

QM 293 A-M  
Carter, Chester

December 15, 1933.

Mrs. Luvella Carter,  
Oak Ridge, La.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 10th,  
relative to benefits which may be due you in connection with the  
death of your adopted son, Chester Carter, who died during the  
World War and is buried in France.

Your letter has been referred to the Veterans Administration,  
Washington, D.C., and any further communications on the subject  
should be addressed to that office.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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1933 DEC - 18 - AM 8:17

QQMG M&R BR

*[Handwritten signature]*

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War Department

Office of the Quartermaster  
General

Washington, D. C.

Post 12 of 19669  
Sept 12 1896  
Office of the Quartermaster  
General  
Washington, D. C.

Received by  
Com. [illegible]



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QM 293 A-M Carter, Chester 1st Ind.  
War Department, QMGO, Washington, December 15, 1933. - To Veterans  
Administration, Washington, D.C.

1. Referred as a matter pertaining to your office. The writer has not been advised of this reference.
2. According to the records of this office, the late Chester Carter, formerly Pvt. 1 cl, Co. D, 508th Engrs. (Serial #196669) died in France of lobar pneumonia on December 12, 1918 and is buried in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, France.
3. In this connection, it might be pertinent to state that Mrs. Lovella Carter, Oakridge, La., stepmother of the deceased and writer of the basic communication hereon, made the pilgrimage to Europe in June of this year to visit the grave of the soldier.

For The Quartermaster General:

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

December 10, 1933.

I am writing you for a word of enfmation it is this aint it no way for the Death off my addapted son Chester Carter i had the trouble with him from 4 years to 14 years and ~~he~~ he did not no any mother but me and since his death i have not got a piny from his death so ~~ik~~ i am just asking enfmation and if it is write me at once and let me no what you do for me i will remain as Mrs. Luvilla Carter, Oak Ridge, La.



QM 293 A-M  
Carter, Chester

January 12, 1931.

The Director,  
U. S. Veterans Bureau,  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Claims Reimbursement Section.

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith as a matter pertaining to your office, letter from Mrs. Anna Carter, R. #1, Box #60, Waverly Hall, Georgia.

Mrs. Carter has not been advised of this reference.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

ESH:LS  
1 Encl.  
Let. Mrs. Carter.

*Remitted by  
V.B. messenger  
1/12/31  
S.M.*



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G.R.S. Form #114-B

To The A. G. O.

5030

Apr 27 1926

FULL NAME ..... CARTER, Chester ✓

RANK..... Pvt. ✓ *Yc* ✓ SERIAL..... 196669 ✓

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION ..... Co. D, 508th Engrs. ✓

DATE OF DEATH..... *Dec. 12, 1918*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME..... *Arkansas*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED.

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION..... 30 34 C  
Date Grave Row Block

Meuse-Argonne, #1232

Cemetery

Robert O. Davis  
Major General  
The Adjutant General  
BY *H*

MAY 4 - 1926

23/306/ARK

4 A. G. O.  
APR 30 1926  
WORLD WAR DIV.





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# REPORT OF DEATH AND DISPOSAL OF REMAINS.

CARTER 196672 CHESTER  
(Surname.) (Christian name.)

Pvt. Co. "D", 508th Engineers.  
(Grade.) (Company and regiment or corps or department.)

(If civilian, capacity and department in which employed.)

Date of death: December 12, 1918 @ 10:00 P.M.

Place of death: Base Hospital NO. 60,  
Bazoilles-sur-Meuse, Vosges, France.

Cause of death: Lobar pneumonia, right lower  
lobe.

Date and place of burial, with No. and locality of grave. (If not interred at post,  
state disposition made of remains) December 13, 1918,  
Grave NO. 417, A.E.F. Cemetery NO. 6,  
Bazoilles-sur-Meuse, Vosges, France.

Married or single? If married, name and address of widow:  
Single

Remarks: One identification tag buried with  
remains; one riveted to name peg of grave.

*H. L. Dale*

H. L. Dale,  
Lt. Col. M.C., Commanding.  
Base Hospital NO. 60.

Station: Bazoilles-sur-Meuse, Vosges, France.

Date: December 13, 1918.

## EXTRACT FROM ARMY REGULATIONS.

"1621/2. The following reports are required by the War Department in the case of the death of a soldier in the active service:

(a) Report of death and disposal of remains (Form No. 415, A. G. O.) to be made by the commanding officer of the post or station or of a command in the field, and forwarded directly to The Adjutant General of the Army as soon as practicable after final disposition has been made of the remains."

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Carter 196672 Chester  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt. Co. "D" 508th Engineers  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL: December 13th, 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL: American E. F. Cemetery

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

#6, at Bazoilles sur Meuse, Vosges, France.

GRAVE NUMBER: 417

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? yes

Headboard? Bottle? yes

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? yes

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

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

REPORTED BY: *E. J. Grandahl*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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



**RECEIVED**  
**21 DEC 1918**







*Carter* *Hester*  
**WESTERN MILITARY BUREAU**  
ROUTE AND SCHEDULE *Pvt.*

EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE SAILING FROM NEW YORK CITY June 23, 1933

*95 02*  
*88*  
*10*  
*508*

Morehouse Parish County, State of Louisiana

Name Carter, Mrs Lovella (C-3)

Address c/o John McDuffie, Oak Ridge, La

Route going: Mo Pac St Louis, CCC&StL Cleveland, NYC New York

Return: Same route

		ROAD	TRAIN	TIME	DATE
Itinerary going	Lv	Oak Ridge	Mo Pac	842	7:50 PM June 19
	Ar	Collinston	"	"	8:05 PM " "
	Lv	"	"	102	10:05 PM " "
	Ar	St Louis	"	26	11:30 AM " 20
	Lv	"	CCC&StL	24	12:Noon " "
	Ar	New York	N Y C	"	12:Noon " 21
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*RR = 49.95 - on way*  
*RR 99.90 = RT*  
*Lower Collinston to StL 7.88 - on way*  
*" to NY 10.88 " "*  
*Lower Collinston to NY 35.72 RT*

Accommodations: Coach Oak Ridge, La to Collinston, La standard sleeper Collinston, La to St Louis, Mo and St Louis, Mo to New York, N Y

Elapsed Time: 39 hrs: 10 min

Extra Fare:

*1 3/4*

*MA*



# CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Carter</i>	<i>Car</i>	3	31 <sup>08</sup>
<i>Chester</i>	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	1
BURIED	GRAVE <i>30</i>	2	30
	ROW <i>34</i>	2	34
	BLOCK <i>Co</i>	1	3
STATE	<i>Ark</i>	2	03
RANK	<i>Pvt. 1cl</i>	1	2
DIVISION	<i>Engrs.</i>	2	49
ORGANIZATION	<i>508</i>	3	508
ARM	<i>Engv. Regt.</i>	1	1
MARITAL	<i>No</i>	1	2
NAME <i>Carter, Mrs</i>	<i>Car</i>	3	31 <sup>08</sup>
<i>Lonella</i>	STATE <i>La.</i>	2	22
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Morehouse</i>	2	34
<i>90 John M. S. Duffie</i>	CITY <i>Oak Ridge</i>	3	XXX
RELATION	<i>Step-Mother</i>	1	3
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Yes</i>	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE	<i>Negro</i>	1	2
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR. <i>1933</i>	1	4
ACCEPTANCE	<i>yes</i>	1	1
29/514	<i>Age</i>		43

audited  
MAR 16 1982  
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NEGRO

Name..... CARTER, Mrs. Lovella,

Paris Hôtel..... HOTEL LA TREMOILLE

Home address..... %John McDuffie, Oak Ridge, Morehouse Parrish, Louisiana

Party..... C..... Group..... Unit.....

Date of arrival 7/2/33. AMERICAN BANKER Date of departure 7/15/33. AMERICAN FARMER

Relationship Step - Mother age 43

Name of deceased..... CARTER, Chester

Rank..... Pvt. 1..... Organization Co. D. 508 Engrs.

Cemetery..... MEUSE ARGONNE

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REMARKS





PARTY "C"  
MEUSE ARGONNE GROUP.

1. Arrived at Le Havre, France, at 10:00 AM July 2, on the SS American Banker. Debarked and entrained by 10:50 AM and the train arrived at the Gare des Invalides at 2:32 PM. The party went to the Hotel Tremoille where they stayed for the night.
2. Monday, July 3, the morning was taken up with conferences with the Conducting Officers. That afternoon the pilgrim attended the ceremony at the Arc de Triomphe and later had tea at the Restaurant Laurent.
3. Tuesday, July 4, she left Paris for Meaux, lunched at Chalons, and spent the night at Verdun.
4. Wednesday, July 5, she lunched at the cemetery, visited Montfaucon, and returned to Verdun for the night.
5. Thursday, July 6, she visited the Trench of Bayonets, lunched at the cemetery, visited Varennes, and returned to Verdun for the night.
6. Friday, July 7, the pilgrim visited the St. Mihiel cemetery, lunched and rested at Nancy, visited Toul and Mont Sec and returned to Verdun for the night.
7. Saturday, July 8, she went to the cemetery, lunched at Reims and spent the night at Soissons.
8. Sunday, July 9, she visited the O.A. cemetery, lunched at Chateau Thierry, visited the A.M. cemetery, and returned to Paris.
9. Monday, July 10, the morning was free, lunched at the hotel and visited Sacre Coeur in the afternoon.
10. Tuesday, July 11, the pilgrim went shopping in the morning, lunched at the hotel and went to Versailles in the afternoon.
11. Wednesday, July 12, went to the Louvre in the morning, lunched at the hotel, and went to Napoleon's Tomb in the afternoon.
12. Thursday, July 13, visited Cluny in the morning, lunched in the Bois, and went on a night sightseeing trip.
13. Friday, July 14, the morning was free, lunch at the hotel, and a visit to the Lafayette Escadrille in the afternoon.
14. Saturday, July 15, she visited Notre Dame in the morning, lunched at the hotel, and entrained for Le Havre in the afternoon. She embarked on the SS American Farmer from Le Havre and sailed at 8:00 PM.

CARTER LOVELLA (MRS)



# WESTERN MILITARY BUREAU

## COMMITTEE:

H. W. SIDDALL, CHAIRMAN  
J. E. HANNEGAN

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS  
TO CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE

H. P. BRONSON, SECRETARY

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TRANS-CONTINENTAL PASSENGER ASSOCIATION  
WESTERN PASSENGER ASSOCIATION

ROOM 428 UNION STATION  
518 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD  
(CANAL STATION)  
CHICAGO, ILL.

G. C. RONEY,  
PASSENGER TRAFFIC REPRESENTATIVE  
2018 MUNITIONS BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

## GOLD STAR MOTHERS

Pilgrimage sailing from New York City, June 23, 1933

## Consolidated Schedules

### Schedule No. 5

<u>State</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Louisiana	Morehouse Parish	Carter, Mrs Lovella	Oak Ridge

Lv Oak Ridge	7:50 PM	Mo Pac Train 842	June 19
Ar Collinston	8:05 PM	" " "	" "
Lv "	10:05 PM	" " 102	" "
Ar St Louis	11:30 AM	" " 26	" 20
Lv "	12:00 Noon	CCC&StL " 24	" "
Ar New York	12:00 "	NYC " "	" 21
(Grand Cent Sta)			



June 24, 1935.

FILE 552.01 - Party "C"

SUBJECT: Return Railroad Transportation.

TO: The Quartermaster General  
Washington, D. C.

1. Enclosed herewith Pullman Co., ticket #596 covering a lower berth in drawing room between Collinston, La., and St. Louis, Mo., in favor of Mrs. Lowella Carter, Oakridge, La., pilgrim on Party "C" page 3.

2. Upon arrival at the hotel Mrs. Carter advised that she sat up all night as conductor failed to see that she was placed in the Pullman car, although he took the complete envelope containing her tickets, accepted the rail portion and gave her back the Pullman ticket which is enclosed.

For the Officer in Charge.

GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR  
Captain, Q.M.C.

JFK:LOH

Encl.  
Pullman ticket.

T. M.



PARTY "C"  
June 9th, 1933

Mrs. Lovella Carter  
c/o John McDuffie  
Oakridge, Louisiana

Dear Madam:

Upon your arrival in New York City you will be met at the railroad station by an Army Officer who will engage porter service to take care of your baggage and escort you to the hotel. During your sojourn here before sailing for Europe and upon your return from Europe, you will stop at the Y.W.C.A., 175 West 137th Street, New York City.

The two tags and four identification pasters accompanying this communication are intended to protect your baggage while in transit. One tag should be attached to the handle of each piece of your baggage and a paster placed on each end of each piece of your baggage before leaving your home. Your baggage will be safer and also more readily available to you after your arrival in New York if it is placed with you on the train.

All mail intended to reach you between June 23rd, 1933, the day you sail from the United States, and July 15th, 1933, the day you leave Europe, should be addressed to you in care of American Pilgrimage, 20 Rue Molitor, Paris (16), France; for example:

Mrs. Mary Smith,  
c/o American Pilgrimage,  
20 Rue Molitor,  
Paris (16), France.

The party you are to travel with will be disbanded in New York City on the day following your return from Europe and all arrangements for your Pullman accommodations will be made with the railroads in advance by this office. This will require you to remain in New York at the hotel over night as a guest of the United States Government.

Information relative to the cemeteries in Europe is enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

  
GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR,  
Captain, Q. M. C.

- 7 Incls.:  
2 Baggage Tags  
4 Baggage Pastors  
1 Copy Cemeterial Information



DAILY REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER  
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS-1933

ROOM NO. ....

11.00 AM DATE .. June 22, 1933 .....

PARTY .. "C" Eastbound .....

NAME .. Carter, Mrs. Lovella (Age - 43 - SM) .....

ADDRESS .. Oak Ridge .....

.. Louisiana .....

HOTEL .. YWCA .....

DIAGNOSIS .. (1) Neurosthenia .. (2) Intestinal Stasis .....

DISPOSITION .....

REMARKS: This Pilgrim states that she has a "numb" feeling in her limbs and hips at times, for some time. Is very constipated.  
Treatment - Triple Bromides gr. xxx, #2, stat. Was given Mag. Sulp. last night and again this morning with no results, ~~soon~~ to have an S.S. enema.

CIVILIAN DOCTOR IN CHARGE OF CASE .....

MEDICAL OFFICER .....

JAMES H. ASHCRAFT  
MAJOR, MEDICAL CORPS, U.S.A.  
MEDICAL SUPERVISOR



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*[Signature]*  
B. O. DAVIS  
COLONEL CAVALRY

7/24/33

MR. JOHN MC DUFFY  
OAKRIDGE LOUISIANA  
PORTLAND, OREGON

MRS. LOVELLA CARTER WILL ARRIVE OAKRIDGE NINE THIRTY FIVE THURSDAY MORNING  
JULY TWENTY SEVENTH VIA MO PACIFIC RAILROAD TRAIN NUMBER ONE HUNDRED SIXTEEN  
PLEASE MEET HER

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

COLONEL POPE



DAILY REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER  
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS-1933

4.30 PM DATE... July 24, 1933.....

ROOM NO.....

PARTY..."E".Returning.....

NAME... Carter, Mrs. Lovella, (Age - 43 - SM)....

c/o John McDuffie

ADDRESS... Oakridge.....

... La.....

HOT EL... YWCA - Harlem.....

DIAGNOSIS... Contusion over left Olecranon process.....

DISPOSITION.....

REMARKS: This Pilgrim fell onboard ship 1 week ago and struck on left elbow, tender but no swelling or crepitation. Ship surgeon furnished liniment, which is being continued.

July 25, 1933:

Sent to U.S. General Dispensary, 39 Whitehall St., NYC for X-ray of left elbow.

Report - Negative for fracture or dislocation.

A cotton and bandage applied to elbow for protection from striking against something. *objection*

Attached is note from Major Meagher, General Dispensary, U.S.A.

CIVILIAN DOCTOR IN CHARGE OF CASE.....

MEDICAL OFFICER

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JAMES H. ASHCRAFT,  
MAJOR, MEDICAL CORPS, U.S.A.  
MEDICAL SUPERVISOR



My Outpost. July 25

X-ray of Mrs. Conley left  
Elbow - neg. for fracture or  
dislocation -

Believe however that there may  
be (for chemical or mechanical)  
some Periapical injury to  
occasional Periapical -

Believe that with Pain in  
Elbow to Patient I am in  
case of a being accidentally  
fractured - somewhat that is necessary  
during the



Mrs. Carter

Party "C"



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PARTY .....<sup>C</sup>..... FILE NO. .... 300 .....

NAME Carter, Mrs. Lovella .....  
c/o John McDuffie .....  
Oak Ridge, Louisiana .....

ROUTE OF TICKET

*Nyc. Big 4* to *St. Louis* .....  
*Thru Pac* to *Oak Ridge* .....  
..... to .....  
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Expiration date *Aug - 28 - 33* .....

The following stop overs are requested.

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(Signature of Pilgrim)



Did not send  
pullman or "the  
man" bonded to  
her ticket back to  
her" she did not  
ask about it.

IN CABIN WITH

MRS FRANCES POOLE JOHNSON

26-1- Group MA

MRS ANNA LEWIS 26-3 GROUP STM



## PARTY

## EASTBOUND

## GROUP

.....C-3.....

STATE

MA

43 SM

.....LOUISIANA.....

Mrs. Carter, Mrs Lovella ..... Address C/O John McDuffie ..... Oakridge .....  
 (Name of Pilgrim) (Street & No.) (City or Town)

Louisiana

Morehouse Parish

(State)

(County)

Mrs. Mandy Miles - Mother ..... Address C/O John Mc Duffie ..... Oak Ridge .....  
 (Name of Nearest Kin) (Street & No.) (City or Town)

Louisiana

Morehouse Parish

(State)

(County)

## ARRIVAL NEW YORK

VIA. R.R. New York Central ..... Train No. 24 ..... Date 12 NOON EST June 21, 1933 .....  
Y.W. C. A. 179 West 137th St ..... Room No. 655 .....  
 Hotel .....  
 Roomed with Alone .....

## DEPARTURE NEW YORK

Date June 23, 1933 ..... Vessel American Banker ..... Cabin No. 26-2 .....  
 In Cabin with Mrs. Frances Poole Johnson 26-1 & Mrs. Anna Lewis 26-3 .....

(Over Westbound)

RPB-2-17-31-4M



**WESTBOUND**  
**ARRIVAL NEW YORK**

Date **July 24, 1933** Vessel **American Farmer** Cabin No. **26-2**  
In Cabin with **Mrs. Frances Poole Johnson 26-1 & Mrs. Anna Lewis 26-3**  
Hotel **Y.W.C.A. 179 West 137th St** Room No. **655**  
Roomed with **Alone**

**DEPARTURE NEW YORK**

VIA. R.R. **NYC** Train No. **11** Space **L 6** Car No. **152** Date **7/25/33**

**REMARKS**

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( ) r Eastbound)



WAR DEPARTMENT

Penalty for private use to avoid  
payment of postage, \$300.

*New York*

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

*Got name all right*

**PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS**

**225 WEST 34TH STREET,**

**NEW YORK, N. Y.**

*But my album is not  
much better*



NAME **MRS. LOVELLA CARTER** *Mrs Lovella C Carter*

ADDRESS **c/o John McDuffie, Oakridge, La.**

DATE *July 24 1933*

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) .....



Party C

Nurse P./KNOWLES **M O D I C A L   R E C O R D**

M. A. Cmty

Station *Paris Hotel Duvalle*  
Date: *2<sup>nd</sup> July '33.*

Name *Carter, Mrs. Lovella*

Home address *c/o John McDuffie, Oak Ridge, Morehouse Parish,*  
*LOUISIANA.*

Address of Nearest friend or relative *Mrs. Mandy Mills (mother)*  
*c/o John M<sup>c</sup>Duffie Oak Ridge La.*

Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Age *43*

History of Present complaint :

(over)

INSTRUCTIONS. — This card will be started in all cases of Pilgrims requiring medical attention by the Medical Officer or Nurse first rendering such attention. Subsequently it will be carried by the nurse in attendance upon the group to which the Pilgrim is assigned. All Medical Officers rendering any assistance in the case will make an appropriate entry which will include date, time and signature. Upon final disposition of the case the Nurse in charge will deliver the card to the Office of the Chief Surgeon. Pilgrims sent to the American Hospital will be accompanied by this card properly completed, which will be authority for admission, in which case a duplicate card will be made and sent without delay to the office of the Chief Surgeon.



Diagnosis and complications : (include dates)

Treatment and Progress : (include dates)

Disposition : (include dates)

July 15. To Lettore. Fites

Remarks : no Complaints  
JDS



QM 293 A-M  
Carter, Chester

September 16, 1933

Mrs. Louella Carter,

Oak Ridge, La.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 3rd, making inquiry as to whether any communications have been forwarded you since the flag in honor of your stepson, the late Private first class Chester Carter, was forwarded.

Please be advised no communication has been forwarded you since the flag was mailed you.

With reference to the statement that your physician, Dr. Commie advises that your elbow is cracked, you are informed X-ray in New York showed no fracture or dislocation. It is sincerely regretted that you have suffered inconvenience by reason of the fall on ship-board. The law however will not permit medical attention to be furnished at the expense of the Government, before or after the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Oak Ridge La

Sept the 3. 1933

washington D C.  
quartermaster corps.

Dear sir - i am writing  
you to ask you Haul you  
Rate me Saddy or not  
i got the Letter from you  
what come with the  
flag and i have not  
got any answer from  
you sence you sent  
me the flag so i thought  
you might have Rate me  
and some one had been  
geting my mail now  
i had a Doctor to me since  
i came home and he say  
that the Bone off my t. Be  
is crack from the fall i  
had on the ship





ON BOARD

S. S. ....

the Doctor want what i went to  
in Dr Commie oak Ridge La  
Nothing more at Present  
from ~~Smith~~ Mrs Lovella  
Carter

and Please Dont send  
my mail in the care  
of Mr M C Duffie

address oak Ridge La  
Mrs Lovella Carter









war. Department.  
General Depot of the  
Quartermaster. Corps  
Washington, D C.  
No. 6626.



UNITED STATES LINES

2194



Amer. Banker

6-23-33

MA

Carter, Chester Pvt.

I accept the invitation extended  
(Accept or decline)

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

Mrs. Lovella Carter,

(Name)

c/o Mr. John McDuffie, Oak Ridge, Louisiana

(Town or City) Morehouse Parish (State)







*Carter, Chester*

EXCERPT FROM NARRATIVE REPORT

PARTY "C" WEST

The following named pilgrims were treated at the Y. W. C. A. under the direction of the Medical Supervisor for the ailments as indicated:

Mrs. Anna Richardson

- Repair of Artificial Denture

Mrs. Lottie Stanford

- Hypertension.

Mrs. Mary McFadden

- Pleurodynia, right

(Mrs. McFadden was taken ill after arriving in New York and remained at the Y.W.C.A. July 24, 25 and 26, and was dispatched to her home on July 27th accompanied by a special nurse, Jeanette M. Mosby.)

Mrs. Lovella Carter

- Contusion over left Olecranon process.

(Mrs. Carter fell on board ship one week ago and struck her left elbow. On July 25th she was sent to the General Dispensary, 39 Whitehall St., New York City, for X-Ray. X-Ray report was negative for fracture or dislocation.)



**Post Office Department**

**OFFICIAL BUSINESS**

**REGISTERED ARTICLE**

No. 927037

**INSURED PARCEL**

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

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

**Q. M. GENERAL**

(NAME OF SENDER)

*Street and Number, }  
or Post Office Box, }*

**MUNITIONS BUILDING**

**WASHINGTON,**

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

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING  
OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY



6625.C

17.17.

RETURN RECEIPT

American Banker 6-23-33

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

Louella Carter

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, 6/10, 1933



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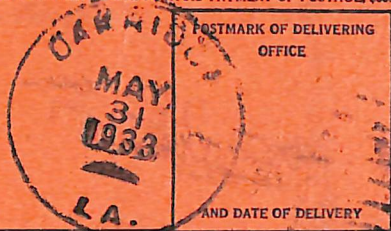
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*D. C.*

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6675

Carter, Chester

1232

RETURN RECEIPT

American Merchant 7-23-22

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

<sup>res</sup>  
Lowell X Carter  
<sub>mark</sub>  
(Signature or name of addressee)

attest  
J. E. Barker Postmaster  
Oak Ridge La.  
(Signature of addressee's agent)

J. S. Norris  
Oak Ridge La.

Date of delivery 07 31, 1923

Form 3811

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DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE ONLY



*Carter, Chester Jna*

EXCERPT FROM NARRATIVE REPORT - Party "C" EAST - June 23, 1933.

Mrs. Sarah Mitchell, Holdenville, Okla., turned in a transportation request covering a seat from Holdenville, Okla. to Tulsa, Okla. and a pullman ticket covering a lower berth between Kansas City and Chicago, also stating that the conductor refused to honor her ticket and that she was obliged to spend the night in a day coach.

✓ Mrs. Lovella Carter, Oakridge, La., turned in her pullman ticket covering lower berth and drawing room between Collinston, La. and St. Louis, Mo., stating that she sat up all night as the conductor failed to see that she was placed in the pullman car.

PILGRIMAGE BADGES WHICH WERE BROKEN WERE REPLACED FOR THE FOLLOWING NAMED PILGRIMS AS INDICATED:

Badge #2270 furnished to Mrs. A. L. Berkley for Badge #6654

Badge # 3435 furnished to Mrs. Janie Bell for Badge #6650

Badge #2583 furnished to Mrs. Carrie G. Brown for Badge #6624

DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

A suitcase key was secured for Mrs. Cora Gaston, Girardeau, Mo., and the lock of the suitcase belonging to Mrs. Lillie Gilyard of Muskegee, Okla. was repaired.

*Carter, Chester Ma*

Butler, Mrs. Mary

- Ulcer, Varicose, deep, severe, chronic,  
left leg.

✓ Carter, Mrs. Lovella

- Neurosthenia; Intestinal Stasis

Dennis, Mrs. Kate

- Intestinal Stasis

Gaston, Mrs. Cora

- Migraine; Intestinal Stasis



QM 293 A-M

Carter, Chester (MA)

May 31, 1933

Mrs. Lovella Carter,  
c/o John McDuffie,  
Oak Ridge, Louisiana

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed Check No. 182,556 in the  
amount of \$ 13.12 , to pay for your meals and incidental  
expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage  
authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST THIS CHECK BE CASHED  
AND USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED.

If for any reason, you are not able to sail on  
the date mentioned in your invitation, the check must be  
returned to this office immediately.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:  
Check No.

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



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Carter, Chester (MA) x

May 29, 1933

Mrs. Lovella Carter,  
c/o John McDuffie,  
Oak Ridge, La.

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. Oak Ridge	Mo. Pac.	Train No. 842	7:50 PM	June 19
Ar. Collinston	" "	" "	8:05 PM	" "
Lv. "	" "	" "	102 10:05 PM	" "
Ar. St. Louis	" "	" "	26 11:30 AM	" 20
Lv. " "	CCC&StL	" "	24 12:Noon	" "
Ar. New York	N Y C	" "	" 12:Noon	" 21

(Grand Cent. Sta.)

Accommodations: Coach Oak Ridge, La. to Collinston, La. Standard sleeper Collinston, La. to St. Louis, Mo. and St. Louis, Mo. to New York, N. Y.

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

May 4, 1933

Carter, Chester MA

Mrs. Lovella Carter,  
c/o John McDuffie,  
Oak Ridge, La.

Dear Madam:

With reference to previous correspondence  
on this subject, you are informed that your passport  
has been received and will be delivered to you aboard  
ship.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



GEO. WESLEY SMITH

ATTORNEY AT LAW

RAYVILLE, LA.

February 16th, 1933.

The Quartermaster General,  
Memorial Branch,  
Washington, D. C..

Gentlemen:

Carter, Chester (MA) X  
Carter, Mrs. Lovella  
Oak Ridge, Morehouse Parish, La.  
American Banker, June 23rd.

Enclosed please find executed forms forwarded by  
you to Lovella Carter covering stopover on return from  
Europe and address of person to be notified in case of  
illness.

Also enclosed please find copy of letter this  
day written the State Department enclosing application for  
a passport.

Yours very truly,

Geo. Wesley Smith

By

*Geo. Wesley Smith*





GEO. WESLEY SMITH

ATTORNEY AT LAW

RAYVILLE, LA.

February 16th, 1933.

State Department,

Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Carter, Chester (MA) X  
Carter, Mrs. Lovella  
Oak Ridge, Morehouse Parish, La.  
American Banker, June 23rd.

Enclosed please find Passport Application of Mrs. Lovella Carter of Oak Ridge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana, for passport to enable her to make the pilgrimage to the grave of her son in France at the invitation of the United States Government.

I am also enclosing three extra photographs of Lovella Carter for the reason that the instructions sent out by the War Department required her to have that many made.

If there is any additional information required please so advise me by return mail.

I am mailing a copy of this letter to The Quartermaster General, Memorial Branch, Washington, D. C., in order that they may be advised in the premises.

Yours very truly,

Geo. Wesley Smith

By \_\_\_\_\_



PLEASE FILL IN THE INFORMATION CALLED FOR BELOW,  
AND MAIL THIS LETTER PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED  
ENVELOPE WHICH REQUIRES NO POSTAGE.

Carter, Chester (MA) X  
Carter, Mrs. Lovella  
Oak Ridge, Morehouse Parish, La.  
American Banker June 23rd

Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In the blank space below you will find the name,  
address, and relationship to me, of the person in the United  
States whom I desire to be notified in case I become  
seriously ill or other emergency arises while I am making  
the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress  
approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Mandy Miles

Name

c/o John McDuffie, Oak Ridge, Louisiana.

Address

Mother

Relationship

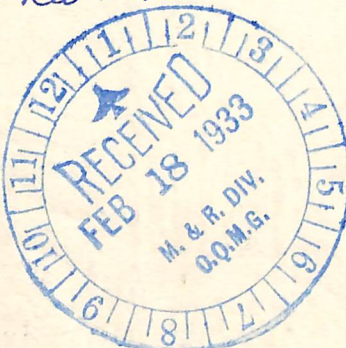
Very truly yours,

Witnesses:  
*John McBarthly*  
*Erma Lee Mitchell*

*Her*  
*Lovella (X) Carter*  
Your name

c/o John McDuffie  
Oak Ridge, Louisiana.

Your address





IF YOU DESIRE A STOPOVER ON YOUR RETURN FROM EUROPE PLEASE READ  
CAREFULLY THE PARAGRAPH, "STOPOVERS IN THE UNITED STATES", ON  
PAGE 3 OF THE ENCLOSED LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS, FILL IN THE FORM  
BELOW AND RETURN IT TO THIS OFFICE.

Carter, Chester (MA) X  
Carter, Mrs. Lovella  
Oak Ridge, Morehouse Parish, La.  
American Banker June 23rd

Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

On my return from the pilgrimage to American Cemeteries in  
Europe, I desire to stop over at the point, or points, listed below,  
for the number of days shown after the name of the town. If these  
stopovers will cause me any expense I am to be advised of the amount  
and may then withdraw this request if I so desire.

Cities where I desire to stopover:

No. of days

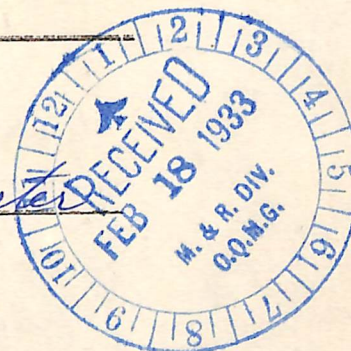
None

Witnesses:  
*John M. McCarthy*  
*Erma Lee Mitchell*

Very truly yours,

*Her*  
*Lovella (x) Carter*  
(Your name)  
*mark*

c/o John McDuffie  
Oak Ridge, Louisiana  
(Your address)





QM 293 A-M  
Carter, Chester (MA)x

January 25, 1933

Geo. Wesley Smith,  
Attorney-at-Law,  
Rayville, La.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 14th, advising the address of Mrs. Lovella Carter, stepmother of the late Private first class Chester Carter, and making inquiry as to whether funds available for her Pullman accommodations may be appropriated for clothing to wear on the pilgrimage to the grave of her stepson.

Special arrangements are made with the railroad companies for transportation to New York of colored mothers and widows living in the southern states. It is regretted to advise that no arrangements can be made whereby funds available for this purpose may be converted to other uses.

With reference to your request for blanks, you are advised Mrs. Carter's eligibility to make a pilgrimage as the stepmother of the late Private first class Chester Carter has been established, and further substantiation is not necessary.

A formal invitation to make the pilgrimage has been forwarded Mrs. Carter and it is hoped she will be able to make the journey. All necessary expenses of the journey, including transportation by rail, taxi, bus and steamship, meals, hotel accommodations, laundry, etc., will be paid by the Government. It is hoped Mrs. Carter will be able to acquire the clothing necessary for the journey prior to the departure of her party on June 23, and make the pilgrimage.

Your cooperation in this matter is very much appreciated.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



This being a colored  
mother Mrs Mack is  
not interested

Mrs



GEO. WESLEY SMITH  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
RAYVILLE, LA.

January 14th, 1933.

The Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: QM 293 A-M.  
Carter, Chester (MA)x.

I have succeeded in locating Mrs. Lovella Carter, the step-mother of the late private first class, Chester Carter. Her postoffice address is Oak Ridge, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana, in care of Mr. John McDuffie, upon whose plantation she is now living.

Lovella says that she is anxious to make the pilgrimage to Europe under the authority of the law quoted by you in your letter of December 14th, 1932.

Lovella Carter was married to Wash Carter here in Richland Parish about 1894 or 1895 and I am now trying to locate her marriage record. You understand that Chester Carter, the deceased soldier, was only a step-son of Lovella.

Lovella is absolutely without funds of any kind and is unable to secure funds with which to buy the necessary clothing to make this trip. At least that is what she says and I believe it is true. I doubt if funds could be raised locally.

It will not cost much for her to be fitted out and in as much as she cannot travel in a sleeping car or occupy a berth from here to the City of Washington, if she went over the usual route through Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee and Virginia, it has occurred to me that the Department might be willing to advance to her the sleeping car fare both ways, which I think would be ~~able~~ <sup>ample</sup> to fit her out

Now if you will send to me the necessary blanks for her to sign establishing her eligibility I will have her come to my office and have the same properly executed.

Yours very truly,

*Geo. Wesley Smith*

SM  
OK  
BB

1/20/33  
Swt issued  
Am. Bureau  
6-23-33



GEO. WESLEY SMITH  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
RAYVILLE, LA.

January 14th, 1933.

The Quartermaster General,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ON 293 A-1.  
Carter, Chester (M.A.K.)

I have succeeded in locating Mrs. Lovella Carter, the step-mother of the late private first class, Chester Carter. Her postoffice address is Oak Ridge, Tennessee Parish, Louisiana, in care of Mr. John McNuttie, upon whose plantation she is now living.

Lovella says that she is anxious to make the pilgrimage to Europe under the authority of the law quoted by you in your letter of December 14th, 1932.

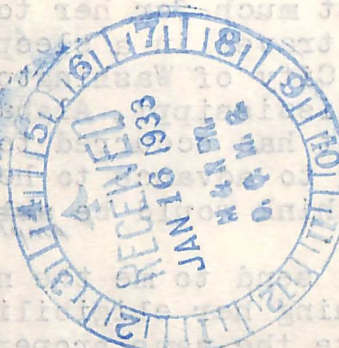
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Lovella is absolutely without funds of any kind and is unable to secure funds with which to buy the necessary clothing to make this trip. At least that is what she says and I believe it is true. I doubt if funds could be raised locally.

It will not cost much for her to be fitted out and in as much as she cannot travel in a sleeping car or occupy a berth from here to the Gulf of Mexico, if she went over the usual route through Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee and Virginia, I have no doubt that the Department might be willing to make the sleeping car fare both ways, which I have no doubt to fit her out.

Now if you will be good enough to sign establishing for her to sign establishing my authority I will have her come to my office and have the properly executed.

Yours very truly,



SM  
OK  
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1/25/33  
J. B. Smith  
J. B. Smith  
J. B. Smith



Rayville, Louisiana.

January 14th, 1933.

The Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: QM 293 A-M.  
Carter, Chester (MA)x.

If eligible and if I can make arrangements to  
get the necessary clothing, I do want to make the trip  
to the cemeteries of Europe.

Yours truly,

*Her*  
Lorella (x) Carter  
*mark*

Acknowledged before me this January 14th, 1933.

John McCarthy  
Notary Public in and for  
Richland Parish, Louisiana.





QM 295 A-M

January 9, 1933.

Carter, Chester (MA) x

Mr. George Wesley Smith,  
Rayville, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 27, 1932, relative to Mrs. Lovella Carter, stepmother of the late Private first class Chester Carter.

It is noted that you state you do not believe Mrs. Carter would make a pilgrimage to the grave of her stepson. However, inasmuch as it is the desire of this office to give each woman eligible to make the trip an opportunity to do so, it will be appreciated if you will obtain, if possible, the present address of Mrs. Carter.

Your kindness in cooperating with this office is sincerely appreciated.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Env.

raf



GEO. WESLEY SMITH

ATTORNEY AT LAW

RAYVILLE, LA.

December 27, 1932

Mr. Chas W. Dietz, Captain,  
Quarter Master Corps,  
Washington, D. C.

IN RE: Your: Q M 293 A - M Carter Chester MA-X

Dear Sir:

In replying to your letter of December 14th I  
beg to say that I do not know where this woman, Lovella  
Carter is, I knew her some years ago, she is a colored  
woman. I feel sure that she could not possibly finance  
her part of the trip to France.

However, if you are still desirous of locating  
her I will make every effort possible to do so.

Yours very truly,

Geo. Wesley Smith

GWS:elm

*let him to try*

*Geo Wesley Smith*



QM 293 A-M  
Carter, Chester (MA)x

December 14, 1932

George Wesley Smith,  
Attorney-at-Law,  
Rayville, La.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to office letter of March 21st, requesting the address of Mrs. Lovella or Lourella Carter, stepmother of the late Private first class Chester Carter. No reply has been received to date.

This office is making every effort to communicate with all women who may be eligible to make the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended. It appears that Mrs. Carter may be eligible to make a pilgrimage to the grave of her stepson at the expense of the Government. However, this office has been unable to communicate with her and determine her eligibility.

It will be appreciated if you will furnish the following information:

1. Address of Mrs. Carter;
2. Date of her marriage to the father of this veteran;
3. Does she desire to make a pilgrimage to the grave of her stepson during the coming summer?

A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:  
Env.  
bb



Born 9-20-95  
m 10-27-17

C 137 184 Carter, Chester (1232)  
single

Father died 2-23-26 ✓

Mother dead

Date of Step-Mother marriage?

7-17-98? age given as  
35 in 1926

S-M- Louella Carter - Rayville, La. (~~mail returned unclaimed~~)

Estate settled

Is there a later address

adm. Lucius Carter  
Rayville - La

one



If mail is ret. write to  
Geo. Wesley Smith (Atty)  
Rayville - La.

He can give you all the  
desired information.



QM 293 A-M  
Carter, Chester (MA) X

March 21, 1932

Mr. George Wesley Smith,  
Rayville,  
Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it will be appreciated if you will advise the correct address of Mrs. Lovella Carter, stepmother of the late Private 1st class Chester Carter. Communications forwarded Mrs. Carter at Rayville, Louisiana, have been returned unclaimed.

A self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

KK *EIT*

Enclosure:  
Envelope.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

July 12, 1930

Carter, Chester

1232-SM

Mrs. Lourella Carter  
Rayville, La.

Dear Madam:

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

This office has no record of any person entitled under the Act mentioned to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe as the mother or widow of the above named deceased service man. To complete the list of eligibles and to assure that, if the above named man is survived by a mother or widow entitled to make a pilgrimage she receive an invitation to do so, it is requested you answer the following questions in the space provided on this letter and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

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

If so, give her name and address:

3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?

If so, give her name and address:

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:

Envelope

Act

Amendment

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



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

DATE January 16, 1930

S  
NAME Carter, Chester RANK Pvt. SERIAL 196669 ORGANIZATION Co. D. 508th Engrs. DATE OF DEATH Dec. 12, 1918

STATE Arkansas CTY. NO. 1232 GRAVE 30 ROW 34 BLOCK C

	<u>Check relationship</u>	<u>Living</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>Deceased</u>	
	MOTHER	:	:	:	(S.M.)
	STEPMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:	:	Miss Louella Carter
		:	:	:	Rayville
		:	:	:	<u>La.</u>
NAME	MOTHER THRU ADOPTION	:	:	:	
AND	(For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:	:	
ADDRESS		:	:	:	
	MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS	:	:	:	
	(For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:	:	
	no WIDOW	:	:	:	
	(Who has not remarried)	:	:	:	

Veterans Bureau Claim Number

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

3-4756

Memorandum for

Vet Bury have no better address  
on step-mother. "V.B. 1-3-30"  
Mother dead  
nothing as date of marriage  
of step-mother. Mother died  
eight years before Vet. Father  
was alive at time of Vet's death.  
Vet Single

Pa.V.B.-1-3-38



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Carter, Chester  
19232

August 29, 1929.

Mr. Wash Carter,  
Rayville, La.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated **June 28, 1929** making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

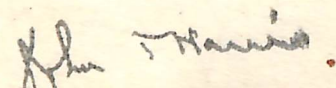
2. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

(Carter, Chester)

Oct. 12, 1929.

Mrs. Lourella Carter,  
Rayville, La.

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 ~~step-mother~~ of the late Pvt. Chester Carter, Co. D, 508th Engrs., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| 1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried?  |  |
| 2. If so, give her complete address.   |  |
| 3. 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. |  |

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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



**WAR DEPARTMENT**

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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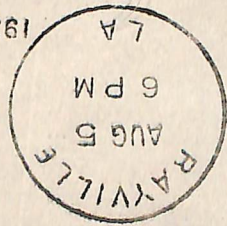
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

(Carter, Chester)

Mr. Lucas Carter,  
Rayville, La.

Oct. 12, 1929.

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 administrator of the late Pvt. Chester Carter, Co. D, 508th Engrs., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried?
2. If so, give her complete address.
3. 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.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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LA.





1929



(S-m) Mrs. Souwell Carter  
Rayville  
La.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

(Carter, Chester)

June<sup>28</sup>, 1929.

Mr. Lucas Carter Adm.  
(Mother-dead) Rayville, La.  
Mr. Wash Carter, died 3-12-26  
Rayville, La.

C-137-184

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Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Private Chester Carter, Co. D, 508th Engrs., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Agonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, 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,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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



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QM 293 A-M  
Carter, Chester

September 16, 1933

Mrs. Lovella Carter,

Oak Ridge, La.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 3rd, making inquiry as to whether any communications have been forwarded you since the flag in honor of your stepson, the late Private first class Chester Carter, was forwarded.

Please be advised no communication has been forwarded you since the flag was mailed you.

With reference to the statement that your physician, Dr. Commie advises that your elbow is cracked, you are informed X-ray in New York showed no fracture or dislocation. It is sincerely regretted that you have suffered inconvenience by reason of the fall on ship-board. The law however will not permit medical attention to be furnished at the expense of the Government, before or after the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Carter, Chester S.H. 196669  
Pvt., Co. D, 508th Infs.  
Son

August 10, 1933

Mrs. Lovella Carter,  
Oak Ridge, La.

Dear Madam:

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

EM/vd

*(Handwritten signature)*



# American Gold Star Mothers

OF THE WORLD WAR, INC.

NEW YORK STATE



Headquarters: Pennsylvania Hotel, Seventh Avenue and 33rd Street, New York City

Quarter Master General  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have been informed that I am entitled to an American flag from the Government in memory of

my beloved Son Name of Deceased Amester Carter  
SON OR DAUGHTER

Address of Deceased in France  
NUMBER STREET CITY STATE

Army, Navy, Marine  
RANK REGIMENT COMPANY

Stationed at \_\_\_\_\_

Lost at Sea Among the Missing Or Unknown

Place and Date of Death in France

Where Buried in France

Name of Mother Louella Carter

Address Oak Ridge La  
NUMBER STREET CITY STATE

I will be very grateful if same will be forwarded to me.

LOVELLA CARTER  
Respectfully yours,





# American Gold Star Mothers

OF THE WORLD, INC.  
NEW YORK STATE



Headquarters: Pennsylvania Hotel, Second Avenue and 33rd Street, New York City

Quarter Master General  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have been informed that I am entitled to an American flag from the Government in memory of

my beloved John Name of Deceased

Address of Deceased 1145 - 1146 Street, Richmond Hill, N. Y.

Army, Navy, Marine None

Stationed at None

Lost at Sea None Among the Missing None Or Unknown None

Place and Date of Death None

Where Buried None

Name of Mother Matthew Burling

Address 1145 - 1146 Street, Richmond Hill, N. Y.

I will be very grateful if same will be forwarded to me.

Respectfully yours,





QM 293 A-M  
Carter, Chester (MA)x

January 25, 1933

Geo. Wesley Smith,  
Attorney-at-Law,  
Rayville, La.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 14th, advising the address of Mrs. Lovella Carter, stepmother of the late Private first class Chester Carter, and making inquiry as to whether funds available for her Pullman accommodations may be appropriated for clothing to wear on the pilgrimage to the grave of her stepson.

Special arrangements are made with the railroad companies for transportation to New York of colored mothers and widows living in the southern states. It is regretted to advise that no arrangements can be made whereby funds available for this purpose may be converted to other uses.

With reference to your request for blanks, you are advised Mrs. Carter's eligibility to make a pilgrimage as the stepmother of the late Private first class Chester Carter has been established, and further substantiation is not necessary.

A formal invitation to make the pilgrimage has been forwarded Mrs. Carter and it is hoped she will be able to make the journey. All necessary expenses of the journey, including transportation by rail, taxi, bus and steamship, meals, hotel accommodations, laundry, etc., will be paid by the Government. It is hoped Mrs. Carter will be able to acquire the clothing necessary for the journey prior to the departure of her party on June 23, and make the pilgrimage.

Your cooperation in this matter is very much appreciated.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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1933 JAN 25 - PM 2:05

OQMG M&A



QM 293 A-M  
Carter, Chester (MA) x

January 9, 1933.

Mr. George Wesley Smith,  
Rayville, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 27, 1932, relative to Mrs. Lovella Carter, stepmother of the late Private first class Chester Carter.

It is noted that you state you do not believe Mrs. Carter would make a pilgrimage to the grave of her stepson. However, inasmuch as it is the desire of this office to give each woman eligible to make the trip an opportunity to do so, it will be appreciated if you will obtain, if possible, the present address of Mrs. Carter.

Your kindness in cooperating with this office is sincerely appreciated.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Env.

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OQMG M&R BR

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QM 293 A-M  
Carter, Chester (MA)x

December 14, 1932

George Wesley Smith,  
Attorney-at-Law,  
Rayville, La.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to office letter of March 21st, requesting the address of Mrs. Lovella or Lourella Carter, stepmother of the late Private first class Chester Carter. No reply has been received to date.

This office is making every effort to communicate with all women who may be eligible to make the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended. It appears that Mrs. Carter may be eligible to make a pilgrimage to the grave of her stepson at the expense of the Government. However, this office has been unable to communicate with her and determine her eligibility.

It will be appreciated if you will furnish the following information:

Address of Mrs. Carter;  
Date of her marriage to the father of this veteran;  
Does she desire to make a pilgrimage to the grave of her stepson during the coming summer?

A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:  
Env.

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0600

1932 DEC 14 - PM 3:57

QM 293 A-M



QM 293 A-M  
Carter, Chester (MA) X

March 21, 1932

Mr. George Wesley Smith,  
Rayville,  
Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it will be appreciated if you will advise the correct address of Mrs. Lovella Carter, stepmother of the late Private 1st class Chester Carter. Communications forwarded Mrs. Carter at Rayville, Louisiana, have been returned unclaimed.

A self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Enclosure:  
Envelope.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

July 12, 1930

Carter, Chester 1232-SM

Mrs. Lourella Carter  
Rayville, La.

Dear Madam:

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

This office has no record of any person entitled under the Act mentioned to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe as the mother or widow of the above named deceased service man. To complete the list of eligibles and to assure that, if the above named man is survived by a mother or widow entitled to make a pilgrimage she receive an invitation to do so, it is requested you answer the following questions in the space provided on this letter and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

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

If so, give her name and address:

3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?

If so, give her name and address:

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment

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



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

(Carter, Chester)

Oct. 12, 1929.

Mr. Lucas Carter,  
Rayville, La.

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 administrator of the late Pvt. Chester Carter, Co. D, 508th Engrs., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. 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.

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

(Carter, Chester)

Oct. 12, 1929.

Mrs. Lourella Carter,  
Rayville, La.

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 step-mother of the late Pvt. Chester Carter, Co. D, 508th Engrs., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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| 1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried?  |  |
| 2. If so, give her complete address.   |  |
| 3. 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. |  |

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Carter, Chester  
19232

August 29, 1929.

Mr. Wash Carter,  
Rayville, La.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 28, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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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

(Carter, Chester)

June 28 , 1929.

Mr. Wash Carter,  
Rayville, La.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Private Chester Carter, Co. D, 508th Engrs., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Aonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, 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,

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Envelope.

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



In reply refer to:  
293.8 C-R

# 73066

Dec. 1, 1922.

Mr. Wash Carter,  
Rayville,  
La.

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

the late Chester Carter, Private, Co. D,

508th Engrs., is Grave 30, Row 34, Block C, Meuse-Argonne American

This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries  
Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse, France,  
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, date of soldier's death and State  
from which he came. The headstones will be placed at all graves  
in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon  
as possible and without waiting for special action or request on  
the part of relatives.

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

Very truly yours,

DEC 2 1922

G.R.S.

H. J. CONNER,  
Assistant.

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DATE 12/3/21

1. NAME Carter, Chester SERIAL No. 196669  
 RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co.D 508th Engrs.  
 GRAVE LOCATION Amer. Bazoilles-sur-Meuse - Vosges 6  
 CTY. NAME NUMBER  
331  
 GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 417. Bazoilles-sur-Meuse. Vosges.  
 GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES E.346-21. N.170-12. Map: Mirecourt NW 84

CONCENTRATED TO Feb. 1921. 331.  
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT  
Bazoilles-sur-Meuse. 6.  
 CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Nothing of record.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS Not of record.  
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR Wm. H. QUARTERMAN, Capt. F.A. USA.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 12/3/21 30 34 C  
 DATE GRAVE ROW ~~Block~~  
 Block

Meuse-Argonne American Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse) 1232  
 CEMETERY

10/20/22  
 MFD.



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GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
AUG 13 1922

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

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

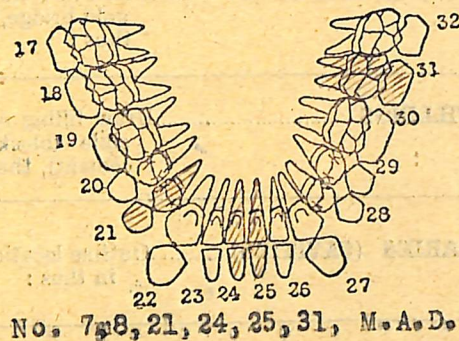
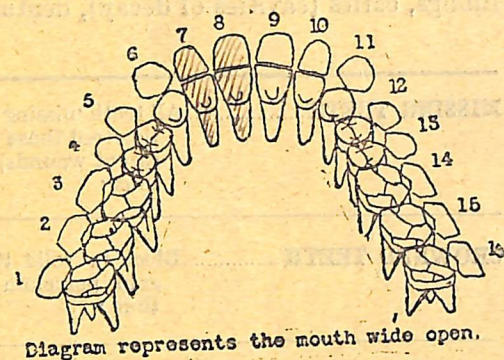


Place Bazoilles (Vosges) France.

## REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date. Sept. 26, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF CARTER, Chester. SERIAL NUMBER 196669
- RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. D, 508h. Engrs.
2. Disinterred (date): Sept. 26, 1921. From (give complete location) Gr. No. 331.  
Amer. Mil. Cem. # 6. Bazoilles (Vosges)
- By: Group 4. Unit Section No. 4.
3. Reburied (date): Dec. 3rd, 1921. In (give complete location): Grave 30, Row 34, Block C, Cemetery 1232.
- By: Group Reburial S Unit  Nature of reburial Lined Casket
4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Buried in blanket, and in wooden box. Body baldy  
decomposed, recognition impossible
5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body Yes partly corroded have marker? Yes.  
No effects found.
- (b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:  
Disc on body partly corroded reads (Carter Chester 19667--) Bottle containing  
hospital record, reburial data and metal strip found on body. Hospital record gives  
Serial No. ~~196672~~ 196672. Reburial slip gives Serial No. 196669.
6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items?
- (a) Height (actual measurement) Unable to determine.
- (b) Weight (estimated)
- (c) Hair—Color   
 Quantity   
 Characteristics
- (d) Hair on face—Color   
 Location   
 Quantity
- (e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts)
- (f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) None.



7. Disinterment supervised by W. C. RAPINE. Approved: R. L. FAIN,  
 RB. (Title) Capt. Q.M.C. bjm.
8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Dufault, Approved: James W. Younger,  
 (Title) Captain Q.M.C.



## 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 :



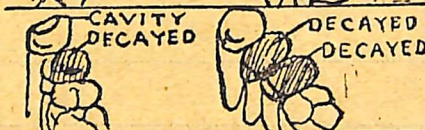
**BRIDGE WORK**.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :



**FILLINGS**.....Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :



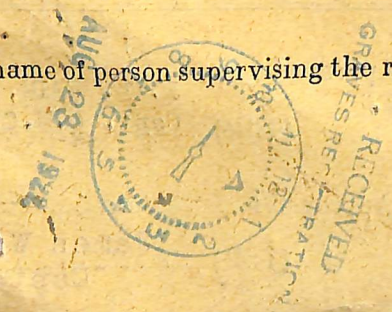
**CARIES (CAVITIES)**.....Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :



**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.





STATION Bazoilles (Vosges) France.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept 26, 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 Carter, Chester  
 2. No. 196669 *O.K. m.j.n.*  
 3. Rank Pvt  
 4. Org. Co. D 508th Engrs.  
 5. D.D. 12-12  
 6. C.D. Lobar Pneumonia

10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 11. No. 19667----  
 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_  
 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) D.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment.

7. Grave No. 331 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 17. None.

18. Cemetery Amer.  
 20. Dept. or County Vosges  
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 6  
 23. Disinterred (Date) Sept. 26, 1921.

19. Commune or town Bazoilles-sur-Meuse  
 21. Country France  
 By W. C. Rapine.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name CARTER, ~~EMANX~~ Chester.  
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organization Co. D, 508th. Engrs. Gr. 331

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

Signature Ray Brown, Junior Technical Assistant

RAY BROWN.

## PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).

No effects found. Form 16a accomplished. Disc on body partly corroded reads (Carter, Chester 19667--). Bottle containing hospital record, reburial data and metal strip found on body. Reburial slip gives serial No. 196669. Hospital record 196072.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, recognition impossible.

28. Nature of burial Buried in blanket, abd in wooden box.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? See No. 11.

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Sept. 26, 1921. By W. C. Rapine.

31. Casket sealed by W. C. Rapine.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

W. C. RAPINE.



SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-10704

32. Designation of body:

Name Carter, Chester Serial No. 196669

Rank Pvt. Organization Co.D 508th Engrs.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse Argonne Amer. #1232 - Romagne-sous-Montfaucon

Meuse

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Sept. 26, 1921. By W. C. Rapine.

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

R. L. FAIN, CAPT. Q.M.C. BJM.

36. Remarks Disc on ~~HEAD~~ gives serial No. as 196672.

Disc on body partly corroded reads (Chester Carter 19667--)

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Sept. 26, 1921.

To point of Concentration NEUFCHATEAU, (VOSGES)

(Name

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

Capt. Q.M.C.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

30 OCT 1921

To Permanent Cemetery Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse)

Convoyer C. L. EY (Name

Signature Shipping Officer

W. R. BUCKLEY,  
Capt. Q.M.C.

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cemetery 1232 Dec. 3rd, 1921.

(Date

42. Grave No. 30

Section

43. Block C

Row 34

G.R.S. Representative

James W. Younger,  
Captain Q.M.C.

JEL



## COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

### I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name CARTER, Chester Ser. No. 196669  
(b) Rank Private Organization Co. D, 508th Engrs.  
(c) Date of death 12-12-18 (d) Cause of death Lobar pneumonia.

TYP. vbb

CKR

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

(a) Grave No. 417 Row - Plot -- Sec. -- TYP. vbb

(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Ophelia Byrd (aunt) Rayville, La.

### III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

NO CARD

CKR

## IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt

(a) Name \_\_\_\_\_ (b) Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Address \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Examiner's Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

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

\_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_

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

no correspondence

Examiner's Initials LL Date 10/13, 1920.

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

*No request for disposition*

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes, 100.

Examiner's Initials AW Date 10-14-, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE

CEMETERY No. 6

SHEET No. 102

G. R. S. Form No. 115  
Amended April 6, 1920

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115  
20 3-7729 FORM 115 - A COMPLETED  
CARDED

Make Form No. 114

MAY 24 1921

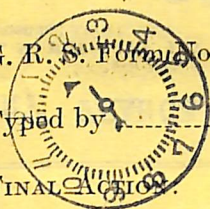


CEMETERY DIVISION  
VIII. FINAL ACTION

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

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

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



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Following advice forwarded to Europe by

cable on \_\_\_\_\_

letter on \_\_\_\_\_

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Overseas Project Sub-Section

PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED

(X.S.)

IX.

CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE.

ACTION TAKEN.

Desires body be \_\_\_\_\_

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

FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN - 1921

TO REMAIN IN EUROPE. 5-5-21 & D

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

Form 120-4/9/21 - Aunt Ophelia Bird, Rayville, La. Request body remain in France. - Father - Wash Carter - Rayville La. - Deceased unmarried. Letter 5/26/21 - Inq. advise Aunt her request will be complied with. MBB-6-1-21



6-102  
May 26, 1921.

293.6 Cem. #73066 (Carter, Chester, Pvt.)

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

Mrs..Ophelia Byrd, Rayville, La.

Disposition of Remains.

1. Receipt is hereby acknowledged of Graves Registration Service Form 120 forwarded to this office by our branch office at Hoboken, New Jersey for action.

2. In compliance with your request instructions have been issued that the body of your nephew, Private Chester Carter, Company D, 508th Engineers, remain permanently interred in France.

3. According to present tentative plans, the bodies of the soldier dead buried in the American Cemetery at Basoilles-sur-Meuse, Department of Vosges, whose legal next of kin have requested permanent interment abroad, under the care and custody of this government, will ultimately be transferred to the Argonne American Cemetery at Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of the Meuse. This transfer will not be made until after the return to this country of the bodies of those soldiers whose legal next of kin have requested return. In each case the legal next of kin will be advised of the new grave location after transfer has been made.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

HR

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

NOTED ON 118  
MAY 26-1-21  
JEW

RECEIVED BY  
MAIL UNIT

MAY 27 1921

Cemeterial Division  
Overseas Project Sub-Section



WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

WASHINGTON  
Hoboken, N.J.

CEMETERY DIVISION



1921

9-1900

20 Wash  
4/26/21

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

To: Mrs. Ophelia Byrd, Rayville, La.

APR 14 1921

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Chester Carter, 196669, Co. D, 508th Engrs.

The records of this office show that ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ no request has been made for the disposition of his remains.

*Request that they remain in France*

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.

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**.

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Was soldier married? <i>no</i>			
Soldier's widow.....			
Soldier's children (Name oldest first.)			
1.....			
2.....			
3.....			
Father <i>Wash Carter</i>	<i>Rayville</i>	<i>La</i>	
Mother <i>X</i>			
Brothers (Name oldest first.)			
1.....			
2..... <i>X</i>			
3.....			
Sisters (Name oldest first.)			
1.....			
2..... <i>X</i>			
3.....			

NOTED ON TIS  
MAR 16-1-21

Date

*4/9/21*

Signature

*Ophelia X Bird*  
*Mark*

Address

*Rayville - La*

Relationship

IMPORTANT.—CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.



1920.

Address

Relationship

Date

I, the undersigned, am the

(Relationship.)

and nearest living relative of the within-named

soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:

(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to

(R. R. station.)

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

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

Signature

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instruction as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.

2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.

3. This paper **MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT OF kin IN THE ORDER** shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.

4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest 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 inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

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WAR DEPARTMENT



COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File - 73066

11-21-21  
11-21-21

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name CARTER, Chester Ser. No. 196669 } TYP vbb  
 (b) Rank Private Organization Co. D, 508th Engrs. }  
 (c) Date of death 12-12-18 Cause of death Lobar pneumonia

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

(a) Grave No. 417 Row --- Plot --- Sect. --- TYP vbb

(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Ophelia Byrd (aunt) Rayville, La.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases CARD CKR MB

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

No card in file, no request for disposition  
 (H.S. 11-23-20)

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 192  
 (Letter of transmittal on NOV 17 1920)

**PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED** (#S)

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S.Hoboken, N.J. DEC 18 1920 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken

VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. 4-27 1921

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CEMETERY NO.

SHEET NO.

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

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FRANCE

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MB 12-16-20



FILE - 13000

COMPLETION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD

(a) Name: GARNER, Chester  
(b) Rank: Private  
(c) Date of death: 12-12-18  
Cause of death: Death  
Organization: U.S. Army  
Service No.: 13000

II. INVESTIGATION CARD - (Check Reg. Card Index against Loc. Ind. Card)

(a) Grave No.: 13700  
(b) Name: Mrs. Opalita (nee) GARNER, nee  
Address: Newville, Pa.

III. List of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

IV. Information on which advice to Europe is letter of transmission was based:

No card in file no request for investigation

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (circle on letter of transmission on NOV 17 1921)

PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED

DEC 18 1920

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

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action taken

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DIV., Q. M. G.

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of Relationship and name

VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. 1921

Completed by

COUNTRY

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Form No. 1009

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION.

*Deceased*

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137184

Carter, Chester

6-102

April 1, 1921

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

196669

Co. D, 508th Engrs.

12-12-18

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

DATE OF DEATH

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

Copy forwarded to  
Adjustment Department

DATE

Date 6-24-21 g.c.

PERSON NAMED BY SOLDIER TO BE BENEFICIARY OF INSURANCE

RELATIONSHIP

Wash Carter

Father

ADDRESS

Rayville, La.

PERSON RECEIVING DEATH COMPENSATION

RELATIONSHIP

No Record

ADDRESS

20 March 4/26 RW 7/1



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## REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place Bazailles, Cemetery No. 6.Date February 2, 1921.1. REMAINS OF Carter, Chester(On Cross) SERIAL NUMBER 196669RANK Pvt.ORGANIZATION C. O. D. 508th Engrs.2. Disinterred (date): 2-2-21

From (give complete location):

Grave 417, Cemetery No. 6.By: Group 1

Unit

3. Reburied (date): 2-2-21

In (give complete location):

Grave 331, Cemetery No. 6.By: Group 1

Unit

Nature of reburial Blanket and Pine Box.

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

Box, U. S. Uniform.5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? YesOn grave marker? Yes

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

Tag on cross reads: 196672, Same on body and hospital record.Hospital record in bottle corresponds with tags.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) 5ft. 9in.(b) Weight (estimated) 150 lbs.(c) Hair—Color BlackQuantity ScantCharacteristics Kinky(d) Hair on face—Color NoneLocation NoneQuantity None(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) None(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Impossible to determine.E. J. Rasch, Checker.

7. Disinterment supervised by

H. W. Boyette, 1st. Lt. Q.M.C.

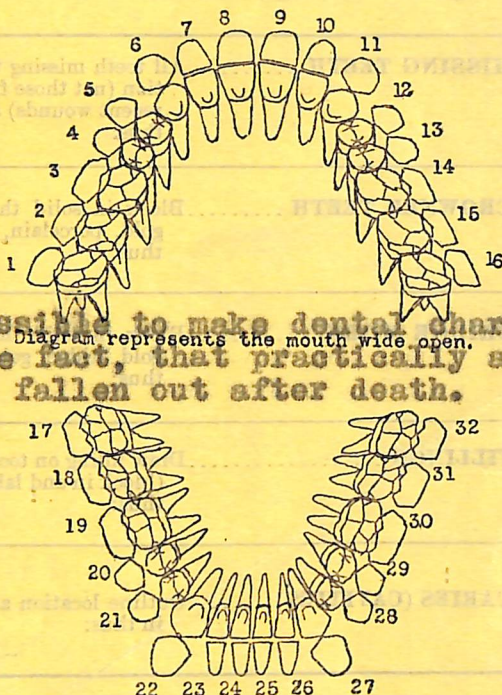
Approved:

J. Gerald Cole  
(Title) J. Gerald Cole, 1st. Lt. C.A.C.  
Master of Section 8.

8. Reburial supervised by

H. W. Boyette, 1st. Lt. Q.M.C.

Approved:

J. Gerald Cole  
(Title) J. Gerald Cole, 1st. Lt. C.A.C.  
Master of Section 8.

Impossible to make dental chart, due to the fact, that practically all teeth had fallen out after death.

Chester Carter



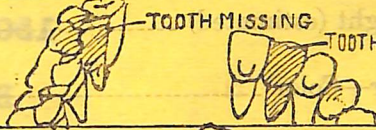




## INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER COMPLETION OF G. R. S. FORM NO. 16-A

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."		

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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.



March 28, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Com. Div. Cor. Br.  
(CARTER, Chester)

Mrs. Ophelia Byrd,  
Rayville, La.

Dear Madam:-

Kindly inform this office at your earliest convenience whether the late Chester Carter, Private, Serial Number 196669, Company D, 308th Engineers, is survived by widow, children, father, mother, brother or sister, and if so, furnish the name and address of each.

This information is desired in order that the Department may be assured that the proper person to determine the disposition of remains of the late soldier is given an opportunity of expressing his or her wishes.

If the late soldier is not survived by any of the above mentioned relatives, please state whether you desire the body left in France in a permanent American Cemetery, returned to the United States and shipped to you, or interred in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia.

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

Your early reply will be greatly appreciated.

Mailed-G.F.D.

MAR 29 1921

H. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,  
Officer in Charge.

BY: R. S. YAM

R. S. YAM,  
Captain, Infantry.

BR:JAM



73066  
GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Carter 196672 Chester  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt. Co. "D" 508th Engineers  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL... December 13th, 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL... American E. F. Cemetery

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

#6, at Bazoilles sur Meuse, Vosges, France.

GRAVE NUMBER 417

HOW MARKED: Name Peg Cross? yes

Headboard? Bottle? yes

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? yes

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

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

REPORTED BY:

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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







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

2. Soldier's No. 196572

3. CARTER CHESTER  
Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials

4. Pvt. D 508 E7GRS  
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. DEC. 11, 1918  
Date of Death Cause, if known

6. American Mil. No. 6  
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. BAZOILLES  
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. 417 24  
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

9. Name Peg? ☒ Cross? ☒ Headboard? ☒ Bottle? ☒  
Check Method of Marking

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

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

.....

12. Map reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

.....

13. Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed Albert Burns

Group..... Unit..... G. R. S.







73066

# REPORT OF DEATH AND DISPOSAL OF REMAINS.

CARTER

(Surname.)

196672

CHESTER

(Christian name.)

Pvt.

(Grade.)

Co. "D", 508th Engineers.

(Company and regiment or corps or department.)

(If civilian, capacity and department in which employed.)

Date of death: December 12, 1918 @ 10:00 P.M.

Place of death: Base Hospital NO. 60,  
Bazoilles-sur-Meuse, Vosges, France.

Cause of death: Lobar pneumonia, right lower  
lobe.

Date and place of burial, with No. and locality of grave. (If not interred at post,  
state disposition made of remains) December 13, 1918.

Grave NO. 417, A.E.F. Cemetary NO. 6,  
Bazoilles-sur-Meuse, Vosges, France.

Married or single? If married, name and address of widow:

Single

Remarks: One identification tag buried with  
remains; one riveted to name peg of grave.

H. L. Dale,

Lt. Col. M.C., Commanding.

Base Hospital NO. 60.

Station: Bazoilles-sur-Meuse, Vosges, France.

Date: December 13, 1918.

## EXTRACT FROM ARMY REGULATIONS.

"162½. The following reports are required by the War Department in the case of the death of a soldier in the active service:

(a) Report of death and disposal of remains (Form No. 415, A. G. O.) to be made by the commanding officer of the post or station or of a command in the field, and forwarded directly to The Adjutant General of the Army as soon as practicable after final disposition has been made of the remains."







OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERY DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION

COPY

CARTER, Chester

JUL 26 1921

6-102

April 1, 1921

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

196669

Co.D, 508th Engrs.

12-12-18

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

DATE OF DEATH

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE

Original Forwarded  
to Hoboken

Date 6-24-21 g.c.

PERSON NAMED BY SOLDIER TO BE BENEFICIARY OF INSURANCE

RELATIONSHIP

Wash Carter

ADDRESS

Rayville, La.

Father

PERSON RECEIVING DEATH COMPENSATION

RELATIONSHIP

No Record



6-7 02  
May 26, 1921.

293.8 Co. #73066 (Carter, Chester, Pvt.)

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

Mrs. Opelia Byrd, Rayville, La.

Disposition of Remains.

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By authority of the Quartermaster General:

MR

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

JEW

MAILED  
MAY 27 1921

G.R.S.

RECEIVED BY  
MAIL UNIT

MAY 27 1921

Cemeterial Division  
Overseas Project Sub-Section

FORWARD TO O S P

Form 120 & yellow copy of reply  
filed in O.S.P. MBK-6-1-21

NOTED O.S.P.  
MBK-6-1-21



CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
REGISTRATION SECTION

FILE

October 14th 1921

MEMO FOR:

Cards Department.

1.

CASE OF:

Co. D 508th Engrs.  
ORGANIZATION (Old)

CARTER 196669 Chester Pvt.  
(Name)

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

ORGANIZATION (New)

FILE NO.

SURNAME

SERIAL NUMBER

FIRST NAME AND INITIALS

RANK

DATE OF DEATH

CAUSE OF DEATH

	Date	Place	F-1A No.
Orig.			D-
1st Reb.			D-
2nd Reb.	2/2/21	6	D- 30255
3rd Reb.			D-

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

BY: Miss Lannon

Card.

(Department)

5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made  
on Organization  
File Card:

By B  
S/3324/LML



ADDRESS REPLY TO

-----Division  
DIRECTOR OF STORAGE  
MUNITIONS BUILDING

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

No:

From:

To:

Subject:

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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