

G.R.S. Form #114-B

DEC 1 - 1925

gc Changed by AGO to Childress - later checked by vec. Bureau as Childress 3/1/27 DATE

1. NAME CHILDRESS, James SERIAL No. 2095073

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. A., 524th Engrs.

GRAVE LOCATION French Mil. Cty. Commercy (Meuse) 614
CTY. NAME NUMBER

107

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 107 Commercy, Meuse.

GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES 220.05 N 342.05 E Commercy, (Meuse)

CONCENTRATED TO Hospital Burial 107

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

French Mil. Cty. Commercy, (Meuse). 614.

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on body and cross.

DATE OF DEATH - Feb 4, 1919

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME - Ark

Data form 1-A MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED - none

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR I.H. Jaffee. 1st Lt. MC.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION July 25th, 1922. 13 13 C

DATE GRAVE ROW BLOCK

ccg

St. Mihiel American Cemetery, THIAUCOURT, (M.-et-M.)

CEMETERY AGO AUDITED BY DEC 3 1925 6-2-25 WORLD WAR DIV

DEC 5 - 1925

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.

2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.

3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.

4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form 16, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.

and J. Burchard pneumonia 4/1/1919

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

Children
LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF
Children 2095-073 James
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Priv Co A, 524 Eng
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: *B. H. H.*

CAUSE OF DEATH: *Pneumonia*

DATE OF BURIAL: *Feb 5, 1919*

PLACE OF BURIAL: *Cem. Commeny*

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

News

GRAVE NUMBER: *107*

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:

Mr Geo F Childen
NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS: *Ackerman Miss*

RELATIONSHIP: *Brother*

REPORTED BY:
J. B. Puetz Chaplain
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

Place Commercy (Meuse)

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date April 13, 1921

1. REMAINS OF CHILDRESS, James SERIAL NUMBER 2095072

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. A., 524th. Engrs.

2. Disinterred (date): April 13, 1921 From (give complete location): Grave 107, French Mil. Cty., Commercy (Meuse) # 614

By: Group 4 Unit 2

3. Reburied (date): April 13, 1921 In (give complete location): Grave 107, French Mil. Cty., Commercy (Meuse). # 614

By: Group 4 Unit 2 Nature of reburial Burlap & box.

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

Pine box and U.S. uniform

Body badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

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

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

Tag on body read, # "James Childress, ---072".

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items? # 2, 3, 19, 25, 26, 30 (M.A.D.)

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine # 5 (entirely decayed)

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

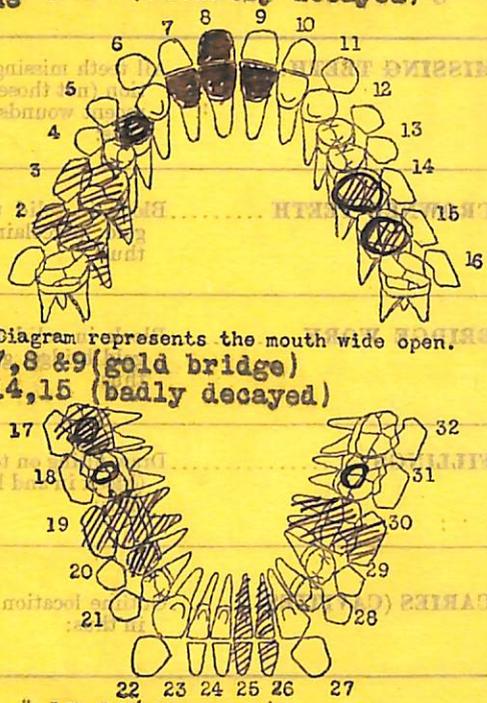
(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

Quantity do

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or

missing parts) do



17, 20 (decayed)
18, 31 (cavity)

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

D-50673

Checker: Rex M. Moody

7. Disinterment supervised by R.F.O'Leary 2nd.Lt.QMC

Approved: R.L. Fain
R.L. Fain Capt. QMC
(Title) Master of Section

8. Reburial supervised by R.F.O'Leary 2nd.Lt.QMC

Approved: R.L. Fain
R.L. Fain Capt. QMC
(Title) Master of Section

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>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>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>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>SILVER FILLING GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING</p>
<p>CARIES (CAVITIES).....Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:</p>	 <p>CAVITY DECAYED 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.



Childress, James
CENTRAL PASSENGER ASSOCIATION

TRANSPORTATION BUILDING
HARRISON AND DEARBORN STREETS

CHICAGO, ILL.

C. A. FOX, CHAIRMAN
R. E. PEPPER, SECRETARY

Bot.
9.00
FILE NO.

SAILING FROM NEW YORK JUNE 10, 1932

S.S. AMERICAN MERCHANT

Corrected
No. 954

Name Mrs Bethage E Childress(C-6)
Address 5243 S. Wabash Ave.
From Chicago, Ill. To New York City and return

Going Route

 Penna RR to New York City

Return same route

(Stopover at Washington, D.C. on going trip)

Train Schedule to New York

 Lv. Chicago	2:00 PM No. 58 June 5
 Ar. Washington	9:00 AM No. 58 June <u>6th</u> 
 Lv. Washington	1:00 PM No. 134 June 9 
 Ar. New York(PennaSta)	5:45 PM No. 134 June 9

 Sleeping car from Chicago, Ill. to Washington, D.C.

 Parlor car Washington, D.C. to New York City, N.Y.

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Illinois

GOLD STAR MOTHERS PILGRIMAGE

S.S. AMERICAN MERCHANT, JUNE 10, 1932

Cook County

Name: Mrs. Bethage E. Childress (C-6)

Address: 5243 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill. (Entrain at Washington, D.C.)

Mrs. Childress will begin her rail journey from Washington, D.C. and will return to Chicago, Ill.

Going Route: Pennsylvania R.R. to New York

Return Route: Pennsylvania R.R. to Chicago

✓ Lv. Washington Train #134
✓ Ar. New York (Penna. Station)

1.00 P.M., June 9
5.45 P.M., June 9

Accommodations: Parlor Car Seat from Washington, D.C. to New York.

Elapsed Time: 5 hours 45 minutes.

Handwritten notes:
- Large diagonal scribble across the right side of the page.
- "S.S. AMERICAN MERCHANT" written vertically in cursive.
- "attached" written vertically in cursive.

CENTRAL PASSENGER ASSOCIATION

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S. S. AMERICAN MERCHANT

No. 954

Name Mrs Bethage E Childress (C-6)
Address 5243 S. Wabash Ave.
From Chicago, Ill. To New York City and return

Going Route

GT to Suspension Bridge
LV to New York City

Return same route

Train Schedule to New York

✓ Lv. Chicago 9:05 AM No. 20 June 8
✓ Ar. New York (Penna Sta) 9:40 AM No. 2 June 9

← Sleeping car from Chicago, Ill. to New York City, N.Y.

Elapsed time 24 Hrs 35 Min

-/-

Party C St.M.

Nurse P. Handley R.N.

MEDICAL RECORD

Childress, James.

Post Co A 524 Eng.

Station: Hotel Splendid, Paris

Date: June 20, 1932

Name CHILDRESS, Mrs. Bethage E.

Home address 5243 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Address of Nearest friend or relative George P. Childress (husband)

Above address.

Religion Prot.

Age 49 L P

History of Present complaint: June 22 Caught 3rd finger, left, in elevator door, finger bruised but no broken skin. Vicks bandage applied. Maj. Cassady notified. June 23 Finger better. June 24 Fatigue & nervousness.

(over)

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

Diagnosis and complications : (include dates) Ring finger left hand bruised in
door of elevator, Full

Treatment and Progress : (include dates) June 24 Broude + G.M. Banded b/w

Disposition : (include dates)

(contusion) Full-

Remarks : wound, sealed readily. not of consequence

July. 2. To Chebong Full

CODE SLIP
LOCO PARENTIS

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	CHILDRESS Chi	3	389
BURIED	CEMETERY 1233	1	3
	GRAVE 13	2	13
	ROW 13	2	13
	BLOCK C	1	3
STATE	Ill	2	03
RANK	Port	1	2
DIVISION	Engns	2	49
ORGANIZATION	524	3	524
ARM	Eng Rgt	1	1
MARITAL	Single	1	2
NAME	Childress Chi	3	389
RESIDENCE	6. Mrs Buehage	2	13
	Chicago	2	16
	Ill	3	028
RELATION	Loco Parentis	1	4
OTHER	Brother	1	3
ELIGIBILITY	Pro	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE	BLACK	1	2
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR. 1932	1	3
ACCEPTANCE	yes	1	1
	Age		49-

Paid

AUDITED

DEC 5 1931

Chi

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Itinerary - Party "C" - St. Mihiel Group

Sailed June 10, 1932, on the S. S. AMERICAN MERCHANT. Col. B. F. Davis in charge. Arrived Cherbourg 2:30 PM June 19th. Train left for Paris at 3:48 PM. Arrived Gare des Invalides 9:01 PM. Quarters Hotel Splendid.

- June 20th. Morning free. Sightseeing trip around Paris in the afternoon. Lunch and dinner at hotel.
- June 21st. Morning free. Lunch at hotel. Ceremony at Arc de Triomphe and tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent in afternoon. Dinner at hotel.
- June 22nd. Visited Notre Dame in morning and Napoleon's Tomb in afternoon. Lunch and dinner at hotel.
- June 23rd. Left Paris 7:15 AM for Verdun via Porte de Pantin, Meaux (rest Hotel de la Sirene), Chalons-sur-Marne (lunch Hotel Haute Mere Dieu). Arrived Verdun 5:45 PM. Quarters Hotel Vauban.
- June 24th, and 25th. Daily visits to St. Mihiel Cemetery and trips to Montsec, Ossuary, Fort Douaumont, and Trench of Bayonets Loop. Lunches at cemetery, Dinners at Verdun.
- June 26th. Left Verdun at 8 AM for Reims via Montfaucon and Cunel. Visited Meuse-Argonne Cemetery and battlefields. Arrived Reims 1 PM. Lunch Hotel Bristol Crystal. Visited Cathedral and city. Dinner at hotel.
- June 27th. Left Reims 9 AM for Paris via Dormans, Hill 204, Chateau Thierry (Lunch Hostellerie du Bonhomme). Dinner at hotel in Paris.
- June 28th. Morning free. Visited Versailles in afternoon. Lunch and dinner at hotel in Paris.
- June 29th. Visited Sacre Coeur in morning and Lafayette Escadrille Monument and Malmaison in afternoon. Lunch and dinner at hotel in Paris.
- June 30th. Visited Cluny Museum in morning. Boat trip on the Seine in afternoon. Lunch and dinner at hotel.
- July 1st. Shopping or free. Lunch and dinner at hotel. Sightseeing trip at nite.
- July 2nd. Entrained at Gare des Invalides for Cherbourg at 8 AM. S. S. AMERICAN BANKER sailed at 4:30 PM. Arrived New York July 11th.

Mrs. Bethage E. Childress

**WAR DEPARTMENT
PILGRIMAGE WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS**

225 West 34th. St. New York, N. Y.

Party C.....

Number 150.....

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATIONS.

Childress, Mrs. Bethage E.

Name of Pilgrim

5243 S. Wabash Ave.

City

Home Address

County

Chicago, Ill.

State

Chicago, Ill.

Destination of Ticket

via PENN. to Chicago

Actual cost of
Through Pullman at the
Lower Berth Rate.

New York, to Chicago, Ill.

\$ 9-

July 12, 1932

Date of Departure

Aug. 15, 1932

Expiration Date of Ticket

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower Seat or Coach	Car	U.S.G. Order No.	Actual Cost
Lv. Penna Sta	PRR	5	7/12	12:00 P.			20-1028.087	
Ar. Chicago	"	"	7/13	8:00 A.	lower 10	58	8647	9-
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Capt Carroll

Excess Fare New York, to.	Cost \$	Total	9
Stop Over	Through Rate	Excess	

10.

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PARTY^C..... FILE NO.

NAME Mrs. Bethage E. Childress,
5243 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago,
Illinois.

ROUTE OF TICKET

Pen to *Chicago*
..... to

Expiration date *aug - 15 - 32*

The following stop overs are requested.

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(Signature of Pilgrim)

IN CABIN WITH

10-C

Mrs. Rosetta James

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD

Fast through trains between New York and Cleveland, Cincinnati, Detroit, Washington and Chicago, St. Louis, Detroit, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Detroit.

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NEW YORK to ST. LOUIS

from

23 Hour Trains

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NEW YORK to CHICAGO

from

20 Hour Trains

3

The Golden Arrow

The Pennsylvania Limited

Broadway Limited

P. D. 30
3 5/8 x 6 1/4
1000M 2-3-31



Pennsylvania
Railroad



The Standard Railroad of the World

M *Mrs Childress*

Address _____

MEMORANDUM

Fare	
Extra Fare	
Pullman	
	Total

Reservations

Your Train Leaves _____

Date _____

Station _____

Your Reservation Is—

Car _____

Berth _____

Seat _____

LIST OF PRINCIPAL TICKET OFFICES

- ANNAPOLIS**—51 Maryland Avenue.
- ATLANTIC CITY**—1301 Pacific Avenue (N. W. Cor. South Carolina Ave.) and the Stations.
- BALTIMORE**—Baltimore Trust Bldg.; Pennsylvania Station.
- BROOKLYN**—155 Pierrepoint Street.
- BUFFALO**—Corner Church and Pearl Streets; Central Terminal.
- CHICAGO**—Insurance Exchange Building, 163-165 West Jackson Blvd.; The Travel Shop, London Guarantee and Accident Bldg., 354 North Michigan Ave.; Union Station, Canal, Adams and Jackson Blvd.
- CINCINNATI**—106 Dixie Terminal Arcade, Fourth and Walnut Streets; Pennsylvania Station, Pearl and Butler Streets; Torrence Road Station.
- CLEVELAND**—Union Trust Building, 1108 Chester Avenue; Euclid Avenue Station; Union Station.
- COLUMBUS**—20 N. Third Street; Union Station.
- DAYTON**—38 W. First Street; Union Station.
- DETROIT**—228 Michigan Avenue (Book-Cadillac Hotel); General Motors Building, West Grand Boulevard and Cass Avenue; Fort Street Union Station.
- GRAND RAPIDS**—151 Ottawa Avenue, N. W.; Union Station.
- INDIANAPOLIS**—116 Monument Place; Union Station, Illinois Street.
- JERSEY CITY**—Jersey City Station (Exchange Place); Journal Square Station.
- LOUISVILLE**—112 Starks Building Arcade, Fourth and Walnut Streets; Fourteenth and Main Streets; Station, Tenth and Broadway.
- NEWARK**—Essex Building (corner Clinton and Beaver Streets); Market Street and Park Place Stations.
- NEW YORK**—4 West 33d Street; 17 John Street; 57 Chambers Street; 114 West 42d Street; Pennsylvania Station (Seventh Avenue and 32d Street); Hudson Terminal (Cortlandt and Church Streets); Cortlandt Street Station.
- NORFOLK**—Royster Bldg., Granby St. and City Hall Ave., and the Station (Foot of Brooke Ave.).
- PHILADELPHIA**—836 Chestnut Street (Benjamin Franklin Hotel); 1613 Chestnut Street; Broad Street Station; Broad Street Suburban Station; 30th Street Station; West Philadelphia Station; North Philadelphia Station; Market Street Wharf.
- PITTSBURGH**—Union Trust Building (Oliver Avenue and Wm. Penn Way); Pennsylvania Station; East Liberty Station; Federal Street Station.
- READING**—16 N. Fifth Street, and the Station.
- ST. LOUIS, MO.**—316 N. Broadway; Union Station.
- TOLEDO**—511 Jefferson Avenue (Commodore Perry Hotel); Summit Street Station.
- WASHINGTON**—Peensylvania Building, 613—14th Street, N. W.; Union Station.
- WILLIAMSPORT**—424 Pine Street, and the Station.
- WILMINGTON**—914 Market Street, and the Station.

THE PULLMAN COMPANY

OFFICE 25-33

FORM 100-6

PASSENGER'S CHECK — To Identify accommodations purchased. The amount charged is The Pullman Company's rate and a surcharge of 50% of that amount required by and collected as agent for the Railroad Company, as shown on the ticket.

From WASHINGTON, D. C.

To NEW YORK

Accommodations B3 Car 310

Line No. _____ Via _____ R. R. _____

9025
1 2 3
Persons

Property taken into car will be entirely at owner's risk.

THE PULLMAN COMPANY

PASSENGER'S CHECK — To Identify accommodations purchased.

CHICAGO to WASHINGTON, D. C.

LOWER BERTH 8 CAR 43

LINE NO. _____ VIA _____ R. R. _____

OFFICE 25-33

FORM 3

\$8.25

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1 2
Persons

PENNA. R.R. SYSTEM
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DIV. PASS. AGT.
CHICAGO, ILL.

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DIV. PASS. AGT.
CHICAGO, ILL.

NEGROE

Name..... CHILDRESS, Mrs. Bethage E.

Paris Hôtel..... SPLENDID HOTEL, Ave. Carnot

Home address..... 5243 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago, Cook Co., Illinois

Party..... C..... Group..... Unit..... AMERICAN MERCHANT

Date of arrival..... June 19, 1932..... Date of departure..... July 2nd, 1932. AMER. BANKER

Relationship..... L P, age 49

Name of deceased..... CHILDRESS, James

Rank..... Pvt..... Organization..... Co. A, 524th Engrs.

Cemetery..... ST. MIHIEL..... Gr. 13, Bl. C, Row 13

REMARKS

Bethage E. Childress



May 20th, 1932
PARTY "C"

Mrs. Bethage E. Childress,
5243 S. Wabash Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

There are enclosed herewith two tags and four identification pasters which have been prepared for the purpose of protecting your baggage while in transit, and to insure its safe arrival at the hotel where you are to stop in New York City. Please attach the tags to the handle of each piece of your baggage and place a paster on each end of each piece of your baggage before leaving your home.

Upon your arrival in New York City, you will be met at the railroad station by an Army Officer who will be in uniform. During your sojourn in New York before sailing for Europe, and upon your return from Europe, you will stop at the Young Women's Christian Association, 179 W. 137th Street, New York City.

All mail intended to reach you between June 10th, 1932, the day you sail from the United States, and July 2nd, 1932, the day you leave Europe, should be addressed to you in care of American Pilgrimage, 146 Avenue des Champs Elysees, Paris, France; for example:

Mrs. Mary Smith,
c/o American Pilgrimage,
146 Avenue des Champs Elysees,
Paris, France.

2 bags

In making reservations for your journey home from New York City, it is necessary for this office to furnish the railroads with the exact time and date of your departure. The party you are to travel with will be disbanded in New York City on the day following your return from Europe and all arrangements for your accommodations will be made with the railroads by this office accordingly. Upon your return from Europe, it will therefore be necessary for you to remain in the hotel over night as a guest of the United States Government.

There is also enclosed herewith information relative to the cemeteries in Europe.

Very truly yours,

George F. R. Taylor
GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR
Captain, C.M.C. (DOL)

7 Incl:
2 Baggage Tags
4 Baggage Pastors
1 Copy Cemeterial Information

225 W. 34th NYC

George P Childress
5243 Wabash Ave
Chicago Ill

Mr. Halpin
R. M. Holpina
May 1, 1901
7/11/32

Ms B E Childress arrives Engle-
wood on Penn Fran No 5 at 8:00
am Wednesday July 13th. Please
Meet her.

Colonel Pope

right Telegram

DAILY REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS-1932

ROOM No.....
9 P.M. DATE... July 11, 1932.....
PARTY..."C" Returning.....

NAME... Childress, Mrs. Bethage E. (Age 49 LP)

ADDRESS... 5243 S. Wabash Ave.....

... Chicago, Ill.....

JUL 13 1932
F. H. P.

HOTEL ... YWCA.....

DIAGNOSIS ... on June 22 Mother caught finger in elevator door, finger bruised, no broken skin.

DISPOSITION

REMARKS: Left third finger examined and seemed perfectly normal.

Note: Mother stated that it was OK and she did not believe an Xray was necessary.

CIVILIAN DOCTOR IN CHARGE OF CASE.....

.....
MEDICAL OFFICER.....

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

July 21, 1932

FILE 201 - Mrs. Bethage E. Childress - Party "C" - C-6
X 201.22

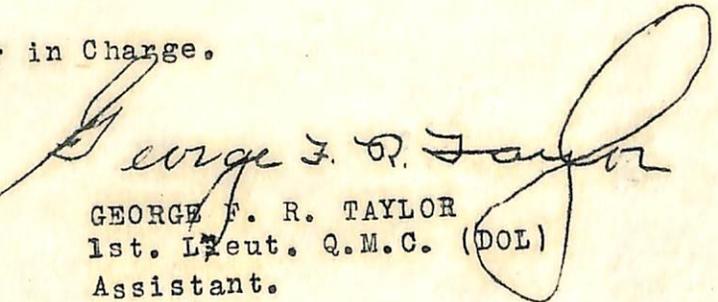
SUBJECT: Commendation

TO: Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C.

1. Mrs. Bethage E. Childress of Chicago, Ill. Member of Party "C" has returned postal card, furnished by this office, advising that she has arrived home safely and in good health, and expresses her satisfaction as follows:

"Thanking you kindly for same "

For the Officer in Charge.


GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR
1st. Lieut. Q.M.C. (DOL)
Assistant.

PARTY

C - 6

EASTBOUND

STATE

GROUP

ST.M.

LP-49

ILLINOIS

Childress, JAMES.

Mrs. Childress, Bethage E.

(Name of Pilgrim)

Address 5243 S.Wabash Ave.

(Street & No.)

Chicago

(City or Town)

Ill.

(State)

Cook

(County)

George P. or Dennison B. Childress, 5243 S. Wabash Ave. Chicago

(Name of Nearest Kin)

(Husband & Son)

(Street & No.)

(City or Town)

Illinois

(State)

Cook

(County)

ARRIVAL NEW YORK

VIA. R.R. Pennsylvania Train No. 134 Date 5:45 P.M. EST - June 9, 1932

Hotel Y. W. C. A. Room No. 223

Roomed with Alone

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

Date June 10, 1932 Vessel AMERICAN MERCHANT Cabin No. 10-C

In Cabin with Mrs. Rosetta James 10-2

(Over Westbound)

WESTBOUND

REMARKS

Date **July 2, 1932** Vessel **AMERICAN BANKER** Cabin No. **10-G**
In Cabin with **Mrs. Rosetta James 10-2**
Hotel **Y. W. C. A.** Room No. **108**
Roomed with **Alone**

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

VIA. R.R. **Penn** Train No. **5** Space **L 10** Car No. **58** Date **7-12-32**

ARRIVAL NEW YORK

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(over Eastbound)

C

NAME Childress, Mrs. Bethage E.

ADDRESS 5243 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

6-6

DATE

TO:

Officer-In-Charge,
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

I beg to inform you that I have returned to my home safely and in good health.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Mrs. Bethage Childress

RPB-7-22-30-5M

Thanking you kindly for same.

WAR DEPARTMENT

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

PILGRIMAGE WAR MOTHERS & WIDOWS
ROOM - 225 WEST 34TH ST., N. Y. C.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS
225 WEST 34TH STREET,
NEW YORK, N. Y.

MEDICAL RECORD

Party: C - 6

AMERICAN MERCHANT *Eastbound*
AMERICAN BANKER *Westbound*
S. S.

Name Childress, Mrs. Bethage E.

Home Address 5243 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Name and address of nearest relative or friend George P. or Dennison B. Childress

5243 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill., (Husband & Son)

Religion Age 49 LP

History of present complaint:

(OVER)

INSTRUCTIONS: This card will be prepared for each Pilgrim treated on ship, east or west bound. Cards to be included in report of Liaison Officer upon return to New York.

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)

June 22 : Caught left 3rd finger in elevator door-finger bruised, no skin broken. P. Hanley

Treatment and Progress: (include dates)

June 22 : Vicks and bandage applied. P. Hanley

Disposition: (include dates)

Remarks: July 11, 1932: left third finger examined and seemed perfectly normal.

Mother stated that it was OK and she did not believe an X-ray was necessary.

Major J.H. Ashcraft, MC

Party C
Nurse P. Handley

MEDICAL RECORD

Splendide

Station :

Date : June 20, 1932.

Name Childress, Mrs. Bethage E.
5243 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Home address Husband George P. Childress

Address of Nearest friend or relative same address

Religion Prot. Age 49 L P

History of Present complaint: June 22, caught 3rd finger, left, in elevator door, finger bruised, but no broken skin. Vicks on bandage applied. Maj. Casserly notified. 23rd, finger better. 24th: Fatigue and nervousness

(over)

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

Diagnosis and complications : (*include dates*)

Ring finger left hand bruised in door of elevator

Treatment and Progress : (*include dates*)

June 24th Bromide i pm FOS Bandaged

Disposition : (*include dates*)

Remarks : Wound (contusion) healed readily, not of consequence.

July 2nd, to Cherbourg. Fitts.

American Merchant

Childress, James Pvt.

6-10-32

St.M ✓

I Accept the invitation extended
(Accept or decline)

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

Mrs. Bethage E. Childress,

(Name)

5243 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago, Cook Co., Illinois

(Town or city)

(State)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1930

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Mrs Bethage E. Childress
5143 Wabash Ave
Chicago, Ill.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Childress, James STM LP

May 14, 1932

Mrs. Bethage E. Childress,
5243 S. Wabash Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Madam:

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Childress, James (StM) x

July 29, 1952.

Mrs. B. E. W. Childress,
5243 South Wabash Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mrs. Childress:

I thank you for your letter of July 19, 1952, in which you express appreciation for the pilgrimage you recently made to the grave of your brother-in-law, the late Private James Childress, in the St. Michael American Cemetery in France.

It is indeed gratifying to know that your trip was entirely satisfactory, and that you were accorded such courteous and efficient service. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages, and has expended every effort that those making the trip might have a comfortable and pleasant journey. I feel, however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the mothers and widows.

In compliance with your request, an order has this date been issued that an American flag be forwarded you, provided one has not previously been issued.

With sincere appreciation of your complimentary remarks regarding the conduct of the pilgrimage, I am

Very truly yours,

J. L. DEWITT,
Major General,
The Quartermaster General.

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COPY FOR: Commanding Officer,
Washington Quartermaster Depot,
Washington, D. C.

Authority for issuance of a flag to the foster mother of the late Private James Childress, 524th Engineers, provided one has not previously been issued.

5243 Santa Washburn Avenue
Chicago, Illinois
July 19, 1932.

U. S. War Dept.,
The Quartermaster General
Washington, D. C.

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Gentlemen:

I want to express my very sincere appreciation for my pilgrimage journey to my brother in Louis Groul in France. The trip was one that I shall never forget. Thoughts and experience, both very pleasant, will follow me the rest of my life.

I want to say that I feel that you have done all that was possible for my enjoyment. I sincerely thank all concerned.



Yours very truly,
B. E. W. Childress
Gold Star mother
June 10, 1932

P.S.

I understand that it is possible to
get a flag. I would appreciate it
very much if you would send me
a large one. Thank you.

Childress, James (1233)

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

July 21, 1932

FILE 201 - Mrs. Bethage E. Childress - Party "C" - C-6
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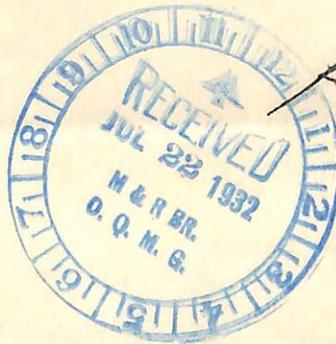
SUBJECT: Commendation

TO: Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C.

1. Mrs. Bethage E. Childress of Chicago, Ill. Member of Party "C" has returned postal card, furnished by this office, advising that she has arrived home safely and in good health, and expresses her satisfaction as follows:

"Thanking you kindly for same "

For the Officer in Charge.



George F. R. Taylor
GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR
1st. Lieut. Q.M.C. (DOL)
Assistant.

293-

Mrs. Butler

Money rec'd

File

Attach ~~this~~
clip to case
6/18

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

Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Childress, Mrs. Bethage E.
5243 S. Wabash Ave.,
Chicago, Cook Co., Ill.
Childress, James Pvt. St.M LP X
American Merchant 6-10-32

Sir:

Accepted →

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.

<u>Cities where I desire to stopover:</u>	<u>No. of days</u>
<u>Syracuse N.Y.</u>	<u>2 or 3</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
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_____	_____
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_____	_____

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Bethage E. Childress
(Your name)

5243 S. Wabash Ave
(Your address)
Chicago, Ill



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Childress, James STM LP

June 6, 1932

Mrs. Bethage E. Childress,
5243 S. Wabash Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. Butler

Dear Madam:

Arrangements have been completed for your transportation to New York City on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe. One week before your departure the railroad ticket agent, of the first road shown below, will deliver your railroad and pullman ticket to you. Your route to New York will be as follows:

Lv. Washington	Penna RR.	Train No. 134	1:00 PM	June 9
Ar. New York	"	"	5:45 PM	" "
	(Penna. Station)			

Accommodations: Parlor Car Seat from Washington, D.C. to New York City.

Capt. Ratay

All railroad employees have been instructed by their officials to see that you are shown every courtesy and given assistance, particularly at points where it is necessary to change cars.

Should you not receive your ticket six days before the date shown for your departure please take up at once with the ticket agent and if he does not have your ticket, telegraph this office, collect, to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

5243 S. Wabash Ave

Chicago, Ill.

May 18, 1932

The G.M. Co.

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I shall make the trip to Wash-
ington by auto. I shall arrive on 6th
day of June, and report to you on that
date. I shall be ready to resume my trip
on 9th to N.Y. Please hold my ticket from
Chicago to Washington.

Yours Very Truly

Mrs Bethage E. Childress



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6-10-32

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6/19/32
B. J.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Childress, James (St.M)LP

May 13, 1932

Mrs. Bethage E. Childress,
5243 S. Wabash Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois
Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. _____ in the
amount of \$ _____, to pay for your meals and incident~~al~~^{al}
expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage
^{10.00}
authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl.
Check No.

Signal Corps, United States Army

Received at War Department Message Center,
Room 3441, Munitions Building,
Washington, D. C.

RADIOGRAM

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CHICAGO ILLINOIS 916AM MAY 5TH 1932

QM GENERAL

WASHINGTON DC

WILL ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON JUNE SIXTH WILL REPORT AT OFFICE
ON ARRIVAL MAKING OWN ARRANGEMENTS FROM HERE TO WASHINGTON NO
STOP OVER IN SYRACUSE NY

BETHAGE

(E. Childress)

1050AM

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Childress - James*

Washington, D. C., May 5, 1932

Mrs. Bethage E. Childress
5245 S. Wabash Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

YOUR TELEGRAM RECEIVED WE CAN FURNISH YOUR TRANSPORTATION FROM CHICAGO
TO NEW YORK PROVIDING FOR YOUR ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON JUNE SIXTH WITHOUT
ANY EXTRA COST TO YOU OTHER THAN ONE DOLLAR THIRTEEN CENTS WIRE COLLECT
IF YOU DESIRE THESE ARRANGEMENTS MADE

GSM 2479

DEWITT
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

QM 293 AM
Childress, James ST M

Childress, James St-M
QM 293 AM

Washington, D.C., May 4, 1932

Mrs. Bethage E. Childress,
5243 S. Wabash Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

OUR LETTER APRIL TWENTIETH TELEGRAPH COLLECT IMMEDIATELY DO YOU DESIRE
STOPOVER ONE WEEK IN WASHINGTON ON GOING TRIP OR WILL YOU MAKE YOUR OWN
ARRANGEMENTS CHICAGO TO WASHINGTON ALSO ADVISE IF STOPOVER SYRACUSE
RETURN TRIP IS DESIRED AND WHEN FORWARDING MONEY ORDER GSM 2478

DEWITT
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

QM 293 AM
Childress, James St M LPx

BP:LM

QM 298 AM
Childress, James St-M LPx

April 20, 1932

Mrs. Bethage E. Childress,
5243 S. Wabash Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 15th, in reply to letter from this office of March 24th, relative to the pilgrimage you desire to make to the St. Michael American Cemetery in Europe, sailing from New York on the AMERICAN MERCHANT, June 10, 1932.

It is noted that you will make your own arrangements for travel from Chicago to Washington, D. C. and it is assumed that your reason for this is your desire to spend more time with your son in Washington before leaving on the pilgrimage. If this is correct, this office is willing to make an exception in your case and give you a stopover of not to exceed one week in Washington enroute to New York. As previously advised, this will result in an additional cost to you of \$1.13 for pullman accommodations which should be sent to this office by money order made payable to the Finance Officer, U. S. Army, Washington, D.C. If you also desire to make a stopover at Syracuse, N.Y. on your return, an additional amount of \$.38 should be remitted, or a total of \$1.51.

As stated in letter of March 24th, it is regretted that it would not be possible for you to remain in Washington long enough to witness your son's graduation on June 10th as the AMERICAN MERCHANT sails from New York at 4 o'clock on that day and all pilgrims must arrive in New York the day before sailing.

Please advise as to your desires.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

RES:LM
1 Encl.
Envelope

H. A. BLANCHARD,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

Max M. C. B.

5243 S. Wabash Ave
Chicago, Ill. Apr. 15, 1932

Cook Co

The Quartermaster Gen.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I prefer to make my own arrangements for the trip from Chicago to Washington D.C. and shall notify you of my address as soon as I arrive in your city. Thanking you for advice and instructions

I remain
yours truly,

Mrs. Bethage E. Childress



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6-10-32
Qm. March

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Past. S & M

QM 293 AM

Childress, James St-M xLP

March 24, 1932

Mrs. Bethage E. Childress,
5243 S. Wabash Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 21st, in connection with a pilgrimage you desire to make to the St. Mihiel American Cemetery in Europe, sailing from New York on the AMERICAN MERCHANT, June 10, 1932.

Stopovers are not ordinarily permitted on the going trip to New York. However, in your case arrangements can be made to provide for a routing through Washington, D. C. permitting a stopover not to exceed two days. This can be arranged for you without additional rail cost but an amount of one dollar and thirteen cents (\$1.13) will be required due to difference in pullman fare.

If you prefer to make your own arrangements, at your own expense, from Chicago, Ill. to Washington, D.C. you may do so and transportation will be furnished you from Washington, D.C. to New York and from New York to Chicago on the return trip. In either event it is regretted to inform you that you would be unable to witness your son's graduation as the AMERICAN MERCHANT sails from New York at 4 o'clock in the afternoon June 10th and the graduation exercises are not held until 2 o'clock on the same day and all mothers and widows making the pilgrimage must arrive in New York one day before they sail.

Should you desire the arrangements as outlined in the first paragraph of this letter, money order in the amount of one dollar and thirteen cents (\$1.13), payable to the Finance Officer, U. S. Army, Washington, D.C., should be sent to this office. As previously advised in letter from this office dated January 26th, if you desire a stopover at Syracuse, New York on your return journey, an additional money order should also be forwarded to this office in the amount of thirty eight cents (38¢). In the event you desire to make your own arrangements

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Childress, James St-M LPx
March 24, 1932

from Chicago to Washington, you should notify this office of your Washington address immediately upon your arrival in Washington.

Upon receipt of your advice in this matter this office will be glad to make definite arrangements in accordance with your desires.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Envelope

RF:IM

5243 S. Wabash Ave

Chicago, Ill. Mar. 21, 1932

Quarter Master Gen.
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I am writing for information relative to the starting point for the pilgrimage to France. I have a son who is graduating from College Course Howard University Washington D.C. June 10, 1932 at 2 P.M. I would like to be at his graduation. Would it be possible that I could leave from there and get to N.Y. in time for steamer sailing for France? I should like to visit my son three or four days or a week before leaving for France. If the change can possibly be made, it would be a great favor to me. Allow my expense to start from Washington, Back to Chicago

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Bethage E. Childress

Accept
Am March
June 10-1932



243. Childress, James - pmt

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

Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Childress, Mrs. Bethage E.
5243 S. Wabash Ave.,
Chicago, Cook Co., Ill.
Childress, James Pvt. St.M LP
American Merchant 6-10-32

Sir:

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

George P. or Dennison B. Childress
Name

5243 S. Wabash Ave Chicago, Ill.
Address

Husband and son
Relationship

Very truly yours,



Mrs Bethage E. Childress
Your name

5243 S. Wabash Ave
Your address
Chicago, Ill.

QM 293 AM
Childress, James St-M x

January 26, 1932

Mrs. Bethage E. Childress,
5243 S. Wabash Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your request for a stopover at Syracuse, New York on your return from a pilgrimage to the St. Mihiel American Cemetery in Europe, sailing from New York on the AMERICAN MERCHANT, June 10, 1932.

Arrangements can be made for this stopover without additional cost to you for rail fare but there will be an extra cost of thirty-eight cents (38¢) due to pullman accommodations. All expenses incurred by you during your visit at Syracuse must, of course, also be paid from your personal funds.

If you desire this stopover it is requested that you please forward money order to this office in the amount of thirty-eight cents (38¢), payable to the Finance Officer, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Envelope
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM
Childress, James (StM) LP_x

September 14, 1931.

Mrs. Bethage E. Childress,
5243 S. Wabash Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

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 several months in advance. 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 or 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Yes
Write answer here

Encl:
Env.

Mrs Bethage E. Childress
Sign here

Cap H

According to the affid.
father dead 1 year &
mother 5 when he was
born - dates on affid.
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have been about 7 in 1900
Do you want to jaster
them down & demand
proof or pass on
affid.

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QM 293 A-M
Childress, James (StM) LP x

September 14, 1931.

Mrs. Bethage E. Childress,
5243 S. Wabash Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 2, 1931, furnishing information relative to the parents of the late Private James Childress.

In view of this information, the affidavits submitted by you to substantiate your claim as having stood in loco parentis to your brother have been favorably considered and you are now eligible to make a pilgrimage to his grave in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery in France at the expense of the Government.

In order that your desires may be recorded and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested that you complete and return the enclosed questionnaire to this office at the earliest possible date.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:
Questionnaire
Envelope

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L M 293.A-m
James Childress (S.T.M.) X

5243 S.Wabash Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois Sept. 2, 1981

Captain A.D. Hughes,
Q.M. Corpse.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:- In reply to your letter of recent date I beg to state that the Father of James Childress died in 1892 and his Mother died in 1889 and he James Childress was a very tiny boy and his brother George P. Childress and his wife Bethage E Childress acted in the place of his parents in every way the remaining years of his life Even after he was of age he always held our home his home in every way I would be delighted to visit the grave of my brother i wait ~~xxxx~~ your reply,
yours truly,

Mrs Bethage E Childress

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QM 293 A-M

August 31, 1931.

Childress, James (STM) x

Mrs. Bethage E. Childress,
5243 S. Wabash Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of the affidavits you submitted to substantiate your claim as having stood in loco parentis to the late Private James Childress, in order that your eligibility to make a pilgrimage to his grave under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended, may be determined.

It is requested that you advise this office as to whether the father of the late Private Childress was living at the time you claim to have stood in loco parentis to his son, and if so, to what extent he provided for his son during that period.

Upon receipt of this information, your eligibility to make the pilgrimage will be determined and you will be advised of the outcome.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:
Envelope

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State of Illinois)
County of Cook) SS

Name of deceased soldier James Childress
Rank Private Organization 524 Engineer

1. The undersigned disinterested persons, not related to the applicant or to the deceased soldier, depose and say of their own personal knowledge that:

(a) Bethage Childress stood in loco parentis to James Childress (name of applicant) (deceased soldier) from 1900 to 1907

(b) The age of the deceased soldier at the time the status in loco parentis began was 12 years, _____ months, _____ days. The age of Bethage Childress at the time the status in loco parentis began was 18 years, 9 months, _____ days. 49 yrs old

(c) Bethage Childress during the time she stood in loco parentis to the said deceased soldier, actually provided for such soldier in the following manner and to the following extent:

Food was prepared for him regular clothing kept laundered etc. Shelter was given

(d) The following additional circumstances, facts and declarations tend to show that the said applicant actually assumed the obligations which a father would have assumed in the matter of making provision for the support of the deceased soldier:

His education was carefully looked after
The family training that is due every child in the home was given him
All the duties of a mother were fully carried out

2. In making the above statements, it is understood that the term in loco parentis means that:

- (a) A person must act the part of a lawful father in performing the duty of providing for him; taking the place of a father in this particular.
- (b) To obtain the benefits of the Act of March 2, 1929, a woman must have occupied this status towards a particular deceased service man for a period of not less than 5 years at any time prior to the soldier, sailor, or marine becoming 18 years of age. Circumstances and facts should be stated in detail in order to insure intelligent decision. If additional space is required please write on the back of this sheet.

Signed: Mrs Janis L. Ligon
Address: 5243 Wabash Ave.

Signed: Thos. C. Howard
Address: 5245 Wabash Ave.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of Aug 1931.

(Seal) William H. Hans
(Notary Public)

State of Illinois
County of Franklin
Name of deceased soldier James B. ...
Rank Private

1. The undersigned disinterested persons, not related to the applicant or to the deceased soldier, depose and say of their own personal knowledge that

(a) James B. ... stood in loco parentis to James B. ... (name of applicant) from 1907 to 1917 (date)

(b) The age of the deceased soldier at the time the status in loco parentis began was ... years, ... months, ... days. The age of James B. ... at the time the status in loco parentis began was ... years, ... months, ... days.

(c) James B. ... during the time the status in loco parentis to the said deceased soldier, actually provided for said soldier in the following manner and to the following extent:

Food was prepared for him regularly
clothing, help furnished etc. etc.

(d) The following additional circumstances, facts and declarations tend to show that the said applicant actually assumed the obligations which a father would have assumed in the matter of making provision for the support of the deceased soldier:

That the applicant was carefully looked after
the family training that he was given
all the things that were necessary for him

2. In making the above statements, it is understood that the term in loco parentis means that:

- (a) A person was not the part of a father in performing the duty of providing for him; taking the place of a father in his protection.
- (b) To obtain the benefits of the Act of March 3, 1907, a woman must have occupied the status towards a particular deceased soldier and for a period of not less than 5 years at any time prior to the death of said soldier, or service exceeding 18 years of age. Circumstances and facts should be stated in detail in order to insure intelligent action. If additional space is required please write on the back of this sheet.

Signed: James B. ...



Subscribed and sworn

State of Illinois)
County of Cook) SS

Name of deceased soldier James Childress
Rank Private Organization 524 Engineers

1. The undersigned disinterested persons, not related to the applicant or to the deceased soldier, depose and say of their own personal knowledge that:

(a) Bethage Childress stood in loco parentis to James Childress (name of applicant) (deceased soldier) from 1900 to 1907

(b) The age of the deceased soldier at the time the status in loco parentis began was 12 years, _____ months, _____ days. The age of Bethage Childress (name of applicant) at the time the status in loco parentis began was 18 years, 9 months, _____ days.

(c) Bethage Childress during the time she stood in loco parentis to the said deceased soldier, actually provided for such soldier in the following manner and to the following extent:

Food, clothing and shelter were
Carefully looked after and given him

(d) The following additional circumstances, facts and declarations tend to show that the said applicant actually assumed the obligations which a father would have assumed in the matter of making provision for the support of the deceased soldier:

His education was carefully looked
after, The family training carefully
given him, and all the duties
of a mother were carefully given him

2. In making the above statements, it is understood that the term in loco parentis means that:

- (a) A person must act the part of a lawful father in performing the duty of providing for him; taking the place of a father in this particular.
- (b) To obtain the benefits of the Act of March 2, 1929, a woman must have occupied this status towards a particular deceased service man for a period of not less than 5 years at any time prior to the soldier, sailor, or marine becoming 18 years of age. Circumstances and facts should be stated in detail in order to insure intelligent decision. If additional space is required please write on the back of this sheet.

Signed: Mrs. Janie L. Ligon
Address: 5243 Wabash Ave.

Signed: Thos. C. Howard
Address: 5245 Wabash Ave.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of Aug 1931.

(Seal) William H. Gano
(Notary Public)

QM 293 A-M
Childress, James (St.M) x

August 5, 1931

Mrs. Bethage E. Childress,
5243 S. Wabash Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 30, 1931,
relative to the pilgrimage of mothers and widows to the cemeteries
of Europe.

In compliance with your request, there are enclosed here-
with duplicate affidavit forms, which it is requested you have com-
pleted and returned to this office, in order that your eligibility
to visit the grave of the late Private James Childress may be deter-
mined.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Enclosure:
Aff. Forms.
Envelope.

5243 S.Wabash Ave.,
Chicago Illinois July 30, 1931.

Captain R.E. Shannon Q.M.

War Department
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Your letter relative to my visit to the grave of
the late James Childress ~~pvt.~~ pvt. (STM/) X I know that I was
eligible for the trip and wondered why I did not get the
trip last summer.

Now if you will send me the blank ~~form~~ I will wait no
time in getting it filled and returned to you the Affidavit that
~~not~~ certify my eligibility No James had neither Mother or
Wife.

Yours Truly,

Mr. Bethage E Childress



QM 293 A-M

Childress, James Pvt (StM)x

July 24, 1931.

Mrs. Bethage E. Childress,
5245 South Wabash Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to office letter of July 3, 1930, wherein you were requested to furnish affidavits in the event you considered yourself eligible to make a pilgrimage to the grave of the late Private James Childress under the provisions of section 4 (a) of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended, which reads in part "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for a period of not less than 5 years at any time prior to the soldier, sailor or marine becoming 18 years of age."

To date the affidavits have not been received and in order that the records may be completed, it is requested you advise whether or not you consider yourself eligible to make a pilgrimage under this provision of the law. A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

In the event you consider yourself eligible and desire to make a pilgrimage, it is requested the affidavit forms sent you be completed by two persons not related to you and returned to this office. If you have misplaced the forms mentioned, another set will be mailed you upon request.

It is further requested you advise whether the late Private James Childress is survived by his natural mother or was married and is survived by a widow.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,*

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

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QM 293 A-31
Childress, James - 1233 LP

July 3, 1930

Mrs. Bethage E. Childress,
5243 South Wabash Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Information has been furnished this office to the effect that you stood in loco parentis to your brother-in-law, the late James Childress. This letter is in connection with the pilgrimages of mothers and widows to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

Under the law, pilgrimages are authorized only for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces. The only provision of the law under which anyone other than the mothers and widows could be considered for this pilgrimage is contained in Section 4 (a) of the Act of March 2, 1929 as amended, which reads in part, "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for a period of not less than five years at any time prior to the soldier, sailor, or marine becoming 16 years of age."

However, in order to satisfy legal requirements it will be necessary for you to furnish as proof of your relationship in loco parentis, the affidavits of at least two persons not related to you.

In the event you believe you are eligible under the law to make this pilgrimage, it is requested that the enclosed form be completed and returned to this office in order that your eligibility may be determined. Under paragraphs 1 (e) and 1 (d), sufficient information should be included to permit an intelligible decision as to eligibility.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures:
2 affidavits
Act
Amendment
Envelope.

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

QM 293 A-C
Childress, James

October 2, 1929

Mr. G. P. Childress,
Ackerman, Miss.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of the form letter from this office dated August 29, 1929, completed by you, furnishing information requested in connection with the Gold Star Mothers' and Widows' Pilgrimage to Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

It is noted you desire the privilege of making this pilgrimage for Mrs. Bethage E. Childress under the provisions of Section 4 (a) of the Act which states in part "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for the year prior to the commencement of his service in such forces".

It has been held that within the meaning of the law a person cannot stand in loco parentis to an adult unless such adult is mentally or physically incapacitated. No man who was mentally or physically incapacitated was accepted for service in the military or naval forces. Inasmuch as your brother, the late Private, first class, James Childress was an adult at the time of the commencement of his service, his age having been 24 years and 7 months, no person could have stood in loco parentis to him for the year prior to his entry into the service. Therefore, I regret to advise that Mrs. Childress is ineligible within the meaning of the law, to make this pilgrimage at the expense of the Government.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-C
Childress, James

September 14, 1929.

Mr. G. P. Childress,
5243 S. Wabash Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 18, 1929, relative to the eligibility of your wife, Mrs. Bethage Childress, to visit the grave of your brother, the late Private James Childress, who is buried in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery in France.

It is assumed you request this privilege for Mrs. Childress under the provisions of Section 4(a) of the Act approved March 2, 1929, which states in part "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces". In determining who is meant by the phrase "who stood in loco parentis", this phrase has been given its usually accepted legal meaning and it has been held that:

- (a) A person cannot stand in loco parentis to an adult who is not incapacitated either mentally or physically.
- (b) In order for a woman to occupy such a status towards a minor or incapacitated adult, she must act the part of a lawful father of such person in performing the duty of providing for him, intending thereby to take the place of the father in this particular.
- (c) In order to receive the benefits of the Act in question, she must have occupied the status toward a particular deceased member of the military or naval forces "for the year prior to the commencement of his service in such forces".

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The records indicate that your brother, the late Private James Childress, was 24 years of age when he enlisted in the Army for service during the World War. There is a positive showing that he was not incapacitated either mentally or physically at the time of his entry into the military service and that he was more than 21 years of age when he enlisted. Therefore, I regret to advise that your wife is ineligible within the meaning of the law to make this pilgrimage at the expense of the Government.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Childress, James
1233

August 29, 1929.

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Mr. G. P. Childress,
Ackerman,
Miss.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated **May 31, 1929** making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

*Mrs Bethage E Childress
5743 S. Wabash ave.
Chicago, Ill. Sister-in-law*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope



Private James Childress
Co, A, 524th Engineers

Lm 293 A-C.

24 years
Enl. 3-30-18

5243 S. Wabash Ave

Chicago, Illinois July 18, 1929

War Department,
Office of the Quartermaster Gen.

Washington D.C.

Gentlemen:-

Your letter of recent ^{date} received and
carefully read, My wife Mrs Bethage Childress was
in the capacity as a mother when James Childress
connected himself to U.S. Army I was not only
a brother but I acted fully as a father for James
since our father died before he joined the Army
all wants were presented to us as mother and
father and cheerfully looked after

We will present the name of Mrs
Bethage E.W. Childress, who stood in a mother's
place for the late James Childress, as the proper
one to visit the cemeteries of Europe where our
boy remains yours truly
G. P. Childress



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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Childress, James

May 31 1929.

Mr. G. P. Childress,
Ackerman,
Miss.

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 brother of the late Private ^{1/2} James Childress, Co. A, 524th Engineers, 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.

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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5243 So. Wabash Ave
Chicago, Illinois
Sept. 1, 1932

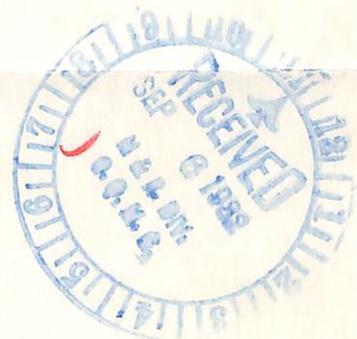
War Dept.,
The Quartermaster General
Washington, D.C.

my dear Sir:

I want to express my appreciation
for your gift, the American U.S. Flag.
It is a very attractive and beautiful
one. I shall always prize it very
highly.

yours very truly,
Mrs. B. E. W. Childress

file 7.20.32



Mrs. B. E. W. Childress

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RETURN RECEIPT

American Merchant

June 10/32

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

Mr. Childress
DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE ONLY

Mr. Childress
Childress, James Pvt.

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery

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Form 3811

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

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Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 927290

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____

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



Return to Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,
or Post Office Box, MUNITIONS BUILDING

WASHINGTON,

D. C.

QM 293 A-M
Childress, James (StM) x

July 29, 1932.

Mrs. B. E. W. Childress,
5243 South Wabash Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mrs. Childress:

I thank you for your letter of July 19, 1932, in which you express appreciation for the pilgrimage you recently made to the grave of your brother-in-law, the late Private James Childress, in the St. Michael American Cemetery in France.

It is indeed gratifying to know that your trip was entirely satisfactory, and that you were accorded such courteous and efficient service. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages, and has expended every effort that those making the trip might have a comfortable and pleasant journey. I feel, however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the mothers and widows.

In compliance with your request, an order has this date been issued that an American flag be forwarded you, provided one has not previously been issued.

With sincere appreciation of your complimentary remarks regarding the conduct of the pilgrimage, I am

Very truly yours,

J. L. DeWITT,
Major General,
The Quartermaster General.

COPY FOR: Commanding Officer,
Washington Quartermaster Depot,
Washington, D. C.

Authority for issuance of a flag to the foster mother of the late Private James Childress, 524th Engineers, provided one has not previously been issued.

X 930.13 PILGRIMAGE, GOLD STAR

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

June 6, 1932

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Childress, James STM LP

Mrs. Bethage E. Childress,
5243 S. Wabash Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

MR File
Delivered personally

Dear Madam:

Arrangements have been completed for your transportation to New York City on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe. One week before your departure the railroad ticket agent, of the first road shown below, will deliver your railroad and pullman ticket to you. Your route to New York will be as follows:

Lv. Washington	Penna RR.	Train No. 134	1:00 PM	June 9
Ar. New York	"	"	5:45 PM	" "
(Penna. Station)				

Accommodations: Parlor Car Seat from Washington, D.C. to New York City.

All railroad employees have been instructed by their officials to see that you are shown every courtesy and given assistance, particularly at points where it is necessary to change cars.

Should you not receive your ticket six days before the date shown for your departure please take up at once with the ticket agent and if he does not have your ticket, telegraph this office, collect, to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Childress, James (St.M)LP

May 13, 1932

Mrs. Bethage E. Childress,
5243 S. Wabash Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. ⁶⁶⁸⁶² the
amount of \$ 10.00, to pay for your meals and incidental
expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage
authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Check No.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Childress, James STM LP

May 14, 1932

Mrs. Bethage E. Childress,
5243 S. Wabash Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Madam:

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 AM
Childress, James St M

May 6, 1932

Mrs. Bethage E. Childress,
5243 S. Wabash Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of this date in connection with the pilgrimage you are scheduled to make to the St. Mihiel American Cemetery in Europe, sailing from New York on the AMERICAN MERCHANT, June 10, 1932.

Please be advised that arrangements will be made to provide for your leaving Chicago on June 5th, arriving in Washington, June 6th, leaving Washington on the 1:00 PM train, June 9th.

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About two weeks before your departure from home you will receive a letter of itinerary from this office, showing the time you leave Chicago, arrival in Washington, departure from Washington and arrival in New York. As advised in letter from this office of April 20th, there will be no additional cost to you for this stopover other than \$1.15 due to pullman accommodations. As final transportation arrangements are now being completed, it would be appreciated if you will forward money order immediately in the above amount, made payable to the Finance Officer, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 AM
Childress, James St M

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Central Passenger Assn.

May 6, 1932

Mr. C. A. Fox, Chairman,
Central Passenger Assn.,
608 South Dearborn St.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Please refer to the itinerary submitted for Mrs. Bethage E. Childress, Chicago, Ill. (C-6), a pilgrim sailing on the AMERICAN MERCHANT, June 10, 1932.

Mrs. Childress now advises this office that she desires to leave Chicago on June 5th, arriving in Washington June 6th, stopping over in Washington until June 9th in order to visit relatives. Will you therefore please submit a new itinerary providing for this change in schedule, routing Mrs. Childress from Washington on the 1:00 PM train, June 9th.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 AM
Childress, James St M

May 6, 1932

Mrs. Bethage E. Childress,
5243 S. Wabash Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of this date in connection with the pilgrimage you are scheduled to make to the St. Mihiel American Cemetery in Europe, sailing from New York on the AMERICAN MERCHANT, June 10, 1932.

Please be advised that arrangements will be made to provide for your leaving Chicago on June 5th, arriving in Washington, June 6th, leaving Washington on the 1:00 PM train, June 9th.

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
The self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, is enclosed for your convenience in replying. About two weeks before your departure from home you will receive a letter of itinerary from this office, showing the time you leave Chicago, arrival in Washington, departure from Washington and arrival in New York. As advised in letter from this office of April 20th, there will be no additional cost to you for this stopover other than \$1.13 due to pullman accommodations. As final transportation arrangements are now being completed, it would be appreciated if you will forward money order immediately in the above amount, made payable to the Finance Officer, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Signal Corps, United States Army

Received at

War Department Message Center,
Room 3441, Munitions Building,
Washington, D. C.

RADIOGRAM

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Capt S.

CHICAGO ILL 945 AM MAY 6 1932

297 Childress - James

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON DC

IN ANSWER TO YOUR WIRE YESTERDAY MAY FIFTH I AGREE
TO SAID PLAN AND WILL REPORT IN WASHINGTON DC JUNE
THE SIXTH NINETEEN THIRTY TWO AND WILL BE READY TO
RESUME TRIP

MRS E CHILDRESS

1046AM

A.M.



Washington, D. C., May 5, 1932

Mrs. Bethage E. Childress
5245 S. Wabash Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

YOUR TELEGRAM RECEIVED WE CAN FURNISH YOUR TRANSPORTATION FROM CHICAGO
TO NEW YORK PROVIDING FOR YOUR ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON JUNE SIXTH WITHOUT
ANY EXTRA COST TO YOU OTHER THAN ONE DOLLAR THIRTEEN CENTS WIRE COLLECT
IF YOU DESIRE THESE ARRANGEMENTS MADE

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

QM 293 AM
Childress, James ST M

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Childress, James ST M
QM 293 AM

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52 43 S. Wabash Ave
Chicago, Ill. May 4, 32

The Quarter Master Gen.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I shall make my own
arrangements from Chicago to Wash-
ington, and shall notify you as
soon as I arrive in Washington.
Please cancel the stopover in
Syracuse N.Y. on my return, as
I desire to come directly home.

I am yours truly,

Mrs Bethuge E. Childress

C. B.
Am Murch
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B.E.C.

P.S. I will arrive in Washington June
6th and will report on arrival to your office
B. E. C.

493 Childress, James Post - 84 m.

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Washington, D.C., May 4, 1932

Mrs. Bethage E. Childress,
5243 S. Wabash Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

OUR LETTER APRIL TWENTIETH TELEGRAPH COLLECT IMMEDIATELY DO YOU DESIRE
STOPOVER ONE WEEK IN WASHINGTON ON GOING TRIP OR WILL YOU MAKE YOUR OWN
ARRANGEMENTS CHICAGO TO WASHINGTON ALSO ADVISE IF STOPOVER SYRACUSE
RETURN TRIP IS DESIRED AND WHEN FORWARDING MONEY ORDER GSM 2478

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

QM 293 AM
Childress, James St M LPx

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QM 293 AM
Childress, James St-M LPx

April 20, 1932

Mrs. Bethage E. Childress,
5245 S. Wabash Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 15th, in reply to letter from this office of March 24th, relative to the pilgrimage you desire to make to the St. Mihiel American Cemetery in Europe, sailing from New York on the AMERICAN MERCHANT, June 10, 1932.

It is noted that you will make your own arrangements for travel from Chicago to Washington, D. C. and it is assumed that your reason for this is your desire to spend more time with your son in Washington before leaving on the pilgrimage. If this is correct, this office is willing to make an exception in your case and give you a stopover of not to exceed one week in Washington enroute to New York. As previously advised, this will result in an additional cost to you of \$1.15 for pullman accommodations which should be sent to this office by money order made payable to the Finance Officer, U. S. Army, Washington, D.C. If you also desire to make a stopover at Syracuse, N.Y. on your return, an additional amount of \$.38 should be remitted, or a total of \$1.51.

As stated in letter of March 24th, it is regretted that it would not be possible for you to remain in Washington long enough to witness your son's graduation on June 10th as the AMERICAN MERCHANT sails from New York at 4 o'clock on that day and all pilgrims must arrive in New York the day before sailing.

Please advise as to your desires.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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Envelope

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

QM 293 AM
Childress, James St-M LPx
March 24, 1932

from Chicago to Washington, you should notify this office of your Washington address immediately upon your arrival in Washington.

Upon receipt of your advice in this matter this office will be glad to make definite arrangements in accordance with your desires.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Envelope

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1932 MAR - 25 - AM 11:41

QQMG M & R BRY

QM 293 AM

Childress, James St-M xLP

March 24, 1932

Mrs. Bethage K. Childress,
5245 S. Wabash Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 21st, in connection with a pilgrimage you desire to make to the St. Mihiel American Cemetery in Europe, sailing from New York on the AMERICAN MERCHANT, June 10, 1932.

Stopovers are not ordinarily permitted on the going trip to New York. However, in your case arrangements can be made to provide for a routing through Washington, D. C. permitting a stopover not to exceed two days. This can be arranged for you without additional rail cost but an amount of one dollar and thirteen cents (\$1.13) will be required due to difference in pullman fare.

If you prefer to make your own arrangements, at your own expense, from Chicago, Ill. to Washington, D.C. you may do so and transportation will be furnished you from Washington, D.C. to New York and from New York to Chicago on the return trip. In either event it is regretted to inform you that you would be unable to witness your son's graduation as the AMERICAN MERCHANT sails from New York at 4 o'clock in the afternoon June 10th and the graduation exercises are not held until 2 o'clock on the same day and all mothers and widows making the pilgrimage must arrive in New York one day before they sail.

Should you desire the arrangements as outlined in the first paragraph of this letter, money order in the amount of one dollar and thirteen cents (\$1.13), payable to the Finance Officer, U. S. Army, Washington, D.C., should be sent to this office. As previously advised in letter from this office dated January 26th, if you desire a stopover at Syracuse, New York on your return journey, an additional money order should also be forwarded to this office in the amount of thirty eight cents (38¢). In the event you desire to make your own arrangements

QM 293 AM
Childress, James St-M x

January 26, 1932

Mrs. Bethago E. Childress,
5243 S. Wabash Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your request for a stopover at Syracuse, New York on your return from a pilgrimage to the St. Mihiel American Cemetery in Europe, sailing from New York on the AMERICAN MERCHANT, June 10, 1932.

Arrangements can be made for this stopover without additional cost to you for rail fare but there will be an extra cost of thirty-eight cents (38¢) due to pullman accommodations. All expenses incurred by you during your visit at Syracuse must, of course, also be paid from your personal funds.

If you desire this stopover it is requested that you please forward money order to this office in the amount of thirty-eight cents (38¢), payable to the Finance Officer, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

1 Encl.
Envelope
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QM 293 A-M
Childress, James (StM) LP x

September 14, 1931.

Mrs. Bethage E. Childress,
5243 S. Wabash Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 2, 1931, furnishing information relative to the parents of the late Private James Childress.

In view of this information, the affidavits submitted by you to substantiate your claim as having stood in loco parentis to your brother have been favorably considered and you are now eligible to make a pilgrimage to his grave in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery in France at the expense of the Government.

In order that your desires may be recorded and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested that you complete and return the enclosed questionnaire to this office at the earliest possible date.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:
Questionnaire
Envelope

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QM 295 A-M

August 31, 1931.

Childress, James (STM) x

Mrs. Bethage E. Childress,
5243 S. Wabash Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of the affidavits you submitted to substantiate your claim as having stood in loco parentis to the late Private James Childress, in order that your eligibility to make a pilgrimage to his grave under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended, may be determined.

It is requested that you advise this office as to whether the father of the late Private Childress was living at the time you claim to have stood in loco parentis to his son, and if so, to what extent he provided for his son during that period.

Upon receipt of this information, your eligibility to make the pilgrimage will be determined and you will be advised of the outcome.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:
Envelope

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QMG M&R BR

QM 293 A-M
Childress, James (St.M) x

August 5, 1931

Mrs. Bethage E. Childress,
524 1/2 S. Wabash Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 30, 1931,
relative to the pilgrimage of mothers and widows to the cemeteries
of Europe.

In compliance with your request, there are enclosed here-
with duplicate affidavit forms, which it is requested you have com-
pleted and returned to this office, in order that your eligibility
to visit the grave of the late Private James Childress may be deter-
mined.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Enclosure:
Aff. Forms.
Envelope.

SEP 3 3:06

QQMG M&R BR

QM 293 A-M

Childress, James Pvt (StM)x

July 24, 1931.

Mrs. Bethage E. Childress,
5243 South Wabash Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to office letter of July 3, 1930, wherein you were requested to furnish affidavits in the event you considered yourself eligible to make a pilgrimage to the grave of the late Private James Childress under the provisions of section 4 (a) of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended, which reads in part "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for a period of not less than 5 years at any time prior to the soldier, sailor or marine becoming 18 years of age."

To date the affidavits have not been received and in order that the records may be completed, it is requested you advise whether or not you consider yourself eligible to make a pilgrimage under this provision of the law. A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

In the event you consider yourself eligible and desire to make a pilgrimage, it is requested the affidavit forms sent you be completed by two persons not related to you and returned to this office. If you have misplaced the forms mentioned, another set will be mailed you upon request.

It is further requested you advise whether the late Private James Childress is survived by his natural mother or was married and is survived by a widow.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
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QM 293 A-M
Childress, James - 1233 LP

July 3, 1930

Mrs. Bethage E. Childress,
5243 South Wabash Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Information has been furnished this office to the effect that you stood in loco parentis to your brother-in-law, the late James Childress. This letter is in connection with the pilgrimages of mothers and widows to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

Under the law, pilgrimages are authorized only for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces. The only provision of the law under which anyone other than the mothers and widows could be considered for this pilgrimage is contained in Section 4 (a) of the Act of March 2, 1929 as amended, which reads in part, "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for a period of not less than five years at any time prior to the soldier, sailor, or marine becoming 18 years of age."

However, in order to satisfy legal requirements it will be necessary for you to furnish as proof of your relationship in loco parentis, the affidavits of at least two persons not related to you.

In the event you believe you are eligible under the law to make this pilgrimage, it is requested that the enclosed form be completed and returned to this office in order that your eligibility may be determined. Under paragraphs 1 (c) and 1 (d), sufficient information should be included to permit an intelligible decision as to eligibility.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:
2 affidavits
Act
Amendment
Envelope.

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M.O. DIV.

QM 293 A-G
Childress, James

October 2, 1929

Mr. G. P. Childress,
Ackerman, Miss.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of the form letter from this office dated August 29, 1929, completed by you, furnishing information requested in connection with the Gold Star Mothers' and Widows' Pilgrimage to Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

It is noted you desire the privilege of making this pilgrimage for Mrs. Bethage E. Childress under the provisions of Section 4 (a) of the Act which states in part "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for the year prior to the commencement of his service in such forces".

It has been held that within the meaning of the law a person cannot stand in loco parentis to an adult unless such adult is mentally or physically incapacitated. No man who was mentally or physically incapacitated was accepted for service in the military or naval forces. Inasmuch as your brother, the late Private, first class, James Childress was an adult at the time of the commencement of his service, his age having been 24 years and 7 months, no person could have stood in loco parentis to him for the year prior to his entry into the service. Therefore, I regret to advise that Mrs. Childress is ineligible within the meaning of the law, to make this pilgrimage at the expense of the Government.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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7 Mrs Childress

QM 293 A-C
Childress, James

September 14, 1929.

Mr. G. P. Childress,
5243 S. Wabash Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 16, 1929, relative to the eligibility of your wife, Mrs. Bethage Childress, to visit the grave of your brother, the late Private James Childress, who is buried in the St. Michel American Cemetery in France.

It is assumed you request this privilege for Mrs. Childress under the provisions of Section 4(a) of the Act approved March 2, 1929, which states in part "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces". In determining who is meant by the phrase "who stood in loco parentis", this phrase has been given its usually accepted legal meaning and it has been held that:

- (a) A person cannot stand in loco parentis to an adult who is not incapacitated either mentally or physically.
- (b) In order for a woman to occupy such a status towards a minor or incapacitated adult, she must act the part of a lawful father of such person in performing the duty of providing for him, intending thereby to take the place of the father in this particular.
- (c) In order to receive the benefits of the Act in question, she must have occupied the status toward a particular deceased member of the military or naval forces "for the year prior to the commencement of his service in such forces".

7 Mrs. Childress

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

August 29, 1929.

Childress, James
1233

Mr. G. P. Childress,
Ackerman,
Miss.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 31, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

The records indicate that your brother, the late Private James Childress, was 24 years of age when he enlisted in the Army for service during the World War. There is a positive showing that he was not incapacitated either mentally or physically at the time of his entry into the military service and that he was more than 21 years of age when he enlisted. Therefore, I regret to advise that your wife is ineligible within the meaning of the law to make this pilgrimage at the expense of the Government.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO **QM 293 A-C**
Childress, James

May 31 1929.

Mr. G. P. Childress,
Ackerman,
Miss.

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 brother of the late Private James Childress, Co. A, 524th Engineers, whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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Verify sig

Childres, James

CHILDRESS, James - Pvt.

January 19, 1924

Mr. G.P. Childress,
Ackerman,
Miss.

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.

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JAN 19 1924

H.B.

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Assistant
R.L. FOSTER

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #94231

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name CHILDRESS, James Ser. No. 2095073
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. A. 524th Engrs.
(c) Date of death 2/4/19 (d) Cause of death Broncho Pneu.

TYP. eys
CKR. B.J.

Handwritten notes: 4/25/22 Examined, 5/22/22 Concentration, Pl. Michael 1233, Att 5/17/22

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

(a) Grave No. 107 Row - Plot - Sec. - TYP. eys
(b) Emerg. Address Sallie Johnson(Friend) 208 Summons Alley, Helena,

Ark.
CKR. B.J.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases NO CARD

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Handwritten: No card in file - Mst - 1-25-21

Date of receipt

(a) Name (b) Relationship
(c) Address
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.?
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S.
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S.

Examiner's Initials Date, 1920.

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

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

Handwritten: No correspondence

Examiner's Initials Mst Date 1-25-21, 1920.

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

Handwritten: No Request for Disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to?

Examiner's Initials EB Date 1-25-21, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 614 SHEET No. 32

G. R. S. Form No. 115 Amended April 6, 1920 3-7729
FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

Make Form No. 114

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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 **FEB 1 1921**, 1920

Par. 2 Not to be returned.

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IX.

CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE.	ACTION TAKEN.
Desires body be _____	
Body to be shipped to _____	

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: *WRER. Mr. J. P. Childress (brother)
Ackerman, Mississippi (Em. Address)
(5-4-21-8.17.21)*

RECEIVED
FEB 1 1921

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Feb. 15, 1922.

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 CHILDRESS, James
 2. No. 2095073
 3. Rank Pvt.
 4. Org. Co. A., 524th Engrs.
 5. D.D. Feb. 4th. '19
 6. C.D. Broncho Pneumonia

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 107 Sec. _____
 8. Plot _____ Row _____
 9. _____

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

18. Cemetery French Mil
 20. Dept. or County Meuse
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 614

19. Commune or town Commercy
 21. Country France.

23. Disinterred (Date) Feb. 15, 1922

By W. C. Follmer

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name James Childress
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. _____
 Organization Co. A., 524th Engrs.

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

E. Seils
Erich Seils, Checker.
 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).

Bottle record reads "James Childress, Pvt., 2095072, Co. A., 524th Engrs."

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial U.S. uniform, burlap 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 Feb. 15, 1922 By W.C.Follmer

31. Casket sealed by W.C.Follmer

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

W.C. Follmer
W.C. FOLLMER

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **C-24194**

32. Designation of body:

Name **James CHILDRESS** Serial No. **2095073**

Rank **Pvt.** Organization **Co.A., 524th Engrs.**

33. Consigned to:

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

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **Feb. 15, 1922** By **W.C. Pollmer**

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*
D. E. Lowry, 1st Lt. QMC

36. Remarks **Tag on body partially corroded.**

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) ~~Feb. 15, 1922~~

To point of Concentration _____ (Name)

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____

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

By G.R.S. Representative _____

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date **Feb. 15, 1922**

To Permanent Cemetery **St. Mihiel Amer. Cem. #1233, Thiaucourt (M&M)**

Convoyer **Frank Atwell** Signature Shipping Officer *L. B. Nassie*
L. B. Nassie, Capt. QMC

40. Received: Date **18 FEB 1922**

G.R.S. Representative *R.M. Overstreet* **Margue Supt**

41. Reinterred: **July 25 1922** (Date)

42. Grave No. **13** Section _____

43. ~~XXXX~~ Bk. **C** Row **13**

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

Place Commercy (Mouse)

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Feb. 15, 1922.

1. REMAINS OF CHILDRESS, James SERIAL NUMBER 2095073

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. A, 524th Engrs.

2. Disinterred (date): February 15, 1922, Cemetery 614, Grave 107, Commercy (Mouse)
From (give complete location):

By: Group Follmer's Unit P. S. #8

3. Reburied (date): July 25 1922 In (give complete location): Gr. 13 Bk. C Row 13
Cty. # 1233

By: Group Reburial Unit Casket & shipping Case
Nature of reburial

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
U. S. uniform and burlap and wooden box. Badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable.

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

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

Tag on body partially corroded. Bottle record reads "James Childress, Co. A, 524th Engrs., Pvt. 2095072"

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to estimate

(c) Hair—Color None

Quantity

Characteristics

(d) Hair on face—Color None

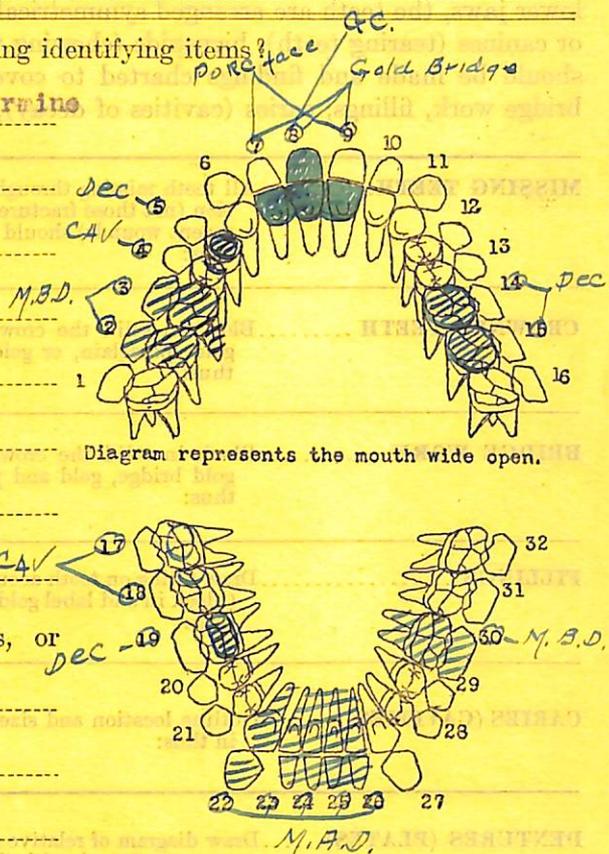
Location

Quantity

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) Impossible to determine

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

Impossible to determine.



7. Disinterment supervised by

W.C. Follmer

Approved:

D. E. Lowry

(Title) D. E. Lowry, 1st Lt. QMC

W.C. Follmer, Sup. Enb.

8. Reburial supervised by

H. L. Kramer

Approved:

A. E. Dewey

(Title) 1st. Lt. 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.

MISSING TEETHAll teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus:	
CROWNED TEETHBlock in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:	
BRIDGE WORKBlock in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus:	
FILLINGSDraw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:	
CARIES (CAVITIES)Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:	

DENTURES (PLATES).....Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp."

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

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

[Handwritten signatures and names are present at the bottom of the page, corresponding to the instructions for questions 7 and 8.]

CONTINUATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #94231

See Form 115
Att 5/7/22

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name **CHILDRRESS, James** Ser. No. **2095073** TYP. **evs**
 Rank **Pvt.** Organization **Co. A, 524th Engrs.**
 (b) Rank **Pvt.** Organization **Co. A, 524th Engrs.** TYP. **evs**
 (c) Date of death **2/4/19** Cause of death **Broncho Pneu.** TYP. **B.J.**

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

(a) Grave No. **107** Row **-** Plot **-** Sect. **-** TYP. **evs**
Sallie Johnson (Friend) 208 Summons Alley, Helena,
 (b) Emerg. Address **Ark.**

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases **NO CARD** CKR **B.J.**

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

No card in file. MN. 1-25-21
No request for disposition.
Att. 5/6/21

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by - (cable on **192**)
 (letter of transmittal on **FEB 1 1921**)

Par. 2 Not to be returned. EW

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**

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

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CEMETERY NO.

614

SHEET NO.

32

Att. H.S. 5-7-21

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Form No. 1009

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Harlow F.M.

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

Childress, James, Pvt.

614 - 32

4/5/21.

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

DATE OF DEATH

2095073

Co. A, 524th Engrs.

2/4/19.

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE _____

PERSON NAMED BY SOLDIER TO BE BENEFICIARY OF INSURANCE

RELATIONSHIP

Geo. Pilcher Childress

Brother

ADDRESS

Ackerman, Miss.

PERSON RECEIVING DEATH COMPENSATION

RELATIONSHIP

no record

4/26/21

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

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Childress, James Pvt.

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1/28/21

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Co. A, 524th Engrs. Date of Death, 2/4/19

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

Copy forwarded to
Adjustment Department

DATE _____

Date *5-4-21-2 M.M.*

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Mr G. P. Childress

(Brother)

Address

Ackerman, Mississippi (Em Address)

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

CHILDRESS. 2095073. James.

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

Pvt. Co. "A", 524th Engineers.

(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: **Base Hospital 91.**

CAUSE OF DEATH: **Broncho-pneumonia.**

DATE OF BURIAL: **Feb. 5, 1919.**

PLACE OF BURIAL: **A.E.F. Cemetery 614.**

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

Commercy, Meuse.

GRAVE NUMBER: **107.**

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 mark should be given here?

NEAREST RELATIVE: **George F. Childress,**

ADDRESS: **Ackerman, Miss.**

RELATIONSHIP: **Brother.**

REPORTED BY:

John J. Cullinan Chap. B.H. 91.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Childress 2095073 James

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

Pvt. Co. "A" 524th Engineers

(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: **Commercy (Meuse)**

CAUSE OF DEATH: **Bronchial Pneumonia**

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NEAREST RELATIVE: **George P. Childress**

ADDRESS: **Ackerman, Mississippi**

RELATIONSHIP: **Brother**

REPORTED BY:

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).



APRIL 14, 1919.

G.R.S. FORM NO. 12.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

FROM : ADJUTANT GENERAL.
TO : C.O., Base Hospital #91,
Commercy, (Meuse) A.E.F.
SUBJECT : Information for burial Register.

1. You are directed to transmit without delay to the Chief, Graves Registration Service, the information indicated on enclosed Grave Location Blank as necessary for the completion of official records.

By Command of General Pershing:

Robert C. Davis
Adjutant General.

Note:

In case this item is checked, you will note hereon:

Nearest relative of deceased:

George P. Childress.

Relationship: Brother.

Address: Ackerman, Mississippi.



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ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

FROM : ADJUTANT GENERAL.

TO : C. O. Co. A, 524th. Engineers

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Nearest relative of deceased:

George P. Childress

Relationship: Brother

Address: Ackerman, Mississippi

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George W. ...

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HEADQUARTERS "A" COMPANY 524TH ENGINEERS SER. BN.
A.P.O. 721 FRANCE.
5TH APRIL 1919.

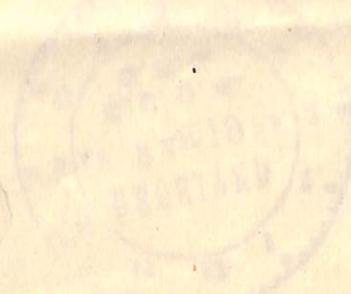
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1. Enclosed find G.R.S. Form No. 12, also Grave Location Blank, with as much information as I know in regard to this man's death.

2. This man went to Base Hospital #91, Commercy (Meuse) on January 27th 1919. I was notified of his death Feb. 7th 1919, the letter stating that he had died at 1.30 P.M., Feb. 4th 1919. at Base Hospital #91, Commercy (Meuse).

Signed- W.P. Morrill,
Lieut. Colonel Medical Corp.



Wm. H. Garden
Wm H. Garden, Major C of E.U.S.A.
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