

To The A. G. O.

FULL NAME..... BUSCH, Ralph S. *Off. sig.* JAN 21 1926.....

RANK..... 1st Lieutenant *Inf*..... SERIAL.....

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION..... Company E, 111th Infantry *28th*.....

DATE OF DEATH..... *KIA Aug. 11-18*.....

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME..... *Kansas*.....

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED.....

|       |      |       |       |
|-------|------|-------|-------|
| ..... | 15   | 7     | D     |
| ..... | Date | Grave | Row   |
| ..... |      |       | Block |

608

Cemetery

Rec'd...  
5 DEC 27 1927

2 A. G. O.  
JAN 22 1926  
WORLD WAR DIV.

Robert S. Davis,  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General  
Br #



*Busch, Ralph S.*  
*1st. Lieut.*

WESTERN MILITARY BUREAU  
ROUTE AND SCHEDULE

EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE SAILING FROM NEW YORK CITY JULY 26, 1930

LYON \_\_\_\_\_ County, State of \_\_\_\_\_ KANSAS

Name BUSCH, MRS MARGARET (N-10)

Address 627 State Street, Emporia, Kansas

→ Route going: AT&SF-Chicago, NYC-~~New York~~.

→ Return: Penna-Chicago, AT&SF-~~Emporia~~.

(Desires stop-over in New York, N Y, Pittsburgh, Pa. and Chicago, Ill)

|                 |                     | ROAD  | TRAIN | TIME    | DATE    |
|-----------------|---------------------|-------|-------|---------|---------|
| Itinerary going | Lv Emporia          | AT&SF | 2     | 4:45PM  | July 22 |
|                 | Ar Chicago          | "     | "     | 8:30AM  | " 23    |
|                 | Lv "                | NYC   | 10    | 10:35AM | " "     |
|                 | Ar New York         | "     | 142   | 3:40PM  | " 24    |
|                 | Lv (Grand Cent Sta) |       |       |         |         |
|                 | Ar                  |       |       |         |         |
|                 | Lv                  |       |       |         |         |
|                 | Ar                  |       |       |         |         |
|                 | Lv                  |       |       |         |         |
|                 | Ar                  |       |       |         |         |
|                 | Lv                  |       |       |         |         |
|                 | Ar                  |       |       |         |         |
|                 | Lv                  |       |       |         |         |
|                 | Ar                  |       |       |         |         |
|                 | Lv                  |       |       |         |         |
|                 | Ar                  |       |       |         |         |

→ Accommodations: Standard sleeper Emporia, Kansas to Chicago, Illinois, and Chicago, Illinois to New York, N Y.

Elapsed Time: 45 hours - 55 minutes. ✓

Extra Fare:

*NGT.*  
*5-17*

Busch, Ralph S.

Party "N" - Itinerary - Oise-Aisne Group

Sailed July 26, 1930 on REPUBLIC. Maj. Carlock in Charge. Arrived Cherbourg at day break August 5th. Special tender arrived 5:35 am, bearing Maj. Dailey; Capt. Conway, Stark, Haley, Earnest and Lambert; Lts. Freeman, Morin and Zwicker; Maj. Kinderman; Miss Blanche Rulon, Capt. A.N.C; six nurses and three civilian employees. Train left 8:16 am; arrived Gare des Invalides 2:40 pm. Met by Col. Ellis and members of his staff, interpreters and nurses. Taken in bus to hotel.

- August 6th: Morning devoted to transaction of personal business. Exchange of money, preparation of laundry, etc. Afternoon - Arc de Triomphe, Wreath laid by Mrs. Crane for party. Tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent. Dinner at hotel.
- August 7th: Morning free. Lunch at hotel. Left 2:15 pm for Versailles. Left Versailles 4:55 pm. Arrive 5:30 pm for refreshments Belle Cycliste - Suresnes. Dinner at hotel.
- August 8th: Morning free. Lunch at hotel. Left 1:40 pm from Hotel via Porte de Pantin. Arrive La Ferte s/s Jouarre (rest stop Hotel de la Terrasse). Left 4:30 pm via Chateau-Thierry and arrived Soissons 6:15 pm. Quarters Hotel Lion Rouge.
- August 9th, 10th: Visited Oise-Aisne Cemetery.
- August 11th: Last visit to cemetery in morning. Lunch at hotel. Left Soissons 2:00 pm via Fismes. Arrived Reims 4:25 pm. Quarters Hotel Crystal.
- August 12th: Visited Reims and Cathedral in morning. Lunch at hotel. Left Reims for Soissons 1:30 pm via R.N. 44, Berry-au-Bac, Corbeny. (Rest stop Hotel Lion Rouge) Left Soissons 3:30 for Compiègne. Quarters Hotel Rond Royal.
- August 13th: Left 9:30 am for Carrefour de L'Armistice. Returned to Compiègne 12:00. Lunch Hotel Rond Royal. Left 2:00 pm for Chantilly via La Croix St-Ouen, Senlis. (Rest stop Hotel du Parc). Left 4:30 for Paris. Dinner at hotel.
- August 14th: Left 9:45 am for Fontainebleau via Barbizon. Lunch at Hotel Legris. Visited Chateau. Left 4:00 pm for Paris via Melun. Dinner at hotel.
- August 15th: Holiday. Trip on Seine River.
- August 16th: Visited Sacre Coeur in morning. Lunch at hotel. Sightseeing trip Paris - Napoleon's Tomb. Dinner at hotel.
- August 17th: Free or Church. Lunch at hotel. Louvre. Dinner at hotel. Night Sightseeing trip.
- August 18th: Morning sightseeing trip Paris - Notre Dame. Lunch at hotel. Afternoon free. Dinner at hotel.
- August 19th: Boat train for Cherbourg. Left 2:12 pm. Arrived 8:23 pm. PRESIDENT HARDING sailed about 10:30 pm. Arrived New York August 27th.

Mrs Margaret Busch

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

*Busch, Ralph S.*

*O.A.*

Party ..... *N* .....

Number ..... *2492* .....

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

*MRS. MARGARET BUSCH* ..... Actual cost of through Pullman.  
 Name of Traveler

*EMPORIA, LYON COUNTY* ..... New York, to *EMPORIA, KANSAS*  
 Home Address

*KANSAS* ..... \$ .....

New York, to *EMPORIA, KANSAS*  
 Destination

Via ..... *PENN. TO CHICAGO; AT&SF TO ~~EMPORIA~~* ..... *rest*

TICKET EXPIRES: *SEPT. 20, 1930* ..... *AUGUST 21, 1930* .....  
 Date of Departure

|           | Road              | Tr. No.          | Date      | Time         | Lower or Seat | Car | U. S. G. Order No. | Actual Cost |
|-----------|-------------------|------------------|-----------|--------------|---------------|-----|--------------------|-------------|
| LV        | <i>PENN. STA.</i> | <i>PHR</i>       | <i>25</i> | <i>900A</i>  |               |     |                    |             |
| <i>AR</i> | <i>PITTSBURG</i>  | <i>"</i>         | <i>"</i>  | <i>700P</i>  |               |     | <i>67-1023465</i>  | <i>3.00</i> |
| LV        | <i>"</i>          | <i>H3</i>        |           | <i>945A</i>  |               |     | <i>8</i>           |             |
| <i>AR</i> | <i>CHICAGO</i>    | <i>"</i>         | <i>"</i>  | <i>735P</i>  |               |     | <i>67-1023466</i>  | <i>3.00</i> |
| LV        | <i>"</i>          | <i>AT&amp;SF</i> | <i>21</i> | <i>1200P</i> |               |     | <i>8</i>           |             |
| <i>AR</i> | <i>EMPORIA</i>    | <i>"</i>         | <i>"</i>  | <i>255P</i>  |               |     | <i>67-1023467</i>  | <i>6.38</i> |
| LV        |                   |                  |           |              |               |     |                    |             |
| AR        |                   |                  |           |              |               |     |                    |             |
| LV        |                   |                  |           |              |               |     |                    |             |
| AR        |                   |                  |           |              |               |     |                    |             |
| LV        |                   |                  |           |              |               |     |                    |             |
| AR        |                   |                  |           |              |               |     |                    |             |

TOTAL ..... *12.38*

Remarks:

..... *STOPOVERS: NEW YORK CITY* .....  
 ..... *PITTSBURG* .....  
 ..... *CHICAGO* .....  
 .....  
 .....

Name BUSCH, Mrs. Margaret

Paris Hôtel HOTEL DE PARIS

BOULEVARD DE LA MADELEINE

Home address 627 State St., Emporia, Lyon Co., Kansas.

Party N Group 2 Unit SS.REPUBLIC-Aug-5-1930

Date of arrival Aug-5-1930 Date of departure SS.HARDING-Aug-19-1930

Relationship Widow

Name of deceased BUSCH, Ralph S.

Rank 1st Lt Organization Co.E.IIIth Inf.

Cemetery Oise-Aisne Gr, 15, Row, 7, Bl, D.

REMARKS

Desires stop-over in N.Y.C. Pittsburgh, and Chicago.

Margaret Busch, M



BUSCH, RALPH S

Mrs. Margaret Busch

Arrived 3:40 p.m., Penna. R.R. July 24, 1930.  
Met by Capt. Morrill Ross. Escorted to Hotel Commodore. Occupied  
Room 889.

CABIN 101-B. Two pieces baggage.

10.

2492

NAME BUSCH, MRS. MARGARET

S.S. HARDING AUG 27 1930

HOME EMPORIA, LYON COUNTY, KANSAS

R.R. *Per to chi. dest.*

STATION *AT-S Ft ~~Emporia~~*

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE *Sep - 20 - 30,*

*Slap over!*

*n y c.  
Pittsburgh  
Chicago*

*no one*

Mrs. Margaret Busch

File N-2492

Address Emporia

Stopping at nyc

With Sister

Address East Orange

RECEIVED RAILROAD AND PULLMAN TICKET

Margaret Busch

July 12th, 1930

Mrs. Margaret Busch,  
627 State Street,  
Emporia, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

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

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

For The Officer in Charge:

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

Enclosures:  
2 tags.

File 201 - Busch, Mrs. Margaret

June 9th, 1930.

SUBJECT: Invitation - Mrs. Margaret Busch

TO: The Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

1. There is enclosed the invitation of Mrs. Margaret Busch, Party "W", S.S. "Republic" which was apparently sent to this office through some misunderstanding.

For Officer In Charge:

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

1 Incl:  
Invitation

201 Busch, Mrs. Margaret

CODE SLIP

| HEADING                   | SUB-HEADING         | NO. OF COLS | CODE   |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------|--------|
| NAME <i>Busch</i>         | <i>Bus</i>          | 3           | 2 12 0 |
| <i>Ralph S.</i>           | CEMETERY <i>608</i> | 1           | 1 9    |
| BURIED                    | GRAVE <i>15</i>     | 2           | 2 15   |
|                           | ROW <i>7</i>        | 2           | 07     |
|                           | BLOCK <i>15</i>     | 1           | 4      |
| STATE                     | <i>Kansas</i>       | 2           | 18     |
| RANK                      | <i>1st Lt.</i>      | 1           | 1      |
| DIVISION                  | <i>28</i>           | 2           | 28     |
| ORGANIZATION              | <i>111</i>          | 3           | 111    |
| ARM                       | <i>Inf.</i>         | 1           | 1      |
| MARITAL                   | <i>Yes</i>          | 1           | 1      |
| NAME <i>Mrs. Margaret</i> | <i>Busch</i>        | 3           | 2 12 0 |
| <i>Busch</i>              | STATE <i>Kansas</i> | 2           | 18     |
| RESIDENCE                 | COUNTY <i>Leon</i>  | 2           | 56     |
| <i>Mother dead</i>        | CITY <i>Emporia</i> | 3           | 018    |
| RELATION                  | <i>Widow</i>        | 1           | 5      |
| OTHER                     | <i>Daughter</i>     | 1           | 3      |
| ELIGIBILITY               | <i>Yes</i>          | 1           | 1      |
| NATIVITY                  |                     | 1           |        |
| RACE                      |                     | 1           |        |
| ENGLISH                   | <i>Yes</i>          | 1           | 1      |
| ATTENDANT                 | <i>Yes</i>          | 1           | 1      |
| HEALTH                    | <i>Good</i>         | 1           |        |
| NO. OF SONS               |                     | 1           |        |
| DATE OF TRIP              | MO.                 | 1           |        |
|                           | YR. <i>1930</i>     | 1           |        |
| ACCEPTANCE                | <i>Yes</i>          | 1           |        |
| 29/514                    |                     |             |        |

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CODE SLIP



| HEADING      | SUB-HEADING         | NO. OF COILS | CODE   |
|--------------|---------------------|--------------|--------|
| NAME         | <i>Busch</i>        | 3            | 2 12 9 |
|              | <i>Ralph S.</i>     |              |        |
| BURIED       | CEMETERY <i>608</i> | 1            | 2      |
|              | GRAVE <i>15</i>     | 2            | 15     |
|              | ROW <i>7</i>        | 2            | 07     |
|              | BLOCK <i>20</i>     | 1            | 4      |
| STATE        | <i>Kansas</i>       | 2            | 18     |
| RANK         | <i>1st Lt.</i>      | 1            | 1      |
| DIVISION     | <i>28</i>           | 2            | 28     |
| ORGANIZATION | <i>111</i>          | 3            | 111    |
| ARM          | <i>Inf</i>          | 1            | 1      |
| MARITAL      | <i>yes</i>          | 1            | 1      |
| NAME         |                     | 3            |        |
|              | STATE               | 2            |        |
| RESIDENCE    | COUNTY              | 2            |        |
|              | CITY                | 3            |        |
| RELATION     | <i>Mother</i>       | 1            | 1      |
| OTHER        |                     | 1            |        |
| ELIGIBILITY  | <i>Head</i>         | 1            | 6      |
| NATIVITY     |                     | 1            |        |
| RACE         |                     | 1            |        |
| ENGLISH      |                     | 1            |        |
| ATTENDANT    |                     | 1            |        |
| HEALTH       |                     | 1            |        |
| NO. OF SONS  |                     | 1            |        |
| DATE OF      | MO.                 | 1            |        |
| TRIP         | YR.                 | 1            |        |
| ACCEPTANCE   |                     | 1            |        |

Audited  
OCT 8 1931  
A.F.

627 State Street Apt. 3  
Emporia Kansas  
November 9, 1931

Captain R. E. Shannon  
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir;

I am sorry that I neglected  
to give the information in  
full that you desired in re-  
gard to the late 1st Lieutenant  
Ralph S. Busch - 2M 2939-M  
Busch, Ralph S. (OA) a

He is survived by neither  
a woman who stood in loco  
parentis to him for five years  
prior to his reaching the age  
of eighteen, nor by a step-  
mother.

Very truly yours,  
Margaret Busch.



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627 State Street  
Emporia Kansas  
October 19, 1931

Captain R.E. Shannon  
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of  
October 16, 1931, file 2M 293A-M  
Busch, Ralph S. (OA) a, I  
wish to advise that the late  
First Lieutenant Ralph S. Busch  
is not survived by any woman  
who stood in loco parentis to  
him for five years prior to  
his reaching the age of eight  
teen.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Busch. (Mrs.)



QM 293 A-M  
Busch, Ralph S. (OA) a

October 29, 1931

Mrs. Margaret Busch,  
627 State Street,  
Emporia, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 19th advising that the late 1st Lieutenant Ralph S. Busch is not survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him for five years prior to his reaching the age of eighteen.

However, you neglected to advise whether or not this late soldier is survived by a stepmother, and it will be appreciated if you will furnish this information, in order that the records may be completed.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:  
Envelope.

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QM 293 A-M  
Busch, Ralph S. (OA) *a*

October 16, 1931

Mrs. Margaret Busch,  
627 State Street,  
Emporia, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it will be appreciated if you will advise whether or not the late 1st Lieutenant Ralph S. Busch is survived by a step-mother or any woman who stood in loco parentis to him for five years prior to his reaching the age of eighteen.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:  
Envelope.  
KL

*SPK*

Busch, Ralph S. E 11th Inf. 1st Lt. Kansas

KC 35964

widow sailed

date of Mother's death

died before vet. - no date

S-M-

~~Father~~

J. V. Busch

Wakefield - Kans.

no correspondence  
from anyone except W,

ORGANIZATION

FILE NO.

| SURNAME | SERIAL NO. | FIRST NAME AND INITIALS | RANK |
|---------|------------|-------------------------|------|
|         |            |                         |      |

DIED—(DATE)

(CAUSE)

BURIED AND REBURIED

| DATE  | PLACE | FORM #1-A NO. |
|-------|-------|---------------|
| ORIG. |       | D—            |
| REB.  |       | D—            |
| REB.  |       | D—            |
| REB.  |       | D—            |

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G. R. S. Form 127.  
ORGANIZATION INDEX.

NAME Busch, Mrs. Margaret

N

ADDRESS 627 State St., Emporia, Kansas

BUSCH, RALPH S. DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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

I BEG TO INFORM YOU THAT I HAVE RETURNED

TO MY HOME SAFELY AND IN GOOD HEALTH, and very grateful  
to every one in charge of the Pilgrimage

SINCERELY,

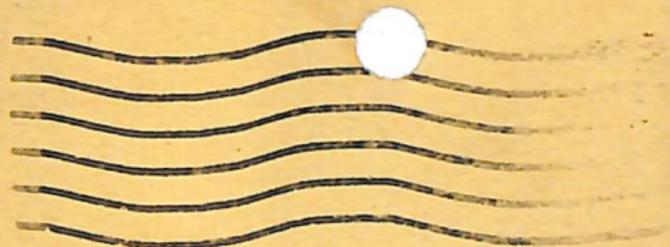
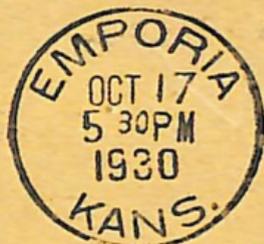
(SIGNED) Margaret Busch.

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WAR DEPARTMENT

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300.

=====  
OFFICIAL BUSINESS



PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

STATE

Busch, Ralph N S.

KANSAS

<sup>W</sup>  
 NAME Busch, Mrs. Margaret HOME ADDRESS 627 State St., Emporia  
 Lyon County

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN Mrs W Martin 85 Washington St  
 E. Orange, N.J.

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE July 25 HOTEL Commodore ROOM NO. 889

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE JUL 26 1920 VESSEL S/S REPUBLIC CABIN NO. 101B

DESTINATION CHERBOURG CEMETERY O. A.

RETURN NEW YORK

AUG 27 1930

DATE .....

W.

NAME ..... BUSCH, MRS. MARGARET ..... HOME ADDRESS 627 STATE ST. EMPORIA

LYON COUNTY.  
KANSAS. *Ed room.*

RETURN ON S. S. *S/S HARDING* ..... HOTEL *NEW YORKER* ..... ROOM NO. ....

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE .....

ROAD ..... TRAIN ..... CAR ..... BERTH or SEAT .....

REMARKS ..... *New York City* .....

*Puttsburg - Chicago.*

*Released in NY*

2717

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RETURN RECEIPT

*Regentia 7-26-30*

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

*Mrs. Margaret Bush*

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery,

~~JUL 10 1930~~

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Form 3811

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DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE ONLY

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

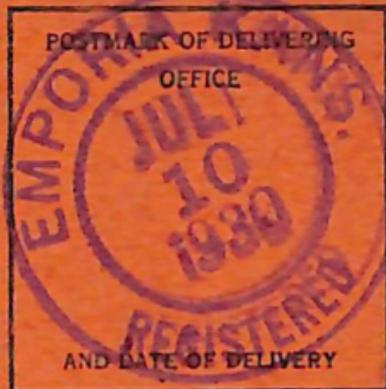
PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 923890

INSURED PARCEL

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



Return to Q. M. GENERAL.

Street and Number, }  
or Post Office Box, }  
MUNITIONS BUILDING

Post Office at \_\_\_\_\_

Rev. 3-24

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State Washington, D. C.

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RETURN RECEIPT.

Republic 7-26-30

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

Mrs. Margaret Busch

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery,

7/7

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Form 3811

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Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 923745

INSURED PARCEL

No.

Return to

Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

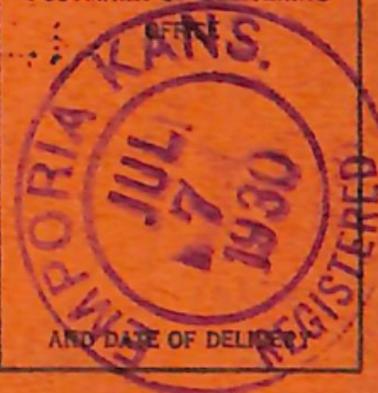
Street and Number,  
or Post Office Box,

MUNITIONS BUILDING

WASHINGTON

D. C.

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Busch, Ralph S. - 608 W

July 3, 1930

Mrs. Margaret Busch  
627 State Street  
Emporia, Kansas

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. ~~843,282~~ in the amount of \$20.00, to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST THIS CHECK BE CASHED AND USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED.

If for any reason, you are not able to sail on the date mentioned in your invitation, the check must be returned to this office immediately.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl.  
Check No.

XXXX 1-1

Busch, Ralph S. - 608

June 25, 1930.

Mrs. Margaret Busch,  
627 State Street,  
Emporia, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

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

|              |       |             |          |         |
|--------------|-------|-------------|----------|---------|
| Lv. Emporia  | AT&SF | Train No. 2 | 4:45 PM  | July 22 |
| Ar. Chicago  | "     | " " "       | 8:30 AM  | " 23    |
| Lv. Chicago  | NYC   | " " 10      | 10:35 AM | " "     |
| Ar. New York | "     | " " 142     | 3:40 PM  | " 24    |

(Grand Central Station)

All railroad employees have been instructed by their officials to see that you are shown every courtesy and given assistance, particularly at points where it is necessary to change cars.

Should you not receive your ticket six days before the date shown for your departure please take up at once with the ticket agent and if he does not have your ticket, telegraph this office, collect, to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-M  
Busch, Ralph S. 808 W

June 17, 1930

Mrs. Margaret Busch,  
627 State Street,  
Emporia, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

There is returned, herewith, your invitation to sail on the SS "Republic", July 26, 1930, to visit the grave of your husband, the late Ralph S. Busch, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

Your invitation was apparently forwarded at first to our New York office through some misunderstanding.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

EL  
Enclosure:  
Invitation.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
"PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"

----- ROOM 901 -----  
225 WEST 34TH ST., NEW YORK, N.Y.

File 201 - Busch, Mrs. Margaret

June 9th, 1930.

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TO: The Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

*Ralph S. Busch*

*608 -*

*Emporia Kansas*

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For Officer In Charge:



*George F. R. Taylor*

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

1 Incl:  
Invitation

QM 295 A-C  
Busch, Ralph S. 608 W

June 4, 1930

Mrs. Margaret Busch,  
627 State Street,  
Emporia, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated May 26, 1930, referring to your letter of May 13 regarding your pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, sailing on the S.S. Republic July 26, 1930.

Please be advised that on May 26 letter from this office was mailed to you giving advice as to your daughter accompanying you and stating that stop-overs could be arranged for you at New York City, Pittsburgh and Chicago on your return trip only.

At New York it is suggested that you make your own arrangements for a side trip to East Orange, New Jersey and return to New York. The cost for the round trip rail transportation will be approximately \$1.00 which must be paid from your personal funds. No additional charge is involved due to pullman accommodations for this side trip.

There will be no additional rail charges due to these stop-overs, other than for the side trip to East Orange. However, there will be an additional charge of approximately \$2.00 for pullman accommodations which must be paid by you at the time you receive your return transportation in New York City as advised in letter to you dated May 26, 1930.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Lyon Co.

627 State Street  
Emporia, Kansas  
May 26, 1930

Republic

Quartermaster General July 26<sup>th</sup>  
Washington, D. C.  
2M 293 a-c  
Busch, Ralph S. 608 W

My dear Sir;

I have received no reply to my request for a ten day stopover with my sister in Chicago, two days in Pittsburgh, and ten days with my sister in East Orange <sup>before sailing</sup>. If it is not possible to grant me these stopovers before sailing, may I have eight days in East Orange and five in Chicago on my return trip? I also made inquiry about the possibility of routing my daughter for this trip.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Busch



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

May 20, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Busch, Ralph S. -608 W  
Republic7-26

Mrs. Margaret Busch,  
627 State Street,  
Emporia, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Mrs. Wayne J. Martin  
Name

85 Washington St., East Orange, New Jersey  
Address

*Noted*

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



Encl.  
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*In case Mrs. Martin is out of the city please notify Mr. A. W. Edwards Junction City, Kansas R. R. #1.*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Busch, Ralph S. 608 W

May 20, 1930.

Mrs. Margaret Busch,  
627 State St.,  
Emporia, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Republic ✓

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608

Busch, Ralph S.

I accept also by letter 5/13/30  
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. Margaret Busch

(Name)

627 State St., Emporia, Lyon Co., Kans.

(Town or City)

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QN 293 A-C  
Busch, Ralph S. 608 W

May 26, 1930.

Mrs. Margaret Busch  
627 State Street  
Emporia, Kansas

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 13, 1930, inquiring as to whether or not your daughter could accompany you on the pilgrimage to the grave of your husband, the late First Lieutenant Ralph S. Busch, in Europe.

Under the law providing for this pilgrimage, the Government cannot bear any part of the expense of relative or friend accompanying you nor can it make any arrangements for him. This must be entirely a personal matter.

It may be possible for your daughter to secure accommodations on the same ship and possibly at the same hotels in New York and Paris, but in view of the limited accommodations you could not travel to the cemetery together and it is doubtful if she could secure accommodations in the same town near the cemetery. The Government can assume no responsibility for relatives or friends accompanying pilgrims and they must not expect medical or other assistance from the Government or to be included in official tours paid for by the Government.

Therefore, in view of the foregoing, it is impracticable for you to consider taking your daughter on the pilgrimage.

In compliance with your request to be allowed to sail at an earlier date, you are advised that reservations made for you to sail on the SS "America", August 27, 1930, have been cancelled, and an invitation to sail with the group leaving July 26, 1930 on the SS "Republic" has been issued. Said group will return to New York on August 27, 1930.

QM 295 A-C  
Busch, Ralph S. 608 W

In connection with your inquiry as to whether or not you would be allowed to make stop-overs in Chicago, Pittsburg, and New York, you are advised that there is no provision of law which would permit the Government to advance the date on the railroad ticket to New York, to any mother or widow, prior to the time she is to depart from her home to embark on the pilgrimage. You are scheduled to arrive in New York one day before sailing for Europe which may prove advantageous to you. If you so desire, stop-overs in Chicago, Pittsburg, and New York upon your return from Europe may be permitted, inasmuch as this could in no way interfere with the orderly conduct of the pilgrimages.

In this connection, you are advised that there will be no additional rail charge, other than \$2.00 Pullman fare to be paid on leaving New York.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Rep. July 26<sup>th</sup>

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Lynn W.

627 State Street  
Emporia Kansas  
May 13, 1930

Quartermaster General  
Washington, D. C.  
(2M 293 a-c  
Busch, Ralph S. - 608W)

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~~July 27~~

Dear Sir,

accepts

Republic July 26.

I wish to take my twelve  
year old daughter with me on  
my pilgrimage to the Cemetery  
in Europe where the remains of  
my husband are interred. Will  
you please tell me whether  
it will be possible for her to be  
routed with me on the whole  
journey? I have been told  
that she would not be allowed  
to make the journey from Paris  
to the cemetery with me. If she

is likely to be separated from me at any time, I cannot consider taking her. Can you also tell me what the expense for her trip would be?

If it is possible for me to be scheduled to sail at a date early enough for me to return to the United States on September first, I shall appreciate the accommodation very much. I shall either teach or attend college, so it is quite essential that I should be here September first.

May I have a ten day stop-over in Chicago, Illinois, two days in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and ten days in New York, New York before sailing?

yours truly  
(Mrs.) Margaret Busch

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Declines by letter

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Busch, R. ph S.

I accept  
(Accept or decline)

the invitation extended

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.

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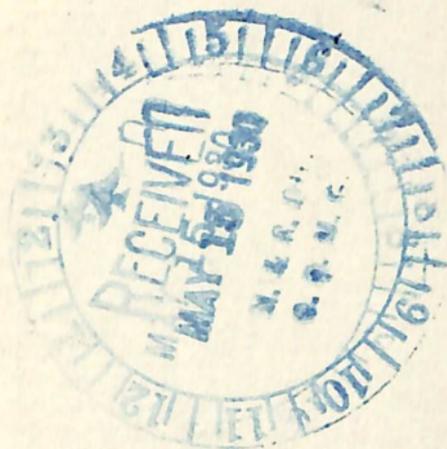
Mrs. Margaret Busch

(Name)

627 State St., Emporia, Lyon County, Kansas.

(Town or City)

(State)



QM 293 A-C  
Busch, Ralph S.

December 4, 1929.

Mrs. Margaret Busch,  
627 State Street,  
Emporia, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 29, 1929, relative to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act of March 2, 1929.

Any arrangements which you desire to make for your daughter to visit the grave of her father, the late Lt. Ralph S. Busch in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery in France, must be made by you personally.

You will be advised the date of your sailing and the name of the vessel far enough in advance, it is believed, to permit you to communicate with the steamship company in an effort to secure accommodations for her on the same boat.

No data has been assembled by this office as to the probable cost to individuals making the trip at their own expense. It is therefore impossible to advise you what the cost of your daughter's trip will be.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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627 State Street,  
Emporia, Kansas.  
November 29, 1929.

Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir;

If I make the pilgrimage to the grave of my husband, Lieutenant Ralph S. Busch, may my twelve year old daughter accompany me? Please inform me concerning the expense for her on the boat and the tour in France?

Truly yours,

Mrs. Margaret Busch.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Busch, Ralph S 608 -W

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Margaret Busch,  
627 State Street,  
Emporia, Kansas.

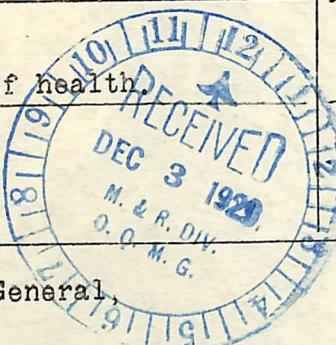
Dated  
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Dear Madam:

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)      ( <del>No</del> )<br><i>If my daughter may accompany</i>                   |
| 2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?  | (Yes)      ( <del>No</del> )  |
| 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? | ( <del>Yes</del> )      (No)  |
| 4. Please give your age and state of health   | Age <u>39</u> Health<br>(Years)      (Good)      ( <del>Poor</del> )                  |
| 5. What language do you speak?  | English - (Yes)      ( <del>No</del> )<br>Other language<br>(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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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Busch, Ralph S.  
608

Aug. 28, 1929.

Mrs. Margaret Busch,  
RR#1,  
Junction City, Kans.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 21, 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:

*Mrs. Margaret Busch,  
627 State Street,  
Emporia, Kansas*

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 deceased*

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

*Yes, if my daughter may  
accompany me*

For The Quartermaster General

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
~~Busch, Ralph S.~~

June 21, 1929.

Mrs. Margaret Busch,  
R. R. #1,  
Junction City, Kansas.

627 State St.  
Emporia, Kansas  
(note)

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 widow of the late **First Lieutenant Ralph S. Busch, Co. E, 111th Inf.** whose remains are now interred in the **Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.**

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother 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.

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relationship is that of a stepmother, mother through adoption or a woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. In case you have remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Act of Congress.  
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QM 293 A-M  
Busch, Ralph S. (OA) a

October 29, 1931

Mrs. Margaret Busch,  
627 State Street,  
Emporia, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 19th advising that the late 1st Lieutenant Ralph S. Busch is not survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him for five years prior to his reaching the age of eighteen.

However, you neglected to advise whether or not this late soldier is survived by a stepmother, and it will be appreciated if you will furnish this information, in order that the records may be completed.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M  
Busch, Ralph S. (OA) *a*

October 16, 1931

Mrs. Margaret Busch,  
627 State Street,  
Emporia, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it will be appreciated if you will advise whether or not the late 1st Lieutenant Ralph S. Busch is survived by a step-mother or any woman who stood in loco parentis to him for five years prior to his reaching the age of eighteen.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Busch, Ralph S. - 608

June 25, 1930.

Mrs. Margaret Busch,  
627 State Street,  
Emporia, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

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

|              |       |             |          |         |
|--------------|-------|-------------|----------|---------|
| Lv. Emporia  | AT&SF | Train No. 2 | 4:45 PM  | July 22 |
| Ar. Chicago  | "     | " " "       | 8:30 AM  | " 23    |
| Lv. Chicago  | NYC   | " " 10      | 10:35 AM | " "     |
| Ar. New York | "     | " " 142     | 3:40 PM  | " 24    |

(Grand Central Station)

All railroad employees have been instructed by their officials to see that you are shown every courtesy and given assistance, particularly at points where it is necessary to change cars.

Should you not receive your ticket six days before the date shown for your departure please take up at once with the ticket agent and if he does not have your ticket, telegraph this office, collect, to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 295 A-M  
Busch, Ralph S. 608 W

June 17, 1930

Mrs. Margaret Busch,  
627 State Street,  
Emporia, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

There is returned, herewith, your invitation to sail on the SS "Republic", July 26, 1930, to visit the grave of your husband, the late Ralph S. Busch, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

Your invitation was apparently forwarded at first to our New York office through some misunderstanding.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

J. D. M. G. M. & DIV.

Enclosure:  
Invitation.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Busch, Ralph S. 508-W.

June 12, 1920.

Mrs Margaret Busch,  
527 State St.,  
Emporia Kansas.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-C  
Busch, Ralph S. 608 W

June 4, 1930

Mrs. Margaret Busch,  
627 State Street,  
Emporia, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated May 26, 1930, referring to your letter of May 15 regarding your pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, sailing on the S.S. Republic July 26, 1930. *See Case file*

Please be advised that on May 26 letter from this office was mailed to you giving advice as to your daughter accompanying you and stating that stop-overs could be arranged for you at New York City, Pittsburgh and Chicago on your return trip only.

At New York it is suggested that you make your own arrangements for a side trip to East Orange, New Jersey and return to New York. The cost for the round trip rail transportation will be approximately \$1.00 which must be paid from your personal funds. No additional charge is involved due to pullman accommodations for this side trip.

There will be no additional rail charges due to these stop-overs, other than for the side trip to East Orange. However, there will be an additional charge of approximately \$2.00 for pullman accommodations which must be paid by you at the time you receive your return transportation in New York City as advised in letter to you dated May 26, 1930.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 295 A-C  
Busch, Ralph S. 608 W

May 26 1930.

Mrs. Margaret Busch  
627 State Street  
Euporia, Kansas

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 13, 1930, inquiring as to whether or not your daughter could accompany you on the pilgrimage to the grave of your husband, the late First Lieutenant Ralph S. Busch, in Europe.

Under the law providing for this pilgrimage, the Government cannot bear any part of the expense of relative or friend accompanying you nor can it make any arrangements for him. This must be entirely a personal matter.

It may be possible for your daughter to secure accommodations on the same ship and possibly at the same hotels in New York and Paris, but in view of the limited accommodations you could not travel to the cemetery together and it is doubtful if she could secure accommodations in the same town near the cemetery. The Government can assume no responsibility for relatives or friends accompanying pilgrims and they must not expect medical or other assistance from the Government or to be included in official tours paid for by the Government.

Therefore, in view of the foregoing, it is impracticable for you to consider taking your daughter on the pilgrimage.

In compliance with your request to be allowed to sail at an earlier date, you are advised that reservations made for you to sail on the SS "America", August 27, 1930, have been cancelled, and an invitation to sail with the group leaving July 26, 1930 on the SS "Republic" has been issued. Said group will return to New York on August 27, 1930.

QM 295 A-C  
Busch, Ralph S. 608 W

In connection with your inquiry as to whether or not you would be allowed to make stop-overs in Chicago, Pittsburg, and New York, you are advised that there is no provision of law which would permit the Government to advance the date on the railroad ticket to New York, to any mother or widow, prior to the time she is to depart from her home to embark on the pilgrimage. You are scheduled to arrive in New York one day before sailing for Europe which may prove advantageous to you. If you so desire, stop-overs in Chicago, Pittsburg, and New York upon your return from Europe may be permitted, inasmuch as this could in no way interfere with the orderly conduct of the pilgrimages.

In this connection, you are advised that there will be no additional rail charge, other than \$2.00 Pullman fare to be paid on leaving New York.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

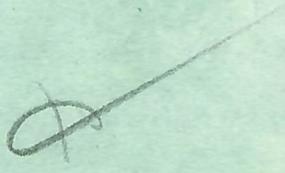
A. D. HUGHES,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 20, 1930.

Busch, Ralph S. 608 W

Mrs. Margaret Busch,  
627 State St.,  
Emporia, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

May 20, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Busch, Ralph S. -608 W  
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Mrs. Margaret Busch,  
627 State Street,  
Emporia, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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Name

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Address

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,  
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

April 30, 1930.

Busch, Ralph S.-608 W

Mrs. Margaret Busch,  
627 State Street,  
Dear Madam:  
Emporia, Kansas.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.  
Regulation.

QM 293 A-C  
Busch, Ralph S.

December 4, 1929.

Mrs. Margaret Busch,  
627 State Street,  
Emporia, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 29, 1929, relative to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act of March 2, 1929.

Any arrangements which you desire to make for your daughter to visit the grave of her father, the late Lt. Ralph S. Busch in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery in France, must be made by you personally.

You will be advised the date of your sailing and the name of the vessel far enough in advance, it is believed, to permit you to communicate with the steamship company in an effort to secure accommodations for her on the same boat.

No data has been assembled by this office as to the probable cost to individuals making the trip at their own expense. It is therefore impossible to advise you what the cost of your daughter's trip will be.

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

October 7, 1929.

Busch, Ralph S 608 -W

Mrs. Margaret Busch,  
627 State Street,  
Emporia, Kansas.

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<br>(Years)  | Health<br>(Good) (Poor) |
| 5. What language do you speak?  | English - (Yes) (No)<br>Other language<br>(Specify language spoken) |                         |

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Act  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Busch, Ralph S.  
608

Aug. 28, 1929.

Mrs. Margaret Busch,  
RR#1,  
Junction City, Kans.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 21, 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 DM 893 Actoph S.

June <sup>21</sup>, 1929.

Mrs. Margaret Busch,  
R. R. #1,  
Junction City, Kansas.

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 widow of the ~~late~~ **First Lieutenant Ralph S. Busch, Co. E, 11th Inf. whose remains are interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.**

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother 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.

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relationship is that of a stepmother, mother through adoption or a woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. In case you have remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

5. Buried in cemetery at junction of road about 203.2-284 Fismes Map  
 Aug. 10-12th, 1918

|                           |         |            |           |            |
|---------------------------|---------|------------|-----------|------------|
| <del>Busch, William</del> | Co. F   | 111th Inf. |           | 1st Lieut. |
| Couplin, James E.         | Hq. Co. | 111th Inf. | 564,302   | Sergeant   |
| Cmo, Paul L.              | Co. F   | 111th Inf. | 1,244,469 | Private    |
| Baran, John               | Co. E   | 111th Inf. | 1,244,529 | Private    |
| Galczyn, Ludwig           | Co. E   | 111th Inf. | 1,244,221 | Private.   |

6. Other known dead, unburied as far as known.

|                       |       |            |           |              |
|-----------------------|-------|------------|-----------|--------------|
| Beck, William E.      |       |            | 2,261,796 |              |
| Summerfield, Henry G  | Co. G | 111th Inf. | 1,244,723 | 1st Cl. Pvt. |
| Camali, Giovanni      | Co. G | 111th Inf. | 1,851,976 | Private      |
| Hadstrom, Esafase,    | Co. G | 111th Inf. | 2,139,056 | Private      |
| Signoralle, John      | Co. G | 111th Inf. | 1,244,822 | Private      |
| Becker, Henry J.      | Co. E | 111th Inf. | 1,850,492 | Private      |
| Casey, Clifton N      | Co. E | 111th Inf. | 1,244,268 | Corporal     |
| Hoffman, Vernon C.    | Co. E | 111th Inf. | 1,244,305 | Private      |
| Schneider, Clarence G | Co. E | 111th Inf. | 1,244,190 | Corporal     |
| Pfleger, Norman C     | Co. F | 111th Inf. | 1,244,393 | Private      |

(Signed)

Charles C. Conaty, Chaplain  
 2nd Battalion, 111th Inf.

C O P Y  
 Headquarters, 2nd Battalion, 111th Inf.,  
 American Expeditionary Forces.

Aug. 18th, 1918

From: Chaplain Charles C. Conaty  
 To: Central Records Office, Adj. General's Dept., A.E.F.  
 Subject: Record of Burials and Deaths.

1. Buried at 202.8-286.6 Fismes Map, about ten yards north of bank of Rheims railroad, ten yards West of edge of woods, forty yards north-west of culvert under railroad. Aug. 12th/'18.

| Name                | Company | Regiment   | Number    | Rank    |
|---------------------|---------|------------|-----------|---------|
| Phillips, Ernest    | Co. F   | 111th Inf. | 1,245,171 | Private |
| Watson, Albert A    | Co. H   | 111th Inf. | 1,245,075 | Private |
| Petrarcio, Domenico | Co. H   | 111th Inf. | 1,851,977 | Private |
| Skalsky, John       | Co. G   | 111th Inf. | 1,849,043 | Private |
| Zmedzinski, John    | Co. G   | 111th Inf. | 1,244,729 | Private |
| Lazar, Morris       | Co. G   | 111th Inf. | 1,244,798 | Private |
| Hovenshine, Edward  | Co. K   | 111th Inf. | 1,245,497 | Private |
| Tavalato, Vincent   | Co. K   | 111th Inf. |           | Private |
| Elliott, Paul       | Co. K   | 111th Inf. | 1,245,423 | Private |
| Barnes, Frank T.    | Co. H   | 111th Inf. | 1,244,879 | Private |
| Beshore, John       | Co. I   | 112th Inf. | 1,248,655 | Private |
| Paugh, John         | Co. I   | 112th Inf. | 2,217,082 | Private |
| Rhoades, Cecil      | Co. K   | 112th Inf. | 1,245,564 | Private |
| Mitchell, Emmitt E. | H.G.Co. | 58th Inf.  | 2,252,051 | Private |
| Steckwell, George   | Co. F   | 58th Inf.  | 560,611   | Private |
| Grover, Alva G.L.   | ?       |            | 2,099,873 |         |
| Weyher, Walter      |         |            | 2,109,800 |         |

2. Buried at 203.45-286.7 Fismes Map near unimproved road that runs north and south. Grave about sixty yards southeast of wall and fifty yards north of the river Vesle. Aug. 12th, '18

|                  |       |            |           |             |
|------------------|-------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| Mitchell, Milo C | Co. F | 111th Inf. | 1,244, 84 | 1st Cl Pvt. |
|------------------|-------|------------|-----------|-------------|

3. Buried at 203.5-286.9 Fismes Map about seventy-five yards south of Chateau-du-Diable along west side of trail, Aug 12th, '18

|                |       |            |           |         |
|----------------|-------|------------|-----------|---------|
| Fisher, Albert | Co. E | 111th Inf. | 1,242,951 | Private |
| Herron, Thomas | Co. E | 111th Inf. | 1,244,302 | Private |

4. Buried in field about 203.5-285 Fismes Map Aug. 12/'18

|                   |       |            |  |         |
|-------------------|-------|------------|--|---------|
| Leedon, Horace S. | Co. A | 109th Inf. |  | Private |
|-------------------|-------|------------|--|---------|

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Place Chery-Chartreuve (Aisne)

Date May 20/19

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: <sup>S.</sup> Ralph ~~V.~~ Busch

Number: None

Rank: <sup>1st</sup> 2nd.Lt

Organization: Co. E. 111th. Inf.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group 1 Unit 304

Disinterred (Date) May 20/19 From: (Give complete location)

From Grave 236 Cemetery #21 -Forsberg.

#33 SE N282.4 E200.8

*Chery Chartreuve #656*

Reburied (Date) May 20/19 in: (Give complete location)

Grave # 42 Section M. Cemetery #21 Fismes (Marne)

Map #34 Reims. SW. 286.25N-205.75E

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

Buried 5 feet deep--- Body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes and one on cross.

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

CONFIRMED No. D 20641

Note:

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

Supervised by: Cpl C.A. Gammon

1st.Lt. Oscar W. Forsberg.

C.O. Group 1 Unit 304

Date May 20/19

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL



Number: None

Organization: Co. E. 11th Inf.

Unit 304

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group I

Disinterred (Date) May 20/19 From: (Give complete location)

From Grave 23C Cemetery 411-14th St.

Grave 23C 411-14th St.

Reburied (Date) May 20/19 in: (Give complete location)

Grave # 42 Section M, Cemetery 411-14th St. (Name)

Grave 42 Reims. SW. 23C-23B-23A

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

Buried 6 feet deep--- Body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes and one on cross.

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

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Dept direct, as is required by G.O. 170, E.H. S. 1918. After being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, attention thereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Sgt. J. G. ...  
C.O. ...

Supervised by: Col. G. A. ...

Busch,

(Surname.)

1st Lt

Ralph S.

(Christian name in full.)

Co. ~~H~~ 111 Inf. **E**

(Rank and organization.)

(Army serial number)

State your relationship to the deceased Wife

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? No.

(Yes or no.)

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

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

R. R. #1

Mrs. Margaret Busch,  
Junction City, Kansas.

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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BUSCH, Ralph S. - 1st Lt. <sup>QM. 293 A-C</sup>

October 8, 1924

Mrs. Margaret Busch,  
R.R. #1,  
Junction City, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

R.P. HARBOLD,  
Major, Q.M.C.,

Assistant.

✓ 1-Incl.  
Record card.



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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

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Date Nov 28, 1923

236 Busch, Ralph S.

SUBJECT: Information required for Cemeterial Division.

TO: The Adjutant General of the Army, World War Division, Washington, D.C.

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed:

- a. Surname Busch ✓
- b. Christian name Ralph S. ✓
- c. Serial number \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Organization Co. E, 111 Inf. ✓
- e. Rank 1st Lieut. ✓
- f. Date of death 8-11-18 ✓
- g. Cause of death KA
- h. Authority \_\_\_\_\_
- i. Emergency Address \_\_\_\_\_
- j. Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

✓ BODY DESCRIPTION:

- a. Date of enlistment Feb 13/17 *Comm. Aug 5/17*
- b. Age at enlistment 23 yrs.
- c. Color of hair Black
- d. Height 5 ft. 11 in
- e. Weight 153 lbs.
- f. Fractures or breaks None

✓ DENTAL CHARTS:

Mobilization.

Local Board.

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 Lower right            Lower left

*None. Enl. in W. S.*

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 Lower right            Lower left



For the Quartermaster General:

*Busch*

*Full  
11/3/23*

7 Received A. G. C NOV 28 1923

Assistant.

*R. L. F.*  
Robert C. Davis

Adj. Gen. per H. L. B.

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C<sup>o</sup> E. 111th Inf.  
28th Div.

BUSCH, Ralph S. 1st Lt.  
Home ?..

"Lt Busch has been killed, part of his head is blown off."

Killed Aug. 10/18 in advance toward Chateau Diable.

Buried Aug. 11th 1918, about ten yards in rear of location of  
Reg<sup>t</sup> Hdqrs."

Informant : Boyce Paden T. Cpl I244183  
C<sup>o</sup> E. 111th Inf.

Home : I203 Arch St. Pittsburg. Pa.

Searcher : Johnson, F.C. 1st Lt 111th Inf.

2/18/19

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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: Ralph S. Busch

Number: None

Rank: 2nd Lieut.

Organization: Co. E-111th Inf.

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Disinterment and Reburial made by Group 1 Unit 304

Disinterred (Date) Apr. 1, 1919 From: (Give complete location)

From 283.90 N 203.20 E Mt. St. Martin (Aisne)

Map #33 Soissons S.E. Disinterred from Cemetary #32 Mt St Martin (Aisne)

Grave #6

283.90 N 203.20 E

Reburied (Date) Apr. 1, 1919 In: (Give complete location)

Grave #236 Cemetary #21 Chery Chartreuve (Aisne)

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Map #33 Soissons S.E. 282.40 N 200.80 E

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

Buried 3 feet deep--- Very badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? None one on cross

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

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See 2064

Note:

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

Supervised by: Sgt. James E. Murff

1st. Lieut. Oscar W. Torsberg  
C.O. Group 1 Unit 304

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Date: April 1, 1919

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURYAL

Remains of:

Name: Ralph S. Beach

Number: None

Rank: 2nd Lieut.

Organization: Co. B-111th Inf.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group I Unit 304  
Disinterred (Date) April 1, 1919 From: (Give complete location):  
From 885.90 N 202.30 E Mt. St. Martin (Ala.)

Map #33 Sections 2, 3, 4 Disinterred from Cemetery #22 Mt. St. Martin (Ala.)

885.90 N 202.30 E

Grave #6

Reburied (Date) April 1, 1919 From: (Give complete location):

Grave #226 Cemetery #21 Cherty Chertrewe (Ala.)

Map #33 Sections 2, 3, 4 N 202.30 E

Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Buried in test deep - Very badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? None one on cross  
What other means of identification were found on the body? None

Note: If upon disinterment, effects are not found upon bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Dept. where an is reported by G. R. S. Form No. 10, after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, retention thereof will be made and reported to Chief, Gas and Registration Service.

Supervised by: Sgt. James R. Miller

1st Lieut. Oscar R. ...  
C. G. Group I Unit 304

McSweeney 8

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O. C. G. R. S.  
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# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

## I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #15259

(a) Name BUSCH, Ralph S. Ser. No. 0----  
 (b) Rank 1st Lieut. Organization Co. E, 111th Infantry  
 (c) Date of death 8/11/18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. DMA  
 CKR. DJ

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

(a) Grave No. 42 Row --- Plot 1 Sec. M TYP. DMA  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Margaret Busch (wife) RR #1, Junction City, Kans

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

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

Date of receipt — (7-15-19)

(a) Name Mrs Margaret Busch (b) Relationship wife  
 (c) Address R.R. 1 Junction City - Kan  
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no  
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at —

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. —

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

Examiner's Initials mf8 Date 10-1, 1920.

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

-----, dated -----  
 confirming request in Par. IV., item -----, above, or requesting that -----  
no com

Examiner's Initials mf8 Date 12-1, 1920.

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

address above 7-5-19 Requests photograph  
(more than one if possible) of grave of husband.

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes all

Examiner's Initials att Date 12-2-, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 617 SHEET No. 160

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

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

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on 12/22, 1920

*Paragraph 2 Not to be returned to*

IX.

**CORRECTIONS**

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*2076-71 Form 120 to Mrs. Margaret Busch, wife, next of kin, R.R.#1, Junction City, Kansas returned not filled out, but in accompanying letter states her wishes, that the body remain in France. H-223-21*

*2/28/21 Hoboken advises Widow her wish will be complied with*  
*H/12/21*

**FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN - BODY TO REMAIN IN EUROPE.**

**MAR 3 1921**

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G.R.S. FORM #114-A.

STATION Fismes Cty. 617.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Jan. 26, 1922.

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 BUSCH, Ralph S.  
 2. No. --  
 3. Rank 1st Lt.  
 4. Org. Co. E 111th Inf.  
 5. D.D. Aug. 11/18  
 6. C.D. KIA

10. Name None  
 11. No. -----  
 12. Rank -----  
 13. Org. -----  
 14. (a) D.D. -----  
 (b) D.B. -----

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 42 Sec. M  
 8. Plot 1 Row -----  
 9. -----

15. Grave No. ----- Sec. -----  
 16. Plot ----- Row -----  
 17. No disc.

18. Cemetery American  
 20. Dept. or County Marne  
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 617

19. Commune or town Fismes  
 21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) Jan. 26, 1922.

By C.J. Osgood

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Busch, Ralph S.  
 Rank 1st Lieut.

Serial No. --  
 Organization Co. E. 111th Inf.

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

*C. J. Osgood*  
 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).

Two catholic medals found on body and one broken corroded chain.  
See item #28. Row regular. See Remarks.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. recogn. on impossible.

28. Nature of burial In officers uniform (Lower part) and burlap. with officers boots.

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. 26, 1922. By C.J. Osgood

31. Casket sealed by C.J. Osgood

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

*C. J. Osgood*  
 C.J. Osgood

AUDITED BY  
 1025-28-24

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-22887

32. Designation of body:

Name Ralph S. BUSCH Serial No. --

Rank 1st. Lt. Organization Co. E 111th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne Amer. #608, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Jan. 26, 1922. By C.J. Osgood

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 O.E. Davis, 1st Lieut. QMC.

36. Remarks No evidence found on body to disprove identity.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

To point of Concentration \_\_\_\_\_ (Name)

Convoyer [Signature] Signature Shipping Officer

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_

By G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_

To Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne Amer. Cty. 608 SERINGES-et-NESLES, Aisne (Name)

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date FEB 3 1922

G.R.S. Representative H. H. Woods

41. Reinterred Aug. 16, 1922, Oise-Aisne Com. 608, Seringes et Nesles (Aisne)

(Date)

42. Grave No. 15 Section -----

43. Plot -BLOCK D Row 7

G.R.S. Representative [Signature]

C.J. Blake,  
Capt., QMC.

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Place Fismes Cty. 617.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Jan. 26, 1922.

1. REMAINS OF Busch, Ralph S. SERIAL NUMBER ---  
 RANK 1st Lt. ORGANIZATION Co. E. 111th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Jan. 26, 1922. From (give complete location): Gr. 42. Sec. M. Plot 1. Cty. 617.  
 By: Group 3 Unit F.S. #7.

3. Reburied (date): Aug. 16, 1922, In (give complete location): Gr. 15, Block D, Row 7, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes et Nesles (Aisne)  
 By: Group re-burial group Unit ----- Nature of reburial Lined casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Body badly decomposed. Recognition impossible. Buried in Officers uniform (lower part) and burlap, with officers boots.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:  
Two catholic medals found on body and one broken corroded chain. See item #4. Row regular. No evidence found on body to disprove identity.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Unable to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Hair—Color \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Characteristics \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Hair on face—Color \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) None

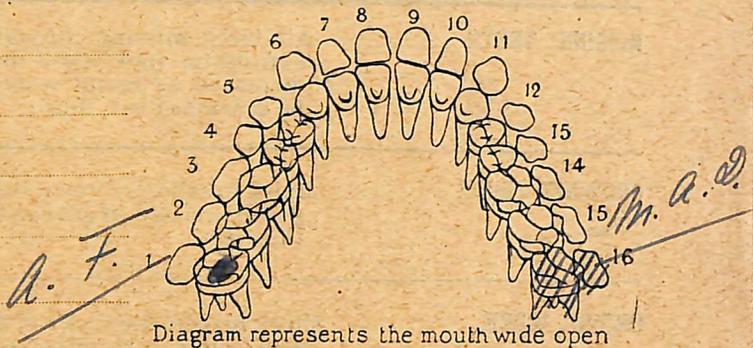
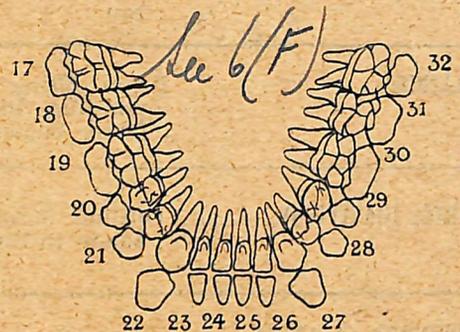


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



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

Lower jaw missing. Rear of skull shattered.

7. Disinterment supervised by C. J. Osgood

Approved: O. E. Davis  
 (Title) 1st Lieut. MC.

8. Reburial supervised by H. D. Rays

Approved: O. J. Blake  
 (Title) Capt., QMC.

## 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 11-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Question 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

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

|                   |   |  |
|-------------------|---|--|
| MISSING TEETH     | All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :             |  |
| CROWNED TEETH     | Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :  |  |
| BRIDGE WORK       | Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus :   |  |
| FILLINGS          | Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :  |  |
| CARIES (CAVITIES) | Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :  |  |
| DENTURES (PLATES) | Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp" |  |

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

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

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #15259

(a) Name BUSCH, Ralph S. Ser. No. 8-444  
 (b) Rank 1st Lieut. Organization Co. E, 111th Infantry TYP DMA  
 Cause of death K/A *rk (12-7)*  
 (c) Date of death 8/11/18 death

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

(a) Grave No. 42 Row --- Plot 1 Sect. M TYP IMA  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Margaret Busch (wife) RR #1, Junction City, Kans

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases ----- CKR *173*

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

*U.S. Mrs. Margaret Busch - wife - RR #1  
 Junction City - Kansas - does not  
 desire return of remains B. 1-7-21*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on ----- 192  
 (Letter of transmittal on 1/22 1920)

*Paragraph 2  
 Not to be returned B*

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S.Hoboken, N.J. JAN 18 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. MAR 3 1921 192

February 28, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div.Cor.Br.  
(BUSCH, Ralph S. )

Mrs. Margaret Busch,  
Junction City, Kansas.

Dear Madam:-

Receipt of your letter of February 7th, relative to the disposition of remains of your husband the late Ralph S. Busch, 1st Lieutenant, Co. E. 111th Infantry is hereby acknowledged.

You are advised that your wishes will be complied with and the body left in France in a permanent American Cemetery under the constant care and supervision of our Government.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Quartermaster Corps.  
Officer in charge.

By:

J. F. BUELER,  
1st Lieut. Infantry.

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Noted on Form No. 115  
Date 4/12/21 J.F.P.

Date 11/13/51  
Noted on Form No. 112

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COB BL' C. E. S.  
MAY 8 1951  
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For [unclear] [unclear]  
1. [unclear]

By:

Office in [unclear]  
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
[unclear]

By agreement of the [unclear] [unclear]

Statement  
Generally under the contract with the [unclear] of [unclear]  
at [unclear] the [unclear] [unclear] in [unclear] in a [unclear] [unclear]  
[unclear] the [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

Statement  
Under the [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
the [unclear] [unclear] of [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
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Date [unclear]

Signature of [unclear]  
[unclear] [unclear]

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Junction City, Kans.  
Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, 1921

Chief, Cemeterial Div., O. S. M. G.  
Hoboken, N. J.

My dear Sir;—

As I understand  
the sheet mailed  
me from your  
office, if I wish  
the remains of 1<sup>st</sup>  
Lt. Ralph S. Busch,

Co. E, 111<sup>th</sup> Inf. to  
remain in France  
I need not fill  
out the sheet, with  
that understanding  
I am returning  
it as sent to me,  
for I wish for his  
remains to be left  
in France,

Sincerely  
Mrs. Margaret Busch.

FEB 14 1921



GRAND ORGANIZATION SERVICE  
CORRESPONDENCE BRANCH

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

CEMETERIAL DIVISION

WASHINGTON

Hoboken, N. J.

JUN 26 1921

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

To: Mrs. Margaret Busch, R.R. #1, Junction City, Kansas.

SUBJECT: Remains of 1st Lt. Ralph S. Busch, Ser. No. ---, Co. E, 111th Inf.

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above-named soldier remain in Europe. (see letter)

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

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

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

Was soldier married?

| NAME OF--                                   | NO. AND STREET. | TOWN. | STATE. |
|---|-----------------|-------|--------|
| Soldier's widow                             |                 |       |        |
| Soldier's children.<br>(Name oldest first.) | 1               |       |        |
|   | 2               |       |        |
|   | 3               |       |        |
| Father                                      |                 |       |        |
| Mother                                      |                 |       |        |
| Brothers.<br>(Name oldest first.)           | 1               |       |        |
|   | 2               |       |        |
|   | 3               |       |        |
| Sisters.<br>(Name oldest first.)            | 1               |       |        |
|   | 2               |       |        |
|   | 3               |       |        |

Noted 7/15  
5/23/21/mmc

Date

Signature

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Address

Relationship

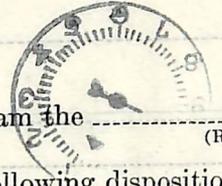
IMPORTANT.—CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.

Address

Relationship

Date

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I, the undersigned, am the \_\_\_\_\_ and nearest living next of kin of the within-named soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz: (Strike out all except one showing the disposition desired.)

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.
2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to \_\_\_\_\_ (Name.)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (R. R. station.) \_\_\_\_\_ (State.)
3. To be returned to the U. S. and buried in \_\_\_\_\_ National Cemetery.
4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Soldier's initials \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instructions for the disposition of a body are not received from the next of kin within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.
2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.
3. This paper **MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT OF KIN IN THE ORDER** shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.
4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest next of kin in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.
6. If YOU are not the nearest next of kin, please ask the nearest next of kin, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
7. If YOU are not the nearest living next of kin and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.
8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

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

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File No.....

Busch, William - 1st Lieut.

Co. F, 111th Inf.

Date of Death

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File No

Date Buried 8-(10-12)-18

Cemetery C 203.2-284 Fismes Map

1

Grave No: Sect:

2

Commune (No.

1

Dept

23

Sheet

Coordinates

2

Remarks: (See letter for landmarks

descriptive of grave location)

ST GILLES (MARNE)

78 SHT 34 S. 14 COORD E 203.2  
78 CROSS ED BD N 284.4

Ident. Tag on Gr. mkr. b.w.b.

Authority: Let. 8-16-18

Chaplain Chas. C. Conaty, 2nd Bat., 111th Inf.

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Annual List No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Report No. \_\_\_\_\_

Adjusted Made

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File No. 15259

WAR DEPARTMENT

Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington

FROM: C.Q.M.G.  
CEMETERY DIVISION  
Munitions Building  
Room 1128

PLEASE EXPEDITE

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

Date Dec. 2, 1920

*Special*

File No. Requisition.

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemetery Division)  
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 *Busch* ✓
- b. Christian name *Ralph S.* ✓
- c. Serial Number *---*
- d. Organization *Co. E. 111th Inf. or Co. H. 111th Inf.* ✓
- e. Rank *1st Lieut.* ✓
- f. Date of death *8-11-18* ✓
- g. Cause of death *K/A* ✓
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- i. Emergency address
- j. Relationship

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

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

DENTAL CHARTS  
(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

a. Strike out teeth missing

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FILE

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

BY: *H. J. Conner*  
H. J. CONNER,  
1st. Lieut. Q.M.G.

CEMETERY NO: 617  
SHEET NO: 160  
TYPED BY: FFD

S/713/LML

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

Date Dec. 2, 1920

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File No. Requisition.

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)  
To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.  
Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

- a. Surname Busch ✓
- b. Christian name Ralph S. ✓
- c. Serial Number - - -
- d. Organization Co. E. 111th Inf. or Co. H. 111th Inf. ✓
- e. Rank 1st Lieut. ✓
- f. Date of death 8-11-18 ✓
- g. Cause of death K/A ✓
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- i. Emergency address
- j. Relationship

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Co E 111 Inf is correct.

FILE

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

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

DENTAL CHARTS  
(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

a. Strike out teeth missing

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
upper right upper left

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
lower right lower left

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

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

CEMETERY NO: 617

SHEET NO: 160  
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- f. Relationship \_\_\_\_\_
- g. Emergency address \_\_\_\_\_
- h. Authority (C.O.S.) \_\_\_\_\_
- i. Cause of death \_\_\_\_\_
- j. Date of death 4-11-18 \_\_\_\_\_

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION  
(See page 2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age of enlistment \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Color of eyes \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Color of hair \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Height \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Weight \_\_\_\_\_

1. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

PHYSICAL CHARTS  
(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

a. Strike out teeth missing

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upper right upper left

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September 5th. 1919

Mrs. Margast Busch.  
Junction City.  
Kans.

Dear Madam,

In reply to your letter dated July 5th, I beg to inform you that the photographs of graves in France are being distributed automatically to nearest relatives as recorded in the War Department.

It is impossible to hasten the distribution of these photographs as they are handled in the order in which they are received from France. I may inform you, however, that 95% of the graves have now been photographed. There is some little congestion in the laboratory in France, owing to the abnormal number of photographs being turned in, but the latest information is to the effect that these will all be handled and despatched here within a week or two. Three photographs are forwarded to each nearest relative.

Very truly yours,

Maurice B. Dix.  
Director of Photography.  
Graves Registration Service.

MBD/mj.

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Junction City, Kans.

July 5, 1919

Red Cross National Headquarters,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir, -

I wish to file application for a photograph of the grave of Ralph S. Busch, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. Co. E, 111<sup>th</sup> Inf. Am advised by Chief, Graves Registration Service that he is buried at Mont St-Martin, Aisne, France.

Is it possible to secure  
more than one photograph

I thank you  
kindly.

Mrs. Margast Busch.

