

Also known as Joseph Wade Conkling

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G.R.S. Form #114-B

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FULL NAME CONKLING, Joseph W.

RANK Capt SERIAL.....

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION Co F 327th Inf. 82 Div.

DATE OF DEATH..... Oct. 16, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME..... Georgia

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED, Distinguished Service Cross

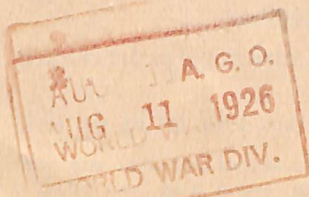
FINAL GRAVE LOCATION..... 36 19 F

Date Grave Row Block

Meuse-Argonne, #1232

Cemetery

AS 4-13-28



Revised World War Div.

2 APR 4 1928

23/306/ARK

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

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LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Conkling Joseph Wade
.....
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Captain Co. F 327th Inf
.....
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *October 17th 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL *American Cemetery*

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

Troidos

French Military Cemetery

GRAVE NUMBER *167 French 374*

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:

REPORTED BY:

A. M. Worthington Capt
.....
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

This portion to be forwarded to Adj. Gen'l., G. H. Q., A. E. F.

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	CONKLING		
	Cow	3	3 0 4
	CEMETERY	1	1
	1232		
BURIED	GRAVE	2	36
	36		
	ROW	2	19
	19		
	BLOCK	1	6
	7		
STATE	Ga	2	10
BANK	Capt.	1	1
DIVISION	82	2	82
ORGANIZATION	327	3	327
ARM	Inf.	1	1
MARTIAL	Remarried	1	3
NAME	Conover	5	3 5 4
5269-17th St. NW	STATE	2	56
Seattle Wash.	COUNTY	2	17
Rem. Widow	CITY	3	236
RELATION	Widow	1	5
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	No	1	
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	
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AUDITED

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 JAN 11 1932

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STATE	<i>Pa.</i>	2	10
RANK	<i>Capt.</i>	1	1
DIVISION	<i>182</i>	2	82
ORGANIZATION	<i>327.</i>	3	327
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	1
MARITAL	<i>Remarried</i>	1	3
NAME		3	
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	
	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Dead.</i>	1	6
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

AUDITED
 JAN 11 1954
[Signature]

Widow - Inelig
since remarriage.

ask date of Mother's death
& if there is a LP or SM

QM 293 A-M
Conkling, Joseph W. (MA) RM

January 23, 1932.

Mrs. Idelle M. Conover,
5269 - 17th Street, N. E.,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence with this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your former husband, the late Captain Joseph W. Conkling.

Section 4 (b) of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, reads as follows: "The term 'widow' means a widow who has not remarried since the death of the member of the military or naval forces."

In view of the fact that you have recently remarried, it is regretted to advise that you are not eligible under the law to visit the grave of the late Captain Conkling at the expense of the Government.

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested you furnish the date of death of the mother of the late Captain Conkling. Please also advise whether or not he was survived by a stepmother or any woman who stood in loco parentis to him, and if so, the name, address and relationship.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
Env.
MB

X^u 86 198 Conkling, Joseph W.

Widow - Idelle M. Conkling

Conover

rem. 9/5/31

Mother died ?

no record

Rm

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Conkling, Joseph W. Cpt. (MA) W*

July 16, 1931.

Mrs. Idelle M. Conkling,
5269 17th St., N. E.,
Seattle, Wash.

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.

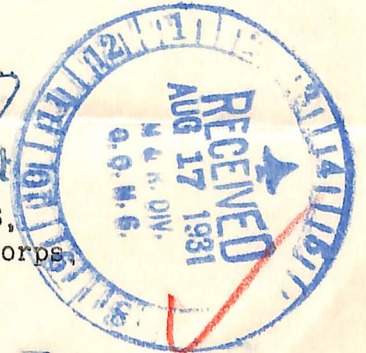
As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

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

Write answer here

*I do not care
to go*

Idelle M. Conkling

Sign here

February 9, 1931.

QM 293 A-M
Conkling, Joseph W. Capt. 1232 W

Mrs. Idelle M. Conkling,
5269 17th Street, N. E.,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of the card declining the invitation to sail June 3, 1931, on the REPUBLIC, to visit the grave of your husband, the late Captain Joseph W. Conkling, in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France.

There is no provision of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, which would permit the Government to arrange for an independent pilgrimage or to make a money allowance to any mother or widow in lieu of the pilgrimage.

Your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the journey during the summer months of 1932, and you will again be communicated with when plans for the pilgrimage to be made next year are completed.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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per Idelle d

Republic

6-3-31

1232

Conkling, Joseph W.

Ans. 2-9-31
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I *Decline* 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. Idelle M. Conkling

(W)

(Name)

5269 17th St., N. E., Seattle, King Co., Wash.

(Town or City)

(State)

Over

we could not go on a
certain steamer -

If this is possible we
would be deeply grateful
if not I will not be
interested in going.

May I hear from

Very truly -

Edell McLaughlin.

over



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I would very much like
to go, if I can take my
young daughter (16 years),
I would not care to
have her spend her
with among mothers &
mothers who have lost
their loved ones. Could
I have the amount of
money that it cost the
government to send me?
If so I will gladly supply
the necessary amount.

NOTICE

In order that steamship and hotel reservations and all other necessary arrangements for this pilgrimage may be made, it is requested that you accept or decline the inclosed invitation without delay. Please complete the inclosed card by writing the word "accept" or "decline" in the blank space, sign your name and address, and mail it promptly to the Quartermaster General in the inclosed addressed envelope, which requires no postage.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Conkling, Joseph W. Capt. 1232-W

October 15, 1930

Mrs. Idelle M. Conkling,
5269 17th St. N. E.,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Madam:

A reply has not been received to office letter of recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the Widow of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages in 1931, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

Idelle M. Conkling

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	<i>yes</i>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	<i>yes</i>
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age <i>43</i> Condition of health <i>good</i>
4. Do you speak English?	<i>yes</i>
5. What other language do you speak?	<i>_____</i>

For The Quartermaster General:



Very truly yours,

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

Encls:
Act
Amendment
Envelope

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 9, 1930

Conkling, Joseph H. 1232-W

Mrs. Idelle M. Conkling
5289 - 17th St. N. E.
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Madam:

The Act of March 2, 1929 excluded from its benefits those mothers and widows who had made former visits to the graves of their loved ones in Europe. On May 15, 1930 that Act was amended to remove this restriction. Therefore, you are now eligible to make the pilgrimage at the expense of the Government.

arrangements are being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, and to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation 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 have previously visited their sons' or husbands' graves, 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)

(Sign here)

QM 293 A-C
Conkling, Joseph W. 1234 May 2, 1930

Mrs. Idelle M. Conkling,
Park Vista Apts.,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Madam:

In connection with the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act approved March 2, 1929, it is regretted to advise that an invitation to make the sailing on the SS "Republic" August 30th was erroneously mailed you.

In view of the fact that you have made a previous pilgrimage to the grave of your husband, the late Captain Joseph W. Conkling, in France, and are, therefore, ineligible to make another pilgrimage at the expense of the Government, the invitation to make the sailing has been cancelled.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C
Conkling, Joseph W. - 1232

April 23, 1930

Mrs. Idelle M. Conkling,
Park Vista Apts.,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date, advising that you have made a previous visit to the grave of your husband, the late Joseph W. Conkling.

Although you advised this office in your telegram of April 7, that you would not be able to make a pilgrimage to your husband's grave at this time, your attention is invited to Section 2 (b) of the Act, which reads in part, "-- no mother or widow who has previous to the pilgrimage visited cemeteries described in Section 1 shall be entitled to make any such pilgrimage".

In view of the fact that you have made a previous visit to the grave of the late Joseph W. Conkling, it is regretted to advise that you are not eligible under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, to make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

Enclosure:
Act.

LG

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

1232

✓ Washington
5-21-20

Conkling Joseph W

I decline the invitation extended
(Accept or decline)

me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of the Government of the United States under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Idella M. Conkling

(Name)

5269 17th St., N. E., Seattle, King Co., Washington

(Town or City)

(State)

one

my right foot and
leg is in a plaster
cast. (I know I know)
you see it is just
unavoidable.

Love
M. D. [unclear]



1232

Conkling, Jos W.

Republic



Aug 30

I cancelled acct Prev. trip.

the invitation extended
(Accept or decline)

me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of the Government of the United States under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Idelle M Conkling

(Name)

5269-17th St. N.E

(Town or City)

(State)

Seattle Wash

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

over
Pres. visit

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Conkling, Joseph W. -1232

April 8, 1930.

Mrs. Idelle M. Conkling,
Park Vista Apts.,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of April 7, 1930, advising that you are not able to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your husband at this time.

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested you furnish information as to whether you have visited the grave of your husband, the late Captain Joseph W. Conkling, in France.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

Sir -

April 8, 1930. 3331-1232
Comdr. Joseph W. Conking

I furnished the information

to you five some months ago. You have been to his

grave. Receipt is acknowledged of your return of April 10, 1930, advising that you are not able to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your husband at this time.

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested you furnish information as to whether you have visited the grave of your husband, the late Captain Joseph W. Conking.

5/2/30
L. W. H. S.

for Republic Aug 30
Cancelled
acct previous trip.

E. D. HURDIS,
Captain, U. S. Army
Assistant

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Signal Corps, United States Army

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War Department Message Center,
Room 3441, Munitions Building,
Washington, D. C.

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A D HUGHES,

CAPT QM. CORPS. OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER,

WAR DEPT WASHN DC.

YOUR INVITATION JUST RECEIVED DEEPLY REGRET MUST DECLINE AT THIS
TIME

IDELLE M CONKLING

1225P.

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Signal Corps, United States Army

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Room 3441, Munitions Building,
Washington, D. C.

RADIOGRAM

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SEE YOUR NR 42 OF FOURTH MRS CONKLING SGD DEWITT WE SENT TO DELMONTE
VIA LAND LINE DELMONTE SAYS MOVED PARKSVISTA APTS SEATTLE WASHINGTON
WE FORWARD THERE THEY UNLOCATE WE TRY DELMONTE AGAIN AND RECEIVED
SAME ANSWER BACK ADVISE

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WVY VIA WVC 5TH

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DM 293 A-C

Conkling Joseph W.

Ord. 4-5-30



Conkling Joseph W.

Signal Corps, United States Army

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YR NR 42 OF FOURTH CONKLING DELMONTE CALIF SGD DEWITT W U SAYS
MOVED PARK VISTA APTS SEATTLE WASH WE FORWARD SEATTLE

WVY VIA WVC APL 4 30

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*QM 293 A-C
Conkling, Joseph W.*

1203 AM

Conkling - Joseph W.



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PRIORITY

Washington, D. C. April 4, 1930.

Mrs. Idelle M. Conkling,
Hotel Delmonte
Delmonte, California

RE INVITATION FOR PILGRIMAGE TELEGRAPH COLLECT WHETHER YOU HAVE VISITED HUSBANDS

GRAVE IN FRANCE GSM 138

DeWITT
Quartermaster General

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QM 293 A-C
Conkling, Joseph W.

bb/nb

Signal Corps, United States Army

1232

Received at War Department Message Center,
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Washington, D. C.

RADIOGRAM

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Conkling, Joseph W.

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QM GENL PARTY AT HOTEL DELMONTE DELMONTE CALIF

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SEATTLE WN VIA OMAHA NEBR APR 1

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QM 293 - Conkling, Joseph W.

*Mr. sent on
Washington 5-21-30*

Conkling - Joseph W.

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Night Letter

Washington, D. C., April 1, 1930.

MRS. IVELLE M. CONKLING,
5269 17TH STREET, N. E.,
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL MAY TWENTY ONE NOT RECEIVED STOP
DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER 107 GSM

DeWITT
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

ADH
JTB

QM 293 Conkling, Joseph W.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Conkling, Joseph W. 1232-W

March 24, 1930

Mrs. Idelle M. Conkling,
5269 17th Street, N. E.,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "Washington" on May 21, 1930.

In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you complete the card enclosed with the invitation signifying whether or not you accept the invitation and return the same to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before April 5, 1930, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

Should you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you advise this office to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-C
Conkling, Joseph W.

November 16, 1929.

Mrs. Idelle M. Conkling,
5269 17th St., N. E.,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication received on November 14, 1929, with further reference to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act of March 2, 1929.

With regard to your daughter making the pilgrimage at your expense, you will be advised the date of your sailing and the name of the vessel far enough in advance, it is believed, to permit you to communicate with the steamship company with a view to securing accommodations for your daughter on the boat with you.

No data has been assembled by this office as to the probable cost to individuals making the trip at their own expense. It is therefore impossible to advise you as to the cost of your daughter's trip.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Conkling, Joseph W.

October 19, 1929.

Mrs. Idelle M. Conkling,
5269 17th St., N. E.,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Madam:

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

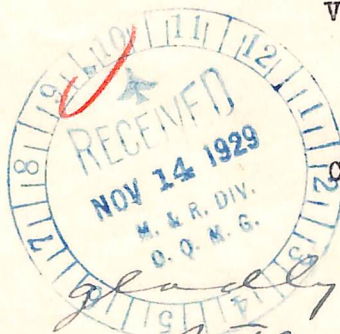
In reply to your statement that the trip would not be worth a great deal without your daughter, you are advised that the above mentioned Act does not contain any provision which permits of anyone making the pilgrimage except the mothers and widows for whom it is authorized. It is, therefore, regretted to have to advise that your daughter is not eligible under the law to make this pilgrimage.

The War Department has been charged with the execution of this Act, and its efforts, therefore, must be restricted to making the arrangements necessary for the transportation, entertainment, etc. of those named as eligible under the Act. Any arrangements you desire to make for your daughter to visit her father's grave must be made by you personally.

You are assured that competent personnel will be assigned by the War Department to provide for the needs and comfort of the mothers and widows making the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,



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

*I would gladly go - may I
take my fifteen year old
daughter my paying of all her expenses
is course - what would her
expenses - appropriate, I understand*

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

October 7, 1929.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Conkling, Joseph W 1232 -W

Mrs. Idelle M. Conkling,
5269- 17th Street, N. E.,
Seattle, Washington.

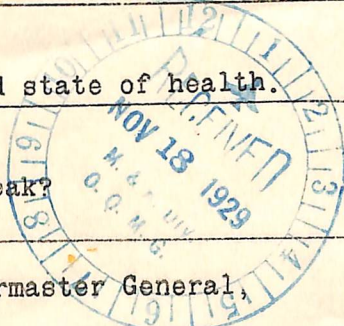
Sent for
Rep. Aug 30, 1930
cancelled and
promised trip

Dear Madam:

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 <u>42</u> Health <u>good</u> (Years) (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No) Other language (Specify language spoken)



For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.
Act
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Conkling, Joseph W.

Sept. 25, 1929.

Mrs. Idelle W. Conkling,
Falls Church, Va.
c/o J.D. Dillon.

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 widow of the late Capt. Joseph W. Conkling, Co. F 327th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne Ameri. 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. Have you remarried since the death of the above named veteran?
2. If not, do you desire to make the pilgrimage?
3. Is the deceased survived by a mother?
4. If so, give her name and complete address.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Conkling, Joseph W.

August 24, 1929

Mrs. Idelle M. Conkling,
5269--17 St., N. E.
Seattle, Washington

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 widow of the late Capt. Joseph W. Conkling, Co. F. 327th Inf., 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. Have you remarried since the death of the above named veteran?

No

2. If not, do you desire to make the pilgrimage?

Yes

3. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

No

4. If so, give her name and complete address.

For The Quartermaster General,

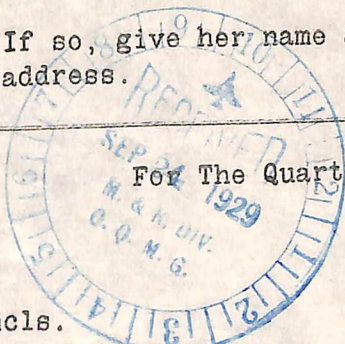
Very truly yours,

John T. Harris

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

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Wanted there to any possibility
of my taking my fifteen year
old daughter? She was only
four when her father went
away - She has moved out here
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Sincerely

J. M. Cook, Esq.

(Mr. J. M. Cook)

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Conkling, Joseph W.

August 24, 1929

Mrs. Richard A. Conkling,
West Palm Beach, Florida

*Bonus application
shown
Chabelle M. Conkling (widow)
Falls Church, Va
care of J. D. Hillow.*

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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 Capt. Joseph W. Conkling, Co. F. 327th Inf., 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,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
(Conkling, Joseph W.)

*Mother - Mrs Richard A Conkling
West Palm Beach Fla
June 29, 1929.*

Widow

Mrs. Idelle M. Conkling,
14 Greenwood Ave.,
Battle Creek, Mich.

*Ms. Idelle M. Conkling
5269 - 17th St. N.E.
Seattle, Wash.
XC 86-198
7/29/32
add of 17/21/28*

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 widow of the late Capt. Joseph W. Conkling, Co. F, 327th Inf., 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 mother 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.

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relationship is that of a stepmother, mother through adoption or a woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. In case you have remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

John T. Harris

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

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QM 293 A-M
Conkling, Joseph W. (MA) RM

January 23, 1932.

Mrs. Idelle M. Conover,
5269 - 17th Street, N. E.,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence with this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your former husband, the late Captain Joseph W. Conkling.

Section 4 (b) of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, reads as follows: "The term 'widow' means a widow who has not remarried since the death of the member of the military or naval forces."

In view of the fact that you have recently remarried, it is regretted to advise that you are not eligible under the law to visit the grave of the late Captain Conkling at the expense of the Government.

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested you furnish the date of death of the mother of the late Captain Conkling. Please also advise whether or not he was survived by a stepmother or any woman who stood in loco parentis to him, and if so, the name, address and relationship.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM
Conkling, Joseph W., Cpt. (MA) W*

July 16, 1931.

Mrs. Idelle M. Conkling,
5269 17th St., N. E.,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Sign here

February 9, 1931.

QM 293 A-M
Conkling, Joseph W. Capt. 1232 W

Mrs. Idelle M. Conkling,
5269 17th Street, N. E.,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of the card declining the invitation to sail June 3, 1931, on the REPUBLIC, to visit the grave of your husband, the late Captain Joseph W. Conkling, in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France.

There is no provision of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, which would permit the Government to arrange for an independent pilgrimage or to make a money allowance to any mother or widow in lieu of the pilgrimage.

Your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the journey during the summer months of 1932, and you will again be communicated with when plans for the pilgrimage to be made next year are completed.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M

Conkling, Joseph W. Capt. 1232-W

October 15, 1930

Mrs. Idelle M. Conkling,
5269 17th St. N. E.,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Madam:

A reply has not been received to office letter of recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the Widow of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages in 1931, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age Condition of health
4. Do you speak English?	
5. What other language do you speak?	

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 9, 1930

Conkling, Joseph W. 1232-W

Mrs. Idelle M. Conkling
6269 - 17th St. N. E.
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Madam:

The Act of March 2, 1929 excluded from its benefits those mothers and widows who had made former visits to the graves of their loved ones in Europe. On May 15, 1930 that Act was amended to remove this restriction. Therefore, you are now eligible to make the pilgrimage at the expense of the Government.

arrangements are being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, and to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation 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 have previously visited their sons' or husbands' graves, 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)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

Conkling, Joseph W. 1232-W

May 1, 1930

Mrs. Idelle M. Conkling,
5269 17th St. N.E.
Seattle, Wash.
Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.
Regulation.

QM 293 A-C
Conkling, Joseph W.

May 2, 1930

Mrs. Idelle M. Conkling,
Park Vista Apts.,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Madam:

In connection with the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act approved March 2, 1929, it is regretted to advise that an invitation to make the sailing on the SS "Republic" August 30th was erroneously mailed you.

In view of the fact that you have made a previous pilgrimage to the grave of your husband, the late Captain Joseph W. Conkling, in France, and are, therefore, ineligible to make another pilgrimage at the expense of the Government, the invitation to make the sailing has been cancelled.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 295 A-C
Conkling, Joseph W. - 1252

April 25, 1930

Mrs. Idelle M. Conkling,
Park Vista Apts.,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date, advising that you have made a previous visit to the grave of your husband, the late Joseph W. Conkling.

Although you advised this office in your telegram of April 7, that you would not be able to make a pilgrimage to your husband's grave at this time, your attention is invited to Section 2 (b) of the Act, which reads in part, "-- no mother or widow who has previous to the pilgrimage visited cemeteries described in Section 1 shall be entitled to make any such pilgrimage".

In view of the fact that you have made a previous visit to the grave of the late Joseph W. Conkling, it is regretted to advise that you are not eligible under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, to make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C
Conkling, Joseph W. -1252

April 8, 1930.

Mrs. Idelle M. Conkling,
Park Vista Apts.,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of April 7, 1930, advising that you are not able to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your husband at this time.

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested you furnish information as to whether you have visited the grave of your husband, the late Captain Joseph W. Conkling, in France.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Conkling, Joseph W. 1232-W

March 20, 1930

Mrs. Idelle M. Conkling,
5629 17th St N.E.
Seattle, Washington

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.
Regulation.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Conkling, Joseph W. 1232-W

March 24, 1930

Mrs. Idelle M. Conkling,
5269 17th Street, N. E.,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "Washington" on May 21, 1930.

In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you complete the card enclosed with the invitation signifying whether or not you accept the invitation and return the same to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before April 5, 1930, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

Should you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you advise this office to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-C
Conkling, Joseph W.

November 16, 1929.

Mrs. Idelle M. Conkling,
5269 17th St., N. E.,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication received on November 14, 1929, with further reference to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act of March 2, 1929.

With regard to your daughter making the pilgrimage at your expense, you will be advised the date of your sailing and the name of the vessel far enough in advance, it is believed, to permit you to communicate with the steamship company with a view to securing accommodations for your daughter on the boat with you.

No data has been assembled by this office as to the probable cost to individuals making the trip at their own expense. It is therefore impossible to advise you as to the cost of your daughter's trip.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Conkling, Joseph W 1232 -W

Mrs. Idelle M. Conkling,
5269- 17th Street, N. E.,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

October 7, 1929.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Conkling, Joseph W 1232 -W

Mrs. Idelle M. Conkling,
5269- 17th Street, N.E.,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Madam:

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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,

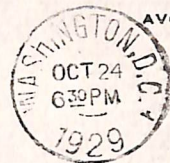
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JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Conkling, Joseph W 1232 -W

October 7 , 1929.

Mrs. Idelle M. Conkling,
5269- 17th Street,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Madam:

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

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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.

QM 293 A-C
Conkling, Joseph W.

October 19, 1929.

Mrs. Idelle M. Conkling,
5269 17th St., N. E.,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Madam:

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

In reply to your statement that the trip would not be worth a great deal without your daughter, you are advised that the above mentioned Act does not contain any provision which permits of anyone making the pilgrimage except the mothers and widows for whom it is authorized. It is, therefore, regretted to have to advise that your daughter is not eligible under the law to make this pilgrimage.

The War Department has been charged with the execution of this Act, and its efforts, therefore, must be restricted to making the arrangements necessary for the transportation, entertainment, etc. of those named as eligible under the Act. Any arrangements you desire to make for your daughter to visit her father's grave must be made by you personally.

You are assured that competent personnel will be assigned by the War Department to provide for the needs and comfort of the mothers and widows making the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

SC:LS

See Com. file

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Conkling, Joseph W.

Sept. 23, 1929.

Mrs. Idelle W. Conkling,
Falls Church, Va.
c/o J.D. Dillon.

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 widow of the late **Capt. Joseph W. Conkling, Co. F 327th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne Ameri. 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. Have you remarried since the death of the above named veteran? | |
| 2. If not, do you desire to make the pilgrimage? | |
| 3. Is the deceased survived by a mother? | |
| 4. If so, give her name and complete address. | |

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

Conkling,

(Surname.)

Joseph W

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Captain

Co F, 327 Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased *wife*

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

(Yes or no.)

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

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

M (Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

15 1919
(Sign here)

Idelle M. Conkling

14 (Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Greenwood Ave. Battle Creek Mich.

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Greenock City,

292

Greenock City,
390 + 56
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W. 3
12-21-1
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Conkling, Joseph W.
1232

September 11, 1929.

Mrs. Idelle M. Conkling,
5269-17th St., N.E.,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated Aug. 24, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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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

Conkling, Joseph W.

August 24, 1929

Mrs. Richard A. Conkling,
West Palm Beach, Florida

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 Capt. Joseph W. Conkling, Co. F. 327th Inf., 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
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

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August 24, 1929

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Seattle, Washington

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The records of this office show that you are the widow of the late Capt. Joseph W. Conkling, Co. F. 327th Inf., 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. Have you remarried since the death of the above named veteran?
2. If not, do you desire to make the pilgrimage?
3. Is the deceased survived by a mother?
4. If so, give her name and complete address.

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
(Conkling, Joseph W.)

June 29, 1929.

Mrs. Idelle M. Conkling,
14 Greenwood Ave.,
Battle Creek, Mich.

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 widow of the late Capt. Joseph W. Conkling, Co. F, 327th Inf., 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 mother 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.

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relationship is that of a stepmother, mother through adoption or a woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. In case you have remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

In reply refer to:
293.8 C-R #37628

February 3, 1923.

Mrs. Idelle M. Conkling,
14 Greenwood Ave.,
Battle Creek, Mich.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of the late Captain Joseph W. Conkling, Company F, 327th Infantry, is Grave 36, Row 19, Block F, 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 maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

MAILED

FEB 3 1923

H. J. Conner,
Assistant.

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G.R.S.

DATE Oct. 18th, 1921

1. NAME CONKLING, Joseph W. SERIAL No. _____

RANK Capt. ORGANIZATION 327th Inf. Co. F.

GRAVE LOCATION Fr. & Amer. Military Cty. Froidos, Meuse, #290

CTY. NAME _____ NUMBER _____

166 21
GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Not known
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES Nothing of record

CONCENTRATED TO Not known
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

CEMETERY _____ CTY. NUMBER _____

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

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS Nothing of record
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

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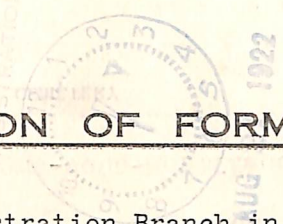
Signature: Wm M. Cline Wm M. CLINE
Captain Q.M.C.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Oct. 18th, 1921 36 19 Bl. F.
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Argonne American Cemetery #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, (Meuse).

CEMETERY _____

AUDITED BY
M.J.D. 12/26



INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

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

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

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

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

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CROSS INDEX

O. Q. M. G.

C° F 4 327th Infantry -
82nd Division

CONKLING, Joseph Wade - Capt.
Home address: 580 Spring St. - Atlanta - Ga.

On the morning of Oct. 11th 1918 I was with Captain Conkling. Time about 9:00 A. M. We were in the field West of Sommerce and about one kilometer north of the Sommerce-St. Juvin Road. I saw the Captain lying on the ground and immediately went to him. He was shot by a machine gun bullet in the right thigh, the bullet entering from the rear and coming out at the front. Myself and five other men carried the Captain back to the First Aid Station. He was taken to the hospital in the afternoon and after this I heard no more from him. Later he was reported officially to have died in th hospital. Hospital unknown to me.

Informant: MOBLEY, Lawrence W. - 1st Sgt. 1906751
C° F - 327th Infantry -
Home : 1529, Bradburry Ave. - Indianapolis -
Ind.

Signed: COOK, Warner D. - Capt. 327th Inf.
Commanding Officer.

Address next of kin:
Mrs Wade Conkling -
580 Spring St.
Atlanta - Ga.

Feb. 15/19

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Place Madison House.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Oct 1st 1921

1. REMAINS OF Conkling Joseph W. SERIAL NUMBER -----
RANK Capt ORGANIZATION 327th inf. Co. F.

2. Disinterred (date) : Oct 1st 1921 From (give complete location) : Grave 166 Row 21 Cem 890

By : Group 1 Unit Section 3

3. Reburied (date) : Oct. 18, 1921. House Argonne Cem. 1932, Row 19 Pl. 2. Gr. 36. In (give complete location) :

By : Group Reburial Sec. Unit _____ Nature of reburial unlined casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :
Blanket under cross
Body decomposed recognition impossible.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? Yes.

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :
None.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items? 1. 3. 14. N.B.D.

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine. 2. gold crown
5. 13. 16. 16. N.F.
8. 9. 10. 11 Gold Filling.

(b) Weigh, (estimated) Impossible to determine.

(c) Hair—Color Impossible to determine.

Quantity Impossible to determine.

Characteristics Impossible to determine.

(d) Hair on face—Color Impossible to determine.

Location Impossible to determine.

Quantity Impossible to determine.

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) Impossible to determine.

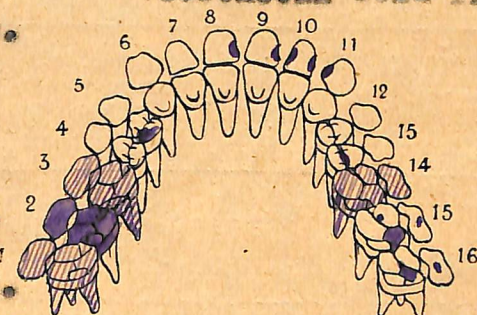
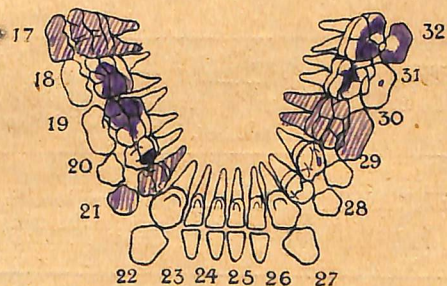


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) 17. 21. 30. N.B.D.
18. 19. 20. 29. 31. 32. N.F.

7. Disinterment supervised by T. P. Madrin Approved ; T. P. Madrin

(Title) Capt.

8. Reburial Supervised by W. B. Sherell Approved ; James J. Younger

(Title) Capt.

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

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

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
 2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.






3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.

4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.

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

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

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

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

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

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



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Oct 1st 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body
Disc on body reads.1. Name CONKLING, Joseph W.10. Name Jos. Wade Conkling.

2. No. _____

11. No. _____

3. Rank Capt.

12. Rank _____

4. Org. 327th Inf.

13. Org. _____

5. D.D. Oct. 16th

14. (a) D.D. _____

6. C.D. D O W

(b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 166 Sec. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____

8. Plot _____ Row 21

16. Plot _____ Row _____

9. _____

17. No discrepancies.18. Cemetery Fr. & Amer. Military19. Commune or town Froidos20. Dept. or County Meuse21. Country France22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 29023. Disinterred (Date) Oct 1st 1921By T.P. Madine.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Joseph W Conkling.

Serial No. _____

Rank Capt.Organization 327th Inf.25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? No On body? No.Signature T.P. Madine
Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

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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).

No effects27. Condition of body Badly decomposed recognition impossible28. Nature of burial Blanket under cross29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? No.30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Oct 1st 1921 By T.P. Madine.31. Casket sealed by T.P. Madine Sup Emb.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

T.P. Madine

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C- 9043

32. Designation of body:

Name CONKLING, Joseph W. Serial No. _____

R nk Capt. Organization 327th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, #1232

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Oct 1st 1921 By T.P. Madine.

35. I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector J.P. Glandon.
J.P. Glandon
Capt QMC.

36. Remarks _____

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Oct 1st 1921

To point of Concentration Romagne Sous Montfaucon.

Convoyer R.H. Cronin. Signature Shipping Officer J.P. Glandon.
(Name) *J.P. Glandon*
Capt QMC.

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

By G.R.S. Representative _____

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

To Permanent Cemetery _____

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____
(Name)

40. Received: Date 1 * OCT 1921

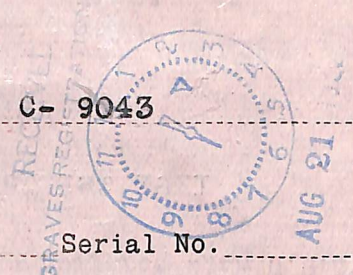
G.R.S. Representative Gm Siebr. Morgan Supt

41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cem. 1232, Oct, 18, 1921.
(Date)

42. Grave No. Row 19 Bl. F. Gr. 36. Section _____

43. Plot _____ Row _____

G.R.S. Representative James W. Younger
James W. Younger
JAMES W. YOUNGER
CAPT. QMC.
ea.j.



COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #37828

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name CONKLING, Joseph W. Ser. No. -----
(b) Rank Captain Organization Co. F, 327th Infantry TYP. DMA
(c) Date of death 10/16/18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA CKR.

Vertical red stamp: 10/28/21 - Examination for Concentration 1920-11/13/21

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

(a) Grave No. 166 Row 21 Plot --- Sec. --- TYP. DMA
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Joseph Wade Conkling (wife) 580 Spring St., Atlanta, Ga. (over)

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases ----- CKR. 8/12

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

(a) Name Idelle Moharil Conkling (b) Relationship wife Date of receipt none
(c) Address 14 Greenwood Ave., Battle Creek, Mich.
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at -----
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. -----
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. -----

Handwritten note: ok card 2-3-21 ym

Examiner's Initials A.P. Date 1-12, 1920

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

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

Examiner's Initials A.P. Date 1-12, 1920

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

7A No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes. PF
Examiner's Initials PF Date 1-12, 1920

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 290 SHEET No. 56

CARDED

Handwritten note: checked 2-3-21 ym

RECEIVED.

JUL 6 1921

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

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 1920.

CEMETERY DIVISION, 1920.
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SEC.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 1920
letter on JAN 25 1921, 1920

Par. #2, Not To Be Returned

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IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*B. A. H. R. - Mrs Idelle M. Conkling
(Widow) 14 Greenwood Ave., Battle Creek,
Mich. (2-3-21) "M"*

Rank _____
Serial No. _____
Or _____

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

Rosenbush

A. G. O. Card & Corr.

1-12-21

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

E. A.

G. R. S. Corr.

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

Chackers

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

Checked 1-12-21 G.M.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #37828

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name CONKLING, Joseph W. Ser. No. ---- TYP. DMA
 (b) Rank Captain Organization Co.F, 327th Infantry
 (c) Date of death 10/16/18 Cause of death DWRIA E.H.

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

(a) Grave No. 166 Row 21 Plot --- Sect. --- TYP. DMA
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Joseph Wade Conkling (wife) 580 Spring St., (over)
Atlanta, Ga.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases. ----- CKR E.H.

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

*A.G.O. Card - Idelle Mohart Conkling (wife)
 14 Greenwood Ave., Battle Creek, Mich.
 requests body be not returned to U.S.*

ms 2-2-21

Following advice forwarded to Europe by - (cable on 192)
 (letter of transmittal on 192) **JAN 25 1921**

Par. #2, Not To Be Returned **#**

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. **FEB 14 1921** 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken

VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. **7-6-1921**

FEB 12 1921 - ap

B.A.N.R. Mrs. Idelle M. Conkling
(Widow) 14 Greenwood Ave., Battle Creek,
Mich. (2-3-21) "M"

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Conkling, Joseph Wade

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

Captain Co. 7 327 Inf.

(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL

October 17th 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL

American Cemetery

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

Froidow

French Military Cemetery

GRAVE NUMBER

162 French # 374

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:

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REPORTED BY:

A. M. Waltherington Capt

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

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

16 OCT 1918

G.R.S. Form No. 1

Hqrs. G.R.S. File

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Soldier's No.

Conkeling *Jos. Wade*

Surname First name and initials

Capt *J* *327 Inf*

Rank Company Regt. or Corps

Oct. 16 - 1918 *2 wounds*

Date of Death Cause if known

Oct. 17 - 1918 *Dr. Military*

Date of Burial Cemetery

Froidos *Meuse*

Town or Commune Department

166 *row 21*

Grave No. Plot No. or letter

Name Peg. Cross. Headboard. Bottle.

Buried with body. Attached to marker.

If name unknown and tags missing give marks

and description

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51 N.E. N. 254.85 E. 309.85

Map reference if interment is outside of

cemetery

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Give name of chaplain or burial officer

Signed. *Sgt. C.C. Inhof* ✓

Group. Unit 301 G. R. S.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION

Harlow C.W.

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

Conkling, Joseph W., Captain.

290 - 56

1/13/21.

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

Co. F, 327th Inf.

Date of death - 10/16/18.

Adjustment Made

FEB 14 1921

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

Original attached to 3115

DATE

(2-3-21)

File No. *37828*

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Mrs. Idelle M. Conkling

Widow

Address

14 Greenwood Ave, Battle Creek, Mich.

S/709/LML

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

File Number

FROM:-

Date: 12/16/18

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:-

NAME CONKLIN, JOS. WAD NUMBER

RANK Capt. ORGANIZATION COF 327 INF

No.	Question	Reply
1	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	N.B. All Proper names to be printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS
2	Date of Death	
3	Cause and place of death	
4	Number of Casualty Cablegram	④ cc 296
5	Date buried	
6	Grave location (a) Complete record required (b) Name of cemetery or commune only required	⑥ grave 166-Row 21 Central City - FROIDOS <MEUSE>
7	Who reported burial?	
8	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	⑧ - yes
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)	⑫ - no
13	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14	What is the photograph No.?	

RK
12/28/18

Eng. 806.

AMERICAN RED CROSS

(CROIX-ROUGE AMÉRICAIN) Paris, Dec. 7th, 1918.



Dr. C. N. Conkling,
9 Rue Monsigny,
Paris.

Graves Registration Service,
A. P. O. 717,
American E. F.

Gentlemen:

I have just received word this morning of the death of my brother, Captain J. W. Conkling, Company F, 327th Infantry. If possible, will you please give me the details of his death and the place of his burial. Will I be allowed to visit the grave, and if so, how soon? His death occurred on October 16th.

Yours very truly,

Medical Service, A. R. C.



CNC SC

Myers Home

Army Gen. Staff College
Dec 9 1918

From Major H.S. Cole

To Graves Reg. Bureau

Subject Capt J.W. Conkling

I am seeking information of
the place of Burial and any
circumstances connected with the
death of Capt Jos WADE CONKLING

327 INF 82 DIV.

who was reported dead at 16

by Base Hospital #10. Any

information you can give will
be very much appreciated

H.S. Cole
Major Inf

ADDRESS

MAJOR H.S. COLE

ARMY GEN. STAFF COLLEGE

A.P.O. 714



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