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G.R.S. Form #114 B

To The A. C. C.

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MAR 10 1922

DATE 3/18/22.

1. NAME ~~XBUTLER~~ Butler, David W

SERIAL No. 2160638

RANK Pvt

ORGANIZATION Co.H.132nd Inf

DIVISION 33

GRAVE LOCATION Amer. Cty. Ancemont, Meuse

548

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

24

1

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

18 Not known. Plot B. Ancemont Meuse

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES

Not of record.

CONCENTRATED TO

4-28-21

24

Plot 1

Not known.

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER #548

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

DATE OF DEATH

Oct 12, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

Missouri

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

April 29, 1921.

24.

Ancemont Cem. 548.

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

Disinterred from Gr.13, same cemetery.

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

Wm M. Cline

Wm M. CLINE
Captain Q.M.C.

fig.2.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION

3/18/22.

17

7

B.

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

Block

PLOT

AUDITED BY

M.M.E.
2-19-23

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

CEMETERY

MAR 17 A.C.C.
WORLD WAR DIV.

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

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.
2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.
3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.
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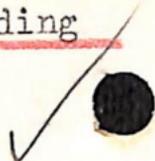


Pres. Harding

Pvt. David W. Butler

5-17-33

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I Decline the invitation extended
(Accept or decline)

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

Mrs. Hattie H. Sellard

(Name)

Meadowlands Inn

Clayton, Polk Co., Wisconsin

(Town or City)

(State)

Rec'd add: 27-69-XX X



CODE SLIP

| HEADING | SUB-HEADING | NO. OF COLS | CODE |
|--------------|------------------|-------------|----------------|
| NAME | Butler | 3 | 2 12 12 1 0 |
| BURIED | David W. | 1 | 1 |
| | CEMETERY 1232 | 2 | 17 |
| | GRAVE 17 | 2 | 07 |
| | ROW 7 | 1 | 2 |
| | BLOCK B | 2 | 27 |
| STATE | Minn | 1 | 2 |
| RANK | Pvt | 2 | 33 |
| DIVISION | 33 | 3 | 132 |
| ORGANIZATION | 132 | 1 | 1 |
| ARM | Inf | 1 | 2 |
| MARTIAL | Pro | 1 | |
| NAME | Bellard | 3 | 9 5 2 |
| RESIDENCE | Mrs. Hattie H. | 2 | 27 |
| | STATE Minn | 2 | 69 |
| | COUNTY St. Louis | 3 | XXX |
| | CITY Meadowlands | 1 | 1 |
| RELATION | Mother | 1 | |
| OTHER | | 1 | |
| ELIGIBILITY | Yes | 1 | 1 |
| NATIVITY | | 1 | |
| RACE | | 1 | |
| ENGLISH | yes | 1 | 1 |
| ATTENDANT | | 1 | |
| HEALTH | Bad | 1 | |
| NO. OF SONS | | 1 | MAR 1 1932 |
| DATE OF TRIP | | 1 | OK |
| ACCEPTANCE | No | 1 | 2 |
| | Age | | 63 2a |

Handing Decline 5-17-33

AUDITED

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Butler David W (MA)

July 8 1932

Mrs Hattie H Sellard
~~Clayton~~
~~Wis~~

Meadowlands, Minn. (per decline card)

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General

Very truly yours,

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

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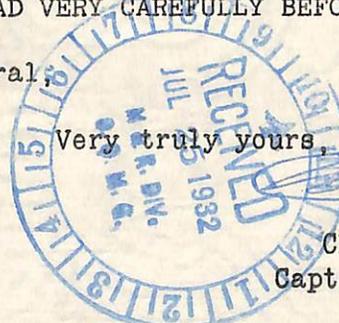
DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933?

Yes I am thinking
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Hattie H Sellard

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QM 293 A-M
Butler, David W. (MA)M

March 15, 1932

Mrs. Hattie H. Sellard,
Clayton,
Wisconsin.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private David W. Butler.

It is noted you stated your health was poor. In this connection you are advised that personnel to care for the comfort and needs of the pilgrims will be provided and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years a number of mothers in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

Should you reconsider and desire to visit your son's grave this coming summer, it is requested that you so notify this office at the earliest practicable date. You are assured that not only will the pilgrimage be made at the expense of the United States, but everything possible will be provided for your comfort and welfare. O

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Butler, David W. (M-A) M

September 29, 1931. AL

Mrs. Hattie H. Sellard,
Clayton, Wisconsin.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

June 11, 1931.

Butler, David W. Pvt (MA) M

Mrs. Hattie H. Sellard,
Clayton,
Wisconsin

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Butler, David W. Pvt. (M-A) M

April 8, 1931.

Mrs. Hattie H. Sellard,
Clayton, Wisconsin

Dear Madam:

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

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

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| 1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage? | <i>No</i> |
| 2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931? | <i>No</i> |
| 3. Please give your age and state your health. | Age <i>63</i> Condition of Health <i>not good</i> |
| 4. Do you speak English? | <i>yes</i> |
| 5. What other language do you speak? | <i>none</i> |

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes
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
Butler, David W. 1232 M

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Hattie H. Sellard,
Clayton, Wisc.

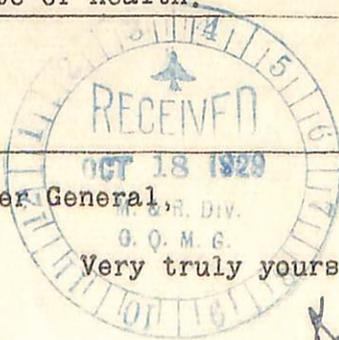
Dear Madam:

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.

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

For The Quartermaster General,
Q. Q. M. G.



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

Butler, David W.
1232

Sept. 4, 1929

Mrs. Hattie Sellards,
Nevis, ~~Mich.~~

Dear Madam:

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

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

Write answers in space below

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

He was not
Married No

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.

Children only
a mother
My self and I
do not want to
go across (thank you
Mrs Hattie H. Sellard
Clayton Wis.

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

For The Quartermaster General,
Q. M. G.

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Butler, David W.

June 29, 1929.

Mrs. Hattie Sellards,
~~Nevis, Minn.~~

Clayton, Wis.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private David W. Butler, Co. H, 132nd Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty., Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Butler David W (MA)

July 8 1932

Mrs Hattie H Sellard
Clayton
Wis

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

QM 293 A-M
Butler, David W. (MA)M

March 15, 1932

Mrs. Hattie H. Sellard,
Clayton,
Wisconsin.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private David W. Butler.

It is noted you stated your health was poor. In this connection you are advised that personnel to care for the comfort and needs of the pilgrims will be provided and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years a number of mothers in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

Should you reconsider and desire to visit your son's grave this coming summer, it is requested that you so notify this office at the earliest practicable date. You are assured that not only will the pilgrimage be made at the expense of the United States, but everything possible will be provided for your comfort and welfare.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

September 29, 1931. AL

Butler, David W. (M-A) M

Mrs. Hattie H. Sellard,
Clayton, Wisconsin.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

June 11, 1931.

Butler, David W. Pvt (MA) M

Mrs. Hattie H. Sellard,
Clayton,
Wisconsin

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Butler, David W. Pvt. (M-A) M

April 8, 1931.

Mrs. Hattie H. Sellard,
Clayton, Wisconsin

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Butler, David W. Pvt 1232 M

October 11, 1930

Mrs. Hattie H. Sellard
Clayton
Wisconsin

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Butler, David W. 1232 M

June 7, 1930

Mrs. Hattie H. Sellard
Clayton, Wisconsin.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? _____
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Butler, David W. 1232 M

October 7, 1929.

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Clayton, Wisc.

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.

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| 4. Please give your age and state of health. | Age (Years) | Health (Good) (Poor) |
| 5. What language do you speak? | English - (Yes) (No) | Other language (Specify language spoken) |

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Butler, David W.
1232

Sept. 4, 1929

Mrs. Hattie Sellards,
Nevis, Minn.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Butler, David W.

June 29, 1929.

Mrs. Hattie Sellards,
Nevis, Minn.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private David W. Butler, Co. H, 132nd Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty., Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
In reply refer to: OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
293 C-R 41174 WASHINGTON

April 13, 1923.

Mrs. Hattie Sellards,
Nevis, Minn.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of

Pvt. David W. Butler, Co, H, 132d Infantry
is No.17, Row 7, Block B, Meuse-Argonne American cemetery, Romagne-
sous-Montfaucon (Meuse) France.

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

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

Very truly yours,

H. J. Conner,
Assistant.

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O.O.M.G.
Central Mail & Files DE
APR 13 1923

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Place ANCEMONT (Meuse)

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date November 5th, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF BUTLER, David, W. SERIAL NUMBER 2160638
 RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. H., 132nd Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Nov. 5, 1921 From (give complete location):
Grave 24, Plot 1, Cemetery 548.

By: Group 2 Unit Field Section 3.

3. Reburied (date): Mch 18, 1922, Meuse Argonne In (give complete location):
Cty 1232, gr 17, bl B, row 7

By: Group Reburial S Unit _____ Nature of reburial lined casket

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

Blanket; found under cross.

Badly decomposed; recognition impossible.

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

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

No effects. Bottle record agrees.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

M.F. 1, 13, 14, 15.
MBD. 2, 3, 5, 12, 16, 19, 30

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to estimate

(c) Hair—Color None visible

Quantity None visible

Characteristics None visible

(d) Hair on face—Color None visible

Location None visible

Quantity None visible

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

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

None visible.

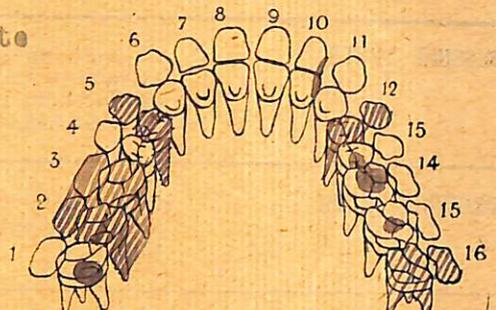
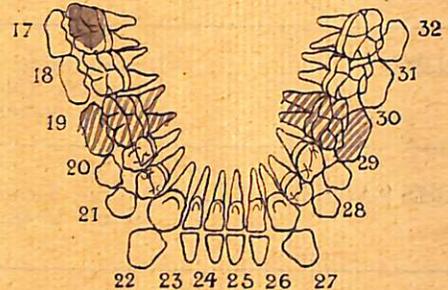


Diagram represents the mouth wide open
MAD. 8, 9. Composition filling
10, 17.



7. Disinterment supervised by H.L. HURLBUT.

Approved: W.H. ROACH, 1st Lt. QMC.
 (Title)

8. Reburial supervised by W.B. Sheild

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

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

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

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

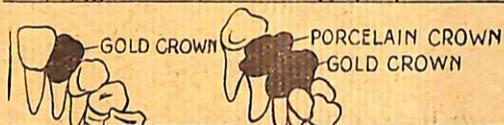
MISSING TEETH

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.

Place Anconomb #548,

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date April 28, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF BUTLER, David W. SERIAL NUMBER 2160638
 RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co.H. 132nd Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): April 28, 1921 From (give complete location): Gr.#18 Plot #1.

By: Group 1 Unit Section II

3. Reburied (date): April 28, 1921 In (give complete location): Gr.#18 Plot #1.

By: Group 1 Unit Section II. Nature of reburial Wooden box, burlap

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

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
Body tag checks, with cross strip.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items? 1,3,5,12,16 missing before death, 8,9 missing after death, 13,14,15 silver fillings.

(a) Height (actual measurement) indiscernable due to decomposition.

(b) Weight (estimated) decomposition.

(c) Hair—Color none left owing to decomposition.

Quantity none

Characteristics none

(d) Hair on face—Color none appearing

Location none

Quantity none

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) indiscernable due to decomposition.

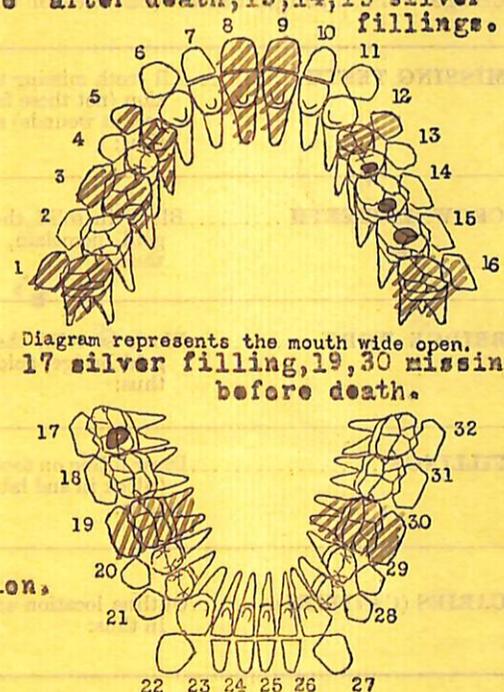


Diagram represents the mouth wide open. 17 silver filling, 19, 30 missing before death.

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) indiscernable due to decomposition.

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7. Disinterment supervised by W.C.Follmer Approved: O.E.Davis
 (Title) 1st Lt., Q.M.C.

8. Reburial supervised by W.C.Follmer Approved: O.E.Davis
 (Title) 1st Lt., Q.M.C.

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

DENTURES (PLATES).....Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp."

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



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE November 5th 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BUTLER, David W.

2. No. 2160638

3. Rank Pvt

4. Org. Co H 132nd Inf

5. D.D. 10/12/18

6. C.D. Broncho Pneumonia and Gas.

10. Name _____

11. No. _____

12. Rank _____

13. Org. _____

14. (a) D.D. _____

(b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 24 Sec. _____

8. Plot 1 Row _____

9. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____

16. Plot _____ Row _____

17. None.

18. Cemetery Amer. Cty.

20. Dept. or County Meuse

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 548

19. Commune or town Ancemont

21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) Nov. 5th 1921

By H.L. Hurlbut

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name David W. Butler

Rank Pvt.

Serial No. _____

Organization Co.H.132nd Inf.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes On body? Yes

S.L. Talmage
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).
No effects. Bottle record agrees. XXX 1335

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed recognition impossible.

28. Nature of burial Burlap and Pine box. Found under cross.

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 Nov. 5th 1921 By H.L. Hurlbut

31. Casket sealed by H.L. Hurlbut

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) H.L. Hurlbut

AUDITED BY

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-12872

32. Designation of body:

Name BUTLER, David W Serial No. 2160638

Rank Pvt Organization Co H 132nd Inf

33. Consigned to: Officer in Charge Operations

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Meuse 112 1232 By H.L. BARTHOLOMEW
Nov 5th 1921

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 W.H. Roach, 1st Lt. QMC.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Nov. 5th 1921

To point of Concentration Verdun, Meuse

Convoyer James Flinn Signature Shipping Officer W.H. Roach, 1st Lt.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Nov. 5th 1921

By G.R.S. Representative J. A. Duke, Capt. F.A.

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Nov 22, 1921

To Permanent Cemetery Meuse Argonne 1232

Convoyer G. Seeliger Signature Shipping Officer R. Richards, 1st Lt. QMC.

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cty 1232, Mch 18, 1922

42. Grave No: 17 (Date) Section

43. Plot ST00938 Row 7

MT
G.R.S. Representative A.E. Dewey, 1st Lt. QMC.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File # 41174

(a) Name BUTLER, David W. Ser. No. 2160638 TYP. egp
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. H, 132d Inf. CKR. 31
 (c) Date of death 10-12-18 (d) Cause of death Gas & B. pneumonia

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

(a) Grave No. 18 Row - Plot B Sec. - TYP. egp
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Hattie Sellard (mother) Nevis, Minn. (over)

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases - CKR. 31

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

no card in file. see 1-20-21

Date of receipt

(a) Name _____ (b) Relationship _____
 (c) Address _____
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? _____
 (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. Remains Undisturbed

Examiner's Initials _____ Date _____, 1920.

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

yes correspondence, dated _____
 confirming request in Par. IV., item _____, above, or requesting that _____

Examiner's Initials all Date 1-20, 1920.

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

no request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes - B. J.
 Examiner's Initials B. J. Date 1/21, 1920.

COUNTRY France

CEMETERY No. 548

SHEET No. 24

2/14/21. A.L.

CARDED

Reviewed 4/23/21

RECEIVED

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made _____, 1920.

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 1920.

APR 13 1921

VIII. FINAL ACTION



Cemeterial Division
Overseas Project Sub-Section

Following advice forwarded to Europe by
cable on _____, 1920
letter on 1/27/21, 1920

Part 2. Not to be returned (E.S.) ²⁻²⁻²¹

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ING. BRANCH

IX.

CORRECTIONS

JUN 7 1921

CHANGE OF ADVICE.

ACTION TAKEN.

CEMETERIAL
DIV. Q. M. G.

Desires body be _____

Body to be shipped to _____

COPIES NTRATE

Pe. Office Memo II

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

B. A. W. P. - Mrs. Hattie Sellard (mother
Nevis Minnesota,

(2-10-21)

March 9, 1921 #20 Mrs. Hattie Sellard,
Nevis, Minn. mother, n.k. desires body
remain where it is (EP) N. 3-26-21 am.

4/1/21 Hoboken advises mother
body will remain in France,
and her request for body to
remain where it is has been
referred to this Office - for reply.

Feb 6/1/21 advising mother etc. is ^{4/28/21}
temporary & of the eventual transfer of
body to the Legation Amer. etc. ^{EP} M. C. 6/21/21

Location Index

Discrepancies

Name

Location Index

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks:

A. G. O. Card & Corr. *Clark 1-20*

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks: *E. Q. -*

G. R. S. Corr.

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks:

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INQ. BRANCH
JUN 7 1921**

Checkers

Discrepancies

**CEMETERIAL
DHS. Q. M. G.**

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks:

*Checked
1-22-21
M. L. M.*

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File # 41174

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 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. H, 132d Inf.
 (c) Date of death 10-12-18 Cause of death Gas & B. pneumonia *RA*

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(a) Grave No. 18 Row - Plot B Sect. - TYP. esp
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Hattie Sellard (mother) Nevis, Minn. *(over)*

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

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

No card in file - no request for disposition
MB 2-12-21

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by - (cable on 2/7/1921 / letter of transmittal on 2/7/1921)

Par. # 2. Not to be returned. (Els) 2-2-21.

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. FEB 15 1921 1921

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. 7-19 1921

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

CEMETERY NO.

SHEET NO.

8-666/MB France

548

24

2/14/21. R.L.

548-24

June 11, 1921.

293.8 Cem. #41174 (Butler, David W., Private)

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

Mrs. Hattie Sellards, Nevis, Minnesota.

Disposition of Remains.

1. The records of this office indicate that you desire the remains of your son, the late Private David W. Butler, Company H, 132nd Infantry, permanently interred in their present resting place in the American Cemetery at Amement, Department of Meuse. This is a temporary American Cemetery and at the time of concentration of bodies, will be abandoned. The remains of the soldiers interred therein, whose relatives have requested permanent interment abroad, will according to present schedule be transferred to the Argonne American Cemetery at Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse, where the graves will be perpetually cared for by the United States Government.

2. Should you prefer, the remains of your son may be transferred to a nearby permanent French Cemetery, in which event it is requested that you execute and return to this office the enclosed Release, thereby relieving the United States Government of the future care of the grave. This Release will not become effective until the body has been removed to the permanent French Cemetery, at which time you will be advised of the new grave location and of the formal release of the remains.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

SR

CHARLES J. WYNN,
Captain, U. S. A.

HPM

1 Encl.

RECEIVED BY
MAIL UNIT

JUN 13 1921

Noted on Form No. 315

Date

4. 16. 21-21

Cemeterial Division
Overseas Project Sub-office

293.8 Cem. Div. Cor. Br.

1st Ind.

MC/KB

Graves Registration Service Office, Hoboken, N.J., April 1st, 1921.
To: The Quartermaster General, (Cemeterial Division,) Washington,
D.C.

1. Forwarded, for furtherance of reply.
2. Status of this case, taken from the records of this office, is as follows:

Private David W. Butler, Serial Number 2160638,
Co. H, 132nd Infantry; Cemetery No. 548, Cable Ref. No. 24.
Mrs. Hattie Sellards, Nevis, Minnesota, mother, is nearest of
kin, and has requested that the remains be left where it is.

W R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q.M. Corps,
Officer in charge.

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G. H. S.

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Cemeterial Division
Overseas Project Sub-Section

CEMETERIAL
DIV. C. M. G.

OFFICE IN CHARGE
GENERAL C. H. COLBY
B. B. DIVISION

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS THE HONOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECEIPT OF THE
RECORDS RELATIVE TO THE MATTER OF THE DEATH OF
SERGEANT JOHN J. COUGHLIN, COMPANY B, 101ST
INFANTRY, 26TH INFANTRY BRIGADE, 8TH ARMY CORPS, U. S. ARMY.

THIS OFFICE IS IN RECEIPT OF:

- 1. RECORDS OF THIS CASE TAKEN FROM THE RECORDS OF
- 2. THE OFFICE FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE

D. C.

TO: THE CHIEF OF BUREAU (Cemeterial Division) WASHINGTON
GENERAL INVESTIGATION RELATIVE OFFICE MEMPHIS, TENN., APRIL 13, 1921

SAR'S COM. DA. COL. BL.

JAS ING

NO. 12

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

CEMETERIAL DIVISION

WASHINGTON

548-24

HOBOKEN, N.J.

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

FEB 19 1921

To: Mrs. Hattie Sellard, Nevis, Minn.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. David W. Butler, Ser. No. 2160638 Co. H, 132nd Inf.

The records of this office show that ~~you have requested that the body of the above named no request has been made for the disposition of his remains.~~

Remain where it is. ECX

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? *No*

| NAME OF— | NO. AND STREET. | TOWN. | STATE. |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Soldier's widow | | | |
| Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.) | 1 | | |
| | 2 | | |
| | 3 | | |
| Father | <i>dead</i> | | |
| Mother | <i>Mrs. Hattie Sellard</i> | <i>Nevis</i> | <i>Minn</i> |
| Brothers. (Name oldest first.) | 1 | <i>Frank Butler</i> | <i>Meadowland Minn</i> |
| | 2 | | |
| | 3 | | |
| Sisters. (Name oldest first.) | 1 | <i>Half Sister Gertrude Sellards</i> | <i>Nevis Minn</i> |
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Date *March 9 1921*

Signature *Hattie Sellards*

Address *Nevis Minn*

Relationship *Mother*

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March 9, 1921

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

- 1. As stated on first page of this sheet.
- 2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to

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(Name.)
(State.)

- 3. To be returned to the U. S. and buried in National Cemetery.

- 4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Signature Hattie Sellands



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.

April 1st, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div. Cor. Br.
(Butler, David W.)

Mrs. Hattie Bellards,
Nevis, Minnesota.

Dear Madam:

Receipt of the Department's Shipping Inquiry,
Form #120, executed by you, is acknowledged.

In accordance with your desire, the remains
of your son, the late David W. Butler, Private, Serial No.
2160639, Co. H, 132nd Infantry, will be left in France.
You are assured that the grave will always be maintained as
a fitting memorial of the late soldier's sacrifice.

Your request that the remains of the late
soldier be left in its present resting place has been referred
to Chief, Cemeterial Division, Washington, D.C., and you may
expect a reply thereto in the near future.

The Department desires to convey to you renewed
assurance of its sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

BY:

S. C. PALLAS
Executive Assistant.

[Handwritten signature]
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File No. 2228 Gen. Inv. Div. Br.
(Baker, David J.)

Mrs. Nettie Bellard,
Noyes, Minnesota.

Dear Madam:

Receipt of the Department's Enquirer inquiry,
your letter, forwarded by you, is acknowledged.

In accordance with your desire, the remains
of your son, the late David H. Baker, Private, Serial No.
110022, Co. H, 103rd Infantry, will be left in Kansas.
You are assured that the grave will always be maintained as
a fitting memorial of the late soldier's sacrifice.

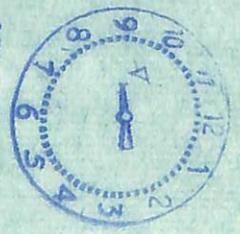
Your request that the remains of the late
soldier be left in his present resting place has been referred
to Chief, General Division, Washington, D.C., and you may
expect a reply therein in the near future.

The Department desires to convey to you renewed
assurance of its sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the War Department General:

W. E. SHANNON,
Captain, U.S. Army,
Director of Graves
General Division
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Harlow G.W.

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

Butler, David W., Pvt.

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SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

2160638

Co. H, 132nd Inf.

Date of death - 10/12/18.

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

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DATE

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NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Mrs. Hattie Sellard

Mother

Address

Nevis, Minnesota.

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DATE

FORM # 123 has been sent.

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FILE

January 30 1922

MEMO FOR: Cards Department.

1. CASE OF:

Co. H., 132nd., Inf.,
ORGANIZATION (Old)

BUTLER 2160638 David W., Pvt.,
(Name)

Correction or additional data changes as shown below have been made on the Registration Card of the above-mentioned soldier and a corresponding change will be necessary on the Organization Card:

ORGANIZATION (New)

| FILE NO. | Date | Place | F-1A No. |
|-------------------------|-----------|-------------|----------|
| SURNAME | Orig. | | D- |
| SERIAL NUMBER | 1st, Reb. | 4/28/21 548 | D- 30173 |
| FIRST NAME AND INITIALS | 2nd Reb. | | D- |
| RANK | 3rd Reb. | | D- |
| DATE OF DEATH | | | |
| CAUSE OF DEATH | | | |

(Note: In the above spaces below double line fill in ONLY the new date and data correcting previous information)

BY: Miss Iannon

ard.,
(Department)

5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made
on Organization
File Card:

By AB
S/3324/LML

Address reply to

WAR DEPARTMENT
PURCHASE, STORAGE, AND TRAFFIC DIVISION
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE
WASHINGTON

Division

DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE
Munitions Building

No:
From:
To:
Subject:

41174

2160638

Name Butler, David

Rank Pvt. Co. H. (Camps) 132 (Regt)

Date of Death Died Oct 12, 1918

Place

Cause La Morlette

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Date of Burial

Grave No. 18 Plot A

Cemetery American

Identified by (Tag) Jag Cross
(Papers)
(Clothing)

List of Effects

Field Record Made by St. J. Sands

Company 301 Graves Registration Service

NOV 1918

For additional data use reverse side.

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June 11, 1921.

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MR 6/21/21

293.8 Gen. #41174 (Butler, David W., Private)

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

Mrs. Hattie Sellards, Nevis, Minnesota.

FILE

Disposition of Remains.

1. The records of this office indicate that you desire the remains of your son, the late Private David W. Butler, Company H, 132nd Infantry, permanently interred in their present resting place in the American Cemetery at Ancefont, Department of Meuse. This is a temporary American Cemetery and at the time of concentration of bodies, will be abandoned. The remains of the soldiers interred therein, whose relatives have requested permanent interment abroad, will according to present schedule be transferred to the Argonne American Cemetery at Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse, where the graves will be perpetually cared for by the United States Government.

2. Should you prefer, the remains of your son may be transferred to a nearby permanent French Cemetery, in which event it is requested that you execute and return to this office the enclosed Release, thereby relieving the United States Government of the future care of the grave. This Release will not become effective until the body has been removed to the permanent French Cemetery, at which time you will be advised of the new grave location and of the formal release of the remains.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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MR

CHARLES J. WYNN,
Captain, Q. M. C.

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COPY FROM FORM #120.

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(Sgd.) Mrs. Hattie Sellards.

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| | Cable | | No. at a Port | No. at a Gen.Ctr. | | Ret'd | Enroute |
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Graves Registration Service Office, Hoboken, N.J., April 1st, 1921.
To: The Quartermaster General, (Cemeterial Division,) Washington,
D.C.

1. Forwarded, for furtherance of reply.

2. Status of this case, taken from the records of
this office, is as follows:

Private David W. Butler, Serial Number 2160638,
Co. H, 132nd Infantry; Cemetery No. 548, Cable Ref. No. 24.
Mrs. Hattie Sellards, Nevis, Minnesota, mother, is nearest of
kin, and has requested that the remains be left where it is.

R. E. Shannon

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

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

FROM THE
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
NEW YORK OFFICE

RE: [Illegible]

DATE: [Illegible]