

G.R.S. Form #114-B

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FULL NAME ... CARTER, Rufus

RANK ... Pvt. ... SERIAL ... 2233423

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION ... 110th Trench Mortar Battery

35th Div

DATE OF DEATH ... 9-26-18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME ... Okla.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

10-5-1921 4 34 F

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION ... Date Grave Row Block

Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery... 1232 Cemetery

AUDITED BY: M.J.D. - 5/2/23 23/306/ARK

WS 4-13-23

3 A.G.O. AUG 11 1926 WORLD WAR DIV.

Major General, The Adjutant General, EJM AUG 16 1926 RECORDED World War Div. APR 4 1928



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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Remains of :

NAME: CARTER, Rufus

NUMBER: 2233423

RANK: Unkn

ORGANIZATION: Unkn

DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL MADE BY GROUP:

UNIT:

DISINTERRED: (Date)

FROM: (Give complete location)

13th June 1919

Grave # 6 Fr.Mil.Cty.

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BLERCOURT MEUSE

35 SE 317.55 E 260.N.

REBURIED (Date)

IN: (Give complete location)

13th June 1919

Grave # 153 Sec #99 Plot #3

ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY #1232

ROMAGNE MEUSE.

1232

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

Burial good; buried in sheet; normally decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body ? Yes

What other means of identification were found on the body ? None

CONFIRMED No. D.....12323

Note:

If, upon disinterment, effects are found on bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot, direct, as is required by G. O. 170, G.H. Q, 1918, after being carefully examined for clues of identity in doubtful cases, notation thereof will be made and reported to the Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Lt Stirn. EGG

R. H. ROSENTHAL
2nd Lieut. Q.M.C.
C.O. Group Unit

C. Q. M.
G. R. S.

REPORT OF DISTINGUISHING AND IDENTIFYING

Number of :

NAME:

NAME:

ORGANIZATION:

NAME:

UNIT:

DISTINGUISHING AND IDENTIFYING MADE BY GROUP:

WHERE (Give complete location)

DATE (Date)

WHERE (Give complete location)

DATE (Date)

Report of the nature of original marks and condition of body parts distinguished.

Was any identification tag found upon the body?

What other means of identification were found on the body?

It is noted that the above information was obtained from the following sources: (List sources here)



UNIT

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

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Carter 2232423 Rufus
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt. 110th Trench Mortar Batt
(Rank.) (Organization.)

9-26-18
DATE OF BURIAL.....

Bluecourt
PLACE-OF BURIAL.....

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

Military Cemetery
Bluecourt Meuse

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GRAVE NUMBER.....

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

Headboard?..... Bottle?.....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS :

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

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

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

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REPORTED BY : John Rous

Chap. 1st Lt. Hoops No I
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

Form 8 W-A

Date 1-26-31

SUBJECT: Information required for the Comatorial Division.

To: Office of The Adjutant General, World War Division, Washington, D. C.

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed:

- a. Surname Carter g. Date of death Sept 26, 1918
- b. Christian name Rufus h. Cause of death AWRDA ✓
- c. Serial number 2283423 i. Date of discharge _____
- d. Rank at time of death Plt. j. Place of death mobile Hosp #1, France.
- e. Organization 110 I M B Place of burial mil cemetery Bluecourt
- f. Emergency address D. M. Carter Grave # 33, Mark-Cross Cem # 16. RS 316 St. 5' 1. Date enlisted _____ Inducted Sept 22/17
- g. Father, Durant, Okla.
- m. Place of enlistment or induction Durant, Okla
- n. List of organizations with which he served 315 I M B, 110 I M B
- p. All ranks held during service Plt.

BODY DESCRIPTION

- a. Age at enlistment 22 1/2 c. Height 70 1/2 e. Weight 129
- b. Color of hair brown d. Shoe size 9 D f. Fractures none noted

DENTAL CHARTS

At Camp

By Local Board

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none noted
 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
 Lower right Lower left

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 Upper right Upper left
none noted as missing
 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
 Lower right Lower left

Statements of Comrades none found

C. H. Bridges,
Major General,
The Adjutant General.

By:

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Vail
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REC'D WORLD WAR DIV For The Quartermaster General:
JAN 27 1931

J. H. K.
JAN 27 1931

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	<i>Carter, Rufus</i>	3	<i>318</i>
BURIED	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
	GRAVE <i>4</i>	2	<i>04</i>
	ROW <i>34</i>	2	<i>34</i>
	BLOCK <i>F</i>	1	<i>6</i>
STATE	<i>Oklahoma</i>	2	<i>42</i>
RANK	<i>Priv</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>35</i>	2	<i>35</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>110</i>	3	<i>110</i>
ARM	<i>Inf Motor Bty</i>	1	<i>X</i>
MARITAL	<i>No</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME		3	
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	
	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER	<i>no SM</i>	1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>no law</i>	1	
NATIVITY	<i>Dead since 1930</i>	1	<i>6</i>
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
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ACCEPTANCE		1	

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Carter, Rufus (M-A) M

September 29, 1931.

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Mrs. Bulah Carter,
301 South 9th Street,
Durant, Oklahoma.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes

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

Encl:
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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON D. C.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM
Carter, Rufus Pvt. (M-A) M

June 16, 1931.

Mrs. Bulah Carter,
301 South 9th Street,
Durant, Oklahoma.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Sign here

QM 293 A-M

January 30, 1931.

Carter, Rufus 1232 M

Mr. Ralph Ownby,
Green-Bryant Post No. 39,
American Legion,
Durant, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date relative to the late Private Rufus Carter.

Your inquiry regarding relief for the parents of this late veteran has been referred to the United States Veterans Bureau as this is a matter coming within the jurisdiction of that office.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Carter, Rufus 1232 H

January 30, 1931.

SUBJECT: Compensation.

TO: United States Veterans Bureau, Washington, D. C.

1. The following is an excerpt from a communication from Mr. Ralph Ownby, Post Finance Officer, Green-Bryant Post No. 39, American Legion, Durant, Oklahoma:

"The aged mother and father of the late Private Rufus Carter were solely dependent on him for support. They have been barely existing, together with help given them by individuals on the small amount which has been sent them by the Government. We have made application for relief for them, but of no avail. Please advise the procedure."

2. The late Rufus Carter was a member of the 110th Trench Mortar Battery and held the rank of Private.

3. Mr. Ownby has been advised of this reference.

For The Quartermaster General.

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, Rufus 1232 M

January 19, 1931. *16*

Mrs. Bulah Carter,
301 South Ninth Street,
Durant, Oklahoma

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested that you advise whether or not the late Private Rufus Carter is survived by a widow, and if so, her name and address.

For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed, herewith, a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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



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Answering basic communication, beg to advise that the late Rufus M. Carter was a single man; however, his aged mother and father were solely dependent on him for support and the above mentioned Mrs. Bulah Carter, is his mother. They have been barely existing, together with help given them by individuals, on the small amount which has been sent them by the Government. We have made application for relief for them, but of no avail. Please advise the procedure.

Ralph Ownby
Ralph Ownby, Post Finance Officer,
Green-Bryant Post No. 39, American
Legion, Durant, Oklahoma.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

October 11, 1930

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Carter, Rufus Pvt 1232 M

Mrs. Bulah Carter
301 South Ninth Street
Durant, Oklahoma

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	<i>No</i>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	<i>No</i>
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age <i>70</i> Condition of health <i>fair</i>
4. Do you speak English?	<i>yes</i>
5. What other language do you speak?	<i>not any</i>

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 7, 1930.

Carter, Rufus 1232 M

Mrs. Bulah Carter,
301 South 9th St.,
Durant, Okla.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Carter, Rufus 1232 M.

October 7 1929.

Mrs. Bulah Carter,
301 S. 9th St.,
Durant, Okla.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes) (No) <i>no</i>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <i>no</i> (No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes) <i>no</i> (No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age Health (Years) <i>69</i> (Good) <i>good</i> (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <i>yes</i> (No) Other language <i>not any</i> (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Carter, Rufus
1232.

Sept. 4, 1929

Mr. D. M. Carter,
323 - 13th St.,
Durant, Okla.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 29, 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?

Mother

Mrs. Bulah Carter
301 S. 9th St. Durant, Okla.

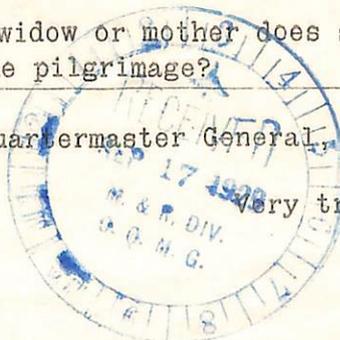
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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29 , 1929.

Carter, Rufus

Mr. D.M. Carter,
323 13th St.,
Durant, Okla.

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 Rufus Carter, Pvt. 110th Trench Mortar Bty., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne 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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JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Carter, Rufus (M-A) M

September 29, 1931.

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Mrs. Bulah Carter,
301 South 9th Street,
Durant, Oklahoma.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM
Carter, Rufus Pvt. (M-A) M

June 16, 1931.

Mrs. Bulah Carter,
301 South 9th Street,
Durant, Oklahoma.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Sign here

January 30, 1931.

QM 293 A-M
Carter, Rufus 1232 M

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SUBJECT: Compensation.

TO: United States Veterans Bureau, Washington, D. C.

1. The following is an excerpt from a communication from Mr. Ralph Ownby, Post Finance Officer, Green-Bryant Post No. 39, American Legion, Durant, Oklahoma:

"The aged mother and father of the late Private Rufus Carter were solely dependent on him for support. They have been barely existing, together with help given them by individuals on the small amount which has been sent them by the Government. We have made application for relief for them, but of no avail. Please advise the procedure."

2. The late Rufus Carter was a member of the 110th Trench Mortar Battery and held the rank of Private.

Mr. Ownby has been advised of this reference.

For The Quartermaster General.

U.S. VETERANS BUREAU DIV.

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

QM 293 A-H

January 30, 1931.

Carter, Rufus 1232 M

Mr. Ralph Ownby,
Green-Bryant Post No. 39,
American Legion,
Durant, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date relative to the late Private Rufus Carter.

Your inquiry regarding relief for the parents of this late veteran has been referred to the United States Veterans Bureau as this is a matter coming within the jurisdiction of that office.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Carter, Rufus 1232 M

January 19, 1931.

Mrs. Bulah Carter,
301 South Ninth Street,
Durant, Oklahoma

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For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed, herewith, a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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October 11, 1930

QM 293 A-M
Carter, Rufus Pvt 1232 M

Mrs. Bulah Carter
301 South Ninth Street
Durant, Oklahoma

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 7, 1930.

Carter, Rufus 1232 M

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Carter, Rufus 1232 M.

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Durant, Okla.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl.
Act
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Carter, Rufus
1232.

Sept. 4, 1929

Mr. D. M. Carter,
323 - 13th St.,
Durant, Okla.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 29, 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, Rufus

June 29 , 1929.

Mr. D.M. Carter,
323 13th St.,
Durant, Okla.

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 Rufus Carter, Pvt. 110th Trench Mortar Bty., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne 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.

QM 293 C-R

November 21, 1923.

Mr. D.M. Carter,
323 13th St.,
Durant, Okla.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the permanent grave of Private Rufus Carter, 110th French Mortar Battery, is Grave 4, Row 34, Block F, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagnousous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

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

Very truly yours,

R.L. FOSTER
Assistant.

O. Q. M. G.
CENTRAL MAIL ROOM.

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B. O. C.

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Carter 2233423 Rufus
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt. 110th Trench Mortar Batt.
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL 9-26-18

PLACE OF BURIAL Bluecourt

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

Military Cemetery
Bluecourt Meuse

GRAVE NUMBER 33

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? Yes

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes

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

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

REPORTED BY:

John Lewis
Chap. Wash. Wash. Do I
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

45 OCT 1 Rep

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

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

2. Soldier's No., 2233423

3. Carter Rufus
Surname First Name and Initials

4. Pvt. 110 French M.B.
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. Sept. 25/18 GSW.
Date of Death Cause, if known

6. Sept. 26/18 French
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. Blercourt Meuse
Town or Commune Department

8. 33 A.E.F. Sec.
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.

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12. Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

13. Louis
Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed F?G?W?Easterday
Capt. Inf. U.S.

Group Hq. Unit "A" G.R.S.

16 OCT 1918

Carter, Rufus

2,233,423

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt 110th Trench Mortar Bn
(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased father

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? No

(Yes or no.)

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

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Rufus M. Carter

373

13th Street

Durham

North Carolina

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

drawn by JH

1232-2ef99-35

5-12-21

Place Rouagne Sous Montfaucon

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Oct. 5, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF CARTER, RUFUS SERIAL NUMBER 2233423
 RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION 110 Tr. M.G. Baty.

2. Disinterred (date): Oct. 5, 1921. From (give complete location):
Gr. 153 sec 99 pt 3, Meuse-Argonne Cem., #1232.
 By: Group Maire Unit Sec .1

3. Reburied (date): Oct. 5, 1921, Meuse Argonne Cem. 1232, Row 34 Block F . Gr. 4. In (give complete location):
unlined casket
 By: Group Reburial Sec. Unit Nature of reburial

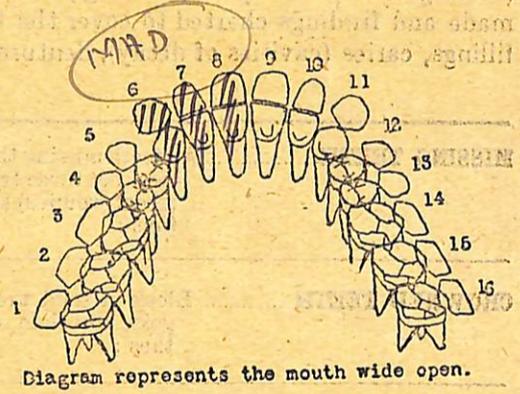
4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
badly decomposed features unrecognizable. burlap and pine box.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? No
 tag reads: " 2233423 Carter Rufus."
 (b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:

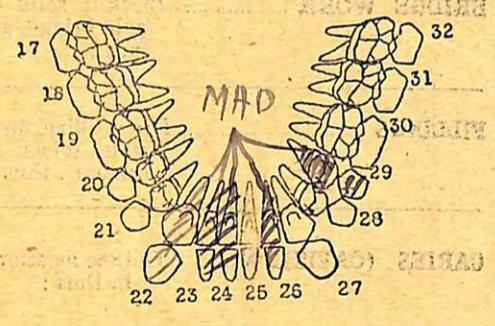
None

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Imp to det.
 (b) Weight (estimated) Imp to det.
 (c) Hair—Color app. light brown
 Quantity thick
 Characteristics straight
 (d) Hair on face—Color none visible
 Location None
 Quantity None



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



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) right humerus fractured.

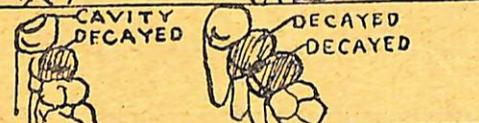
7. Disinterment supervised by E. Maire S.E. Approved: R. Richard 1st Lt. QMC.
 (Title)

8. Reburial supervised by W. B. SHEILD concentration Approved: JAMES W. YOUNGER
 (Title) CAPT. QMC.

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

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

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".
 (b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No. 6.
6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

<p>MISSING TEETH.....All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :</p>	 <p align="center">TOOTH MISSING TOOTH MISSING</p>
<p>CROWNED TEETH.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :</p>	 <p align="center">GOLD CROWN PORCELAIN CROWN</p>
<p>BRIDGE WORK.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :</p>	 <p align="center">GOLD AND PORCELAIN BRIDGE GOLD BRIDGE</p>
<p>FILLINGS.....Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :</p>	 <p align="center">SILVER FILLING GOLD FILLING</p>
<p>CARIES (CAVITIES).....Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :</p>	 <p align="center">CAVITY DECAYED DECAYED</p>
<p>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."</p>	

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.



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Oct. 5, 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, Rufus
 2. No. 2233423
 3. Rank Pvt
 4. Org. 110th Trench Mortar Btry
 5. D.D. 9-26-18
 6. C.D. DCW

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 153 Sec. 99
 8. Plot 3 Row _____
 9. _____

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

18. Cemetery Argonne Amer.
 20. Dept. or County Meuse
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232 sec 99
 23. Disinterred (Date) 105-21

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

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Rufus Carter
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. 2233423
 Organization 110th EXXX Tr Mtr Bty

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? no On body? yes

John W. Crawford
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

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

None

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed features unrecognizable

28. Nature of burial US Uniform, burlap and pine box.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date 10-5-21 By E. Maire

31. Casket sealed by E. Maire

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) Edmo Maire

AUDITED



SHIPMENT (show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-8011

32. Designation of body:

Name CARTER, Rufus Serial No. 2233423

Rank Pvt Organization 110th Trench Motor Btry

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Argonne Amer. 1232 Romagne/s/Montfaucon

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) 10-5-21 By E. Maire

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. Richards
R. Richards, 1st Lt. QMC

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) 10-5-21

To point of Concentration Meuse Argonne Cem. #1232

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer G.F. Spain, Capt. QMC

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date _____

By G.R.S. Representative _____

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date _____

To Permanent Cemetery _____

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____

40. Received: Date _____

G.R.S. Representative _____

41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cem. 1232, Oct. 5, 1921.

42. Grave No. Row 34 Block 4 Gr. 4. Section _____

43. Plot _____ Row _____

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G.R.S. Representative James W. Younger
JAMES W. YOUNGER
CAPT. QMC.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File 32961

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name CARTER, Rufus Ser. No. 2233423
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization 110th trench mortar Battery
(c) Date of death 9-26-18 (d) Cause of death dwria
TYP. b
CKR. 30

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

(a) Grave No. 153 Row - Plot 3 Sec. 99 TYP. b
(b) Emerg. Address Mr. D. M. Carter (father) Durant, Okla.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases / / / / / CKR. 30

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt

(a) Name Sam M Carter (b) Relationship Father
(c) Address 323 - 15th St Durant Okla
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S.
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S.

Examiner's Initials MH Date 5/12/1921

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

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

Examiner's Initials Date, 192

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to?
Examiner's Initials MH Date 5/12/1921

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232-sec. 99 SHEET No. 35

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made _____, 192

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, _____, 192

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
letter on **MAY 24 1921**, 192

Sec 99

Par. #2, Not To Be Returned (JEH)

IX.

REMARKS

Multiple horizontal dashed lines for writing remarks.

WRITE NOTHING BELOW THIS LINE.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

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(a) Name CARTER, Rufus Ser. No. 2233423
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TYP. b
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(a) Grave No. 153 Row _____ Plot 3 Sec. 99 TYP. b
 (b) Emerg. Address Mr. D. M. Carter (father) Durant, Okla.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases ////// CKR. 36

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

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
Section 99 { letter of transmittal on MAY 24 1921, 192
Par. #2, Not To Be Returned (JEH)

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

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

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

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

COUNTRY _____ CEMETERY No. _____ SHEET No. _____