

G.R.S. Form #114 B

LIST AS COOMBS - Father's signature

also known as Coombs, Eddie H., el 79552 293
10189

DATE *10/17/21*

1. NAME *Coombes, Eddie H.*

SERIAL No. *728499*

RANK *Pvt. Sgt.*

ORGANIZATION *Strv. A 53rd F.A.*

GRAVE LOCATION *American Cty. Souilly, Meuse*

8 DIVISION

53 Regt. C.A.C.

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

12

Sec. A

1

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

auth also 11/3/26

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION *nothing of record*

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES *not known*

CONCENTRATED TO *nothing of record*

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.

DATE OF DEATH

Sept. 24, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

Missouri

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

none

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

not known

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

W.M.C. SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

W.M. Cline

Wm M. CLINE
Captain Q.M.C.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION *10/17/21*

33

29

Block F.

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

~~Block~~

AUG 11 1926

WORLD WAR DIV.

Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery #1232, Remagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

CEMETERY

Major General.

The Adjutant General

BY *W.M.C.* *8/13* *1926*

APR 4 1928

AUDITED BY

W.M.C.

1-25-23

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B



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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.

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Roose
7-26-33
Ma

Coombes, Edith H.

Decline by tel. 7-19-33

I Accept the invitation extended
Accept or decline

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

.....
Mrs. Sarah Jane Coombes
Name

.....
Ethel, Macon Co. Mo.
Town or City State

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Coombes</i>	<i>600</i>	3	<i>3 5 5</i>
BURIED	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
	GRAVE <i>33</i>	2	<i>33</i>
	ROW <i>29</i>	2	<i>29</i>
	BLOCK <i>2</i>	1	<i>6</i>
STATE	<i>Mo.</i>	2	<i>29</i>
RANK	<i>Sgt.</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>C. A. C.</i>	2	<i>48</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>53</i>	3	<i>053</i>
ARM	<i>C. A. C. Regt.</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARITAL	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Coombes</i>	<i>C 0 0</i>	3	<i>3 5 5</i>
RESIDENCE <i>Mrs Sarah Jane</i> <i>Bm-8-11-65</i>	STATE <i>Missouri</i>	2	<i>29</i>
	COUNTY <i>Macon</i>	2	<i>61</i>
	CITY <i>Ethel</i>	3	<i>XXX</i>
RELATION	<i>mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR. <i>1933</i>	1	<i>4</i>
ACCEPTANCE	<i>No</i>	1	<i>2</i>
29/514	<i>Age</i>		<i>66</i>

Declined Jan Aug 17 1932
Declined Pres Roosevelt 7-26-33

AUDITED
 NOV 27 1931

Mother

WESTERN MILITARY BUREAU
ROUTE AND SCHEDULE

85.16
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EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE SAILING FROM NEW YORK CITY July 26, 1933

Macon County, State of Missouri

Name Coombes, Mrs Sarah J (E-7)

Address Ethel, Mo.

Route going AT&SF Chicago, G T Suspension Bridge, L V New York

Return: Same route

Cancelled

		ROAD	TRAIN	TIME	DATE
Itinerary going	Lv Ethel	AT&SF	24	10:12 PM	July 22
	Ar Chicago	"	"	7:20 AM	" 23
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Accommodations: Standard sleeper Ethel, Mo. to Chicago, Ill. and Chicago, Ill. to New York, N Y.

Elapsed Time: 34 Hrs :33 Min.

Extra Fare:

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PARTY "E"
July 11th, 1933

Mrs. Sarah Jane Coombes
Ethel, Mo.

Dear Madam:

Upon your arrival in New York City you will be met at the railroad station by an Army Officer who will engage porter service to take care of your baggage and escort you to the hotel. During your sojourn here before sailing for Europe and upon your return from Europe, you will stop at the Hotel Pennsylvania, 35rd Street and 7th Avenue, New York City.

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

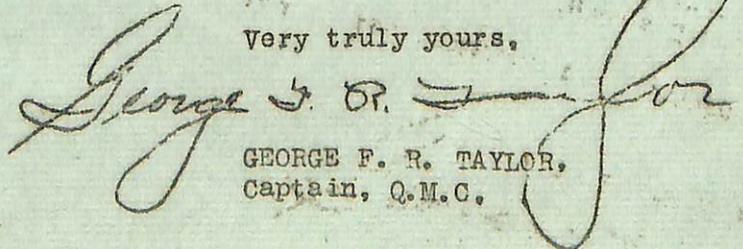
All mail intended to reach you between July 26th, 1933, the day you sail from the United States, and August 17th, 1933, the day you leave Europe, should be addressed to you in care of American Pilgrimage, 20 Rue Molitor, Paris (16), France; for example:

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

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

Information relative to the cemeteries in Europe is enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,



GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR,
Captain, Q.M.C.

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

Let me know if you
get this check

Dear sir as i didnt
get to take my trip over
sea i wasnt able to
stand the trip i will send
this check back at once
and you didnt pay for
me to have hit as a
present Mrs Sarah
Jone Coombs

OK - 11.25 Red 8/3/33
mrg Rm

Ethel sera

Dear Sir

for Mr Larchack
in regard to that
check go int. me to
pay my expenses to new
york will go please
make me a present
ok but as i didnt
get to make that trip
as i wasent able
i will thank you be
much for int. it not
please let me no at once
and i will return
bit mechatly
Yours truly
Sarah Jane
Coombs



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QM 293 A-M
Coombes, Eddie H.

August 12, 1933

Mrs. Sarah Jane Coombes,
Ethel, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of the check forwarded you
to cover incidental expenses on the pilgrimage you were
scheduled to make to the grave of your son, the late Sergeant
Eddie H. Coombes.

It is regretted your health prevented your making
a pilgrimage and it is hoped your condition has improved.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WASHINGTON D C AUGUST 1 1953

MRS SARAH JANE COOMBS
ETHEL MISSOURI

RELET TWENTY RETURN IMMEDIATELY CHECK FOR ELEVEN DOLLARS TWENTYFIVE CENTS ISSUED
IN CONNECTION PILGRIMAGE GSM FOUR FIVE EIGHT TWO

DOWITT
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

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QM 293 A-M
Coombs, Eddie H. (MA)
RM

July 18/1933

Dear Sir

I will let go no iron
not able to
get over sea I am so
sorry I can't get
away with I was able
as I had planned to
go and was getting
ready am not able
so I thought best to
let go I'm so sorry
don't have to send my
ticket

Yours truly

Mrs Sarah Jane Combs
Ethel M

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what a bait that checks
you hint me
will go be kind
enough to make me
a present add
bit as i' out well
enough to talk that
trip over sea
i' dal wish i' was able
to gal tell me
what a bait that
checks i' will thank
you so much for
bit

Yours truly
Mrs Sarah Jane Combs
& the me



Signal Corps, United States Army

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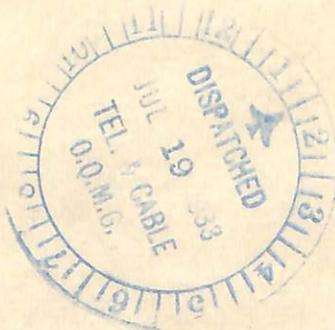
GOLD STAR MOTHER MRS COOMBES E SEVEN WILL NOT MAKE TRIP
ACCOUNT ILLNESS STOP SHALL SECURE AND RETURN TRANSPORTATION
REQUESTS B HUNDRED THIRTEEN=

H W SIDDALL.

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ask for checks -



QM 293 A-M
Coombes, Eddie H.

July 20, 1933

Mrs. Sarah Jane Coombes,

Ethel, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Information has been furnished this office that illness will prevent your making a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Sergeant Eddie H. Coombes.

It is sincerely regretted you are not able to accept this last opportunity to visit the grave of your son in the beautiful Meuse Argonne American Cemetery in France. The reservation made for you to sail on the President Roosevelt, July 26th, has accordingly been cancelled.

In the event you have not already done so, it is requested you return Check #295,048 for \$11.25 forwarded to cover incidental expenses enroute to New York. A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
Env.
bb

July 15 1933

Washington D.C.

Dear Sir
as i never had a chance
to have those pictures off
my self taken and had
na chance to get a
magson will but he all
all bar my passport
with out my pictures it
bit will please let me
know and i will know
when to get ready
to get an not

Yours

Mrs Sarah Jane Coomb
Ethel
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Coombes, Eddie H. (MA)

July 7, 1933

Mrs. Sarah Jane Coombes,
Ethel, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

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

Lv. Ethel	AT&SF	Train #24	10:12 PM	July 22
Ar. Chicago	"	"	7:20 AM	" 23
Lv. Chicago	G T	Train #20	9:05 AM	" 23
Ar. New York (Penna Sta)	L V	" 2	9:45 AM	" 24

Accommodations: Sleeper Ethel to Chicago and Chicago to New York.

All railroad employees have been instructed by their officials to see that you are shown every courtesy and given assistance, particularly at points where it is necessary to change cars.

Should you not receive your ticket six days before the date shown for your departure please take up at once with the ticket agent and if he does not have your ticket, telegraph this office, collect, to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-M

July 6, 1933.

Coombes, Eddie H.

Mrs. Sarah Jane Coombes,
Ethel, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed Check No. 295,048 in the amount of \$11.25, to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Check No.

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

QM 293 A-M
Coombes, Eddie H. (MA)

June 12, 1933

Mrs. Sarah Jane Coombes,

Ethel, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Immediately following receipt of your acceptance of the invitation to make a pilgrimage to Europe, sailing July 26, 1933, a letter containing general information of importance was mailed to you. In this letter you were told how to proceed to obtain a passport which you must have before you can visit Europe.

If it is your intention to make the pilgrimage, you should go at once to the Clerk of the Common Pleas Court at Macon, taking with you:

1. Four (4) photographs of yourself on thin paper (unmounted) not more than 3 x 3 inches or less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size;
2. Your invitation and any evidence of citizenship you may have;
3. Someone who has known you at least two years to identify you.

The Clerk will help you fill out the application and HE will forward it to the State Department. Your passport will be delivered to you aboard the boat. No charge will be made for the application or passport.

If you have changed your mind and do not intend to make the pilgrimage, please so inform this office at once. It is necessary to know at this time whether or not you intend to make the pilgrimage in order that reservations and other necessary arrangements may be made for you.

It is requested you advise whether you are making application for your passport or whether you have decided not to make a pilgrimage. A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:
Envelope.
KK

Washington, D.C., May 1, 1935

MRS. SARAH JANE COOMBS
STHEL, MISSOURI

REPLY TO INVITATION TO SAIL JULY TWENTY SIX NOT RECEIVED DO YOU ACCEPT
OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER GCM FOUR FOUR NINE SIX

DEWITT
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

GM 295 A-M
Coombs, Eddie H. (MA)
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QM 293 A-M
Coombes, Eddie H. (MA)

May 10, 1933

Mrs. Sarah Jane Coombes,

Ethel, Mo.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 2nd, advising that you are hesitant about making a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Sergeant Eddie H. Coombes without some member of your family.

While arrangements can be made for your daughter to occupy the same cabins aboard ship and to be quartered with you in the hotels in New York and Paris, no arrangements could be made for her to make the trip to the cemetery in France with you or to make the sight-seeing trips. These trips are made in buses which are chartered by the Government for official use only. The American Express Company in France has frequently arranged trips for friends and relatives accompanying pilgrims, which parallel those of the pilgrims and it is possible you might desire to make such an arrangement. It is estimated the journey would cost your daughter \$600.00. This includes rail transportation to and from New York, steamship accommodations to and from Europe, and expenses in Europe.

In the event you desire your daughter to accompany you, it is suggested you communicate with the Roosevelt Steamship Company, 1 Broadway, New York City, relative to her steamship accommodations.

There is enclosed a list of the women from Missouri who will sail on the President Roosevelt, July 26th. It is possible you might become acquainted with some of these women prior to making the journey. It is hoped you will be able to make the journey on July 26th as it is the last opportunity you will have to make the pilgrimage at the expense of the Government.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JAS. H. LAUBACH,

Lt. Col., Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

Encl:
List

Ethel, Mo.

Rail	88.10	
Pull	27.00	
P. D.	30.00	
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	145.10	B.F.P.
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	444	
	589	

will the be another
excursion after

This one
as is this the Last one



RECEIVED
MAY 4 1933

M. & R. DIV.
O.Q.M.G.

Pending
Roose - July 26 -

Coombe, Eddie H -
Ma

May 2 1933

Mr Rowell

Dear sir as i just cant
say a boat game over
sea as the bank has bin
closed hear bar. some time
and get my money in hit
dont no how time will
be bar in may in
a bill - small days
hope so as i need a good
money thing to get
will tell me if my
daughters can gal
with me over sea
can go make some
young mints for her and
i can pay his way if
i get my money out of the
basin over

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over

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to match at the time
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make arrangements for
her to family for me
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had her me a long
to please tell me
and what bit will
cost to make the
trip over sea has
her if you can bring
some way has her
to get with me
tell me at once

Yours truly
Miss Sarah Jane
Combs

with me

July 26 - Missouri

(m) Mrs. Lillie Jane Dunning (ma)
R 7 D 1 - Deepwater

(m) Mrs. Bertha M. Deis (ma)
617 N. Odell St., Marshall

(m) Mrs. James O. Miller (ma)
Belle

(m) Mrs. Emma McVey (ma)
2350 Whittemore Place, St. Louis

(m) Mrs. Ida Tindlar (St. M)
3721 Wabash Ave., Kansas City

(m) Mrs. Annie Morrison (St. M)
Rt. 1 - Box 387, Joplin

(m) Mrs. Rhoda V. Lee Clark (St. M)
R 7 D 4, Hannibal

(m) Mrs. Rosanna Ward (Som)
Phelps City

(m) Mrs. Abbie Apple (ma-u)
1701 E. 8th St., Kansas City

(m) Mrs. Emma Engle (ma-u)
1309 E. 8th St., Kansas City

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Coombes, Eddie H. (MA)

Feb. 13, 1933

Mrs. Sarah Jane Coombes,

Ethel, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

No reply has been received to the invitation forwarded you to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe, sailing on the **President Roosevelt, July 26th.**

In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you accept or decline the invitation. It is requested therefore you complete AT ONCE the card enclosed with the invitation forwarded you, signifying whether you accept or decline the invitation. If you have lost or misplaced the card, please write "Accept" or "Decline" on the bottom of this letter and return it to this office.

PLEASE REPLY PROMPTLY.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-M
Coombes, Eddie H. (MA)

February 9, 1932

Mrs. Sarah Jane Coombes,
Ethel,
Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date, declining the invitation to sail August 17th on the PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT to visit the grave of your son, the late Sergeant Eddie H. Coombes.

It is deeply regretted that you are unable to make the pilgrimage at this time, and it is sincerely hoped that you will be able to visit your son's grave at some future date. You will be communicated with when pilgrimages are being arranged for 1933.

Should you later desire to sail August 17th, however, it is requested you so advise this office not later than June 17th, in order that arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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per Decline J.

QM 293 A-M
Coombes, Eddie H. (MA) M

January 26, 1932.

Mrs. Sarah Jane Coombes,
Ethel,
Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 18, 1932, relative to the pilgrimage of mothers and widows to the cemeteries of Europe.

Under the law pilgrimages are authorized for the years 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933. In the event you are unable to sail this summer, you will therefore have an opportunity to take advantage of the offer of the Government during 1933.

It is requested that you notify this office as early as possible as to whether or not you desire to make the journey this summer, sailing August 17, 1932 on the President Roosevelt.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

MB

Ethel Messner

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Edwin & Cosmber

Jan 18 1932

Dear Sir

in regard to your
article will there be a notice

shortly after 1932
comes sea or is this

and the last one

Let me know by
return mail

from Mrs Sarah Jane Cosmber

Ethel Messner

Invited - Roosevelt
Aug 17-1932

Entered to go
1932



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 AM

Coombes, Eddie H. Sgt. (WA) M

September 22, 1931.

Mrs. Sarah Jane Coombes,
Ethel, Missouri

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the deceased veteran named above and have expressed your desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during 1932 in his honor.

In order to assure a satisfactory journey, 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. Please give your age and state your health.	Age Condition of Health
2. Do you speak English?	
3. What other language do you speak?	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

QM 293 A-M
Coombes, Eddie H. (MA) M

July 24, 1931.

Mrs. Sarah Jane Coombes,
Ethel,
Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to questionnaire forwarded you under date of June 12, 1931, also of your recent letter advising that you desire to make the pilgrimage during 1932 if your daughter may accompany you to Europe to visit the grave of your son, the late Sergeant Eddie H. Coombes.

Please be advised there is no provision of law which would permit the Government to bear any part of the expense of anyone accompanying you on the journey, to provide them with medical attention or assume any responsibility for them.

However, arrangements can be made for your daughter to be with you on the journey provided reservations for cabin class accommodations equal to those furnished you are arranged for and first class accommodations in Europe are secured for her. Transportation to and from the cemeteries and sightseeing in and around Paris are accomplished by busses which are chartered by the Government for official use only and it would not be possible for this office to authorize transportation of your daughter in these busses.

Should you desire your daughter to accompany you at personal expense, it is suggested that you communicate with the United States Lines, 45 Broadway, New York City, which company will furnish complete information as to steamship fares and reservations. As stated above reservation should be made for cabin class accommodations. It is understood the American Express Company, 1414 F. Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., is prepared to make arrangements for transportation and hotel accommodations in Europe, and is arranging trips which will parallel the routes to be followed in Europe by the mothers and widows so that relatives and friends will arrive at various points in the itinerary at approximately the same time. It will be necessary of course for you to make arrangements for your

Mrs. Sarah Jane Coombes

July 24, 1931.

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daughter with the steamship company and the American Express Company, and in doing so you should impress upon them the fact that you desire her to travel with you whenever possible and in any event to be quartered at the same hotels in Europe.

In the event you make arrangements for your daughter to accompany you upon receipt of your formal invitation to sail, it is requested that this office be notified. This information is necessary so that hotel and steamship accommodations with you may be arranged.

It is believed you should feel no hesitancy in making a pilgrimage without your daughter. Properly qualified personnel has been provided to care for the comfort and needs of the women making the journey, and medical attention and nurses will be available from the time the mothers and widows arrive in New York City until they return thereto. In the event you make the pilgrimage, you are assured that everything possible will be done for your comfort and welfare.

You will be communicated with at a later date relative to making a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

June 12, 1931.

Coombes, Eddie H. Sgt. (M-A) M

Mrs. Sarah Jane Combes,
Ethel, Missouri.

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?

yes
Write answer here

Mrs. Sarah Jane Combes
Sign here

So ah for counter

Dear Sir will the government let
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Coombes, Eddie H. ~~1233~~ M

June 5, 1930.

1232

Mrs. Sarah Jane Coombes,
Ethel, Mo.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? no

(Write answer here)

Mrs Sarah Jane Coombes
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Coombes, Eddie H. 1232--M

February 19, 1930

Mrs. Sarah Jane Coombes
Ethel, Missouri

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. 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

DATE January 16, 1930

NAME	RANK	SERIAL	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
Coombes, Eddie H.	Sgt.	728499	53 Regt. C.A.C.	Sept. 24, 1918

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	MOTHER THRU ADOPTION (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:	:
	MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:	:
	WIDOW - single man - (Who has not remarried)	:	:	:

✓ Mrs. Sarah Jane Coombes

Ethel, Mo-

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29 , 1929.

Coombes, Eddie H.

Mr. Samuel L. Coombes,
Ethel, Missouri

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the Relative of the late Sergeant Eddie H. Coombes, Bty. A, 53rd Field Artillery, 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,

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Act of Congress.
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JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

QM 293 A-M
Coombes, Eddie H.

August 12, 1933

Mrs. Sarah Jane Coombes,
Ethel, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of the check forwarded you to cover incidental expenses on the pilgrimage you were scheduled to make to the grave of your son, the late Sergeant Eddie H. Coombes.

It is regretted your health prevented your making a pilgrimage and it is hoped your condition has improved.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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MRS SARAH JANE COOMBS
ETHEL MISSOURI

RELET TWENTY RETURN IMMEDIATELY CHECK FOR ELEVEN DOLLARS TWENTYFIVE CENTS ISSUED
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QM 293 A-N
Coombs, Eddie H. (MA)
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QM 293 A-M
Coombes, Eddie H.

July 20, 1933

Mrs. Sarah Jane Coombes,
Ethel, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Information has been furnished this office that illness will prevent your making a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Sergeant Eddie H. Coombes.

It is sincerely regretted you are not able to accept this last opportunity to visit the grave of your son in the beautiful Meuse Argonne American Cemetery in France. The reservation made for you to sail on the President Roosevelt, July 26th, has accordingly been cancelled.

In the event you have not already done so, it is requested you return Check #295,048 for \$11.25 forwarded to cover incidental expenses enroute to New York. A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Coombes, Eddie H. (MA)

June 12, 1933

Mrs. Sarah Jane Coombes,

Ethel, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Immediately following receipt of your acceptance of the invitation to make a pilgrimage to Europe, sailing July 26, 1933, a letter containing general information of importance was mailed to you. In this letter you were told how to proceed to obtain a passport which you must have before you can visit Europe.

If it is your intention to make the pilgrimage, you should go at once to the Clerk of the Common Pleas Court at Macon, taking with you:

1. Four (4) photographs of yourself on thin paper (unmounted) not more than 3 x 3 inches or less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ x $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in size;
2. Your invitation and any evidence of citizenship you may have;
3. Someone who has known you at least two years to identify you.

The Clerk will help you fill out the application and HE will forward it to the State Department. Your passport will be delivered to you aboard the boat. No charge will be made for the application or passport.

If you have changed your mind and do not intend to make the pilgrimage, please so inform this office at once. It is necessary to know at this time whether or not you intend to make the pilgrimage in order that reservations and other necessary arrangements may be made for you.

It is requested you advise whether you are making application for your passport or whether you have decided not to make a pilgrimage. A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Coombes, Eddie H. (MA)

May 10, 1933

Mrs. Sarah Jane Coombes,

Ethel, Mo.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 2nd, advising that you are hesitant about making a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Sergeant Eddie H. Coombes without some member of your family.

While arrangements can be made for your daughter to occupy the same cabins aboard ship and to be quartered with you in the hotels in New York and Paris, no arrangements could be made for her to make the trip to the cemetery in France with you or to make the sight-seeing trips. These trips are made in buses which are chartered by the Government for official use only. The American Express Company in France has frequently arranged trips for friends and relatives accompanying pilgrims, which parallel those of the pilgrims and it is possible you might desire to make such an arrangement. It is estimated the journey would cost your daughter \$600.00. This includes rail transportation to and from New York, steamship accommodations to and from Europe, and expenses in Europe.

In the event you desire your daughter to accompany you, it is suggested you communicate with the Roosevelt Steamship Company, 1 Broadway, New York City, relative to her steamship accommodations.

There is enclosed a list of the women from Missouri who will sail on the President Roosevelt, July 26th. It is possible you might become acquainted with some of these women prior to making the journey. It is hoped you will be able to make the journey on July 26th as it is the last opportunity you will have to make the pilgrimage at the expense of the Government.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JAS. H. LAUBACH,

Lt. Col., Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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Washington, D.C., May 1, 1933

MRS. SARAH JANE COOMBS
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REPLY TO INVITATION TO SAIL JULY TWENTY SIX NOT RECEIVED DO YOU ACCEPT
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QM 293 A-M
Coombs, Eddie H. (MA)
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QM 293 A-M
Coombes, Eddie H. (MA)

February 9, 1932

Mrs. Sarah Jane Coombes,
Ethel,
Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date, declining the invitation to sail August 17th on the PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT to visit the grave of your son, the late Sergeant Eddie H. Coombes.

It is deeply regretted that you are unable to make the pilgrimage at this time, and it is sincerely hoped that you will be able to visit your son's grave at some future date. You will be communicated with when pilgrimages are being arranged for 1933.

Should you later desire to sail August 17th, however, it is requested you so advise this office not later than June 17th, in order that arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Coombes, Eddie H. (MA) M

January 26, 1932.

Mrs. Sarah Jane Coombes,
Ethel,
Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 18, 1932, relative to the pilgrimage of mothers and widows to the cemeteries of Europe.

Under the law pilgrimages are authorized for the years 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933. In the event you are unable to sail this summer, you will therefore have an opportunity to take advantage of the offer of the Government during 1933.

It is requested that you notify this office as early as possible as to whether or not you desire to make the journey this summer, sailing August 17, 1932 on the President Roosevelt.

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

Coombes, Eddie H. Sgt. (MA) M

September 22, 1931.

Mrs. Sarah Jane Coombes,
Ethel, Missouri

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the deceased veteran named above and have expressed your desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during 1932 in his honor.

In order to assure a satisfactory journey, 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. Please give your age and state your health.	Age Condition of Health
2. Do you speak English?	
3. 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

QM 293 A-M
Coombes, Eddie H. (MA) M

July 24, 1931.

Mrs. Sarah Jane Coombes,
Ethel,
Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to questionnaire forwarded you under date of June 12, 1931, also of your recent letter advising that you desire to make the pilgrimage during 1932 if your daughter may accompany you to Europe to visit the grave of your son, the late Sergeant Eddie H. Coombes.

Please be advised there is no provision of law which would permit the Government to bear any part of the expense of anyone accompanying you on the journey, to provide them with medical attention or assume any responsibility for them.

However, arrangements can be made for your daughter to be with you on the journey provided reservations for cabin class accommodations equal to those furnished you are arranged for and first class accommodations in Europe are secured for her. Transportation to and from the cemeteries and sightseeing in and around Paris are accomplished by busses which are chartered by the Government for official use only and it would not be possible for this office to authorize transportation of your daughter in these busses.

Should you desire your daughter to accompany you at personal expense, it is suggested that you communicate with the United States Lines, 45 Broadway, New York City, which company will furnish complete information as to steamship fares and reservations. As stated above reservation should be made for cabin class accommodations. It is understood the American Express Company, 1414 F. Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., is prepared to make arrangements for transportation and hotel accommodations in Europe, and is arranging trips which will parallel the routes to be followed in Europe by the mothers and widows so that relatives and friends will arrive at various points in the itinerary at approximately the same time. It will be necessary of course for you to make arrangements for your

Mrs. Sarah Jane Coombes

July 24, 1931.

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daughter with the steamship company and the American Express Company, and in doing so you should impress upon them the fact that you desire her to travel with you whenever possible and in any event to be quartered at the same hotels in Europe.

In the event you make arrangements for your daughter to accompany you upon receipt of your formal invitation to sail, it is requested that this office be notified. This information is necessary so that hotel and steamship accommodations with you may be arranged.

It is believed you should feel no hesitancy in making a pilgrimage without your daughter. Properly qualified personnel has been provided to care for the comfort and needs of the women making the journey, and medical attention and nurses will be available from the time the mothers and widows arrive in New York City until they return thereto. In the event you make the pilgrimage, you are assured that everything possible will be done for your comfort and welfare.

You will be communicated with at a later date relative to making a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

June 12, 1931.

Coombes, Eddie H. Sgt. (M-A) M

Mrs. Sarah Jane Coombes,
Ethel, Missouri.

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Coombes, Eddie H. -1233 M

June 5, 1930.

Mrs. Sarah Jane Coombes,
Ethel, Mo.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? _____

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Coombes, Eddie H. 1232--M

February 19, 1930

**Mrs. Sarah Jane Coombes
Ethel, Missouri**

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. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Coombes, Eddie H.
1232.

Sept. 6, 1929

Mr. Samuel L. Coombes,
Ethel, Mo.

Dear Sir:

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

June 29 , 1929.

Coombes, Eddie H.

Mr. Samuel L. Coombes,
Ethel, Missouri

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the Relative of the late Sergeant Eddie H. Coombes, Bty. A, 53rd Field Artillery, 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,

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

In reply refer to:
293,8 C-R #33303

February 24, 1923.

Mr. Samuel L. Coombes,
Ethel, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of the late Sergeant Eddie H. Coombes, Battery A, 53rd Field Artillery, is Grave 33, Row 29, 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.

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Very truly yours,

H. J. Conner,
Assistant.

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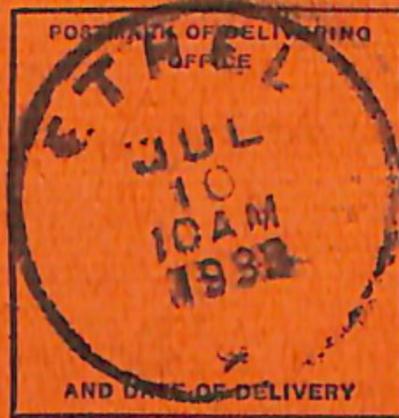
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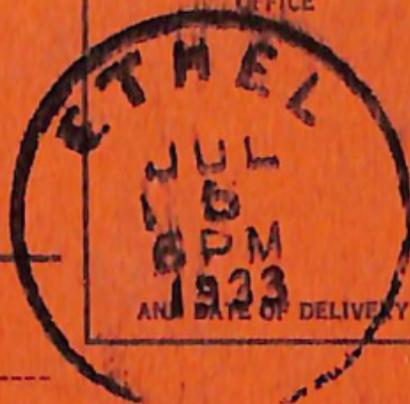
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(Signature of addressee's agent)

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U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

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Coombs, ^e (also)

Eddie H.

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(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Sgt.

Battery A. 53rd. Field Artillery.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased Father

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? } no.

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mr Samuel L Coombs
Ethel Mo.

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by H. R.

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Handwritten notes in cursive script, possibly including the name "L. J. ...".

President Roosevelt

Coombes, Eddie H. Sgt.

8-17-32

MA

*✓ Mrs Sarah Jane Coombes
Ethel me*

I Declined 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.

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..... Mrs. Sarah Jane Coombes

Name

..... Ethel, Macon County, Missouri

Town or City

State

Answered 2-9-32



P. M. - La Plata, Mo.

ADJUSTMENT MADE

FEB 16 1921

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FROM: C. Q. M. G.
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
Munitions Building
Room 1128

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the
Washington

PLEASE
EXPEDITE

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

Date 1/18/21.

File No. Requisition.
From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)
To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.
Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

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- ~~or (Coombs)~~
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- d. Organization Bty. A, 53rd F.A. i. Emergency address father - Samuel S. Coombes
- e. Rank Sgt. j. Relationship Catel, Mo.
- ~~or (Pvt.)~~

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(See page #2 of the Service Record)

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- b. Color of eyes
- c. Color of hair
- d. Height
- e. Weight
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

DENTAL CHARTS
(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

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8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
upper right upper left

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
lower right lower left

*Donnelly R. M. - 7mg -
Exp 8 - 1-20-21*

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

BY: *H. J. Conner*

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

C.W.

CEMETERY NO: 534

SHEET NO: 107

TYPED BY: I.W.

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1. G. Form No. 1. 33303 Hq. G.R. File

2. Soldier's No. 728499

3. Coombs Eddie H.
Surname First Name and Initials

4. Sgt. Bat. A. 53rd. F.A.
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. Sept. 24/18
Date of Death Cause, if known

6. Sept. 24/18 A. E. F.
Date of Burial Cemetery

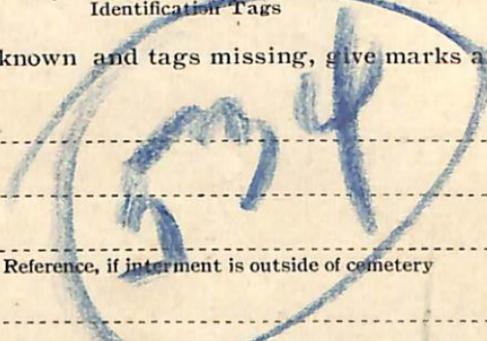
7. Souilly Meuse
Town or Commune Department

8. 12 Sec. A 1
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

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

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

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

12. 
Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

13. Geo. Craig Stewart, Chap. A. R. C.
Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

6001 10p Signed Fred G. W. Easterday
Capt

Group Hq Unit A G.R.S.

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Coombs 428499 Eddie
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Sgt. Bn a 59 art
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL 9/24/18

PLACE OF BURIAL American Cemetery

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

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So 26 Vac. Hosp # 6

GRAVE NUMBER 12 in Row I Plot a

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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29 SEP 1918

REPORTED BY:

Geo. Craig Stewart Chaplain
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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2-201 BD
Adjutant Gen. Office
Oct 8/20

WAR DEPARTMENT,
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON,

IN REPLY
REFER TO

AG 201(Coombes, Eddie H.)WW

October 5, 1920.

From: The Adjutant General of the Army.

To: The Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Date of death of Private Eddie H. Coombes, #728,499,
Battery A, 53rd ~~Infantry~~

F.A.

1. Upon investigation, it has been ascertained that the date of death of the above man heretofore communicated to you, is erroneous, and that he died September 24, 1918 of lobar pneumonia.

2. For purposes of identification, you are advised that the records show that the deceased was enlisted March 24, 1913, and the name of the person to be notified in case of emergency was given as: Mr. Samuel L. Coombes, Ethel, Missouri.

By order of the Secretary of War:

P. Harris
The Adjutant General.
per *M. R.*

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Drawn by H. R.

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Mr. H. 293.8 Combs Eddie K.

728,499
Oshawa, 53 St. Ontario

716

Aug 20 1919
Told me

Dear Sir

as my son was one
to go over sea to help
win freedom for our
country and the allies
and it was God's will
for him to die over there
I think it would be
right to leave the
remains at rest where
God saw fit for him
to die.

Yours Truly

Samuel L Combs

card filed "no"

File 9-8-19
ARC

Place Souilly, Meuse

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date October 3rd 1921

1. REMAINS OF Coombes, Eddie H. SERIAL NUMBER 728499

RANK 1st Sgt ORGANIZATION Bty A. 53rd F.A.

2. Disinterred (date): Oct. 3rd 1921 From (give complete location): Gr. 12 Sec. A plot

1 Cem. 534.

By: Group 5 Unit 1st Section # 3.

3. Reburied (date): October 17, 1921 In (give complete location): Cty 1232, Row 29, Block F, Grave 33

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

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

Blanket and wooden box. Found under cross.

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:

None.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (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

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) 17 20 24 32 MBD

None visible.

MBD 1 12 14
13 silver filling.

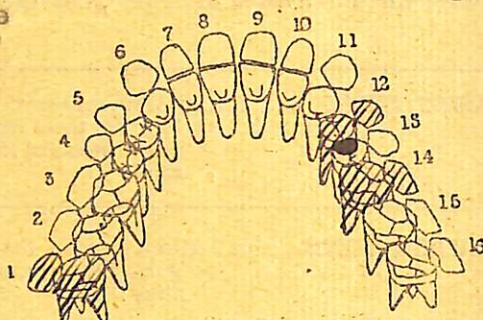
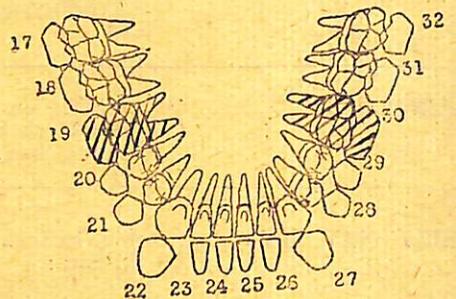


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



19 30 MBD

17 20 24 32 MBD.

7. Disinterment supervised by D. Bachman

Approved: W.H. Roach
W.H. Roach, 1st Lt. MC.
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by W B SHEILD

Approved: James W Younger
JAMES W YOUNGER, Capt., QM
(Title)

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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 October 3rd 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name Coombes, Eddie H.
 2. No. 728499
 3. Rank Pvt
 4. Org. Btry A 53rd F.A.
 5. D.D. 9-29-18
 6. C.D. Lobar Pneumonia

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment.

7. Grave No. 12 Sec. A
 8. Plot 1 Row _____
 9. _____

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

18. Cemetery American Cty.
 20. Dept. or County Meuse
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 534

19. Commune or town Souilly
 21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) October 3rd 1921

By D. Bachman

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Eddie H. Coombes
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. _____
 Organization Btry A. 53rd F.A.

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

E. W. Smith
 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).

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed recognition impossible.

28. Nature of burial Blanket and wooden box, found under cross.

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 Oct. 3rd 1921 By D. Bachman

31. Casket sealed by D. Bachman

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) D. Bachman

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

32. Designation of body: **Cochran, Eddie H.** _____

Name **Pvt.** _____ **Btry. A 53rd P.A.** Serial No. _____

Rank _____ Organization **Officer in Charge Operations,** _____

33. Consigned to: **Meuse Argonne American Cty. 1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon** _____

Name of Permanent Cemetery _____

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **October 3rd 1921** By **D. achman** _____

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 **W.H. Roach, 1st Lt. MC.** _____

36. Remarks _____

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) **October 3rd 1921** _____
Romagne sous Montfaucon, Meuse., _____

To point of Concentration **James Flynn** _____ (Name) **W.H. Roach, 1st Lt. MC.**

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____

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

By G.R.S. Representative _____

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

To Permanent Cemetery _____

Convoyer _____ (Name) _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____

40. Received: Date **8 * OCT 1921** _____

G.R.S. Representative **Mr. Sieber, Major Leitz** _____

41. Reinterred **Meuse-Argonne Cty** **October 17, 1921** _____

42. Grave No. **Row 29, Block F, Grave 33** (Date) _____ Section _____

43. Plot **101** _____ Row _____

G.R.S. Representative **JAMES W. YOUNGER, CAPT., QMC** _____

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 33303



I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name COOMBES, Eddie H. 'M' Ser. No. 728499 } TYP. DB
(b) Rank Sgt. (2-12-21) Pvt. 'M' Organization Bty. A, 53rd F. Art. } CKR. 31
(c) Date of death 9-24-18 (d) Cause of death Lobar pneumonia

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

(a) Grave No. 12 Row - Plot 1 Sec. A TYP. DB
(b) Emerg. Address Mr. Samuel L. Coombes, Ethel, Missouri.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases NO CARD CKR. 31

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none
(a) Name Mr. Samuel L. Coombes (b) Relationship father
(c) Address Ethel, Mo.
(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.

Examiner's Initials H.P. Date 1-17, 1920

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

Samuel L. Coombes (father)
Ethel, Mo., dated Aug. 20, 1919
confirming request in Par. IV., item (g), above, or requesting that the body of his son remain abroad.

Examiner's Initials H.P. Date 1-17, 1920

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes - B.J.

Examiner's Initials B.J. Date 1/17, 1920

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 534 SHEET No. 107

G. R. S. Form No. 115
Amended April 6, 1920
FORM 115 1921 COMPLETED

CARDED

Make Form No. 114
Checked M
2-12-21

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

Typed by _____ Checked by _____, 1920.

RECEIVED BY
MAIL UNIT, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

MAY 28 1921

Following advice forwarded to Europe by

cable on _____ 1920

letter on JAN 27 1921

Cemeterial Div.

Overseas Project 341-1000

CEMETRIAL DIVISION



FEB 19 1921

Par. 2 Not to be returned. (L.S.)

IX.

CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE.

ACTION TAKEN.

Desires body be _____

Body to be shipped to _____

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 33303

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name COOMBES, Eddie H. *ok. A.C. (2-12-21)* Ser. No. 728499
 (b) Rank *Sgt. (2-12-21)* Pvt. Organization Bty. A, 53rd F. Art. TYP. DB
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 Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases NO CARD CKR

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

A.G. Card: Mr Samuel L. Coombes, Father Ethel Mrs, desires body to remain in Europe. (H.S. 2-14-21.)

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by - (cable on 192
 (letter of transmittal JAN 27 1922)

Par. 2 Not to be returned. (L.S.)

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. FEB 17 1921 192

II. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken

VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. 5-28- 1921

COUNTRY _____ CEMETERY NO. _____ SHEET NO. _____

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

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