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G.R.S. Form #114 B
MME

DATE 11/2/21

1. NAME CONN, William L. SERIAL No. 39796

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co.H 9th Inf. 2 Div.

GRAVE LOCATION French Mil.Cty. La Cheppe, Marne & DIVISION
CTY. NAME NUMBER 540

72
GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 72, Fr.Mil.Cty., La Cheppe, (Marne)
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES East 261.90 North 256.85

CONCENTRATED TO
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.

(Information in Par. 2 taken from Form 1.)

DATE OF DEATH Oct 5, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME new york

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS
MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR G.F. WAUGH, Major, Inf., Supervisor, Area #2.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 11/2/21 33 11 F
DATE GRAVE ROW Block PLOT

Robert C. Davis,
Major General,

The Adjutant General.
By [Signature]

AUDITED BY
M.M.E.
2-7-23

2. House Argonne American Cty # 1232 Romagne sous Montfaucou
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WORLD WAR DIV.

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WAR DIV.
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

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

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

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

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



GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Conn #39796 William L.

(Surname.)

(Number.)

(First Name and Initials.)

Private Co. "H" 9th Infantry

(Rank.)

(Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL... Oct. 5, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL... Cemetery

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

Cemetery 2 kilometers East of Cuperly

Marne France

GRAVE NUMBER... 11

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

yes

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:

William C. Hicks

William C. Hicks, Chaplain USA

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Co H 9th Inf.
2nd Division

CONN, William L.- Pvt. 39786

Was hit by a large piece of enemy shrapnel in the waist; it set his ammunition belt on fire, on Oct. 3rd 1918. Also lost his leg on the road while making attack near Sommepe, France. Died in hospital Oct. 5th 1918. No record to what hospital. Base Hospital N° 3 reports died of wounds received in action Oct. 3rd 1918.

INFORMANT : Dugan, John L.- Sgt. 39815
 Co H 9th Inf.
HOME : 506 2nd St., Trenton, N.J.
SIGNED : W. P. O'Brien,
 1st Lieut. 9th Inf.

Oct. 3rd 1918.

A/A/

CODE SLIP

19-2 hrs
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HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Conner, Wm</i>	<i>Con</i>	3	<i>354</i>
BURIED	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
	GRAVE <i>33</i>	2	<i>33</i>
	ROW <i>11</i>	2	<i>11</i>
	BLOCK <i>2</i>	1	<i>6</i>
STATE	<i>N.Y.</i>	2	<i>37</i>
RANK	<i>Pat.</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>2</i>	2	<i>12</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>9</i>	3	<i>009</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARITAL	<i>No</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Nelson</i>	<i>Nil</i>	3	<i>1392</i>
Mrs <i>Lillian Conner</i>	STATE <i>N.Y.</i>	2	<i>37</i>
RESIDENCE <i>(active 9-19-32)</i>	COUNTY <i>N.Y.</i>	2	<i>31</i>
<i>780 Riverside Drive</i>	CITY <i>N.Y.</i>	3	<i>101</i>
RELATION	<i>Stepmother</i>	1	<i>3</i>
OTHER <i>(father died 1916)</i>		1	
<i>(mother " 1902)</i>		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
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ACCEPTANCE		1	

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QM 293 A-M
Conn, William L. (MA)

November 21, 1932

Mrs. Lillian W. Wilson,
780 Riverside Drive,
New York, New York.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to the pilgrimage of mothers and widows to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by Congress in an Act approved March 2, 1929, and amended May 15, 1930.

In order that the best available accommodations may be secured for the mothers and widows who are to make a pilgrimage next summer, it is necessary that steamship and hotel reservations be made several months in advance. It is therefore requested that you advise at this time whether or not you desire to visit the grave of your stepson, the late Private William L. Conn, during the summer of 1933, in order that arrangements may be made accordingly.

As 1933 is the last year for which pilgrimages are authorized, it is requested you give this matter your most careful consideration before reaching a decision. Unless you take advantage of this last chance to visit the grave of your stepson 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 in lieu of the pilgrimage.

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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C 112 630 Conn, Wm. L.

Step-^mother - Billian W. Wilson
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mail r t. from 780 Riverside Drive, N.Y. N.Y.

active 7-19-32

no later correspondence

father died 10-10-16
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IN REPLY
REFER TO

QM 293 A-M

WAR DEPARTMENT

Conn, Wm. L (MA SM)

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

October 13, 1932

WASHINGTON

SPECIAL

Mrs. Lillian W. Wilson,
780 Riverside Drive,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

Your Government has provided an opportunity for all Mothers and Widows of deceased members of the American Forces who were lost, buried at sea, or whose remains are now interred in Europe, to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. This was done in the hope that all who may make the pilgrimage will derive a measure of comfort and solace from the visit.

You are numbered among those who are privileged to make this pilgrimage.

During July and September of this year, inquiries were addressed to you as to whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage to Europe. To these inquiries no reply has been received from you.

You probably do not realize how important it is that a reply be received from you. If we do not receive replies, it becomes very difficult to make the necessary and proper arrangements for those who are to make the trip, as everything must be arranged in advance. Consequently, it is just as important for the Government to know the names of those who do not desire to take advantage of its offer as it is to know the names of those who do.

Will you please devote a few moments of your time to write either the word "YES" or "NO" in the following space _____, thus indicating whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage during 1933 and sign your name here _____. Use the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage, and return this sheet.

This reply will assure your Government that no worthy Mother or Widow has failed to receive its offer in commemoration of a loved one departed, and will greatly assist in making the necessary preparations for those of them who wish to take advantage of the privilege.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

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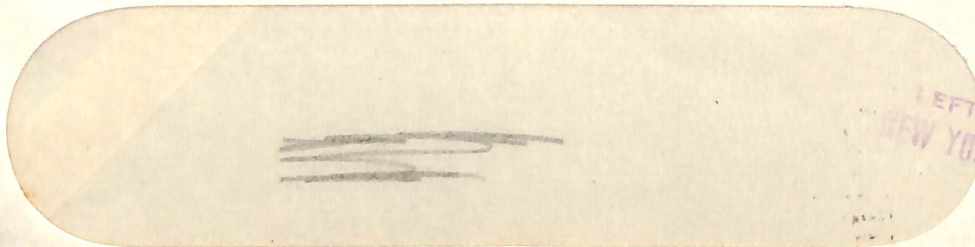
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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Conn, Wm. L. (MA) s-

Sept. 8, 1932

Mrs. Lillian W. Wilson
780 Riverside Drive
New York, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

In order that your desires may be of record, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

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

Conn, William L. (MA) -

July 13, 1932.

Mrs. Lillian W. Wilson,
780 Riverside Dr.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

QM 293 A-M
Conn, William L. Pvt. (M-A) SM

March 17, 1932.

Mrs. Lillian Conn Wilson,
780 Riverside Drive,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries of Europe for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces. The purpose of the Act is an endeavor to bring a measure of peace and comfort to the hearts of the mothers and widows whose loved ones made the supreme sacrifice, and it appears from communications from women who have made the journey that this effort has not been in vain.

As the stepmother of the late Private William L. Conn, you are eligible to make a pilgrimage to his grave in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France. All necessary expenses of the pilgrimage will be borne by the Government and personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided. Doctors and nurses will be available and should you make a pilgrimage, you are assured the journey will not only be made at the expense of the United States, but everything possible for your welfare will be furnished. In other words, you will be the honored guest of the United States Government.

It is the earnest endeavor of this office to discover the wishes of each mother and widow with reference to the pilgrimage. It is hoped that you will decide to make the pilgrimage and will so state; however, if you feel you cannot accept the invitation, it is important that we be advised. You can realize that in arranging all details of a trip for so many people, it is necessary to have all information at once so that proper arrangements may be made. For the reasons stated, it will be appreciated if you will complete the questionnaire enclosed herewith and return it to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

Conn, William L, Pvt. (M-A) SM WASHINGTON

March 17, 1932.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Mrs. Lillian Conn Wilson,
780 Riverside Drive,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

In order that the records may be complete, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name, and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

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

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Conn, William L. Serial 39796 MA
Pvt., Co. H, 9th Inf.

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MOTHER

Died Oct 1902

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WIDOW

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STEP MOTHER -- Wilson, Mrs. Lillian W.

born 7-21-86

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father died 10/10/16

QM 293 A-M
Conn, William L. (MA)

October 30, 1931

Mrs. Lillian Conn Wilson,
780 Riverside Drive,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 22nd, furnishing information requested by this office in connection with the pilgrimage of mothers and widows to the cemeteries of Europe.

In view, thereof, you are eligible to visit the grave of your stepson, the late Private William L. Conn, at the expense of the Government. It is, therefore, requested that you fill in the enclosed form and return it to this office, in order that your desires may be properly recorded and arrangements made accordingly.

A 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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Oct. 23rd 1931

A. D. Hughes
Captain, 2. M. Corps; Asst.
Washington, D. C.

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In answer to your letter of
Sept. 12, 1931 regarding information of
Private Wm. L. Conn I wish to advise you
that he lived with me and his father
from 1906 till 1917. His father died in
1915 and from then until 1917 he made
his home with me. His mother died
when he was three years old. Her
name was Josephine Lawenhein Conn.

Very truly yours,

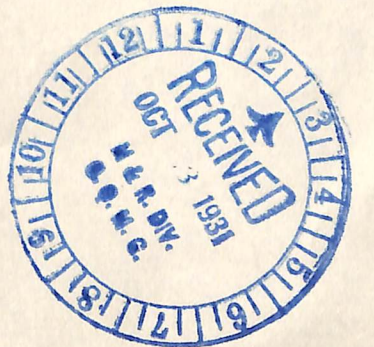
Lillian Conn Wilson

780 Riverside Dr.

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QM 293 A-M
Conn, William L. (MA)

September 12, 1931

Mrs. Lillian W. Wilson,
780 Riverside Drive,
New York, New York.

Dear Madam:

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

Information is also desired as to whether or not this late soldier made his home with you and his father from 1907 to 1917. P

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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March 19, 1931

QM 293 A-M
Conn, William L. 1232

Mrs. Lillian W. Wilson,
780 Riverside Drive,
New York City, New York.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence from this office relative to the pilgrimage of mothers and widows to the cemeteries of Europe, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

In order that your eligibility to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your stepson, the late Private William L. Conn, may be determined under a new ruling setting forth the interpretation of the word "mother" as used in the Act, it is requested that you advise the date of your marriage to Mr. Wilson and whether or not you provided food, shelter and clothing for the late Private William L. Conn after your marriage.

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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QM 293 A-M
Conn, William L. 1232

January 21, 1931

Mrs. Lillian W. Wilson,
780 Riverside Drive,
New York, New York.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested that you advise the date of your marriage to Mr. Wilson, and whether or not you provided food, shelter and clothing for the late Private William L. Conn after your marriage.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 295 A-M
Conn, William L. 1232 SM

October 14, 1930

Mrs. Lillian W. Wilson,
780 Riverside Drive,
New York, New York.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence from this office relative to the pilgrimage of mothers and widows to the cemeteries in Europe, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

In order that your eligibility to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your stepson, the late Private William L. Conn, may be determined under a new ruling setting forth the interpretation of the word "mother" as used in the Act, it is requested that you furnish this office with the date of your marriage to Mr. Clement *Wilson*

For your convenience in replying there is enclosed a Government envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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September 16, 1930.

QM 293 AM
Conn, William L. Pvt. 1232 LP

Mrs. Lillian W. Wilson,
780 Riverside Drive,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

This letter is in further reference to correspondence from this office relative to your eligibility to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929 as amended May 15, 1930.

It has been held that a woman must have occupied the status of stepmother at the time of enlistment and death of the deceased member of the American forces in order to be eligible as a stepmother to make the pilgrimage. Under the law the status of stepmother ceases with the death of the natural father. In view of the fact that the father of the late Private William L. Conn died October 11, 1915, you were not the legal stepmother at the time of his death.

The only provision of the Act under which you might qualify for the privilege of making the pilgrimage, is contained in Section 4 (a) which was amended May 15, 1930 to read in part as follows: "--or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for a period of not less than five years at any time prior to the soldier, sailor or marine becoming 18 years of age."

In order to satisfy legal requirements, it will be necessary for you to furnish as proof of your relationship, in loco parentis, the affidavits of at least two persons not related to you.

In the event you consider yourself eligible, under the law, to make the pilgrimage, it is requested that the inclosed form be completed and returned to this office in order that your eligibility may be determined. Under paragraphs 1 (c) and 1 (d), sufficient information should be included to permit an intelligible decision as to eligibility.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Conn, William L. 1232-SM

July 8, 1930.

Mrs. Lillian W. Wilson,
780 Riverside Dr.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

This office has no record of any person entitled under the Act mentioned to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe as the mother or widow of the above named deceased service man. To complete the list of eligibles and to assure that, if the above named man is survived by a mother or widow entitled to make a pilgrimage she receive an invitation to do so, it is requested you answer the following questions in the space provided on this letter and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

2. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not remarried?

If so, give her name and address:

3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?

If so, give her name and address:

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:
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Act
Amendment

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

QM 293 A-C
Conn, William L.

March 28, 1930.

Mrs. Lillian W. Wilson,
780 Riverside Drive,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of the questionnaire which was sent you in order to determine your status under the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, which provides for pilgrimages to European cemeteries.

In administering the above mentioned Act, it has been held that a woman must occupy the status of stepmother at the time of enlistment and at the time of the death of the member of the American Forces interred in the cemetery in Europe, in order to be eligible to make the pilgrimage at the expense of the United States.

In view of the fact that your late husband, the father of Private William L. Conn, was deceased at the time of his son's entry into the military service, you ceased to be the stepmother of Private Conn from the date of your husband's death, and you are therefore ineligible to make the pilgrimage under the provisions of existing legislation.

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

Conn, William L. - 1232

February 27, 1930.

Mrs. Lillian W. Wilson,
780 Riverside Drive,
New York City, N. Y.

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Dear Madam:

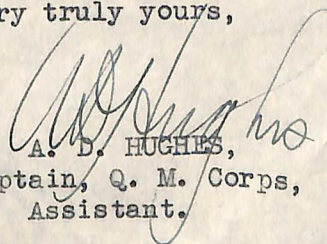
Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, enabling the mothers and widows of the members of the military and naval forces of the United States now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries.

The records of this office indicate that you were the stepmother of the late Private William L. Conn and in order to determine your eligibility under the Act to make the pilgrimage to his grave it will be appreciated if you will furnish the following information:

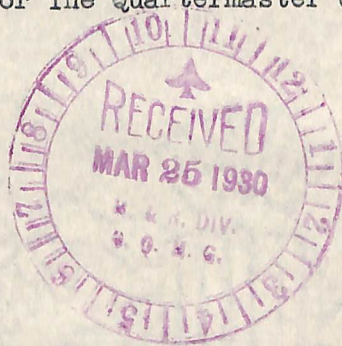
- (1) Date of your marriage to the father of Private Conn. 1907
- (2) Were you married to Mr. Conn at the time his son entered the military service? no.
- (3) Were you married to Mr. Conn at the time of his son's death? no.
- (4) If not, give date of your separation from him. —
- (5) If Mr. Conn is deceased, give date of his death. OCT. 11, 1915

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

(Conn, William L.)

Sept. 23, 1929.

Mrs. Augusta G. Morris,
c/o Ruth Conley,
op. Mr. E. Ankeus,
49 W. 71st St.,
New York, N.Y.

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 ^{sister of the late} Pvt. William L. Conn, Co. H, 9th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, 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:

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| 1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried? | |
| 2. If so, give her complete address. | |
| 3. 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. | |

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

Conn, Wm. L.
1232.

Sept. 5, 1929

Mrs. Lillian Conn Wilson,
162 W. 73rd St.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Write answers in space below

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried? If so, give her complete address:	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
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.	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
3. If survived by a widow or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage?	<hr/> <hr/>

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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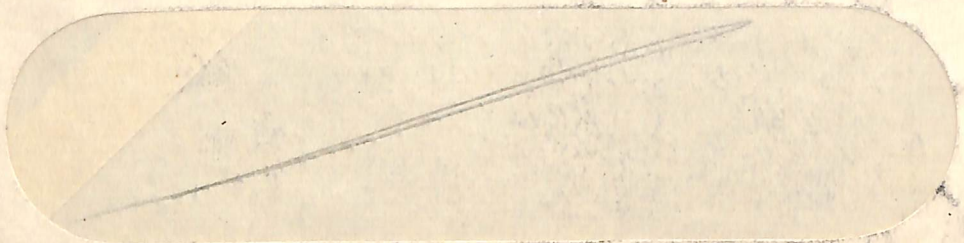
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

(Conn, William L.)

June 29 1929.

Mrs. Lillian Conn Wilson,
162 W. 73rd St.,
New York City, N.Y.

*Sister - Mrs. Angella G. Morris
to Ruth Conley -
to Mrs. E. Auker - 49 W. 71 St.
New York, N.Y.*

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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 **step-mother of the late Private William L. Conn, Co. H, 9th 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 or widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish the full names and addresses of the mother and widow in order that action may be taken to extend invitations to them to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
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QM 293 A-M
Conn, William L. (MA)

November 21, 1932

Mrs. Lillian W. Wilson,
780 Riverside Drive,
New York, New York.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to the pilgrimage of mothers and widows to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by Congress in an Act approved March 2, 1929, and amended May 15, 1930.

In order that the best available accommodations may be secured for the mothers and widows who are to make a pilgrimage next summer, it is necessary that steamship and hotel reservations be made several months in advance. It is therefore requested that you advise at this time whether or not you desire to visit the grave of your stepson, the late Private William L. Conn, during the summer of 1933, in order that arrangements may be made accordingly.

As 1933 is the last year for which pilgrimages are authorized, it is requested you give this matter your most careful consideration before reaching a decision. Unless you take advantage of this last chance to visit the grave of your stepson 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 in lieu of the pilgrimage.

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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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Conn, Wm. L. (MA) s-

Sept. 8, 1932

Mrs. Lillian W. Wilson
780 Riverside Drive
New York, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

In order that your desires may be of record, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

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NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Comm, William L. (MA) -

July 15, 1932.

Mrs. Lillian W. Wilson,
780 Riverside Dr.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

QM 293 A-M
Conn, William L. Pvt. (M-A) SM

March 17, 1932.

Mrs. Lillian Conn Wilson,
780 Riverside Drive,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries of Europe for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces. The purpose of the Act is an endeavor to bring a measure of peace and comfort to the hearts of the mothers and widows whose loved ones made the supreme sacrifice, and it appears from communications from women who have made the journey that this effort has not been in vain.

As the stepmother of the late Private William L. Conn, you are eligible to make a pilgrimage to his grave in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France. All necessary expenses of the pilgrimage will be borne by the Government and personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided. Doctors and nurses will be available and should you make a pilgrimage, you are assured the journey will not only be made at the expense of the United States, but everything possible for your welfare will be furnished. In other words, you will be the honored guest of the United States Government.

It is the earnest endeavor of this office to discover the wishes of each mother and widow with reference to the pilgrimage. It is hoped that you will decide to make the pilgrimage and will so state; however, if you feel you cannot accept the invitation, it is important that we be advised. You can realize that in arranging all details of a trip for so many people, it is necessary to have all information at once so that proper arrangements may be made. For the reasons stated, it will be appreciated if you will complete the questionnaire enclosed herewith and return it to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, Assistant Corps,

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Conn, William L. Pvt. (M-A) SM

March 17, 1932.

Mrs. Lillian Conn Wilson,
780 Riverside Drive,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

In order that the records may be complete, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name, and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

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

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-M
Conn, William L. (MA)

October 30, 1931

Mrs. Lillian Conn Wilson,
780 Riverside Drive,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 22nd,
furnishing information requested by this office in connection with
the pilgrimage of mothers and widows to the cemeteries of Europe.

In view, thereof, you are eligible to visit the grave of
your stepson, the late Private William L. Conn, at the expense of
the Government. It is, therefore, requested that you fill in the
enclosed form and return it to this office, in order that your de-
sires may be properly recorded and arrangements made accordingly.

A 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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Conn, William L. (MA)

September 12, 1931

Mrs. Lillian W. Wilson,
780 Riverside Drive,
New York, New York.

Dear Madam:

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

Information is also desired as to whether or not this late soldier made his home with you and his father from 1907 to 1917.

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,
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March 19, 1931

QM 293 A-M
Conn, William L. 1232

Mrs. Lillian W. Wilson,
780 Riverside Drive,
New York City, New York.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence from this office relative to the pilgrimage of mothers and widows to the cemeteries of Europe, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

In order that your eligibility to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your stepson, the late Private William L. Conn, may be determined under a new ruling setting forth the interpretation of the word "mother" as used in the Act, it is requested that you advise the date of your marriage to Mr. Wilson and whether or not you provided food, shelter and clothing for the late Private William L. Conn after your marriage.

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,
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QM 293 A-M
Conn, William L. 1232

January 21, 1931

Mrs. Lillian W. Wilson,
780 Riverside Drive,
New York, New York.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested that you advise the date of your marriage to Mr. Wilson, and whether or not you provided food, shelter and clothing for the late Private William L. Conn after your marriage.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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January 17, 1931

QM 295 A-M
Conn, William L. 1232 SM

Mrs. Lillian W. Wilson,
780 Riverside Drive,
New York, New York.

Dear Madam:

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

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Conn, William L. 1232 SM

October 14, 1930

Mrs. Lillian W. Wilson,
780 Riverside Drive,
New York, New York.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence from this office relative to the pilgrimage of mothers and widows to the cemeteries in Europe, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

In order that your eligibility to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your stepson, the late Private William L. Conn, may be determined under a new ruling setting forth the interpretation of the word "mother" as used in the Act, it is requested that you furnish this office with the date of your marriage to Mr. Clement.

For your convenience in replying there is enclosed a Government envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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September 16, 1930.

QM 293 AM
Conn, William L. Pvt. 1232 LP

Mrs. Lillian W. Wilson,
780 Riverside Drive,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

This letter is in further reference to correspondence from this office relative to your eligibility to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929 as amended May 15, 1930.

It has been held that a woman must have occupied the status of stepmother at the time of enlistment and death of the deceased member of the American forces in order to be eligible as a stepmother to make the pilgrimage. Under the law the status of stepmother ceases with the death of the natural father. In view of the fact that the father of the late Private William L. Conn died October 11, 1915, you were not the legal stepmother at the time of his death.

The only provision of the Act under which you might qualify for the privilege of making the pilgrimage, is contained in Section 4 (a) which was amended May 15, 1930 to read in part as follows: "...or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for a period of not less than five years at any time prior to the soldier, sailor or marine becoming 18 years of age." D

In order to satisfy legal requirements, it will be necessary for you to furnish as proof of your relationship, in loco parentis, the affidavits of at least two persons not related to you.

In the event you consider yourself eligible, under the law, to make the pilgrimage, it is requested that the inclosed form be completed and returned to this office in order that your eligibility may be determined. Under paragraphs 1 (c) and 1 (d), sufficient information should be included to permit an intelligible decision as to eligibility.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Conn, William L. 1232-SM

July 8, 1930.

Mrs. Lillian W. Wilson,
780 Riverside Dr.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

This office has no record of any person entitled under the Act mentioned to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe as the mother or widow of the above named deceased service man. To complete the list of eligibles and to assure that, if the above named man is survived by a mother or widow entitled to make a pilgrimage she receive an invitation to do so, it is requested you answer the following questions in the space provided on this letter and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

2. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not remarried?

If so, give her name and address:

3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?

If so, give her name and address:

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-C
Conn, William L.

March 28, 1930.

Mrs. Lillian W. Wilson,
780 Riverside Drive,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of the questionnaire which was sent you in order to determine your status under the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, which provides for pilgrimages to European cemeteries.

In administering the above mentioned Act, it has been held that a woman must occupy the status of stepmother at the time of enlistment and at the time of the death of the member of the American Forces interred in the cemetery in Europe, in order to be eligible to make the pilgrimage at the expense of the United States.

In view of the fact that your late husband, the father of Private William L. Conn, was deceased at the time of his son's entry into the military service, you ceased to be the stepmother of Private Conn from the date of your husband's death, and you are therefore ineligible to make the pilgrimage under the provisions of existing legislation.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C
Conn, William L. - 1232

February 27, 1930.

Mrs. Lillian W. Wilson,
780 Riverside Drive,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, enabling the mothers and widows of the members of the military and naval forces of the United States now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries.

The records of this office indicate that you were the stepmother of the late Private William L. Conn and in order to determine your eligibility under the Act to make the pilgrimage to his grave it will be appreciated if you will furnish the following information:

- (1) Date of your marriage to the father of Private Conn.
- (2) Were you married to Mr. Conn at the time his son entered the military service?
- (3) Were you married to Mr. Conn at the time of his son's death?
- (4) If not, give date of your separation from him.
- (5) If Mr. Conn is deceased, give date of his death.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

(Conn, William L.)

Sept. 23, 1929.

Mrs. Augusta G. Morris,
c/o Ruth Conley,
op. Mr. E. Ankeus,
49 W. 71st St.,
New York, N.Y.

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 sister of the late Pvt. William L. Conn, Co. H, 9th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, 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. 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.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Conn, Wm. L.
1232.

Sept. 5, 1929

Mrs. Lillian Conn Wilson,
162 W. 73rd St.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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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
(Conn, William L.)

June ~~29~~ 1929.

Mrs. Lillian Conn Wilson,
162 W. 73rd St.,
New York City, N.Y.

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 **step-mother of the late Private William L. Conn, Co. H, 9th 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 or widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish the full names and addresses of the mother and widow in order that action may be taken to extend invitations to them to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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In reply refer to:
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February 24, 1923.

Mrs. Lillian Conn Wilson,
162 West 73rd St.,
New York City.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of **Private William L. Conn, Company H, 9th Infantry** is, **Grave 33, Row 11, Block F, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery at Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of the 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, ⁱⁿ

H. J. Conner,
Assistant.

FEB 24 1923

G.R.S.

Place La Chappe

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date 9.23.21

1. REMAINS OF Conn William L. SERIAL NUMBER 39796

RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Co. H. 9th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): 9.23.21 From (give complete location): Grave 72 Cem 540

By: Group 4 Unit XXXX Section

3. Reburied (date): Nov. 2, 1921. In (give complete location): Row 21, Block F, Grave 33, Cem. 1232.

By: Group Reburial S. Unit Nature of reburial Unlined Casket.

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

In burlap wooden box.
Badly 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:

Reburial bottle record dated May 4.21 Agrees.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) PACKAGE INTACT BODY.

(b) Weight (estimated) NOT DISTURBED.

(c) Hair—Color

Quantity

Characteristics

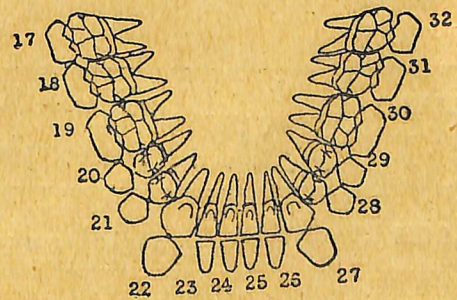
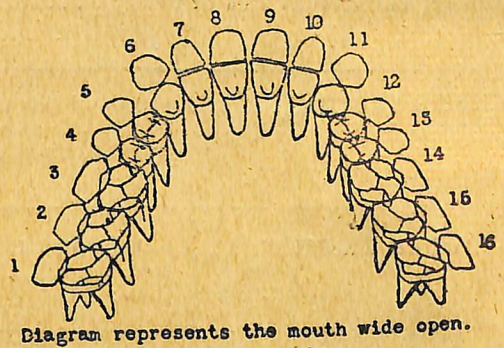
(d) Hair on face—Color

Location

Quantity

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

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



7. Disinterment supervised by Joseph S Hughes

Approved: J. J. Robinson,
(Title) 1st Lt Q.A.C.

8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Dufault,
WS

Approved: James W. Younger
(Title) Captain, Q.M.C.

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

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

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

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



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



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



FILLINGS.....Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:



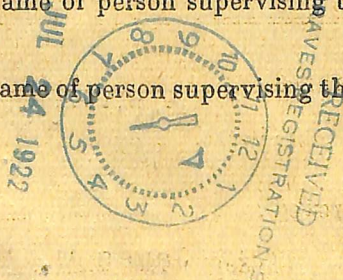
CARIES (CAVITIES).....Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:



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

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

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



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept 23-21

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 CONN, William L.
 2. No. 39796.
 3. Rank Pvt.
 4. Org. Co.H, 9th Inf.
10-5-16
 5. D.D. D.O.W.
 6. C.D.

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 72 Sec. _____
 8. Plot _____ Row _____
 9. _____

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

18. Cemetery French Mil. Cty.
 20. Dept. or County Marne
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. #540

19. Commune or town La Cheppe
 21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) Sept 23-21

By J.S. Hughes

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name William L. Conn
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. _____
 Organization Co.H.9th Inf.

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

E.W. Funderburk
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant

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).
Reburial bottle record May 4th 21 agrees. Package intact body not disturbed

27. Condition of body See Par. 26.

28. Nature of burial Burlap and wooden box.

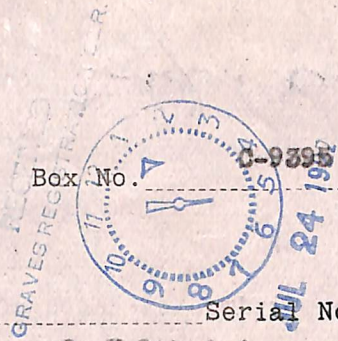
29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None.

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Sept 23-21 By J.S. Hughes

31. Casket sealed by _____
 Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) J.S. Hughes

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.)

Box No.



32. Designation of body:

CONN, William L.

Name

Serial No.

39796

Rnk Pvt.

Co. H 9th Inf.

Rnk

Organization

33. Consigned to: Officer in Charge Operations,

Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne/s/Montfaucon 1232

Name of Permanent Cemetery

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Sept 23-21

By J.S. Hughes

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

J.S. Robinson

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector J.S. Robinson, 1st Lt. CAC

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Sept 23-21

To point of Concentration Romagne sous Montfaucon Meuse.,

(Name)

Convoyer James Flynn

Signature Shipping Officer

W.H. Roach
W.H. Roach, 1st Lt. QM C

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery

(Name)

Convoyer

Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

Sept 24, 1944

G.R.S. Representative

James W. Younger

41. Reinterred Meuse Arg. Cemetery.

Nov. 2, 1921,

(Date)

42. Grave No. 33.

Section

43. ~~Block~~ Block F.

Row 11

G.R.S. Representative

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

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 33322

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name CONN, William L. Ser. No. 39796
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. H, 9th Inf.
(c) Date of death 10-5-18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA

TYP. egg
CKR. axu

FOR EXHIBIT FOR CONCENTRATION 1071
in Meuse Argonne, #1232
(12/9/21) (axu)

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

(a) Grave No. 72 Row - Plot - Sec. - TYP. egg
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Lillian Conn (mother) 252 W. 84th St., N.Y.C.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases -

CKR. axu

No card in file - MH - 1-20-21

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt

(a) Name (b) Relationship
(c) Address
(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.
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S.

Examiner's Initials Date, 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 MH Date 1-20-21, 1920.

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes PF

Examiner's Initials PF Date 1-21-21, 1920

COUNTRY France

CEMETERY No. 540

SHEET No. 23

21-21-21

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

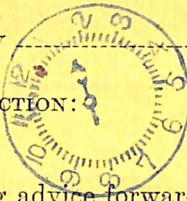
Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 1920.

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VIII. FINAL ACTION:

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



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Overseas Project Sub-Section

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: 3/13/21. Form 120 Mrs. Lillian Conn Wilson, step-mother,

of 162 West 33rd St, New York City, N.Y. requests body remain in Europe. H/3/302

AWB: *Ba W R. Mrs. Lillian Conn (Step-mother) 162 nd W. 73rd St New York, N.Y. mws-10-14-21.*

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

CEMETERIAL DIVISION

WASHINGTON
Hoboken, N.J.

FEB 19 1921

FROM: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. G.
To: Mrs. Lillian Conn, ~~252 W. 84 St.~~ ^{162 West 73rd St.}, New York City.
SUBJECT: Remains of ~~Pvt. William L. Conn, Ser. No. 39796, Co. H, 9 Inf.~~

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above named ~~no request~~
~~has been made for the disposition of his remains.~~

Remain in Europe E.C.S.

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Lieut. Colonel, U. S. Army.

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

Was soldier married? No

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Father	<u>deceased</u>		
Mother	<u>deceased</u>		
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1	<u>Lillian Augusta Conn</u>	<u>?</u>
	2		
	3		

Handwritten notes and scribbles in the table area.

Date March 13/1921

Signature Lillian Conn Wilson

Address 162 West 73rd St

Relationship Step mother

March 13, 1921

I, the undersigned, am the Step mother and nearest living next of kin of the within-named soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:
(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

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1. As stated on first page of this sheet.
2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to _____
(Name.) _____

(R. R. station.) _____
3. To be returned to the U. S. and buried in _____ National Cemetery.
4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Cemeterial Division
Division of the Section
(State.)

Signature Riesian Cane Wilson



INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

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

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
Quartermaster Corps,
Graves Registration Service
Pier 2, Hoboken, N.J.

540-23

FILE NO. 293.8 Cem, Div. Cor. Br.
(CONN, William L.)

June 16th, 1921.

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O.Q.M.G.,
Washington, D.C.

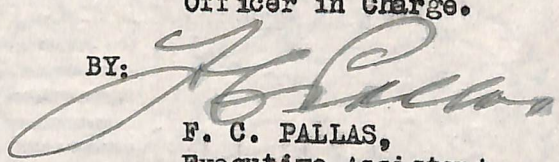
SUBJECT: Return of Records - Cemetery #540,
Transmittal Memorandum Number H-182.

1. The records pertaining to the following cases are returned herewith, it having been definitely determined that the bodies are to remain in Europe.

William L. Conn, Private Ser. No. 39796, Co. H. 9th Inf.
REFERENCE NO: 23.

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

BY:


F. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant

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File No. 293,6 Gen. Div., Cor. Br.
(CONN, William L.)

June 16th, 1921.

Mrs. Lillian Conn Wilson,
162 West 73rd St.,
New York City, N.Y.

re: Pvt. Wm. L. Conn,
Ser. No. 39796,
Co. H. 9th Inf.

Dear Madam:

Your Shipping Inquiry Form requesting that the remains of the deceased soldier named above be left in frame for burial in a permanent American Cemetery has been forwarded to the Cemeterial Division, Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington, D.C., for necessary action.

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

H. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q.M.G.,
Officer in Charge.

F. C. FALLAD,
Executive Assistant.

Mailed P.F.D.
JUN 16 1921



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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

(1/9/21)
 ADMITTED FOR
 CONCENTRATION #1232
 in Marse-Argonne, 12/22
 EW

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File # 33322

(a) Name CONN, William L. Ser. No. 39796
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. H, 9th Inf.
 (c) Date of death 10-5-18 Cause of death DWRIA

TYP. 687
 TYP. 682

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

(a) Grave No. 72 Row - Plot - Sect. - TYP. 682
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Lillian Conn. (mother) 252 W. 84th St., N.Y.C.

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

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

No card in file.
No request for disposition

- A.P. 2-11-21

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by - (cable on 192
 (letter of transmittal on JAN 27 1921)

Par. #2, Not To Be Returned

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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. 6-24 192 1

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

CEMETERY NO.

SHEET NO.

8-666/MB

France

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2-11-21. F.L.

Holohan
OSP-SS

Form No. 1099

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

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advised
10-14-21
file no. 33328
Conn, William L.

540-23

April 1, 1921

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

39796

Co. H, 9th Infantry

10-5-18

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

DATE OF DEATH

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE

Mrs Lillian Conn.

(Step Mother)

PERSON NAMED BY SOLDIER TO BE BENEFICIARY OF INSURANCE

RELATIONSHIP

162 nd St. 73rd St. New York, N.Y.
ADDRESS
no address

PERSON RECEIVING DEATH COMPENSATION

RELATIONSHIP

no record

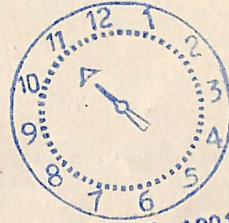
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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF CONN, William L. SERIAL NUMBER 39796. RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. H. 9th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): May 4, 1921. From (give complete location): Gr. 72, Amer plot. French Military Cemetery, La Chapelle (Marne) France. G.R.S. code No. 540.

By: Group 4. Unit Section No. 4.

3. Reburied (date): May 4, 1921. In (give complete location): Gr. 72, Amer plot. French Military Cemetery, La Chapelle (Marne) France. G.R.S. code No. 540.

By: Group 4. Unit Sect. No. 4. Nature of reburial: In burlap and in wooden box with bottle and metallic strip containing data.

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

Badly decomposed, recognition impossible.

Buried in blanket.

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

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

No effects found.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items? No. 1, 16, 17, 32, not grown. No 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 23, 24, 25, missing after death.

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

(b) Weight (estimated) -

(c) Hair—Color -

Quantity -

Characteristics -

(d) Hair on face—Color -

Location -

Quantity -

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

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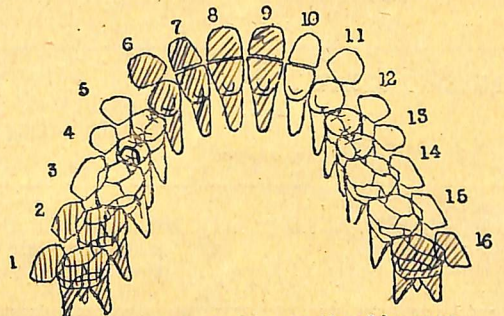
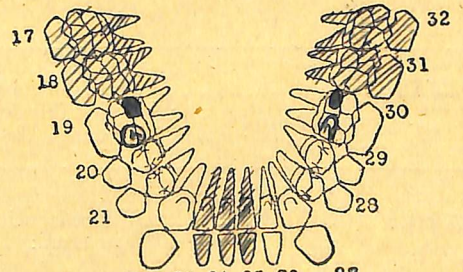


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



No. 4, 14, 19, 30, cavities. No. 19, 30, silver fillings. No. 18, 31, missing after death.

7. Disinterment supervised by W. C. RAPINE RB. Approved: G. B. KIDWELL 1st Lt., Q.M.C. bjm.






8. Reburial supervised by W. C. RAPINE RB. Approved: G. B. KIDWELL 1st Lt., Q.M.C. bjm.

9# 50797

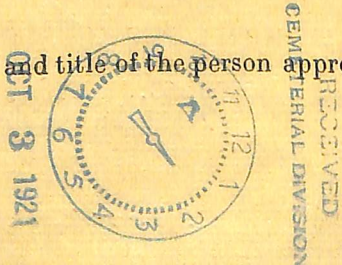
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8. Show name of person supervising the reburial and the name and title of the person approving same.



33322

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Conn. #39796 William W.
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Private Co. "H" 9th Infantry
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL Oct. 5, 1918

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

Cemetery 2 kilometers East of Cuperly
Marne France

GRAVE NUMBER 11

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? yes.
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: William C. Nicks
William C. Nicks, Chaplain USA
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

15 OCT 1918

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

Soldier's No 39796

Name : Conn, William L.

Rank : Pvt Co H Reg 9th Inf

Died : Oct. 5, 1918

Buried : Oct. 5, 1918

Cemetery :

Commune of

Grave No 11 Avery sketch No 14

How marked ? Cross, flag attached.

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

Map reference : Map 56 N.E.

256.8N 262.1E

Name of chaplain or burial officer .

Signed-

Sgt. A. H. Mackay

Group One, Unit "B", G. S.

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