

DATE _____

1. NAME CHATTEN, ~~XXXX~~ Matthew SERIAL No. 1287584

RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Co. C 116th Inf.

& DIVISION 29th

GRAVE LOCATION Amer. Mil. Cty. Mesves, Nièvre CITY. NAME 110 NUMBER 86

GRAVE _____ ROW _____ PLOT _____

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 110 Mesves (Nièvre)

GRAVE _____ COMMUNE _____ DEPT. _____

COORDINATES _____

CONCENTRATED TO Not of record

DATE _____ GRAVE _____ ROW _____ PLOT _____

CEMETERY _____ CTY. NUMBER _____

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

DATE OF DEATH Oct 11-18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Va

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED None

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS Not of record

DATE _____ GRAVE _____ ROW _____ PLOT _____ CEMETERY _____

DATE _____ GRAVE _____ ROW _____ PLOT _____ CEMETERY _____

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR W.H. Quarterman

W.H. QUARTERMAN, CAPT. F.A., Supervisor Area N° 4

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION June 16, 1922 20 25 Block A

DATE _____ GRAVE _____ ROW _____ PLOT _____



American Cemetery #1233, Thiancourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France
Robert O. Davis, Major General, The Adjutant General.
By (Signature)

AUDITED BY
New

Received A. G. O. 1925

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.
2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.
3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.
4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form 16, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.

GRAVE LOCATION BL

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

CHATTEN 1287584 Matthew
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Priv. Co. C. 116 Inf.
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: *Base Hosp. 50*

CAUSE OF DEATH: *Bron Pneumonia*

DATE OF BURIAL: *Oct. 12 - 1918*

PLACE OF DEATH: *Am Army Cemetery*
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department). Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

Meeses CC# 290

Dept. Meese

GRAVE NUMBER: *110 Buried 12*

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

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:

NEAREST RELATIVE: *G. C. Chatterie*

ADDRESS: *Dryfork Va. RFD #2*

RELATIONSHIP: *Father*

REPORTED BY:
Harmon Bergen, W. Capt.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

This portion to be forwarded to Central Records Office, A. G. O., A. E. F.

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME CHATTEN	CHA	3	381
Enl. 9-21-17 BURIED	CEMETERY 1233	1	3
	GRAVE 20	2	20
	ROW 25	2	25
	BLOCK a	1	1
STATE	Va	2	54
RANK	Pnt	1	2
DIVISION	29	2	29
ORGANIZATION	116	3	116
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARITAL	no	1	2
NAME Chatten	Cha	3	381
Mrs. Martha	STATE Va	2	54
RESIDENCE	COUNTY Pittsylvania	2	72
Mother Dead	CITY Dry Fork	3	XXX
RELATION	Stepmother	1	3
OTHER	Father	1	1
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE 29/514/EAB	no	1	2

Dr. 12875-84

Deceased 6-28-32

AUDITED

DEC 8 1931
AM

Dec the 12 1932

Kind Sir I think you for
this nice letter ever so much
And wish I could take the
trip so much But my husband
is in Bed he'll be And I
can not sell him And
the small children
the are not willing for
one to go I waited to
see if I could get a
chance But I can not
go so I think you just
the same as ever a friend
Mrs G L Chatter Dry York Va



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Chatten, Matthew (StM)

November 22, 1932.

Mrs. Martha Chatten,
Dry Fork, Virginia.

Dear Madam:

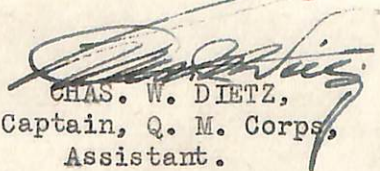
In order that the best available accommodations may be secured for the mothers and widows making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, it is necessary that hotel and steamship reservations be made several months in advance.

It will therefore be appreciated if you will advise at this time whether or not you believe you will be able to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your stepson, the late Private Matthew Chatten, next summer. It is sincerely hoped that you will find it possible to accept the last offer of the Government to visit the grave of your stepson.

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.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

November 22, 1935

ON 203 A-V
IN REPLY REFER TO
Chattin, Nathan (201)

Mrs. Nathan Chattin

Way Fork, Virginia

Dear Madam:

In order that the best available accommodations may be secured for the mother and widow making a pilgrimage to the cemetery of Europe during the summer of 1936, it is necessary that hotel and apartment reservations be made several months in advance.

It will therefore be appreciated if you will advise at this time whether or not you believe you will be able to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your husband, the late Private Nathan Chattin, next summer. It is sincerely hoped that you will find it possible to accept the last offer of the Government to visit the grave of your husband.

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

For the Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

CHAS. W. DICK
CAPTAIN, U. S. ARMY
ASSISTANT



I Am Very sorry But I Can not
Lett my Little children to go to fair
I think you just the same As wer A
friend Mrs y Chattin Long Fork Va

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Chatten, Matthew (STM)*

July 13, 1932

Mrs. Martha Chatten,

Dry Fork, Va.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

QM 298 A-M

November 22, 1932.

Chatten, Matthew (StM)

Mrs. Martha Chatten,

Dry Fork, Virginia.

Dear Madam:

In order that the best available accommodations may be secured for the mothers and widows making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, it is necessary that hotel and steamship reservations be made several months in advance.

It will therefore be appreciated if you will advise at this time whether or not you believe you will be able to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your stepson, the late Private Matthew Chatten, next summer. It is sincerely hoped that you will find it possible to accept the last offer of the Government to visit the grave of your stepson.

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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QM 293 A-M
Chatten, Matthew (StM)

August 2, 1932.

Mrs. Martha Chatten,
Dry Fork, Virginia.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date advising that you are undecided about making a pilgrimage to the grave of your stepson during the summer of 1933.


It is sincerely hoped that conditions will improve and that you will make the trip as it is believed you would derive great solace from a visit to his grave. Competent personnel to care for your comfort and needs while on the journey will be provided and doctors and nurses will be available.

You will be communicated with further at a later date relative to your final decision in the matter.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



July 15-1932

Dear Sir I think you for this nice
Letter I am sorry I can not take the
trip As my husband is in very
Bad health And I and the little children
hatter work so hard to keep things up
the could hardly do with out one so
I cant go now it is best to let it go
at that time I reckon my husband
would die before I get back he thinks I
am half of his life so I reckon I am
And for the love of him and the little
children I can not go I think you
As a friend ones y^r Chatter
Dory York Va



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Chatten, Matthew (STM)*

July 13, 1932

Mrs. Martha Chatten,
Dry Fork, Va.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

(Sign here) Mrs. Martha Chatten
Dry Fork Va

QM 293 A-M
Chatten, Matthew (STM)

January 20, 1932

Mrs. Martha Chatten,
Dry Fork,
Virginia.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date advising that you are unable to sail June 28th on the LEVIATHAN to visit the grave of your stepson, the late Private Matthew Chatten.

It is deeply regretted that circumstances prevent you from making the pilgrimage at this time. You will again be communicated with relative to your desire to visit your stepson's grave when pilgrimages are being arranged for 1933.

There is no provision of law which would permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow who is unable or does not desire to make the pilgrimage.

A copy of your letter has been referred to the Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C., for attention to your request for compensation, as this is a matter coming within the jurisdiction of that department.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Chatten, Matthew (StM)

January 20, 1932

Director,
Veterans Administration,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed, herewith, a copy of a communication received in this office from Mrs. Martha Chatten, Dry Fork, Va., for your attention, as this is a matter coming within the jurisdiction of your department.

Mrs. Chatten has been advised of this reference.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:
Cp. Lt.

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StM

IF YOU DESIRE 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.

H/

*Declined
Leviathan
6-28-32*

Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Chatten, Mrs. Martha
Dry Fork, Va. Pittsylvania Co
Chatten, Matthew Pvt STM SM
Leviathan 6-28-32

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

*Dear Sir please give me some money
in the place of the trip to France I could
not go And I have nothing to get my close with
you in how I'll with 5 little
children And no money And I'll
no way to get home please give me
A little to help me my husband is not
Able to work he had*

Very truly yours,

*Just came from the hard Pillie he cant pay
the DDP his Bill he has work us all hard on the
farm for two years And he cant make expence of the
crop Lord had murell and me And my poor little
children help me some if you can please do*

(Your name)

(Your address)

IF YOU DESIRE 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.

Handwritten notes:
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.

Chattanooga, Mrs. Martha
Dry Fork, Va. Pittsylvania Co.
Chattanooga, Matthew Pvt 52nd SM
Louisiana 8-98-82

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.

No. of days

Cities where I desire to stopover:

Handwritten notes:
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.



Your obedient servant

QM 293 A-M
Chatten, Matthew Pvt (STM) SM

December 22, 1931.

Mrs. Martha Chatten,
Dry Fork,
Virginia.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, and this communication is forwarded to you in an effort to aid you in making a decision as to whether you wish to make a pilgrimage under the provisions of the Act to the grave of your stepson, the late Private Matthew Chatten, in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, France.

The entire pilgrimage will require from four to five weeks time. All necessary expenses of the trip from the time you leave your home until your return thereto will be borne by the United States Government, and the only money you need take with you is that you may wish to spend for small personal articles. Competent personnel will be provided to care for your comfort and welfare from the time of your arrival in New York until your return thereto from Europe, and railroad employees will be instructed to give special attention to the mothers and widows on their trips to and from New York. Medical and nursing attendants will be available throughout the pilgrimage, and in the event a mother or widow is taken sick while making the journey any expense incurred will be borne by the Government. In the event you decide to make the pilgrimage, therefore, you are assured that not only will the entire expense of the trip be borne by the Government, but that everything possible will be done for your pleasure and comfort.

It is the earnest endeavor of this office to discover the wishes of each mother and widow with reference to the pilgrimage so that necessary arrangements may be made. It is hoped that you will decide to make the pilgrimage, and it will be appreciated if you will complete the questionnaire enclosed herewith and return it to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Enclosures:

Form - Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Chatten, Matthew Pvt. (SM) SM

December 22, 1931.

Mrs. Martha Chatten,
Dry Fork, Va.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Chatten, Matthow (StM) SM

November 2, 1931.

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Mrs. Martha Chatten,
Dry Fork, Virginia

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. In your reply to the recent inquiry as to whether or not you desired to make a pilgrimage in 1932, you advised you were undecided.

In view of the fact that steamship reservations must be made several months in advance, it is essential that this office know how many mothers and widows must be arranged for. It is possible that you may have made your decision by this time. It is therefore requested that 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. In the event you state you desire to make the journey in 1932 and circumstances prevent your making the pilgrimage, it is requested you notify this office as promptly as possible.

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.

Encl:
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Chatten, Matthew Pvt (StM) SM

July 9, 1931

Mrs. Martha Chatten,
Dry Fork,
Virginia.

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

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

undecided
Write answer here

over

Sign here

July 20 1936

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

MA-393-AM

Dear Sir I am under the
impression that I bought my tripe, yet
I want to own it the govern-
ment will pay my price
from my home heard the
amount of the price and what
I want to do. And how
when the matter is taken to go
let me own it. Please

Very truly yours,
Chatter
J. J. Chatter



September 9, 1930.

QM 293 AM
Chatten, Matthew 1233-SM

Mrs. Martha Chatten,
Dry Fork, Va.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date, relative to the pilgrimages to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

The newspaper article to which you refer is in error, inasmuch as there is no provision of the law which permits a sum of money to be given any mother or widow in lieu of the pilgrimage.

Notation has been made that you do not wish to make the pilgrimage during the year of 1931. If at some time during the summer months of 1932 or 1933 you desire to make the journey, it is requested that you so advise this office in order that arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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(Sept.)

Dec the 9 1930

Dear Sir there was a

Recall put in the paper
some time ago that said
it would mean money to
those mothers who did not

take the pilgrimage trip to
Europe so as I am the
step mother wif Mathew Lee Chatter
I was told I could go and a how
much I would like to go
gone but Mathew's father
is getting old and feeble and
I and him with 6 small
children and a thousand
dollar all must in get and
the crew all must left is the

recession I asked I'm no the
trip would be a great
pleasure to some while the
money would be all poor
talked so much in church
A time at this far it is very
bad in deed we can't pay
our debt and have to
let two get our close for
the winter I could not
enjoy taking trip now
and leaving them all now
minnie thank to you for all
of your kindness a friend
Martha Ann Chatten the wife of
George Lee Chatten the step mother
of Mathew Lee Chatten

more good



Kind Sir I have
Six Small Children I
can not leave to take the
trip to France so this for
I cant go Mrs & J Chatteris

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Chatten, Matthew 1233-SM

July 23, 1930.

M. L.
Mrs. Martha Chatten,
Dry Fork, Va.

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

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

no ✓
(Write answer here)

Mrs. G. L. Chatten
(Sign here)

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QM 095 A-M
Chattin, Mrs. G. L.

September 2, 1930

Mrs. G. L. Chattin,
Dry Fork,
Virginia.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 10, 1930, relative to the pilgrimages of mothers and widows to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

There is no provision of law which would permit the Government to make a money allowance in lieu of the pilgrimage to any mother or widow who is unable or does not desire to make the pilgrimage.

It is requested that you furnish this office with the name of the deceased veteran in this case, in order that previous correspondence may be located. There is attached for your convenience, a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

Attachment:
Envelope.
LG

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

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Handwritten notes and stamps at the bottom right corner of the page.

Ans At the 10 1930

Dear Sir I want
to know if the State
will give the
mother the mornney
which had to pay
thir way to France
give what the trip

in money would
cost me if she can
go I can't go could
I have the money
or not why not
give that much to
those poor who that
can't go over to
help take care
of the poor little
children at home
I can't go for I can't
leave mine
oblige A friend
and y y Chatter
Dry Fork Va



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Chatten, Matthew - 1233

July 14, 1930

Mrs. Martha Chatten,
Dry Fork, Virginia.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, enabling the mothers and widows of the members of the military and naval forces of the United States now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries.

The records of this office indicate that you were the stepmother of the late Private Matthew Chatten and in order to determine your eligibility under the Act to make the pilgrimage to his grave it will be appreciated if you will furnish the following information:

- Encl. 9-21-17*
- (1) Date of your marriage to the father of Private Chatten. *March the 11 1913*
 - (2) Were you married to Mr. Chatten at the time his son entered the military service? *yes*
 - (3) Were you married to Mr. Chatten at the time of his son's death? *yes*
 - (4) If not, give date of your separation from him.
 - (5) If Mr. Chatten is deceased, give date of his death. *no*

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,



[Signature]
A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Chatten, Matthew 1233 F

July 8, 1930

Mr. George Lee Chatten
Pittsylvania County
Dry Fork, Va.

Dear Sir:

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?

No

If so, give her name and address:

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

No

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?

*yes; Stepmother
Mrs Martha Chatten
Dry Fork Va*

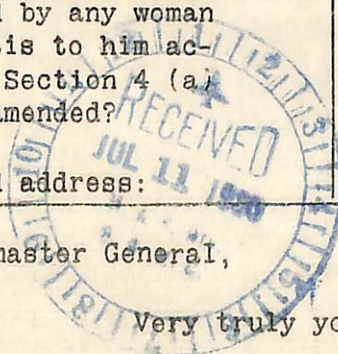
If so, give her name and address:

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Chatten, Matthew

May 31, 1929.

Mr. G. L. Chatten,
Route #1,
Dry Fork, Va.

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 Matthew Chatten, Co.C, 116th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

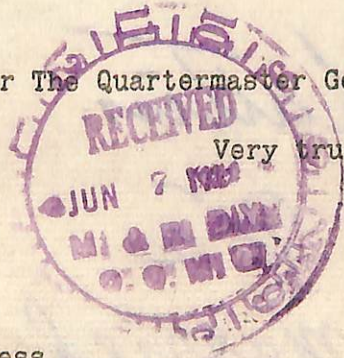
Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother or widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish the full names and addresses of the mother and widow in order that action may be taken to extend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

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relative is a stepmother, mother through adoption, or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. If he was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

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IN REPLY REFER TO
CHATTEN, MATTHEW

Mr. G. I. Chatten,
Route #1,
Warrenton, Ore.

Dear Sir As my son Matthew
mother is dead his father
is too old to take the trip
that fair so there is no one
to go so I can only pray to
some day meet him in a better
land I will close this with mine
think to you all

from his father G L Chatten

George L Chatten

Dry Fork Va

ps he was never married

QM 293 A-M

November 22, 1932.

Chatten, Matthew (STM)

Mrs. Martha Chatten,

Dry Fork, Virginia.

Dear Madam:

In order that the best available accommodations may be secured for the mothers and widows making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, it is necessary that hotel and steamship reservations be made several months in advance.

It will therefore be appreciated if you will advise at this time whether or not you believe you will be able to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your stepson, the late Private Matthew Chatten, next summer. It is sincerely hoped that you will find it possible to accept the last offer of the Government to visit the grave of your stepson.

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.

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QM 293 A-M
Chatten, Matthew (StM)

August 2, 1932.

Mrs. Martha Chatten,
Dry Fork, Virginia.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date advising that you are undecided about making a pilgrimage to the grave of your stepson during the summer of 1933.

It is sincerely hoped that conditions will improve and that you will make the trip as it is believed you would derive great solace from a visit to his grave. Competent personnel to care for your comfort and needs while on the journey will be provided and doctors and nurses will be available.

You will be communicated with further at a later date relative to your final decision in the matter.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Chatten, Matthew (STM)*

July 18, 1932

Mrs. Martha Chatten,

Dry Fork, Va.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

QM 293 A-M
Chatten, Matthew (StM)

January 20, 1932

Mrs. Martha Chatten,
Dry Fork,
Virginia.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date advising that you are unable to sail June 28th on the LEVIATHAN to visit the grave of your stepson, the late Private Matthew Chatten.

It is deeply regretted that circumstances prevent you from making the pilgrimage at this time. You will again be communicated with relative to your desire to visit your stepson's grave when pilgrimages are being arranged for 1933.

There is no provision of law which would permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow who is unable or does not desire to make the pilgrimage.

A copy of your letter has been referred to the Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C., for attention to your request for compensation, as this is a matter coming within the jurisdiction of that department.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Chatten, Matthew (STM)

January 20, 1932

Director,
Veterans Administration,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed, herewith, a copy of a communication received in this office from Mrs. Martha Chatten, Dry Fork, Va., for your attention, as this is a matter coming within the jurisdiction of your department.

Mrs. Chatten has been advised of this reference.

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-M

Chatten, Matthew Pvt. (SM) SM

December 22, 1931.

Mrs. Martha Chatten,
Dry Fork, Va.

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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QM 293 A-II
Chatten, Matthew Pvt (SM) SM

December 22, 1931.

Mrs. Martha Chatten,
Dry Fork,
Virginia.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, and this communication is forwarded to you in an effort to aid you in making a decision as to whether you wish to make a pilgrimage under the provisions of the Act to the grave of your stepson, the late Private Matthew Chatten, in the St. Michel American Cemetery, France.

The entire pilgrimage will require from four to five weeks' time. All necessary expenses of the trip from the time you leave your home until your return thereto will be borne by the United States Government, and the only money you need take with you is that you may wish to spend for small personal articles. Competent personnel will be provided to care for your comfort and welfare from the time of your arrival in New York until your return thereto from Europe, and railroad employees will be instructed to give special attention to the mothers and widows on their trips to and from New York. Medical and nursing attendants will be available throughout the pilgrimage, and in the event a mother or widow is taken sick while making the journey any expense incurred will be borne by the Government. In the event you decide to make the pilgrimage, therefore, you are assured that not only will the entire expense of the trip be borne by the Government, but that everything possible will be done for your pleasure and comfort.

It is the earnest endeavor of this office to discover the wishes of each mother and widow with reference to the pilgrimage so that necessary arrangements may be made. It is hoped that you will decide to make the pilgrimage, and it will be appreciated if you will complete the questionnaire enclosed herewith and return it to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Chatten, Matthew (STM) SM

November 2, 1931.

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Mrs. Martha Chatten,
Dry Fork, Virginia

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. In your reply to the recent inquiry as to whether or not you desired to make a pilgrimage in 1932, you advised you were undecided.

In view of the fact that steamship reservations must be made several months in advance, it is essential that this office know how many mothers and widows must be arranged for. It is possible that you may have made your decision by this time. It is therefore requested that 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. In the event you state you desire to make the journey in 1932 and circumstances prevent your making the pilgrimage, it is requested you notify this office as promptly as possible.

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
Chatten, Matthew Pvt (StM) SM

July 9, 1931

Mrs. Martha Chatten,
Dry Fork,
Virginia.

Dear Madam:

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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.

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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? _____

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September 9, 1930.

QM 293 AM
Chatten, Matthew 1233-SM

Mrs. Martha Chatten,
Dry Fork, Va.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date, relative to the pilgrimages to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

The newspaper article to which you refer is in error, inasmuch as there is no provision of the law which permits a sum of money to be given any mother or widow in lieu of the pilgrimage.

Notation has been made that you do not wish to make the pilgrimage during the year of 1931. If at some time during the summer months of 1932 or 1933 you desire to make the journey, it is requested that you so advise this office in order that arrangements may be made for you.

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

Chatton, Matthew 1233-SM

July 23, 1930.

Mrs. Martha Chatton,
Dry Fork, Va.

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)

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-M
Chatten, Matthew - 1233

July 14, 1950

Mrs. Martha Chatten,
Dry Fork, Virginia.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, enabling the mothers and widows of the members of the military and naval forces of the United States now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries.

The records of this office indicate that you were the stepmother of the late Private Matthew Chatten and in order to determine your eligibility under the Act to make the pilgrimage to his grave it will be appreciated if you will furnish the following information:

- (1) Date of your marriage to the father of Private Chatten.
- (2) Were you married to Mr. Chatten at the time his son entered the military service?
- (3) Were you married to Mr. Chatten at the time of his son's death?
- (4) If not, give date of your separation from him.
- (5) If Mr. Chatten is deceased, give date of his death.

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

Chatten, Matthew 1233 F

July 8, 1930

Mr. George Lee Chatten
Pittsylvania County
Dry Fork, Va.

Dear Sir:

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,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Chatten, Matthew

May 31 1929.

Mr. G. L. Chatten,
Route #1,
Dry Fork, Va.

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 Matthew Chatten, Co.C, 116th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relative is a stepmother, mother through adoption, or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. If he was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C

CHATTEN, Matthew Pvt.

February 14, 1924

Mr. George L. Chatten,
Route #1,
Dry Fork, Va.

Dear Sir: The Quartermaster General desires to invite your attention to the inclosed card which gives the permanent cemetery location of the soldier's grave in which you are interested.

This American military cemetery is one of those to be maintained by the United States for all time in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of dignified design, with the 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.

Please be assured that in effecting removal of the dead, the utmost reverential care was exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed this sacred duty. For the future, these graves will be perpetually maintained by the Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

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Record card.

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

Assistant,

W. L. FOSTER

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G.R.S. Form #120
Shipping Inquiry.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
WASHINGTON 86--98

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.V.C.

Rush Answer

TO: Mr. G. L. Chatten, R.F.D. #1, Dry Fork, Va.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Matthew Chatten.

The records of this office show that you have ~~requested that his~~
~~body be~~ not expressed your wish as to the return of the body.

Let body remain in France ⁶¹²

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

Noted on Form No. 115
Date *7-17-20*

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Colonel, U.S. Army.

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow	<i>none</i>		
Soldier's Children (Name oldest first)	1. <i>none</i> 2. <i>none</i> 3. <i>none</i>		
Father	<i>Geo L Chatten</i>	<i>Dry Fork</i>	<i>Va</i>
Mother	<i>Dead</i>		
Brothers (Name oldest first)	1. <i>Jessie Chatten</i> 2. <i>John</i>		
Sisters	<i>Hattie, Lizzie</i>		

Date *June 24 1920*

Signature *Geo L Chatten*

Address *Dry Fork Va*

Relationship *Father*

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

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

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Let body remain in France
of Châtillon

JUN 25 1920



INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT

1. This paper **MUST** be signed by the person who is the **NEXT** of kin in the order shown in the square on other side of this sheet.
2. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
3. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the legally appointed guardian of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.
4. If **YOU** are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
5. If **YOU** are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper **AT ONCE** and mail to this office.
6. You are requested to return this paper **AT ONCE** in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
7. Use the enclosed envelope - pay no postage.

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

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FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. *Rush Answer*
TO: Miss Lizzie Chatten, 621 Oxford St., Danville, Va.
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Matthew Chatten *no change*

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body be not returned to U. S. *It is our wishes that his Remains shall rest where it lies*

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

Noted on Form No. 115
Date *1-17-21-20*
CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Colonel, U.S. Army.

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NAME OF NO. & STREET TOWN STATE

Soldier's Widow *none*

Soldier's Children 1. *none*
(Name oldest first) 2.
3.

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Father *G. L. Chatten Dry Fork Va. R.F.D. no 1.*

Mother *Dead*

Brothers 1. *J. D. Chatten Dry Fork Va. R.F.D. no 1.* | *J. B. Chatten*
(Name oldest first) 2. *R. Chatten* | *David Chatten*
Rich. Chatten Washburn St. Danville Va. | *621 Oxford St. Danville Va.*

Sisters *Mrs. Hattie Owen* | *621 Oxford St. Danville Va.*
Lizzie Chatten

Date *June 11, 1921* | *621 Oxford St. Danville Va.* Signature *Mrs. Hattie Owen*

Address *621 Oxford St. Danville Va.* Relationship *Sister*

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

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

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT

1. This paper **MUST** be signed by the person who is the **NEXT** of kin in the order shown in the square on other side of this sheet.
2. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
3. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the legally appointed guardian of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.
4. If **YOU** are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
5. If **YOU** are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper **AT ONCE** and mail to this office.
6. You are requested to return this paper **AT ONCE** in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
7. Use the enclosed envelope - pay no postage.

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

CHATTEN 1287584 Matthew
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Pvt. Co. C. 116 Inf.
(Rank). (Organization)

PLACE OF DEATH: Base Hosp. 50

CAUSE OF DEATH: Bron. Pneumonia

DATE OF BURIAL: Oct. 12 - 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: Am. Army Cemetery
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department). Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

Mevese
Dept. Mevese

GRAVE NUMBER: 110

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

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:

NEAREST RELATIVE: G. C. Chatter

ADDRESS: Dryfork Va., R.F.d. #2

RELATIONSHIP: Father

REPORTED BY:

Hansen Buzen 1st Lt.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

2 NOV 1918

Dup.

Chatten, Matthew,

1,287,584



(Name.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt. Co.C, 116th Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Sister

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)

621 Oxford St Danvers Va
Miss Lizzie Chatten

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

REVIEWED
OSP SS.

Pm 12-f

drawn by P-F

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Chatten, Matthew

Pvt.

I

accept

(Accept or decline)

the invitation extended

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

Mrs. Martha Chatten

(Name)

Dry Fork, Pittsylvania County, Virginia

(Town or city)

(State)



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M & R BR.
O. Q. M. G.

Verify last name
CHATTEN or CHATTIN, 1287584, Matthew
Pvt. Co. C, 116th Infantry.

Father spells name as Chattin

AGO's record of name is CHATTEN.

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To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Dec. 9, 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 CHATTEN, Matthew

10. Name

2. No. 1287584

11. No.

3. Rank Pvt

12. Rank

4. Org. Co. C 116th Inf.

13. Org.

5. D.D. 10-11-18

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. Pneumonia

(b) D.B. None

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 110 Sec.

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. None

18. Cemetery Amer. Mil.

19. Commune or town Mesves

20. Dept. or County Nievre

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 86

23. Disinterred (Date) Dec. 9, 1921

By W R Tomlinson

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name CHATTEN, Matthew

Serial No. 1287584

Rank Pvt

Organization Co. C. 116 Inf.
Gr.No. 110

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

Thos A Pace
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

Thos A Pace

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.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, recognition impossible.

28. Nature of burial In uniform and wooden 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 Dec. 9, 1921 By W R Tomlinson

31. Casket sealed by W R Tomlinson

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor W R Tomlinson)

W R Tomlinson

AUDITED BY
S.W.B.
8/22/23

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C - 23961

32. Designation of body:

Name Matthew Chatten Serial No. 1287584

Rank Pvt Organization Co.C 116th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery St.Mihiel Amer.Cty. #1233 Thiaucourt, M-et-M

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Dec. 9, 1921 By W R Tomlinson

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 D E Lowry, 1st Lt. QMC

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Dec. 9, 1921

To point of Concentration Nevers, Nievre (Name)

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer 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 St. Mihiel (1233) Thiaucourt M et M 22 DEC 1921

Convoyer R L Hall Signature Shipping Officer W R Buckley Capt. QMC

40. Received: Date 26 27 DEC 1921

G.R.S. Representative F D Daniel, Capt. 2 MC

41. Reinterred June 16th 1922

42. Grave No. #20 (Date) _____ Section _____

43. ~~Plot~~ BK.A. Row 25

G.R.S. Representative A E Dewey 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

Place Mesves, Nievre

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Dec. 9, 1921

1. REMAINS OF CHATTEN, Matthew SERIAL NUMBER 1287584
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. C. 116th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Dec. 9, 1921 From (give complete location): Gr. 110
Amer. Cem. No. 86 Mesves, Nievre

By : Group 1 Unit 4

3. Reburied (date): June 16th 1922 In (give complete location):
Gr. 20 Row 25 BK.A. Cem. 1233
Shipping Case & Casket

By : Group reburial Group Unit _____ Nature of reburial _____

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :
In uniform and wooden box. Badly decomposed, recognition impossible.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :
No effects found.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Unable to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Unable to estimate

(c) Hair—Color Apparently light brown

Quantity normal

Characteristics straight

(d) Hair on face—Color None

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)

None visible.

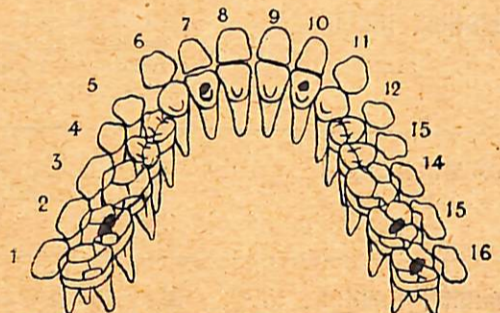
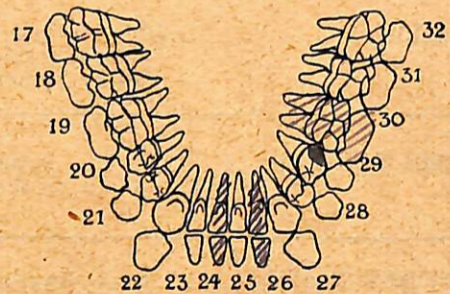


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



MAD. 24, 26 MBD. 30. SF. 2, 2, 7, 10, 15
16, 29

7. Disinterment supervised by W R Tomlinson

W R Tomlinson

TAP

Approved :

D E L. Wry

(Title)

1st Lieut. QMC

jsk

8. Reburial supervised by H. L. Kramer

H. L. Kramer

Approved :

A. E. Dewey

A. E. Dewey 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

(Title)






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

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

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".

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

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

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

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

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

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

1. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name Chatten, Matthew Ser. No. 1287584)
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. C 116th Inf.)
 (c) Date of death 10-11-18 of death Pneumonia)

TYP. ILH
 CKR. DL

*3/24/22 Exhumed
 for Concentration
 St. Michael 1203
 Att 4/13/22*

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

(a) Grave No. 110 Row --- Plot --- Sect. ---) TYP. ILH
 (b) Emerg. Address Miss Chatten, (Sister), 300 Bellvue St., Danville, Va.

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

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt None

(a) Name Miss Lizzie Chatten (b) Relationship Sister
 (c) Address 621 Oxford St. Danville, Va.

(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 GP Date 5-22-1920

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

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

correspondence

Initials GP Date 5-22-1920

as follows:

yes for disposition

Yes GP

Initials GP Date 5-22-1920

CORRECTION

NAME Chatten, Matthew
 RANK Pvt
 SERIAL NO. 1287584
 ORGANIZATION Co. C. 116 Inf

REMARKS:

Form 170 not used

Rechecked by
 GP 12-4

Sh 12-14

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St. Michael 1203
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1. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name Chatten, Matthew Ser. No. 1287584
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. C 116th Inf.
(c) Date of death 10-11-16 (d) Cause of death Pneumonia
(e) Date of death 10-11-16 of death Pneumonia

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No Correspondence

Examiner's Initials MI Date 5-22-1920

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes JP

Examiner's Initials JP Date 5-22-1920

*Rechecked by
Pm 12-4*

VII. G. R. S. FORM No. 114 made _____, 1920

Typed by _____

Checked by _____

1920

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by-

(cable on _____ 1920
(letter on 8/14 1920

Par. # 2. not to be returned. (macB)
AP 12/6/20

IX. CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE	ACTION TAKEN
Desires body be	
Body to be shipped to	RECEIVED.
	DEC 29 1920
	CEMETERY DIVISION OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SEC.

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

6-11-20 - Form 120 - Sister Mrs. Kathie Owens
621 Clifford St, Manville, Va., requests
body remain where it is. 1-17-21-P.

6-24-20 - Form 120 - Geo. L. Chatham (Father
and nearest of kind) Wey Fork, Va., requests
body remain in France - 1-17-21-P.

FORM 115 RETURNED BY "HOBOKEN" 3097
TO REMAIN IN EUROPE DEC 29 1920

