

Mother prepared app. for Civil Conf.
Willis Lincoln

G.R.S. Form #114-B

CAUSE OF DEATH

Died of wounds

Chamberlain, Willis - Soldier's Reg.

FULL NAME.....~~CHAMBERLAIN, Willis L.~~.....

RANK.....*Priv 1st Cl.*.....Private...SERIAL.....65130.....*OK.*

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION.....*Co. G, 102nd Infantry*.....*OK. 26 Div.*

DATE OF DEATH.....7-20-18.....*OK.*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME.....*Massachusetts*.....

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED.....*none -*.....

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION.....15.....9.....A.....

Date Grave Row Block

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MAY 9 1927
WORLD WAR DIV.

241
MAY 1927

1764.....735.....

Cemetery

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

OK

Chamberlain 65130 Willis
(Surname) (Number) (First Name and Initials.)
Private Co G.102 Infantry
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL. 22 July 1918.
American Section, Cemetery La Ferte
sur Jouarre.

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

La Ferte sur Jouarre
France.

Co G. IO
26th Div

in, Willis Pvt I/c 65130
Home: Griswoldville,
Mass

GRAVE NUMBER. 245

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? Yes

Headboard? Yes Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:
Was one buried with body? Yes
Was one fastened to name peg or
stake used as a grave marker? Yes

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

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Feb. 13th

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Griswold

REPORTED BY: William H. Blanchard,
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(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)
MAJOR Med. Corps (NG) U.S.A.

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Co G. 102nd Infantry
26th Division

Chamberlin, Willis Pvt I/c 65130
Home: Griswoldville,
Mass

Sergt Ayotte, who was then a corporal says: " Pvt Chamberlin was in my squad when we were advancing by squads down a narrow road leading into Triangle Farm, at the first of the Chateau Thierry offensive, about 3,30 P.M. on July 18th 1918. A shell exploded right near us and a fragment of it struck pvt Chamberlin on the side. We could stop only a few moments and when we went on pvt Chamberlin was still alive and conscious, but very weak. I was told later that he died as he was being put on a stretcher.

Feb. 13th 1919

Informant: Ayotte, Louis, Sgt 65014
Co G. 102nd Infantry
Home: Waterbury, Conn.

Emergency address:
Mrs Mabel A. Barnes
Griswoldville, Mass.

Searcher: R.B. White, 2nd Lt, Inf.

FILE

7/29/30

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Chamberlain, Willis

Party "K" - Itinerary - Aisne-Marne Group

Sailed July 9, 1930 on PRESIDENT HARDING. Captain William Hesketh in charge. Lt. Col. H. S. Grier observer. Arrived Cherbourg 12.20am July 17th. Special tender arrived 5.25am bearing Maj. Dailey and Kinderman; Capt. Mitchell, Haley, Earnest, Dalton, Conway and Stark; Lts. Freeman and Binns, 3 nurses, 3 civilian employees. Train left 8.29am; arrived Gare des Invalides, Paris, 2.21pm. Met by Col. Ellis and members of his staff, interpreters and nurses. Taken in bus to hotel.

- July 18th. Morning devoted to transaction of personal business. Exchange of money, preparation of laundry, etc. Afternoon - Arc de Triomphe. Wreath laid by Mrs. Fitzsimmons for party. Tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent. Lunch at hotel.
- July 19th. Morning free. Lunch at hotel. Left 2.15pm for Chateau Thierry via Porte de Pantin, La Ferte s/s Jouarre (rest stop Hotel de la Terrasse). Arrived 6pm. Quarters Hostellerie du Bonhomme.
- July 20th, and 21st. Visited Cemetery, Belleau Woods, Chateau Thierry for lunch, Quentin Roosevelt's grave, Monument Hill 204, Pierrefonds.
- July 22nd. Left Chateau Thierry 2.30pm for Reims. Arrived 4.30pm. Quarters Hotel Crystal.
- July 23rd. Visited Reims and Cathedral. Lunch Hotel Crystal. Left 1.30pm for Compiègne via Berry au Bac, Corbeny, Craonne, Chemin-des-Dames, Vaurains Ferme, Soissons. (rest stop Hotel Lion Rouge. Arrived 4.45pm. Quarters Hotel Rond Royal.
- July 24th. Carrefour de l'Armistice. Lunch at hotel in Compiègne. Left 2pm for Paris via Le Croix St. Ouen, Senlis, Chantilly (rest stop Hotel du Parc). Arrived 6pm. Dinner at hotel.
- July 25th. Free or shopping. Lunch at hotel. Sightseeing trip. Napoleon's Tomb. Dinner at hotel.
- July 26th. Versailles (visited Chateau). Lunch at Belle Cycliste. Suresnes. Louvre. Dinner at hotel.
- July 27th. Free or Church. Lunch at hotel. Sightseeing trip. Sacre Coeur. Dinner at hotel. Sightseeing trip at nite.
- July 28th. Sightseeing trip. Notre Dame. Lunch at hotel. Afternoon free. Dinner at hotel.
- July 29th. Boat train for Cherbourg. Left 9.22am. Arrived 3.32pm. PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT sailed about 6.25pm. Arrived New York August 6th.

Mrs. Mabel A. Barnes

June 19th, 1930

Mrs. Mabel A. Barnes
Shelburne Falls
E. Charlemont, Mass.
Dear Madam:

Please attach the enclosed tags to each piece of baggage, thus to protect the safe arrival of same in New York.

Upon your arrival in this City, you will be met at the Railroad Station by a United States Army Officer, in uniform, who will wear on the left sleeve of his coat a blue cloth band, showing a Gold Star and the word "Pilgrimage". This officer will escort you and your baggage to your Hotel in New York City.

For the Officer in Charge:

Arrived Ny 2:35 PM - July 8
Train 51 - Ny NH + HRR
Capt Cister

George F. H. Taylor,
1st. Lieut., Q.M. Corps,
Assistant.

Enclosures:
2 tags.

quarters east: Mrs Mathilda Paradise
west: Mrs Nellie Hurst

2 bags

WAR DEPARTMENT
 "PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"
 ROOM 901
 225 WEST 34TH ST., NEW YORK, N. Y.

CHAMBERLIN, Willis A.M.

Party *K*
 Number *2077*

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

MRS. MABEL A. BARNES Actual cost of through Pullman.
 Name of Traveler

E. CHARLEMONT, FRANKLIN COUNTY, New York, to SHELBURNE FALLS, MASS.
 Home Address

MASS.

*\$1.50 to Greenfield
 No pullman beyond*

New York, to SHELBURNE FALLS, MASS.
 Destination

Via N Y N H & H TO SPRINGFIELD - B & M to SHELBURNE FALLS

LIMIT - SEPT 8-30

AUGUST 7, 1930
 Date of Departure

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	Car	U. S. G. Order No.	Actual Cost
LV	GR CENT TERM	NYNHH	7	735 am	16	18		
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Remarks:

Lt. Young

NAME BARNES, MRS. MABEL A.

: 2077

S.S. ROOSEVELT

HOME E. CHARLEMONT, FRANKLIN COUNTY MASS.

R.R. *Wynona to Springfield*

STATION *Barn to Shelburne Falls*

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE

~~AUG 6 1930~~
Sept - 8 - 30

*Mr B. W Barnes
R. F. D.
Shelburne Falls*

Mrs

Name BARNES, Mrs. Mabel A.,

Paris Hôtel HOTEL D'ÏÉNA

AVENUE D'ÏÉNA

Home address Shelburne Falls, East Charlemont, Franklin County,
Massachusetts

Party K Group 4 Unit §§."HARDING"

Date of arrival July 17, 1930 Date of departure §§."ROOSEVELT" July 29, 1930

Relationship Mother

Name of deceased CHAMBERLAIN, Willis

Rank Pvt Icl Organization Co.G, 102d Inf

Cemetery Aisne-Marne

REMARKS

Mabel A. Barnes



VIA POSTAL TELEGRAPH

A. J. FUNK
Captain, Inf. (DOL)

August 6, 1930.

Mr. Benj. W. Barnes
Shelburn Falls, Mass. R.F.D.

MEET MRS. BARNES SHELBURNE FALLS 2:36 P. M. THURSDAY

COLONEL WILLIAMS

MRS. MADEL A. BARNES PARTY K HOTEL ASTOR

K

Mrs M. E. James. Sept. 18/30

Dear Madam:

In order to complete our records, we are sending you another card which is to be signed by you and returned to this office.

You no doubt have overlooked to do so with the card which you received in New York City on your way home.

For The Officer in Charge:

GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR,
1st. Lt. Q.M.C.(DOL).

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME Chamberlain	CRA	5	381
BURIED Willis	CEMETERY 1764	1	4
	GRAVE 15-	2	15-
	ROW 9	2	09
	BLOCK 4	1	1
STATE	Mass	2	25
RANK	Post 1/2	1	2
DIVISION	26	2	26
ORGANIZATION	102	3	102
ARM	Inf 1/2	1	1
MARITAL	Wid	1	2
NAME Barnes, Mrs	BAR	3	218
Mabel A	STATE Mass	2	25
RESIDENCE Shelburne Falls	COUNTY Franklin	2	06
	CITY E Charlemont	3	X
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Good	1	1
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	NO. 1930	2	
ACCEPTANCE	YR. 1930	1	
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Handwritten: Awarded

AUDITED
 SEP 26 1931 RM

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NAME

Barnes, Mrs. Mabel A.

ADDRESS

Shelburne Falls, E. Charlemont, Mass.

DATE

August 7th 1930.

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.

Thank you.

SINCERELY,

(SIGNED)

Mrs Mabel A. Barnes

WAR DEPARTMENT



OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300.



PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

STATE.....MASSACHUSETTS

CHAMBERLIN, WILLIS

M
 NAME Barnes, Mrs. Mabel A. HOME ADDRESS Shelburne Falls,
 E. Charlemont, ...
 NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN Mr. B. Barnes, Same
Franklin County

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE July 8 HOTEL Roswell ROOM NO. 662

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE JUL 9 1930 VESSEL S/S HARDING CABIN NO. 217 E
 DESTINATION CHERBOURG CEMETERY A. M.

RETURN NEW YORK

DATE AUG 6 1930

SHELBOURNE FALLS,
E. CHARLEMONT,

NAME BARNES, MRS. MABEL A. HOME ADDRESS FRANKLIN CO., MASS.

RETURN ON S. S. S/S ROOSEVELT HOTEL ASTOR ROOM NO. 832

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE AUG 7 1930

ROAD NYNH&H TRAIN 82 CAR 18 BERTH or SEAT 116

REMARKS

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RETURN RECEIPT.

~~Harding 7-9-30~~

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

Mrs Mabel Q. Barnes

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

JUN 26 1930

Date of delivery, _____, 19

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Post Office Department

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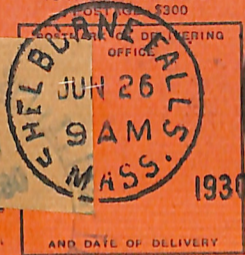
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TO AVOID PAYMENT OF
POSTAGE \$300

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 923109

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____



Return to _____

Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF RECIPIENT)
MUNITIONS BUILDING

Street and Number, }
or Post Office Box, }

Post Office at _____



State _____

Washington, D.C.

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Handing 7/9/30

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

Mrs Mabel A. Barnes

(Signature or name of addressee.)

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS

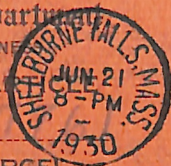
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No. 927

INSURED PARCEL

No.

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



POSTMARK OF DELIVERING OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to

Q. M. GENERAL

Street and Number, }
or Post Office Box, }

(NAME OF SENDER)

MUNITIONS BUILDING

Post Office at

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State

Washington, D. C.

QM 293 AM
Chamberlain, Willis, Pvt. 1764 M

August 19, 1930.

Mrs. Nabel A. Barnes,
Shelburne Falls,
N. Charlemont, Ill.

Dear Madam:

The testimonial dated August 2nd to the Officer in Charge, Gold Star Pilgrimage, New York City, which you and the other mothers and widows returning on the SS President Roosevelt were so kind as to send regarding your pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, has been forwarded to me.

It is gratifying to know that the officers of the Army and the personnel connected with the pilgrimage rendered 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 journey might have a comfortable and pleasant trip. I feel, however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation shown by the mothers and widows who are making the pilgrimage.

With sincere appreciation of the sentiments expressed by you,

Sincerely yours,

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

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WRG

MDT

QM. 293 A-C

Chamberlin, Willis 1764-71

June 17-1930

Shelburne Falls, Mass

War Dept

A. D. Hughes QM Corps - Assistant
Dear Sir

Yours with pleasure,
-recieved. in regards clothing,
and conditions in Europe. I shall
do as you advise - Thank you.

Also, for an outline of my
route to New York, with time-
table from R. E. Shannon
Capt Q.M. Corps.

"I can hardly wait for the
time to go. Very Truly Yours
Mrs Mary A. Barnes

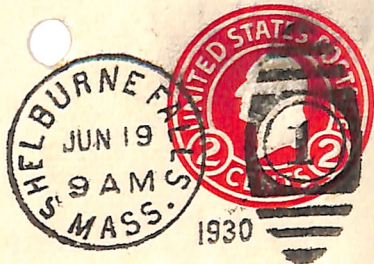
Shelburne Falls -
Mass.

E. Charlemont



After 5 days, return to

Mrs. Mabel A. Barnes
E. Charlemont
SHELBURNE FALLS, MASS.



War Department
Office of the Quartermaster Gen-
Washington
D.C.

Chamberlain, Willis - 1764

June 13, 1930.

Mrs. Isabel A. Barnes,
Shelbourne Falls,
E. Charlemont, Mass.

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. Shelbourne Falls	B&M	Train No. 54	9:08 AM	(EST)	July 8
Ar. Greenfield	"	" " "	9:28 "	"	" "
Lv. Greenfield	"	" " 712	9:52 "	"	" "
Ar. Springfield	"	" " "	10:43 "	"	" "
Lv. Springfield	NYNH&H	" " 51	10:55 AM	"	" "
Ar. New York (G. C. T.)	"	" " "	2:36 PM	"	" "

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

May 13, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Chamberlain, Willis-1764 M
Harding 7-9

Mrs. Mabel A. Barnes,
Shelburne Falls,
E. Charlemont, Mass.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not furnished the name of your Emergency Addressee as requested in letter of instructions from this office.

It is requested that in the blank space below you write the name and address of the person in the United States whom you desire to be notified in case you become seriously ill or other emergency arises while you are making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

My Husband - T. Benjamin W Barnes
Name

Name

Shelburne Falls
"E. Charlemont"

Address

noted
Massachusetts.

Please fill in the above and mail it TODAY in the self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

Encl.
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Chamberlain, Willis, 1764 M

April 12, 1930.

Mrs. Kabel A. Barnes,
Shelburne Falls,
E. Charlemont, Mass.

Dear Madam:

The following instructions prepared by the Secretary of State contain the necessary instructions to be followed by you in obtaining the passport or travel document to be utilized in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. Please read the directions carefully and call in person upon the nearest Passport Agent or clerk of a Federal or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. In large cities there are usually two or more courts and at each county-seat a state court authorized to accept these passport applications.

When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

The instructions prepared by the Secretary of State are as follows:

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than 2½x2½ inches in size and such documentary

evidence of her American citizenship as she may have in her possession. In the absence of evidence of citizenship, her application should be witnessed by a credible person residing in the same community who is an American citizen, has known her for a long period of time and is able to swear to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that she is a citizen of the United States.

"A mother or widow who does not owe allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Pilgrimage Travel Document through a clerk of a Federal court or a State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens or through a Passport Agent upon the form of application prescribed for that purpose, entitled APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL DOCUMENT, issued under the Act of March 2, 1929, submitting therewith four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches in size and not less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size. When making application she should be accompanied by a credible witness who has known her for a period of two years or more.

"The Act of March 2, 1929, provides that no fee shall be charged for the execution of an application for a passport or travel document or for the issue of a passport or travel document to a mother or widow making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces are now interred.

"Special Pilgrimage Passports and Pilgrimage Travel Documents when issued by the Department of State will be forwarded to the War Department.

"Applicants resident in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle should execute applications at the Passport Agencies in those cities."

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Harding
7/9/30
1764

Chamberlains Willis

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. Mabel A. Barnes

(Name)

Shelburne Falls, E. Charlemont, Massachusetts.

(Town or City)

Franklin County

(State)



QM 293 A-C
Chamberlin, Willis L. - 1764

March 10, 1930.

Mrs. Mabel A. Barnes,
Shelburne Falls,
R. F. D.,
Mass.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 4, relative to your desire to receive a cash payment in lieu of the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private, 1st class, Willis L. Chamberlin, authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

In this connection you are advised there is no provision of law which would permit the Government to make a money allowance in lieu of the pilgrimage authorized by the Act in question.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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ASSISTANT AND CHIEF CLERK
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WAR DEPT.

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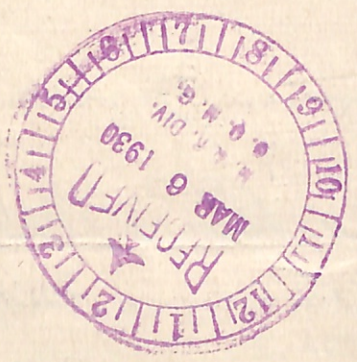
over

Shelburne Falls
R.F.D
Mass

United States War Dept
Washington D.C.
Feb 4 - 1930

Dear Sirs

I - as one of
the gold star mothers
of Willis L. Chamberlain
- having accepted
your kind invitation
to go to the grave
of my boy, and to
the battle fields of



France, the coming
summer, I am indeed
very grateful to you
for same - but -
as the time draws
near I realize its to
- be a sad journey -
and if it would be
the same to you? - kind
friends - I would
much rather have the
= Eight Hundred Dollars =
"the expense of the
pilgrimage" for me.
If you would be

willing? I would
appreciate it, and
would rather have
the money than
the journey.
Will you please
write and let
me know as soon
as possible?

Very Truly Yours
Mrs. Isabel A. Barnes
Shelburne Falls
R. F. D. Mass

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Chamberlain, Willis 1764-M

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Mabel A. Barnes,
Shelburne Falls,
E. Charlemont, Mass.

Forwarded
JUL 9 1930

hated for 1930

Dear Madam:

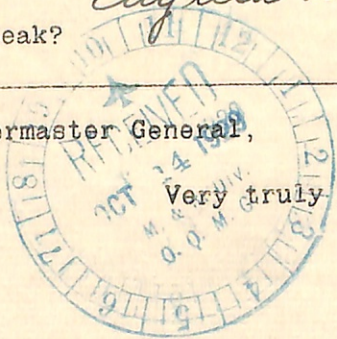
The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries,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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No)
<i>yes</i>		
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No)
<i>yes</i>		
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	(No)
<i>I was born Jan 15 - 1871 - am now 58 yrs</i>		
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age 58	Health <i>Good</i>
	(Years)	(Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes)	(No)
<i>English only</i>	Other language <i>none</i>	(Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

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Q.M. 293 A-C
Chamberlin, Willis



June 17-1929

John T. Farris
Major Q. M. Corps
"Assistant"

Dear Sir -

I have
carefully examined
your letter and
"Act" and in reply
would say that
I would be very, very
much pleased to
make the pilgrimage
to France & Cemetery
of my boys grave
I would like to go

in 1930, and in the
Spring - if satisfactory
to "Secretary of War," etc
My boy Willis was
only 17 years old
when he enlisted. &
was never married.

Thanking you all,

I remain

Yours Truly



Mrs Mabel A Barnes,
Shelburne Falls,
E. Charlemont - Mass,

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Chamberlain, Willis L.

June 11, 1929.

Mrs. Mabel A. Barnes,
Shelburne Falls,
E. Chalmont, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late **Private Willis L. Chamberlain, Co. G, 102nd Inf. whose remains are now interred in the Aisne Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, Aisne, France.**

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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

QM 293 AM L
Chamberlain, Willis, Pvt. 1764 M
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August 19, 1950.

Mrs. Mabel A. Barnes,
Shelburne Falls,
N. Charlemont, Ill. *Mass*

Dear Madam:

The testimonial dated August 2nd to the Officer in Charge, Gold Star Pilgrimage, New York City, which you and the other mothers and widows returning on the SS President Roosevelt were so kind as to send regarding your pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, has been forwarded to me.

It is gratifying to know that the officers of the Army and the personnel connected with the pilgrimage rendered 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 journey might have a comfortable and pleasant trip. I feel, however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation shown by the mothers and widows who are making the pilgrimage.

With sincere appreciation of the sentiments expressed by you,

Sincerely yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Chamberlain, Willis / 1764-M
Mrs. Mabel A. Barnes, and widow who has accepted the invitation sent
E. Charlemont, Mass.

For The Quartermaster General,

Dear Madam:

Somewhat heavier clothing is required to be worn in Europe than is necessary in the United States, in order to be comfortable. During the summer in Europe it is cool during the day and the nights are frequently chilly. Considerable rain is usually encountered during this time.

A. D. HUGHES,

Captain, Q. M. Corps

In order that you may be comfortable at all times, regardless of the condition of the weather, and may avoid missing any of the sights or any part of the itinerary which has been planned for you, the following suggestions are made.

The clothing which you will take with you should be slightly heavier and warmer than you would normally wear in the United States during the summer and should be strong and durable. It is essential that you take with you the necessary equipment to afford protection from the cold and dampness. Be sure to take at least two pairs of comfortable shoes to provide a change in the event your feet become wet, a pair of rubbers, an umbrella, and a sweater or some warm wrap to be used should the weather become uncomfortably cool. It is very desirable that, in addition to the sweater, you have with you a full length coat of medium weight for general wear.

The shortages of suitable facilities for laundry and the frequency of the moves you will make while in Europe will make it impracticable to secure as frequent service of this nature as may be desired. You should therefore provide yourself with sufficient Underwear, nightgowns, stockings and handkerchiefs to meet your requirements should it be impossible to have your washing done more frequently than once in two weeks.

If you will read carefully the suggestions made above, and comply with them, it will add greatly to your comfort throughout the trip and will assist the Government in carrying out successfully its plans for conducting the pilgrimage. This letter is being sent to every mother and widow who has accepted the invitation sent to her by the Government to visit the grave of her son or husband.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Chamberlain, Willis - 1764

June 13, 1930.

Mrs. Mabel A. Barnes,
Shelbourne Falls,
E. Charlemont, Mass.

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. Shelbourne Falls	B&M	Train No. 54	9:08 AM (EST)	July 8
Ar. Greenfield	"	" " "	9:28 "	" "
Lv. Greenfield	"	" " 712	9:52 "	" "
Ar. Springfield	"	" " "	10:43 "	" "
Lv. Springfield	NYNH&H	" " 51	10:55 AM	" "
Ar. New York (G. C. T.)	"	" " "	2:35 PM	" "

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

May 13, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Chamberlain, Willis-1764 M
Harding 7-9

Mrs. Mabel A. Barnes,
Shelburne Falls,
E. Charlemont, Mass.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not furnished the name of your Emergency Addressee as requested in letter of instructions from this office.

It is requested that in the blank space below you write the name and address of the person in the United States whom you desire to be notified in case you become seriously ill or other emergency arises while you are making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Name

Address

Please fill in the above and mail it TODAY in the self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 2934A-C
Chamberlain, Willis-1764 M
Harding 7-9

May 7, 1930

Mrs. Mabel A. Barnes,
Shelburne Falls,
E. Charlemont, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Requests for stop-overs on return from the pilgrimage to the American cemeteries in Europe are being received by this office, in some cases, too late to take action.

Transportation arrangements for the round-trip are made a month before departure and requests for stop-overs on return must be in this office at that time.

Stop-overs can not be allowed on the trip to New York or in Europe, but may be allowed at any point on return from New York provided there is no additional cost or, if there is, that it is paid in advance by the pilgrim.

If you desire stop-overs at any point on return, please advise this office AT ONCE as to the cities where you desire to stop and we will be glad to arrange accordingly, or advise you if there is any additional cost to be paid by you. Send your request direct to this office and do NOT include it with your passport application.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Chamberlain, Willis, ¹1764 M

April 12, 1930.

Mrs. Nabel A. Barnes,
Shelburne Falls,
E. Charlemont, Mass.

Dear Madam:

The following instructions prepared by the Secretary of State contain the necessary instructions to be followed by you in obtaining the passport or travel document to be utilized in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. Please read the directions carefully and call in person upon the nearest Passport Agent or clerk of a Federal or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. In large cities there are usually two or more courts and at each county-seat a state court authorized to accept these passport applications.

When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

The instructions prepared by the Secretary of State are as follows:

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than 2½x2½ inches in size and such documentary

evidence of her American citizenship as she may have in her possession. In the absence of evidence of citizenship, her application should be witnessed by a credible person residing in the same community who is an American citizen, has known her for a long period of time and is able to swear to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that she is a citizen of the United States.

"A mother or widow who does not owe allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Pilgrimage Travel Document through a clerk of a Federal court or a State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens or through a Passport Agent upon the form of application prescribed for that purpose, entitled APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL DOCUMENT, issued under the Act of March 2, 1929, submitting therewith four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches in size and not less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size. When making application she should be accompanied by a credible witness who has known her for a period of two years or more.

"The Act of March 2, 1929, provides that no fee shall be charged for the execution of an application for a passport or travel document or for the issue of a passport or travel document to a mother or widow making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces are now interred.

"Special Pilgrimage Passports and Pilgrimage Travel Documents when issued by the Department of State will be forwarded to the War Department.

"Applicants resident in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle should execute applications at the Passport Agencies in those cities."

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

Chamberlain, Willis 1764-M

March 29, 1930

Mrs. Label A. Barnes,
Shelburne Falls,
N. Charlemont, Mass.

Dear Madam:

This letter, which contains general information regarding the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, is being sent to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during the calendar year 1930. The general plan for the conduct of the pilgrimage is shown in the Pilgrimage Regulations, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. In addition to the information shown in the regulations, the following explains in detail some of the most important things connected with the pilgrimage.

Formal invitations are being extended to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during 1930. In so far as practicable, these invitations are being extended with a view to keeping the women from each state together and the order in which the invitations to the women from the several states are issued is based on a drawing by lot which was held about one month ago. Inclosed with each invitation is a card for acknowledgment and it is quite important that you accept or decline this invitation promptly in order that the necessary railroad, steamship and hotel reservations may be arranged. The government will defray all the necessary expenses of the pilgrimage, including railroad fare, hotel accommodations, steamship fare and all other incidental expenses. It will not provide anything other than the necessary expenses so that you should bring with you such funds as you may desire to use for making small purchases and for other uses distinctly of a personal nature.

Arrangements have been made with the American Railroad Association which assures us the united support and cooperation of all of the railroads in the United States in handling the movement to and from New York City. The local ticket agent will secure your railroad and sleeper ticket and will make the necessary pullman reservations. Before your departure from your home we will mail you a check, sufficient to pay for your meals and other travelling expenses while enroute to New York. Your railroad ticket will provide for a round trip from your home to New York and upon arrival in New York the army officer in charge of the New York office will collect the return trip stub and hold it until your return to New York from Europe.

Upon arrival in New York, you will be met by an army officer

and escorted to a first class hotel where reservations have been made. The duration of your stay in New York will be from 24 to 48 hours. At the proper time, you will be escorted to the steamship upon which passage has been engaged for Europe. All of the women making this trip will be provided with cabin class accommodations aboard steamers which means that from two to four will be quartered in the same stateroom. If you have any friend that you would like to be quartered with we will endeavor to arrange it if you will communicate with this office.

The ocean voyage will last about 8 days and when the ship docks at Cherbourg, France, each party will be met by officers especially detailed for the purpose and taken in a special train to Paris where first class hotel accommodations have been reserved. The first day in Paris will be a day of rest. On the 2d day, the women of each party will place a wreath on the tomb of the French unknown soldier. In the afternoon there will be a reception in which the French war mothers, government officials, and prominent civilians will participate. The following morning the groups going to the different cemeteries will leave Paris, travelling in motor busses, and proceed to the cemeteries where they will remain for about 7 days. Twenty-five women will be assigned to each bus and an army officer will have charge of the bus. The itineraries to and from the cemeteries and the daily itineraries while at the cemeteries have been varied so as to take in points of historical interest as well as some parts of the battlefields where American troops were engaged. Upon return to Paris, each party will remain for about 5 days and during this time an opportunity will be given to see the points of historical interest in Paris and vicinity. The entire duration of your stay in Europe will be 14 days, and the itineraries have been so arranged that each day will be provided for. Except in case of illness or other unavoidable cause it will not be possible for any woman making the pilgrimage to remain in Europe for a longer period than 14 days nor to leave the party with which she is travelling unless she is prepared to pay all of her expenses after leaving the party since the Act of Congress authorizing the pilgrimage specifically states that the government shall not pay the expenses of any woman who willfully leaves her party.

Upon return to the United States each ship will be met in New York City by army officers who will escort the mothers and widows to the trains which will take them home. Before leaving New York each woman will be provided with her return railroad ticket, a sleeping car ticket and funds to cover the cost of meals and other travelling expenses.

Army officers are being used as guides and escorts throughout this entire movement and care has been taken to select officers who will see that proper care is taken of the women who are entrusted to their charge. Arrangements have been made for taking care of women who may be taken sick during the pilgrimage and also to care for the remains of any who may die and provision has been made for returning the remains of any who may die to their homes. It is essential that each woman making the pilgrimage furnish The Quartermaster General with an emergency address of some relative or friend to be notified in the event of an emergency. Medical care will be provided by civilian agencies. If such care is needed in New York City it will be furnished by the hotel physicians or

by local hospitals. Aboard ship, medical care will be provided by the ship's doctors and in Paris arrangements have been made with the American Hospital for the hospitalization and treatment of any women who may need it. In addition to this, six doctors of the regular army will be on duty throughout the pilgrimage.

Baggage will be limited to not to exceed two pieces of hand baggage and the articles taken should be such as will be required for a trip of about one month. Laundry service can be obtained in New York and Paris. Since the climate of Europe is much colder than that of the United States, each woman should provide herself with sufficient warm clothing to stand the motor bus trip and the visit to the cemeteries.

Since it is necessary for this office to make all reservations for your accommodations throughout this pilgrimage, it will be greatly appreciated if you will make prompt reply to any communications received from this office.

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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Regulation.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Chamberlain, Willis 1764-M

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Mabel A. Barnes,
Shelburne Falls,
E. Charlemont, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Chamberlain, Willis L.

June 11, 1929.

Mrs. Mabel A. Barnes,
Shelburne Falls,
E. Chalmont, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Willis L. Chamberlain, Co. G, 102nd Inf. whose remains are now interred in the Aisne Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, Aisne, France.

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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C
Chamberlin, Willis L. - 1764

March 10, 1930.

Mrs. Mabel A. Barnes,
Shelburne Falls,
R. F. D.,
Mass.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 4, relative to your desire to receive a cash payment in lieu of the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private, 1st class, Willis L. Chamberlin, authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

In this connection you are advised there is no provision of law which would permit the Government to make a money allowance in lieu of the pilgrimage authorized by the Act in question.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Nov.18-21

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 Chamberlain, Willis L

10. Name _____

2. No. 65130

11. No. _____

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank _____

4. Org. Co.G.102nd Inf.

13. Org. _____

5. D.D. July 20, 1918

14. (a) D.D. _____

6. C.D. DOWRIA

(b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 168 Sec. Mer.

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____

8. Plot _____ Row 4

16. Plot _____ Row _____

9. _____

17. None.

18. Cemetery French Mil

19. Commune or town Le Ferte-sous-Jouarre

20. Dept. or County Seine & Marne

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 241

23. Disinterred (Date) Nov.18-21

By D. Bachman

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Willis L. Chamberlain

Serial No. _____

Rank Pvt.

Organization Co.G.102nd Inf.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes On body? No

E. W. Funk
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).
None.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed recognition impossible.

28. Nature of burial Blanket wooden box. Found under cross.

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 Nov.18-21 By D. Bachman

31. Casket sealed by D. Bachman

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) D. Bachman

sub
10/11/27

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. 1150-16753

32. Designation of body:

Name Willis T. Chamberlain Serial No. 65130

Rank Pvt Organization Co. G. 102nd Inf.

33. Consigned to: Officer in Charge

Name of Permanent Cemetery Aisne-Marne Amer. Cty. #1764 Belleau, Aisne

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Nov. 18-21 By D. Bachman

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 J. Glandon Capt. G.M.C.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Nov. 18-21

To ~~point of Concentration~~ Aisne-Marne Am. Cty. 1764 Belleau Aisne

Convoyer R. H. Cronin Signature Shipping Officer J. Glandon Capt. G.M.C.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date Nov. 19.21

G.R.S. Representative ad Brass

41. Reinterred: Oct. 11, 1922, Aisne-Marne Cem. 1764, Belleau (Aisne)

(Date)

42. Grave No. 115 Section

43. ~~Plot~~ BLOCK A Row 9

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G.R.S. Representative W.D. Cleary
W.D. Cleary
Lt., Chaplain, USA.

Le Ferté sous Jouarre,

Place November 18-21

Date

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF CHAMBERLAIN Willis L. SERIAL NUMBER 65130
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co.G.102nd Inf.

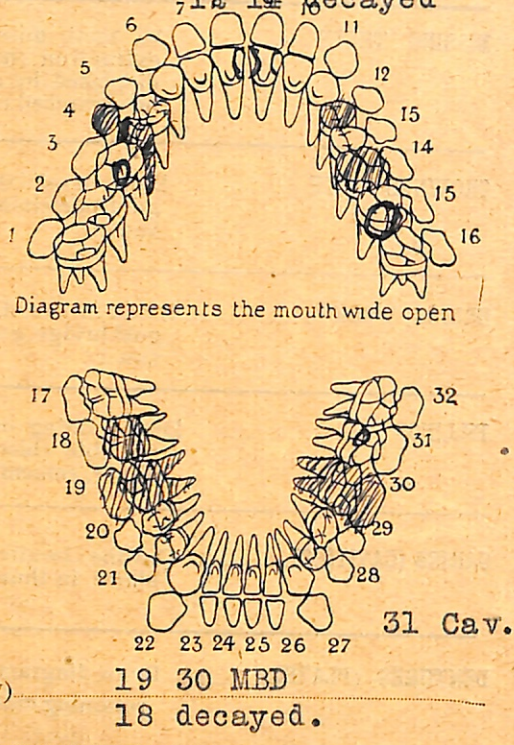
2. Disinterred (date): Nov.18-21 From (give complete location): Grave 168
row 4 Cem. 241.
By : Group 3 Unit F.S. 3.

3. Reburied (date): Oct.11,1922 In (give complete location): Gr.15,Block A,
Row 9,Aisne-Marne Cem.1764,Belleau(Aisne)
By : Group re-burial group Unit _____ Nature of reburial Lined casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :
In blanket and wooden box.
Badly decomposed recognition impossible. found under cross.

5. (a) Identification tags : Buried with body ? No On grave marker ? Yes
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :
None.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items ?
1 5 7 16 MAD 4 MBD
(a) Height (actual measurement) impossible to determine 3 8 9 15 Cavity
7 12 14 decayed
(b) Weigh, (estimated) impossible to determine
(c) Hair—Color impossible to determine
Quantity impossible to determine
Characteristics impossible to determine
(d) Hair on face—Color impossible to determine
Location impossible to determine
Quantity impossible to determine
(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 D.B. Bachman Approved : J.P. Glandon
Capt. QMC.
(Title)
8. Reburial supervised by L.D. Hays Approved : W.D. Cleary
Lt., Chaplain, USA.
(Title)

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






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

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.

5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".

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

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

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

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

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

April 12, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Com. Div., Corr.Br.
(CHAMBERLIN, Willis L.)

Mrs. Mabel A. Barnes,
Sholburne Falls,
E. Charlemont, Mass.

Dear Madam:-

Receipt of communication dated February 26th, 1921, relative to the remains of your son, the late Private Willis L. Chamberlin, Serial Number 65130, Company G, 302nd Infantry, is acknowledged.

In accordance with your desire, the remains will be left in France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery. You are assured that the grave site will always be maintained as a fitting memorial of the late soldier's sacrifice.

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q.M. Corps,
Officer in Charge.

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MAILED
APR 16 1921
COR. BR. G. R. S.

BY:

F. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

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Noted on Form No. 115
Date 4/27/21 EP

Feb 26 - 1921.

War Dept -
Hoboken, N. J.

Noted on Form No. 115
Date 4/27/21 EP

my only son that
was Willis L. Chamberlin -
Co. 102nd Infantry - was only
20 years old when killed in battle
July 20, 1918. was not married
I think he will be as well cared
for in Europe as in a lonely
spot here, where he has never
lived, and where I do not expect
to live here until next Fall.
He was a fine lad and beloved.
If his body does come to New
York, I should like his body put
in a National Cemetery as

as near as possible to the
state of Massachusetts
if that is not possible
then make burial in
World War section in Arlington.
but would rather it remain
in American Cemetery in
Europe

Very Truly Yours.

Mrs Mabel A. Barnes
Shelburne Falls
E. Charlemont,
Mass.



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Cemeterial Division
Orleans Project Sub-Section

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

FEB 23 1921

CEMETERIAL DIVISION

WASHINGTON

Hol oken, N. J.

FROM: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. G.

To: Mrs. Benjamin W. Barnes, Shelbourne Falls, Mass.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt., Willis L. Chamberlin, Ser. No. 65130, Co. G, 102nd Inf.

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above-named soldier remain in Europe. *yes*

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

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

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

Was soldier married? *no*

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Father	Otis F. Chamberlin	"deceased"	
Mother	Mabel A. (Chamberlin) Barnes		
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2	none	
	3		
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2	none	
	3		

Date Feb 26 - 1921

Signature Mrs Mabel A. Barnes

Address Shelburne Falls, Mass.

Relationship Mother

February 26, 1921

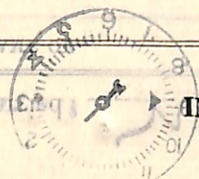
I, the undersigned, am the mother and nearest living next of kin of the within-named

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

- 1. As stated on first page of this sheet.
- 2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to _____
(Name.)

(R. R. station.) _____
(State.)
- 3. To be returned to the U. S. and buried in _____ National Cemetery.
- 4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery. yes

Signature Mrs Mabel G. Barnes



INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

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

NOTE.—INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DISPOSITION OF REMAINS will be issued by this office upon the properly executed authority of the legal next of kin in each case. The widow is the first person having disposition of the remains of her husband. Should there be no widow or children, the father and, in turn (upon his decease), the mother, is the proper authority. The brothers, in order of seniority, and then the sisters in order of seniority, if there are no brothers, rank next in authority to decide. Under an opinion rendered by the Judge Advocate General of the Army, if a widow has remarried she forfeits her right, and the next of kin as given above will make decision.

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 6961



I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name CHAMBERLAIN, Willis L. Ser. No. 65130
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. G, 102nd Inf.
 (c) Date of death 7-20-18 (d) Cause of death DWRJA

TYP. DB
 CKR. AS

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

(a) Grave No. 168 Row 4 Plot - Sec. Amer. TYP. DB
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. B. W. Barnes, (Mother) Griswoldville, Mass.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases -- CKR. AS

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

ok card (2-9-21) "M"

Date of receipt ---

(a) Name Mrs. Benjamin W. Barnes Relationship mother
 (c) Address Griswoldville, Mass.
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at ---
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. ---
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. ---

Examiner's Initials see Date 1-10, 1920.

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

no correspondence, dated ---
 confirming request in Par. IV., item ---, above, or requesting that ---

Examiner's Initials see Date 1-10, 1920.

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

mother Mrs. Mabel Barnes
Sherburne Falls Mass 4/7/20, desires to
have body of son remain where it
is in France
 (a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes PF

Examiner's Initials PF Date 1-11-, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE

CEMETERY No. 241

SHEET No. 52

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

3-7729

CARDED

Make Form No. 114

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED
 FEB 10 1921 - AP

Reviewed 4/27/21 EP
 checked M
 2-9-21

RECEIVED

APR 18 1921

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made _____, 1920.
Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 1920.

Cemeterial Division
Overseas Project Sub-section

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by
cable on _____, 1920
letter on JAN 25 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 _____

FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN - BODY
TO REMAIN IN EUROPE. 5/5/21 EP

Mabel A.

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: Feb. 26-21-F/ #120-Mrs. Benjamin. Barnes, Shelbourne Falls, Mass., mother, n.k. wishes body left in Europe. #-3/8/21-mf.

In letter attached Mother states if body is returned to U.S., place in National Cemetery as near Mass., as possible. If this cannot be done bury in Arlington National Cemetery. But she requests body to remain in Europe in a permanent Cem. City. 4/27/21 EP. 4/12/21 Hoboken advises Mother her request for body to remain in Europe will be complied with. 4/27/21 EP

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks:

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks:

A. G. O. Card & Corr. *Check 1-10*

Discrepancies

Name ✓

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks: *e.g. -*

G. R. S. Corr.

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks:

Checkers

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No. *7.5W, sent,*

Org. *1-11-21*

Remarks;

*checked
1-11-21*

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 6961

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD: *ok (2-9-21) "M"*
 (a) Name CHAMBERLAIN, Willis L. Ser. No. 65130 DB
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. G, 102nd Inf. TYP.
 (c) Date of death 7-20-18 Cause of death DWRIA

II. REGISTRATION CARD.-(Check Reg., Card Inf. against Loc. Ind. Inf.):
 (a) Grave No. 168 Row 4 Plot - Sect. Amer. DB
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. B. W. Barnes, (Mother) Griswoldville, Mass. TYP.
ok (2-9-21) "M"

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases. CKR *gc*

IV. Information on which advice to Europe in letter of transmittal was based:
*G. R. S. Cores - Mrs. Mabel A. Barnes (mother)
 Shelburne Falls, Mass. 4-7-20 requests body
 be not returned to U. S. mrs 2-10-21*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by - (cable on 192
 (letter of transmittal on JAN 25 1921
 Par. #2, Not To Be Returned *HA*

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. FEB 11 1921 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. APR 1-8-1921 192

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY NO. 241 SHEET NO. 52
 G. R. S. FORM 115-A August 1920
 S-666/MB

ap
 FEB 10 1921

DATE _____

1. NAME Chamberlain, Willis L SERIAL No. 65130

RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Co.G.102nd Inf

GRAVE LOCATION French Mil.Cty. La Ferte-sous-Jouarre (S.&.M) #241
CTY. NAME NUMBER

168 Amer.Sec. 4

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 168 Fr. Mil. Cem. #241 La Ferte-sous-Jouarre
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT. (S-&-M)

COORDINATES _____

CONCENTRATED TO _____

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Information in paragraph 2 taken from Form 1. A

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS _____

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR G. F. Waugh

G.F. WAUGH, Major, Inf., Supervisor, Area §2.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Oct. 11, 1922. 15 9 Block A
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Aisne-Marne Amer.#1764, Belleau (Aisne).

CEMETERY

AUDITED BY

Duplicate

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.

Chamberlin,

Willis L.

65,130

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt

Co G 102nd Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Mother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

No.

(Yes or no.)

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

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mrs Benjamin W. Barnes
Griswoldville Mass.

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by ARL

241-520.

1-10-21

checked

1-11-21

E.M.

Mother states in
her last letter they
were to move

Q 27762

Wahl A.

~~Shelby~~

Shelburne Falls

~~Falls,~~

Mass.

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GRAVE LOCATION LANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Chamberlain 65130 Willis
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Private Co G.102 Infantry
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL 22 July 1918.
American Section, Cemetery La Ferte
sur Jouarre.

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

La Ferte sur Jouarre 241
France.

GRAVE NUMBER 245

HOW MARKED : Name Peg? Cross? Yes

Headboard? Bottle?
Yes

IDENTIFICATION TAGS :
Was one buried with body? Yes
Was one fastened to name peg or
stake used as a grave marker? Yes

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

REPORTED BY William H. Blanchard.
Major M.C. (NG) U.S.A.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

MAJOR Med. Corps (NG) U.S.A.
This portion to be sent to Chief of Graves Registration Service.

31 JUL 1918

G.R.S. #106
DISPOSITION OF BODY

War Department
Office of the Quartermaster General.
Graves Registration Service.
Washington, D.C.

April 10, 1920

For information of:

- (a) The Adjutant General of the Army
- (b) G.R.S., Paris, France,
- (c) Office Files.
- (d) Photographic Section.

Case of:

Pvt. Willis Lincoln Chamberlin,
Co. G. 102nd. Inf.

Grave Location:

Grave #245 Amer. Plot French Mil.
Cty. La Ferte-sous-Jouarre
S-et-M.

Request for action checked below:

- (a) Return of Body to the U.S.
- (b) Permanent Burial in France.
- (c) Cancellation of former requests.
- (d) Change of address.
- (e) Photograph of grave,

has been made by:

Mrs. Mabel A. Barnes,
Shelburne, Falls, ~~XXX~~
Mass.

elb.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. BURCE
Colonel, ~~Q.M.G. U.S.A.~~
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

NS-2992/L

G.R.S. #106
DISPOSITION OF BODY

War Department
Office of the Quartermaster General.
Graves Registration Service
Washington, D.C.

March 16, 1920

For information of:

- (a) The Adjutant General of the Army
- (b) G.R.S., Paris, France.
- (c) Office Files.
- (d) Photographic Section.

Case of:

Pvt. Willie Lincoln Chamberlain
Co. G, 102nd Inf.

Grave Location:

Grave 245, Amer Plot, ^{7r} Mil Cty.,
La Ferte-sous-Jourarre, S et M

Request for actions checked below:

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- (e) Photograph of grave.

has been made by:

Mrs. Mabel Barnes (Mother)
Shelburne Falls, Mass.

By authority of the Quartermaster General

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Colonel, G.M.C. U.S.A.
Chief, Graves Registration Service.
NS-2992/L

Name Amberlain, Ellis L. 65-0, 621

Rank Pvt. Co. G {Corps} 102nd Inf.
{Regt.}

Date of Death

Place

Cause

Date of Burial 7/22/18

Grave No. 245

Cemetery (21 Myers Plot) 241 Amberlain
La Puente

Identified by { Tag
Papers }
{ Clothing }

List of Effects

Field Record Made by I. G. MYERS,
2nd. LIEUT., Q. M. CORPS, N. A.

Group 1/309 Company..... Graves Registration Service

For additional data use reverse side

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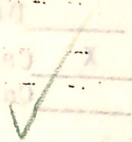
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Revised and Updated

Directory

Cards 2 x 8

Cards 4 x 6



No form No 14

Released by Information Control
Dept.
Directory

 X Cards 5 x 8

 Cards 4 x 6

No form No 16

FROM: C. Q. M. G.
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
Munitions Building
Room 1128

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

PLEASE
EXPEDITE

G.R.S. Form 1-7-A-0
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 1/

File No. Registration.

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed, Request confirmation of all information shown.

- a. Surname Chamberlain
or (Chamberlin) ✓
- b. Christian name Willis L. ✓
- c. Serial Number 65130 ✓
- d. Organization Co. G, 102nd Inf. ✓
- e. Rank Pvt. ✓
- f. Date of death 7/20/18. ✓
- g. Cause of death DWRIA. ✓
- h. Authority (C.O.#) Cas Cat, 24 119 07
70 209
- i. Emergency address Miss B W Barnes
Wassoldville, Mass.
- j. Relationship mother

BODY DESCRIPTION
(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age of enlistment
- b. Color of eyes
- c. Color of hair
- d. Height
- e. Weight
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

DENTAL CHARTS
(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

- a. Strike out teeth missing
- 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
upper right upper left
- 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
lower right lower left

FILE

H. L. ROGERS,
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.

BY: H. J. Conner
H. J. CONNER,
1st. Lieut. Q.M.C.

CEMETERY NO: 241
SHEET NO: 52
TYPED BY: I.W.

S/713/LML

Rec'd World War Div
Date... **JAN 12 1921**

Rec'd U.S. Army, AGO. ERS 110 1/24
JAN 12 1921

Donnelly
1/24

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

G.R.S. Form 1-7-A-0
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 1/11/21.

File No. Registration.

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c. Serial Number 65130 ✓

d. Organization Co. G, 102nd Inf. ✓

e. Rank Pvt. ✓

f. Date of death 7/20/18. ✓

g. Cause of death DWRIA. ✓

h. Authority (C.O.#) Cas Cat, 24 119 27

i. Emergency address Mrs B W Barnes
Wassoldville, Mass.

j. Relationship mother.

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Quartermaster General, U.S.A.

BY: H. J. Conner

H. J. CONNER,
1st. Lieut. Q.M.C.

CEMETERY NO: 241

SHEET NO: 52

TYPED BY: I.W.

S/713/LML

Rec'd World War
Date... **JAN 12 1921**

Rec'd U.S. Army, A.G.O.
JAN 15 1921

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WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

1/11/21

G.A.S. Form 1021-A-0
Information requested of A.G.O.
1021
MAIL

JAN 14 1921

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File No. _____
From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (General Division)
To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.
Subject: Information required for G.A.S.
1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed. Request confirmation of all information shown.

- a. Serial Number 63130
- b. Organization Co. E, 102nd Inf.
- c. Rank Pvt.
- d. Cause of death DWIA
- e. Date of death 1/11/21
- f. Authority (G.O.#)
- g. Emergency address
- h. Relationship

FILE

1. Physical description (See page 2 of the Service Record)
- a. Height
 - b. Weight
 - c. Color of hair
 - d. Color of eyes
 - e. Age at enlistment
 - f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)
 - g. Stitches and scars missing
 - h. Examination prior to enlistment (See physical report of)

H. L. ROGERS,
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.

H. J. GUNN,
Adj. Gen., D.M.C.

CHEMISTRY NO: _____
SERIAL NO: _____
TYPED BY: I.W.

JAN 13 1921

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FILES *R*

April 10, 1920.

6961 Inquiry (Chamberlin, Willis Lincoln, Pvt.)

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

Mrs. Mabel A. Barnes, Shelburne Falls, Mass.

Permanent burial in France

1. In reply to your letter of April 7, 1920, you are advised that notation has been made of the cancellation of your former request and record has been made of your desire that the remains of your son be permanently interred in France.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Colonel, U.S.Army,
Chief, Cemeterial Division

BY:

Charles J. Wynne,
Captain, Q.M.C.

S
ACS:elb

U. S. MAIL
APR 12 1920

Apr 7th 20.

The Quartermaster General - U.S. Army -
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter and patience
appreciated. -

I have permanently decided to
leave my boy remains where it
will be cared for better than we
could do. Please let me know
when that time comes
and where he is placed.

Very Truly Yours

Mrs Mabel A. Barnes - ✓
Shelburne Falls -
Mass,



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

March 29, 1920.

6 BdV

Received -- Inq. Dept.

No: 6961(Inquiry) Chamberlin, Willie L. Pvt.
From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Cemeterial Division)
To: Mrs. Mabel A. Barnes, Shelburne Falls, Mass. Via Heath.
Subject: Disposition of Body.

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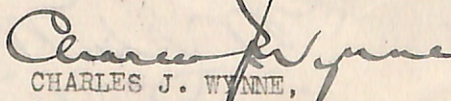
2. All bodies whose next of kin have so requested will be returned to the United States, and final burial can be made in a private plot or in any national cemetery in the United States the family may select.

3. It is the plan of the War Department that those bodies which by request of relatives will remain permanently over seas shall be concentrated into one or more permanent memorial cemeteries to be selected. The cemetery at Suresnes just outside of Paris has already been selected as one of these. These cemeteries will be maintained and cared for as are our National cemeteries in the United States, and we can assure you that no efforts will be spared by this Government to make these cemeteries a beautiful and lasting memorial to those boys who gave their lives on the field of honor.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Colonel, U. S. Army,
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

By:


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

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CHANGE IN ADDRESS:

Mrs. Mabel Barnes, (Mother)
Sherburne Falls, Mass.

CASE OF :

Pvt. Willis Lincoln Chamberlin,
Co. G., 102nd Inf.

Address reply
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE & STORAGE
Munitions Building

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE
WASHINGTON

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March 16, 1920.

6961-Inq.Br.(Chamberlin, Willie L.,Pvt.)

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

Mrs. Mabel Barnes, Shelburne Falls, Mass.

Request for Return of Remains to United States for Final Burial.

1. A letter written by you to the War Department under date of March 9th, 1920, concerning the disposition of the remains of your son, Private Willie L. Chamberlin, has been referred to this office.

2. The files of this office already contain a request submitted upon the cards sent out by the Adjutant General of the Army early in 1919 expressing the desire that the remains of this soldier be permanently interred in France. While your recent letter makes no mention of the cancellation of your former request, this letter states that you desire the remains of this soldier returned to the United States.

3. By virtue of your recent letter your former request has been cancelled and notation has been made that you desire the remains of your son returned to the United States for burial.

4. It is requested that you furnish this office a confirmation of this desire.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Colonel, U. S. Army,
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

By: CHARLES J. WYNNE,
Captain, Q. M. C.

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Bodies of soldiers, returned to us
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March 11, 1920.

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Dear Mrs. Barnes:

The Secretary of War directs me to acknowledge your letter of March 9th and to say that your wish to have the body of your son returned to this country will be respected by the War Department.

In the meantime the enclosed circulars and statement recently issued by the War Department will give you full information concerning our present plans on the general subject of American dead overseas.

Cordially yours,

James H. Durbin,
Secretary's Office.

Mrs. Mabel A. Barnes,
Shelburne Falls, Mass.
viz Heath.

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by Mr Durbin



Robert J. ...
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March 11, 1930.

Received - - Ind. Dept.

Dear Mrs. Barnes:

The Secretary of War directs me to acknowledge your letter of March 5th and to say that your wish to have the body of your son returned to this country will be respected by the War Department.

In the meantime the enclosed circular statement recently issued by the War Department will give you full information concerning our present plans on the general subject of returning bodies overseas.



James H. Duffin,
Secretary's Office.

Mrs. Mabel A. Barnes,
Shelburne Falls, Mass.
via Heath.

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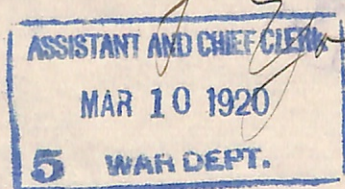


Shelburne Falls Mass
Mar 9th 1920,

United States War Department
Washington
D.C.

Dear Sirs

I see in the Pathfinder
that proceedings for the Exhumation
of the bodies of the American
Soldiers back of the battle lines
for their return to America
have begun, — Please may I have
the remains of my son - Pvt Will
Lincoln Chamberlin, 102nd Infantry
Co G, whom was killed July 20th
1918. — brought back to this
Country with the rest?



P.S.

Mrs Mabel A. Barnes
Shelburne Falls,
Mass
- Via Heath -

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TO:- REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.

Date

3/15/20

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

Please furnish information as checked (✓) below regarding the following soldier:

NAME CHAMBERLIN-Willie Lumber Serial Number

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. G. 102 INF.

NO	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	1.) Chamberlin Willie L. # 65130
2.	Date of Death.	2.) 7-20-18
3.	Cause and place of death	3.) سوريا
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	4.) 209
5.	Date buried	5.) 7-22-18
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	6.) Grave # 245 - Am. Plot. Fr. Mil. Cty # 241 La Ferté-sous-Jouarre - Sarre ✓
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	10.) (A) yes (B) yes
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	11.) Mrs. B. W. Barnes (mother) Griswoldville, Mass.
12.	Has above been notified? (Give date)	12.) 8-16-18
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	13.) not given
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	
15.	Inquiry made by?	

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6961 (Inquiry) Chamberlin, Willie L. Pvt.

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

Mrs. Mabel A. Barnes, Shelburne Falls, Mass. Via Heath.

Disposition of Body.

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By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Colonel, U. S. Army,
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

By:

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

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Mar 21st 1920

Quartermaster General, U.S. Army.
Cemeterial Division)
Washington D.C.

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MAR 23 1920



MAR 23 1920
G. K. S.

Dear Sir-

I remember of writing, NO,
on the card sent to me, by the
adjutant General of the army, in
1919. -

But at that time it just seemed
that I could not bear no more
and even now I dread it awfully -
it will be two years the 20th of July
since his death. He was buried in
La Ferte Cemetery, La Ferte-sous-Jouarre - France
Cemetery no 241. Grave no 243.

Please be patient with me - - "If it
was your son would you bring him
back? Or do you think it would be
more honorable to leave him in France
If you will please answer this letter
again. I will let you know for sure
in my next letter, Please."

Very Truly Yours

Via Heath

Mrs Mabel A Barnes

Shelburne Falls, Mass

ADDRESS REPLY TO
Director of Purchase & Storage
MUNITIONS BUILDING

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

March 16, 1920.

No: 6961-Inq.Br.(Chamberlin, Willie L.,Pvt.)
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By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. FIERCE,
Colonel, U. S. Army,
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

By: *Charles J. Wynne*
CHARLES J. WYNNE,
Captain, Q. M. C.

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Q. M. C.
MAR 23 1920

TO:- REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.

Date 3-25-20

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

Please furnish information as checked (✓) below regarding the following soldier:

NAME Chamberlain, Willie L.

Serial Number _____

RANK Pot ORGANIZATION _____

NO	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	(1) No. Chamberlain, Willie L. Pot. Co. G 102nd Inf. #65130.
2.	Date of Death.	(2) 7-20-18.
3.	Cause and place of death	(3) DWR I.A.
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	(4) #209.
5.	Date buried	(5) 7-22-18.
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	(6) Grave #205 Amer. Plot, ✓ French Mil. City - #241, La Ferté-sous-Jouarre, Seine et Marne.
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	(10) a yes b yes.
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	
12.	Has above been notified? (Give date)	(11) Mrs. B. H. Barnes, (Mother) Hinswoldville, Mass
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	(12) 8-16-18. ✓
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	
15.	Inquiry made by?	

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