

To The A. C. C.

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G.R.S. Form #114-B

FEB 18 1926

FULL NAME ..... COMBS, Emmett M. ✓

RANK ..... Pvt. 1/cl. ✓ SERIAL ..... Co. B, 316th Engrs. ✓

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION ..... 2272866 ✓

DATE OF DEATH ..... Oct 3, 1918 ✓

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME ..... Calif ✓

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED. none

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION..... 34 ..... 29 ..... A. ....  
Date Grave Row Block

Romagne Ct y. 1232.

Cemetery

W. C. Davis,  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General.

By

*ave*  
FEB 23 1926

Rec'd World War Div.  
MAR 30 1926

23/306/ARK

Dead in Fld. Hosp. 3 front  
1/1/18 Com.

### GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

..... **Combs** - **2272866** - **Earnest M.** .....  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

..... **Private** - **Co. B, 316th Eng.** .....  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH:..... **F.H. 3, Cheppy** .....

CAUSE OF DEATH:..... **wounds** .....

DATE OF BURIAL:..... **Oct. 3, 1918** .....

PLACE OF DEATH:..... **Cheppy Meuse** .....

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

..... **map Montfaucon Sect. 1/50000** .....

..... **73-1/4 x 5-1/4** .....

GRAVE NUMBER:..... **34** .....

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?..... **yes** ..... Cross?.....

Headboard?..... Bottle?.....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?..... **yes** .....

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: .....

ADDRESS: .....

RELATIONSHIP: .....

REPORTED BY:

*Pvt. Ernest M. Combs*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

Combs, Emmett A.

Filed 4/27/33

135.00  
~~151.70~~  
32.63

WESTERN MILITARY BUREAU

Pvt.

ROUTE AND SCHEDULE

EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE SAILING FROM NEW YORK CITY June 7, 1935

Fresno

County, State of

California

Name Combs, Mrs Lillie (B-2)

Address 923 Wilson Ave. Fresno, Calif

Route going: AT&SF Chicago, MC Buffalo, NYC New York

Return: Same route

Stopover at Kansas City, Mo

		ROAD	TRAIN	TIME	DATE	
Itinerary going	Lv	Fresno	AT&SF	22	3:15 PM	June 1
	Ar	Chicago	"	4	9:30 AM	" 4
	Lv	"	MC	8	11:00 AM	" "
	Ar	New York	NYC	"	9:00 AM	" 5
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Accommodations: Standard sleeper Fresno, Calif to Chicago, Ill and Chicago, Ill to New York, N Y

Elapsed Time: 86 hrs: 45 min

3 3/4

Extra Fare:

KW

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	Ar	New York	"	"	2:30 PM	" 5
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Accommodations: Standard sleeper Fresno, California to Chicago, Illinois and Chicago, Illinois to New York, N Y

Elapsed Time: 92 hours 15 minutes

Extra Fare:

*Handwritten notes:*  
 - Large signature across the table  
 - "route" written vertically in the table area  
 - "insert here" written in the upper right area

March 13, 1919

Dear Sir

I am writing to ask you information  
about the removal of my  
son's body. I would like  
very much to have his  
body removed home, as  
soon as they can send  
him he died of wound  
Oct 3, his name is  
Emmett In Combs  
CO B, 316 Engineers  
American Expeditionary Force  
A P O 776 (over)

lin serial no. in 2272866  
lin compensation no in  
C. 72213.

Respectfully,

Mrs A F Combs Combs  
Rd 28 Box 340  
Fresno Cal

Address reply to  
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL,  
Washington, D. C.

3-3650

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY,  
WASHINGTON.

In Answer Refer to File No. 293.3-Cemeterial

No. 293.3-Cemeterial. March 24, 1919.

From: Office, Quartermaster General of the Army.

To: Mrs. W. P. Combs, R.D.Box 340, Fresno, Calif.

Subject: Shipment home of the remains of Emmett M. Combs, Co. B, 516th  
Engrs., A.E.F., Died October 3, 1918.

1. This office is in receipt of your letter of the 13th instant, requesting shipment to you at the above address ----- of the remains of your son, Emmett M. Combs, ----- deceased.

2. In reply I regret to inform you that it will be impracticable to comply with your request immediately in view of the difficulties of transportation in France and overseas.

3. You are advised, however, that whenever it is found to be practicable to ship the remains home in accordance with your request, it will be done. If your address as indicated above is not correct, or you should desire that your request for shipment home of the remains be canceled, this office should be advised accordingly.

4. Under existing regulations the necessary steps are being taken by the military authorities in France to mark the grave of each soldier who has died or been killed in battle, and to register the number and location of the grave so as to establish beyond a doubt their identity when it becomes practicable to disinter the remains for removal to the United States.

Copy to Zone S.O.,  
N.Y.City.

H.L.Rogers,  
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.,  
Director of Purchase and Storage.

By:

H.R.Lemly,  
Major, Quartermaster Corps.

S-7663/W

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293.3  
Combs, Emmett M.

MAR 24 1919  
*[Handwritten signature]*

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>COMBS</i>	<i>COM</i>	3	<i>3 0 0</i>
<i>Emmett M</i>	CEMETERY <i>12 32</i>	1	<i>1</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>34</i>	2	<i>34</i>
	ROW <i>29</i>	2	<i>29</i>
	BLOCK <i>a</i>	1	<i>1</i>
STATE	<i>Calif</i>	2	<i>04</i>
RANK	<i>Pvt. 1 cl</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>91</i>	2	<i>91</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>316</i>	3	<i>316</i>
ARM	<i>Engns.</i>	1	<i>4</i>
MARTIAL	<i>No.</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Combs</i>	<i>COM</i>	3	<i>3 0 0</i>
<i>Mrs. Silke</i>	STATE <i>Calif</i>	2	<i>04</i>
RESIDENCE <i>923 Wilson Ave</i>	COUNTY <i>Fresno</i>	2	<i>10</i>
	CITY <i>Fresno</i>	3	<i>023</i>
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Bad</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR. <i>1933</i>	1	<i>4</i>
ACCEPTANCE <i>29/514/PJ.</i>	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>56</i>

**AUDITED**  
 JAN 11 1932  
*(RM)*

*29/514/PJ.* *age*

*RAM*

Name ..... COMBS, Mrs. Lillie

Paris Hôtel ..... HOTEL LUTÉZIA  
BOULEVARD RASPAIL

Home address ..... 923 Wilson Ave., Fresno, Fresno Co., Calif.

Party ..... B ..... Group ..... Unit

Date of arrival June 14. 33/ SS. WASHINGTON Date of departure June 29. SS. HARDING

Relationship ..... Mother, age 56

Name of deceased ..... COMBS, Emmett A. <sup>M.</sup>

Rank ..... Pvt. Organization Co. B, 316th Engrs.

Cemetery ..... MEUSE ARGONNE 34 A 29

REMARKS



Lillie Combs

PARTY B (cont.)

Monday, June 26, visited Sacre Coeur, lunched at Bois, visited Lafayette Escadrille.

Tuesday, June 27, visited the Louvre, lunched at the hotel, and visited Notre Dame.

Wednesday, June 28, visited Cluny, lunched at hotel. The afternoon was free.

Thursday, June 29, departed for Le Havre from the Gare des Invalides. Embarked on the SS Harding.

MRS. LILLIE COMBS

PARTY B  
MEUSE-ARGONNE GROUP

Arrived at Le Havre at 8:30 A.M. on the SS Washington in charge of Capt. W.J. Egan, F.A., Lieut. P.T. Gregory, CAG as Liaison Officers. The party was met at the dock by Maj. Lee S. Tilletson and other officers.

Left Le Havre Maritime Station at 9:10 A.M. and arrived at the Gare d'Invalides at 12:23 P.M. Detrained and spent the night at the Hotel Lutetia.

Thursday, June 15, during the morning, conferences were held with the conducting officers. After lunch at the hotel, the pilgrim visited Napoleon's Tomb.

Friday, June 16, the morning was spent shopping. After lunch at the hotel, the pilgrim visited Versailles.

Saturday, June 17, the morning was free. After a lunch at the hotel, the pilgrim attended the ceremony at the Arc de Triomphe, and later had tea at the Restaurant Laurent.

Sunday, June 18, left Paris at 8:00 A.M., visited Meaux, had lunch at Chalons, and stopped at Verdun for the night.

Monday, June 19, left Verdun, had lunch at the cemetery, visited Montfaucon, and returned to Verdun for the night.

Tuesday, June 20, left Verdun, visited Trench of Bayonets, lunch at cemetery. Visited Varennes in the afternoon and back to Verdun for the night.

Wednesday, June 21, left Verdun, visited St. Mihiel Cemetery, lunched at Nancy, visited Montsec. Spent night at Verdun.

Thursday, June 22, left Verdun, visited Cemetery, Blanc Mont Monument, had lunch at Reims, spent night at Reims.

Friday, June 23, left Reims, visited O.A. Cemetery, lunched at Chateau Thierry, visited A.M. Cemetery, and spent the night in Paris.

Saturday, June 24, morning was free, lunched at hotel. In the afternoon visited St. Germain en Laye.

Sunday, June 25, morning at church, lunched at hotel. At 9:30 P.M. went on night sightseeing trip.

**WAR DEPARTMENT  
PILGRIMAGE WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS  
225 West 34th. St. New York, N. Y.**

Party ..... **B** .....

Number ..... **155** .....

**REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATIONS.**

..... **COMBS. MRS. LILLIE.** .....  
Name of Pilgrim

..... **723 WILSON AVE.** .....  
City Home Address County

..... **FRESNO CALIFORNIA.** .....  
State

Actual cost of  
 Through Pullman at the  
 Lower Berth Rate.

Destination of Ticket ..... **FRESNO** .....

New York, to ..... **FRESNO** .....

via ..... **NYC to BUFFALO - M. O. to CHICAGO - A.T. & S.F. ALBUQUERQUE -** .....  
 ..... **A.T. & S.F. to FRESNO** .....

..... **JULY 8, 1933** .....  
Date of Departure

..... **OCT 31, 1933** .....  
Expiration Date of Ticket

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower Seat or Coach	Car	U.S.G. Order No.	Actual Cost	
Lv. New York	NYC	19	7/8	7:45 PM					
Ar. Chicago			7/9	3:15 PM	Lower	<sup>12</sup> 185		9.00	
Lv. "	SFe	3	"	9:15 PM		7 31	1,029.013		
Ar. Kansas City			7/10	8:30 AM	Lower		4908	4.50	
Lv. "	SFe	3		9:00 AM					
Ar. <del>Frisco</del> <sup>FRESNO</sup>				10:46 AM	Lower		1,029.014	19.88	
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Excess Fare New York, to.							Cost \$	Total	<b>37.88</b>

Stop Over ..... **KANSAS CITY MO** .....

Through Rate	<b>32.63</b>
Excess	<b>5.25</b>

**ONE 75**

Combs, Emmett A. (MA)

Mothers' & Widows' Pilgrimage  
Stopovers on return

Name: Combs, Mrs. Lillie

Address: 923 Wilson Ave., Fresno, Calif.

Party: B - 2

Stopovers desired at: Kansas City, Mo.

Rail

*N.Y.C.*

Excess             
None

Pullman

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Value</u>
New York	Kansas City, Mo.	L B	13.50
Kansas City, Mo.	Fresno, Calif.	L B	19.88

Total:            33.38  
 Thru Pullman Fare:            32.63  
 Excess: \$            .75

Amounts shown as "excess" have been collected by the Quartermaster General and remitted to the Finance Officer, Washington, D.C.

Mrs Alma Graham  
300 So. Topping  
Kansas City, Missouri

July 7, 1933

*Ally - Tom*

MRS LILLIE COMBS WILL ARRIVE EIGHT THIRTY MONDAY MORNING  
JULY TEN VIA SFE RR TRAIN NUMBER THREE PLEASE MEET HER  
COLONEL POPE

B - 32

Mr Leslie Bailey  
1307 Vaness Ave  
Fresno, California

July 7, 1933

MRS LILLIE COMBS ARRIVED NEW YORK TODAY SAFE AND WELL  
COLONEL POPE

WALTER F. WIESE, M.D., F.A.C.S.  
2014 Tulare Street  
Fresno, Calif.

March 6, 1933

Re: QM 293 A-M  
Combs, Emmett A. (MA)  
Mother - Mrs. Lillie Combs,  
923 Wilson Ave., Fresno, Cal.

Attending Surgeon  
Room 2113 - 225 W. 34th St.,  
New York City.

Dear Sir:

At the request of Mrs. Lillie Combs I am sending the following information. Mrs. Combs is 55 years of age - and except for a mild diabetes mellitis she is in very good health. This diabetes is entirely controlled by diet. Mrs. Combs weighs 134 lbs. and the diet list as given in Lilly Diet Chart (revised Aug. 1932) completely controls her condition. I am enclosing this diet chart properly marked for your convenience. (Menu #XII)

Sincerely,

Walter F. Wiese, M.D.

Combx, Emmett A. (MA)

WASHINGTON - June 7, 1933

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COPY

I have a mild case of Diabetic and it is controlled by a Diabetic diet. No sugar nor starches. And would it be possible for me to have a diet of that kind on the pilgrimage.

I thank you.

(Signed) Mrs. Lillie Combs  
923 Wilson Ave.,  
Fresno, Calif.

\* C O P Y \*

PARTY "B"  
May 22, 1933

Mrs. Lillie Combs,  
923 Wilson Ave.,  
Fresno, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Upon your arrival in New York City you will be met at the railroad station by an Army Officer who will engage porter service to take care of your baggage and escort you to the hotel. During your sojourn here before sailing for Europe and upon your return from Europe, you will stop at the Hotel McAlpin, 34th Street and Broadway, New York City.

The two tags and four identification pasters accompanying this communication are intended to protect your baggage while in transit. One tag should be attached to the handle of each piece of your baggage and a paster placed on each end of each piece of your baggage before leaving your home. Your baggage will be safer and also more readily available to you after your arrival in New York if it is placed with you on the train.

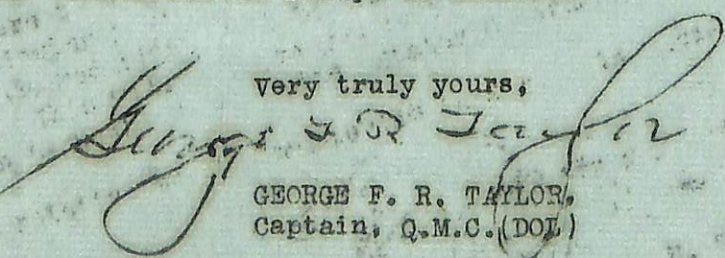
All mail intended to reach you between June 7th, 1933, the day you sail from the United States, and June 29th, 1933, the day you leave Europe, should be addressed to you in care of American Pilgrimage, 20 Rue Molitor, Paris (16), France; for example:

Mrs. Mary Smith,  
c/o American Pilgrimage,  
20 Rue Molitor,  
Paris (16), France.

The party you are to travel with will be disbanded in New York City on the day following your return from Europe and all arrangements for your Pullman accommodations will be made with the railroads in advance by this office. This will require you to remain in New York at the hotel over night as a guest of the United States Government.

Information relative to the cemeteries in Europe is enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

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

7 Incls.:  
2 Baggage Tags  
4 Baggage Pastors  
1 Copy Cemeterial Information

DAILY REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER  
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS-1933

ROOM NO. 1563

3.30 P.M. DATE June 5, 1933

PARTY "B" Eastbound

NAME Combs, Mrs. Lillie (Age - 56 - M)

Weight - 126 lbs.

B.P. - Normal

ADDRESS 923 Wilson Avenue

Fresno, California

HOTEL McAlpin

DIAGNOSIS Diabetes, mellitus, mild.

DISPOSITION

REMARKS: This Pilgrim states that she is "bordering" on diabetes but it is controlled by diet, otherwise she is OK.

Her name was put on the "Special Attention" list to the Ship's Surgeon, Dr. Lennihan, S.S. George Washington. Insulin obtained and sent along with her.

CIVILIAN DOCTOR IN CHARGE OF CASE

MEDICAL OFFICER

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

F. H. P.  
JUN 4 1 1933

PARTY <sup>B</sup> ..... FILE NO. ....

NAME Combs, Mrs. Lillie  
923 Wilson Ave.  
Fresno, Cal.

ROUTE OF TICKET

N.Y.C. to Buffalo

Whe. to Chicago

AT&SF to Albuquerque

AT&SF to Fresno Cal

..... to .....

..... to .....

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Expiration date Oct-31-33

The following stop overs are requested.

Kansas City, Mo.

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(Signature of Pilgrim)

IN CABIN WITH

~~Mrs. L. P. King - B-74-1 - Group MA~~

~~Mrs. Rose Bellings - 74-1 -~~

~~Group M.A.~~

Mrs. Mary M. Slank

B-74-1 Group M.A

Party B

M. A. CITY

Nurse A. Host, RN

# MEDICAL RECORD

Station: Lutetia, Paris.

June 14, 1933.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name Combs, Mrs. Lillie

Home address 923 Wilson Ave. Fresno Fresno County, CALIFORNIA.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Cousin: Candley Beverley,  
1392 Ferger st., Fresno, Calif.

Religion Prot.

Age 56

History of Present complaint :

June 14. Diabetes mellitus, mild.

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*)

June 14, Diabetes mellitus, mild, history of. WCM

Treatment and Progress : (*include dates*)

BP 140/80. Urine neg. for sugar. Special diet; no insulin.

June 27. Urine today also negative for sugar. Condition good.

Disposition : (*include dates*)

June 29. To LeHavre. Fitts.

Remarks :

PARTY

B-2

56-M

EASTBOUND

STATE

CALIFORNIA

GROUP

M A

Mrs. **Combs, Lillie** ..... Address **923 Wilson Ave.** ..... **Fresno** .....  
 (Name of Pilgrim) (Street & No.) (City or Town)

..... **California** ..... **Fresno** .....  
 (State) (County)

..... **Beverly Candley - 1st. cousin** ..... Address **1392 Feger** ..... **Fresno** .....  
 (Name of Nearest Kin) (Street & No.) (City or Town)

..... **California** ..... **Fresno** .....  
 (State) (County)

## ARRIVAL NEW YORK

VIA. R.R. .... **N. Y. C.** ..... Train No. .... **8** ..... Date ..... **6-5-33** .....

Hotel ..... **McAlpin** ..... Room No. .... **ME. 1563** .....

Roomed with ..... **Mrs. Mary Stump** .....

## DEPARTURE NEW YORK

Date ..... **6-7-33** ..... Vessel ..... **Washington** ..... Cabin No. .... **B-74-3** .....

In Cabin with ..... **Mrs. Mary Stump - B-74-1** .....

(Over Westbound)

RPB-2-17-31-4M

DIABETES - SPECIAL DIET - NO SUGAR OR STARCH

WESTBOUND  
ARRIVAL NEW YORK

Date **July 7, 1933** Vessel **President Harding** Cabin No. **D-227-C**  
*Miss Fisher*  
In Cabin with ~~Mrs. Catherine Wodlako D-227-A & Mrs. Mary M. Stump D-227-E~~  
*Mrs. Wm. Fisher*  
Hotel **Mc Alpin** Room No. **1297**  
Roomed with **Mrs. Mary M. Stump**

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

VIA. R.R. **NYC** Train No. **19** Space **L 12** Car No. **185** Date **7/8/33.**

REMARKS

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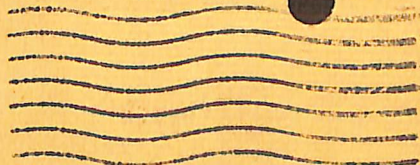
( Eastbound)

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICIAL BUSINESS



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



**PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS**

**225 WEST 34TH STREET,**

**NEW YORK, N. Y.**

B

NAME MRS. LILLIE COMBS

ADDRESS 923 Wilson Ave., Fresno, Cal.

DATE July 29, 1933

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) Lillie Combs

M.A.

# MEDICAL RECORD

Party: B-2

S. S. WASHINGTON  
HARDING

Eastbound  
Westbound

Name Combs, Mrs. Lillie

Home Address 923 Wilson Ave., Fresno, California

Name and address of nearest relative or friend Beverly Candley (1st Cousin)

1392 Ferger, Fresno, California

Religion Age 56-M

History of present complaint: Pink Sheet Report: Mild Diabetes, mellitis. (Diet Chart Attached) June 5, 1933 States that she is boardering on diabetes but is controlled by diet, ~~is~~ very nervous otherwise O.K. J.H.A. M.C.

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(OVER)

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

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)  
6/8/. Diabetis.

Treatment and Progress: (include dates) June 5, 1933 Advised to continue on special diet. 6/8/ Examination, Regulation of diet advised.

6/11/33. Urine Exam. **Triple Bromides one** Sugar - very slight Trace.

Disposition: (include dates)

Remarks: Name placed on Special attention to ship's Surgeon.

6/13/33. General Condition Satisfactory - Advised Urine Exam later. E. H. Harrison

Party B

M. A. Cmty

Nurse *A. Gosh*

# MEDICAL RECORD

Station: *Hotel Lutetia Paris*

Date: *June 14<sup>th</sup> 1933*

Name *Combs, Mrs. Lillie*

Home address *923 Wilson Ave., Fresno, Fresno County, CALIFORNIA.*

Address of Nearest friend or relative *Candley Beverly (1 cousin)*  
*1392. Fenger. Fresno California.*

Religion *Protestant* Age *56*

History of Present complaint: *June 14<sup>th</sup> Diabetes mellitus. mild*

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Diagnosis and complications : (include dates) 6/14/33. 1. Diabetes mellitus, mild.  
WCM.

Treatment and Progress : (include dates) BP 140/80. Urine specimen. Special diet. No insulin.  
Urine negative for sugar. WCM  
6/27/33. Urine today also negative for sugar.  
WCM.

Disposition : (include dates) June 29. To Lettore. Fitts.

Remarks : 6/27/33. Condition good.  
WCM.

~~George~~ Washington

Pvt. Emmett A. Combs

6/7/33

MA

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 pro-  
visions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Lillie Combs

(Name)

923 Wilson Ave., Fresno, Fresno Co., California.

(Town or City)

(State)

over

I have a mild case  
of diabetic and it  
is controlled, by a  
diabetic diet. NO sugar  
nor starches. And would  
it be possible for  
me to have a diet  
of that kind. on the  
Pilgrimage

I thank you

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HPS

Mrs Lillie Combs

923 Wilson Fresno



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Combs, Emmett A.

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RETURN RECEIPT

Wash June 7

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

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(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery

5-20, 1933

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U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

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QM 293 A-M  
Combs, Emmett M. (MA)

September 14, 1933.

Mrs. Lillie Combs,  
923 Wilson Ave.,  
Fresno, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Combs:

I am in receipt of the letter of July 2nd wherein you and the other mothers and widows who sailed on the S. S. Washington, June 7th, express your appreciation for the pilgrimage you made 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 effort that those making the journey might have a comfortable and pleasant trip. I feel, however, that the task was materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the mothers and widows.

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

Very truly yours,

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

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Combs, Emmet

EXCERPT FROM LIAISON REPORT - PARTY B EAST & WEST

Mrs. Mike Lavance who speaks Hungarian only, complained that people were laughing at her. By employing an interpreter I found out that she was attributing all expressions of mirth by laughter in her presence, to amusement of others at herself.

June 10th.

Mrs. Mike Lavance was suffering with a toothache. After treatment she felt better.

June 8th.

As a result of Mrs. Del Bove being alone in Cabin B-16, an amusing incident occurred. It was first brought to my attention by a Room Steward who told me that Mrs. Alimando Cardosi was moving in with Mrs. Del Bove. I found Mrs. Cardosi already established with Mrs. Del Bove in Cabin B-16, and immediately took her and her luggage back to her proper Cabin A-47.

THE FOLLOWING patients were treated medically at the doctor's office or in their cabins:

Mrs. Lilly Combs Diabetes - diet being regulated by doctor. Urine examination shows no sugar. Condition very good

Mrs. J. Beane In bed with a slight cold. She has abdominal hernia, but ship's nurse made an abdominal binding for her and is now doing nicely.

Mrs. Ollie Guin Confined to cabin with a sore throal - nothing serious

June 8th - Mrs. Shellenbarger was somewhat seasick today but was treated by doctor and seems much better tonight.

July 2nd. The following treated by doctor today:  
Mrs. Ollie Guin - hurt by fall in Paris

Mrs. Bessie Shellenbarger - seasick

Combs, Emmett A. (ma)

NARRATIVE - EAST

Straven, Mrs. Julia	-	Tracheo-Bronchitis, chronic
Timpe, Mrs. Emma	-	Heart Trouble; Hypertension
VanPelt, Mrs. Alida	-	Palsy, right, upper and lower extremities
Wedlake, Mrs. Catherine	-	Colitis, chronic (Acute exacerbation of)
Beano, Mrs. James	-	Asthma & Hypertension
✓ Combs, Mrs. Lillie	-	Diabetes, Mellitus, mild
Dalrymple, Mrs. G. W.	-	Hypertension

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Combs, Emmett A. (MA)

May 17, 1933

Mrs. Lillie Combs,  
923 Wilson Ave.,  
Fresno, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

Lv. Fresno	AT&SF	Train No. 22	3:15 PM	June 1
Ar. Chicago	"	4	9:30 AM	" 4
Lv. "	MC	8	11:00 AM	" "
Ar. New York (Grand Cent.Sta.)	NYC	"	9:00 AM	" 5

Accommodations: Standard sleeper from Fresno, Calif. to New York, N.Y.

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-M

Combs, Emmett A. (MA)

May 15, 1933

M Mrs. Lillie Combs,  
923 Wilson Ave.,  
Fresno, California

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed Check No. 178,373 in the  
amount of \$ 28.12 , to pay for your meals and incidental  
expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage  
authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:  
Check No.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Combs, Emmett A. MA M

April 24, 1933.

Mrs. Lillie Combs,  
923 Wilson Ave.,  
Fresno, California.

Dear Madam:

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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CHAS. W. DIETZ,  
~~BY~~ SHANNON,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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

Combs, Emmett A. (MA)  
Combs, Mrs. Lillie  
923 Wilson Ave.,  
Fresno, Fresno Co. Calif.  
Washington June 7th

Quartermaster General,  
  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

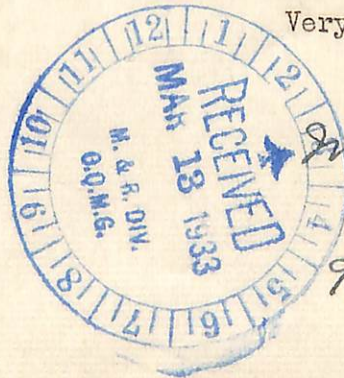
In the blank space below you will find the name,  
address, and relationship to me, of the person in the United  
States whom I desire to be notified in case I become  
seriously ill or other emergency arises while I am making  
the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress  
approved March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

Beverly Cordley  
Name

1392 Furger Fresno Calif  
Address  
*Calif*

First Cousin  
Relationship

Very truly yours,



Mrs Lillie Combs  
Your name

923 Wilson Ave  
Your address  
*Fresno Calif*

QM 293 AM  
Combs, Emmett A. (MA)

March 13, 1933

Mrs. Lillie Combs,  
923 Wilson Avenue,  
Fresno, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of March 7, enclosing money order in the amount of 75¢, covering excess pullman fare for a stopover at Kansas City, Mo. on your return from a pilgrimage to the Meuse Argonne American Cemetery in Europe, sailing from New York on the S.S. WASHINGTON, June 7, 1933.

Transportation arrangements for this stopover on your return journey will be made accordingly.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 AM  
Combs, Emmett A. (MA)

February 9, 1933

Mrs. Lillie Combs,  
923 Wilson Avenue,  
Fresno, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your request for a stopover at Kansas City, Mo. on your return from a pilgrimage to the Meuse Argonne American Cemetery in Europe, sailing from New York on the S.S. WASHINGTON, June 7, 1933.

Arrangements for this stopover can be made accordingly but there will be an additional cost to you of seventy five cents (75¢), covering a difference in pullman fare. All expenses incurred by you during your visit at Kansas City must also be paid from your personal funds.

Your ticket will expire October 31, 1933, therefore, you may stop over as long as you desire, providing you reach home no later than midnight that date.

Please advise immediately whether or not you desire this stopover and, if so, forward money order to this office at once in the amount of seventy five cents (75¢), payable to the Finance Officer, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C.

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

For The Quartermaster General.



1 Encl.  
Envelope

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "R. E. Shannon".

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

923 Wilcom  
Fresno Calif,  
March 7-1953

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

1953 FEB 27 10 52 AM  
MAIL ROOM (AF)

Dear Sir  
Our sending money order for  
my stop over, in at Kansas City  
on my return from a pilgrimage  
in Europe

Receipt is acknowledged of your request for a stopover  
at Kansas City, Mo. on your return from a pilgrimage to the  
Holy Land, and the money order, mailing from New  
York on the 27th of February, 1953.

Very truly yours  
Mrs Lillie Combs

Your ticket will expire October 31, 1953, therefore  
you may stop over as long as you desire, providing you reach  
home no later than midnight of that date.

Please advise immediately whether or not you desire  
this stopover and, if so, forward money order to this office  
at once in the amount of seventy five cents (75c), payable to  
the Finance Officer, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C.

The self-addressed envelope, which referred to postage,  
is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For the Quartermaster General

Very truly yours,

W. S. SHANNON  
Captain, U. S. Corps,  
Assistant



1 Enc.  
Envelope

Combs, Emmett A. (MA)

Mothers' & Widows' Pilgrimage  
Stopovers on return

Name: Combs, Mrs. Lillie

Address: 923 Wilson Ave., Fresno, Calif.

Party: B

Stopovers desired at: Kansas City, Mo.

Rail

Excess None

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Value</u>
New York	Kansas City, Mo.	L B	13.50
Kansas City, Mo.	Fresno, Calif.	L B	19.98

Total: 33.50  
 Thru Pullman Fare: 32.05  
 Excess: 0 .75

Amounts shown as "excess" have been collected by the Quartermaster General and remitted to the Finance Officer, Washington, D.C.

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

Combs, Emmett A. (MA)  
Combs, Mrs. Lillie  
923 Wilson Ave.,  
Fresno, Fresno Co. Calif.  
Washington June 7th

Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

On my return from the pilgrimage to American Cemeteries in Europe, I desire to stop over at the point, or points, listed below, for the number of days shown after the name of the town. If these stopovers will cause me any expense I am to be advised of the amount and may then withdraw this request if I so desire.

<u>Cities where I desire to stopover:</u>	<u>No. of days</u>
<i>Kansas City Missouri, six weeks</i>	
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Very truly yours,

*Mrs Lillie Combs*  
(Your name)

*923 Wilson Ave Fresno Calif*  
(Your address)



QM 293 AM  
Combs, Emmett A. (MA)

February 9, 1933

Mrs. Lillie Combs,  
923 Wilson Avenue,  
Fresno, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your request for a stopover at Kansas City, Mo. on your return from a pilgrimage to the Meuse Argonne American Cemetery in Europe, sailing from New York on the S. S. WASHINGTON, June 7, 1933.

Arrangements for this stopover can be made accordingly but there will be an additional cost to you of seventy five cents (75¢), covering a difference in pullman fare. All expenses incurred by you during your visit at Kansas City must also be paid from your personal funds.

Your ticket will expire October 31, 1933, therefore, you may stop over as long as you desire, providing you reach home no later than midnight that date.

Please advise immediately whether or not you desire this stopover and, if so, forward money order to this office at once in the amount of seventy five cents (75¢), payable to the Finance Officer, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

1 Encl.  
Envelope  
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R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain Assistant Corps,

QM 293 A-M  
Combs, Emmett A (MA)

January 24, 1933

Mrs. Lillie Combs,  
923 Wilson Avenue,  
Fresno, California.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date accepting the invitation to sail June 7th on the WASHINGTON to visit the grave of your son, the late Private first class Emmett A. Combs.

I am indeed glad you have decided to take advantage of this last offer of the Government to make a pilgrimage and you are assured that every consideration will be given your physical condition at all times.

It is requested that either you or your family physician forward ~~to~~ to the Attending Surgeon, Room 2113, 225 West 34th Street, New York City, a brief history of your physical condition and your diet. Arrangements will then be made for your special care while on the journey.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Combs, Emmett M. (MA)

November 23, 1932.

Mrs. Lillie Combs,  
923 Wilson Avenue,  
Fresno, Calif.

Dear Madam:

In reply to a recent questionnaire from this office you advised that you were undecided about making a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private first class Emmett M. Combs, during the summer of 1933.

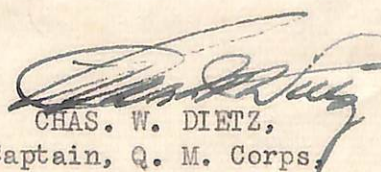
In order that the best available accommodations may be secured for the mothers and widows it is necessary that hotel and steamship reservations be made several months in advance. It is therefore requested you advise at this time whether or not you believe you will be able to make the journey next summer.

Properly qualified personnel will be provided to care for the comfort and needs of the mothers and widows, and doctors and nurses will be available. Should you make the journey you are assured that every consideration will be given your physical condition at all times.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Env.

*Call T.A. re age  
Bn 7-7-'77*

*Receipts*

923 Wilson on  
Fresno  
Calif

Dec 31-1932

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

November 28, 1932

IN REPLY REFER TO  
Comps. Encl. (2)

Dear Sir

In reply to your letter  
about making a pilgrimage  
to my son's grave, I have decided to  
go. If nothing prevents  
and would it be possible for  
me to stop over in Reno

Very truly yours

Mrs Lillie Combs

923 Wilson on  
Fresno Calif



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Combs Emmett A (MA)

July 9 1932

Mrs Lillie Combs  
923 Wilson Ave  
Fresno Calif

Dear Madam:

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

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


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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

*undecided*  
(Write answer here)  
*occin To my*  
*Hutch*  
(Sign here) *Mrs Lillie Combs*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

August 14, 1931

Combs, Emmett A. Pvt. (MA) M

Mrs. Lillie Combs,  
923 Wilson Ave.,  
Fresno, California

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM  
Combs, Emmett A. Pvt. (M-A) M

June 16, 1931.

Mrs. Lillie Combs,  
923 Wilson Avenue,  
Fresno, California.

Dear Madam:

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

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

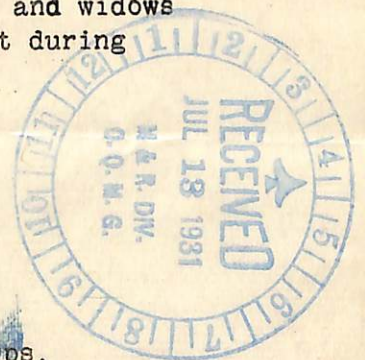
As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



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

*No my health isn't good*  
Write answer here *good*

*Thank you so much for the honor*  
*Lillie Combs*  
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Combs, Emmett A. - 1232 M

June 7, 1930.

Mrs. Lillie Combs,  
923 Wilson Ave.,  
Fresno, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

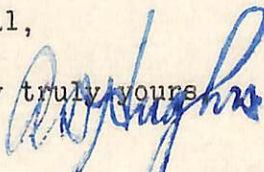
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank space following the question.

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


This letter is being sent to all mothers and widows who are not making the pilgrimage in 1930, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? NO. My Health is Poor  
(Write answer here)

  
Mrs Lillie Combs  
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON



IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7 , 1929.

Combs, Emmett A. 1232 M.

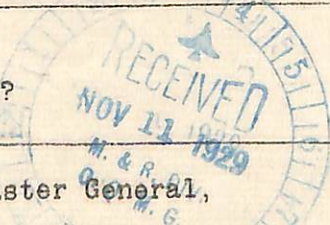
Mrs. Lillie Combs,  
923 Wilson Ave.,  
Fresno, Calif.

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) <i>no</i>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No) <i>X</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 (Years)	Health (Good) <i>X</i> (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	<i>English</i> English - (Yes) <i>X</i> (No)	Other language (Specify language spoken)



For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
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Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Combs, Emmett M.

August 14, 1929

Mrs. Lillie Combs,  
923 Wilson Avenue,  
Fresno, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Pvt. Emmett M. Combs, Co. B, 316th Engrs., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return 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?

*No*

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

*No, I cant go but I thank  
you so much <sup>for the</sup> invitation*

*Mrs. Lillie Combs*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Combs, Emmett M.

June 27, 1929.

Mrs. Lillie Combs,  
~~Rt. D, Box 340,~~  
Fresno, Cal.

923- Wilson Ave

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Pvt. Emmett M. Combs, Co. B, 316th Engrs., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*John T. Harris*

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Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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JUN 27 1929  
JOHN T. HARRIS,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

QM 293 A-M  
Combs, Emmett M. (MA)

September 14, 1933.

Mrs. Lillie Combs,  
923 Wilson Ave.,  
Fresno, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Combs:

I am in receipt of the letter of July 2nd wherein you and the other mothers and widows who sailed on the S. S. Washington, June 7th, express your appreciation for the pilgrimage you made 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 effort that those making the journey might have a comfortable and pleasant trip. I feel, however, that the task was materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the mothers and widows.

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

Very truly yours,

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

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1933 SEP - 16 - AM 9:30

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QM 293 AM  
Combs, Emmett A. (MA)

March 13, 1933

Mrs. Lillie Combs,  
923 Wilson Avenue,  
Fresno, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of March 7, enclosing money order in the amount of 75¢, covering excess pullman fare for a stopover at Kansas City, Mo. on your return from a pilgrimage to the Meuse Argonne American Cemetery in Europe, sailing from New York on the S.S. WASHINGTON, June 7, 1933.

Transportation arrangements for this stopover on your return journey will be made accordingly.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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1933 MAR - 13 - PM 3:40

QQMG M&R BR

QM 293 AM  
Combs, Emmett A. (MA)

February 9, 1933

Mrs. Lillie Combs,  
923 Wilson Avenue,  
Fresno, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your request for a stopover at Kansas City, Mo. on your return from a pilgrimage to the House Argonne American Cemetery in Europe, sailing from New York on the S.S. WASHINGTON, June 7, 1933.

Arrangements for this stopover can be made accordingly but there will be an additional cost to you of seventy five cents (75¢), covering a difference in pullman fare. All expenses incurred by you during your visit at Kansas City must also be paid from your personal funds.

Your ticket will expire October 31, 1933, therefore, you may stop over as long as you desire, providing you reach home no later than midnight that date.

Please advise immediately whether or not you desire this stopover and, if so, forward money order to this office at once in the amount of seventy five cents (75¢), payable to the Finance Officer, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Envelope

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QM 293 A-M  
Combs, Emmett A (MA)

January 24, 1933

Mrs. Lillie Combs,  
923 Wilson Avenue,  
Fresno, California.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date accepting the invitation to sail June 7th on the WASHINGTON to visit the grave of your son, the late Private first class Emmett A. Combs.

I am indeed glad you have decided to take advantage of this last offer of the Government to make a pilgrimage and you are assured that every consideration will be given your physical condition at all times.

It is requested that either you or your family physician forward to the Attending Surgeon, Room 2113, 225 West 34th Street, New York City, a brief history of your physical condition and your diet. Arrangements will then be made for your special care while on the journey.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M

November 23, 1932.

Combs, Emmett M. (MA)

Mrs. Lillie Combs,  
923 Wilson Avenue,  
Fresno, Calif.

Dear Madam:

In reply to a recent questionnaire from this office you advised that you were undecided about making a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private first class Emmett M. Combs, during the summer of 1933.

In order that the best available accommodations may be secured for the mothers and widows it is necessary that hotel and steamship reservations be made several months in advance. It is therefore requested you advise at this time whether or not you believe you will be able to make the journey next summer.

Properly qualified personnel will be provided to care for the comfort and needs of the mothers and widows, and doctors and nurses will be available. Should you make the journey you are assured that every consideration will be given your physical condition at all times.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Combs Emmett A (MA)

July 9 1932

Mrs Lillie Combs  
923 Wilson Ave  
Ebesno Calif

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) \_\_\_\_\_

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

August 14, 1931

Combs, Emmett A. Pvt. (MA) M

Mrs. Lillie Combs,  
923 Wilson Ave.,  
Fresno, California

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM  
Combs, Emmett A. Pvt. (M-A) M

June 16, 1931.

Mrs. Lillie Combs,  
923 Wilson Avenue,  
Fresno, California.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

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Sign here

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Combs, Emmett *M* - 1232 M

June 7, 1930.

Mrs. Lillie Combs,  
923 Wilson Ave.,  
Fresno, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank space following the question.

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

This letter is being sent to all mothers and widows who are not making the pilgrimage in 1930, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? \_\_\_\_\_

(Write answer here)

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(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Combs, Emmett *M.* 1232 N.

Mrs. Lillie Combs,  
923 Wilson Ave.,  
Fresno, 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,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Combs, Emmett M.

August 14, 1929

Mrs. Lillie Combs,  
923 Wilson Avenue,  
Fresno, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late **Pvt. Emmett M. Combs, Co. B, 316th Engrs., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.**

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return 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?

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 27 , 1929.

Combs, Emmett M.

Mrs. Lillie Combs,  
Rt. D, Box 340,  
Fresno, Cal.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

In reply refer to:  
293.8 C-R

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March 20, 1923.

Mr. W. F. Combs,  
Route D, Box 340,  
Fresno, Calif.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that  
the late Private 1/c Emmett M. Combs, Company B,  
318th Engineers, is the permanent grave of  
Grave 34, Row 29, Block A, Meuse-Argonne American  
Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse, France.

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

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

Very truly yours,

H. J. Conner,  
Assistant,

Central Mail & Files Bx  
MAR 21 1923

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Date 7th June 1919.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

37824

Remains of: COMBS,

Name: COMBS, Emmett M.

Number: 2272866

Rank: Unkn.

Organization: Unkn.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

5/2/19

Grave 34 B.A.C CHEPPY MEUSE

Map 35 S E. E 305.25 N 273.3

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

5/2/19

Grave 207. Section 5 Plot 4

ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY # 1232.

ROMAGNE MEUSE. ✓

1232

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

Burial good. Body buried in uniform. Body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes.

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

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Note:

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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, G.R.S.

Supervised by: Lt Armitage.

R. H. ROSENTHAL

C.O. Group 2nd Lieut. G. O. S. A. Unit

Date 7th June 1952

REPORT OF DISTURBANCE AND REBURIAL

57824

Remains of: Name: DODD, Emmett M. Rank: Captain  
Number: 2272888 Organization: USARVN

Disturbance and Reburial made by Group: Unit

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

5/2/52 Grave SA B.A.C. CHEVY MUSE

Map 38 N.E. 1 308.25 1 378.3

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

5/2/52 Grave 807, Section 8 Plot 4

ALGONQUIN AMERICAN CEMETERY & 1952  
UNKNOWN MUSEE

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

Burial good. Body buried in uniform. Body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes.

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



If upon disturbance, remains are found upon body, send to the Military Department, as is reported by the report. Also being carefully examined for signs of identity in case what will be made and reported to the Department.

Approved by: [Signature] Date: [Blank]

DATE 3/14/22.

1. NAME COMES, Emmett M. SERIAL No. 2272866

RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Co. B 316th Engrs.

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne/s/Montfaucon 1232 Sec. 5  
CTY. NAME NUMBER

207 Sec. 5 4  
GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION BAC 34 Chappy Meuse  
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES 35SE 273.3N 305.25E

CONCENTRATED TO 5/12/19 207 5 4  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse Argonne 1232

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on body and cross data f-1/pfb

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

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

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 3/14/22. 34 29 A.  
DATE GRAVE ROW Block PLOT

Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. #1232 Romagne-sous-Montfaucon. (Meuse)  
CEMETERY

AUDITED BY  
B. W. 3/8/23

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

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

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

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

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

G.R.S. #10, File # 37824  
DISPOSITION OF BODY

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

April 5, 1920.

For information of:

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

Case of: Pvt. Emmet M. Combs,  
# 2272866  
Co. B. 316th Engrs.

Grave Location: Reburied: Grave # 207  
Sect #5, Plot #4, Argonne American  
Cemetery Romagne-Sous-Montfaucon,  
Department of Meuse.

Request for action checked below:

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

has been made by:

Mrs. Lillie Combs, Mother  
R.D.#340  
Fresno, Calif.

By authority of the Quartermaster General

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

/ers

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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Combs - 2272866 - Earnest M.  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Private- Co. B, 316th Eng.  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: F.H. 3 Cheppy

CAUSE OF DEATH: wounds

DATE OF BURIAL: Oct. 3, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: Cheppy Meuse

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

map Montfaucon Sect. 1/50000

73-1/4 x 5-1/4

GRAVE NUMBER: 34

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? yes Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? yes

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

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

CMMK Cheppy (Meuse)  
(0/23) SIT. 358E COOR. 305.25

NEAREST RELATIVE: M-273.25

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

R. W. Belmont 1st Lt. Cooper  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

COMMUNIST LOCATION BLANK

Communist List No. 123-445 <sup>10/26</sup> <sup>NA.</sup>

Daily Report No. \_\_\_\_\_

37824

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Capt. 2272368 Ernest M.  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Pvt. Co. "B" 316th. Regt.  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: F.H. 3, Chappy

CAUSE OF DEATH: Homicide

DATE OF BURIAL: Oct. 3, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: Chappy, Meuse

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

Map Montfaucon Sect. 1:50,000

73 1/4 - 51 1/4

GRAVE NUMBER: 34

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Yes Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

Chaplain R.W. Schloerb  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).



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JUL

OSPSS CtY. NO. 1232  
Sec. 5. case no 40

FROM: O.Q.M.G.,  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
Munitions Building  
Room

PLEASE  
EXPEDITE

Adjustment Made  
of the Quartermaster General of the  
Washington

WAR DEPARTMENT

of the Quartermaster General of the  
Washington

G.R.S. Form 8-W-  
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 3-19-21

File No. 30 1921  
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File No. Registration.

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

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

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

**FILE**

(SPECIAL)

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

NOTED FROM FILE  
DATE 3/24/21

- a. Surname **COMBS,** ✓
- b. Christian name **Emmet M**  
**or (Emmett M.)** ✓
- c. Serial Number **2272866** ✓
- d. Organization **Co. B, 316th Engrs.** ✓
- e. Rank **Pvt. 1st** ✓
- f. Date of death **10-3-18** ✓
- g. Cause of death **DWRIA** ✓
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- i. Emergency address  
**Dr. F. Coombs, R.D.**
- j. Relationship **204 34 0,**  
**record Fresno,**

**BODY DESCRIPTION**

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age of enlistment
  - b. Color of eyes
  - c. Color of hair
  - d. Height
  - e. Weight
  - f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)
- a. Strike out teeth missing  
 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
 upper right upper left  
 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
 lower right lower left

*Honnelly - Rns - 3-21-21 - Pang*

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

BY: *H. J. Conner*

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

CW  
CEMETERY NO: 1232-Sec. 5  
SHEET NO: 40  
TYPED BY: VH.

Rec'd World War Div  
Date  
MAR 21 1921

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30 1921

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of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington

G.R.S. Form 8-W-100  
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 3-19-21

File No. Registration.

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DATE 3/24/21

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or **(Emmett M.)** ✓
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- d. Organization **Co. B, 316th Engrs.** ✓
- e. Rank **Pvt. Hel** ✓
- f. Date of death **10-3-18** ✓
- g. Cause of death **DWRIA** ✓
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- i. Emergency address  
*Mr. F. Coombs, R.D. 204, 340, record Fresno, Cal.*
- j. Relationship *record Fresno, Cal.*

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1. Date of birth 10-2-18  
2. Grade of rank UNIA  
3. Authority (No.)  
4. Their only child  
5. Relationship  
6. Service  
7. Date of enlistment  
8. Date of discharge  
9. Color of hair  
10. Color of eyes  
11. Height  
12. Weight  
13. Complexion  
14. Education  
15. Occupation  
16. Social Number 227288A  
17. (Parent's N.)  
18. (Parent's N.)

Co. B, 81st Engrs.

Pvt.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON  
(See page 12 of the Service Record)

- a. Date of enlistment
- b. Date of discharge
- c. Color of hair
- d. Height
- e. Weight

1. Service record  
2. Physical condition  
3. Education (See page 12)

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
WASHINGTON.

April 5, 1920

No : 37824( Pvt. Emmet M. Combs)  
From : The Quartermaster General U.S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)  
To : Mrs. Lillie Combs, R.D. #340, Fresno, Calif.  
Subject: Grave Location.

1. In reply to your inquiry we beg to say that the records of the Cemeterial Division contain the following information as to grave location:

Case of: Pvt. Emmet M. Combs, # 2272866  
Co. B. 316th Engrs.

Place of burial : Reburied: Grave #207, Sect #5, Plot #4,  
Argonne American Cemetery, Romange-Sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse,

2. The grave has been registered and suitably marked for present purposes, pending the adoption of a more permanent monument by the National Fine Arts Commission which now has the matter under consideration.

3. While it is a sad duty on our part to convey information concerning the burial of men who were our valient comrades, it is a satisfaction to answer the queries of those who suffer so grievously by the casualties of War.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

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

Your request for permanent burial of your son in France has been noted.

/ers

G. A. S. MAIL ROOM  
APR 6 1920

WAR DEPARTMENT  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE & STORAGE  
WASHINGTON

4-2-20

ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY

\_\_\_\_\_ Circumstances of Death  
(Par. #2, Bul. 10-C-W)

\_\_\_\_\_ Liberty Bonds  
(G.R.S. Form 111)

\_\_\_\_\_ Flowers, Flags, etc.  
(Par. #6, Bul. 10-C-W)

\_\_\_\_\_ War Risk Insurance  
(G.R.S. Form 111)

\_\_\_\_\_ Monument  
(Par. #6, Bul. 10-C-W)

\_\_\_\_\_ Photographs  
(Par. #11, Bul. 10-C-W)

\_\_\_\_\_ Discrepancies in Inscription  
(Par. #9, Bul. 10-C-W)

\_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Burial In  
 (a) France (G.R.S. Form 106)

\_\_\_\_\_ Personal Effects  
(G.R.S. Form 111)

\_\_\_\_\_ (b) Other Countries

\_\_\_\_\_ Accrued Pay  
(G.R.S. Form 111)

\_\_\_\_\_ Return of Bodies From  
 (a) France (G.R.S. Form 106)  
(Par. #12, Bul. 10-C-W)  
 (b) Other countries

\_\_\_\_\_ Maintenance  
(Par. #7, Bul. 10-C-W)

Remarks: G. L.  
Chiq. spec. 113  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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NOTE: In addition to information furnished on Nos. 1, 6, 11; and 12, G.R.S. Form 101-A (Information Blank), supply data on the following:

✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓  
Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15.

M.L.  
Analysis Clerk.

March 18, 1920.

37824 (Inquiry) Combs, Emmet M., Pvt.

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

Mrs. Lillie Combs, R. D. Box 340, Fresno, Calif.

Information concerning identification tags.

1. In reply to your letter of the 1st instant, you are advised that the usual inscription on the cross marking the graves of our soldier dead bears the number of grave, name, rank, organization and date of death. The identification tag in the case of your son, Private Emmet M. Combs, serial #2272866, Co. B, 316th Engineers; was probably attached to the back of the cross.
2. The remains of this soldier were disinterred from grave #34, Plot "A", American Cemetery, Cheppy, Department of Meuse, and reburied May 2, 1919, in grave #207, Section #E, Plot #4, Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse.
3. Caretakers are employed by the United States Government in the maintenance of our cemeteries in France, and they are destined to be the most beautiful in Europe when all plans have been completed.
4. It is requested that you as next of kin should send a written request direct to this office, showing your desire as to the final disposition of the remains of your son, so that same may be placed upon our file as a permanent record and for the issuance of instructions.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

By:

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

LKB:FKW:KK  
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE & STORAGE  
WASHINGTON

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ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY

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Remarks; G. L.  
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mmg.  
Analysis Clerk.

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File # 37824.

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE..

April 19th 1919.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.  
TO : Pvt. T.E. Kinder, 6th Air Park. A.P.O. 784, American E.F.  
SUBJECT : Pvt. Emmitt M. Combs, Co.B. 516th Engineers. American E.F.

In reply to your letter of inquiry, with reference to the re-  
gretted death of this soldier, according to the records at these headquarters  
he is buried in Grave # 34, American Cemetery at CHEPPY-SUR-MEUSE, department  
of the MEUSE.

By direction

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

(Enclosures-G.R.S.:)  
(10-B. .004.5.:)

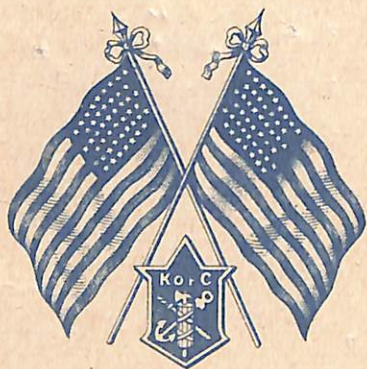
Per MAURICE B. DIX,  
Captain, American Red Cross  
Representative assigned to  
Graves Registration Service.

MBD/MT.



Knights of Columbus  
OVERSEAS SERVICE

37824



ON ACTIVE SERVICE WITH  
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

A.P.O.

DATE

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Mar 24-19

Post France  
 Graves Registration Bureau  
 Paris - France.  
 I wish to locate the  
 grave of Emmett Combs,  
 who the last I heard of  
 was in Co B. - 316<sup>th</sup> Engrs.  
 The 91<sup>st</sup> division.

He was in the first  
 draft leaving home  
 in Sept. 1917 and going  
 to Camp Lewis Wash.

His father is Mr. Frank  
 Combs of Oleander, Calif.

This young man was a  
 close friend of mine and  
 any information you can  
 give will be appreciated  
 very much. Pvt. T. E. Kinder,  
 6<sup>th</sup> Air Park,  
 Am. E. F.

A.P.O. 784.

France.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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G.R.S.

G.R.S Form No. 8-W; Central Records  
Cards Sec. #3. Liaison.

Jan. 26, 1920.

Memo For: G.R.S. representative, C.R.O.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

1. Items checked are to be completed:

Surname: Combs <sup>OK</sup>  
 Number: 2272866 <sup>OK</sup>  
 First name: Emmet M. <sup>OK</sup>  
 Rank: Pvt. <sup>1st Cl.</sup>  
 Company: B <sup>OK</sup>  
 Organization: 316th Engrs. <sup>OK</sup>  
 Date of death: Oct. 3, 1918  
 Cause: Wounds rec'd in action  
 Place:

Location of hospital:

Number " "  
 Class " "  
 Emergency address W. F. Combs,  
 Rt. D. Box 340  
 Fresno, Cal.  
 Relationship: not stated.

Authority:  
 Cablegram No: 290 10-22-18  
 Telegram from:

dated:  
 Reported to Washington:  
 C.C.Nos.

(Underscore the "official" C.C.)  
 Remarks:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.

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HM  
 7-318  
 1-28-20

1. G. R. S. Form 1. Hq. G. R. S. File
2. Soldier's No. 2272866 37824
3. Combs Emmett M. Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials
4. Pvt B 316 Engrs Rank Company Regt. or Corps
5. 10/3/18 Date of Death Cause, if known
6. 10/3/18 Date of Burial A.E.F. Cemetery
7. Cheppy sur Meuse Town or Commune (in block letters) Department
8. 34 Grave No. Plot No. or Letter
9. Name Peg? ..... Cross? <sup>ys</sup> ..... Headboard? ..... Bottle? .....  
Check Method of Marking
10. Buried with Body? .. 1 .. Attached to Grave Marker? .. 1 ..  
Identification Tags
11. If name unknown and tags missing, give marks and description.
12. 592  
Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery
13. R.W. Schloerb Hq 1st. Div Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer  
Signed Elmer A. Caswell Sgt. 1cl  
21 OCT Rgn Group 4 Unit A. G. R. S.

● March 11 1920

To Colonel. Pierce

I have received a  
Photographer of my sons  
grave, ~~the~~ cross, has  
his name, but no  
address. ~~and~~, it hasnt  
his identification tag  
on it. I understood  
they had. There two  
just mention are the  
cross. I never have  
been. sent the location  
of his grave. I would

like very much to  
have the location of  
his grave. I signed the  
card to have him send  
home, but, I will be  
satisfied for him to  
be left there, if he  
is in a nice cemetery  
and that his grave  
will be cared for,  
it is so, heard for  
our mother, to know,  
just what to say.

Sincerely

Mrs. Lillian Combs

Rd 8 Box 340

Yermo Cal



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March 27/1920

APR 2 1920

Received -- Inq. Dept.

Dear Sir

I received your letter of  
March 18, and I want to  
thank you, very kind of  
for the information you  
have given me, in regard  
to my son's burial.

Emmitt, in Cambre, C O B 316, eng  
Serial # 2272866, and I  
request, his remains to  
be left in France, it is  
a hard thing to say but  
I feel it is best, to let

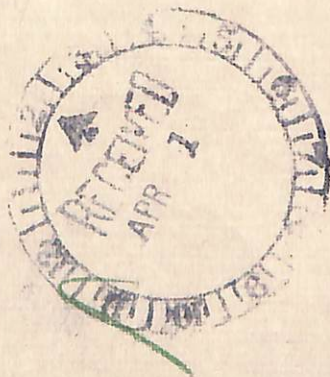
. them remain, where they  
gave them all to save,  
respectfully.

Mrs Lillie Combs

Rd 1 Box 340

Fresno.

Calif



Combs,

(Surname.)

Emmett M

(Christian name in full.)

2,272,866

(Army serial number.)

Pvt

Co B 316 Engrs

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased *Father*

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

(Yes or ~~no~~.)

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

(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:

*W 4 Combs, Wells Fargo, Fresno, Cal*

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

*41*  
(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

*California*  
(State.)


(Sign here)

*R 28 Bot 340 Fresno California*

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying  card.

~~1232~~  
12/8/16  
M. J. [unclear]

Osmanby V.D.  
1232 - Dec. 5 - 40  
31-18-21

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

FILE NUMBER 37824

FROM:-

DATE: 3-18-19

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME COMBS, EMMETT

NUMBER 2272866

RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION C B 316 ENGRS

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	① yes
2.	Date of Death.	② 10/3/18
3.	Cause and place of death.	③ W/A.
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	④ # 290 ✓
5.	Date buried.	⑤ 10-3-18
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	⑥ Cty # 592 Marc # 34 Cty: AMER. CHEPPE-SUR-MEUSE, (MEUSE)
7.	Who reported burial?	⑦ CHAP. R. W. SCHLDERB
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	
11.	Who is nearest relative?	
12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	⑧ yes
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	⑨ M.P. & Cross. ⑩ one tag to body one tag to marker
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	⑪ None given ⑫ 20

N.B. All Proper names to be printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

Sgt Hoff  
Accomplished  
2-19-19

Concentration.

G. R. S. Form. No. 16-A

Place Romagne 1252.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Mar 14, 1922

1. REMAINS OF COMBS, Emmett M. SERIAL NUMBER 2272866

RANK Pvt. 11cl ORGANIZATION Co. B. 516th Engrs.

2. Disinterred (date): Mar 12, 1922 From (give complete location): gr 207, sec 5, plot 4. Cty. 1252.

By: Group 1 Unit sec 1.

3. Reburied (date): March 14, 1922, Meuse Argonne Cty #1232, Gr. 34, Bl. A, Row 29 In (give complete location):

By: Group Reburial S Unit Unlined gasket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: wooden box and burlap and U.S. uniform. 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: body tag agrees.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) impossible to determine.

do

(b) Weight (estimated)

do

(c) Hair—Color

do

Quantity

Characteristics

do

(d) Hair on face—Color

do

Location

do

Quantity

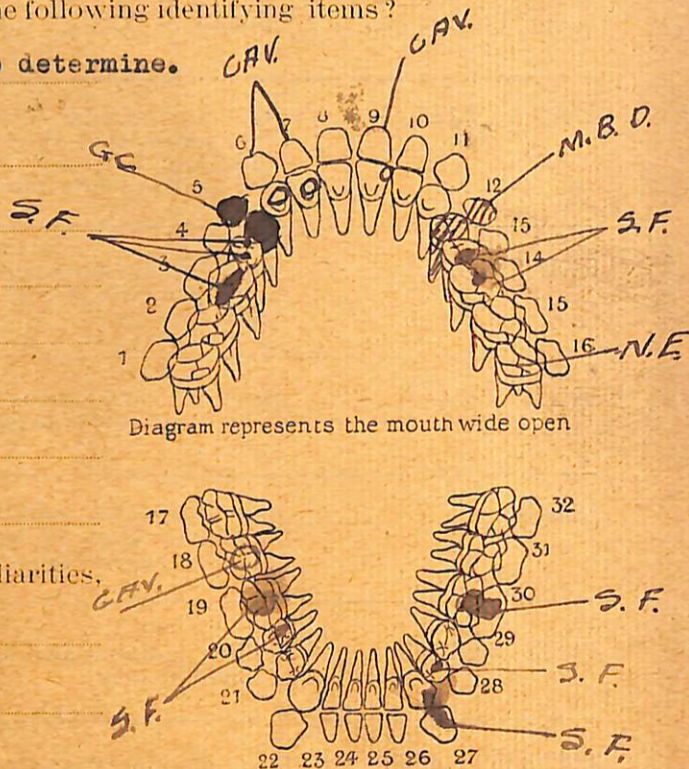
do

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

do

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

right side of skull and right pelvis fractured.



7. Disinterment supervised by E.E. Goodrich

Approved: R. Richards  
R. Richards, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.  
(Title)






8. Reburial supervised by W.B. Shields

Approved: A.E. Dewey  
A.E. Dewey, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.  
(Title)

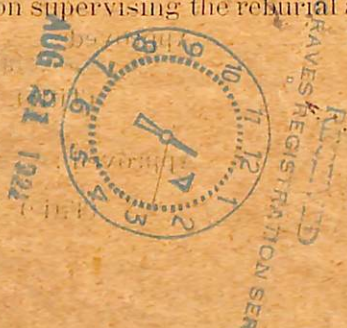
REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL  
INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER COMPLETION OF G. R. S. FORM NO. 16-A

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

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".  
(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No 6.
6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

MISSING 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.



STATION

To be prepared in triplicate.

Mar. 14, 1922

DATE

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name **COMBS, Emmet M.**

2. No. **2272866**

3. Rank **Pvt 1/cl**

4. Org. **Co. B 316th Engrs.**

5. D.D. **10-3**

6. C.D. **D.O.W.**

10. Name

11. No.

12. Rank

13. Org.

14. (a) D.D. **None**

(b) D.B.

7. Grave No. **207** Sec. **5**

8. Plot **4** Row

9.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

15. Grave No. Sec.

16. Plot Row

17. **None**

18. Cemetery **Meuse-Argonne Amer.**

20. Dept. or County **Meuse**

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. **1232**

23. Disinterred (Date) **Mar. 14, 1922**

19. Commune or town **Romagne/s/Montfaucon**

21. Country **France**

**Sec. 5**

By **E. E. Goodrich**

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name **COMBS, Emmet M**

Rank **Pvt.**

Serial No. **2272866**

Organization **Co. B. 316th Engrs.**

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? **No**

On body? **Yes**

*J. T. White*  
Signature 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).  
**None**

27. Condition of body **Body badly decomposed.**

28. Nature of burial **U.S. uniform, burlap and pine box.**

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? **None**

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date **Mar. 14, 1922** By **E. E. Goodrich**

31. Casket sealed by **E. E. Goodrich**

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) *E. E. Goodrich*  
**E. E. Goodrich**  
MMB

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **C - 25129**

32. Designation of body:  
Name **Emmet M. COMBS** Serial No. **2272866**  
Rank **Pvt** Organization **Co. B 316th Engrs.**

33. Consigned to:  
Name of Permanent Cemetery **Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. #1232 Romagne/s/Montfaucon**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **Mar. 14, 1922** By **E. E. Goodrich**

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 **R. Richards, 1st Lt. CG.**

36. Remarks **None**

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) **Mar. 14, 1922**

To point of Concentration **Romagne morgue**

Convoyer **H. E. Dunton** (Name) Signature Shipping Officer **J. F. Spang, Capt. CG.**

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery

Convoyer (Name) Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred **Meuse Argonne Cty #1232, March 14, 1922.** (Date)

42. Grave No. **34** Section

**XXXXBlock**

43. Plot **IX A** Row **29**

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

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #37824

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(3-24-21) (a) Name COMBS, Emmett M. Ser. No. 2272866

(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. B, 316th Engrs.

(c) Date of death 10-3-18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA

TYP. aew

CKR. 31

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

(a) Grave No. 207 Row - Plot 4 Sec. 5 TYP. aew

(b) Emerg. Address W. F. Combs, Rt. D, Bx. 340, Fresno, Calif.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

CKR. 30

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt None

(a) Name W. F. Combs (b) Relationship Father

(c) Address P.O. Box 340 Fresno, Calif.

(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.?

(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. W. F. Combs, Fresno, Calif. - Wells Fargo Ex.

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

Examiner's Initials JH

Date 3-18-

1920

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

dated

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

No correspondence

Examiner's Initials JH

Date 3-18-

1920

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

letter R.D. # 340 Fresno Calif. requests remains left in France. Ret 3/27/20 Mrs. Lillie Combs

(a) Cancellation memos referred to?

Yes - JH

Examiner's Initials JH

Date 3-18-

1920

COUNTRY France

CEMETERY No. 1232, Sec. 5

SHEET No. 40

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

Make Form No. 114

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

CARDED

H-5-3-30-21

Checked by [signature]



Location Index

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

A.G.O. Card & Corr.

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

G. R. S. Corr.

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

Checkers

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

*GW sent  
3-19-21*

*checked  
3/18/21  
W*

# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #37824

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(a) Name COMBS, Emmett M. <sup>(3-24-21) E.M.</sup> Ser. No. 2272866  
 (b) Rank Pvt. <sup>1st (3-24-21) E.M.</sup> Organization Co. B, 316th Engrs. } TYP aeW  
 (c) Date of death 10-3-18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA } 30

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

(a) Grave No. 207 Row - Plot 4 Sec. 5 TYP aeW  
 (b) Emerg. Address W. F. Combs, RT. D, Bx. 340, Fresno, Calif.

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

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

*Y.R.S. Car. 3/27/20 - Mrs. Lillie Combs (mother)  
 R.R. D, Box 340, Fresno, Calif., requests body  
 left in France. - ap. 3/29/21*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by Sec. 5. Combs, Emmett M. cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
 letter of transmittal on 3/26/21, 192  
*Par. 2. Not to be returned (see)*

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

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

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

APR 28 1921

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

COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_ CEMETERY No. \_\_\_\_\_ SHEET No. \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date 4/3/20

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME Combs, Emmett M.

Serial Number 2272866

RANK

ORGANIZATION

C. B. 316<sup>th</sup> Engrs.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	(1) No. (Pot. Emmet.)
2.	Date of Death.	(2) 10/3/18.
3.	Cause and place of death	(3) D.W.R.I.A.
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	(4) #290.
5.	Date buried	(5) 10/3/18.
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	(6) Grave 34, Plot A, Amer. Cty. # 977. Cheppy-Meuse. ✓
7.	Who reported burial?	Rei - 5/2/19.
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	Grave 207, Sec. 5, Plot 4,
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	Argonne - Am - Cty. (1232)
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	Romagne - Sous - Montfaucon, (Meuse).
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	(10) - a. yes, (10) - b. yes.
12.	Has above been notified? (Give date)	(11) W. F. Combs, Rt. D 340, Fresno, Cal.
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	(12) no record.
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	
15.	Inquiry made by?	

Released by Information Control Dept.

Directory

Cards 5 x 8

Cards 4 x 6

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

no Form 16

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

Date 3/9/20

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME *Combs.*

Serial Number

RANK

ORGANIZATION

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	1- Combs, Emmet M. 2272866
2.	Date of Death	Pvt. Co B, 316th Engrs.
3.	Cause and place of death	2-10-3-18
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	3-DWRJA
5.	Date buried	4 CC-290
6.	Grave Location (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	5-10-3-18
7.	Who reported burial?	6 Disinterred from Grave 34, Plot A
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	Amer. City 977 Chippin meuse
9.	Report as to Grave Marker	
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	7 Reburied 5-24-19 in Grave 207, Sec 5, Plot 4 Argonne Amer. City 1232 Romagne-sous-Montfaucon meuse
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	10 a Yes
12.	Has above been notified? (Give date)	10 b Yes
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	11 - Rt. 7, Combs - Rt. 10, Box 340 Fresno, Cal
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	12 - None on record
15.	Inquiry made by?	Released by Information Control Dept. Directory Cards 5 x 8 Cards 4 x 6

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

*McV...*

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

FILE NUMBER

37824

FROM:-

DATE 3-26-19

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME COMBS. EMMITT M.

NUMBER

RANK P2T

ORGANIZATION C. B. 316th Engineer

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	① Yes
2.	Date of Death.	② 10-3-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	③ W7A
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	④ ACC # 290
5.	Date buried.	⑤ 10-3-18
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	⑥ City # 592, Grave # 34 City Amers. C. HEPPE-SUR-MEUSE (MEUSE)
7.	Who reported burial.	⑦ Chap RW. SCHLORER
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	⑧ Yes
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	⑨ Yes
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	⑩ none buried with body
11.	Who is nearest relative?	attached to his marker
12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	⑪ - none
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	⑫ no.
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	

N.B. All Proper names to be printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

