

G.R.S. Form #114-B

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To The A. G. C.

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APR 27 1926

DATE 11/15/21

1. NAME Chapin, Park S SERIAL No. 2263639

RANK Pvt. 1st. cl ORGANIZATION Co. K. 59th Inf. 8 DIVISION 4th

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse Arg. Amer. Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, 1232 Sec. 44
CTY. NAME NUMBER

118 Sec. 44

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GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 37 BAC Plot 2 Brioules-sur-Meuse, Meuse city # 700

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES Verdun 35NE 282.1N 312.25E

CONCENTRATED TO 5/14/19 118 44 3

DATE

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Meuse Argonne 1232

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on body and cross

data f-1/pfb

DATE OF DEATH Oct 4, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Wash

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE

GRAVE

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PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR M. B. BIRDSEYE
1st Lt., Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 11/15/21 6 45 Block C.

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

Robert O. Davis,
Major General,
The Adjutant General

Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. 1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

AUDITED BY

MAY 3 1926

CEMETERY

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APR 30 1926
WORLD WAR DIV.

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.



Co. K, 59th Inf.,
4th Div.

Chapin, Park S. - Pvt. 1st Cl. 2263639

Killed in action Oct. 4, 1918, Meuse Argonne offensive. Buried in American Cemetary near Mill North of Septarges Woods, Grave #40.

"About 7:30 A. M. on Oct. 4, 1918, in the Argonne, I saw Pvt. Chapin killed by the explosion of a shell as we were going over the top. The shell killed Chapin instantly and wounded Corp. Harry Peterson. Corp. Peterson is dead now."

Informant: Grouski, Alex - Sgt. 561405
Co. K, 59th Inf.
Home: Oglesby, Ill, Box. 186

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CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Chapin	3	381
	Park St		
BURIED	CEMETERY 1232	1	1
	GRAVE 6	2	06
	ROW 45	2	45
	BLOCK C	1	3
STATE	Wash	2	56
RANK	Plt 1/cl.	1	2
DIVISION	4	2	04
ORGANIZATION	59	3	059
ARM	Inf.	1	1
MARTIAL	No	1	2
NAME	Mrs Virginia Chapin	3	381
STATE	Wash	2	56
RESIDENCE	COUNTY Lewis	2	21
	CITY Pe Eel	3	XXX
RELATION	Natural Mother	1	2
	Adopted Mother	1	
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Bad	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	no age	1	2
29/514/PJ,			75

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Chapin Park S (MA)

July 9 1932

Mrs Virginia Chapin
Pe Ell, Washington

Dear Madam:

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

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

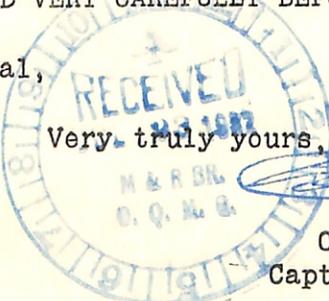
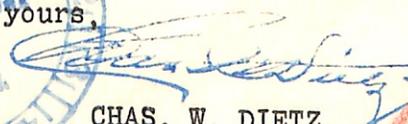
IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU GIVE THE MATTER YOUR MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BEFORE REACHING A DECISION, BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE TRIP AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

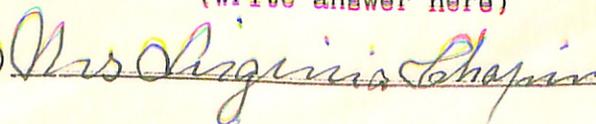


CHAS. W. DIETZ,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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

No.
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Chapin, Park S. MA AM

December 16, 1931.

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Mrs. Virginia Chapin,
Pe Ell, Washington

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

Competent personnel will be provided to care for the mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York until their return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities will be arranged for and in the event you decide to make a pilgrimage, you are assured everything possible will be done for your care and welfare. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 many mothers of advanced age and in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited therefrom.

Your name is being placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make a pilgrimage in 1933. However, should you change your mind in view of the above, and desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, it is requested you advise this office in order that arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

November 2, 1931

Chapin, Park S. M-A AD-M

Mrs. Virginia Chapin,
Pe Ell, Washington

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. In your reply to the recent inquiry as to whether or not you desired to make a pilgrimage in 1932, you advised you were undecided.

In view of the fact that steamship reservations must be made several months in advance, it is essential that this office know how many mothers and widows must be arranged for. It is possible that you may have made your decision by this time. It is therefore requested that you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name, and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage. In the event you state you desire to make the journey in 1932 and circumstances prevent your making the pilgrimage, it is requested you notify this office as promptly as possible.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	No ✓
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: 75- Health: <i>Very - Poor - Rheumatism</i>
3. Do you speak English?	Yes
4. What other language do you speak?	None

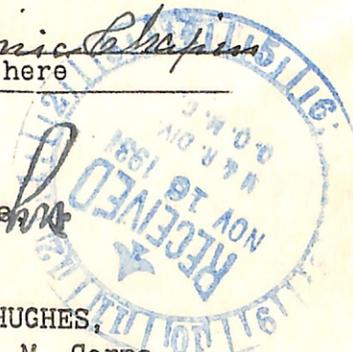
Mrs Virginia Chapin
Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

June 16, 1931.

Chapin, Park S. PFC. (M-8) AM

Mrs. Virginia Chapin,
Pe Ell, Washington.

Dear Madam:

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

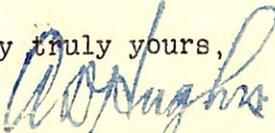
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or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

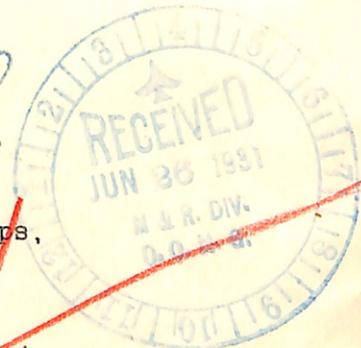
As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

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

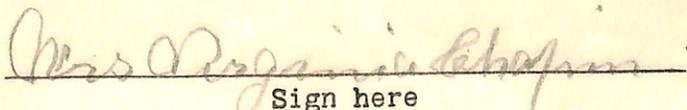
For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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



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


Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Chapin, Park S. 1232 ~~7~~ A.M

February 25, 1931

Mrs. Virginia Chapin,
Pe Ell,
Washington.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

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

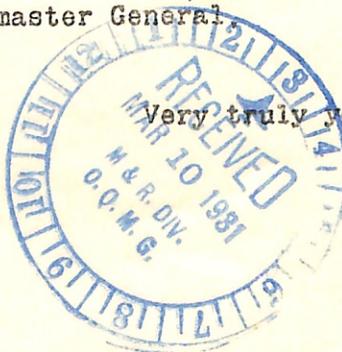
1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	No.
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	No.
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age As our former report - Condition of Health Poor
4. Do you speak English?	Yes
5. What other language do you speak?	No.

(Signed) Mrs Virginia Chopin
For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:
Envelope
Act
Amendment



QM 293 A-M
Chapin, Park S. 1232 LP

February 25, 1931

Mrs. Virginia Chapin,
Pe Ell,
Washington.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of January 20, 1931, relative to the natural mother of your adopted son, the late Private first class Park S. Chapin.

Under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, you are eligible to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe to visit the grave of your adopted son, the late Private first class Park S. Chapin. In order that your desires may be of record and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested that the questionnaire enclosed, herewith, be completed and returned to this office.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Chapin, Park S. 1232 IP

February 25, 1931

Mrs. Virginia Chapin,
Pe Ell,
Washington.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?

2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?

3. Please give your age and state your health.

Age
Condition of Health

4. Do you speak English?

5. What other language do you speak?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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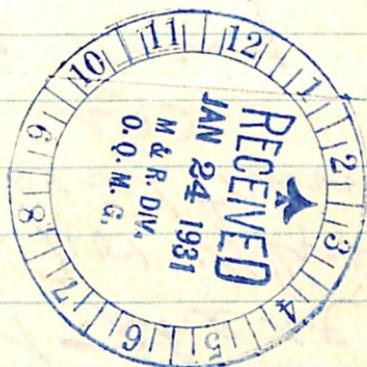
January 20, 1951.

John T. Harris
Major A.M. Corps.
Washington D.C.
Dear Sir,

Replying to yours of
January 15th, concerning
the natural mother of the
late Private Park S. Chapin,
I have had no knowledge
of her for many years
and do not know
whether or not she is
still living. Nor if living
what her present name
and address is.

Very Truly

① Mrs Virginia Chapin



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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

January 15, 1931

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Chapin, Park S. 1232 LP

Mrs. Virginia Chapin,
Pe Ell, Washington.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested that you advise whether or not the late Private Park S. Chapin is survived by his natural mother, and if so, her name and address.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:
Envelope.

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Single.
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word of mother
Det. legally adopted
by Virginia Chapin

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7 1929.

Chapin, Park S. 1232

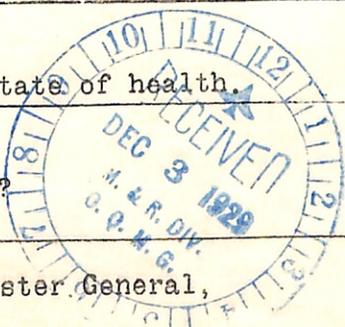
Mrs. Virginia Chapin,
Pe Ell, Washington.

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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <u>69</u> Health (Years) (Good) (Poor) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (No) Other language <u>no</u> (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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QM 293 A-M
Chapin, Park S. 1232 LP

September 22, 1930

Mrs. Virginia Chapin,
Pe Ell, Washington.

Dear Madam:

Further reference is made to correspondence directed to you from this office relative to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act approved March 2, 1929.

Under date of August 15, 1930, section 4 (a) of the Act mentioned was amended to read in part as follows: "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to a deceased member of the military or naval forces for a period of not less than five years at any time prior to the soldier, sailor, or marine becoming eighteen years of age".

In the event you believe yourself eligible, under this provision of the law, and desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, it is requested that the enclosed forms be completed by at least two persons not related to you and returned to this office, in order that your eligibility, under the Act, may be determined. Under paragraphs 1 (c) and 1 (d), sufficient information should be included to permit an intelligible decision as to eligibility.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Chapin, Park S.
1232.

Sept. 4, 1929

Mrs. Virginia Chapin,
Pe Ell, Washington

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 29, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

No

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

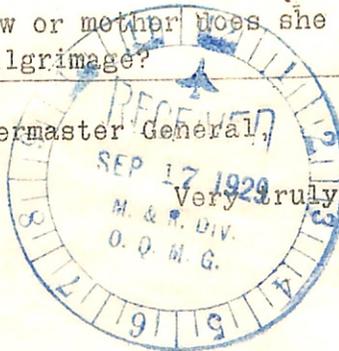
*Mrs. Virginia Chapin
Pe Ell, Wash
Mother thru adoption
address, Pe Ell, Washington*

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

No.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29, 1929.

Chapin, Park S.

Mrs. Virginia Chapin,
Pe Ell, Wash.

*2 1/2 yrs
Incl 10-3-17*

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 Pvt. 1/c Park S. Chapin, Co. K. 59th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Remagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, 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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JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Chapin Park 8 (MA)

July 9 1932

Mrs Virginia Chapin
Po 811, Washington

Dear Madam:

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Chapin, Park S. MA AM

December 16, 1931.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Chapin, Park S. M-A AD-M

November 2, 1931

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Pe Ell, Washington

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Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. In your reply to the recent inquiry as to whether or not you desired to make a pilgrimage in 1932, you advised you were undecided.

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In view of the fact that steamship reservations must be made several months in advance, it is essential that this office know how many mothers and widows must be arranged for. It is possible that you may have made your decision by this time. It is therefore requested that you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name, and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage. In the event you state you desire to make the journey in 1932 and circumstances prevent your making the pilgrimage, it is requested you notify this office as promptly as possible.

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

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM
Chapin, Park S. PFC. (M-1) AM

June 16, 1931.

Mrs. Virginia Chapin,
Pe Ell, Washington.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

QM 293 A-M
Chapin, Park S. 1232 LP

February 25, 1931

Mrs. Virginia Chapin,
Pe Ell,
Washington.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of January 20, 1931, relative to the natural mother of your adopted son, the late Private first class Park S. Chapin.

Under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, you are eligible to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe to visit the grave of your adopted son, the late Private first class Park S. Chapin. In order that your desires may be of record and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested that the questionnaire enclosed, herewith, be completed and returned to this office.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Encls.
Act - Amendment
Qn.
Env.

Q. M. G. H. & R. DIV.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Chapin, Park S. 1232 IP

February 25, 1931

Mrs. Virginia Chapin,
Pe Ell,
Washington.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?

2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?

3. Please give your age and state your health.

Age
Condition of Health

4. Do you speak English?

5. What other language do you speak?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:

Envelope
Act
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Q. M. G. M. & R. DIV.
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January 15, 1931

QW 293 A-M
Chapin, Park S. 1232 LP

Mrs. Virginia Chapin,
Pe Ell, Washington.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested that you advise whether or not the late Private Park S. Chapin is survived by his natural mother, and if so, her name and address.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:
Envelope.
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QM 293 A-M
Chapin, Park S. 1232 LP

September 22, 1930

Mrs. Virginia Chapin,
Pe Ell, Washington.

Dear Madam:

Further reference is made to correspondence directed to you from this office relative to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act approved March 2, 1929.

Under date of Magt15th 1930, section 4 (a) of the Act mentioned was amended to read in part as follows: "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to a deceased member of the military or naval forces for a period of not less than five years at any time prior to the soldier, sailor, or marine becoming eighteen years of age".

In the event you believe yourself eligible, under this provision of the law, and desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, it is requested that the enclosed forms be completed by at least two persons not related to you and returned to this office, in order that your eligibility, under the Act, may be determined. Under paragraphs 1 (c) and 1 (d), sufficient information should be included to permit an intelligible decision as to eligibility.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:
Act-Amendment.
Aff. Forms.
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FILE UNDER NO.

293 Chapin, Park S.

INDEX SHEET

LETTER.

SYNOPSIS

11/4/29.

FROM: OQ32

TO: Director, U.S. Veterans Bureau.

Re records of legal adoption of veterans.

DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO.

253 Helms, William

INSTRUCTIONS.—Under "Synopsis" make brief entry showing date of communication and from whom received and synopsis sufficient to identify the papers. When these index sheets become numerous under a subject they will be entered on the consolidated index sheet and then destroyed.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Chapin, Park S. 1232 -LP

Mrs. Virginia Chapin,
Pe Ell, Washington.

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,

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

Encl.
Act
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Chapin, Park S.
1232.

Sept. 4, 1929

Mrs. Virginia Chapin,
Po Ell, Washington

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 29, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29, 1929.

Chapin, Park S.

Mrs. Virginia Chapin,
Pe Ell, Wash.

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 Pvt. 1/c Park S. Chapin, Co. K, 59th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the House-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, 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.

Chapin, Park S.

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

2,263,639

(Army serial number.)

Pvt 1st Cl

(Rank and organization.)

Co K 59th Inf.

State your relationship to the deceased *mother*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? *yes*

(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery? *no*

(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:

Mrs. Virginia Chapin

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

Pe Ell Wash

(City or town.)

Pe Ell Wn

(State.)

(Sign here)

*Mrs. Virginia Chapin
Pe Ell Wash*

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by ZP

1232. 44-24

4-18-21

checked
70-4-18-21

In reply refer to:
QM - 293 C-R

July 26, 1923.

Mrs. Virginia Chapin,
Pe Ell,
Washington.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of

Private 1/c Park S. Chapin, Company K, 59th Infantry, is Grave 6, Row 45, Block C, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, (Meuse), France.

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

In effecting removal, the utmost care and reverence were exacted and more than willingly accorded by those performing this sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

H. J. Conner,
Assistant.



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Date 11th June, 1919.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

42936

Remains of:

Name: CHAPIN, Park S.

Number 2263639

Rank: Unkn

Organization

Unkn

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group:

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

from (give complete location)

6 14th May, 1919.

Amer. B/A Cemetery Grave #37

BRIEULLES SUR MEUSE

35 NE E 312.5 N 282.6

Reburied (Date)

In: (Give complete location)

14th May, 1919.

Grave #118 Sec. 44 Plot 3

1232

ARGONNE AMER. CEMETERY #1232

ROMAGNE MEUSE

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

Burial good; buried in uniform; body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

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

UNFILED No. D. 10650
10650

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found on bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct as is required by G.O. 170, G.H. 2, 1918., after being carefully examined for clues of identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

R. H. ROSENTHAL

Supervised by: Lt. Armitage

1st Lieut. Q.M.C.U.S.A.

WLP

G.O. Group Unit

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File # 42936

(a) Name CHApin, Park, S. Ser. No. 2263639
 (b) Rank Pvt. 1/C Organization Co. K. 59th Inf.
 (c) Date of death 10-4-18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. hmp
 CKR. Go

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

(a) Grave No. 118 Row ----- Plot 3 Sec. 44- TYP. hmp
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Virginia Jennie Chapin (Mother) Pe Ell, Wash.

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

CKR. Go

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Mrs. Virginia Chapin (b) Relationship mother
 (c) Address Pe Ell, Wash.
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? yes
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at no

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. Mrs. Virginia Chapin Pe Ell, Wash.

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

Examiner's Initials HA Date 4-18, 1920

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

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

Examiner's Initials ----- Date -----, 1920.

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

* Address same as Part IV, 9-12-19
no request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes
 Examiner's Initials HA Date 4-18, 1920

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232 Sec. 44 SHEET No. 24

CARDED

H.S. 5-2-21

*Checked
 9.M.M. 4-20-21*

RECEIVED BY
MAIL UNIT

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

Typed by _____, Checked by *JOR*, *JUN 2 1921*, 1920.



VIII. FINAL ACTION:

MAY 5 1921

Cemeterial Division
Overseas Project Sub-Section

Following advice forwarded to Europe by

cable on _____, 1920
letter on *4/27/21*, 1920

Section # 44
par # 1 - To be returned - RW

IX. CORRECTIONS

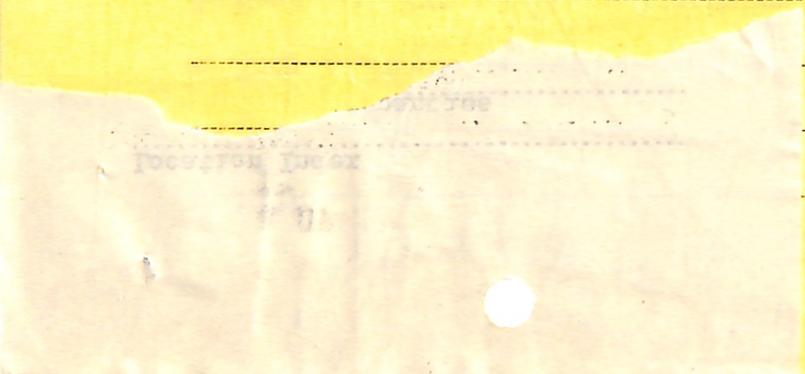
CHANGE OF ADVICE.	ACTION TAKEN.
Desires body be _____	
Body to be shipped to _____	

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*Form 129 to hold body Fred (Wash. 724 1/2, B. 7.
Telegram dated 5/16/21, from Mrs Virginia
Chapin (mother) requests body to remain
in France. RW.*

6/2/21 PROPOSED CABLEGRAM NO. *312* TO EUROPE-BODY TO REMAIN *6/7/21 G.S.*

*Let from Europe 7/5/21 states return cancelled as
per cable ^{att} 10/31/21*



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Nov 11 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 Chapin, Park S
2. No. 2263639
3. Rank Pvt. 1st cl
4. Org. Co. K. 59th Inf
5. D.D. Oct. 4.
6. C.D. KIA

10. Name
11. No.
12. Rank
13. Org.
14. (a) D.D.
(b) D.B. None

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 118 Sec 44
8. Plot 3 Row
9.

15. Grave No. Sec.
16. Plot Row
17. None

18. Cemetery Meuse Arg. Amer
20. Dept. or County Meuse
22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232 - Sec. 44

19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon
21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) Nov 11 1921 By E J Renouard

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Park S Chapin
Rank PFC

Serial No. 2265639
Organization Co K 59th Inf

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

J. B. Foster
Signature Junior Technical Assistant
J B Foster

PREPARATION

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

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable

28. Nature of burial

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 11 1921 By E J Renouard

31. Casket sealed by E J Renouard
Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) E J Renouard



SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-16180

32. Designation of body:

Name Park S. Chapin Serial No. 2263639

Rank Pvt. 1st. cl Organization Co. K. 59th Inf

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse Arg. Amer. Cty. #1232 Romagne-sous-Montfaucon

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Nov 11 1921 By E J Renouard

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

H S Harpole
H S Harpole Lt OMC

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Nov 11 1921 CC

To point of Concentration Morgue Romagne

Convoyer W J Royed Signature Shipping Officer J. Gerald Cole
(Name) J. GERALD COLE
Captain, C. A. 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 (Name) Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cemetery 1232, Nov. 15th, 1921.
(Date)

42. Grave No. 6 Section

43. ~~Plot~~ Block C Row 45

G.R.S. Representative

James W. Yeunger
James W. Yeunger,
Captain Q.M.C.

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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF **CHAPIN, Parks.**

SERIAL NUMBER
Co. K. 59th Inf.

RANK **Pvt. 1/c**

ORGANIZATION

2. Disinterred (date):

From (give complete location): **Gr 110, sec 44, plot 3.**

Nov 11, 1921

sec 1

By : Group

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Unit

3. Reburied (date):

In (give complete location):

Nov. 15th, 1921, Grave 6, Block C, Row 45, Cemetery 1232.

By : Group

Reburial S

Unit

Nature of reburial

Unlined Casket

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

wooden box and burlap and uniform. badly decomposed, features not recognizable

yes.

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

On grave marker?

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

body tag checks.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement)

impossible to determine.

(b) Weigh, (estimated)

do

(c) Hair—Color

do

Quantity

do

Characteristics

do

(d) Hair on face—Color

do

Location

do

Quantity

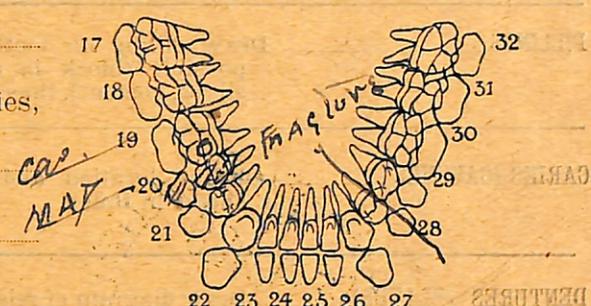
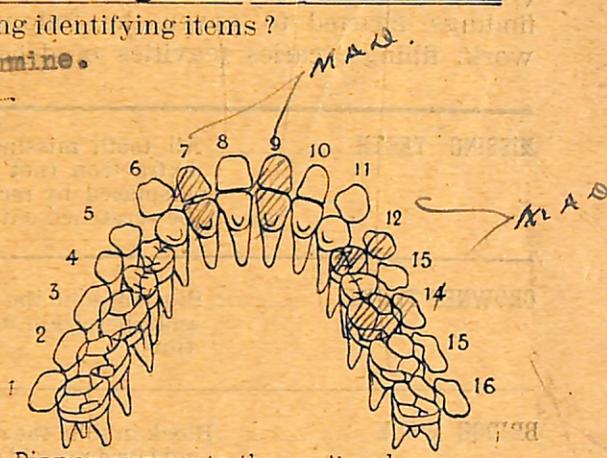
do

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

do

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

fracture of lower jaw.



7. Disinterment supervised by

E. J. Renouard
E. J. Renouard.

Approved:

H. S. Harpole
H. S. Harpole, 1st Lt. M.C.

(Title)

8. Reburial Supervised by

A. U. Dufault
A. U. Dufault,

Approved:

(Title)

James W. Younger
James W. Younger,
Captain Q. M. C.

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.



COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File # 42936

(a) Name CHAPIN, Park, S. Ser. No. 2263639
 (b) Rank Pvt. 1/0 Organization Co. K. 59th Inf. } TYP. hmp
 (c) Date of death 10-4-18 (d) Cause of death K/A } 30

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

(a) Grave No. 118 Row ----- Plot 3 Sec. 44 TYP. hmp
 (b) Emerg. Address ⁽⁴⁻²⁰⁻²¹⁾ Mrs. Jennie Chapin (Mother) Pe Ell, Wash. Virginia

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

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

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
 letter of transmittal on 4/27/21, 192
Section # 44
par # 1 - To be returned - AD.

MAY 3 1921

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

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.
<u>May 27, 1921</u>	<u>Mother (5/23/21)</u>	<u>to remain</u>	<u>6/2/21 Europe advised</u>
<u>Form 129</u>	<u>Mrs. Virginia Chapin</u>	<u>in France</u>	<u>by proposed cable</u>
			<u>3/2 - To remain</u>

Let from Europe 7/5/21 states return cancelled
as per cable ^{att} 10/31/21

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

COUNTRY _____ CEMETERY No. _____ SHEET No. _____

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

CEMETERIAL DIVISION

WASHINGTON

MAY 11 1921

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This is not a notice that body has arrived in U.S.

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

To: Mrs. Virginia Chapin, Pe Ell, Wash.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. 1/cl. Park S. Chapin, Ser. No. 2263639, Co. K. 59th Inf.

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above-named soldier be returned to the United States and shipped to you at Pe Ell, Wash.

Remain in Europe 5/23/21 ECH

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.

GEORGE H. PRINCE,
Colonel, Q. M. G.

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**. *4/2/21 PROPOSED CABLEGRAM NO. 312 TO EUROPE-BODY TO REMAIN 5/7/21 ECH*

Was soldier married? *no*

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Father	<i>George Chapin</i>		
Mother	<i>Virginia Chapin</i>		
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		

Date *May 14, 1921*

Signature *Mrs. Virginia Chapin*

Address *Pe Ell Wash*

Relationship *Mother*

Rebel Wash 57
1921

I, the undersigned, am the Mother and nearest living next of kin 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.)

- As stated on first page of this sheet.
- ~~To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to~~ _____
(Name.)
- ~~To be returned to the U. S. and buried in~~ _____
(R. R. station.)
- To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery. National Cemetery
Cemeterial Division
Project Sub-Section

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Signature Mrs. Virginia Schepers

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

- 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.
- The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- You are requested to return this paper **AT ONCE** in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
- 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.

4-27-21

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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, AND SHIPMENT OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records Office Chief G. R. S.

Discrepancy found upon examination of body.

1. Name CHAPIN, Park S.
2. No. 2263639
3. Rank Pvt. 1/o
4. Org Co. K, 59th Inf.
5. D. D. 10-4-18
6. C. D. K/A

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment.

7. Grave No. 118 Sec. 44
8. Plot 3 Row --
9. --

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

18. Cemetery Argonne American,
19. Commune or town ROMAGNE-SOUS-MONTFALCON,
20. Department or county Meuse,

21. Country France.

22. G. R. S. Headquarters Code No. 1232-Sec. 44

23. Disinterred
(Date.)

By

24. Inscription on grave marker { Name
Rank Organization

Serial No.

25. Was identification disk found on grave marker? On body?

Signature of Junior Technical Assistant.

(The following space is reserved for notations to be made by office Chief Graves Registration Service.)

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Sec. 44-Cable Ref. No. 24.

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PREPARATION

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

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27. Condition of body.....

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28. Nature of burial.....

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

Cemeterial Division
Covington Project Sub-Section

30. Body prepared and placed in casket..... (Date.) By.....

31. Casket sealed by

Signature of Embalmer (Supervisor).....

SHIPMENT (Show actual marking of box.) Box No.

32. Designation of body { Name Park S. Chapin Serial No. 2263639
Rank Pvt. 1/o Organization Co. K, 59th Inf.

33. CONSIGNEE—Name Mrs. Virginia Chapin,
Address Pe Ell, Washington.

34. Casket boxed and marked..... (Date.) By.....

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.....

36. Remarks.....

37. Shipped from cemetery..... (Date.) To..... (Point of concentration.)

Convoyer..... Signature Shipping Officer

38. Received at point of concentration..... (Date.)

Signature Receiving Officer.....

39. Shipped from point of concentration..... (Date.)

To..... (Port.) Convoyer

Signature Shipping Officer.....

40. Received European port..... (Date.)

Signature of G. R. S. Representative.....

41. Shipped to..... (U. S. port.) On..... (Boat.)

Date..... Convoyer..... (Signature of Shipping Officer.)

42. Received..... (Date.) By G. R. S. Representative..... (Signature.)

43. Shipped to destination..... (Date.) { B/L or Express Order No.
Convoyer..... { Shipping Officer

WAR DEPARTMENT
QUARTERMASTER CORPS
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
HOBOKEN, N. J.

May 24th-1921 _____ 1921.

Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. O. M. G.
File # 293.8 - 42936

From: Graves Registration Officer, Hoboken, New Jersey.
To: Quartermaster General, Cemeterial Division, Washington, D. C.
Subject: Supplementary Advice concerning:

Name Chapin, Park S. Ser. No. 2263639

Rank Private 1/c Organization Co. K., 59th Infantry

Cemetery No. 1232- Sec.44 Cable Reference No. (Sheet No.) 24

Request shown below dated May 23rd-1921 is latest in this case:

Name of Relative	<u>Return</u>	<u>Remain</u>	<u>Special</u>
	to	in	
		FRANCE.	

Chapin, Park S.

Widow None

Children _____

Guardian _____

Father (Same address as Mother)

Mother Mrs. Virginia Chapin, Pe Ell, Washington.

Brother _____

Sister _____

Others _____

Body ~~to be shipped to, or~~ for interment in: France, in a permanent
American Cemetery.

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Cable Letter June 2, 1921 forwarding advice to Europe dispatched _____ 1921.

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G. H. S.

MAY 28 1921

Cemeterial Division
Overseas Project Sub-Section

Office

Street

Block

Room

Mr. Arthur Quinn, 30 W. Washington

Address

(same address as above)

City

State

Name

Mr.

NAME IN

TO

Name of relative

Address

City

State

Address from record dated

MAY 23-1921

to insert in this case:

Cemeterial No.

1325-200-14

Cemeterial Reference No.

(Serial No.)

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Name

Exchange 1/0 ORGANIZATION

Co. K. 23rd Infantry

Name

Quinn, Park 2

Serial No.

5502000

Subject: Supplemental advice concerning:

to: Quartermaster General, Cemeterial Division, Washington, D. C.

from: Graves Registration Office, Norfolk, New Jersey

MAY 23-1921

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NORFOLK, N. J.
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
QUARTERMASTER CORPS
WAR DEPARTMENT

Norfolk to Washington

(transmitting supplemental advice)

G. H. S. FORM 155

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Cemeterial Division, D. C. W. O.

WAR DEPARTMENT
QUARTERMASTER CORPS
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
HOBOKEN, N. J.

May 28th-1921

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From: Graves Registration Officer, Hoboken, New Jersey.
To: Quartermaster General, General Division, Washington, D. C.
Subject: Supplementary Advice concerning:

Name: _____ Ser. No. _____
Rank: _____ Organization _____
Cemetery No. _____ Cable Reference No. (Sheet No.) _____

Request shown below dated _____ is latest in this case.

Name of Relative	Return	Remain	Special
Widow			
Children			
Guardian			
Father			
Mother			
Brother			
Sister			
Others			

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May 28th, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div.Cor.Br.

Re: Chapin, Park S. Pvt.
1/c. Ser.No. 2263639,
Co.K, 59th Infantry.

Mrs. Virginia Chapin,
PeEll, Washington.

Dear Madam:-

Your telegram and Shipping inquiry form dated May 16th, 1921, requesting that the remains of the deceased soldier named above be left in France have been forwarded to the Cemeterial Division Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington, D.C. for necessary action.

It is requested that any further communication concerning the disposition of the remains be addressed to that office for reply.

The Department desires to renew its previous expression of sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

BY:

F. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

MKS/LL

[Handwritten Signature]
MAILED
JUN 1 1921
COR. BR. G. R. S.



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Cemeterial Division
Overseas Project Sub-Committee

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MAY 1 1921
MAILED



JUN 2 1921
U.S. Army

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BY:

OFFICER IN CHARGE
SUBJECT: C. H. COLBY
B. H. SHANNON

BY APPROVAL OF THE SUPERVISOR GENERAL:

Approval expression of authority in local regulations
the regulations herein to cover the

changes be addressed to your office for local
compliance concerning the substitution of the
it is requested that you will

Department of the Army
Division Office of the Superintendent General
that in place have been referred to the Cemetery
Division of the General Board of the
Army and Navy Department and the
local regulations and authority

Best Regards:-

WALTER WASHINGTON
Major, Adjutant General

CO. K. 28th INFANTRY
1st DIV. 28th INFANTRY
No: 28th INFANTRY 28th DIV.

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Telegram	
Day Letter	Blue
Night Message	Nite
Night Letter	N L

If none of these three symbols appears after the check (number of words) this is a telegram. Otherwise its character is indicated by the symbol appearing after the check.

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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5/25 M. S.*

PIER NO 2 HOBOKEN NJ

REMAINS PRIVATE FIRST CLASS PARK S CHAPIN SERIAL NUMBER TWO TWO SIX
THREE SIX THREE NINE COMPANY K FIFTY NINTH INFANTRY REQUEST BODY
REMAIN IN EUROPE

MRS VIRGINIA

CEMETERY DIVISION
CORRESPONDENCE BR.



HOBOKEN, N. J.
MAY 17 1921

*Rec'd man 25
44*

*M. M. M.
J. W.*

6/2/21 PROPOSED CABLEGRAM NO. 312 TO EUROPE BODY TO REMAIN

6/7/21 J.S.

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1. G. R. S. Form No. 1.

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2. Soldier's No. 2263639

3. Chapin Park S.
Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials

4. Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. Date of Death Cause, if known

6. Date of Burial Cemetery
B.A.C.

7. Brioules Meuse
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. ~~42~~ 41 Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

9. Name Peg? 1 Cross? Headboard? Bottle?
Check Method of Marking

10. Buried with Body? Attached to Grave Marker? 1
Identification Tags

11. If name unknown and tags missing, give marks and description.

12. "A" sketch 43
Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

13. Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

GROUP No. 3 Signed Sgt. Baker

Group Unit G. R. S.

PROV. UNIT "A" G.R.S.

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292.3 (Chapin - Park S, Pvt. 1/c)

Graves Registration Service, Washington, D. C.,

Mrs. Virginia Chapin, Po 811, Washington,

Location of Grave.

1. Replying to your letter of inquiry which has been referred to this office, I beg to say that you were advised by my Office in France, under date of December 17, 1918, as to the original grave location of your son.

2. The body has, however, recently been transferred to Grave 118, Section 44, Plot 3 of the Argonne American Cemetery at Romagne-Sous-Montfaucon, Department of the Meuse.

3. This cemetery is located on a beautiful slope almost exactly on the famous Hindenburg line. It was dedicated by General Pershing on Memorial Day, and now contains the bodies of about 26,000 of our men whose sacrifice made the Argonne campaign historic.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Colonel, Q.M.G.
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

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War Department, A. G. O., September 29, 1919.-----To the Grave Registration Service, Quartermaster General's Office, Washington, D. C.



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War Department, A. G. O., September 29, 1919.-----To the Grave Registration Service, Quartermaster General's Office, Washington, D. C.





Belarus* General* General* Office* Washington* D* C*
War Department* V* C* O* September 30* 1918*-----to the State Department

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WAR DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

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A. G. O.

In reply refer to
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Office of the Assistant to the Secretary

September 20, 1919

MEMORANDUM to the Adjutant General's office, Graves Registration Service, Washington, D. C.

The attached letter from Mrs. Virginia Chapin, of Pe Ell, Washington, dated September 12th, asking for the location of her son, Park Sherman Chapin's grave, is referred to you for appropriate action. This letter has been acknowledged.

ARTHUR WOODS
Assistant to the Secretary

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Received A. G. O. SEP 23 1919.
REC'D RECORDS BR. A. G. O. SEP 23 1919



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location of
grave 42936

P.E. H., Wash.
Sept. 12, 1919

Col. Arthur Woods —

My son Park Sherman
Chapin was killed in
France October 4th 1918

and would like to know
the location of his grave.

His organization being
Co. K 59 Inf. 4th Div.

If you could give me
information regarding
to this it would be
greatly appreciated.

Yours Respectfully
Mrs. Virginia Chapin
P.E. H., Wash.

Incl



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