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1. NAME CAPEN, William V SERIAL No. \_\_\_\_\_

RANK 2nd Lt ORGANIZATION Hqs Det 3rd Avia I.C.

& DIVISION none shown

GRAVE LOCATION Amer Cty Issoudun Indre 32  
CTY. NAME NUMBER

141

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL ~~BATTLE AREA~~ GRAVE LOCATION 141 Voeu Indre  
As shown on GRS Form 1-A dated 11/24/20 GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES None 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.

None of record

DATE OF DEATH

Nov. 3, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

New Jersey

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS None of record None.

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 9th, 1922. 21 15 A

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

AUDITED BY

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5/23/23

RECORDED  
MAY 19 1923  
G. R. S. STANLEY

St. Mihiel American Cemetery, THIAUCOURT, (M. P. M. D. Davis)

Major General,  
The Adjutant General.  
By 1286

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## 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, statement 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

Capen, ~~xxx~~ William V. R

(Surname) (Number) (First Name and Initials)

2nd Lieut., A.S. Headquarters Det.

(Rank) (Organization)

DATE OF BURIAL: November 5, 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL: A.E.F. Cemetery #32,

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

GRAVE NUMBER 141

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?   Cross?

Headboard?  Yes 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.

REPORTED BY:

  
R.H. CLARK,  
2nd Lt. A.S.,

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

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**STATISTICAL DIVISION**  
**H. A. E. F.**  
**10 NOV 1918**

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Received  
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NOV. 10 1918

G. H. Q. A. E. F.

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Capen, Wm. V.  
2nd Lieut.

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New Jersey

GOLD STAR MOTHERS PILGRIMAGE

S.S. REPUBLIC, JULY 26, 1930

Bergen County

Name: Mrs. Louise I. Capen (N-13)

Address: 312 Kipp Ave., Hasbrouck Heights, N.J.

Route: Erie R.R. to New York

Lv. Hasbrouck Heights Train No. 658 2.12 P.M., July 25  
Ar. Jersey City 2.35 P.M., July 25

Accommodations: Coach Service

Elapsed Time: 23 minutes  $\frac{1}{4}$

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Capen, Wm. V

Party "N" - Itinerary - St. Mihiel Group

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

- August 6th: Morning devoted to transaction of personal business. Exchange of money, preparation of laundry, etc. Afternoon - Arc de Triomphe, Wreath laid by Mrs. Crane for party. Tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent. Dinner at hotel.
- August 7th: Morning free. Lunch at hotel. Left 2:15 pm for Versailles. Left Versailles 4:55 pm. Arrived 5:30 pm for refreshments Belle Cycliste - Suresnes. Dinner at hotel.
- August 8th: Left 8:30 am for Rozoy-en-Brie via Porte de Vincennes (rest stop Hotel du Sauvage). Left 10:50 for Sezanne. Lunch Hotel de France. Left 2:50 pm for Vitry-le-Francois via R.N. 34 (rest stop Cafe Moderne). Left 5:00 for Bar-le-Duc. Quarters Hotel de Metz.
- August 9th: Left 9:30 am for Thiaucourt. Lunch Hotel de Metz. Visit St. Mihiel Cemetery. Leave cemetery 4:30 pm via St-Pierre Auberge, Pont-a-Mousson and arrive Nancy 6:15 pm. Quarters Grand Hotel.
- August 10th  
& 11th: Visited St. Mihiel Cemetery.
- August 12th: Left Nancy 8:00 am via Toul and arrived Neufchateau 10:00. (Rest stop Hotel Modern.) Left 10:30 am for Bar-sur-Aube via Chaumont. Lunch Hotel du Commerce. Left 5:00 pm for Troyes. Quarters Grand Hotel.
- August 13th: Left 8:30 am for Sens. (Rest stop Hotel de Paris). Left 12:30 pm for Fontainebleau. Lunch Hotel Legris. Visited Chateau. Left 4:00 pm for Paris. Dinner at hotel.
- August 14th: Morning free. Lunch at hotel. Sightseeing trip Paris - Napoleon's Tomb. Dinner at hotel.
- August 15th: Holiday. Trip on Seine River.
- August 16th: Visited Sacre Coeur in morning. Lunch at hotel. Sightseeing trip Paris - Notre Dame. Dinner at hotel.
- August 17th: Free or Church. Lunch at hotel. Louvre. Dinner at hotel. Night sightseeing trip.
- August 18th: Morning free. Lunch at hotel. Afternoon free. Dinner at hotel.
- August 19th: Boat train for Cherbourg. Left 2:12 pm. Arrived 8:23 pm. PRESIDENT HARDING sailed about 10:30 pm. Arrived New York August 27th.

Mrs Louise I Capen

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

CAPEN, William V. St. M.

Party ..... N .....  
 Number ..2611.....

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

MRS. LOUISE I. CAPEN ..... Actual cost of through Pullman.  
 Name of Traveler

HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, BERGEN COUNTY, New York, to .. HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, N. J. ....  
 Home Address

NEW JERSEY ..... \$ .....

New York, to .... HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, N. J. ...  
 Destination

Via ..... N. J. & N. Y. TO DEST. ....  
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..... AUG. 27, 1930 .....  
 Date of Departure  
 LIMIT--SEPT 25, 1930

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	Car	U. S. G. Order No.	Actual Cost
LV	JERSEY CITY	615	8/27	3:34 PM				
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Remarks:

..... TO LEAVE ON TRAIN ABOUT 3:00 PM .....  
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CAPEN, WILLIAM V.

Mrs. Louise I. Capen

Arrived 2:35 p.m., Erie R.R., July 25, 1930.  
Met by Capt. Richard H. Darrell. Escorted to Hotel Paramount.  
Occupied Room 406 with Mrs. Cornelius Buikema.

July 12th, 1930

Mrs. Louise I. Capen,  
312 Kipp Avenue,  
Hasbrouck Heights, N. J.

Dear Madam:

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

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

For The Officer in Charge:

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

Enclosures:  
2 tags.

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Capen, Wm V	3	3106
	CEMETERY 1233	1	3
BURIED	GRAVE 21	2	21
	ROW 15	2	15
	BLOCK a	1	1
STATE	ND	2	35
RANK	2nd Lt	1	1
DIVISION	Air Service	2	44
ORGANIZATION	3	3	003
ARM	Ave Inst Center	1	3
MARTIAL	Mrs	1	2
NAME	Mrs Louise I Capen	3	3106
	STATE ND	2	35
RESIDENCE	COUNTY Mercer	2	02
	CITY Ashbrook Heights	3	049
RELATION	Brother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	Yes	1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Good	1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO. YR. 1930	1	
ACCEPTANCE	Yes	1	
	Age 64		64

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**AUDITED**  
 OCT 8 1931  
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QM 293 A-C  
Capen, William V. 1233 M

June 4, 1930.

Miss Dorothy H. Capen  
312 Kipp Avenue  
Hasbrouck Heights, N. J.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 24, 1930, relative to the pilgrimage to be made by your mother to the grave of the late William V. Capen.

In this connection, you are advised that your mother leaves New York, sailing on the SS "Republic" on July 26, 1930 and arrives in France on August 5th. On August 8th she leaves Paris, to visit the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France, which trip will take approximately seven days, bringing her back to Paris on August 14th. She will remain in Paris until August 19th, on which date she will sail for New York.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Bergew Co.

312 Kipp Avenue  
Hastbrouck Heights  
New Jersey  
May 24, 1930.

Mr. A. D. Hughes  
War Department  
Washington, D.C.

Accepts  
Republic  
July 26

Dear Sir:

I am making arrangements  
to accompany my Mother,  
Mrs. Louise I. Capen on her  
journey to France, sailing  
on the S.S. Republic on  
July 26, 1930. Will it be  
possible for you to send  
to me a copy of Mother's  
itinerary of her stay in  
France so that I can  
make my land tour  
correspond with hers?  
Thanking you for your

immediate attention, I  
remain

Yours Respect-  
Dorothy A. Capen

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

May 17, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Capen, William V. -1233 M  
Republic 7-26

Mrs. Louise Capen,  
312 Kipp Avenue,  
Hasbrouck Heights, N. J.

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. G. H. Andre

Name

17 Elwood Place Newark New Jersey.

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.  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Capen, William V. 1233 M

April 24, 1930.

Mrs. Louise I. Capen,  
312 Kipp Ave.,  
Hasbrouck Heights, N.J.

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

October 9, 1929.

Capen, William V. 1233 M.

Mrs. Louise I. Capen,  
312 Kipp Ave.,  
Hasbrouck Heights, N. J.

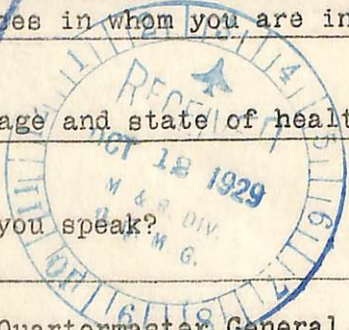
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*JUL 26 1930*

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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(No) <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(No) <input type="checkbox"/>
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) <input type="checkbox"/>	(No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <u>64</u> Health <u>Excellent</u>	(Years) (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(No) <input type="checkbox"/>
	Other language	(Specify language spoken)



For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Capen, William V.  
1233

September 16, 1929.

Mrs. Louise Irving Capen,  
312 Kipp Ave.,  
Hasbrouck Heights, N. J.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated July 31, 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:

*No*

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

*Mother*

*312 Kipp Ave  
Hasbrouck Heights  
Bergen Co  
New Jersey - J.E.*

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Act of Congress  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Capen, William V.

July 31, 1929.

Mrs. Louise Irving Capen,  
312 Kipp Ave.,  
Hasbronck Heights, 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 Second Lieutenant William V. Capen, Headquarters Detachment, 3rd Aviation Instruction Center, whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, 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?

*No*

2. If so, give her complete address.

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3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

*Yes.*

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  
Capen, William V.

XC 84 503

May 31, 1929.

Mr. E. A. Capen,  
31 Ferry St.,  
New York, N. Y.

Mother:  
Mrs. Louise Irving Capen  
312 Kipp. Ave.,  
Hasbronck Heights, N.J.

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 Second Lieutenant William V. Capen, Headquarters Detachment, 3rd Aviation Instruction Center, 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.



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Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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June 24, 1930

Capen, Wm. V.-1233

Mrs. Louise I. Capen,  
312 Kapp Ave.,  
Hasbrouck Heights, N.J.

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. Hasbrouck Heights	Erie Train No. 658	2:12 PM	July 25
Ar. Jersey City		2:35 PM	July 25

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

Capen, Wm V. 1235-M

June 13, 1930.

Mrs Louise I. Capen,  
321 Kipp Ave.,  
Hastbrouck Heights, New Jersey.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-C  
Capen, William V. 1233 M

June 4, 1930.

Miss Dorothy H. Capen  
312 Kipp Avenue  
Hasbrouck Heights, N. J.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 24, 1930, relative to the pilgrimage to be made by your mother to the grave of the late William V. Capen.

In this connection, you are advised that your mother leaves New York, sailing on the SS "Republic" on July 26, 1930 and arrives in France on August 5th. On August 8th she leaves Paris, to visit the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France, which trip will take approximately seven days, bringing her back to Paris on August 14th. She will remain in Paris until August 19th, on which date she will sail for New York.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

May 17, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Capen, William V. -1233 M  
Republic 7-26

Mrs. Louise Capen,  
312 Kipp Avenue,  
Hasbrouck Heights, N. J.

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.

Encl.  
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Capen, William V. 1233M  
Republic 7-26

May 7 1930

Mrs. Louise Capen,  
312 Kipp Ave.,  
Hasbrouck Heights, N.J.

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 24, 1930.

Capen, William V. 1233 M

Mrs. Louise I. Capen,  
312 Kipp Ave.,  
Hasbrouck Heights, N.J.

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

Capan, William V. 1233 N

April 11, 1930

Mrs. Louise I. Capan,  
313 Kipp Ave.,  
Haebrouck Heights, N. J.  
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

October 9, 1929.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Capen, William V. 1233 M.

Mrs. Louise I. Capen,  
312 Kipp Ave.,  
Hasbronck Heights, N. J.

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

Capen, William V.  
1233

September 16, 1929.

Mrs. Louise Irving Capen,  
312 Kipp Ave.,  
Hasbrouck Heights, N. J.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated **July 31, 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

Capen, William V.

July 31, 1929.

Mrs. Louise Irving Capen,  
312 Kipp Ave.,  
Hasbronck Heights, 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 **Second Lieutenant William V. Capen, Headquarters Detachment, 3rd Aviation Instruction Center, whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.**

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

Write answers in space below:

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

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
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

Capon, William V.

May 31, 1929.

Mr. E. A. Capon,  
31 Ferry St.,  
New York, N. Y.

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 Second Lieutenant William V. Capon, Headquarters Detachment, 3rd Aviation Instruction Center, 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.

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November 27, 1923.

293 Capen, William V.

Mr. E.A. Capen,  
31 Ferry St.,  
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the permanent grave of 2nd Lieutenant William V. Capen, Headquarters Detachment, 3rd Aviation Instruction Center, is Grave 21, Row 15, Block A, St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. 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.

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.

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O. P. M. G.  
CENTRAL MAIL ROOM.



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

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MAY 26 1920

*Rush Answer*

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.  
TO: Edward A. Capen, 31 Ferry St., New York, N. Y.  
SUBJECT: Remains of 2nd Lt. William V. Capen

The records of this office show that you have requested that his  
body be not returned to the U. S.

*no change*

*requests are on reverse side of this blank*

*am*

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.

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JUN 11 1920

Soldier's Widow

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

Father

*Edward A. Capen*

Mother

*Louise D. Capen*

Brothers 1.  
(Name oldest first) 2.

Sisters

*Louise, Vera, Dorothy*

Date *May 28/20*

Signature *Edward A. Capen*

Address *31 Ferry St NY* Relationship *Father*

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

HJM

(OVER)

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

*H*

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

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*no change*

*requests are on reverse side of this blank*

*Oru*

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.

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow	<i>unmarried letter 6/24/20</i>		
Soldier's Children	<i>none</i>		
(Name oldest first)	<i>None</i>		
Father	<i>Edward A. Capen</i>		
Mother	<i>Louise D. Capen</i>		
Brothers	<i>None</i>		
(Name oldest first)	<i>None</i>		

Sisters *Louise, Vera, Dorothy*

Date *May 28/20* Signature *Edward A. Capen*

Address *31 Ferry St NY* Relationship *Father*

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

HJM

(OVER)

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*H*

My desire is, providing there is  
to be a national cemetery for our  
dead in France, to have my son  
interred there otherwise I re-  
quest his remains be returned  
to this country and same placed  
in my plot at Cypress Hills  
Brooklyn N.Y.

Edward A. Copen



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.

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DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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TIME.

GRAVE LOCATION FORM  
LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

54302  
54302

Capen, ~~xxx~~

William V.

(Surname) (Number) (First Name and Initials)

2nd Lieut., A.S.

Headquarters Det.

(Rank)

(Organization)

DATE OF BURIAL. November 5, 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL A.E.F. Cemetery #32,  
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department) Map  
reference must specify clearly what map is  
used.

GRAVE NUMBER 141

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? xx Cross? xx

Headboard? Yes 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:

REVIEWED  
R. H. CARR  
OSP  
1st Lt. A.S.,

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

GRAVE LOCATION  
GRAVE NUMBER

DATE OF BURIAL  
NAME OF FUNERAL HOME

NAME OF DECEASED  
RELATIONS AND GRAVE MARKER

GRAVE NUMBER  
NOT MARKED: Name of Marked Grave  
HEADSTONE: Yes Possible

GRAVE MARKED WITH BODY? Yes  
Was the location to name for or  
was used as a grave marker? Yes



F. H. CLARK  
S. H. CLARK

Adjustment Made

WAR. DEPARTMENT

Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army

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Washington

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-0

Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 3/11/21.

File No. 54302 Registration.

(SPECIAL)

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 Capen ✓

f. Date of death 11/3/18. ✓

b. Christian name William V. ✓

g. Cause of death Aeroplane accident. ✓

c. Serial Number ---

h. Authority (C.O.#) 312.

~~d. Organization 3rd Avia. Instr. Center.~~  
~~op (Hq. Det., 3rd Avia. Instr. Center.)~~

i. Emergency address

E. Q. Capen  
31 Ferry St. New York, N.Y.

e. Rank 2nd Lieut.

~~j. Relationship~~

Father.

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

a. Age of enlistment

b. Color of eyes

c. Color of hair

d. Height

e. Weight

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

DENTAL CHARTS

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

a. Strike out teeth missing

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

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lower right lower left

OUT 201 files  
World War Division  
MAR 14 1921

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

BY:

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

Head of 8 Div. A.G.O.

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CEMETERY NO: 32

SHEET NO: 20

TYPED BY: I.W.

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Noted on file  
M.E.B. - 3-11-21

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION  
MAR 10 1921

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Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington

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U.S.G. Form 8-14-A-0  
INFO FILE NUMBER 877.0.0.

Date 2/11/21

(SPECIAL)

Title No. 2113.2.2

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, G.H. & B. Co., 1411, Washington, D.C.

Subject: Information requested for G.A.S.

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed. Return continuation of all information shown.

- a. Date of birth
- b. Date of death 11/15/18
- c. Grade at death
- d. Cause of death
- e. Date of entry (G.A.S.)

1. Relationship  
 2. Physical description  
 3. Dental chart  
 4. Examination prior to enlistment

Body description (See page 2 of this report)

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

1. Enlistment marks  
2. Physical description  
3. Dental chart (Old Enlistment marks)

**RECEIVED**  
**MAR 15 1921**  
**OUT**  
 World War Division  
**MAR 14 1921**

Handwritten red stamp: MAR 15 1921

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Vertical stamp: MAR 15 1921

Reference:

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

March 10, 1919.

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.  
TO: Lieut. George E. Fischer, Jr. 135th F.A., Pierrefitte, France.  
SUBJECT: Lieut. Wm. Van Capen, Air Service.

Reference to your letter of inquiry concerning the above named officer: There is no record on file at these headquarters of Lieut. Van Capen. We would suggest that you write to the Central Records Office, Bourges, France, for such information as they may have.

I regret that we are unable to serve you. We are making further inquiry, and will advise you immediately upon receipt of information.

By direction,

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Lieut.-Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.

per

MAURICE B. DIX,  
Captain, American Red Cross,  
Representative assigned to  
Graves Registration Service.

MBD/LD  
Enc. 10-B  
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125<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery.  
Vierrefitte France.

428/19

Jan'y. 17/19

To: Officer in Charge

Graves Registration Bureau

From: Lt. George E. Fischer Jr. 99146

Subject: - Information as to the whereabouts of Lt. Wm Van Capen's, Air Service, grave.

Received news by casualty list & written confirmation of same from the States but while news stated that the Lt. had fallen from his airplane; he was a pursuit pilot; it did not know where he had fallen or where he was buried.

Have the kindness to write the place & identification marks of his grave & greatly oblige

Lt. George E. Fischer Jr.

CAPEN William  
54302

O. C. Q. M.

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AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
INTERMEDIATE QUARTERMASTER DEPOT NO. 5, S.O.S.  
Office of Depot Quartermaster.  
USAPO #724

54302

France, Nov. 7, 1918.

From: Depot Quartermaster.  
To: Quartermaster General of the Army,  
(Thru C.Q.M., A.E.F.)  
Subject: Report of death.

1. In compliance with paragraph 167 A.R. report death of following named officer:

Name and rank: Capen, William V., 2nd Lieut. A.S.  
Organization: Air Service  
Date of death: November 3rd, 1918.  
Cause of death: Aeroplane accident. Death is in line of duty and not result of officer's misconduct.  
Disposition of remains: Buried in U.S. Army Cemetery No. 32, A.E.F., 3rd Aviation Instruction Center. Grave No. 141  
Date of burial: November 4th, 1918.  
Cost of preparation of remains and coffin: NO COST TO GOVERNMENT.

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Charles W. Godfrey  
Charles W. Godfrey,  
Major, Q.M. Corps.

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NO COST TO GOVERNMENT.

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*Charles W. Godfrey*  
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273.8  
Capers  
William

Adj. General  
Washington  
DC

FILE

Dear Sir, Regarding enclosed card write to say have heard there is to be a national cemetery in France. If this is so, would like my son's body interred there, otherwise prefer same brought home and buried in my plot.

Will you please keep me posted regarding the matter so later on I will know what to do

and oblige  
E. A. Capen

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Ans. 5/19/19  
File  
Taylor-350

A.G. 293.8  
Capen, William V.

May 19, 1919.

R.T. - 359.

Mr. E. A. Capen,  
51 Ferry Street,  
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of May 12, 1919, regarding a national cemetery in France, I have the honor to advise you that several bills have been introduced in Congress providing for an American "Field of Honor", which would be cared for as are national cemeteries in the United States. None of these bills have passed. France has offered a plot of ground for the purpose and Marshal Pétain, in a courteous letter, has offered his aid, stating that France would be proud to retain the bodies of American dead on her soil. However, as above stated, no provision has been made for its establishment as yet by Congress, and we are therefore unable to give any more definite information. We have no doubt that the entire matter will be settled in the near future.

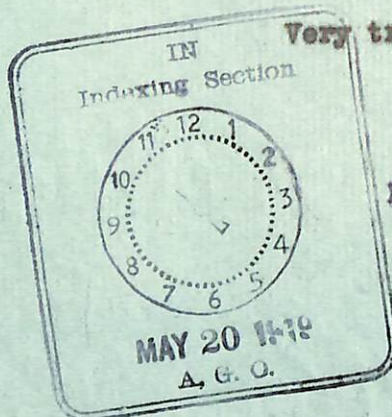
I am returning herewith the card, and will respectfully request that you fill it in and sign it with the information contained in your letter, and return it to us as soon as convenient. If at some future date you wish to alter your decision, we will be very glad to furnish you a new card. The card is to be used as the official record, as it makes the record uniform and easily accessible.

Very truly yours,

Adjutant General,  
In Charge of Office,

per

E. S. Channing



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Taylor - 359.  
5/19/19.



Capen,

(Surname.)

William V.

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

2nd Lt

*Aviation  
Mort.*

3d Avi. Instruction Center

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

*Father*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

*Other*

(Yes or no.)

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:

*Edward A Capen*

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

*31 Henry St*

*New York*

*New York*

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

*31 Henry St*

*Edward A. Capen  
New York N.Y.*

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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MAY 27 1919

*MAS 3/18/24*

*MAY 1 1919*

If national  
cemetery is to  
be arranged in  
France prefer  
remains be  
placed there  
otherwise to  
be placed in  
my plot at  
Cypress Hills

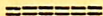
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OSP SS.**

Brooklyn N.Y.

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Ct # 32

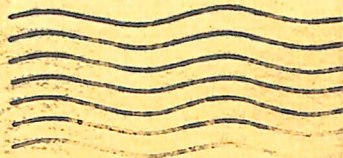
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PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300.



PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

NAME Capen, Mrs. Louise I. N

ADDRESS 312 Kipp Ave., Hasbrouck Heights, N. J.

DATE Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 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. Louise I Capen

REMARKS

Mrs. Dorothy H. Capen daughter age 26 accompanying Mrs. Louise I. Capen.

*Mrs. Louise I. Capen*



PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

NAME Mrs. Louise I. Capen

ROOM NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

Please be ready to leave Hotel at 2:30PM Daylight Saving  
Time on Aug. 27, 1930

Leave your bags in your room, packed and ready to go.

You will leave New York via Erie RR Train # 615

You will arrive at Hasbrouck Heights via Erie RR

Train # 615 at 3:57PM Standard time- Day Wednesday

Date Aug. 27, 1930

Your ticket will be delivered to you at the train.

235  
NAME APEN, MRS. LOUISE I. 2811

S.S. HARDING AUG 27 1930

HOME HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, BERGEN CO.  
NEW JERSEY

R.R. N.J. + N.Y. to dest  
STATION

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE

Sept 25 - 30

no Enc

## MOTHERS AND WIDOWS PILGRIMAGE

NAME CAPEN, MRS. LOUISE I. ....

DESTINATION HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, N. J. ....

STATION *Erie* ..... RR *Erie* .....TRAIN NO. *615* ..... DATE *8/27/30* .....

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
 PILGRIMAGE  
 WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS  
 -- Room 901 --  
 225 West 34th Street  
 New York, N.Y.

Mrs. . . . . . LOUISE I. CAPEN . . . . . N-2611  
 City . . . . . HASBROUCK HEIGHTS . . . . . State . . . . . NEW JERSEY  
 Your Berth Is . . . . . Car . . . . . Train 615  
 Leave . . . . . JERSEY CITY . . . . . Via . . . . . ERIE . . . . . At 3:34PM . . . . . E. S. T. 8/27/30  
 Arrive At . . . . . HASBROUCK HEIGHTS . . . . . At 3:57PM . . . . . "  
 Leave . . . . . Via . . . . . At . . . . .  
 Arrive At . . . . . At . . . . .  
 Leave . . . . . Via . . . . . At . . . . .  
 Arrive At . . . . . At . . . . .  
 Leave . . . . . Via . . . . . At . . . . .  
 Arrive At . . . . . At . . . . .  
 Leave . . . . . At . . . . .  
 Arrive At . . . . . At . . . . .

Left from pier

September 3, 1930

File No. 866.03 (Transportation, Party "W")

SUBJECT: Return Railroad Tickets

TO: The Quartermaster General  
Washington, D. C.

1. Enclosed herewith return railroad tickets of pilgrims who  
noted name on party "W".

Lehigh Valley Railroad	14574	Mrs. Carlina S. Reno
Lehigh Valley Railroad	14575	Mrs. Emily Brown
Pennsylvania Railroad	44942	Mrs. Frances Urbanowitz
Pennsylvania Railroad	61254	Mrs. Margaret Wilkins
D.L. & W. Railroad	700	Mrs. Samuel Farringer
D.L. & W. Railroad	2453	Mrs. Bridget Bauer
D.L. & W. Railroad	1374	Mrs. Anna Clotilda Dugan
D.L. & W. Railroad	253	Mrs. Mary Christie
D.L. & W. Railroad	1369	Mrs. Mary Ellison
D.L. & W. Railroad	2451	Mrs. Margaret Teony
D.L. & W. Railroad	2452	Mrs. Clara Umbreit
Central RR of N.J.	7232	Mrs. Gladys J. Crane
Central RR of N.J.	7235	Mrs. M.S.H. Ludney
Central RR of N.J.	6756	Mrs. Agnes A. Schroeder
West Jersey & Seaboard RR	5592	Mrs. Mamie D. Brian
Pennsylvania Railroad	61250	Mrs. Mary Cavan
Pennsylvania Railroad	60946	Mrs. Clara H. Conard
Pennsylvania Railroad	46941	Mrs. E. Daniel
Pennsylvania Railroad	61257	Mrs. Elisabeth Erickson
Pennsylvania Railroad	60949	Mrs. Emma B. Fox
Pennsylvania Railroad	61252	Mrs. Catherine Hunter
Pennsylvania Railroad	61253	Mrs. Mary Le Duce
New York & Long Branch RR	8915	Mrs. H. C. Rydell
Central Railroad of N.J.	6300	Mrs. Hannah Hickey
New York & Long Branch RR	10627	Mrs. Nellie E. Reed
Pennsylvania Railroad	4151	Mrs. Emily T. Britton
Pennsylvania Railroad	4150	Mrs. Chas. Robinson
New Jersey & New York RR	6043	Mrs. Louisa I. Capen
Eric Railroad	76164	Mrs. S. Gappendyke
Eric Railroad	99301	Mrs. Rachel Haring
N.Y. Susquehanna & W. RR	7852	Mrs. Rosa Surden
Eric Railroad	7926	Mrs. Pearl G. Trost
Eric Railroad	2530	Mrs. Elisabeth Sulley
Eric Railroad	64922	Mrs. Katharine E. Myer
Eric Railroad	46154	Mrs. Alice Nightengale
Lehigh Valley Railroad	24740	Mrs. Fred Harper
Eric Railroad	66610	Mrs. Cornelius Sulken
Eric Railroad	66603	Mrs. Frances S. Butcher

The Quartermaster General  
Washington, D. C.

September 3, 1930

Erie Railroad	86601	Mrs. Josephine Clarke
Erie Railroad	86609	Mrs. Elizabeth Foy
Erie Railroad	86602	Mrs. John Gerbason
Erie Railroad	86605	Mrs. Marie Graf
Erie Railroad	86606	Mrs. Julia Lonergan
Erie Railroad	76133	Mrs. Rosina Pasquarillo
Erie Railroad	76136	Mrs. Marie E. Polts
Erie Railroad	76138	Mrs. Jennie E. Reid
Erie Railroad	86604	Mrs. F. A. Terhune
Erie Railroad	86608	Mrs. Teresa M. Vreeland
Erie Railroad	76134	Mrs. Fannie C. Whitehead
Erie Railroad	76137	Mrs. Anna Whyte
Erie Railroad	86607	Mrs. William Lindacker
Pennsylvania Railroad	37366	Mrs. Mary Herdman
Pennsylvania Railroad	37368	Mrs. Sadie Herdman
D.L. & W. RR	1178	Mrs. Edvina Olstrom
D.L. & W. RR	34561	Mrs. Emily E. Boiguer

For the Officer in Charge:

JFM:GMR  
Encls. RR Tickets

GEORGE P. R. TAYLOR  
1st Lieut. Q.M.G. (COL)  
Assistant

STATE

Capen, W<sup>M</sup> V<sup>N</sup>

NEW JERSEY

M

NAME Capen, Mrs. Louise I. HOME ADDRESS 312 Kipp Ave., Hasbrouck Heights..

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN Mrs. W. Audette Bergen County  
176 Wood St.  
Newark, N.J.

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DATE .... AUG 27 1930

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NAME CAPEN, MRS. LOUISE I. .... HOME ADDRESS HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, ...

BERGEN CO., N. J.

RETURN ON S. S. .... HOTEL ..... ROOM NO. *No room**S/S HARDING**NEW YORKER*DEPARTURE NEW YORKDATE *8/27* .....ROAD *Epip* ..... TRAIN *615* ..... CAR ..... BERTH or SEAT .....REMARKS .....  
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(Signature of addressee's agent.)

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Republic

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Capen, Wm. V

I will 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. Louise I. Capen

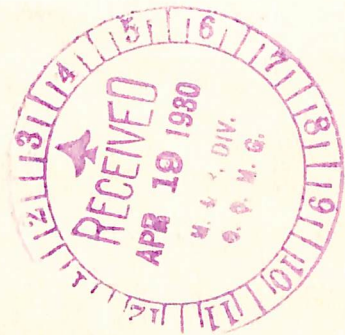
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(Name)

312 Kipp Ave., Hasbrouck Heights, Bergen Co.,

-----  
(Town or City)

N. J.

(State)



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Nov 25th 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 CAPEN, William V

10. Name

2. No.

11. No.

3. Rank 2nd Lt

12. Rank

4. Org. Hqs Det 3rd Avia I.C.

13. Org.

5. D.D. 11-3-18

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. Aeroplane Accident

(b) D.B. none

7. Grave No. 141 Sec.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment  
15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. none

18. Cemetery Amer

19. Commune or town Issoudun

20. Dept. or County Indre

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 32

23. Disinterred (Date) Nov 25th 1921

By F.G.Kelly

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name William V. Capen

Serial No. -----

Rank 2nd Lieut.

Organization Hqs. Det. 3rd A.I.C.

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

R. L. de Montozon  
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

R.L. deMontozon

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).

Its bars. Pilots insignia. Bottle record agrees with form.

27. Condition of body slightly decomposed.

28. Nature of burial French metallic casket and officers uniform.

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 25th 1921 By F.G.Kelly

31. Casket sealed by F.G.Kelly

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

F.G.Kelly

F.G. Kelly

AUDITED BY

MT

C-16916

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

32. Designation of body:

Name William V Capen Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

Rank 2nd Lt. Organization Hqs Det 3rd Avia I.C.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery ~~St~~ St Mihiel Amer Cty 1233 Thiaucourt M-et-M

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Nov 25th 1921 By F.G.Kelly

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 S.H. Hunsicker  
S.H. Hunsicker, 1st Lt. QMC

36. Remarks none

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Convoyer R.E. Williams Signature Shipping Officer A.M. Jackson, Capt. CAC.

40. Received: Date 6-DEC 1921

G.R.S. Representative F B Daniel, Capt. QMC

41. Reinterred June 9, 1922

42. Grave No. 21 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. ~~XPYKEX~~ Block A Row 15

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

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Nov 25th 1921

1. REMAINS OF CAPEN, William V. SERIAL NUMBER       

RANK 2nd Lt. ORGANIZATION Hqs. Det. 3rd A.I.C.

2. Disinterred (date): Nov 25th 1921 From (give complete location): Grave 141, Cem 32

By: Group 1 Unit Sec 5.

3. Reburied (date): June 9, 1922 In (give complete location): Gr21 Row 15 Block A

By: Group Reburial Unit        Nature of reburial Casket and shipping case

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
French metallic casket and officers uniform. Body decomposed.

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

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

Lts bars. Pilots insignia. Bottle record agrees with form.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Imp to det.

(b) Weight (estimated) Imp to det.

(c) Hair—Color ~~light brown~~ dark brown

Quantity full head

Characteristics straight

(d) Hair on face—Color imp to det.

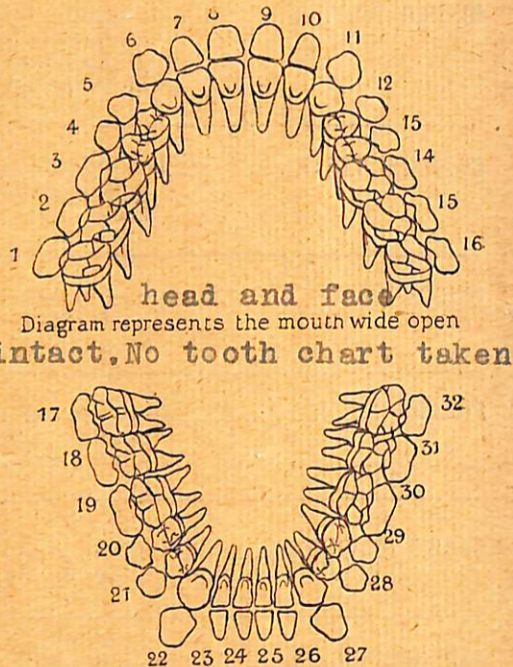
Location imp to det.

Quantity imp to det.

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

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

Lower part of jaw and back of skull crushed.



Checker R. L. deMontozon

7. Disinterment supervised by F. G. Kelly

Approved: S. E. Hunsicker  
S. E. Hunsicker, 1st Lt. QMC  
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by H. L. Kramer

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

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






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

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.

5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".

(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No 6.

6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

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

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

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

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #54302

1. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name CAPEN, William V. Ser. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) Rank 2nd. Lt. Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Hdqrs. Det. 3rd. Aviation  
 (c) Date of death 11-3-18 of death Aeroplane accident  
 (d) Cause Instruction Center  
 TYP. HDP  
 CKR. ST

*Estimated 2/22/20  
 Government Institution  
 12,333  
 att 3/11/20*

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

(a) Grave No. 141 Row \_\_\_\_\_ Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Sect. \_\_\_\_\_ ) TYP. EML  
 (b) Emerg. Address E. A. Capen (father), 31 Ferry St., New York City.

111. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; No Card ) CKR. ST

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt None

(a) Name Edward A. Capen (b) Relationship Father  
 (c) Address 31 Ferry St., New York, N.Y.  
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No  
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at No

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

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

Examiner's Initials a a Date 5-19-1920

V. A.G.O. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from E. A. Capen (Father)

31-Ferry St., New York, N.Y. dated May 12, 1919  
 confirmed request in Par. IV. item \_\_\_\_\_, above, or requesting that

Requests that body remain in France.

Examiner's Initials gms Date 5/19/1920

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes - M.H.S.

Examiner's Initials MAS Date 5-19-1920

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY NO. 32 SHEET NO. 20

G.R.S. Form #115 Amended April 6, 1920. Make Form #114

*rechecked  
 2m.m. 3-19-21*

*gms*

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

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_

Checked by \_\_\_\_\_

1920

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by-

( cable on \_\_\_\_\_ 1920

( letter on 9/24/ 1920

*Not to be returned SB*

IX.

CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE	ACTION TAKEN
Desires body be	<i>Letter</i> <i>6/24/20</i> <b>OVERSEAS ADVISED</b>
Body to be shipped to	<i>Not to be returned WD</i>

X.

SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*5/20/20*

*Father nearest relative on form 120 request body remain in Europe. WD.*