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114

DATE

1. NAME BUTTS, Alfred C.

SERIAL No. 156356

RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION Bty. B. 103rd. FA.

& DIVISION 26th

GRAVE LOCATION American Cty., Chateauroux, Indre.

31

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

GRAVE 114 ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

114

Chateauroux

Indre

As shown on AGRS Form 1-A dated 11/12/20

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES Not given

CONCENTRATED TO None of record

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

Nothing of record

DATE OF DEATH

Nov. 14, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

Rhode Island

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

none.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

None of record

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

Stanley J. Grogan  
STANLEY J. GROGAN, Captain, Infantry.

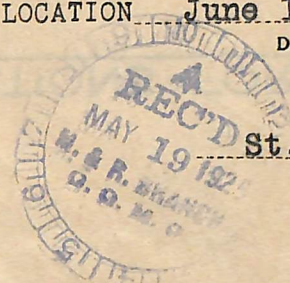
3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION June 13, 1922

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT



St. Mihiel American No. 1233, Thiaucourt

CEMETERY

Robert O. Davis, Major General.

The Adjutant General.

By M & W

AUDITED BY

me.

15 Received A. G. O. MAY 14 1922

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.

2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.

3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.

4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form 16, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statment to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Butts* *186856* *Alfred E.*  
.....  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

*Cpl.* *103rd*  
.....  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *Nov. 16, 1918*.....

PLACE OF BURIAL *Chatouaux*.....

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

*A. F. Cemetery No 31*  
.....

*Chatouaux Indre*  
.....

*Official map*  
.....

GRAVE NUMBER *114*.....

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? *Yes*..... Cross? *Yes*.....

Headboard?..... Bottle? *Yes*.....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? *Yes*.....

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

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

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.....  
.....

REPORTED BY:  
*R. S. Brown Captain USR*  
.....  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Butts, Alfred	3	2 12 12 1 1 0
	CEMETERY	1	3
BURIED	GRAVE	2	3 3
	ROW	2	2 7
	BLOCK	1	1
STATE	R. I.	2	4 5
RANK	Put.	1	2
DIVISION	26	2	2 6
ORGANIZATION	103	3	10 3
ARM	F. A.	1	3
MARTIAL	No	1	2
NAME	Mrs. Albertine Butts	3	2 12 12 1 1 0
	STATE	2	4 5
RESIDENCE	COUNTY	2	0 4
	CITY	3	0 1 8
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER	Father	1	1
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	Yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Bad	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	No	1	
	Apr	1	

Checked  
DEC 14 1931  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Butts, Alfred C. (StM)

Sept. 7, 1932.

Mrs. Albertine Butts,  
179 Elmgrove Ave.,  
Providence, R. I.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No") *No*

2. Please state your age and condition of health: *70 years November 20, 1932*

3. Do you speak English? *Yes*

4. What other language do you speak?

Age:

Health: *I have not*

*been well for several years, reason for not accepting kind invitation.*

*Albertine L. C. Butts.*

Sign here

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE

PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:  
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Butts, Alfred C. (STM)

July 11, 1932

Mrs. Albertine Butts,  
179 Elmgrove Ave.,  
Providence, Rhode Island.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) \_\_\_\_\_

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Butts, Alfred C. (St.-M) M

August 6, 1931

Mrs. Albertine Butts,  
179 Elmgrove Ave.,  
Providence, R. I.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

Competent personnel will be provided to care for the mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York until their return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities will be arranged for and in the event you decide to make a pilgrimage, you are assured everything possible will be done for your care and welfare. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 many mothers of advanced age and in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited therefrom.

Your name is being placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make a pilgrimage in 1933. However, should you change your mind in view of the above, and desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, it is requested you advise this office in order that arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Butts, Alfred C. Pvt (StM) M

June 13, 1931.

Mrs. Albertine Butts,  
179 Elmgrove Ave.,  
Providence, R. I.

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



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

No  
Write answer here

*Mrs. Butts is physically unable to make such a pilgrimage  
It is Butts (daughter)*

*Albertine L. C. Butts*  
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Butts, Alfred C. ~~1233-M~~

June 18, 1930

Mrs. Albertine Butts,  
179 Elm Grove Ave.,  
Providence, Rhode Island.

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.

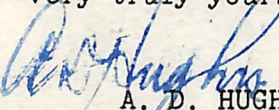
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank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

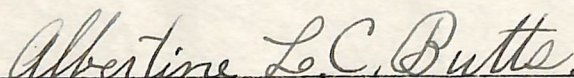
Very truly yours,

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



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? no.

(Write answer here)

  
(Sign here)

QM 293 A-C  
Butts, Alfred G. 1233-M

April 11, 1930

Mrs. Albertine L. C. Butts,  
179 Blingrove Avenue,  
Providence, Rhode Island.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date declining the invitation to sail on the SS "America" June 4, 1930 to visit the grave of your son, the late Private Alfred G. Butts, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

Sailings are scheduled weekly during the months of May, June, July and August during the year 1930. In the event you desire to make the pilgrimage during the coming summer, it is requested that you notify this office immediately as to the time you wish to make the pilgrimage in order that arrangements may be made for you.

In the absence of a reply from you, your name will be placed upon the list of mothers or widows who are eligible to make the journey in 1931 and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages are being arranged for that year.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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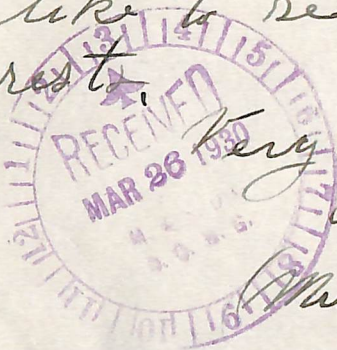
179 ELMGROVE AVENUE  
PROVIDENCE, R. I.

War Department  
Office of the Quartermaster General  
Washington, D.C. ~~deducted~~ <sup>road</sup>

Dear Sir,

I thank you for the kind invitation from the U.S. Government, to visit the cemetery where our boy is buried.

I regret that I must decline, as my health is not equal to undertake the journey altho I would like to see where our boy rests.



Very truly  
Albertine L.C. Butts  
(Mrs George L.)

America

6-4-30

1233 ✓

Butts, Alfred C.

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. Albertine Butts**

(Name)

**179 Elmgrove Ave., Providence, Rhode Island**

(Town or City)

(State)

1931

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

August 29, 1929.

Butts, Alfred C.  
1233

Mr. George L. Butts,  
179 Elmgrove Ave.,  
Providence, R.I.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated **May 28, 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:

Never Married

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.

Own Mother  
Albertine L. B. Butts

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

179 Elmgrove Ave  
Providence R. I.  
Would like to go but is  
not very well at the  
present time

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Butts, Alfred C

May 28, 1929.

Mr. George L. Butts,  
179 Elmgrove Ave.,  
Providence, R. I.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Private Alfred C. Butts, Batty B., 108rd P. A., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Butts, Alfred C. (StM)

Sept. 7, 1932.

Mrs. Albertine Butts,  
179 Elmgrove Ave.,  
Providence, R. I.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:  
Env.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Butts, Alfred C. (STM)

July 11, 1932

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Providence, Rhode Island.

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Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) \_\_\_\_\_

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Butts, Alfred C. (St.-M) M

August 6, 1931

Mrs. Albertine Butts,  
179 Elmgrove Ave.,  
Providence, R. I.

Dear Madam:

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2:03  
QUARTERMASTER BR

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM  
Butts, Alfred C. Pvt (StM) M

June 13, 1931.

Mrs. Albertine Butts,  
179 Elmgrove Ave.,  
Providence, R. I.

Dear Madam:

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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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OQMG M&R BR

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
~~Butts, Alfred C. 1322 M~~

June 18, 1930

Mrs. Albertine Butts,  
179 Elmgrove Ave.,  
Providence, Rhode Island.

Dear Madam:

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Sign here)

QM 293 A-C  
Butts, Alfred C. 1233 M

April 11, 1930

Mrs. Albertine L. C. Butts,  
179 Elmgrove Avenue,  
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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Q. M. G. M. & R. DIV.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Batts, Alfred C. 1283-M

March 20, 1930

Mrs. Albertine Batts,  
179 Elmgrove Ave.,  
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.  
Regulation.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 9, 1929.

Butts, Alfred C. 1233 N.

Mrs. Colia Butts,  
R.F.D. #4,  
Muskegon, Mich.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Butts, Alfred C 1233 -M

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Albertine Butts,  
179 Elm Grove Ave.,  
Providence, R. I.

Dear Madam:

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

August 29, 1929.

Butts, Alfred C.  
1233

Mr. George L. Butts,  
179 Elmgrove Ave.,  
Providence, R.I.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 28, 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  
Butts, Alfred C

May 28, 1929.

Mr. George L. Butts,  
179 Elmgrove Ave.,  
Providence, R. I.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Private Alfred C. Butts, Batty B., 100rd F. A., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

Butts

(Surname.)

Alfred C

(Christian name in full.)

136,356

(Army serial number)

Pvt

Btry B 103 F A

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Father

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

Yes

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

No.

(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:

George L. Butts Providence Providence

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

179 Elm Grove Ave Providence R. I.

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

George L. Butts

179 Elm Grove Ave Providence R. I.

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by J. J.  
31-2-2  
2-18-21

REVIEWED  
OSP SS.

21.9/21 E.M.

QM 293 A-C

April 17, 1924

BUTTS, Alfred G., Pvt.

Mr. George L. Butts,  
179 Elmgrove Ave.,  
Providence, R. I.

Dear Sir:

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,

1-Incl.  
Record card.

R. P. HARBOLD  
Assistant.

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

1. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #55578

(a) Name BUTTS, Alfred G. Ser. No. 136356 )
(b) Rank Private Organization Bty. B, 103rd F.A. ) TYP. HP
(c) Date of death 11-14-18 of death Broncho Pneumonia ) CKR. [initials]

9/13/22 Exhumed
Lot Concentration
1st. Michiel + 1233 -
att 3/29/22

11. Registration Card:- (Check Reg. Card Inf. against Loc. Ind. Inf.)

(a) Grave No. 114 Row - - Plot Amer. Sect. - - ) TYP. HDP
(b) Emerg. Address George L. Butts (Father) 179 Elmgrove Ave. Providence, R.I.

111. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases: [initials] ) CKR. [initials]

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt None

(a) Name George L. Butts (b) Relationship Father
(c) Address 179 Elmgrove Ave., Providence, R.I.
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? Yes
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at No

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U.S. George L. Butts
179 Elmgrove Ave., Providence, R.I.
(C Exp + Tele) Providence, R.I.

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

SEE SUSPENSION REMARKS

Examiner's Initials [initials] Date 5-17-1920

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

[blank], dated [blank], confirmed request in Par. IV. item [blank], above, or requesting that
no correspondence

Examiner's Initials [initials] Date 5-17-1920

VI. G.R.S. Files - Correspondence - shows as follows: May 5-20

correspondence from father cancelled former request, wishes body remain France
(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes [initials]

Examiner's Initials [initials] Date 6-14-1920

2x 7/19/21 [initials]

VII. G. R. S. FORM No. 114 made 5/19, 1920

Typed by LTW Checked by JOR 5/19 1920

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by- ( cable on \_\_\_\_\_ 1920  
( letter on May 25 1920

Is to be returned

IX. CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: Form 120 6/4/20 George L. Butts, Father, nearest of kin, 179 Elm Grove Ave., Providence, R. I. requests body remain in France. Ed. 6/9/20 Quince advised to retain body. By proposed cablegram to Mrs. W.B. Cable # 479, Par 3-A, 6/14/20, "Do not return," 4/25/21 at

27.69-20

To be prepared in triplicate. *7*

DATE Nov. 19, 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 <u>BUTTS, Alfred G.</u>	10. Name
2. No. <u>136356</u>	11. No.
3. Rank <u>Pvt.</u>	12. Rank
4. Org. <u>Bty. B, 103rd, PA</u>	13. Org.
5. D.D. <u>Nov. 14, 1918</u>	14. (a) D.D.
6. C.D. <u>Broncho Pneumonia</u>	(b) D.B. <u>none</u>

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. <u>114</u> Sec.	15. Grave No.	Sec.
8. Plot Row	16. Plot Row	
9.	17. <u>none</u>	

18. Cemetery <u>Amerion Cty.</u>	19. Commune or town <u>Chateauroux,</u>
20. Dept. or County <u>Indre.</u>	21. Country <u>France.</u>
22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. <u>31</u>	

23. Disinterred (Date) Nov. 19, 1921 By E. J. Frank

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name <u>Alfred G. Butts,</u>	Serial No. <u>-----</u>
Rank <u>Pvt.</u>	Organization <u>136356</u>

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

W. N. TUCKER  
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).

~~pine box and shroud~~

27. Condition of body decomposed

28. Nature of burial pine box and shroud

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. 19, 1921 By E. J. FRANK

31. Casket sealed by E. J. FRANK

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

E. J. FRANK

*ADDITIONAL  
222 9-10-21*

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-16658.

32. Designation of body:

Name Alfred C. BUTTS Serial No. 136356

Rank Pvt. Organization Bty. 3. 103rd FA

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel Amer. Cty. #1233, Thiencourt, M-et-M.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

35. I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector [Signature]

36. Remarks \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

To point of Concentration \_\_\_\_\_

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_ (Name)

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

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

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Nov 30th 1921

To Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel Amer. Cty. 1233, Thiencourt, (M-et-M)

Convoyer R. B. Williams Signature Shipping Officer [Signature] (Name A. M. Jackson, Capt. CAC.)

40. Received: Date 6 - DEC. 1921

G.R.S. Representative F. B. Daniel, Capt. 2MC

41. Reinterred June 13 1922

(Date)

42. Grave No. 33 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot Blk. A Row 27

G.R.S. Representative [Signature]

A E Dewey Ist. Lt. OMC

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF Butts, Alfred C. SERIAL NUMBER 136356  
 RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Bty B 103rd FA

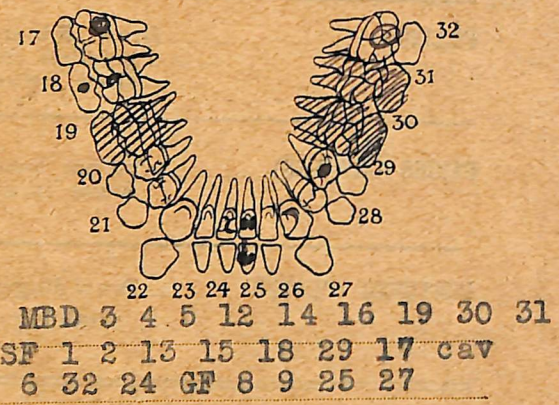
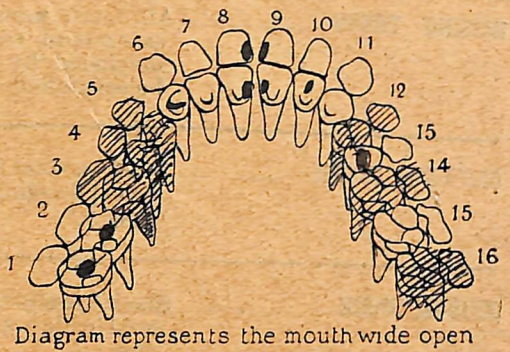
2. Disinterred (date): November 19, 1921. Gr. 114 Cemetery 31 From (give complete location):  
 By : Group 2 Unit Sec 5

3. Reburied (date): June 13 1922 In (give complete location): Gr. 33 Blk. A Row 27  
 By : Group Reburial Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial Casket & shipping case

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :  
pine box and shroud, body decomposed, skeleton disarticulated

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? yes On grave marker? yes  
 (b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :  
none

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items ?  
 (a) Height (actual measurement) impossible to ascertain  
 (b) Weight (estimated) impossible to estimate  
 (c) Hair—Color none visible  
 Quantity none  
 Characteristics none  
 (d) Hair on face—Color none  
 Location none  
 Quantity none  
 (e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) impossible to determine



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

Checker W N Tucker WRM

7. Disinterment supervised by E J Frank  
E J Frank Superv. Emb

Approved: S H Hunsicker  
 (Title) 1st Lieut QMC

8. Reburial supervised by H L Kramer  
H L Kramer

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON

MAY 21 1920

31-22

JOR

*Rush Answer*

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.

TO: George L. Butts, 179 Elmgrove Ave., Providence, R.I.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Alfred C. Butts.

*Remains in France  
over to*

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body be returned to U.S.

shipped to: George L. Butts,

179 Elmgrove Ave., Providence, R.I.

You have failed to furnish this office the names and addresses of those persons indicated by the blue arrow on the enclosed form,

You are requested to furnish this office at the earliest practicable moment the name and address of each of those persons indicated by the blue arrow. If these persons are not living you should so state on the attached form and return the same at once to this office, otherwise there will be an endless and unnecessary delay in the handling of this case. Prompt action is necessary.  
NS#8794/L

NAME OF NO. & STREET TOWN STATE

*6-12-20  
JEB*

*Soldier's Widow* **NO** *was not married*

*Soldier's Children* 1. **NONE**  
(Name oldest first) 2.  
3.

Father *George L. Butts*

Mother *Albertine L. B. Butts*

Brothers 1.  
(Name oldest first) 2.

Sisters *Albertine L. Butts Helen E. Butts*

Date *May 24 1920*

Signature *George L. Butts*

Address *179 Elmgrove Ave* Relationship *Father*

Note:- Instructions on the reverse side of this sheet should be carefully read before filling out this paper.

(OVER)

LTW

The transfer of bodies will be made entirely at government expense.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON

MAY 21 1920

31-22

JOR

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.  
TO: George L. Butts, 179 Elmgrove Ave., Providence, R.I.  
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*Rush Answer*

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shipped to: George L. Butts,

*Remain in France  
over to*

179 Elmgrove Ave., Providence, R.I.

Noted on Form No. 118

Date 6/9/20 etc.

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

*Overseas advised to retain body by called 6-12-20*

NAME OF NO. & STREET TOWN STATE

Soldier's Widow

*NO was not married*

Soldier's Children 1.  
(Name oldest first) 2.  
3.

*NONE*

Father

*George L. Butts*

Mother

*Albertine L. B. Butts*

Brothers 1.  
(Name oldest first) 2.

Sisters

*Albertine L. Butts Helen E. Butts*

Date

*May 24 1920*

Signature

*George L. Butts*

Address

*179 Elmgrove Ave*

Relationship

*Father*

Note:- Instructions on the reverse side of this sheet should be carefully read before filling out this paper.

(OVER)

LTW

The transfer of bodies will be made entirely at government expense.

We prefer to have the body remain  
in France wrote you May 5 1920 and received  
a letter dated May 20 saying the former  
request has been cancelled.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT

1. This paper MUST be signed by the person who is the NEXT of kin in the order shown in the square on other side of this sheet.
2. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
3. 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.
4. If YOU are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
5. If YOU are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.
6. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
7. Use the enclosed envelope - pay no postage.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION AND SHIPMENT OF BODYDISINTERMENTCOMPARATIVE REPORT

Records Office Chief G.R.S.

Discrepancy found upon examination  
of body

1. Name **BUTTS, Alfred C.**  
 2. No. **136356**  
 3. Rank **Pvt.**  
 4. Org. **Bty. B, 103rd F.A.**  
 5. D.D. **11/14/18**  
 6. C. **Broncho Pneumonia**

10. Name .....  
 11. No. ....  
 12. Rank .....  
 13. Org. ....  
 14. (a) D.D. ....  
 (b) D.B. ....

7. Grave No. **114** Sect. **--**  
 8. Plot **Amer.** Row **--**  
 9. **---**

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

15. Grave No. .... Sect. ....  
 16. Plot ..... Row .....  
 17. ....

18. Cemetery **American**19. (Commune or Town) **Chateauroux**20. (Dept. or County) **Indre**21. (Country) **France**22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. **31**

23. Disinterred (Date) ..... By .....

24. Inscription (Name) ..... SERIAL NO. ....  
 on  
 Grave Marker (RANK) ..... ORGANIZATION .....

25. Was Identification Disc found on Grave Marker? ..... On Body? .....

Signature of Junior Technical Assistant

(The following space is reserved for notations to be made by office Chief Graves  
Registration Service)

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. \_\_\_\_\_

27. Condition of body \_\_\_\_\_

28. Nature of burial \_\_\_\_\_

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above \_\_\_\_\_

30. Body prepared and placed in casket (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

31. Casket sealed by \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature of Embalmer Supervisor) \_\_\_\_\_

SHIPMENT (Show actual marking of box) Box No. \_\_\_\_\_

32. DESIGNATION (Name **BUTTS, Alfred C.** Serial No. **136356**  
OF (Rank **Pvt.** Organization **Bty. B, 103rd F. A.**  
BODY \_\_\_\_\_

33. CONSIGNEE - Name **George L. Butts,**  
Address **179 Elmgrove Ave., Providence, R.I. (Exp. & Tel. Providence, R.I.)**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

35. I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.  
Signature of G.R.S. Inspector \_\_\_\_\_

36. Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

37. Shipped from Cemetery (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_  
(Point of Concentration)

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Sign. Shpg. Officer \_\_\_\_\_

38. Received at Point of concentration (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

Sign. Receiving Officer \_\_\_\_\_

39. Shipped from Point of Concentration (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

To (Port) \_\_\_\_\_ Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_

Sign. Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

40. Received European Port (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

41. Shipped to (U.S. Port) \_\_\_\_\_ On (Boat) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ (Sign. Shpg. Officer) \_\_\_\_\_

42. Received (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ By G.R.S. Rep. \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature)

43. Shipped to destination (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ ) B/L or Express Order No. \_\_\_\_\_

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ ) Shpg. Officer \_\_\_\_\_

File # 5557 Inq.Br.

G.R.S. #106  
DISPOSITION OF BODY

War Department  
Office of the Quartermaster General,  
Graves Registration Service  
Washington, D.C.  
May, 20<sup>th</sup> 1920

For information of:

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

Case of:

Pvt. Alfred C. Butts.  
Batt.B, 103rd F.A.

Grave Location:

Buried in French Military Cty  
Chateauxox . Indre.  
Grave # 114, American Plot.

Request for action checked below:

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

has been made by:  
Mr. George L. Butts.  
179, Elmgrove Ave.,  
Providence. R.I.

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By authority of the Quartermaster General

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

Form # 113

Mail

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
WASHINGTON

FILE

May, 20, 1920

No. 55578- ( Pvt. Alfred C. Butts, )  
From The Quartermaster General U.S.Army, ( Cemeterial Division )  
To Mr. George L. Butts, 179 Elmgrove Ave. Providence, R.I.  
Subject. Grave Location: Request for permanent burial:

1. In reply to your inquiry of May 5th 1920, we beg to say that the records of the Cemeterial Division contain the following information as to grave location of Private Alfred C. Butts, Battery B, 103rd Field Artillery, French Cemetery, Chateauroux, Department of Indre, Grave #114, American Plot.

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

3. Your instructions for the permanent burial of your son in France has been noted and your former request has been cancelled. The necessary instructions will be forwarded to the Chief, American Graves Registration Service Q.M.C. in Europe.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES.C.PIERCE,  
Colonel U. S. Army,  
Chief, Cemeterial Division,

By:  
CHARLES.J.WYNNE,  
Captain, Q.M.C.

*E. W. G.*

2 encls.

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Q. B. S. M. S. L. H. D.  
MAY 20 1920

WAR DEPARTMENT  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE & STORAGE  
WASHINGTON

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Butts

ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY 5/10/20

\_\_\_\_\_ Circumstances of Death  
(Par. #2, Bul. 10-C-W)

\_\_\_\_\_ Liberty Bonds  
(G.R.S. Form 111)

\_\_\_\_\_ Flowers, Flags, etc.  
(Par. #6, Bul. 10-C-W)

\_\_\_\_\_ War Risk Insurance  
(G.R.S. Form 111)

\_\_\_\_\_ Monument  
(Par. #8, Bul. 10-C-W)

\_\_\_\_\_ Photographs  
(Par. #11, Bul. 10-C-W)

\_\_\_\_\_ Discrepancies in Inscription  
(Par. #9, Bul. 10-C-W)

\_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Burial In  
✓ (a) France (G.R.S. Form 106)

\_\_\_\_\_ Personal Effects  
(G.R.S. Form 111)

\_\_\_\_\_ (b) Other Countries

\_\_\_\_\_ Accrued Pay  
(G.R.S. Form 111)

\_\_\_\_\_ Return of Bodies From  
\_\_\_\_\_ (a) France (G.R.S. Form 106)  
(Par. #12, Bul. 10-C-W)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (b) Other countries

\_\_\_\_\_ Maintenance  
(Par. #7, Bul. 10-C-W)

Remarks:

*noty cancellation of former request body to remain in France*

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NOTE: In addition to information furnished on Nos. 1, 6, 11, and 12, G.R.S. Form 101-A (Information Blank), supply data on the following:

Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15.

*mjt*  
Analysis Clerk.

G. R. S. Form #124  
 Disposition Status -  
OFFICE MEMORANDUM. -

REGISTRATION SECTION.  
 GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
 CEMETERIAL DIVISION.

File No. 55576  
 OSPSS Ref. NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Follow-up No. 673

TO: Inquiry Section .  
 From: Overseas Project Sub-Section.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION on Cemetery No. (furnished by: \_\_\_\_\_) (date \_\_\_\_\_)

Data sent Overseas \_\_\_\_\_

Operations to commence (approx.) \_\_\_\_\_

Operations to be completed (approx.) \_\_\_\_\_

Bodies shipped from European Port \_\_\_\_\_

Bodies arrived at Hoboken \_\_\_\_\_

II. CASE OF Butts, Alfred C. Pvt. Bty. B. 103rd. F.A. (136356)

The following information was abstracted (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ from:

SOURCE	CLK.	in OFFICE		CLK.	in OFFICE
A. G. O. Cards			Shppg. Inquiry (sent _____)		
A. G. O. Corresp.			To _____		
G. R. S. corresp. relative to disp.			OSP S-S Corresp. (see Remarks.)		

DESIRES as to Disposition.

No A.G.O. Disposition Card.

Name of Relative	RETURN.			SPECIAL
	N. C.	Pvt. Int.	REMAIN	
Widow				<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; transform: rotate(-15deg); display: inline-block;">           REVIEWED            OSP SS.         </div>
Children (Name oldest first)				
Father				
Mother				
Brothers				
Sisters				

Body to be shipped to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ was shipped (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS Chg # 31 through Registration only.  
L.R. 5-18-20

TO:- REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.

Date 5/10/20

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

Please furnish information as checked (✓) below regarding the following soldier:

NAME *Butts, Alfred C.*

Serial Number

RANK

ORGANIZATION

*Batt'y B. 103rd F.A.*

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	<i>1 - no. Int. 136356.</i>
2.	Date of Death.	<i>2 - 11-14-18</i>
3.	Cause and place of death.	<i>3 - Broncho Pneumonia.</i>
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	<i>4 CC-321</i>
5.	Date buried.	<i>5 - 11-16-18</i>
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	<i>6 Grave 114, Amer Plot St. Denis French City 31, Chateauroux Indre</i>
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	<i>10 a - yes</i>
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	<i>10 b - none</i>
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	<i>11 - George L. Butts 179 Chingme ave Providence R.I.</i>
12.	Has been notified? (Give date)	
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	<i>12 - 12-12-18</i>
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	<i>14 - a - 7470</i>
15.	Inquiry made by?	

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Released by Information Control Dept.  
Directory  
Cards 5x8  
Cards 4x6

*no fm 16*

N.B. All Proper names to be typewritten, or printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

*mid. 20*



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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Butts 186856 Alfred E.  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Cpl. Batt. D. 103 F. A.  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL: June 16, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: Chateaux

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

A. S. F. Cemetery No 31

Chateaux Indre

Official map

GRAVE NUMBER: 114 ✓

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Yes Cross? Yes

Headboard? Bottle? Yes

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes

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

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

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REPORTED BY:

R. S. Brown Chaplain  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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The Adjutant General's Office

War Department Washington D. C.

# 55578

Alfred L. Butts Battery B. 103rd Field

Artillery 26th Division is buried in the American  
plot of the French cemetery at Chateauroux  
St. Dennis France We signed a request  
some time ago to have his body returned to  
the United States. but would prefer now to have  
it remain where it is. A friend who has  
visited the grave says there are nearly two  
hundred American soldiers buried there.

If the body is removed to any other  
cemetery with your department please  
inform us.

His Father

George L. Butts

179 Elm Grove Ave

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GENERAL \* D. D. NORTON  
OFFICE \* WASHINGTON \* D. C.  
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