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293

DATE

1. NAME **GLASSEN, Grover**

SERIAL No. 2856762

RANK **Pvt. 1st Cl.**
Pvt. 1st Cl. Let Europe 8-17-27

ORGANIZATION **Co.F, 359th Inf.**

& DIVISION **90**

GRAVE LOCATION **St. Mihiel American Cty, Thiaucourt, M-et-M.**

#1233

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

144

Sec. 11

4

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

Isolated near Thiaucourt M et M

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES **Commercy 52 NE**

241.55
241.44 N

373
362.03 E

near F. 16

C-278

CONCENTRATED TO **5/16/ 19**

144

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GRAVE

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St. Mihiel American Cemetery

1203

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on body and cross

DATE OF DEATH *Sept 24, 1917*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *Iowa*

Data Form 1-A

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED *None*

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

*Records show
Pvt. 1st Cl. in Aug. 1918
shown on Aug. Roster
as Pvt. 1st Cl.*

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

I.H. Joffe
I.H. Joffe. 1st Lt. QMC.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION **Aug. 22, 1922**

19

19

Block B

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

St. Mihiel American No. 1233, Thiaucourt

CEMETERY



A. G. O.
NOV 4 1922
WORLD WAR DIV.

Major General
The Adjutant General.
ckl
NOV 6 - 1925

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.
2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.
3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.
4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form 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.

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON

AI/1-208

IN REPLY
REFER TO

SUBJECT: Verification

February 15, 1927

To: The Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

1. A re-examination of the records in the case of Grover Classen, Army Serial #2856762, shows that at the time of his death his correct grade was Private 1st Class.

By order of the Secretary of War:

JOHN DARTON
Adjutant General.

1 Incl.
GRS Form 114-B

*Change
Noted on head stone listing*

C C 278 RLT 12/13

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Classen 2856762 Grover C.
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Pvt. Co. F, 359th Inf.
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Pont-a-Mousson Front

CAUSE OF DEATH: Killed in Action

DATE OF BURIAL: Sept. 26, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL:

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

372.1-240.9 (ten yards east of road and 25 yds. south of narrow gudge track)

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? yes.

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

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

M. M. Hoffmann Jr. Chaplain
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)
359th Inf.

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

2856762
Reinback, Ia.

Classen on an
when a piece
of shrapnel striking
the body back

2856777

Co. F. 359th Inf.
90th Division.

Killed in action 9/24/18
On the night of Sept. 24
out-post when he was killed
of shrapnel from an explosion
Classen in the head, killed
to our front line.

Emergency address:
Mrs. Mary Classen,
c/o J. Mohr, Reinback,
Ia.
G.P.

Searcher: Wm. R. Kincheloe - 1st. Lt.
Co. F. 359 Inf.
3/10/19.

Co. F. 359th Inf.
90th Division.

CLASSEN, Grover - Pvt.1cl. 2856762
HOMe: c/o J.Mohr, Reinback, Ia.

Killed in action 9/24/18 CT 26

On the night of Sept. 24th 1918 I was with Pvt.1cl. Grover Classen on an out-post when he was killed from shrapnel. We were in dug out when a piece of shrapnel from an exploding shell ~~came~~ came thru the entrance striking Classen in the head, killing him instantly. I helped carry the body back to our front line.

Emergency address:
Mrs. Mary Classen,
c/o J. Mohr, Reinback,
Ia.
C.P.

Informant: Dengler, Earnest - Pvt. 2856777
Co. F. 359 Inf.
Home: Traer, Iowa.

Searcher: Wm. R. Kincheloe - 1st. Lt.
Co. F. 359 Inf.
3/10/19.

WESTERN MILITARY BUREAU
ROUTE AND SCHEDULE

Classen, Grover

Pvt.

EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE SAILING FROM NEW YORK CITY June 4, 1930

Los Angeles County, State of California

Name Classen, Mrs Mary (F-13)

Address 454 Magnolia Ave., Long Beach, Calif.

Route going: Un Pac Omaha, C&NW Chicago, Wabash Buffalo, DL&W New York

Return: Penn Chicago, CGW Kansas City, CRI&P Santa Rosa, Sou Pac Long Beach

(Desires stopover in Newark, Ohio and Reinbeck, Iowa)

OK (Money) according to Mrs B-

	ROAD	TRAIN	TIME	DATE
Itinerary going ✓ Lv Long Beach	Un Pac	8	4:25 PM	May 29
- Ar Omaha	"	"	8:35 PM	" 31
✓ Lv Omaha	C & N W	"	9:00 PM	" 31
✓ Ar Chicago	"	"	9:20 AM	June 1
✓ Lv Chicago	Wabash	6	10:30 AM	" 1
✓ Ar New York	D L & W	2	3:30 PM	" 2
Lv (Hoboken)				
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Accommodations: Coach Long Beach to Pasadena. Standard sleeper Pasadena to Chicago and Chicago to New York.

Elapsed Time: 92 hours, 5 minutes. *4*

Extra Fare:

Classen, Grover.
MEDICAL RECORD

F. 3.

Pat., Co F, 359 Inf.

Station: Paris. St. M.

Date: June 14, 1930

Name Mrs. Classen, Mary.

Home address Longbeach. California.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Mr. W. M. Classen (son)
Reinbeck. Iowa.

Religion Lutheran

Age 65 —

History of Present complaint: Sore gums and ingrowing toenail

(over)

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

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates) 1. Stomatitis, mild probably due to all
feeding dentures. 2. Paronychia mild & ingrown toe nails - the 1st
toe - (elevated)

Treatment and Progress: (include dates) June 14 - Gums painted w iodine + toe also.
June 16 - Boric acid sol. mouth wash. Nail elevated -

Disposition: (include dates) Resumed care.

Remarks: 6/27/30 To Sherman.
10010

Paul H. Taylor
Capt. M.C.

ITINERARY FOR THE ST. MIHIEL GROUP

Classen, Grover

PARTY "F"

Left New York June 4th on the SS AMERICA in charge of Captain Morrill Ross. Arrived Cherbourg about 4 a.m. June 13th. A special tender arrived alongside the boat at 5:25 a.m. The following personnel met the ship: Major G.F.N. Dailey, Captains J.M. Reynolds, H.W. Kinderman, H.L. Earnest, T.N. Stark, Lt. E. V. Freeman, Miss Rulon, 7 nurses and 2 civilians. Train left at 8:48 a.m. and arrived at 2:25 p.m. at the Gare des Invalides. Col. Ellis and others met the train and the pilgrims were escorted to the hotel.

June 14th - A.M. Free - conference with conducting officer - explanation of points of general information. Departed 3 p.m. for Arc de Triomphe Ceremony followed by tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent. Dinner at hotel and night sightseeing trip.

June 15th - A.M. free or church - sightseeing trip to Sacre Coeur.

June 16th - Depart for Nancy via Rozoy-en-Brie, Sezanne, Vitry-le-Francois, Bar-le-duc (stayed the night at Bar-le-duc at the Hotel de Metz.)

June 17th - To Thiaucourt where lunch was served and then a visit to the cemetery. On to Nancy where quartered at the Grand Hotel.

June 18th -19th -20th - visited cemetery daily and sightseeing trips in vicinity.

June 21st - Left for Paris via Toul, Neufchateau, Bar-sur-Aube, and Troyes where stopped for the night at the Grand Hotel.

June 22nd - Left Troyes at 8:30 a.m. and stopped at Sens and Fontainebleau. Arrived Paris 6 p.m.

June 23rd - Free and inpmvisited Napoleon's tomb.

June 24th - Free and visited Versailles in p.m. also Belle Cycliste-Suresnes

June 25th - Visited Notre Dame in a.m. and had p.m. free

June 26th - Visited Louvre in a.m. and had p.m. free for packing.

June 27th - Left Gare des Invalides at 10:30 a.m. in charge of the following: Captains Mitchell, Haley, Dalton, Lts., Gregory, Moroney, Binns, Captain Kinderman 4 nurses and 2 civilian employees. Arrived Cherbourg at 4:12 p.m. and sailed at 6:03 on the PRESIDENT HARDING. Captain A. J. Funk as Liaison officer.

WAR DEPARTMENT
 "PILGRIMAGE WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"
 -- ROOM 901 --
 225 West 34th St., New York, N. Y.

CLASSEN, GROVER

ST.M.

PARTY 177
 NUMBER 948

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

MRS. MARY CLASSEN

Name of Traveler

Actual cost of through Pullman.

LONG BEACH, LOS ANGELES COUNTY,

New York, to LONG BEACH, CALIF.

Home Address

CALIF.

\$ 32.63 - thru rate.

New York, to LONG BEACH, CALIF.

Destination

Via PENN. TO CHICAGO - SO.PAC. - ~~RHODE~~ ISLAND LINES TO DEST.

JULY 5, 1930

Date of Departure 1930

JUL

	Road	Train Number	Date	Time	Lower OF Seat	Car	U.S.G.Order No.	Actual Cost	
LV	PENN. STA.	P.R.R. 41-93	7-6	3:40 P					
VAR	NEWARK	" 33	7-7	7:50 A	L7	172	WD-1021-421	6.38 1	
LV	"	" 255		9:15 P					
VAR	CHICAGO	" "		7:15 A	L		WD-1021-422	3.75 2	
LV	"	CRIP. 219		3:30 P					
AR	REINBECK	" 449		1:15 A	L		WD-1021-423	3.75 3	
LV	"	" 263		11:45 A					
VAR	IOWA FALLS	" "		1:30 P					
LV	"	" 16-15		10:10 P					
VAR	KANSAS CITY	" "		7:20 A	L				
LV	"	" 3		10:40 A					
VAR	LOS ANGELES	S.P. 3		8:30 A	L		WD-1021-424	19.88 4	
VIA ELECTRIC SERVICE FROM L.A. TO LONG BEACH.								TOTAL	33.76

32.63
 1.13

Remarks: VALIDATE - STOP OVER NEWARK, OHIO - REINBECK, IA.

THE THRU CARS ARE OPERATED - N.Y. TO - NEWARK - NEWARK

TO CHICAGO - IOWA FALLS TO KANSAS CITY - AND - K.C. TO L.A.

SIDE TRIP TICKET REQUIRED FOR REINBECK.

Left Pennsylvania Hotel at 3:00 P.M. escorted by Capt Ross - 2 pieces
 Mrs Classen is to purchase side trip ticket in the form of baggage
 Reinbeck, Ia.

Mrs. Mary Classen

Arrived June 2, 1930, on D.L.& W. RR., train No. 2 at 3:30 P.M.

Met by Capt. Wm. Hesketh and taken to Hotel New Weston.

quarters with Mrs. Fred S. Lof - 2 days
On return from pilgrimage quarters with Mrs. O.S. Flood
at Hotel Pennsylvania - 1 day

Name CLASSEN, Mrs Mary^D

HOTEL DE PARIS

Paris Hôtel BOULEVARD DE LA MADELEINE

Home address 454 Magnolia Ave., Long Beach, Los Angeles County
California

Party F Group 3 Unit S/S AMERICA

Date of arrival JUNE 8.1930 Date of departure JUNE 27.1930 S/S HARDING

Relationship Mother

Name of deceased CLASSEN, Grover

Rank Pvt.1cl. Organization Co. F. 359th Inf.

Cemetery St. Mihiel

REMARKS

Desires stop over in Newark, Ohio and Reimbick, Iowa.

Mary Classen.



Validate

633 948

NAME CLASSEN, MRS. MARY

S.S. HARDING .1111 4 1920

HOME Long Beach, Calif.
Los Angeles County

R.R. PRR. to Chicago
STATION San Pac. Pac. Lines to dest

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE Oct 31-20

~~Stopover~~
Newark Ohio
Reinbeck Iowa

Mr. W. Classen

Reinbeck

Iowa

JUL 6 1930

FINANCE DEPARTMENT
UNITED STATES ARMY

FINANCE OFFICE
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO
553.4-TB Case # 7571

FAC-BHD
March 5, 1931

Subject: Excess cost of transportation. - Mrs. Mary Classon, F 848,
Long Beach, California

To: Quartermaster, Pilgrimage War Mothers and Widows, 225 West
24th Street, New York, N.Y.

Referring to T/R 1021421-2-3-4, in connection with which you col-
lected U. S. Pullman accommodations were furnished as follows:

T/R	From	To	Amount
1021421	New York	Newark, O.	\$ 6.88
1021422	Newark	Chicago	3.75
1021423	Chicago	Reinbeck, Ia.	3.75
1021424	Reinbeck	Los Angeles	21.58
			<u>\$36.26</u>

This pilgrim was entitled to one lower berth, New York to Los Angeles @ \$32.88,
an excess of \$2.63.

2. Unless a satisfactory explanation can be made in justification of
the additional cost to the Government owing to the excess transportation
furnished as stated above, it will be necessary to collect the amount of
\$ from the responsible person and remit to this office by Check
or Post Office Money Order, made payable to "The Finance Officer, U. S. Army,
Transportation."

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
For the Finance Officer:

R. S. OFFLEY,
Captain-Finance Department,
Finance Officer.

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
P. A. SCHOLL,
Captain, Finance Department,
Transportation Branch.

Fin Ref:
QM 5401 P 5085 A 3330-0
(Abstract ref req)



File 201 - Classen, Mrs. M. 1st Ind. GFRT*BF
Hq. Port of Embarkation, Pilgrimage, War Mothers & Widows, Room 1211,
225 W. 54th St., New York, N.Y., April 11, 1952. To: The Finance
Officer, U.S. Army, Transportation Branch, Washington, D.C.

1. There is transmitted herewith post office money order
#958779 of Mrs. Mary Classen in the amount of one dollar and fifty
cents (\$1.50).

For The Officer In Charge:

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

1 Incl:
P.O. Money Order #958779 - \$1.50

3/5 from
J. Taylor

TM*BF

File 201 - Classen, Mrs. Mary

March 9th, 1931.

Mrs. Mary Classen,
454 Magnolia Ave.,
Long Beach, Calif.

Dear Madam:

In checking over the Pullman which was furnished you on your trip from New York this summer, it is found to be \$2.65 in excess of the through rate from New York City to Long Beach, California. This is brought about by the stop-overs at Newark, Ohio and Reinbeck, Iowa, which you requested on your return trip, with the understanding that additional cost was to be paid for by you.

It is noted that you have paid \$1.13 of this amount. Will you, therefore, kindly forward the difference which is \$1.50 in a post office money order made payable to the Finance Officer, Washington, D. C. and mail same to this office using the enclosed self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl:
Self-addressed envelope

S-3/23/31

GFRT*BF

File 201 - Classen, Mrs. Mary

April 1st, 1931.

Mrs. Mary Classen,
454 Magnolia Ave.,
Long Beach, Calif.

Dear Madam:

On March 9th, 1931, a letter was sent to you from this office, as per enclosed copy, requesting you to forward by post office money order \$1.50 which was the additional cost for your side trips over the amount paid by you while in New York City.

It will therefore be appreciated if you will forward at your earliest convenience \$1.50 in a post office money order made payable to the Finance Officer, Washington, D. C. and mail same to this office, using the enclosed self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

Very truly yours,

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

2 Incl:

Copy of letter 3/9
Self-addressed envelope

8-4/16

Long Beach, Calif.
Apr. 7 1931

Pilgrimage War Mothers and Widows,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir!

In reply to your letters of Mar. 9th and Apr. 1st must say I was surprised to hear I still owe \$1.50 on my stopovers made at Newark Ohio and Reinbeck Ia. last summer when I took the pilgrimage to France with the war mothers.

On May 8th 1930 you sent me a receipt acknowledging my money order of \$3.24 which was to cover my stopovers; this was returned to me later.

On my returned trip from New York to Newark Ohio and Reinbeck Ia. my route was

Received
March 1931

changed and I had to pay
\$3.39 extra also my ticket from
Riverside Ca. to Des Moines Ia.
on my return to Long Beach
Calif. Besides the \$1.13 I paid in
New York City.

These receipts I sent to the
United States Veterans Bureau
at Washington D. C. Dec. 18. 1930
as I was instructed and I
was to receive a refund. To
date I have not heard from
them and they haven't
returned the receipted bills.

I am enclosing M. O. C.
for a \$1.50 balance due on my
pullman as I feel the
trip was well worth it, for
I enjoyed every minute

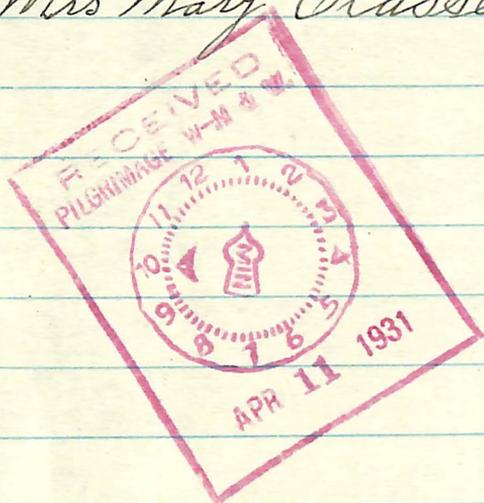
of my trip.

Thanking you for the
trip.

Yours Truly,

Mrs Mary Classen.

File No. 201



FAC-ON
April 11, 1951

512 TB
Case No. 7571

Subject: Excess Cost of Transportation - Mrs. Mary Classen, F 948,
Long Beach, California.

To: Quartermaster,
Pilgrimage War Mothers & Widows,
225 West 34th Street,
New York, N.Y.

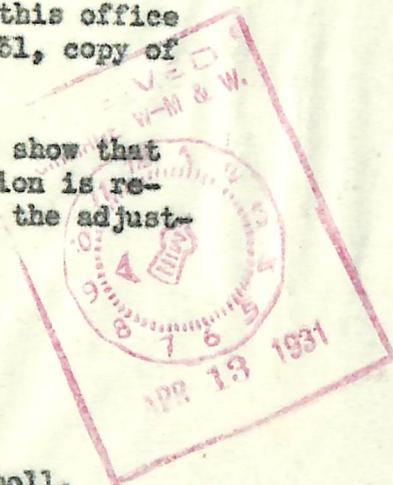
1. Reference is made to letter from this office addressed to you under date of March 5, 1951, copy of which is inclosed.

2. The records of this office do not show that remittance has been received, and information is requested relative to action taken by you in the adjustment of this matter.

For the Finance Officer:

P.A.Scholl,
Captain, Finance Department,
Transportation Branch.

1 Incl.
Copy letter 3/5/51



File 201 - Classen, Mrs. Mary 1st Ind. GERT*BF
Hq. Port of Embarkation, Pilgrimage, War Mothers & Widows, Rm. 1211, 225
W. 34th St., New York City, April 13, 1931. To: The Finance Officer,
U.S. Army, Transportation Branch, Washington, D. C.

1. This communication was replied to by 1st Indorsement of
this office, April 11th, 1931 (File 201 - Classen, Mrs. M.).

For The Officer In Charge:

Incl:
No Change.

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

May 17th, 1930.

Mrs. Mary Classen,
454 Magnolia Avenue,
Long Beach, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

Upon your arrival in this City, you will
be met at the Railroad Station by a United States Army
Officer, in uniform, who will wear on the left sleeve
of his coat a blue cloth band, showing a Gold Star and
the word "War Nurse". 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., C.M. Corps
Assistant.

Enclosures:
2 tags.

DAILY REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER:
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS & WIDOWS-1930

Date 6/3/30

Case No. 7

PARTY "9"

NAME Mrs. Mary ~~Classon~~ ^{Wright}

HOME ADDRESS Long Beach
Calif.

HOTEL New Weston

DIAGNOSIS Spectacles broken

DISPOSITION _____

REMARKS Sent to Capt. Royals, General
Dispensary, U.S. Army, for
repair.

CIVILIAN DOCTOR IN CHARGE OF CASE: _____

MEDICAL OFFICER Walter L. Perry
Walter L. Perry,
Major, Medical Corps, USA.

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J. ERLICH & SONS

Eyesight Examinations.

Cel. A. E. Williams,
in charge of War Mothers & Widows,
225 West 34th St.,
New York City.

July 1, 1930

Am't. \$30.61
Net.

Room 901

JUNE 4	Spectacle complete with Toric Lenses as per B - for Mrs. J. Rawley	14.45
	Front to Spectacle - for Mrs. M. Clossen	4.25
	Pr. Toric Kryptok Lenses as per R - for Mrs. F. Cretebant	<u>11.90</u>
		30.61

201
Sherry Mrs M

Pilgrimage, War Mothers & Widows
R 901, 225 W. 54th St.,
New York City, N.Y.

VIA WESTERN UNION

Mrs. H. L. Howard,
227 West Main Street,
Newark, Ohio.

A. C. TIPTON,
Major, Inf. (DOL)

July 5, 1930

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YOUR MOTHER ARRIVES NEWARK MONDAY JULY SEVENTH AT SEVEN FIFTY A M
PLEASE MEET HER

COLONEL WILLIAMS

Mrs. Mary Classin, Party "F", ~~Pilgrimage~~ Hotel Pennsylvania.

File 721.8 - Party "F"

June 4th, 1930.

SUBJECT: War Mothers and Widows Ill while in New York City.

TO: Major Walter L. Perry, M.C. U.S.A.

1. The following report of illness of Pilgrims of Party "F" is furnished from extracts taken from the reports submitted by the Liaison Officers in charge of hotels and railroad stations:

HOTEL NEW WESTON

Flacke, Mrs. Rose Anna - Rockfort, N.Y., arrived with blistered feet due to new shoes. House doctor called and Major Perry notified.

Grotevant, Mrs. Florence - Pasadena, California, and Mrs. Mary Glassen Long Beach, California, broke their glasses. Major Perry notified and new glasses secured.

Rawley, Mrs. Jessie - Los Angeles, California, lost her glasses. Major Perry notified and new glasses secured.

Van Leven, Mrs. Minnie E. - Jackson, Michigan, was having trouble with her false teeth. Was sent to dentist and trouble corrected.

HOTEL GOVERNOR CLINTON

Danley, Mrs. Annie - Mrs. Danley was over eighty (8) years old and while she seemed to have lots of spirit, she appeared to be rather feeble and unsteady on her feet. About 9:10 A.M. on June 3rd, Mrs. Danley requested to see the doctor, and the house physician was directed to see her. He reported laceration of the gums - lower jaw, but nothing serious.

Hoffer, Mrs. Mary - Mrs. Hoffer ~~sixty~~ called for the doctor for treatment for pain resulting from goiter operation previously performed. The doctor gave her some medicine and said there was nothing in the case that would prevent her from going on the trip. She apparently felt much better the next morning.

Lawson, Mrs. Minnie - Mrs. Lawson reported about 8:40 A.M. on June 3rd that she was having trouble with her kidneys, but that she was going out on the sightseeing bus, and would like to see the doctor on her return. She was seen by the doctor and on examination, he found that she had contusion of the left side of ~~the~~ her chest. He strapped her up to give her more comfort, but apparently did nothing to relieve her kidneys as he did not think it necessary.

Mrs. Mary Glassen

Suggett, Mrs. Mollie M. - Mrs. Suggett arrived about five (5) P.M. on June 2nd and was reported by Capt. Child as having had a fall on the train. She had been examined by the physician at the Pennsylvania Railroad Station at the request of the railroad. I directed the hotel doctor to examine her and he reported that she had bruised her head and her left thumb, but that there was nothing serious that would prevent her from making the trip. The doctor saw her again on June 3rd, and changed the dressing on her thumb.

Stevens, Mrs. Isabelle H. - Mrs. Stevens arrived about five (5) P.M. on June 2nd and was reported by Capt. Child as having had a fall while on the train. She was examined by the railroad physician at the Pennsylvania Station on her arrival there, at the request of the railroad. I directed the hotel physician to examine her and he reported that she had a slightly sprained neck muscle, but there was nothing serious. She apparently felt better the next morning.

Rice, Mrs. Eliza J. - Mrs. Rice was treated by the house doctor at her request on the afternoon of June 3rd, for a minor infection of the finger. The doctor placed a dressing on her finger and nothing further was heard in this case.

Rines, Mrs. Eillian - About eight (8) P.M. on June 3rd, Mrs. Mac Donald reported that Mrs. Rines had not been feeling well, and I asked her to go up and see her. Mrs. MacDonald later reported that Mrs. Rines had seen the doctor and had apparently been suffering from a slight case of ~~indigestion~~ indigestion, and was now feeling very much better. No further report was received in this case.

PENNSYLVANIA R.R. STATION

All Pilgrims assigned were met and were apparently well, with the exception of Mrs. Mollie Suggett and Mrs. Isabelle H. Stevens who reported a fall on the train and were examined by Surgeon of the Pennsylvania Station. Mrs. Danley was responsible for the fall.

For Officer in Charge:

GFRT-BF

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

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GOLD STAR MOTHERS

Pilgrimage sailing from New York City, June 4, 1930
Consolidated Schedule
Schedule No. 6

<u>State</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	
California	Los Angeles	Classen, Mrs. Mary	Long Beach	
"	"	Nicodemus, Mrs. E. E.	"	
"	"	Peterson, Mrs. Anna	"	
"	"	Wilcox, Mrs. Frances S.	"	
"	"	Wilcox, Mrs. Selina	"	
"	"	Long, Mrs. M. A.	Los Angeles	
"	"	Mellon, Mrs. Agnes	"	
"	"	Moss, Mrs. Lena	"	
"	"	O'Leary, Mrs. Mary	"	
"	"	Rawley, Mrs. Jessie	"	
"	"	St Amour, Mrs. Josephine	"	
"	"	Scribner, Mrs. Stella	"	
"	"	Fruitiger, Mrs. Clara B.	Pasadena	
"	"	Groteraut, Mrs. Florence	"	
"	"	Leslie, Mrs. ANNA	"	
"	"	Mendoza, Mrs. Clara	"	
"	"	Ramsey, Mrs. Lillian	"	
"	Orange	Bigelow, Mrs. Orilla M.	Anaheim	
"	"	Johnson, Mrs. Carrie	"	
"	"	Rothrock, Mrs. Eliza L.	"	
"	Los Angeles	Finerty, Mrs. Josephine	Pomona	
Lv	Long Beach	4:25 PM	Un Pac Train 44	May 29
Ar	Los Angeles	5:35 PM	" "	" "
Lv	Los Angeles	6:05 PM	" 8	" "
Ar	East Los Angeles	6:28 PM	" "	" "
Lv	Pasadena	5:37 PM	" 108	" "
Ar	East Los Angeles	6:15 PM	" "	" "
Lv	Anaheim	5:10 PM	" 308	" "
Ar	East Los Angeles	6:15 PM	" "	" "
Lv	East Los Angeles	6:28 PM	" 8	" "
Lv	Pomona (*)	7:00 PM	" "	" "
Ar	Omaha	8:35 PM	" "	" 31
Lv	Omaha	9:00 PM	C&NW	" "
Ar	Chicago	9:20 AM	" "	June 1
Lv	Chicago	10:30 AM	Wabash	6
Ar	New York (Hoboken)	3:30 PM	DL&W	2 " 2

Classen, Mrs. Mary

(*) Special Stop

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Classen, Grover	3	3 0 2
BURIED	CEMETERY	1	3
	GRAVE	2	19
	ROW	2	19
	BLOCK	1	2
STATE	Iowa	2	16
RANK	Priv 11ce	1	2
DIVISION	90	2	90
ORGANIZATION	359	3	359
ARM	Inf.	1	1
MARTIAL	no	1	2
NAME	Mrs Mary Classen	5	3 0 2 1
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	04
	COUNTY	2	19
	CITY	3	035
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	Yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Good	1	1
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR. 1930	1	1
ACCEPTANCE	Yes	1	1
	Age 65		65

Sailed June 4, 1930

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QM 253 A-M
Classen, Grover

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October 6, 1930

Mrs. Mary Classen,
454 Magnolia Avenue,
Long Beach, Calif.

Dear Madam:

In connection with your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe, sailing on the S. S. AMERICA, June 4, 1930, there was collected from you an amount of \$3.24 to cover additional rail fare due to stopovers at Newark, Ohio and Reimbick, Iowa on your return. The final settlement of the account developed no additional charge and check in your favor in the above amount, drawn on the Treasurer of the United States, is enclosed.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.
Check.

QM 293 A-M
Classen, Grover 1253 M

July 14, 1930.

Mrs. Mary Classen,
454 Magnolia Avenue,
Long Beach, California.

Dear Madam:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of the testimonial which you and the other mothers and widows returning on the SS President Harding were so kind as to send me regarding your pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe.

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

I am indeed pleased to receive such complimentary remarks of the care and consideration shown the women making the journey by the personnel connected with the pilgrimage.

Sincerely yours,

J. S. POWITT,
Major General,
The Quartermaster General.

STATE*Classen, Grover*

Mother

...CALIFORNIA...

454 Magnolia Ave.,
Long Beach

Los Angeles County

NAME Classen, Mrs. Mary..... HOME ADDRESSNAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN Mr. Wm. Classen..... Reinbeck, Iowa.....ARRIVAL IN NEW YORKDATE June 3, 1930..... HOTEL New Westom..... ROOM NO. 633.....DEPARTURE NEW YORKDATE June 4, 1930..... VESSEL AMERICA..... CABIN NO. 314c.....DESTINATION Cherbourg, France..... CEMETERY St. Mihiel.....

RETURN NEW YORK

DATE *JUL 5 1930*

Mother

454 Magnolia Ave.
Long Beach, Calif.

NAME *Classen, Mrs. Mary* HOME ADDRESS

RETURN ON S. S. *S/S HARDING* HOTEL *PENNSYLVANIA* ROOM NO. *1409*

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE *7/6*

ROAD *Penn* TRAIN *41* CAR *172* BERTH or SEAT *L7*

REMARKS *Newark, Ohio*

Reubens Iowa

M. L. Read, R.N.,

MEDICAL RECORD

PARTY F

Station: Paris, St. M.

Date: June 14, 1930

Name Classen, Mrs. Mary

Home address Longbeach, Calif.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Mr. W.M. Classen, son
Reinbeck, Iowa

Religion Lutheran

Age 65

History of Present complaint: sore gums and ingrowing toenail.

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

(over)

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)

1. Stomatitis, mild, probably due to ill fitting dentures,
2. Ingrown toe-nail rt, great toe (elevated.)

Treatment and Progress: (include dates)

June 14th: gums painted c iodine; toe also.

16th: B.A. sol mouth wash. Nail elevated.

Disposition: (include dates)

Remarks: to Cherbourg, 6/27/30 HWK

S. S. HARDING

JUL 5 1930

OK

Thomas Barwood M.D.

NAME

Mrs Mary Classen

ADDRESS

Long Beach, Calif

DATE

August 23

TO:

Officer-In-Charge,

PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

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

Sincerely,

(Signed)

Mrs Mary Classen

WAR DEPARTMENT



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



OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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

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Annica 6/4/30
RETURN RECEIPT-1233

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

Mrs Mary Glasse

(Signature or name of addressee.)

Lucille Smith

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, *5-24*, 192*30*

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 926142

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Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,
or Post Office Box, _____

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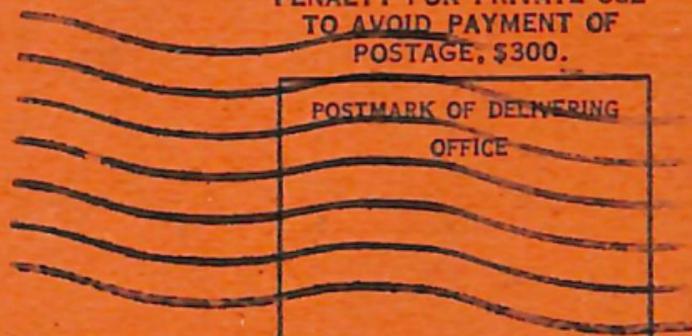
WASHINGTON,

D. C.

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE
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POSTAGE, \$300.

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AND DATE OF DELIVERY



108 RETURN RECEIPT. 1233

Annica 6/4/30

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

Mrs. Mary Chapman

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery,, 192

Form 3811



Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 92784

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____

Return to **Q. M. GENERAL**

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,
or Post Office Box,

MUNITIONS BUILDING

WASHINGTON,

D. C.



PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE
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POSTAGE, \$300.

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AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Noted

QM 293 A-C
Classen, Grover 1235

May 8, 1930

Mrs. Mary Classen,
454 Magnolia Avenue,
Long Beach, California.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your money order in the amount of \$3.24, to cover stopover which you will make on your return from the pilgrimage, sailing on the SS America, June 4, 1930.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

LB/MS

B

Long Beach, Calif.,
April 30, 1930.

R. E. Shannon,
Captain, G. M. Corps,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:—

Enclosed find
Money Order for the amount of
\$3.24, the additional charge for
rail fare from Bellevue, Iowa
to Reinbeck, Iowa for the stop-
over I wish to make on my
return from New York.

Yours truly,

Mrs Mary Classen.

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Return to
Mrs Mary Classen
454 Magnolia Ave.
Long Beach, Calif



R. E. Shannon
Captain, G. M. Corps,
Washington,
D. C.

QM 293 A-C
Classen, Grover 1233 - M

April 19, 1930.

Mrs. Mary Classen,
454 Magnolia Avenue,
Long Beach, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date, relative to stop-overs at Newark, Ohio and Reinbeck, Iowa on your return from the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, sailing on the S. S. America, June 4, 1930.

In connection therewith, you are advised that these stop-overs will be arranged. There will be no additional rail charge for the stop-over at Newark, Ohio, but there will be a small additional Pullman charge. The direct line of the railroad is to Colwein, Iowa and it will be necessary for you to make a side trip to Reinbeck, for which there will be an additional charge for rail fare in the amount of \$3.24, which must be remitted to this office by money order at once, payable to the Finance Officer, Washington, D. C. There will also be an additional charge of approximately \$6.00 for Pullman transportation which must be paid by you at the time you receive your return transportation in New York City.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q.M. Corps,
Washington, D. C.

LB:cc

Captain Shannon:-

Extra transportation
cost about \$3.24 covering
side trip from Bellevue
to Reinbeck, Ia. via
C & W; while extra pull-
man charges for stopovers
at Newark & Reinbeck Ia
will be about \$5.50 or
\$6.00.

T. W. W.

Stevens

Capt S

Esq. W. B. Glasse 454 Magnolia Ave.,
1233 Long Beach, Calif.

Mr. A. D. Hughes Los Angeles
Washington D.C. via

Dear Sir -

In regards in the
War matters trip to
Frank, I would like
to ask, if it would be
possible for me to
get a stop over on
my return trip from
New York to California,
and if I can, I would
you kindly advise, to
whom I must go to
see about this. I
would like to stop
off at Newark, Ohio,
and Reinbeck, Iowa.

There will not be

over

any extra expense
connected with these
staps.

Thanking you in
advance for your
kind information
& remain

yours truly

Mrs Mary Classen.
Accepto America

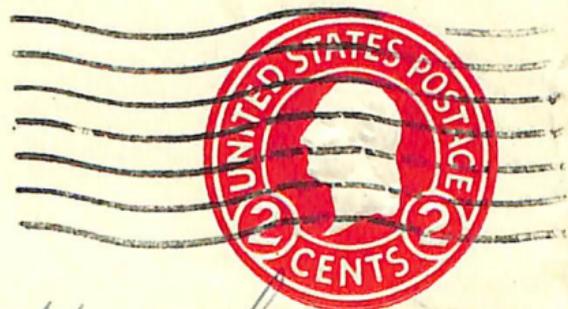
June 21st

Notations made

she desires stg. over

After 5 days, return to

Mary Classen
454 Magnolia Ave
MONTEREY PARK, CALIFORNIA.
Long Beach Calif.



Mr. A. D. Hughes
Captain, Q. M. Corps
assistant
Washington, D.C.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 1, 1930.

Classen, Grover 1233 M

Mrs. Mary Classen,
454 Magnolia Ave.,
Long Beach, Calif.

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.

America ✓

6-4-30

1233

Classen, Grover

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. Mary Classen.....

(Name)

.....
454 Magnolia Ave., Long Beach, California.....

(Town or City)

(State)



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

October 7, 1929.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Classen, Grover, 1233 M.

Mrs. Mary Classen,
454 Magnolia Ave.,
Long Beach, Calif.

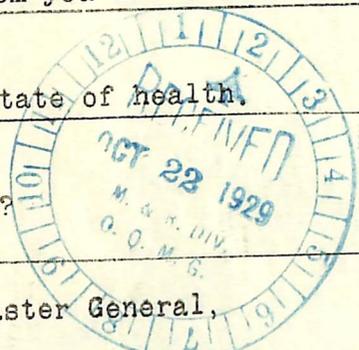
Dear Madam:

Sailed
JUN 4. 1930

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No)
	<i>Yes</i>	
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No)
	<i>Yes</i>	
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	(No)
		<i>No</i>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <i>65</i> Health <i>Good</i>	(Years) (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English <i>Yes</i> (Yes) (No)	Other language <i>German</i> (Specify language spoken)



For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

John T. Harris
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

August 29, 1929.

Classen, Grover
1233

MARY
Mrs. May Classen,
c/o J. Mohr,
Reinbeck, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Write answers in space below

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

Not Married.

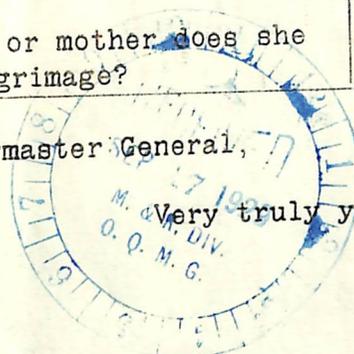
2. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

*Mrs Mary Classen,
454 Magnolia Av.
Long Beach, Calif)
Mother.*

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Glassen, Grover

May 31 1929.

Mrs. May Classen,
c/o J. Mohr,
Reinbeck, Iowa.

Long Beach Calif

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the Private Grover Classen, Co. F, 359th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Act of Congress.
Envelope.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Classen, Grover (Son) Pvt.,
Co. F, 359th Infantry

November 30, 1931.

Mrs. Mary Classen,
454 West 3rd St.,
Long Beach, Calif.

Dear Madam:

In compliance with your recent request,
instructions have been issued to forward you a
flag in honor of the above named decedent, pro-
vided a flag has not previously been furnished
for him.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JAS. H. LAUBACH,
Lt. Col., Q.M. Corps,
Assistant.

COPY FOR: Commanding Officer,
Washington Q.M. Depot,
20th & C Sts., N.W.,
Washington, D.C.
FOR INFORMATION & COMPLIANCE.

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QMG M&R BR

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Quarter Master General usa.
Washington

Request for
Memorial flag -

DH

As the Mother of Grover Classen
Private 359 Infantry who died in
service, leaving neither widow
nor child, I wish to request a
Memorial flag, commemorating his
service, none having been pre-
ceded before -

Mrs Mary Classen.

454 West 3rd Street

Long Beach, Calif

Nov 18, 1931.

QM 293 A-M
Classen, Grover

October 6, 1930

Mrs. Mary Classen,
454 Magnolia Avenue,
Long Beach, Calif.

Dear Madam:

In connection with your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe, sailing on the S. S. AMERICA, June 4, 1930, there was collected from you an amount of \$3.24 to cover additional rail fare due to stopovers at Newark, Ohio and Reimbick, Iowa on your return. The final settlement of the account developed no additional charge and check in your favor in the above amount, drawn on the Treasurer of the United States, is enclosed.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.
Check.



QM 293 A-M
Classen, Grover 1233 M

July 14, 1930.

Mrs. Mary Classen,
454 Magnolia Avenue,
Long Beach, California.

Dear Madam:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of the testimonial which you and the other mothers and widows returning on the SS President Harding were so kind as to send me regarding your pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe.

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I am indeed pleased to receive such complimentary remarks of the care and consideration shown the women making the journey by the personnel connected with the pilgrimage.

Sincerely yours,

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

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Classen, Grover - 1233

May 19, 1930.

Mrs. Mary Classen,
454 Magnolia Ave.,
Long Beach, California.

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:

Leave Long Beach	Un Pac	Train 8	4:25 PM	May 29
Arrive Chicago	C&N	" 8	9:20 AM	June 1
Leave Chicago	Wabash	" 6	10:30 AM	" "
Arrive New York (Hoboken)	DL&W	" "	3:30 PM	" 2

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.

QM 293 A-C
Classen, Grover 1233

May 8, 1930

Mrs. Mary Classen,
454 Magnolia Avenue,
Long Beach, California.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your money order
in the amount of \$3.24, to cover stopover which you
will make on your return from the pilgrimage, sailing
on the SS America, June 4, 1930.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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O. D. M. G. M. & R. DIV.

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QM 293 A-C
Classen, Grover 1233 - M

April 19, 1930.

Mrs. Mary Classen,
454 Magnolia Avenue,
Long Beach, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date, relative to stop-overs at Newark, Ohio and Reinbeck, Iowa on your return from the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, sailing on the S. S. America, June 4, 1930.

In connection therewith, you are advised that these stop-overs will be arranged. There will be no additional rail charge for the stop-over at Newark, Ohio, but there will be a small additional Pullman charge. The direct line of the railroad is to Colwein, Iowa and it will be necessary for you to make a side trip to Reinbeck, for which there will be an additional charge for rail fare in the amount of \$5.24, which must be remitted to this office by money order at once, payable to the Finance Officer, Washington, D. C. There will also be an additional charge of approximately \$6.00 for Pullman transportation which must be paid by you at the time you receive your return transportation in New York City.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q.M. Corps,
Washington, D. C.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Classen, Grover 1233 M

April 1, 1930.

Mrs. Mary Classen,
454 Magnolia Ave.,
Long Beach, Calif.

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

Classen, Grover 1233-M

March 20, 1930

Mrs. Mary Classen,
454 Magnolia Ave.,
Long Beach, Calif

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
Classen, Grover, 1233 N.

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Classen,
454 Magnolia Ave.,
Long Beach, Calif.

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,

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

August 29, 1929.

Classen, Grover
1233

Mrs. May Classen,
c/o J. Mohr,
Reinbeck, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Classen, Grover

May 31, 1929.

Mrs. May Classen,
c/o J. Mohr,
Reinbeck, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the
Private Grover Classen, Co. F, 359th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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Classen,

(Surname.)

Grover

(Christian name in full.)

2,856,762

(Army serial number.)



Pvt

Co . F, 359th Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased. *Mother*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? *No*

(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery? } (Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mrs Mary Classen

Wish him to lie with other heroes

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

3-6713

May I have a picture of you?

Letter written ac 163. 6-2-19

E. A. : Mrs. Mary Classen
c/o J. Mohr
Reinbeck, Iowa.

Drawn by *ALL*

1233-620

2-2-21

*Checked
2-3-21
MM*

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

CLASSEN, Grover Pvt.

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

March 8, 1924

Mrs. May Classen,
c/o J. Mohr,
Reinbeck, Iowa.

Very truly yours,

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

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

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Very truly yours,



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Record card.

Very truly yours,
March 10 1924
B.O.C.

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Please be assured that in effecting removal of the dead, the

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #27050

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name CLASSEN, Grover Ser. No. 2856762
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. F, 359th Inf.
(c) Date of death 9/24/18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. EK
CKR. 3/1

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

(a) Grave No 144 Row -- Plot 4 Sec. 11 TYP. EK
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. May Classen (mother) c/o J. Mohr, Reinbeck, Iowa.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases --- CKR. 3/1

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt ---

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

Examiner's Initials all Date 2-2, 1920.

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

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

Examiner's Initials all Date 2-2, 1920.

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

No request for disposition
(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes all

Examiner's Initials all Date 2-3-21, 1920.

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 1233-11 SHEET No. 620

VII. GCIMS Form No. VISION made _____, 1920.

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 1920
letter on **FEB 18 1921**, 1920

MAR 4 1921

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APR 1 1921

Par. 2 Not to be returned.

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IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

4-120-4/18/21 Mrs Mary Classen, Mother of - Leinbeck, Iowa. Lease in Europe - H 7/19/21.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #27050

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name... **CLASSSEN, Grover** Ser.No. **2855762** TYP. **EK**
 (b) Rank... **Pvt.** Organization Cause of **Co.P.; 359th Inf.**
 (c) Date of death... **9/24/18** death **K/A**

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

(a) Grave No. Row Plot Sect. TP.
144 **4** **11** **EK**
 (b) Emerg. Address **Mrs. May Classsen(mother) c/o J. Mohr, Reinbeck, Iowa.**

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

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

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V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on.....192..... (letter of transmittal on.....192.....

Par. 2 Not to be returned.

MAR 1 - 1921

FEB 18 1921 *EW*
FEB 28 1921

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

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of Relationship
 and Source.....and name.....Desires.....Action taken.....

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

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

CEMETERY NO.

SHEET NO.

S/566/LML **France**

1233

FEB 28 1921 *620*
J. L.

PRIORITY 104

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place **Thiaucourt France**

Date **Aug 22 1922**

1. REMAINS OF **CLASSEN, Grover** SERIAL NUMBER **2856762**
RANK **Pvt ~~1/c~~** ORGANIZATION **Co F 359th Inf**

2. Disinterred (date): **Aug 22 1922** From (give complete location): **Gr. 144 Sec. 11 Pl. 4 Cem 1233**
By: Group **1** Unit **Section 1.**

3. Reburied (date): **August 22nd 1922.** In (give complete location): **Grave 19, Block B, Row 19, Cem. 1233.**
By: Group **Reburial** Unit **Casket & Shipping Case.** Nature of Reburial

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
Wooden box and uniform (US).
badly decomposed 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:
corroded tag on body reads—"2856762".

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

- (a) Height (actual measurement) **imp. to det.**
- (b) Weight (estimated) **do**
- (c) Hair—Color **do**
Quantity **do**
Characteristics **do**
- (d) Hair on face—Color **do**
Location **do**
Quantity **do**

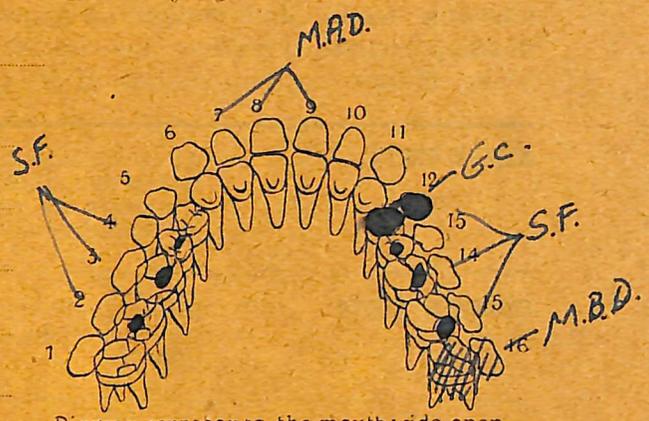
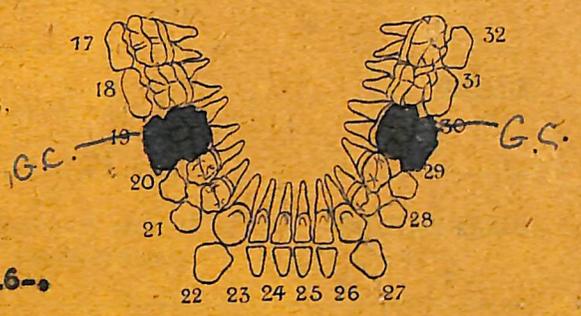


Diagram represents the mouth wide open

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

Silver fillings--2-3-4-13-14-15-
missing after death--7-8-9-
gold crowns--12-19-30-, missing before death--16-



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

7. Disinterment supervised by **C V Russell** Approved: **J Powers 1 Lt OMC**
JTW (Title)
8. Reburial supervised by **H.L. KRAMER, CONCENTRATION** Approved: **A.E. DEWEY, 1st Lt., OMC.**
(Title)

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

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

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

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

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

MISSING TEETH	All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :	
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.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Aug. 22nd, 1922

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

jw.

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name CLASSEN, Grover

10. Name ASD

2. No. 2856762

11. No. _____

3. Rank Pvt. 1st Cl.

12. Rank _____

4. Org. Co. F, 359th Inf.

13. Org. _____

5. D.D. Sept. 24th 1918

14. (a) D.D. _____

6. C.D. KIA

(b) D.B. None

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 144 Sec. 11

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____

8. Plot 4 Row _____

16. Plot _____ Row _____

9. _____

17. _____

18. Cemetery St. Mihiel American Ctry

19. Commune or town Thiaucourt

20. Dept. or County M-et-M.

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. # 1233

23. Disinterred (Date) Aug. 22nd, 1922

By C.V. Russell

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Grover Classen

Serial No. 2856762

Rank Pvt. 1st Cl.

Organization Co. F. 359th Inf.

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

Signature J.T. White
Junior Technical Assistant

J.T. White

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).

Tag on body reads "2856762"

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed; features unrecognizable

28. Nature of burial Wooden box and U.S. uniform

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 Aug. 22nd, 1922 By C.V. Russell

31. Casket sealed by C.V. Russell

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

C.V. Russell

AUDITED BY
202 10-22-22

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-29545

32. Designation of body:

Name Grover CLASSEN Serial No. 2856762

R nk Pvt.1/cl. Organization Co.F, 359th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

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

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Aug. 22nd, 1922 By C.V. Russell

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
J.J. Powers, 1st Lt. G.M.C.

36. Remarks

None

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Aug. 22nd, 1922

To point of Concentration _____ (Name)

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____

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

By G.R.S. Representative _____

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date _____

To Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel Amer. Cem. No. 1233, Thiaucourt (MetM) (Name)

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer J.J. Powers
J.J. Powers, 1st Lt. G.M.C.

40. Received: Date _____

G.R.S. Representative August 22nd 1922.

41. Reinterred _____ (Date)

42. Grave No. 19 Section _____

43. Plot Block B Row 19

A.E. DENEY
G.R.S. Representative

CEMETERY DIVISION
REGISTRATION SECTION

FILE

January 7, 1922. 192

MEMO FOR:

Cards Department.

1.

CASE OF:

Co. I, 359th Inf.

ORGANIZATION (Old)

CASSEN, 2856762, Graber

Pvt.

(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.			D-
3rd Reb.			D-

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

5 x 8 Blue Card File No. 106630 cancelled to 5 x 8 White Card File No. 27050

CLASSEN, Grover.

BY: M. K. McCarthy

Investigation and Adjustment
(Department)

5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made
on Organization
File Card:

By A.P.
S/3324/LML

August 12th, 1921.

File No. 293.6 Gen.Div.Cor.Br.

Mrs. Mary Classen,
c/o J. Mohr,
Reinbeck, Iowa.

Re:- Classen, Grover, Pvt.,
Serial No. 2856762,
Co.F, 359th Inf.

Dear Madam:-

Our Shipping Inquiry Form #120, dated April 18th, 1921, requesting that the remains of the deceased soldier named above be left in France for burial in a permanent American cemetery has been forwarded to the Cemeterial Division, Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington, D.C., for necessary action.

The Cemeterial Division, Washington, D.C., will furnish you the grave location in the permanent American cemetery as soon as possible after the body has been placed therein.

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

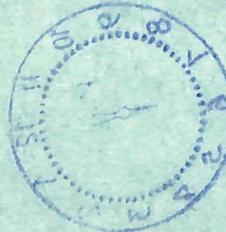
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AUG 16 1921
COR. BR. G. R. Sem BY:

R.E. SHANNON,
Captain, Quartermaster corps,
Officer in Charge.

F.C. PALLAS, m k d
Executive Assistant.

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August 15th, 1921

File No. 252.6 Gen. Div. Cor. Br.

Mrs. Mary Gleason,
c/o J. Mohr,
Hainbeck, Iowa.

Re: - Gleason, Grover, Pvt.,
Serial No. 2252782,
Co. F, 35th Inf.

Dear Madam:-

Our shipping inquiry form #120, dated April 14th, 1921, requesting that the remains of the deceased soldier named above be left in France for burial in a permanent American cemetery has been forwarded to the General Division, Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington, D.C., for necessary action.

The General Division, Washington, D.C., will furnish you the grave location in the permanent American cemetery as soon as possible after the body has been placed therein.

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

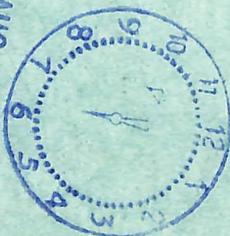
R. B. SHANNON,
Captain in Quartermaster Corps,
Officer in Charge.

F. O. WILLIAMS, JR.,
Executive Assistant.

MAILED
AUG 18 1921
COR. BR. C. R. S.

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General Division

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
WASHINGTON

APR 9 1921

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

To: Mrs. Mary Classen, c/o J. Mohr, Reinbeck, Iowa

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Grover Classen Ser No. 2856762 Co. F 359 Inf

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

no change made

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. PENROSE,
Colonel, Q. M. C.

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



Was soldier married? *No*

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow	<i>noted 115</i>		
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	<i>7/19/21</i>		
Father		<i>Reinbeck</i>	<i>Ia</i>
Mother		<i>Reinbeck</i>	<i>Ia</i>
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)			
1		<i>Waterloo</i>	<i>Ia</i>
2			
3			
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)			
1			
2			
3			

Date *April 18 1921*

Signature *Mrs Mary Classen*

Address *Reinbeck, Ia*

Relationship *Mother*

Rembert Da

April 18, 1921

Address

Date

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.)

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to _____ (Name.)

_____ (R. R. station.) _____ (State.)

3. To be returned to the U. S. and buried in _____ National Cemetery.

4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Signature *Mrs Mary Klassen*

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

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

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

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File Number 27050

TO: REGISTRATION BRANCH, G. R. S.

Date 1/28/21

FROM: INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME: Classen, Grover

Serial Number 2856762

RANK:

ORGANIZATION:

Co. F, 359th Infantry

No.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with records?	1. Yes. Private.
2.	Date of death.	2. 9/24/18.
3.	Cause and place of death.	3. K/A.
4.	Number of casualty cablegram.	4. 278.
5.	Date buried.	5. 9/26/18.
6.	Grave location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of cemetery or commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	6. Isolated Grave, C-256, Vandieres, M-et-M. Disinterred and reburied 5/16/19 in Grave #144, Section #11, Plot #4, St. Mihiel American Cemetery #1233, Thiaucourt, M-et-M.
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G. R. S.?	
9.	Report as to grave marker.	9. Cross.
10.	Identification tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	10. (a) Yes. (b) Yes.
11.	Complete emergency address?	11. Mrs. May Classen (Mother) c/o J. Mohr, Reinbeck, Iowa.
12.	Has been notified? (Give date.)	12. Yes. 107-11/22/19.
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record.)	
14.	What is the photograph number? ECC	14. D-17182.
15.	Inquiry made by.	

FILE

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RELEASED BY INFORMATION CONTROL DEPARTMENT.

Confirmed.

Unconfirmed.

Investigation & Adjustment Dept.

N. B.—All proper names to be typewritten, or printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

File Number

TO: REGISTRATION BRANCH, G. R. S.

Date 1/25/21.

FROM: INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME: Classen, Grover

Serial Number 2,856,762

RANK:

ORGANIZATION: Co. F, 359th Inf.

No.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with records?	(1)
2.	Date of death.	(2)
3.	Cause and place of death.	(3)
4.	Number of casualty cablegram.	(4)
5.	Date buried.	(5)
6.	Grave location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of cemetery or commune on record required. (c) Note reinterments.	(6)
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G. R. S.?	
9.	Report as to grave marker.	
10.	Identification tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	(10) (a) (b)
11.	Complete emergency address?	(11)
12.	Has been notified? (Give date.)	(12)
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record.)	(14)
14.	What is the photograph number?	
15.	Inquiry made by.	

RELEASED BY INFORMATION CONTROL DEPARTMENT.

..... Confirmed.

..... Unconfirmed.

N. B.—All proper names to be typewritten, or printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

Place NEUFCHATEAU

Date 5th June 1919.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

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Remains of:

Name: **CLASSEN Grover**

Number: **2856762**

Rank: ~~Unknown~~ *Priv.*

Organization: *Co. F, 259th Inf.*

~~Unknown~~

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

16th May 1919.

Isolated Grave

VANDIERES, M ET M 52 NE 373 E 241.55 N

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

16th May 1919.

Grave #144 Sec #11 Plot #4

ST MIHIEL AMERICAN CEMETERY #1233

THIAUCOURT, M ET M.

1233

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

Burial good, body in good condition.

CONFIRMED No. 10493

Was one identification tag found upon the body?

Yes.

What other means of identification were found on the body?

None.

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon 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 to identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Lt. Conaway

R. H. ROSENTHAL

cmf.

C.O. Group 2nd Lieut. Unit U.S. C. I. S. A.

Date 24 June 1919

REPORT OF EXHUMATION AND REBURIAL

Remains of:

Name: CLASSEN Grover

Number: 228725

Rank: Unknown

Organization: Unknown

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group: Unit

Disinterred (Date): From: (Give complete location)

Isolated Grave

15th May 1919

VAUGHAN, M ET M 22 NR 273 E 241.55 H

Reburied (Date): in: (Give complete location)

Grave #144 Sec #11 Plot #4

15th May 1919

ST MICHAEL AMERICAN CEMETERY #1333

THIAUCOURT, M ET M

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

Burial good, body in good condition.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

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

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon bodies, they should be sent to the Effects Report direct, as is required by G.O. 17. After being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration.

Supervised by: Lt. Conway

C.O. Group and Lt. Conway



106630

G.R.S. Form No. 8; Central Records Division
 Memo For: G.R.S. Representative, C.R.O.
 SUBJECT: Information required for G.R.S.

FILE

1. Items checked are to be completed:

() Surname: GASSEN
 () Number: 2856762
 () First name: GRABER
 () Rank: Pvt
 () Company: CO.1.
 () Organization: 359 Inf.
 () Date of death:
 () Cause:
 () Place:

Location of hospital: Over

Number " "
 Class " "

() Relative:
 () Relationship:
 () Address:

() Authority:
 Cablegram No:
 Telegram from:

dated:

() Reported to Washington:
 C.C. Nos:
 (UnderSCORE the "official" C.C.)
 () Remarks:
 () Show present status on reverse side.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
 Lieut.-Colonel, Q.M.G., U.S.A.

Initials of Reporter:

New Case.

Buried

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Cme Vandieres . Meurthe-et-Moselle

Reported by the G.R.S.

6/13/19

WAR DEPARTMENT.
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
American Expeditionary Forces

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URN TO WRITER

ANNA MISKIMRITH,
22 S. 2nd St
BROOKLYN N.Y.

URN TO WRITER

BROOKLYN, N.Y.
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STA. W.



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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Classen 2856762 Grover C.

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

Pvt. Co. F. 359th Inf.

(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: *Port-a-Mousson France*

CAUSE OF DEATH: *Killed in Action*

DATE OF BURIAL: *Sept. 26-1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL:

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

372.1-2409 - 10 yds. east of road and 20 yds. south of narrow-gauge track.

GRAVE NUMBER:

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker? *Yes*

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

*CMME. PREDV (72 + 77)
(C-756) SHT. 32 NE COORD*

NEAREST RELATIVE: *372.1*

ADDRESS: *N 2409*

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

M. M. Hoffmann Jr. 359th Inf.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer) *Chaplain*

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Report No. _____

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From

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