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G.R.S. Form #114 B

To The A. G. O.

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FEB 10 1926

DATE

1. NAME CHRETIEN, Gus SERIAL No. 42651

RANK Cpl. ORGANIZATION Co. E: 16th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION American Cty., Villers Tournelle, Somme CTY. NAME 176 NUMBER

GRAVE 39 ROW C PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Gr. 58 P.L.E. CTY 176 GRAVE Unknown COMMUNE Unknown DEPT.

COORDINATES Unknown
No data on file in Hqrs. Area #3, AGRS, covering the original grave location of this burial.

CONCENTRATED TO 1/15/19. DATE 44 GRAVE C PLOT

Am. Mil. Cem. Villers Tournelle (Somme) 21 SE. E119.8. N330.8. CEMETERY 176 CTY. NUMBER

Per Form 1-A, 6/28/19.

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

Form 1, not dated, unsigned, shows this body buried in Gr. 58, V. Tournelle 1/15/19.

Form 1-A, 6/28/19. shows Identification tag buried with body.

Form 16-A, 11/19/20. signed S.D. Campbell, Capt. Inf. shows: Identification tag buried with body. Tag on body corroded. no name shown: part of serial number shown -426--9.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS 11/19/20. DATE 39 GRAVE Apr 27, 1918 ROW C PLOT 176 CEMETERY

Form 16-A, 11/19/20. STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Japan N. Mex

DATE 11/19/20. GRAVE 39 ROW Apr 27, 1918 PLOT C CEMETERY 176

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR W.R. BUCKLEY Capt. OMC.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Oct. 24, 1922. DATE 4 GRAVE 20 ROW Block C PLOT

Robert C. Davis,
Major General,
The Adjutant General.
By CLH

FEB 12 1926

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A.G.O.
FEB 10 1926
WORLD WAR DIV.

Somme American #636, Bony (Aisne).

CEMETERY

Rec'd World War Div.

5 MAR 24 1928

WS 3/28/28
AUDITED BY

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

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

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

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

4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form I6, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.



GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Chretien 4265 Duv
.....
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)
Corporal E. C. Duv
.....
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL April - 27 - 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL Villers - Tournelle

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

19th Div Rpt. Cemetery - Villers

Tournelle - Northern - Sub Section

Adv. Zone - Contigny Sect. Map

Plainville - Hq. - en Chaussee Cor. Rt. 7705

GRAVE NUMBER 1

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? No. (note in bottle)

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

Occupant of this grave is

no 5 - running from right
to left of grave. No 1

REPORTED BY :

J. E. Carney - 1st Lieut Inf. Rpt.
.....
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Entered on list
France

C H R E T I E N, Gus,

Chretien, Gus

Corporal, Company E, 16th Inf.

Killed in action April 27, 1918,
Amexforce.

Emergency Address:

August Chretien, father,
Phillips, Okla.

A. G. O. 5/9/18.

Write nothing below this line.

Name CHRETIEN, Mrs Theresa

Paris Hôtel HOTEL DE PARIS

BOULEVARD DE LA MADELEINE

Home address Philipps, Coal County, Oklahoma

Party A. Group 5 Unit S/S AMERICA

Date of arrival MAY 16, 1930 Date of departure MAY 29th, 1930. ~~§§~~. HARDING

Relationship Mother

Name of deceased CHRETIEN, Gus

Rank Cpl Organization Co. E, 16th Inf.

Cemetery Somme

REMARKS

Mrs. Chretien visited Bethune, (France) she left for St. Quentin on May 22nd,
and returned on May 28.



MRS. THERESA CHRETIEN
Philipps, Oklahoma.

Mother of Corporal Gus Chretien, Co. E, 16th Infantry, remains interred
in Somme American Cemetery.

Arrived New York on B & O train # 4 at 3:P.M. May 5th.

Met by Captain Childs

Escorted to McAlpin hotel and occupied room with Mrs. Adelia Werner

Sailed on the SS AMERICA for Cherbourg and arrived May 16th
Occupied cabin 287 with Mrs. Adelia Werner, Mrs. Mary A. Cowie

See itinerary attached for group in Europe (visited Bethune France at own
expense)

Sailed May 29th on the PRESIDENT HARDING - Occupied cabin 230
with same women

Arrived New York June 6th and escorted to the hotel
where occupied room with

Left for home on the No record - left her herself

Escorted to the station by

ILLNESS:

ITINERARY OF SOMME GROUP

PARTY "A"

Arrived at Cherbourg at 1:45 P.M. May 16, 1930, on the SS AMERICA. Met by Majors Dailey, Beach, Captain Haley, Miss Rulon and 2 other nurses.

Taken to the Main Hall of the Gare Maritime and officially welcomed by the French. Then to train to go to Paris. Met in Paris by photographers and Mr. Daniel Bague who made a welcoming speech at the Gare des Invalides. Then to hotel.

May 17th - Spent morning resting and transacting personal business, such as preparation of laundry, exchange of money, buying flowers, etc., After lunch proceeded to the Arc de Triomphe where Mrs. S. G. Thompson of New York placed a wreath for the party. Then to Laurent Restaurant for tea and an informal reception - short addresses were made by prominent persons -including General Pershing. Hotel for dinner.

May 18th - Sunday - church - sightseeing.

May 19th - Spent day at Fontainebleau visiting the Park and Chateau at that place, as well as stopping and seeing the town of Melun and the famous artist village of Barbison. Lunched at Fontainebleau.

May 20th - 25th Left for cemetery -visited daily

May 26th - returned to Paris

May 27th -28th - Sightseeing which included a trip to Versailles.

May 29th - Left Paris for Cherbourg to sail at 6:45 PM on the PRESIDENT HARDING for home.

Mrs. Theresa ^RCretian

WAR DEPARTMENT
 "PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"
 -- ROOM 901 --

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

Party "A"
 Number 218

CHRÉTIEN, GUS

SOM

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

Mrs. Theresa Chretien
 Name of Traveler

Estimate cost of through Pullman.

Phillips
 Home Address

New York, to Phillips, Okla.

Coal County, Okla.

\$ 17.26

New York, to Phillips, Okla.
 Destination.

Fred Kroon

Via B&O to St. Louis - M.K.&T. to Atoka Okla. - O.C.A.&T. Dest.

Date of Departure

| | Road | Tr. No. | Date | Time | Lower or Seat | car | U.S.G. Order NO. | Est. Cost |
|----|-------------|---------|------|--------|---------------------|-----|------------------|-----------|
| LV | Jersey City | B&O | | 1:30P | | | wg-1020412 | 10.88 |
| AR | St. Louis | " | | 3:55P | | | | |
| LV | " | MK&T | | 10:12P | | | | 6.38 |
| AR | Atoka | " | | 3:50P | | | | |
| LV | | | | | | | | |
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TOTAL 17.26

Remarks: :

STOP OVER IN EUROPE

Suggest use of bus from Atoka, Okla. as only service on O.C.A.&T. RR leaves Atoka 3:55 a.m. and 7:30pm. neither train makes stop at Phillips

Chretien, Sus.

WESTERN MILITARY BUREAU

COMMITTEE:
 H. W. SIDDALL, CHAIRMAN
 J. E. HANNEGAN
 T. THOMPSON

SOUTHWESTERN PASSENGER ASSOCIATION
 TRANS-CONTINENTAL PASSENGER ASSOCIATION
 WESTERN PASSENGER ASSOCIATION

H. P. BRONSON
 SECRETARY
 CHICAGO
 G. C. RONEY
 PASSENGER TRAFFIC REPRESENTATIVE
 2317 MUNITIONS BUILDING
 WASHINGTON, D. C.

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

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS
 TO CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE

PILGRIMAGE SAILING FROM NEW YORK CITY, May 7, 1930

State of Oklahoma

Coal County

Name Chretien, Mrs Theresa

Address Phillips, Oklahoma

Route Going: O.C. - A A Ry to Atoka, M-K-T Ry to St Louis, B&O To New York

Return same route.

Chretien, Sus
m-6 36

| | | Road | Train | Time | Date |
|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------|-------|-------------|-------|
| Itinerary going | Lv Phillips | : O.C.AA: | 15 | : 12:45 PM: | May 3 |
| | Ar Atoka | : " | 15 | : 1:20 PM: | " 3 |
| | Lv Atoka | : M-K-T: | 6 | : 1:38 PM: | " 3 |
| | Ar St Louis | : " | 6 | : 7:59 AM: | " 4 |
| | Lv St Louis | : B & O: | 4 | : 8:40 AM: | " 4 |
| | Ar New York (42nd St Sta) | : " | 4 | : 3:44 PM: | " 5 |
| | | : : | | : : | |

Accommodations: Coach - Phillips to Atoka, Standard Sleeper Atoka to St Louis and St Louis to New York

Elapsed Time: 49 hours, 59 minutes.

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Stop over in Europe.

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NAME CHRETIEN, MRS. THERESA

S.S. HARDING JUN 6 1930

HOME PHILLIPS, COAL COUNTY, OKLA.

R.R. *Bro to St. Louis. MK & TeAtoka*
OCAA. to det.

STATION

TRAIN #

CAR #

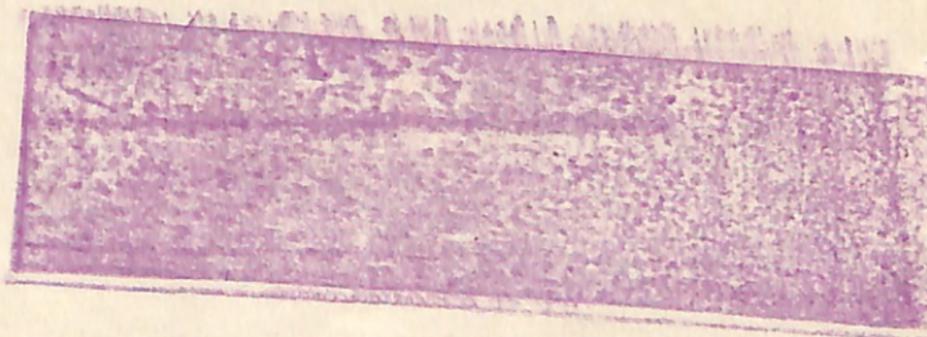
BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE

Emergency Address

*Miss Mary Chretien
Phillips, Okla.*



April 19th, 1930.

Mrs. Theresa Chretien,
Phillips, Okla.

Dear Madam:

Please attach the enclosed tag 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,

George F. R. Taylor,
1st Lieut., U. S. CORPS,
Assistant.

Enclosures:
2 tags

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

May 3, 1930

Mrs. August Chretien,
c/o Colonel A.E. Williams,
Room 901 - Pennsylvania Bldg.,
225 West 34th Street,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Chretien:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 25, 1930, with reference to obtaining stopover privileges while on the Pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act approved March 2, 1929.

Confirming telegram sent you under date of May 1, 1930, you were advised to take the matter of making a stopover in Europe up with Colonel Richard T. Ellis, 146 Avenue des Champs Elysees, Paris, upon your arrival in the French capital. Colonel Ellis is in charge of the European arrangements for the Pilgrimage, and it is believed that he will be able to arrange for you to see your daughter and visit the resting place of your parents. It will be necessary, of course for you to rejoin the group of mothers and widows with whom you are to make the pilgrimage in time to return to the United States on the steamship upon which you are scheduled to make the voyage.

This communication is being sent to you in care of Colonel Williams in New York because it is believed that it will not have time to reach you in Oklahoma before your departure from home.

Sincerely yours,

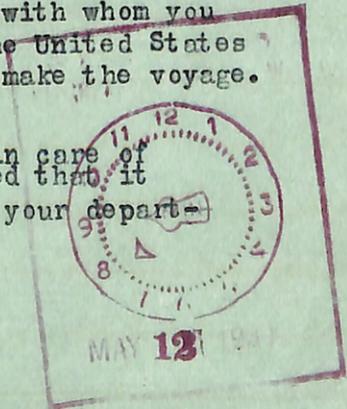
Acting Secretary of War.

For the Quartermaster General

ORIG TO:
CC TO:

207. Chretien Mrs. A.

orig to
file by direction
of C.C.



CODE SLIP

| HEADING | SUB HEADING | NO. OF COLS | CODE |
|--------------|------------------------|-------------|-------|
| NAME | Christian Gus | CHR | 3 8 8 |
| BURIED | CEMETERY 636 | 1 | 5 |
| | GRAVE 3 | 2 | 03 |
| | ROW 20 | 2 | 20 |
| | BLOCK C | 1 | 3 |
| STATE | N. Mex | 2 | 36 |
| RANK | Cpl. | 1 | 2 |
| DIVISION | 1 | 2 | 01 |
| ORGANIZATION | 16 | 3 | 016 |
| ARM | Inf | 1 | 1 |
| MARITAL | ms | 1 | 2 |
| NAME | Mrs. Theresa Christian | CHR | 3 8 8 |
| RESIDENCE | STATE OKLA | 2 | 42 |
| | COUNTY Coal | 2 | 15 |
| | CITY Phillips | 3 | XX |
| RELATION | mother | 1 | 1 |
| OTHER | | 1 | |
| ELIGIBILITY | yes | 1 | 1 |
| NATIVITY | | 1 | |
| RACE | | 1 | |
| ENGLISH | yes | 1 | 1 |
| ATTENDANT | | 1 | |
| HEALTH | Good | 1 | |
| NO. OF SONS | | 1 | |
| DATE OF TRIP | NO. 1930 | 1 | |
| | YR. 67 | 1 | |
| ACCEPTANCE | yes | 1 | |
| 29/514/EAB | age | | 67 |

PAID 7/1/30
 MAY

AUDITED
 SEP 25 1931 KPH

QM 295 A-M
Chretien, Gus - 636

September 9, 1930

Mrs. Theresa Chretien,
Phillips,, Okla.

Dear Madam:

The enclosed **passport** used by you on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe has been stamped showing "Pilgrimage Completed" and may be retained by you as an additional souvenir of your trip.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.
1 passport

NAME Christian, Mrs Theresa A.

ADDRESS Philips Okla.

DATE 10

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) Theresa Christian

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300



PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

STATE

OKLAHOMA

Chretien, Gus

Mother

Phillips,

NAME Chretien, Mrs. Theresa

HOME ADDRESS Coal County

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN

Miss Mary Chretien, Phillips Okla

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE

May 5th

HOTEL

MC ALPIN

ROOM NO.

1565

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE

May 7th, 1930

VESSEL

S/S "AMERICA"

CABIN NO.

287-B

DESTINATION

CHERBOURG, FRANCE

CEMETERY

SOMME

RETURN NEW YORK

DATE JUN 6 1930

Coal County
Phillips
Oklahoma

Mother

NAME ..Chretien, Mrs. Theresa..... HOME ADDRESS ..

RETURN ON S. S. HARDING..... HOTEL MCALPIN ROOM NO. 1797

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE JUN 7 1930

ROAD By Ocean Liners TRAIN CAR BERTH or SEAT

REMARKS
Stop over in Europe
.....
.....

207 C America 5/7/30 6 36
RETURN RECEIPT

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

Theresa Christen

(Signature or name of addressee.)

DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE ONLY

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

APR 26 1930

Date of delivery, _____, 192

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 926403

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____

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

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING
OFFICE

COALFIELD
APR 25
2:30PM.
OKLA.

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to Q. M. General

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,
or Post Office Box, Uniontown Bldg

WASHINGTON,

D. C.

207

A. L. America

5-7-30

RETURN RECEIPT

636

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

Abernessa Christen

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery

April 23, 1930

Form 3811

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Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 726 297

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____

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

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING
OFFICE



Return to Q. M. General

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,
or Post Office Box, Mississippi B Bldg.

WASHINGTON,

D. C.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Chretien, Gus 656-M

April 21, 1930.

Mrs. Theresa Chretien,
Phillips, Okla.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No 291,775 in the amount of \$ 22.50 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.

1 Incl.
Check No.

Chretien, Gus 636-M

April 15, 1930.

Mrs. Theresa Chretien,
Phillips, Oklahoma.

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. Phillips 12:45 PM, O.C. AA No. 15, May 3
Ar. Atoka 1:20 PM, O. C. AA No. 15, May 3
Lv. Atoka 1:38 PM, M. K. T. No. 6, May 3
Ar. St. Louis 7:59 AM, M. K. T. No. 6, May 4
Lv. St. Louis 8:40 AM, B. & O. No. 4, May 4
Ar. New York (42nd St. Sta.) 3:44 PM, B. & O.
No. 4, May 5

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.

30/1015/

Phillips, Okla.

April 4 - 1930.

Local 60

Quatermaster General

Washington.

Notes
file

Dear Sir:

In case of accident please

Notify my daughter, Miss
^{Christen}

Mary Christen, Phillips, Okla.

Noted

Truly

Mrs Theresa Christen



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QM 293 A-C
Chretien, Gus 636-M

March 31, 1930.

Mrs. Theresa Chretien,
Phillips, Oklahoma.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 22, 1930, relative to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act approved March 2, 1929.

With reference to your statement that your husband will be your companion on the pilgrimage, you are informed that under the law providing for this pilgrimage the Government cannot bear any part of the expense of a relative or friend accompanying you nor can it make any arrangements for them. This must be entirely a personal matter.

It may be possible for your husband to secure accommodations on the same ship and possibly at the same hotels in New York and Paris, but in view of the limited accommodations you could not travel to the cemetery together, and it is doubtful if he could secure accommodations in the same town near the cemetery. The Government can assume no responsibility for relatives or friends accompanying pilgrims and they must not expect medical or other assistance from the Government or to be included in official hours paid for by the Government.

If your husband desires to accompany you under these conditions, it is suggested he write for further information to the United States Lines, 1027 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D. C., who will no doubt be able to give him complete information as to cost of transportation. This company is a commercial line which owns and operates the vessels upon which reservations have been made for all mothers and widows making the pilgrimage. It is understood that they have arranged with some of the tourist agencies to take care of any relatives or friends and make all arrangements for their accommodations while in Europe. It will also be necessary for Mr. Chretien to make arrangements for his own passport and visa.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Forwarded to
War Dept

Coalgate, Okla.

March 22, 1930.

War Dept.

REC'D
COALGATE
MAR 26 30

Dear Sir.

As my husband will
be my companion, I
would like some information
concerning passport and etc.
for him. Yours truly.

Mrs Theresa Chretien

THERESA CHRETIEN
an alien.

Application rec'd. P.P.
Cashier Passport
Division

2.

RECEIVED
MAR 27 1930
U. S. R. DIV.
D. C. H. G.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Chretien, Gus 636 M

March 12, 1950

Mrs. Theresa Chretien,
Phillips, Okla.

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
Chretien, Gus 636 -M

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Theresa Chretien,
Phillips, Oklahoma.

*Sailed
May 7-1930*

Dear Madam:

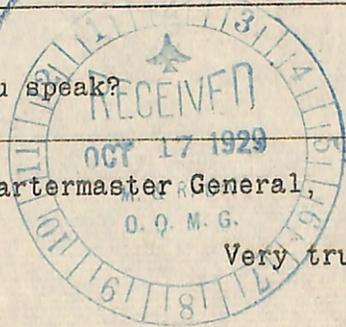
The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, 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.

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| 1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible? | (Yes) <i>yes</i> (No) |
| 2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930? | (Yes) <i>yes.</i> (No) |
| 3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested? | (Yes) <i>no</i> (No) |
| 4. Please give your age and state of health. | Age <i>67</i> Health <i>good</i> (Years) (Good) (Poor) |
| 5. What language do you speak? | English - <i>yes</i> (Yes) (No) Other language <i>French</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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Act
Envelope

Chretien
cpl Co E
Sus
16th
Inf.

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. Theresa Chretien
(Name)

Phillips, Coal County, Oklahoma
(Town or City) (State)

America
May
1930



Phillips, Okla.

June 24-1924.

The Quartermaster General.

Dear Sir:

In reply to q m 293 a.c.
My son, Corporal Gus
Chretien, Co. E, 16th Infantry,
was not married.

Very truly yours

Mrs Theresa Chretien



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Chretien, Gus

May 16, 1929.

Mrs. Theresa Chretien,
Phillips, Okla.

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 Corporal Gus Chretien, Co. E, 16th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, 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 re-married 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.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Chretien, Gus 636-M

April 21, 1930.

Mrs. Theresa Chretien,
Phillips, Okla.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. 291,775 in the amount of \$ 22.50 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.

1 Incl.
Check No.

QM 293 A-M

Chretien, Gus - 636

September 9, 1930

Mrs. Theresa Chretien,
Phillips,, Okla.

Dear Madam:

The enclosed **passport** used by you on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe has been stamped showing "Pilgrimage Completed" and may be retained by you as an additional souvenir of your trip.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Incl.
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May 1, 1930, Washington, D. C.

MRS THERESA CHRETIEN
PHILLIPS OKLAHOMA

RELET TO SECRETARY DATED APRIL TWENTYFIFTH TAKE MATTER UP
WITH COLONEL ELLIS ONE FORTYSIX AVENUE DES CHAMPS ELYSEES
PARIS FRANCE RE VISITING DAUGHTER

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Chretien, Gus.



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Chretien, Gus 636-M

April 15, 1930.

Mrs. Theresa Chretien,
Phillips, Oklahoma.

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. Phillips 12:45 PM, O.C. AA No. 15, May 3
Ar. Atoka 1:30 PM, O. C. AA No. 15, May 3
Lv. Atoka 1:38 PM, M. K. T. No. 6, May 3
Ar. St. Louis 7:59 AM, M. K. T. No. 6, May 4
Lv. St. Louis 8:40 AM, B. & O. No. 4, May 4
Ar. New York (42nd St. Sta.) 3:44 PM, B. & O.
No. 4, May 5

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.

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Chretien, Gus - 638 M

MAY 3 1930

Mrs. August Chretien,
* Colonel A. E. Williams,
Room 201 - Pennsylvania Bldg.,
226 W. 34th Street,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Chretien:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 26, 1930, with reference to obtaining stop-over privileges while on the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act approved March 2, 1929.

Confirming telegram sent you under date of May 1, 1930, you were advised to take the matter of making a stop-over in Europe up with Colonel Richard T. Ellis, 146 Avenue des Champs Elysees, Paris, upon your arrival in the French capital. Colonel Ellis is in charge of the European arrangements for the pilgrimage, and it is believed that he will be able to arrange for you to see your sister and visit the resting place of your parents. It will be necessary, of course, for you to rejoin the group of mothers and widows with whom you are to make the pilgrimage in time to return to the United States on the steamship upon which you are scheduled to make the voyage.

This communication is being sent to you in care of Colonel Williams in New York because it is believed that it will not have time to reach you in Oklahoma before your departure from home.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) F. Trubee Davison

Acting Secretary of War.

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MAY 3 - 1930

This record copy will be returned
to S. P. M. G. after mailing.



QM 293 A-C
Chretien, Gus - 636 M

MAY 3 1930

Mrs. August Chretien,
% Colonel A. B. Williams,
Room 901 - Pennsylvania Bldg.,
225 W. 34th Street,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Chretien:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 25, 1930, with reference to obtaining stop-over privileges while on the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act approved March 2, 1929.

Confirming telegram sent you under date of May 1, 1930, you were advised to take the matter of making a stop-over in Europe up with Colonel Richard F. Ellis, 148 Avenue des Champs Elysees, Paris, upon your arrival in the French capital. Colonel Ellis is in charge of the European arrangements for the pilgrimage, and it is believed that he will be able to arrange for you to see your sister and visit the resting place of your parents. It will be necessary, of course, for you to rejoin the group of mothers and widows with whom you are to make the pilgrimage in time to return to the United States on the steamship upon which you are scheduled to make the voyage.

This communication is being sent to you in care of Colonel Williams in New York because it is believed that it will not have time to reach you in Oklahoma before your departure from home.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) F. Truman Davison

Acting Secretary of War.

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Chretien, Gus - 636 M

MAY 3 1930

Mrs. August Chretien,
% Colonel A. N. Williams,
Room 501 - Pennsylvania Bldg.,
225 W. 34th Street,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Chretien:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 28, 1930, with reference to obtaining stop-over privileges while on the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act approved March 2, 1929.

Confirming telegram sent you under date of May 1, 1930, you were advised to take the matter of making a stop-over in Europe up with Colonel Richard T. Ellis, 148 Avenue des Champs Elysees, Paris, upon your arrival in the French capital. Colonel Ellis is in charge of the European arrangements for the pilgrimage, and it is believed that he will be able to arrange for you to see your sister and visit the resting place of your parents. It will be necessary, of course, for you to rejoin the group of mothers and widows with whom you are to make the pilgrimage in time to return to the United States on the steamship upon which you are scheduled to make the voyage.

This communication is being sent to you in care of Colonel Williams in New York because it is believed that it will not have time to reach you in Oklahoma before your departure from home.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) E. Truben Davison

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Acting Secretary of War.



DO NOT DETACH THIS SLIP

Return accompanying papers to
ROOM 242, STATE, WAR, AND NAVY BUILDING

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR

Date April 29, 1930.

Subject: Letter from Mrs. Aug. Chretrin - 4/25/30 -
re obtaining stop-over privileges while on Pilgrimage to France.

To: THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

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- 1.....Necessary action.
- 2.....Necessary action and direct reply.
- 3Nec. action and prep. of reply for sig. of ~~The Asst.~~ Secy. of War.
- 4.....Nec. action and prep. of reply for sig. of the Executive.
- 5.....Preparation of memo. to inclose with reply.
- 6.....Preparation of memo. on which to base personal reply.
- 7.....Remark and recommendation.
- 8.....Notation and filing or return.

By direction of The Assistant Secretary of War:

Geo. Van Horn Moseley,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army
Executive.

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APR 28 1930
OFF. SEC. WAR

Phillips
Okla.

April 25 - 1930.

Mr. Patrick Hurley:
Dear Friend!

I am one of the Mothers
making the Pilgrimage, which
I appreciate.

As I have a daughter that
lies not far from the
Cemetery where my son is
buried. I would like for you
to give me permission that
I may again be with her
for a few moments and visit
the resting place of my parents
This means a lot to me.

No doubt you remember

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Mrs. [Name]
[Address]

My family as you were
a small boy when you
played with my son, Gus.

Hoping you a speedy
recovery from your illness.

I am yours truly

Mrs Aug. Christian^{sr}

P.S. I only asking for two days.



Recorded, M & R Div., W. D.

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Mrs. August Chretien,
% Colonel A. E. Williams,
Room 901 - Pennsylvania Bldg.,
225 West 34th Street,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Chretien:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 25, 1930, with reference to obtaining stop-over privileges while on the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act approved March 2, 1929.

Confirming telegram sent you under date of May 1, 1930, you were advised to take the matter of making a stop-over in Europe up with Colonel Richard T. Ellis, 146 Avenue des Champs Elysees, Paris, upon your arrival in the French capital. Colonel Ellis is in charge of the European arrangements for the pilgrimage, and it is believed that he will be able to arrange for you to see your daughter and visit the resting place of your parents. It will be necessary, of course, for you to rejoin the group of mothers and widows with whom you are to make the pilgrimage in time to return to the United States on the steamship upon which you are scheduled to make the voyage.

This communication is being sent to you in care of Colonel Williams in New York because it is believed that it will not have time to reach you in Oklahoma before your departure from home.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) F. Trubee Davison

acting Secretary of War.



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MAY 8 - 1930



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Chretien, Gus - 636 M

May 3, 1930

Mrs. August Chretien,
c/o Colonel A. E. Williams,
Room 901 - Pennsylvania Bldg.,
225 W. 34th Street,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Chretien:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 25, 1930, with reference to obtaining stop-over privileges while on the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act approved March 2, 1929.

Confirming telegram sent you under date of May 1, 1930, you were advised to take the matter of making a stop-over in Europe up with Colonel Richard T. Ellis, 146 Avenue des Champs Elysees, Paris, upon your arrival in the French capital. Colonel Ellis is in charge of the European arrangements for the pilgrimage, and it is believed that he will be able to arrange for you to see your sister and visit the resting place of your parents. It will be necessary, of course, for you to rejoin the group of mothers and widows with whom you are to make the pilgrimage in time to return to the United States on the steamship upon which you are scheduled to make the voyage.

This communication is being sent to you in care of Colonel Williams in New York because it is believed that it will not have time to reach you in Oklahoma before your departure from home.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary of War.

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Phillips, Okla.,

April 25, 1930.

Mr. Patrick Hurley:

Dear Sir:

I am one of the mothers making the Pilgrimage,
which I appreciate.

As I have a daughter that lives not far from the
cemetery where my son is buried. I would like for you to
give me permission that I may again be with her for a few
moments and visit the resting place of my parents. This
means a lot to me. No doubt you remember my family as
you were a small boy when you played with my son, Gus.

Hoping you a speedy recover from your illness.

I am yours truly,

Mrs. Aug. CHRETIEN.

P.S. I only asking for two days.

May 1, 1930, Washington, D. C.

MRS THERESA CHRETIEN
PHILLIPS OKLAHOMA

RELET TO SECRETARY DATED APRIL TWENTYFIFTH TAKE MATTER UP
WITH COLONEL ELLIS ONE FORTYSIX AVENUE DES CHAMPS ELYSEES
PARIS FRANCE RE VISITING DAUGHTER

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Chretien, Gus.

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Chretien, Gus 656-M

March 31, 1930.

Mrs. Theresa Chretien,
Phillips, Oklahoma.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 22, 1930, relative to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act approved March 2, 1929.

With reference to your statement that your husband will be your companion on the pilgrimage, you are informed that under the law providing for this pilgrimage the Government cannot bear any part of the expense of a relative or friend accompanying you nor can it make any arrangements for them. This must be entirely a personal matter.

It may be possible for your husband to secure accommodations on the same ship and possibly at the same hotels in New York and Paris, but in view of the limited accommodations you could not travel to the cemetery together, and it is doubtful if he could secure accommodations in the same town near the cemetery. The Government can assume no responsibility for relatives or friends accompanying pilgrims and they must not expect medical or other assistance from the Government or to be included in official tours paid for by the Government.

If your husband desires to accompany you under these conditions, it is suggested he write for further information to the United States Lines, 1027 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D. C., who will no doubt be able to give him complete information as to cost of transportation. This company is a commercial line which owns and operates the vessels upon which reservations have been made for all mothers and widows making the pilgrimage. It is understood that they have arranged with some of the tourist agencies to take care of any relatives or friends and make all arrangements for their accommodations while in Europe. It will also be necessary for Mr. Chretien to make arrangements for his own passport and visa.

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

Chretien, Gus 636-M

March 19, 1930

Mrs. Theresa Chretien,
Phillips, Oklahoma

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.

1 Enclosure.
Regulation.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Chretien, Gus 636 M.

March 12, 1930

Mrs. Theresa Chretien,
Phillips, Okla.

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

October 7 1929.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Chretien, Gus 636 -M

Mrs. Theresa Chretien,
Phillips, Oklahoma.

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.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl.
Act
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Chretien, Gus

May 16, 1929.

Mrs. Theresa Chretien,
Phillips, Okla.

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 Corporal Gus Chretien, Co. E, 16th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, 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 re-married 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,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

Q. M. G. 293 A-C
MAY 16 AM 11 00
DISPATCHED

Chretien,
(Surname.)

Gus
(Christian name in full.)

176-75
42657
(Army serial num)

Corp

Co E 16th Inf
(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Parent

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)

Mr & Mrs August Chretien

Phillips Oklahoma

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by Pm
176-75
2-14-21

REVIEWED
OSP SS.
~~710-2-16-21~~

Chretien, Gus .QM 293 A-C

February 16, 1927 .

Mr. August Chretien,
Phillips, Oklahoma.

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 overseas military cemetery is to be maintained by the United States for all time. The graves will be permanently marked by white headstones inscribed with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves, as soon as possible, and without necessity 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 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,

✓ 1 Incl.
Record card.

K. J. HAMPTON,
Lt. Col., Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

MIN *men*

25/560/EYS



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Nov. 14, 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name CHRETIEN, Gus 13
 2. No. 42651
 3. Rank Cpl.
 4. Org. Co. E, 16th Inf.
 5. D.D. Apl. 27th
 6. C.D. KIA

10. Name _____
 Disc on body badly corroded, shows only:
 11. No. "426-----"
 12. Rank _____
 13. Org. _____
 14. (a) D.D. _____
 (b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 39 Sec. _____
 8. Plot C Row _____
 9. _____

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

18. Cemetery American
 20. Dept. or County Somme
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. Cty. #176

19. Commune or town Villers Tournelle
 21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) Nov. 14, 1921

By James McGourty

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Gus Chretien
 Rank Cpl.

Serial No. _____
 Organization Co. E. 16th Inf.

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

Bernard J. Black
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant
 Bernard J. Black

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).
Body previously reburied by Field Section. Metal strips on box and body, and bottle record found. Body disc, badly corroded, shows only: "-----, 426-----, -----, -----."

27. Condition of body Skeleton disarticulated. Features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Wrapped in blanket and in wooden box.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? _____

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Nov. 14, 1921 By James McGourty

31. Casket sealed by James McGourty

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) James McGourty

AUDITED BY
 117 2 25 26

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-13460

32. Designation of body:

Name CHRETIEN, Gus Serial No. _____

Rank Cpl. Organization Co. E. 16th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Somme American #636, Bony, Aisne.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Nov. 14, 1921 By James McGourty

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.J. Powers, 1st.Lt.QMC GS

36. Remarks _____

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Nov. 14, 1921

To point of Concentration Amiens, Somme

Convoyer S Stewart Signature Shipping Officer J.J. Powers, 1st.Lt.QMC (Name) J.J. Powers

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Nov. 14, 1921

By G.R.S. Representative H.W. Beyette, Capt. QMC

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 21 NOV 1921

To Permanent Cemetery No. 636, Bony, Aisne

Convoyer S Stewart Signature Shipping Officer H.W. Beyette, Capt. QMC (Name) H.W. Beyette

40. Received: Date 25 NOV 1921

G.R.S. Representative S R. Dice

41. Reinterred Oct. 24, 1932

42. Grave No. 4 (Date) _____ Section _____

43. Plot Block C Row 20

G.R.S. Representative D.E. Lowry

D.E. LOWRY
1st.Lt.QMC.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place Villers Fournelle, Somme

Date Nov. 14, 1921

1. REMAINS OF CHRISTIAN, Gus

SERIAL NUMBER 42651

RANK Cpl.

ORGANIZATION Co. E. 16th. Inf.

2. Disinterred (date):

From (give complete location):

Nov. 14, 1921. Gr. 39, Plot C. Amer. Mil. Cem. 176, Villers Fournelle, Somme

By: Group

1

Unit

D

F. S. 8

3. Reburied (date): Oct. 24, 1922

In (give complete location):

Grave 4, Row 20, Block C, Somme Am. Cty. 636, Bony (Aisne)

By: Group

Reburial

Unit

Reg. Casket & shipping

Nature of reburial case.

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

Wrapped in blanket and in wooden box.

Skeleton disarticulated. Features unrecognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? yes

On grave marker? no

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

Body previously reburied by Field Section. Metal strips on box and body and bottle record found.

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 visible

Quantity

Characteristics

(d) Hair on face—Color none visible

Location

Quantity

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

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

Both femurs fractured. Left humerus shattered.

Inspector B. J. Black,

7. Disinterment supervised by

James McGourty, S.E.

Approved:

J.J. Powers, 1st Lt. MC Insp.

(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by

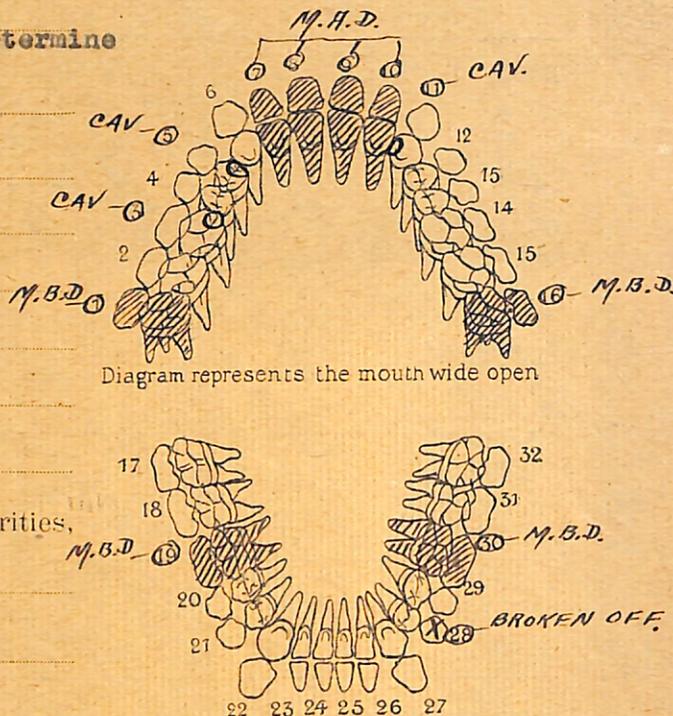
Ben. A. BRADFORD
Sup. Emb.

Approved:

D.E. Lowry,

(Title)

1st Lt. QMC.



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

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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:



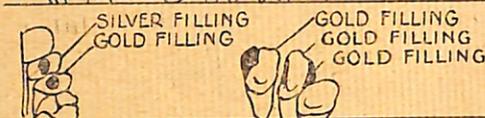
CROWNED TEETH Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:



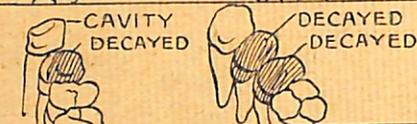
BRIDGE WORK Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus:



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.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA File # 1980

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name CHRETIEN, Gus. Ser. No. 42651
(b) Rank Cpl. Organization Co. E, 16th Inf.
(c) Date of death 4-27-18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. DB
CKR.

*U.S. 2-28-21
OK (2-28-21)
Examined
Crematorium
636
5/22/22
Lga
Somme
mactB
6-8-22*

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

(a) Grave No. 44 Row - Plot - Sec. C TYP. DB
(b) Emerg. Address Mr. August Chretien, (Father) Phillips, Okla.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases _____ CKR. *EM*

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt None

(a) Name Mr. August Chretien (b) Relationship Father
(c) Address Phillips, Okla.
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at -

*OK
att*

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

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

Examiner's Initials A.E.S. Date 9-15, 1920.

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

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

No correspondence

Examiner's Initials A.E.S. Date 9-15, 1920.

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes EM

Examiner's Initials EM Date 9-15, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 176 SHEET No. 75

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

*rechecked
7-10-3-25*

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 9/24, 1920

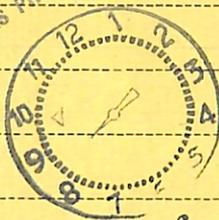
Par # 2. Not to be returned (EES)

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

GENETRAL DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SECTION



NOV 26 1920
RECEIVED

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*Form #120 Father wishes
body to remain in Europe 10/30/20 EES
Letter 11/10/20 to Mr. August Christian, father
Phillips, Oklahoma, requesting name + address
of widow + children, also wishes as to disposition
of body. P. J. W. 11/16/20 - Letter from Mother states
soldier was not married, and requests body remain
in France - (EES)*

NOV 24 1920

**FORM 115 RETURNED BY HINDIKEN - BODY
TO REMAIN IN EUROPE. HSK**

Original

Place Villers-Journelle
same

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date 11-19-20

1. REMAINS OF Gus Chretien SERIAL NUMBER _____
RANK Cpl ORGANIZATION Co F 16th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): 11-19-20 From (give complete location): Villers Journelle
Grave 44 See C same
amer Cem 176

By: Group one Unit See one

3. Reburied (date): 11-19-20 In (give complete location): Villers Journelle
Grave 39 See C same
amer Cem 176

By: Group one Unit one Nature of reburial in blanket
in pine box

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

in Blanket. uniform
body decomposed unrecognizable

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? yes On grave marker? no

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

Tag on body corroded - no name shown -
part of serial number shown - 426 - 9

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 on skull

Quantity None

Characteristics None

(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location None

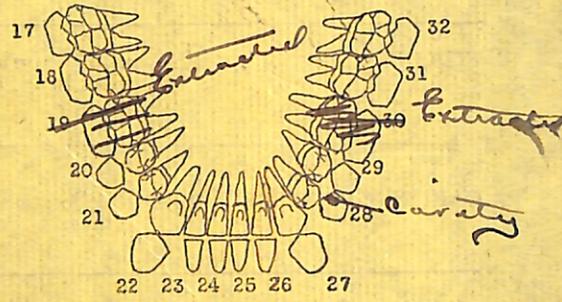
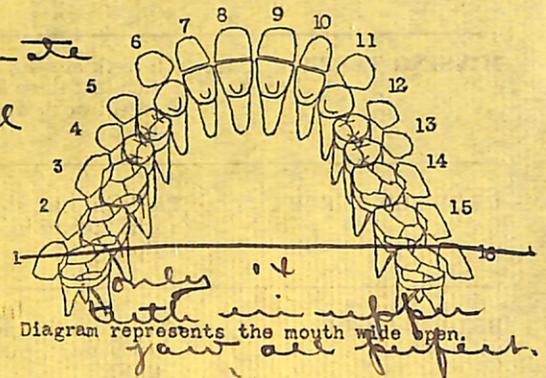
Quantity None

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

Impossible to report

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

Impossible to report.



7. Disinterment supervised by Clarence W. Dodge
(Clarence W. Dodge, Capt. M. C.)
Inspector.

Approved: S. D. Campbell
(S. D. Campbell, Capt. Inf.)
(Title) Master of Section #1.

8. Reburial supervised by Clarence W. Dodge
(Clarence W. Dodge, Capt. M. C.)
Inspector.

Approved: S. D. Campbell
(S. D. Campbell, Capt. Inf.)
(Title) M. of S. #1.

D-30273
file
11/17/20
Dodge

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

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

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

THE LEHIGH NATIONAL BANK

"A Home Bank Managed By Home People"

LEHIGH, OKLA.,

November 16, 1920.

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Capt. R. E. Shannon, Q. M. Corps.
Cemetery Division.
Sir:-

In reply to yours of 10th inst. addressed to Mr August Cretien, relative to disposition of our ~~son~~ son Corporal Gus Cretien.

Our son Gus Cretien was never married, and as his mother and Mr Cretien, father, are next of kin it is our desire that his remains be left in France, buried in an American Nat'l cemetery. France was the place of his birth, so let it be his last resting place.

Very truly yours

Mrs Theresa Cretien

*noted on 15
11-23-20-8*

CEMETERY DIVISION



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176-75

WAR DEPARTMENT
QUARTERMASTER CORPS
Cemeterial Division, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.
Room 350, Pier #2, Hoboken, N.J.

November 10th, 1920.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div.Cor.Branch,
(Chretien, Gus)

Mr. August Chretien,
Phillips, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

It is requested that you advise this office if the late Corporal Gus. Chretien, Serial No. 42651, Company E, 16th Infantry, is survived by a widow and children; and if so, kindly furnish name and address of each.

The above information is necessary due to the fact that instructions for the disposition of the remains will be issued by this office only upon the properly executed authority of the legal next of kin; and in this case, if the soldier was married, the widow (and if she has remarried, the children of the late soldier) would be the legal next of kin.

If the deceased is not survived by any of the above mentioned persons, it is requested that you state definitely if you wish the body of your late son left in France for burial in an American National Cemetery, or returned to the United States and shipped to you, or interred in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Va.

An early reply from you, using the enclosed envelope which requires no postage, will be appreciated.

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

By:

CLAY S. WORICK,
Captain, A.G.D.

dispend until
FF/cbm

Nov. 30-1920.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
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Cemeterial Division, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.
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Mailed-O.P.D.

NOV 10 1920

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

By:

cbm

CLAY S. WORICK,
Captain, A.G.D.

FF/cbm

Suspend 11/30

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

WASHINGTON

OCT 16 1920

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

To: Mr. August Chretien, Phillips, Oklahoma

SUBJECT: Remains of Cpl. Gus. Chretien, Serial No. 42651,
Co. E, 16th Infantry.

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body remain in Europe

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Major, U. S. A.

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

| NAME OF— | NO. AND STREET. | TOWN. | STATE. |
|---|-----------------|-------|--------|
| Was soldier married? | | | |
| Soldier's widow | | | |
| Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.) | 1 | | |
| | 2 | | |
| | 3 | | |
| Father | | | |
| Mother | | | |
| Brothers. (Name oldest first.) | 1 | | |
| | 2 | | |
| | 3 | | |
| Sisters. (Name oldest first.) | 1 | | |
| | 2 | | |
| | 3 | | |

Date _____

Signature _____

Address _____

Relationship _____

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

CEMETERY DIVISION



OCT 29 20

Relationship _____, 1920.

I, the undersigned, am the Father and nearest living relative of the within-named
(Relationship.)

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. Leave remains in Europe
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.

Signature Aug Christian

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

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

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WASHINGTON
SERVICES REGISTRATION SERVICE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNMENT CEMETARY OF THE ARMY
WAR DEPARTMENT

OCT 18 1920

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 1936

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name **CHRISTIAN, Gus.** Ser. No. **42651**
 (b) Rank **Cpl.** Organization **Co. B, 16th Inf.**
 (c) Date of death **4-27-18** Cause of death **K/A**

TYP DB

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

(a) Grave No. **44** Row **-** Plot **-** Sect. **C**
 (b) Emerg. Address **Mr. August Christian, (Father) Phillips, Okla.**

TYP DB

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

OKR E.W.

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

A. G. O card: August Christian, (father) Phillips, Okla., requests that body be not returned to U.S.

9.0.1.0-1-20

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 192 (letter of transmittal on 9/24 1920)

Par. # 2 - not to be returned (jck)

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

OCT 12 1920 192 *10-11-20*

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

| Date of and Source | Relationship and name | Desires | Action taken |
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VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J.

NOV 26 1920 192

COUNTRY **FRANCE**
 G.R.S. FORM **115-A**
 August **1920**

CEMETERY NO. **176**

SHEET NO.

75

Jan
max 13
6-8-22
5/22/22
Concentration
Somme # 636



GRAVE LOCATION BANK.

1126

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Christien 42651 Gus

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

Corporal E. G. 16th Inf. Regt.

(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL

April - 27th - 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL

Villers-Tournelle

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

18th Inf. Regt Cemetery - Villers-Tournelle
North Sub-sec. Adv. Zone - Antigny
Sect. Map. Plainville. At just on Chauxée
Cord. Rd. 9705

GRAVE NUMBER

1

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?

No. (note in bottle)

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

Occupant above named is
no 5 in grave 1 - numbers
of occupants running right to left
- right

REPORTED BY :

J. E. Carney - 1st Lieut 18th Inf 17

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

23 MAIL ROOM

WAR DEPARTMENT

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

1936

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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FILE
CHRISTIAN
GAS

File # 1936



42051

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-0

Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 2-19-21

File No. **1936** Requisition.

(SPECIAL)

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 CHRETIEN
(Christian)

f. Date of death 4-27-18

b. Christian name Gus.

g. Cause of death K/A

c. Serial Number 42651

h. Authority (C.O.#)

d. Organization Co. E, 16th Inf.

i. Emergency address August Christian

e. Rank Cpl.
(Pvt.)

j. Relationship
(Father)

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

176

CEMETERY NO:

SHEET NO: 75
TYPED BY:

S/713/LML

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

BY:

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

Rec'd World War Div.

Date FEB 24 1921

Rec'd S & B Div. A.G.O.

FEB 28 1921 6

Donnelly 2m8. 5105-2/24/21.

FEB 25 1921
RECEIVED

CEMETERIAL DIVISION
REGISTRATION SECTION

Nov. 3 192 1.

MEMO FOR:

Cards Department.

1.

.CASE OF:

Co. E, 16th Inf.

ORGANIZATION (Old)

CHRETIEN 42651 Gus. Corp.

(Name)

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

ORGANIZATION (New)

FILE NO.

SURNAME

SERIAL NUMBER

FIRST NAME AND INITIALS

RANK

DATE OF DEATH

CAUSE OF DEATH

| | Date | Place | F-1A No. |
|-----------|----------|-------|----------|
| Orig. | | | D- |
| 1st, Reb. | | | D- |
| 2nd Reb. | 11/29/20 | 176 | D- 30273 |
| 3rd Reb. | | | D- |

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

BY: ^m Miss Lennon

Card.

(Department)

5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made
on Organization
File Card:

By mcc
S/3324/LML

