

Carlson
(Surname.)

Arthur John
(Christian name in full.)

827,961
(Army serial number.)

Corp

Btry F 65 CAC
(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Mother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

No

(Yes or no.)

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

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Hilma E Carlson

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

3-6713

Mr. John G. Carlson
Tacoma, Wash.

R#4

Box 181.



11/23/20

Checked
RMS

151-30
11-20

Drawn by RM

Drawn by Pm

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Copy 181.

R#4

Mr. John G. Carlson
Jasena, Alaska.

FULL NAME CARLSON, Arthur J.

RANK Cpl. SERIAL 827961

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION Bty. E., 65th. CAC *not dir.*

DATE OF DEATH Dec 27, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Washington

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED: *none*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION.....	35	11	A
	Date	Grave	Row
			Block

Suresnes, #34

Cemetery

23/306/ARK

REC'D WORLD WAR DIV
SEP 5 24

76876
GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Carlson .. **827961** **Arthur J.**
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Corporal **Btry. F., 65th. CAC**
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL. **December 27, 1918**

PLACE OF BURIAL... **Linoges France**

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

American Cemetery

FILE

GRAVE NUMBER..... **210**

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

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

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: *Steve H. Turnbull*

Steve H. Turnbull
1st. Lt. San. Corps, USA.
Acting Quartermaster.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

WASHINGTON July 28, 1922.

FILE - JH

FILE: 293.8 C-R - #76876
SUBJECT: Permanent Grave Location of Arthur J. Carlson, Corporal
Bty F, 65th Coast Art. Corps.
TO: Mr. John G. Carlson, Tacoma, Wash. R.F.D. #4, Box #180a

1. The permanent grave of this soldier is No. 35 Row 11
Block A, The American Cemetery of Suresnes, Department of Seine, France.

2. 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, organization and date of soldier's death. The headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

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

For the Quartermaster General:

MAILED

JUL 29 1922

GEORGE H. PENROSE,
Assistant.

G.R.S.

DATE Oct. 20th 1921.

1. NAME Carlson, Arthur J SERIAL No. 827961
RANK Cpl ORGANIZATION Bat.F 65th CAC
GRAVE LOCATION Limoges - Haute Vienne CTY. NAME 151
NUMBER

210
GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL ~~BATTLE AREA~~ GRAVE LOCATION 210 Limoges, (Hte. Vienne)
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES None.

CONCENTRATED TO Dec. 27, 1918. 210
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT
Limoges, (Hte. Vienne) 151
CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR W. R. Nichols
W. R. Nichols, Major, C.A.C.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 10-20-21. 35. 11. Block A
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT
el PLOT X

SURESNES AMERICAN CEMETERY #34 SURESNES (SEINE).
CEMETERY

4/10/22
AUDITED BY
Jfo E.

MAR 24 1955

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 I6, 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.

114-B (Rev. 1-1-55)

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

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AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

HEADQUARTERS



REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Oct. 15th, 1921

1. REMAINS OF CARLSON, Arthur J.

SERIAL NUMBER 827961

RANK Cpl.

ORGANIZATION Bat. F. 65th C. A. C.

2. Disinterred (date):

From (give complete location):

Oct. 15th, 1921

Gr. 210, Com. 151

By: Group 2

Unit Sec. 7

3. Reburied (date):

In (give complete location):

October 20th, 1921. - Suresnes Cemetery. - Block A - Row 11 - Grave 35

By: Group Field Operations Branch.

Unit

Nature of reburial Metal Casket and Blanket.

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:

Body tag checks.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Indiscernable due

(b) Weight (estimated) to decomposition.

(c) Hair—Color Apparently light brown

Quantity Medium

Characteristic Straight

(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location

Quantity

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

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

Indiscernable due to decomposition.

Geo. S. Parker, checker.

7. Disinterment supervised by A. J. Harvey

Approved: R. P. Harbold

A. J. Harvey, Sup. Ent.

(Title) Denny, 1st Lt., GAC.

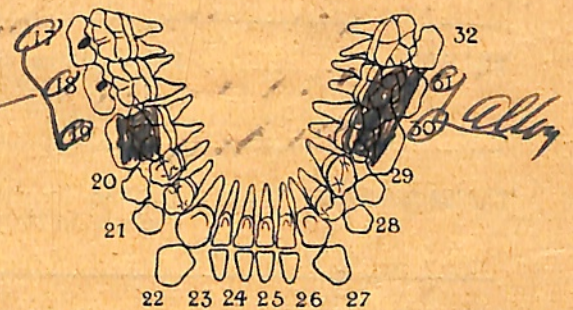
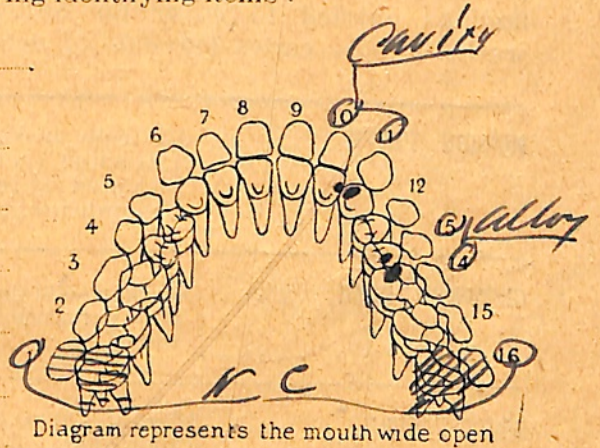
8. Reburial supervised by R. G. Richards

Approved: R. P. Harbold

R. G. RICHARDS,
1st Lieut. Q.M.C.

(Title)

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



10-60271






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".

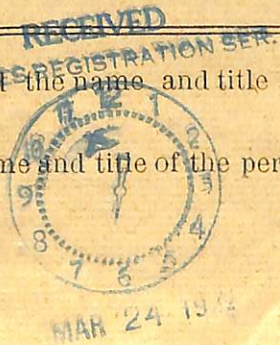
(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave, Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying 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), bicuspid (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

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

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

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



SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. _____

32. Designation of body:

Name Carlson, Arthur J Serial No. 827961
Rank Cpl. Organization Bat.F 65th CAC

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Suresnes Amer. Cem. #34

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Oct. 15th, 1921 By A. J. Harvey

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector [Signature]
S. Denny, 1st Lt., CAC.

36. Remarks _____

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Oct. 17th, 1921

To point of Concentration Paris Morgue (Seine)

Convoyer [Signature] Signature Shipping Officer [Signature]

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Paris Morgue, Oct. 19, 1921

By G.R.S. Representative [Signature] H.L. WARD, Major Q.M.C.

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Paris Morgue Oct. 19, 1921

To Permanent Cemetery No. 34, Suresnes (Seine)

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer [Signature]
H.L. WARD, Major Q.M.C.

40. Received: Date October 20th, 1921.

G.R.S. Representative R. G. RICHARDS, 1st Lieut. Q.M.C.

41. Reinterred Suresnes Cemetery. October 20th, 1921.

42. Grave No. 35. (Date) _____

43. Plot xxx Block A. Row 11. Section _____

G.R.S. Representative [Signature]
R. G. RICHARDS,
1st Lieut. Q.M.C.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Oct. 15th, 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 Carlson, Arthur
 2. No. 827961
 3. Rank Cpl.
 4. Org. Bat. F. 65th CAC
 5. D.D. 12-27
 6. C.D. Pleurisy with Effusion Emyemia.

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 210 Sec. _____
 8. Plot _____ Row _____
 9. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 17. _____

18. Cemetery Amer.
 20. Dept. or County Haute Vienne
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 151

19. Commune or town Limoges
 21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) Oct. 15th, 1921

By A. J. Harvey

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Arthur J. Carlson
 Rank Cpl.

Serial No. _____
 Organization Bat. F. 65th CAC.

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

Signature A. J. Harvey 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):

Body tag checks.

27. Condition of body badly decomposed, features not recognizable.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box and uniform.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? No discrep.

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Oct. 15th, 1921 By A. J. Harvey

31. Casket sealed by A. J. Harvey
Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) A. J. Harvey

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #76876

1. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name Carlson, Arthur J. Ser. No. 827961)
 (b) Rank Cpl. Organization Bat. 65th C. A. C.) TYP. ILH
 (c) Date of death 12-27-18 (d) Cause of death pleurisy & Emyemia) CKR ILH

*Exhumed 2-22-22
 for Concentration
 Survived at 34/23/22*

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

(a) Grave No. 210 Row --- Plot --- Sect. ---) TYP. ILH
 (b) Emerg. Address John G. Carlson, (Father), RFD #4 Box #181, Tacoma, Wash.

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

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Hilma C Carlson (b) Relationship mother

(c) Address R#4 Box 181 Tacoma, Wash.

(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no

(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at ---

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

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

Examiner's Initials MM Date 5-7-1920

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

---, dated ---, confirmed request in Par. IV. item ---, above, or requesting that

No Correspondence

Examiner's Initials 200 Date 5/7/1920

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes HJK

Examiner's Initials HJK Date 5/7/1920

COUNTRY France CEMETERY NO. 151 SHEET NO. 30

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

Make Form #114

Concentrated into P.A.C. 34

*Cludsid
12-7-20*



DEC 13 1920

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 **MAY 18**, 1920

PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED

*EAL (42-1-20)
act. 12-8-20.*

IX.

CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE



DEC 23 1920
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Desires body be

Body to be shipped to

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*L.T. Form 120-823-20 from ^{ff.} ^{OK. 11-23-20.} Fabin, nearest of her
present address, Mrs. E. Carlson R. #4 Box 180A
Tacoma, Washington 8-31-20 - P
and requests Body Remain in France
12-20-20
MK*

DEC 23 1920

**FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN
TO REMAIN IN EUROPE. MK**

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File--76876

See Form 115
att 7/23/22

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name	CARLSON, Arthur J.	Ser. No.	827961	} TYP	ILH
(b) Rank	Cpl.	Organization	Bat. 65th C.A.C.		MET
(c) Date of death	12-27-18	Cause of death	Pleurisy & Emyyemia		LM

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

(a) Grave No. 210 Row --- Plot --- Sect. --- TYP ILH
 (b) Emerg. Address John G. Carlson, (Father) RFD#4, Box 181, Tacoma, Wash. 150 a

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases no card CKR AW E.A.C.

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

*A.G.C. Card, Hilma C. Carlson (mother)
 R#4 Bat 181 Tacoma, Wash. request
 body remain in France
 E.A.C. (12-2-20)*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 192
 (Letter of transmittal on 5-13-1920

Par. 2. Not to be returned EAL 12-1-20

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
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Nov. 13 8-20

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

COUNTRY France

CEMETERY NO. 151

SHEET NO. 30

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

S-666/AB

Concentrated into P.A.C. 34

ACP 12-6-20

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE AR.
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
WASHINGTON

AUG 14 1920

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.
TO: Mr. J. G. Carlson, R. #4, Box 181, Tacoma, Washington
SUBJECT: Remains of ~~Col. Arthur J. Carlson~~, Bat. 65th C. A. C. (827961)

Rush Answer

CEMETERIAL DIVISION
DIAUSEAS SERVICE SECTION

AUG 30 1920

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body not expressed your desire regarding disposition of remains.

change in address in France

Mother requests body remain in France. *We all request body remain*

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE, Major, U.S.A.

Noted on 7/11

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

Was soldier married?

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow	<i>He soldier was not married.</i>		
Soldier's Children (Name oldest first)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The soldier had no children</i> 		
Father	<i>Mr. J. G. Carlson, R.D.#4, Box 180a Tacoma Wn.</i>		
Mother	<i>Mrs. Hilma E. Carlson " " " "</i>		
Brothers (Name oldest first)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Edmer Carlson, R.D.#4, Box 180a Tacoma Wn.</i> <i>Oscar Carlson " " " "</i> <i>Robert Carlson " " " "</i> 		
Sisters (Name oldest first)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Ruth Carlson R.D.#4, Box 180a Tacoma, Wn.</i> 		

Date *Aug 23 1920*

Signature *Mr. J. G. Carlson*

Address *R.D.#4, Box 180a Tacoma Wn.* Relationship *My son*



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1920.

I, the undersigned, am the _____ and nearest living relative of the within
(Relationship)

named soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:
(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired).

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

~~2. To be returned to the U.S. and shipped to _____
(Name)~~

~~_____
(R.R. Station) (State)~~

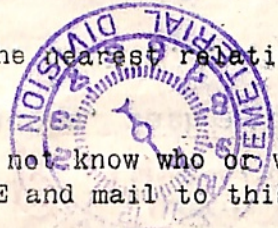
~~3. To be returned to the U.S. and buried in _____ National Cemetery.~~

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

Signature Mr. J. G. Carlson

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT

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



QM 293 A-M
Carlson, Arthur J. (Sur)

August 6, 1932.

Mrs. Helma Elizabeth Carlson,
RFD #4, Box 212,
Tacoma, Washington.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to office letter of July 12, 1932 stating that you are unable to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Corporal Arthur J. Carlson.

The purpose of this pilgrimage is an endeavor to bring a measure of peace and comfort to the hearts of those whose sons and husbands gave their lives for their country. It is deeply regretted that you feel that your health prevents you from making the journey.

Should you reconsider and decide to make a pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you notify this office at the earliest practicable date so that all necessary arrangements may be made for you. You are assured that everything possible will be provided for your comfort and welfare.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 12, 1932

Carlson, Arthur J. (Sur)

Mrs. Helma Elizabeth Carlson,
RFD #4, Box 212,
Tacoma, Wash.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933? _____
(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

QM 293 A-M

March 16, 1932.

Carlson, Arthur J. (Sur) M

Mrs. Helma Elizabeth Carlson,
R.F.D. #4, Box #212,
Tacoma, Washington.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Corporal Arthur J. Carlson, C.A. C.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

~~Carlson, Art~~ ~~293~~-AMCpl. (Sur) M*

July 18, 1931.

Mrs. Thelma E. Carlson,
R. F. D. #4, Box 212,
Tacoma, Washington

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Carlson, Arthur J. (Sur) M

October 5, 1931.

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Mrs. Thelma E. Carlson,
R. F. D. #4, Box 212,
Tacoma, Washington

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 295 A-M

Carlson, Arthur J. 34 M Cpl.

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October 21, 1930.

Mrs. Thelma E. Carlson,
R.F.D. #4, Box #212,
Tacoma, Wash.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 28, 1930.

Carlson, Arthur J. 34 M

Mrs. Thelma E. Carlson,
R.F.D. #4, Box 212,
Tacoma, Wash.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Carlson, Arthur J. 54 M

October 8, 1929.

Mrs. Thelma E. Carlson,
R. F. D. #4, Box 212,
Tacoma, Washington.

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

May 3, 1929.

IN REPLY REFER TO OM 293 A-C
Carlson, Arthur J.

Mr. John G. Carlson
RFD #4, Box 180a,
Tacoma, Wash.

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".

late Corporal ~~Arthur J. Carlson, Battery F, 55th Coast Artillery Corps,~~ father of the
whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, 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.

To The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Carlson, Archer J.
34 *Arthur*

August 9, 1929.

Mr. John G. Carlson,
RFD #4, Box 180a,
Tacoma, Wash.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 3, 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,

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

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MARTIAL	NO		1 2
NAME	Carlson Mrs. Helma Elizabeth (John B)	CAR	3 318
	STATE	Wash.	2 56
RESIDENCE	COUNTY	Purcell	2 27
	CITY	Jacomna	3 030
RELATION	Mother		1 1
OTHER	Father		1 1
ELIGIBILITY	Yes		1 1
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RACE			1
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QM 293 A-M
Carlson, Arthur J. (Sur)

August 6, 1932.

Mrs. Helma Elizabeth Carlson,
RFD #4, Box 212,
Tacoma, Washington.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to office letter of July 12, 1932 stating that you are unable to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Corporal Arthur J. Carlson.

The purpose of this pilgrimage is an endeavor to bring a measure of peace and comfort to the hearts of those whose sons and husbands gave their lives for their country. It is deeply regretted that you feel that your health prevents you from making the journey.

Should you reconsider and decide to make a pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you notify this office at the earliest practicable date so that all necessary arrangements may be made for you. You are assured that everything possible will be provided for your comfort and welfare.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 12, 1932

Carlson, Arthur J. (Sur)

Mrs. Helma Elizabeth Carlson,
RFD #4, Box 212,
Tacoma, Wash.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

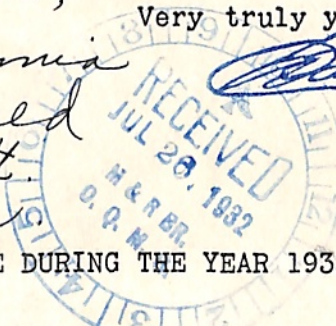
For The Quartermaster General,

*my health is very poor,
have pernicious anemia
& heart trouble. Would
like to go but can't.
2 Encls. Thank you*

Very truly yours



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



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

No

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) *Mrs. Helma Elizabeth Carlson*

Carlson, Arthur J. Cpl. WASH.
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Mother - Mrs. Helma Elizabeth ~~Carlson~~ Carlson

~~Widow?~~

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QM 293 A-M

March 16, 1932.

Carlson, Arthur J. (Sur) M

Mrs. Helma Elizabeth Carlson,
R.F.D. #4, Box #212,
Tacoma, Washington.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Corporal Arthur J. Carlson, C.A. C.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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-M

Carlson, Arthur J. (Sur) M

October 5, 1931.

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Delma
Mrs. Thelma E. Carlson,
R. F. D. #4, Box 212,
Tacoma, Washington

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Carlson, Arthur J. Cpl. (Sur) M*

July 18, 1931.

Helma
Mrs. Thelma E. Carlson,
R. F. D. #4, Box 212,
Tacoma, Washington

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 28, 1930.

Carlson, Arthur J. 34 M

Thelma
Mrs. Thelma E. Carlson,
R.F.D. #4, Box 212,
Tacoma, Wash.

*Decline noted
Republic
June 3, 1931*

Dear Madam:

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

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

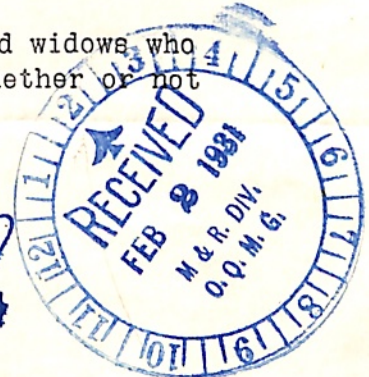
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This letter is being sent to all mothers and widows who are not making the pilgrimage in 1930, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. P. Hughes
A. P. HUGHES,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? _____

(Write answer here)

No! Poor health, reason

(Sign here)

Republic

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Carlson, Arthur J.

I decline the invitation extended
(Accept or decline)

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

Thelma
Mrs. Thelma E. Carlson

(Name)

R.F.D. #4, Box 212, Tacoma, Pierce Co., Washington

(Town or City)

(State)

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Carlson, Arthur J. 34 M

Thelma
Mrs. Thelma E. Carlson,
R. F. D. #4, Box 212,
Tacoma, Washington.

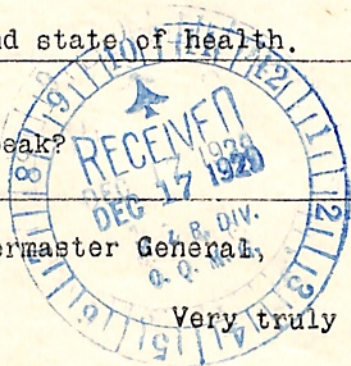
Dear Madam:

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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes) <i>Yes</i> (No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (No) <i>NO</i>
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?	<i>no</i> (Yes) (No) <i>NO</i>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age Health <i>Fair</i> (Years) <i>57</i> (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - ^{<i>yes</i>} (Yes) (No) Other language <i>Swedish</i> (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

Carlson, Archer J.
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August 9, 1929.

Mr. John G. Carlson,
RFD #4, Box 180a,
Tacoma, Wash.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated **May 3, 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.

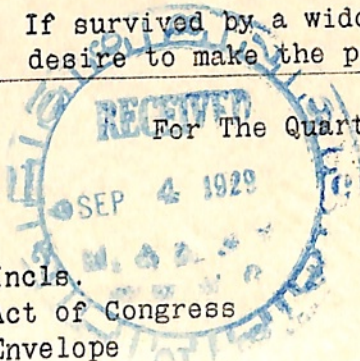
3. If survived by a widow or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage? *yes*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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*Helena Elizabeth
Carlson (Mother)*
Mr. John G. Carlson
R.F.D. 4 Box 212 Tacoma Wash

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

May 3, 1929.

Arthur
IN REPLY REFER TO CM 293 A-C
Carlson, J.

Mr. John G. Carlson
RFD #4, Box 180a,
Tacoma, Wash.

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 ^{Bat 7. 65th C.O.C.} father of the late Corporal ~~Alfred J. Carlson, Battery 7, 65th Coast Artillery Corps,~~ whose remains are now interred in the Buresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, 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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