198*

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

*nothing preventing,
yes. yes.*

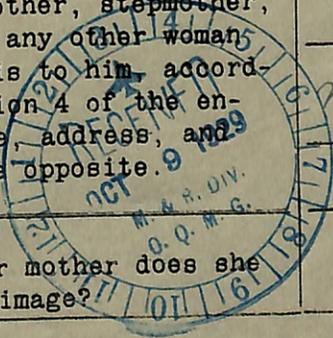
For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

John T. Harris
JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
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*Filed out on paper in July last.
Can't imagine where it has gone to.
B. D. C.*



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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burnham, Arthur R.

August 12, 1929

Mrs. Blanch B. Coffin,
Box 198,
Amherst, N. H.

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. Arthur R. Burnham, Hdqrs. Co. 7th F. A., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return 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?

unmarried

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

Yes, nothing preventing

For The Quartermaster General

Very truly yours,

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

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WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burnham, Arthur R.

June 29, 1929.

Mrs. Blanch Burnham,
Route No. 1,
Barnstead, N.H.

Mother
Mrs. Blanch B. Coffin
Box 198,
Amherst,
N.H.

XC 92774

over
7/27

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 friend of the late Pvt. Arthur R. Burnham, Hdqrs Co., 7th F.A., 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,

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Act of Congress.
Envelope.

John T. Harris

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

