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CALLAHAN, GEO. C.

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Callahan, Geo. C.  
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New York

GOLD STAR MOTHER'S PILGRIMAGE

S.S. Roosevelt, June 21, 1930

Monroe County

Name: Mrs. Minnie Callahan Frost

Address: 511 N. Goodman St., Rochester, N. Y. (H-6)

Route: New York Central R. R. to New York

Lv. Rochester Train No. 36

9.15 P.M. June 19, 1930

Ar. New York (Grand Central Station)

6.00 A.M. June 20, 1930

Accommodations: Through Sleeper

Elapsed Time: 8 Hours 45 Mins.  $1\frac{1}{2}$  ✓

To The A. G. O.

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G.R.S. Form #114-B

FEB 18 1926

1250

FULL NAME ..... CALLAHAN, George C. ....

RANK ..... Pvt., 1/c ..... SERIAL ..... 2524043 .....

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION ..... Supply Co., 113th Inf. .... 29th Div. ✓

DATE OF DEATH ..... 10-12-18 ✓

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME ..... N.J. ✓

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED.

*no rec*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION. 10-21-21 10 32 A  
Date Grave Row Block

1232 - Meuse-Argonne

Cemetery

Rec'd World War Div.

5 MAR 30 1928

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

By

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FEB 19 1926  
A. G. O.  
WORLD WAR DIV

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Callahan, George C. S.N. 2524043  
Pvt. 1st, Supply Co., 113th Inf.  
Son

October 17, 1933

Mrs. Mimmie Callahan Frost,  
5 Melville St.,  
Rochester, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

In compliance with your recent request,  
instructions have been issued to forward you a  
flag in honor of the above named decedent, pro-  
vided a flag has not previously been furnished  
for him.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JAS. H. LAUBACH,  
Lt. Colonel, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Copy to Commanding Officer, Washington, Q. M. Depot.  
With instructions to furnish a flag.

EM/vd

0442

1933 OCT - 16 - PM 4:2  
OQMG M&R R

Sept 22-1933

War Department Office

Kindly send me one of those flags  
as I would love to have one  
just got the right address I hope  
this time where to send for it  
you would oblige me very  
much. I am the mother of George C.<sup>793</sup>  
Callahan who was killed Oct 12-1918

Gold star Mother

Mrs Minnie Callahan Frost

5 Melville St

Rochester N. Y.



Callahan, Geo C.

Party "H" - Itinerary - ~~Meuse-Argonne~~ Group

Sailed June 21, 1930 on SS ROOSEVELT. Major J. F. Cottrell in charge.

Arrived Cherbourg 5 a.m. June 29th. Met by Major Dailey, Capt. Mitchell, Capt. Dalton, Lieut. Gregory, Lieut. Freeman, Major Kinderman, three nurses and two civilian employees. Train left at 8.21 a.m. for Paris. Arrived Gare des Invalides at 2.30 p.m. Met by Lt. Col. Bartlett and members of the staff, with interpreters and nurses. Escorted to hotel. Remainder of day devoted to rest.

June 30th. Morning devoted to personal business; changing money, preparing laundry, etc. Left hotel at 3 p.m. for Arc de Triomphe. Wreath placed on tomb of the Unknown Soldier by Mrs. Wilhelmina Ohlson, who was selected by party for this duty. A wreath was also laid by Mrs. Anna Johnson on behalf of the N.Y. Fire Department. Proceeded to restaurant Laurent after ceremony where tea and reception tendered by U.S. Government was held. Returned to hotel. Evening free.

July 1st. 7.15 a.m. depart Montmirail, Chalons s/s, Marne, St. Mameould, Verdun.

July 2nd. Visited Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery. Returned to 3-4. Verdun.

July 5th. Visited Cemetery, Suippes and Reims.

July 6th. Visited Reims Cathedral. Lunch at Reims. Chateau Thierry. Returned to Paris.

July 7th. Notre-Dame - Sacre-Coeur

July 8th. Morning free. Napoleon's Tomb. Sightseeing Night Trip.

July 9th. Visit to Louvre - Versailles. Prepared for return trip.

July 10th. Due to the fact that the date of return was changed from July 10th to July 11th, this day was free and was devoted to shopping, etc.

July 11th. Left Hotel between 1 and 1.30 p.m. for Invalides Railway Station. Train left at 2.15 p.m. Accompanied by 5 officers, 1 doctor, 3 nurses and 1 civilian employee. Arrived Cherbourg 5.55 p.m. Sailed 7.25 p.m. on SS REPUBLIC. Major Cottrell in charge. Arrived Hoboken, N. J. 5 p.m. July 20th.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
 "PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"  
 -- ROOM 901 --

225 West 34th St., New York, N.Y.

Party H  
 Number 1366

CALLAHAN, GEORGE C. M.A.

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

MRS. MINNIE CALLAHAN FROST

Name of Traveler  
ROCHESTER, MONROE COUNTY,  
 Home Address  
NEW YORK

Estimate cost of through Pullman.  
 New York, to ROCHESTER, N.Y.

\$ ~~2.75~~  
 3.75

New York, to ROCHESTER, N.Y.  
 Destination.

Via N.Y. CENTRAL TO DEST.

JULY 21, 1930  
 Date of Departure

	Road	Tr. NO.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	car	U.S.G. Order NO.	Est. Cost
LVGR. CENT. TERM.	N.Y.C.	51	7/21	8:30A	M12	12		
AR	<u>Rochester</u>			8:41P			<u>Wg 1022-117</u>	2.78
LV							<u>Car</u>	
AR								
LV		63	21	11:00P	L5	186		
AR	<u>Rochester</u>		22	8:14A			<u>Wg-1022-229</u>	3.75
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TOTAL ~~2.78~~  
 3.75

Remarks: :

book late

Escorted to train by Capt. Arnold J. Frink

Name FROST, Mrs Minnie Callahan

Paris Hôtel HOTEL AMBASSADOR

Home address 511<sup>W</sup> BOULEVARD HAUSSMANN  
~~864~~ Goodman ST, Rochester, Monroe County, New York

Party H Group I Unit ~~SS~~ ROOSEVELT

Date of arrival June 29, 1930. Date of departure ~~SS~~. REPUBLIC, July 11, 1930.

Relationship Mother

Name of deceased CALLAHAN, George C

Rank Pvt I cl Organization Sup, Co, 113th Inf

Cemetery Meuse-Argonne

REMARKS

*Miss Callahan Frost*



File 201.  
(Frost, Mrs. Minnie C.)

FVR

July 18, 1930

Mrs. Herbert A. Osborne,  
c/o Mrs. Melvin Sailey,  
1894 Brunswick Avenue,  
Trenton, New Jersey.

My dear Mrs. Osborne:

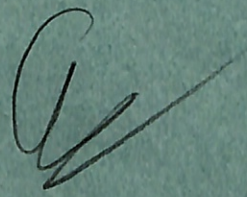
Referring to my letter of July  
16th, you are informed that, according to latest in-  
formation, the S/S REPUBLIC will dock at Pier 4,  
Hoboken, at about 5 P.M., Sunday, July 20th.

Sincerely yours,

*A. E. Williams*

A. E. Williams,  
Colonel, Quartermaster Corps.

*AW*



July 14, 1930.

Dear Sir: -

My mother Mrs. Minnie Callahan Frost from Rochester, New York. Sailed for France on the S.S. Roosevelt boat. With the Gold Star Mothers which sailed from Hoboken, N. J. on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

As I would like very much to see my mother on her return. Would you please advise me to where it would be the best place to meet her to see her (in Hoboken, N. J.) or will she go right back to the Hotel Kensington.

Would you be so kind to send me this information also tell me when she arrives here in the U. S. A. and the time.

Thanking you for your kindness in advance I remain

Yours truly,  
(Mrs) Herbert A Osborne  
1894 Brunswick Ave.

c/o Mrs. Melvin Bailey, Trenton, New Jersey.



Col. A. E. Williams, G. M. C.,  
Room 901, Penna Bldg.,  
225 West 34<sup>th</sup> St.,

New York City,  
N. Y.

Personal

Return Osborne % Soley 1894 Brunswick Ave. Re-  
Fenton <sup>ng.</sup>

File 201.  
(Frost, Mrs. Minnie C.)

AEW:FVR

July 16, 1930

Mrs. Herbert A. Osborne,  
c/o Mrs. Melvin Sailey,  
1894 Brunswick Avenue,  
Trenton, New Jersey.

My dear Mrs. Osborne:

Your mother, Mrs. Minnie Callahan Frost sailed on the S/S PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT with Party "H" and is returning with that party on the S/S REPUBLIC scheduled to arrive New York July 20th, but due to delay in Europe will not dock until 8:30 A.M., July 21st, at Pier 4, Hoboken, N.J.

Immediately after her baggage is inspected your mother will be taken to the Hotel Astor, Broadway and 44th Street, New York City, where I would suggest that you see her; if, however, you wish to visit the pier, it will be necessary to obtain a permit from the Collector of Customs in New York City, his office is in the Custom House at the foot of Broadway.

Sincerely yours,

A. E. Williams,  
Colonel, Quartermaster Corps.

201  
Frost, Mrs. M. C.

June 5, 1930

Mrs. Minnie Callahan Frost  
511 W. Goodman Street  
Rochester, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

For The Officer in Charge:

*2. Bags.*

*Arrived Grand Central Terminal*

*6:00 am June 30th*

Enclosures:  
2 tags.

*Met by Capt. Wm Gessert.*

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

Bust #2

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1866

NAME FROST, MRS. MINNIE CALLAHAN

S.S. REPUBLIC

JUL 19 1920

HOME ROCHESTER, MONROE COUNTY, N. Y.

R.R.

NYC to dest

STATION

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE

Aug 17 - 30

Emer. add

Mrs. D. C. Davis

2 George St.

La Brea

Munro Co. N.Y.

S.R.

232-C

Date 27th June, 1919REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name CALLAHAN Geo. C.Number 2524043Rank Unkn Organization: Unkn

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group \_\_\_\_\_ Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Disinterred (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ From: (Give complete location)  
11th June, 1919 Isolated Gr, BRABANT SUR EMEUS MEUSE  
35 SE E 326.1 N 278.1

Reburied (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ in: (Give complete location)  
11th June, 1919 Grave # 111 Sec 103 Plot # 3  
ARGONNE AMER CTY # 1232

ROMAGNE MEUSE

Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Body buried in uniform; badly decomposed. Burial good.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? YesWhat other means of identification were found upon the body? None**CONFIRMED No. D** 12047

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon the bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct, as is required by G.O. 170, G.H.Q. P1918., after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by Lt. Strong

R. H. ROSENTHAL  
 C.O. Group 2nd Lieut. C.H. C.U.S.A

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Callahan	3	312
BURIED	George C.	1	1
	CEMETERY	1	1232
	GRAVE	2	10
	ROW	2	32
	BLOCK	1	A
STATE	N.Y.	2	35
BANK	Post Office	1	2
DIVISION	29	2	29
ORGANIZATION	113	3	113
ARM	Infantry	1	1
MARTIAL	Reburied	1	3
NAME	Frost	5	6850
RESIDENCE	Mrs. Minnie Callahan	2	37
	STATE	2	N.Y.
	COUNTY	2	Monroe
	CITY	3	Rochester
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	Yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Poor	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	Yes	1	

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	ROW <i>32</i>	1	1
	BLOCK <i>A</i>	2	35
STATE	<i>N J</i>	1	2
RANK	<i>Priv 1st</i>	2	29
DIVISION	<i>29</i>	3	113
ORGANIZATION	<i>113</i>	1	1
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	3
MARITAL	<i>Remarried</i>	3	
NAME		2	
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	
	COUNTY	3	
	CITY	1	5
RELATION	<i>Widow</i>	1	
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>No</i>	1	2
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
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	YR.	1	
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*Audited*  
OCT 15 1931  
*MB*

QM 293 A-M  
Callahan, Geo. C. 1232 M

August 27, 1950

Mrs. Minnie Callahan Frost,  
511 N. Goodman Street,  
Rochester, New York.

Dear Madam:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of the testimonial dated July 9th, which you and the other mothers and widows who sailed on the SS Roosevelt, June 21st were so kind as to send regarding your pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe.

It is gratifying to know that the officers of the Army, the nurses and personnel connected with your group rendered such courteous and efficient service. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages and has expended every effort that those making the journey might have a comfortable and pleasant trip. I feel however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation shown by the mothers and widows who are making the pilgrimage.

I am indeed pleased to receive such complimentary remarks concerning the care and consideration shown the women making the journey by the personnel connected with the pilgrimage.

Sincerely yours,

J. L. DeWITT,  
Major General,  
The Quartermaster General.

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WAR DEPARTMENT

=====  
OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300.



PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

H.  
NAME

Frost Mrs Minnie Callahan

ADDRESS

511 N. Goodman St., Rochester, N.Y.

DATE

July 22 - 1930

TO:

OFFICER-IN-CHARGE,  
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

I BEG TO INFORM YOU THAT I HAVE RETURNED  
TO MY HOME SAFELY AND IN GOOD HEALTH.

SINCERELY,

(SIGNED) Mrs Minnie C. Frost

STATE

....NEW YORK....

CALLAHAN, Geo. C.

**M**  
 NAME **Frost, Mrs. Minnie Callahan** HOME ADDRESS **511 N. Goodman St., Rochester, Monroe County**

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN *Mrs. D. Davis, 2 George St., Sea Breeze, Monroe Co., N.Y.*

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE **JUN 20 1930** HOTEL **LEXINGTON** ROOM NO. *1812*

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE **June 21, 1930** VESSEL **S. S. ROOSEVELT** CABIN NO. *232C*

DESTINATION **CHERBOURG, FRANCE** CEMETERY **MEUSE-ARGONNE**

RETURN NEW YORK

DATE JUL 20 1930

511 N. Goodman St.,  
Rochester, N.Y.  
Monroe Co.

Mother  
NAME ..... Frost, Mrs. Minnie Callahan HOME ADDRESS .....

RETURN ON S. S. **S/S REPUBLIC** HOTEL **ASTOR** ROOM NO. **172**

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE JUL 21 1930

ROAD *Ny C* TRAIN *51* CAR *12* BERTH or SEAT *S12*

REMARKS .....  
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Received 6/21/30

1232

RETURN RECEIPT

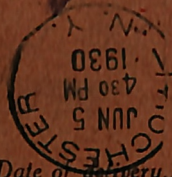
Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

Wm. C. Callahan

(Signature or name of addressee.)

J. J. ...

(Signature of addressee's agent.)



Date of delivery

JUN 5 1930

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 9211 1930

INSURED PARCEL

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

POST OFFICE  
JUN 5  
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1930  
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ADDRESS YOUR MAIL TO TO	POST OFFICE OF DELIVERING OFFICE
	STREET AND NUMBER
AND DATE OF DELIVERY	

Return to \_\_\_\_\_

Q. M. GENERAL

Street and Number, }  
or Post Office Box, }

MUNITIONS BUILDING

(NAME OF SENDER)

1074

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

State

Washington D. C.

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RETURN RECEIPT

~~Rossvelt~~ 6/21/30

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

*Wm. Rossvelt*

(Signature or name of addressee.)

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(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, *5/31*, 19*30*

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Deliver to addressee only.

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OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to Q. M. GENERAL

Street and Number, }  
or Post Office Box, } MUNITIONS BUILDING  
(NAME OF SENDER)  
80615

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

State Washington, DC

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Callahan, George C. 1232-M  
Roosevelt 6-21

May 10, 1930

M s. Minnie C. Frost,  
511 N. Goodman St.,  
Rochester, New York.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Mrs. Rose Callahan Davis  
Name

(Box 446) 2 George St. Sea Breeze N.Y.  
Address

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Env.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Callahan, George C. 1232 M

April 12, 1930.

Mrs. Minnie Callahan Frost,  
511 N. Goodman St.,  
Rochester, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Roosevelt

6-21-30

1232

Callahan, Geo C

I accept 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. Minnie Callahan Frost,  
(Name)

511.  
364 N. Goodman St., Rochester, Monroe County  
(Town or City) (State)  
New York

please kindly  
change my address to 511.  
N. Goodman st instead of  
864 N. Goodman. I wrote before  
about it Mrs Minnie Callahan Frost  
511. N. Goodman  
st

QM 293 A-C  
Callahan, George C.

November 21, 1929

Mrs. Herbert Nash,  
1963 Brunswick Ave.,  
Trenton, N. J.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 14, 1929, making inquiry as to whether or not the remarried widow of the late Private, first class, George C. Callahan, Supply Company, 113th Infantry, who is buried in the Meuse Argonne American Cemetery in France, is eligible to make the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

In this connection please be advised it has been held that the term widow means a widow who has not remarried since the death of the member of the military or naval forces. Upon remarriage the widow loses the right to the benefits of the Act and becomes ineligible under the law, to make the pilgrimage at the expense of the Government.

It is therefore regretted to advise that inasmuch as the widow of the late Private Callahan has remarried, she is not eligible to make the pilgrimage in company with the mother.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

bb

Trenton N. J Nov-14-1929  
1963 Brunswick ave

Quartermaster General  
War Department  
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir

I am writing to you for information  
to convey to the mother of  
George Callahan who was  
killed in action Oct-12 in France  
his body still remains there  
his wife whom he married in  
Anniston Alabama remained  
his widow until one year ago,  
will she be permitted to  
accompany his mother on the  
Pilgrimage to his grave.  
this is the desire of his mother  
as she has shared every thing  
she received with her.

or does her remarriage prevent  
her from so doing.

no one here can answer my question  
I will thank you and appreciate  
your answer.

Mrs Herbert Nash  
Chairman of Welfare  
Elkins Cliphant Post # 93  
American Legion  
Auxiliary

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

October 7, 1929.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Callahan, George C. 1232 M.

Mrs. Minnie Callahan Frost,  
~~864 N. Goodman St.,~~  
Rochester, N. Y.

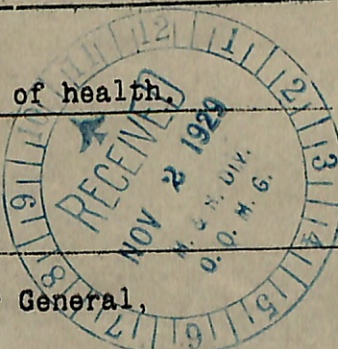
mailed  
JUN 21 1930

Dear Madam:

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1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	(No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <u>56</u> Health (Years) (Good) (Poor) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (No) Other language (Specify language spoken)	



For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Callahan, George C. 1232

September 10, 1929

Mrs. Minnie Callahan Frost,  
864 N. Goodman Street,  
Rochester, New York

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated August 13, 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?

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*Mother*  
*Minnie Callahan Frost*  
*864 N. Goodman st*  
*yes*

For The Quartermaster General

Very truly yours,  
O. Q. M. G.

*John T. Harris*  
JOHN T. HARRIS,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Callahan, George C.

August 13, 1929

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Write answers in space below:

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2. If so, give her complete address.

3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

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Rochester  
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QM 293 A-M  
Callahan, Geo. C. 1232 M

August 27, 1930

Mrs. Minnie Callahan Frost,  
511 N. Goodman Street,  
Rochester, New York.

Dear Madam:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of the testimonial dated July 9th, which you and the other mothers and widows who sailed on the SS Roosevelt, June 21st were so kind as to send regarding your pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe.

It is gratifying to know that the officers of the Army, the nurses and personnel connected with your group rendered such courteous and efficient service. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages and has expended every effort that those making the journey might have a comfortable and pleasant trip. I feel however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation shown by the mothers and widows who are making the pilgrimage.

I am indeed pleased to receive such complimentary remarks concerning the care and consideration shown the women making the journey by the personnel connected with the pilgrimage.

Sincerely yours,

J. L. DEWITT,  
Major General,  
The Quartermaster General.

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June 21/30

## INDEX SHEET

### SYNOPSIS

Letter -  
From - Mrs. D.H. Rosekrans,  
To - The War Dept.,

Thanking the War Dept. for allowing Gold Star Mothers to make Pilgrimage to France, and signed by Gold Star Mothers and Widows before sailing.  
Due to sail on "ROOSEVELT" June 21/30. Names of signers of letter as above.

DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO. 330.13 - Pilgrimage, Gold Star

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

If you will read carefully the suggestions above, **June 12, 1930.**  
**Callahan, Geo. H. C. 1232** will add greatly to your comfort throughout the trip and will assist the Government in carrying out successfully its plans for conducting the pilgrimage. This letter is being **Mrs. Minnie Callahan Frost**, widow who has accepted the invitation sent **511 N. Goodman St.**, to visit the grave of her son or husband, **Rochester, New York.**

For The Quartermaster General,

Dear Madam:

Very truly yours,

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

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

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

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

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



Callahan, George C. - 1232

June 4, 1930.

Mrs. Minnie Callahan Frost,  
511 N. Goodman Street,  
Rochester, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

Lv. Rochester	New York Central	Train No. 36	9:15 PM	June 19
Ar. New York	(Grand Central Station)		6:00 AM	June 20

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Callahan, George C. 1232-M  
Roosevelt 6-21

May 10, 1930

M s. Minnie C. Frost,  
511 W. Goodman St.,  
Rochester, New York.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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Name

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Address

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Callahan, Geo. G. 123211  
Roosevelt 6221

May 8 1930

Mrs. Minnie Callahan Frost,  
511 N. Goodman St.,  
Rochester, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

Requests for stop-overs on return from the pilgrimage to the American cemeteries in Europe are being received by this office, in some cases, too late to take action.

Transportation arrangements for the round-trip are made a month before departure and requests for stop-overs on return must be in this office at that time.

Stop-overs can not be allowed on the trip to New York or in Europe, but may be allowed at any point on return from New York provided there is no additional cost or, if there is, that it is paid in advance by the pilgrim.

If you desire stop-overs at any point on return, please advise this office AT ONCE as to the cities where you desire to stop and we will be glad to arrange accordingly, or advise you if there is any additional cost to be paid by you. Send your request direct to this office and do NOT include it with your passport application.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 12, 1930.

Callahan, George C. 1232 M

Mrs. Minnie Callahan Frost,  
511 N. Goodman St.,  
Rochester, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

Callahan, George C. 1232-M

March 25, 1930

Mrs. Minnie Callahan Frost,  
864 N. Goodman Street,  
Rochester, New York.  
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.

QM 293 A-C  
Callahan, George C.

November 21, 1929

Mrs. Herbert Nash,  
1963 Brunswick Ave.,  
Trenton, N. J.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 14, 1929, making inquiry as to whether or not the remarried widow of the late Private, first class, George C. Callahan, Supply Company, 118th Infantry, who is buried in the Meuse Argonne American Cemetery in France, is eligible to make the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

In this connection please be advised it has been held that the term widow means a widow who has not remarried since the death of the member of the military or naval forces. Upon remarriage the widow loses the right to the benefits of the Act and becomes ineligible under the law, to make the pilgrimage at the expense of the Government.

It is therefore regretted to advise that inasmuch as the widow of the late Private Callahan has remarried, she is not eligible to make the pilgrimage in company with the mother.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Callahan, George C. 1232 M.

Mrs. Minnie Callahan Frost,  
864 N. Goodman St.,  
Rochester, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Callahan, George C. 1232

September 10, 1929

Mrs. Minnie Callahan Frost,  
864 N. Goodman Street,  
Rochester, New York

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated August 13, 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.  
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JOHN T. HARRIS,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Callahan, George C.

August 13, 1929

Mrs. Minnie Callahan Frost,  
864 N. Goodman Street,  
Rochester, New York

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 **First class Pvt. George C. Callahan, Supply Co., 113th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.**

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

Write answers in space below:

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried?

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Callahan, George C.

June 27, 1929

Mrs. James Frost,  
144 Cleveland Ave.,  
Trenton, N.J.

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 1st Class George C. Callahan, Supply Co., 113th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagnous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 C-R

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

October 18, 1923.

Mrs. James Frost,  
144 Cleveland Ave.,  
Trenton, N.J.

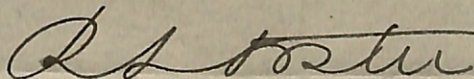
Dear Madam:

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

Very truly yours,



R.L. FOSTER  
Assistant.

23/668/ARK

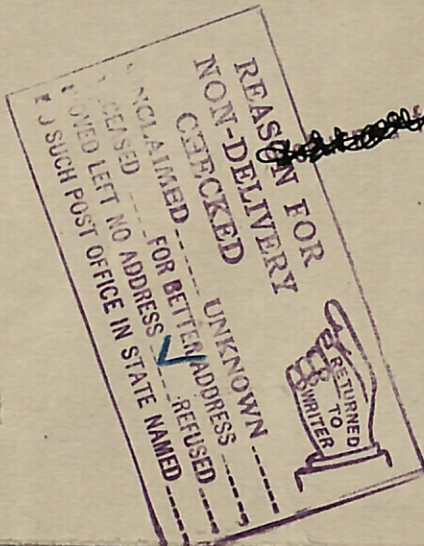
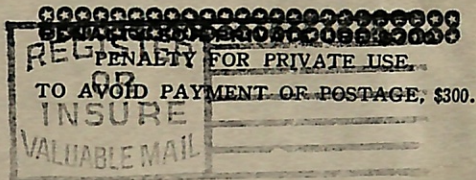
293 Callahan, George C.  
O.C.M.C.  
FILE

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

WASHINGTON, D. C.



~~Handwritten scribble~~

Mrs. James Frost,

~~144 Cleveland Ave.~~

~~Trenton,~~

~~N.J.~~



*Handwritten: Rmd. no add.*

QM 293 C-R

October 18, 1923.

Mrs. James Frost,  
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Trenton, N.J.

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Central Mail & Files Bldg

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Assistant.

RD  
JDL



OCT 18 1923

H.B.

23/668/ARK

Callahan  
(Surname.)

<sup>C.</sup>  
George ~~Christopher~~  
Christian name in full.)

2,524,043  
(Army serial number.)

Pvt 1st Cl

Sup Co 113 Inf  
(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased.

Wife Minnie Frost

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? *No not to be disturb*  
(Yes or no.)

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

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

*Mrs Minnie Frost*

*144 Cleveland Ave*  
(Number and street or rural route.)

*Trenton*  
(City, town, or post office.)

*N.J.*  
(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

3-6713

drawn by M.H.  
1232 - Spec 103-28  
5-27-21

checked  
5-28-21

# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #43956 ✓

(a) Name CALLAHAN, George C. Ser. No. 2524043  
 (b) Rank Pvt. 1/cl Organization Supply Co., 113th Inf.  
 (c) Date of death 10/12/18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. DMA  
 CKR. [Signature]

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

(a) Grave No. 111 Row - Plot 3 Sec. 103 TYP. DMA  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. James Frost (mother) 144 Cleveland Ave.,  
Trenton, N.J.

CKR. [Signature]

III. Files of soldiers ~~dying from contagious diseases/~~

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt \_\_\_\_\_

(a) Name Mrs. Minnie Frost (b) Relationship Mother  
 (c) Address 144 Cleveland Ave., Trenton, N.J.  
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No (not to be disturbed)  
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Examiner's Initials [Signature] Date 5/27, 1921

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

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

Examiner's Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_, 1921

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

Feb. 5/1/19 - Mrs. George C. Callahan (wife) 144 Cleveland Ave., Trenton, N.J.  
No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? \_\_\_\_\_

Examiner's Initials [Signature] Date 5/27, 1921

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232-sec.103 SHEET No. 28

no-care

Checked 4/7-5-21

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 192

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by \_\_\_\_\_, 192

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
letter on JUN - 9 1921, 192

*Sec. 103.*

**Par. 2 Not To Be Returned** *Undisturbed Case. (E&S)*

IX.

**REMARKS**

Multiple horizontal dashed lines for writing remarks.

WRITE NOTHING BELOW THIS LINE.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept 12, 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

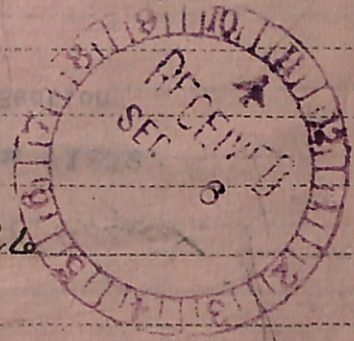
COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name CALLAHAN, George C  
 2. No. 2524043  
 3. Rank Pvt 1cl  
 4. Org. Supp Co 113th Inf  
 5. D.D. 10-12-18  
 6. C.D. KIA

10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 13. Org. see 26  
 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) D.B. No discrepancies



Discrepancy found upon disinterment.

7. Grave No. 111 Sec. 103  
 8. Plot 3 Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 17. No discrepancies

18. Cemetery Argonne Amer  
 20. Dept. or County Meuse  
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232 Sec 103

19. Commune or town Romagne/s / Montfaucon  
 21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) Sept. 12, 1921

By Martin Styles

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name George C. Callahan  
 Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Serial No. 2524043  
 Organization \_\_\_\_\_

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

C. J. Hughes

Clarence Hughes  
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). Tag on cross and GRS plaque on body agree with tag on body. Collar ornaments U.S.N.C. and Med. Corps. Dept. button.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features not recognizable.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box in uniform and

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 Sept. 12, 1921 By Martin Styles

31. Casket sealed by Martin Styles

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

Martin Styles

AUDITED BY  
M.M.C.  
5-4-23

SHIPMENT: (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **05755**

32. Designation of body:

Name **CALLAHAN, George C** Serial No. **2524043**

Rank **Pvt 1cl** Organization **Supp Co 113th Inf**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **Argonne Amer Cty Romagne/s/Montfaucon 1232**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **Sept. 12, 1921** By **Martin Styles**

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 *F. B. Daniel*  
**F. B. Daniel**  
**Capt. QMC**

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) **Sept. 12, 1921**

To point of Concentration **Morgue Romagne**

Convoyer **W. J. Royed** Signature Shipping Officer *Albert M. Jackson*  
**Albert M. Jackson**  
**Capt. CAC**

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: -Date **Sept 12, 1921**

G.R.S. Representative *W. J. Royed*

41. Reinterred **Oct. 21, 1921.** **Meuse Argonne Cem #1232.**  
(Date)

42. Grave No. **10.** Section

43. Plot **Block A.** Row **32.**

G.R.S. Representative *James W. Younger*  
**JAMES W. YOUNGER.**  
**Captain. QMC. USA.**

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF CALLAHAN, George C. SERIAL NUMBER 2524043.

RANK Pvt. 1/c ORGANIZATION Sup. Co. 113th Inf.

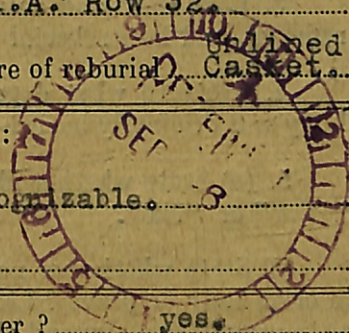
2. Disinterred (date): Sept. 12, 1921 From (give complete location): Gr 111, Sec 103, Plot 3, Cty. 1232.

By: Group 8 Unit Sec 2.

3. Reburied (date): Oct. 21, 1921. In (give complete location): Meuse Argonne Cem #1232. Gr. 10. Bl. A. Row 32.

By: Group Reburial S. Unit  Nature of reburial Reburied in Casket.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: wooden box and uniform, badly decomposed, features not recognizable.



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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: Collar ornaments "U.S.N.G." and "Medical Corp." tag on cross and G.R.S. plaque on body agree with tag on body which reads, "George C. Callahan, 2524043" no effects.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items? 2, 3, 14, 15, 18, 19, Messl fill.

(a) Height (actual measurement) impossible to determine. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, broken off right to gums 9, 22, 25, 27, 31 M.A.D 11 cavity, 316, aptly erupted.

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

Quantity do

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

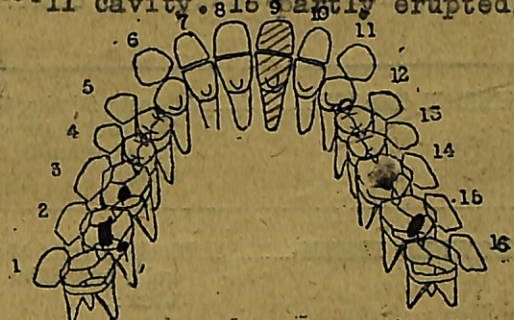
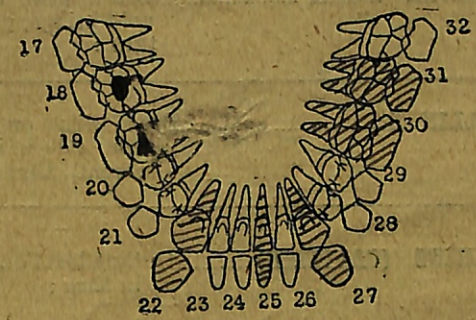


Diagram represents the mouth wide open. 17, 32 not erupted. 30 M.B.D.



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) left arm shattered right leg shattered, left tibia and fibia shattered, right pelvic shattered.

7. Disinterment supervised by Martin Styles  
Martin Styles.

Approved: F. B. Daniel  
F. B. Daniel, Capt. Q.M.C.  
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Dufault  
fg.

Approved: James W. Younfer  
James W. Younfer, Captain, Q.M.C. USA.  
(Title)

# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

**I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:**

File #43956

(a) Name CALLAHAN, George C. Ser. No. 2524043 } TYP. DMA  
 (b) Rank Pvt. 1/cl Organization Supply Co., 113th Inf. } CB  
 (c) Date of death 10/12/18 (d) Cause of death K/A

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

(a) Grave No. 116 Row - Plot 3 Sec. 103 TYP. DMA

(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. James Frost (mother) 144 Cleveland Ave.,

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases Trenton, N.J.

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

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 .....  
 .....

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
 Dec. 10 3 letter of transmittal on JUN - 9 1921, 192

Par. 2 Not To Be Returned Undisturbed Case (E.S.)

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., \_\_\_\_\_, 192

**VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.**

Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.

VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J. \_\_\_\_\_, 192

COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_ CEMETERY No. \_\_\_\_\_ SHEET No. \_\_\_\_\_

43956

1. G. S. Form No. 1. Hq. G. File

2. Soldier's No. 4043

3. CALLAHAN GEO. C.  
Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials

4. Pvt.  
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. Date of Death Cause, if known

6. isolated grave  
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. BRABANT MEUSE  
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

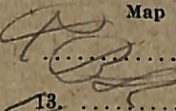
9. Name Pag? <sup>yes</sup> Cross? Headboard? Bottle?   
Check Method of Marking

10. Buried with Body? Attached to Grave Marker?  YES.  
Identification Tags

11. If name unknown and tags missing, give marks and description.

~~CMME~~ Brabant-sur-Meuse (Meuse)  
(C-283) SHT. 35 S.E. COORD E326.1 N278.1

12. Verdun SE 35 E326.1-N278.1  
Map reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

13.   
Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed E.F. Fiene

Group 1 Unit 311 G. R. S.

WAR. DEPARTMENT  
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army

Washington

JUL 9 1921

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

Date 6-23-21

File No. 43956

Registration.

File No. 43956

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

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

- a. Surname **CALLAHAN,** ✓
- b. Christian name **George C. or George Christopher** ✓
- c. Serial Number **2524043** ✓
- d. Organization **Supply Co., 113th Inf.** ✓
- e. Rank **Pvt. 1/c** ✓
- f. Date of death **10-12-18** ✓
- g. Cause of death **K/A** ✓
- h. Authority (C.O.#) **301**
- i. Emergency address **Mrs. James Frost, 144 Cleveland Ave. Trenton, N.J.**

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

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

a. Strike out teeth missing

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

Noted on Form 115  
Date 7-7-21-H

1921 JUL

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

BY:

*H. J. Conner*

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

Sec 3 S & S Div., A.G.O.

JUN 29 1921 8 1

Date.....

JUN 29 1921

CEMETERY NO: 1232-Sec. 103

SHEET NO: 28  
TYPED BY: msb

S/713/LML

*Donnelly S.A. E.P.L.  
W7 6/29/21*

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

Reference -43956.

June 7.1919.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.  
TO : Mrs George C. Callahan, 144 Cleveland Avenue, Turton, N.J.  
SUBJECT : Pvt. George C. Callahan, Sup Co. 113th Inf. American E.F.

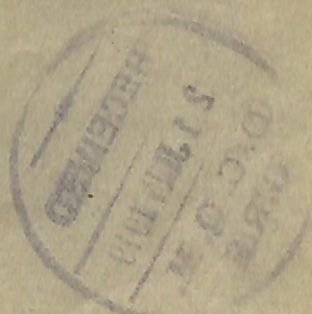
1. With an assurance of very deep sympathy, and in reply to your letter of enquiry, you are advised that information has been filed in this office by the burial officer concerned, to the effect that the above named soldier is buried in Isolated Grave No. 2. at BRABANT-SUR-MEUSE, Department of MEUSE.



(Enclosure G.R.S.)  
( 10-B. .004.5.)

*for Charles C. Pierce*  
CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Lieut.-Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.

CCP-jej.



Trenton N.J.  
May 1<sup>st</sup> 1919

Dear Sir

Could I have a photograph of my  
husbands grave. as I havent had any  
information about the location of  
the grave. which I think I should have.

First class. Private George Christopher  
Callahan. Supply Co. 113. Inf. Serial no. 2524043.

killed in action October 12<sup>th</sup> 1918. France

hoping you will be able to  
send me a photo as soon as possible.

Thanking you.

respectfully

Mrs. George C. Callahan

144 Cleveland Ave

Trenton New Jersey

P.S.

could you tell me if I will receive  
a death certificate. or to whom  
shall I write for one.

✓

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

G. R. S.  
BULLETIN  
No. 10-B.

INFORMATION FOR THE FRIENDS OF OUR DEAD

1. **THE GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE**, a branch of the Quartermaster Corps, is the official organization of the War Department, charged with the acquisition and control of cemeteries in every country embraced within the Field of Operations. It is also responsible for the marking and preservation of all graves. No other organization shares this authority, or has power to effect arrangements or make promises concerning this work. It must be remembered also that this Service does not bury the dead, but confines its operations to the location and control of graves. It is not prepared to give information on other subjects.
2. **CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH.** The Graves Registration Service does not receive information relative to the circumstances surrounding the death of soldiers, and inquiries under this heading should be addressed to the chaplain of the organization in which the soldier was serving at the time of his death.
3. **OUR FIELD FORCE** operates within all areas, and every effort is made to perfect identifications and to guard the resting places of our dead. The Government has undertaken to do everything which is humanly possible, in view of the extreme difficulties involved in the stress or consequence of the greatest war in the history of the world.
4. **THE EXACT LOCATION OF A GRAVE** is communicated, whenever possible, to the person whom the soldier had previously registered as the proper one to be addressed, in case of casualty. The great mass of information to be gathered, verified, and transmitted, will generally account for delays in notification.
5. **FLOWERS, FLAGS, ETC.** We are frequently asked to accept commissions to place flowers, flags and other gifts on separated graves, but such requests must necessarily be denied because of the wide extent of our territory, the exhausting nature of the work, and the impossibility of reaching a thousand or more burial places under the difficult conditions which obtain. Such requests are also discouraged for the reason that there should be no inequality in the treatment of our nation's dead.
6. **MONUMENTS.** For the same reason, in addition to the fact that the Government would eventually be obliged to transport monuments with bodies to designated places of final burial, it is not at present permitted to erect any permanent monument; all graves being temporarily marked with a cross or the regulation headboard, such as is used in National Cemeteries in the United States. No other markers can be authorized until the final disposition of the dead has been made.
7. **PERSONAL EFFECTS.** Personal effects are not handled by this Service. Inquiries concerning the same should be addressed to The Adjutant General of the Army, Washington, D.C.
8. **DISINTERMENTS.** The exhumation of bodies is at present prohibited by the laws of the countries in which we are operating. No exception can be made until the War Department shall have completed its plans for the shipment of bodies to the States.
9. **RETURN OF BODIES** to the U.S. will be made in due time, except in cases where a specific request to the contrary is made; which request should be addressed to The Adjutant General of the Army, Washington, D. C., who will issue proper instructions. Due announcement of the return of bodies will be made, and the time cannot be hastened by appeals for priority, precedence, or favoritism in the listing of claims. The final disposition of bodies will be considered and executed as an entire project, at such time, probably after the conclusion of peace, as the vastness and difficulty of this almost inconceivable task may make possible.
10. While some of these restrictions may seem unreasonable to friends in the first outburst of their sorrow, experience has shown the same to be necessary, and our people are asked to accept the sacrifice which they impose, in the same spirit in which our men on the world's battle field have offered up themselves, viz., for the good of a great Cause.

By authority :

**Charles C. PIERCE**  
Lieut. Colonel. Q. M. C., U. S. A.  
Chief, G. R. S.

## PHOTOGRAPHY OF GRAVES AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

1. **PHOTOGRAPHY OF GRAVES** is entirely controlled by the Chief of the Graves Registration Service, American Expeditionary Forces, France. No photographs of graves should be taken except by the special photographers of this Service, who, under the operation of military orders, are assigned to the Staff of its Chief, by the American Red Cross
2. An officer of the American Red Cross, designated as Director of Photography, is assigned to the Staff of the Chief, Graves Registration Service, for this work, under his direction, and funds are provided through the War Chest contributed by the American people. No funds should be sent to the Graves Registration Service, the Red Cross, or individual officers for this purpose from any private source.
- 3 Operators are now photographing graves in France, Belgium, Italy, Great Britain and Ireland, and it is expected that within a very few months the finished photographs will be transmitted to the relatives of our dead.
4. Owing to the difficulties of obtaining the necessary technical staff, and the inadvisability of setting up a large photographic laboratory in France, it has been decided to distribute these photographs through the Bureau of Communication, American Red Cross National Headquarters, Washington, D. C., and all applications for pictures should be filed there, as soon as notification of the location of grave has been received by a relative from the Chief, Graves Registration Service.
- 5 The photographers work under route instructions issued by the Chief, Graves Registration Service, and in the interest of economy and labor-saving, it has been decided that these operators will not be able to make special trips to distant points to take individual photographs in response to urgent requests received from the United States or elsewhere. The time so consumed would prolong the period of waiting on the part of many others.
6. It is the desire to furnish the best possible service to sorrowing friends at home, and with this end in view, it is earnestly requested that relatives of our dead will be as patient as possible in awaiting these photographs. It will be appreciated that if requests are forwarded directly to the Graves Registration Service of the Army in France, it will only add to the burden of the work, without achieving the end in view ; as, for reasons given above, appeals for priority, precedence or favoritism in the listing of claims cannot be considered, and photographs can only be forwarded from Washington.

By direction of Lieutenant Colonel CHARLES C. PIERCE  
Chief, Graves Registration Service :

Maurice B. Dix.  
Captain, American Red Cross,  
Director of Photography,  
Graves Registration Service.

Chief Graves Registrar  
Forms forwarded  
10B April 28, 1919  
43957  
renton N.J. Feb 14. 1919

I thank you kindly for writing me of my son George L. Callahan supply no 113 in fact he who died October 12, 1918 it was am offull shocked to me as he was my only boy, and was a good boy, he was my only support I am a widow with two small girls. it is so hard to give him up. I have been under Doctors care ever sence I got word from Washington I do hope his grave is well taken care of. I would like for you to send me one of those Photographs of the grave I wish you would tell me if you know just how he died

and did he have to suffer any  
please tell me just how it was  
done I beg of you to tell me.  
I thank you again to be so  
kind and let me ~~know~~ if there  
was anything belonging to him  
and oblige his own mother

Mrs James Frost

144 Cleveland ave

Trenton, New Jersey

U. S. A.

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Sup. Co., 113th. Inf.  
29th. Div.

CALLAHAN, George G.- Pvt; lcl. 2524043.

In the Ravine Boussiers North of Samogneux; October 12, 1918, the deceased was at the ration dump issuing rations, as one of Regtl Sup. sgt. Hanna's ration detail, when a shell exploded in the middle of ration dump among a group of men. After the explosion of the shell I found the body of Pvt. lcl. Callahan among those killed.

- 1. Yes.
- 34 Death instantaneous. Buried East End of Ravine Boussiers.

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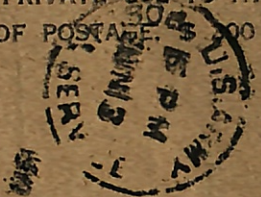
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