

To The A. C. O.

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G.R.S. Form #114-B

FEB 18 1926

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FULL NAME COOPER, Ray E.

RANK Wag. SERIAL 2471280

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION Amb. Co., 320th 305th San. Tr.

80th Div

DATE OF DEATH 10-5-18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME W. H.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION. 10-22-21 12 30 A
Date Grave Row Block

1232 Meuse-Argonne
Cemetery

Robert G. Davis,
Major General,
The Adjutant General

By *B*

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A.C.Co, 305th San. Tn.
80th Div.

COOPER, Ray E.- Wag. 247I280
Home : Sunapee, N.H.

Wag. Ray. E. Cooper was killed by a flying piece of shrapnel, while driving an ambulance on road between Bethincourt and Gericourt, France. It was at foot of Hill 28I that Wag. Cooper was hit, and he was carried to Dressing Station of 33rd Division, where he died about two hours after being wounded. He never regained consciousness. He was buried on Hill 28I by Chaplain Gilmore of the I30th Infantry.

Informant : Libby, Carl E. Pvt, Ist Class, 247I279
Co. A.C. 320, 305th San Tn.
Home : 206 High St. Springfield. Mass.
April 12th 1919.

NN.
Next of kin :
H. R. Cooper, Father.
same address.

Signed : Ralph M. Ruth, - Sgt. A.C.320.

320 Amb Co 305 San. Train.
80 Division.

COOPER ~~Wag~~ E Pvt 2471280
Ray

Killed October 1, 1918.

Place of death. Hill 281 between Bethincourt and Gericourt.

Grave Location Hill 281 between Bethincourt and Gericourt.

Signed statement from eye witness.

Ray Wag ~~Wag~~ E Cooper was killed by a flying piece of shrapnel while driving an ambulance on road between Bethincourt and Gericourt France. It was at the foot of the Hill 281 that Wag. Cooper was hit, and he was carried to dressing station of 33rd Division, where he died about two hours after being wounded. He never regained consciousness He was buried on Hill 281 by haplain Gimore of the 130 Infantry.

Informant/ Carl E Libby Pvt I. c A. C. 320

Emergency address.
HTR? Cooper Father.
Sunapee N. H.

From Records of Major Carl H Tobey Adjutant 80 Division.

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INFORMATION ON MEN KILLED IN ACTION AND
DIED OF WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION IN
80 th DIVISION

Cooper (Last name) 2471280 (Serial No.) Ray E. (Ist name and middle initial)
Pvt. (Rank) 320th Amb. Co., 305 San.Tr. (Organization) Oct. 1, 1918 (Date killed) (Date died of wounds)

EMERGENCY ADDRESS

H. R. Cooper (Name) Father (Relationship) Sunapee, N. H. (Address)

PLACE OF DEATH Hill 281, between Bethincourt and Gericort

GRAVE LOCATION Hill 281, between Bethincourt and Gericort

SIGNED STATEMENT FROM EYEWITNESS OF SOLDIER'S DEATH, IF OBTAINABLE; IF NOT, FROM SOMEONE FAMILIAR WITH CIRCUMSTANCES OF HIS DEATH.

Wag. Ray M. Cooper was killed by a flying piece of shrapnel, while driving an ambulance on road between Bethincourt and Gericort, France. It was at the foot of Hill 281 that Wag. Cooper was hit, and he was carried to dressing station of 33rd Div., where he died about two hours after being wounded. He never regained consciousness. He was buried on Hill 281 by Chaplain Gilmore of the 130th Infantry.

CARL E. LIBBY
Pvt. 1/c A.C. #320

From records of Major Carl H. Tobey, Adjutant 80 th Division.

Copy taken at Brest, France, for Home Communication Service, American Red Cross, May 1919.

Date 27th June, 1919REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name COOPER Ray E.Number: 2491280Rank Pvt. Organization: Unkn

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group _____ Unit _____

Disinterred (Date)
11th June, 1919

From: (Give complete location)

Isolated Gr., GERCOURT ET DRILLANCOURT MEUSE35 SE E 317.5 N 277.1

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

11th June, 1919Grave # 115 Sec ¹⁰⁶ 1066 Plot 3ARGONNE AMER CTY # 1232ROMAGNE MEUSE

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

Body buried in uniform; badly decomposed. Burial good.Was one identification tag found upon body? YesWhat other means of identification were found upon the body? one

Note:

CONFIRMED No. D

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon the bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct, as is required by C.O. 170, G.H.C., 1918., after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notation thereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by Lt. Peters

R. H. ROSENTHAL
2nd Lieut. O.M.C.G.S.A.
C.O. Group _____ Unit _____

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Place: BRILLIANT
Date: June, 1919

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Name of:

Number: 2431280

Name: GOOPER, Ray E.

Rank: Pvt.
Organization: Unknown

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group: Unit

Date: 11th June, 1919

From: (Give complete location)

Isolated Gr., GRRGOURT ET DRILLINGCOURT MEUSE

35 SE R 317.5 N 277.1

Date: 11th June, 1919

At: (Give complete location)

Grave # 115 Sec 10-6 Plot 3

ARGONNE AMER CTY # 1282

ROMANIAN MEUSE

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

Body buried in uniform; badly decomposed. Burial good.

Was one identification tag found upon body? Yes

Were other means of identification found upon the body? None

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If upon disinterment, effects are found upon the body, they will be promptly sent to the Medical Department, as required by G.O.P. 100, G.O.P. 101, after being carefully examined and signed to identify in Central Office. Report will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Witnessed by: Lt. Peters



And List of

Co Roy E.

Ria 10/5/18 cc 308

12/13/18

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Cooper #2471280 - Roy E

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

?

320th Ambulance - 305 San Fran

(Rank) (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Hill #281

CAUSE OF DEATH: Shell Hit Ambulance

DATE OF BURIAL: Oct. 6th 1918

PLACE OF DEATH: Burial Hill #281

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

French Map. Hill #281 - Right

Side of road - 200 ft south.

GRAVE NUMBER: 2 - Rt to Lt

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

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

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

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

Chaplain David Todd Gillmor

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

130 Inf.

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

Gold Star Pilgrimages,
Party S, Sailing Aug. 27, 1930

Cooper, Ray E.
Wag. Page Twelve

Pilgrims should follow the itinerary exactly as shown because all transportation employees have been instructed to report, if any passenger is missing at starting point, enroute, or at destination

Cooper, Mrs. Lilla Bly (S-9) } Railroad Station,
P.O. Box 175, Sunapee, N.H. } Sunapee Depot, N.H.

Route Going and Returning: B&M, Springfield; NYNH&H

Itinerary:

Aug. 26	Leave Sunapee Depot	10.38	A.M.	EST	Train 3803 B&M
	Arrive Claremont Jct.	11.21	A.M.	EST	
	Leave Claremont Jct.	11.32	A.M.	EST	Train 72 B&M
	Arrive New York (GCT)	6.25	P.M.	EST	Train 89 NH

Coach, Sunapee Depot to Claremont Jct.

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Parlor Car, Claremont Jct. to New York

Elapsed time, 7 hrs. 49 min. 1/2 ✓

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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Cooper, Ray E	3	305
BURIED	CEMETERY 1232	1	1
	GRAVE 12	2	12
	ROW 30	2	30
	BLOCK a	1	1
STATE	N.H.	2	34
RANK	Major	1	2
DIVISION	80	2	80
ORGANIZATION	305	3	305
ARM	Sanitary Train	1	9
MARTIAL	No	1	2
NAME	Lilla B Cooper	3	305-3-
RESIDENCE	STATE N.H.	2	34
	COUNTY Sullivan	2	10
	CITY Sunapee	3	XXX
RELATION	Step mother	1	3
OTHER	Father	1	1
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	Yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Good	1	1
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR. 1930	1	1
ACCEPTANCE	yes	1	1
	Reg		

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1930

(Mother died 8-2-16)

Sailed

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Party "S" - Itinerary - Meuse-Argonne Group

Sailed August 27, 1930 on AMERICA. Capt. R. E. Shannon in charge. Capt. Merrill Ross assistant. Arrived Cherbourg September 5. Met by 11 officers, 8 nurses and 3 civilian employees. Train left 3.50 pm. Arrived Gare des Invalides in Paris at 10.15pm. Met by Officer in Charge and members of his staff, interpreters and nurses.

- Sept. 6th. Morning devoted to transaction of personal business. Exchange of money, preparation of laundry, etc. Wreath placed on tomb of Unknown Soldier at 3.50pm by Mrs. Mary Damon for party. Tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent. Dinner at hotel.
- Sept. 7th. Left 7.15am for Verdun via Porte de Pantin Meaux, La Ferte sous Jouarre, Montmirail (rest stop Hotel du Verte), Chalons s/ Marne (lunch Hotel Haute Mere); Ste Menehould (rest stop Modern Hotel). Arrived Verdun 6.15pm. Quarters Hotel Nouvel.
- Sept. 8th. Daily trips made from Verdun to the Meuse-Argonne
9th, 10th. American Cemetery.
- Sep. 11th. Left Verdun at 9.15am for Reims. Lunch at Cemetery. Charpentry; Argonne Forest; Four de Paris; Vienne-le-Chateau; Vienne-le-Ville; Somme Bionne; Suippes (rest stop Hotel Champagne); Jonchery; St. Hilaire-le-Grand; Arrived 6.15pm. Quarters Hotel Bristol Crystal.
- Sep. 12th. Tour Reims and Cathedral. Lunch Hotel Crystal. Left 1.30pm for Paris via Champfleury Ay; Epernay; Dorman; Chateau Thierry (rest stop Hostellerie du Bonhomme), Belleau Woods; Le Thiolet Montrouil-aux-Lions; La Ferte sous Jouarre. Arrived Paris 6.45pm.
- Sep. 13th. Morning free or shopping. Lunch at hotel. Sightseeing trip of Paris. Sacre Coeur. Dinner at hotel.
- Sep. 14th. Free or Church. Lunch at hotel. Notre Dame. Dinner at hotel. Nite sightseeing trip.
- Sep. 15th. Fontainebleau via Barbizon. Lunch at Hotel Legris. Visit Chateau. Departed 4pm via Melun. Arrived Paris 6.30pm. Dinner at hotel.
- Sep. 16th. Versailles. Lunch at hotel in Paris. Napoleon's Tomb. Dinner at hotel.
- Sep. 17th. Louvre. Lunch at hotel. Afternoon free. Dinner at hotel.
- Sep. 18th. Train left Gare des Invalides at 2.12pm for Cherbourg. Arrived 8.50pm. PRESIDENT HARDING sailed 11.pm. Arrived New York September 26, 1930.

Mrs. Lilla Bly Cooper

Mrs. Lilla Cooper
Address Dunsmuir N.A.
Stopping at New York
With Mrs L. A. Snell
Address Hotel Manhattan

File S 3403

Received Railroad And Pullman Ticket

Mrs Lilla Bly Cooper.

NAME COOPER, MRS. LILLA BLY

S.S. HARDING SEP 23 1930

HOME SUNAPEE, SULLIVAN COUNTY, N. H.

R.R. N Y N H & H to Springfield

STATION B & M to dest

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE Oct 30 - 1930

Mr H. Cooper

Sunapee

N. H.

Name..... COOPER , Mrs Lilla Bly.....

Paris Hôtel..... HOTEL AMBASSADOR.....

Home address..... BOULEVARD HAUSSMANN
P.O. Box 175 , Sunapee, Sullivan County, New Hampshire.....

Party..... S..... Group..... I..... Unit..... S/S AMERICA.....

Date of arrival..... SET. 5. 1930..... Date of departure..... S/S HARDING - Sept. 18, 1930.....

Relationship..... Stepmother.....

Name of deceased..... COOPER , Ray E.

Rank..... Wag. Organization..... 305th San. Tn.

Cemetery..... MEUSE ARGONNE.....

REMARKS

Desires quarters with Mrs Ellen Maria HOOPER, Newbury,
Merrimack Co., New Hampshire -(Group M.A.)



August 12th, 1930.

Mrs. Lilla Bly Cooper,
P.O. Box 175,
Sunapee, New Hampshire.

Dear Madam:

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

Upon your arrival in this City, you will be met at the Railroad Station by a United States Army Officer, in uniform, who will wear on the left sleeve of his coat a blue cloth band, showing a Gold Star and the word "Pilgrimage". This officer will escort you and your baggage to your Hotel in New York City.

For The Officer in Charge:

George F.R. Taylor,
1st. Lieut., Q.M. Corps,
Assistant.

Enclosures:
3 tags.

2 tags

WAR DEPARTMENT
 "PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"
 ROOM 901
 225 WEST 34TH ST., NEW YORK, N. Y.

COOPER, RAY E.

M.A.

Party "S"

Number ... 3403

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

Cooper, Mrs. Lilla Bly Actual cost of through Pullman.
 Name of Traveler

Sunapee, Sullivan County New York, to Sunapee, New Hampshire
 Home Address

New Hampshire \$ ~~3.75~~

New York, to Sunapee, New Hampshire
 Destination

Via NY, NH, & H. to Springfield - B&M to dest.

Ticket Expires: Sept. 27th, 1930.
 Oct. 30th, 1930. Date of Departure

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	Car	U. S. G. Order No.	Actual Cost
LV	GR-CENTRAL		27	7.35 am	S-17	19		
AR	Glaremont Jct			2.07 pm			Wd-1, 021, 940	2.03
LV								
AR								
LV	Glaremont Jct	3808	27	8.20 pm		Coach		
AR	Sunapee Depot			3.03 "				
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TOTAL

Remarks:

147

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QM 293 A-M
Cooper, Ray E. (MA) SM

December 16, 1951.

SUBJECT: Pension Laws.

TO: Director, Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C.

1. The following excerpt from a letter from Mrs. Lilla Bly Cooper, P. O. Box 175, Sunapee, New Hampshire, stepmother of the late Wagoner Ray E. Cooper, is quoted for reply as this is a matter pertaining to your office:

"Will you please let me know what Department I am supposed to address to get all the pension laws as they are made for fathers and stepmothers as Mr. Cooper is 76 years old or will be on the 11th and we are interested in them."

2. Mrs. Cooper has been advised of this reference.

For The Quartermaster General.

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

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QM 293 A-M
Cooper, Ray E. (MA) SM

December 16, 1931.

Mrs. Lilla Bly Cooper,
P. O. Box 175,
Sunapee, New Hampshire.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of December 4, 1931, expressing appreciation for the pilgrimage you made to the grave of your stepson, the late Wagoner Ray E. Cooper, in the House-Argonne American Cemetery in France during the summer of 1930.

It is indeed gratifying to know that you were pleased with the appearance of your stepson's resting place and the care it is receiving. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages and has expended every effort that those making the trip might have a comfortable and pleasant time. I feel, however, that the task was materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the mothers and widows themselves.

In compliance with your request, an order has this date been issued that a flag in memory of your son be forwarded you, provided one has not previously been furnished.

Under separate cover there is being forwarded you a copy of House Document 140 which contains the names of mothers and widows eligible to make the pilgrimage as of November 15, 1929. A complete list of mothers and widows eligible under the Act, as amended, is not available.

Your inquiry relative to pension laws has been forwarded to the Director, Veterans Administration, ^{Wash. D.C.} as a matter coming within the jurisdiction of his office.

Sincerely yours,

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

mef *EFK*
Copy for: Commanding Officer,
Washington Quartermaster Depot,
Washington, D. C.

Authority for issuance of one flag to the stepmother of the late Wagoner Ray E. Cooper, Amb. Co., 320th, 305th San. Tr., provided one has not been previously furnished.

(m-a)

House Doc: 140

Cooper, Ray E.

Wash. Comb. Co., 320th Sullivan & Co.,

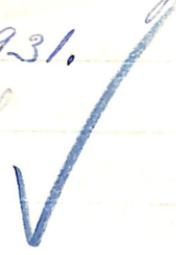
Dated on Aug. 27, 1930 ^{America} ~~Europe~~ New Hosp.

War Department - Dec. 4, 1931.

The Quartermaster General

Washington D.C.

Dear Sir,



I am sending in my belated "Thanks" for my wonderful trip to France last year to visit the grave of my step-son. ²⁹³ Wagoner Ray E. Cooper. We know now in our hearts that we never could care, for the graves or pick out a more beautiful resting place for our loved ones, than what the Government of the United States has done in France.

Now, I'm going to ask you if I am suppose to receive a United States Flag.



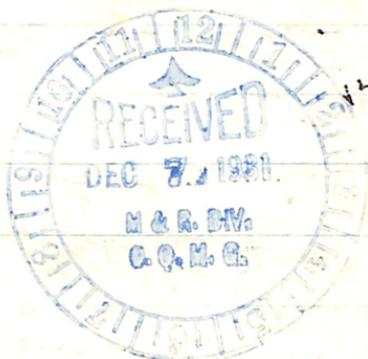
from the Gov. of so, I have
never read any.

also I never read a book
of the "Gold Star Mothers" names
and addresses, as nearly all
the others had, that were on
the S.S. America that sailed
from New York on Aug 26. or 27
1930. It would really be
nice to have I think.

Will you please let me
know what Department I
suppose to address to get
all the pension laws as they
are made for fathers & step-
mothers. as Mr. Cooper is 76 years
old or will be on the 11th and
we are interested in them.

Very ~~respectfully~~ respectfully.

Mrs Lilla Bly Cooper.
Sunapee New Hampshire.



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DEC 7, 1981

M & R. DIV.

C. O. M. G.

NAME COOPER, Mrs, Lilla Bly
ADDRESS P.O. Box 175, Sunapee, New Hampshire

DATE *Sept. 30, 1930*

TO: Officer-In-Charge,
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

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

Sincerely,

(Signed) *Mrs. Lilla Bly Cooper*

WAR DEPARTMENT

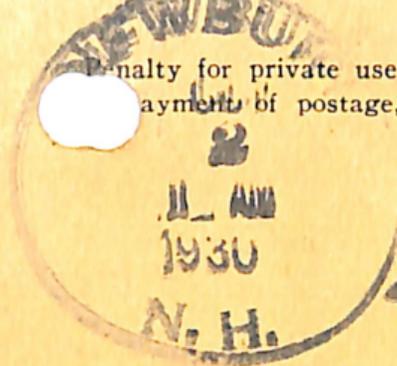
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payment of postage, \$300.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.



STATE..... NEW HAMPSHIRE*Cooper, Ray E.*

SM

P.O. Box 175, Sunapee

NAME *Cooper, Mrs. Lilla Bly* HOME ADDRESS *Sullivan County*

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN

*Henry Cooper Same*ARRIVAL IN NEW YORKDATE *Aug 26* HOTEL *New Weston* ROOM NO. *113C**quarters Mrs E. M. Hooper*DEPARTURE NEW YORKDATE *August 27, 1930* VESSEL *SS AMERICA* CABIN NO. *12B*DESTINATION *CHERBOURG* CEMETERY *M.A.*

RETURN NEW YORK

DATE SEP 26 1930

P.O. Box 175, Sunapee
Sullivan County, N. H.

NAME COOPER, MRS. LILLA BLY HOME ADDRESS

RETURN ON S. S. S/S MARRIAGE HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA ROOM NO. 1489
S/S HARDING

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE 9/27

ROAD N.Y. N. H. TRAIN 82 CAR 19 BERTH or SEAT S17

REMARKS
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RETURN RECEIPT

Amica 8/27/30

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

Mrs. Lillia Bly Cooper
(Signature or name of addressee)

Harriet Hill
(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery *Aug 6*, 19 *30*

Form 3811

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE
TO AVOID PAYMENT OF
POSTAGE, \$300.

REGISTERED ARTICLE



No. _____

INSURED PARCEL 1930

No. _____

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING
OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to _____

Q. M. GENERAL

Street and Number,
or Post Office Box, _____

(NAME OF SENDER)
M. M. M. BUILDING

WASHINGTON,

D. C.

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RETURN RECEIPT

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Annurita 8-27-30

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

Ann Della B. Cooper
(Signature or name of Addressee)

Sean F. Phyll
(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery 8-2, 1930

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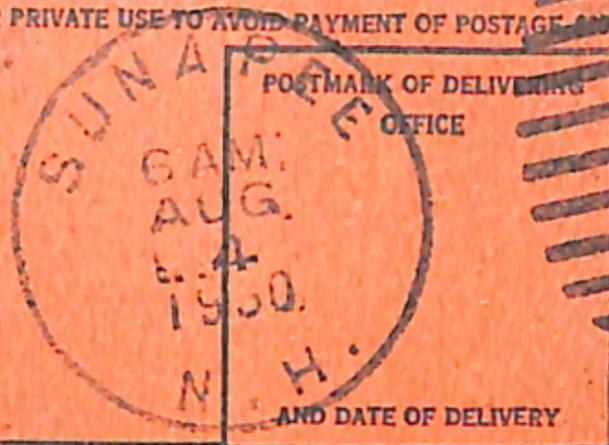
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No. 5

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE



Return to Q. M. GENERAL

Street and Number, }
or Post Office Box, } MUNITIONS BUILDING

(NAME OF SENDER)

Post Office at _____

State Washington, D. C.

XXX A-M

Cooper, Ray E. 1232 SM

August 1, 1930

Mrs. Lilla Bly Cooper
P. O. Box 175
Sunapee, New Hampshire

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. Sunapee Depot	B&M	No. 3803	10.38 AM	Aug. 26
Ar. Claremont Jct.	"	"	11.21 AM	26
Lv. "	"	"	72 11.32 AM	26
Ar. New York	NYNH&H	"	89 6.25 PM	26

Lt Young

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-C

June 3, 1930

Hooper, Don S. 1232 M
✓ Cooper, Ray E. 1232 SM

Mrs. Ellen Maria Hooper,
Newbury, New Hampshire.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 22 relative to your desire to be quartered with Mrs. Lilla B. Cooper when you make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the SS "America" August 27, 1930.

Notation has been made of your desire and it is believed that your wishes can be complied with and that you can be placed in the same cabin aboard ship and in the same hotel rooms in New York and Paris.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QH 293 A-C

May 23, 1930

✓ Cooper, Ray E. 1232 M

Hooper, Mon S

Mrs. Lilla Bly Cooper,
P. O. Box #175,
Sunapee, New Hampshire.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date advising that your emergency address is Mr. Henry R. Cooper, P. O. Box 175, Sunapee, New Hampshire, and requesting that you be quartered with Mrs. Ellen M. Hooper when you make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the SS "America" August 27, 1930.

Notation has been made of your desire and it is believed that your wishes can be complied with and that you can be placed in the same cabin aboard ship and in the same hotel rooms in New York and Paris.

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

May 14, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cooper, Ray E. -1232 M
America 8-27

Mrs. Lilla Bly Cooper,
P. O. Box 175,
Sunapee, N. H.

*Both accept
America 27
Aug.
quarters noted
on invt. list +
cards.*

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not furnished the name of your Emergency Addressee as requested in letter of instructions from this office.

It is requested that in the blank space below you write the name and address of the person in the United States whom you desire to be notified in case you become seriously ill or other emergency arises while you are making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mr. Henry R. Cooper
Name
Sunapee New Hampshire P.O. Box 175
Address
Tel. #135 Sunapee.

Noted

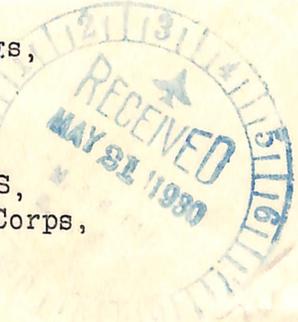
Please fill in the above and mail it TODAY in the self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes

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



Encl.
Env.

Mr. Hughes

Dear Sir. -

*If you could arrange it:
I should be very pleased if Mrs. Ellen Maria Hooper
Newbury New Hamp. mother of Don Sylvester Hooper could
be in my state woman. Thanking you. Respectfully.
Mrs. Lilla Bly Cooper*

86 Kittred Street,
Roslindale, Mass.
May 9, 1930.

1232

Office of the Quartermaster General,
Washington,
District of Columbia.

Sullivan Co

We have learned that Lilla Bly Cooper, of Sunapee, New Hampshire, has received papers from the U.S. Government making her eligible to make the Gold Star Mother Pilgrimage to France, May we respectfully ask how and why.

She is not the mother of Ray E. Cooper, meant not a thing to him, did nothing for him, and we hold in our possession positive proof, in his own handwriting what his regard for her was. She is the woman, who is only about one year older than Ray, whom our father married in February of 1917.

Ray, then twenty of age was a student at Colby Academy, New London, N.H. where he was working, earning his own way through school, providing for him self.

While still in school he enlisted in the Franklin Machine Co, Franklin, N.H. in the winter of 1917, but was rejected on account of an injured knee.

Later he did Y.M.C.A. at Camp Greene, and tried to enlist several times but was rejected on account of his knee trouble. Finally, however, in March of 1918, he enlisted again and was accepted and assigned April 1, 1918, to the 320 Ambulance Co, 305 Sanitary Train, at Camp Lee, with which company he went over-seas, in May or early June, and was killed in action October 5, 1918.

We- Grace E. Cooper Roberts, Eva M. Cooper Galucia, sisters of Ray E. Cooper, who was killed in action and lies buried in France, a spot most sacred to us, do protest against Lilla Bly Cooper, being allowed to make this pilgrimage to Ray's grave.

We feel that it would be a desecration, to the memory of a most devoted, respected and much beloved mother who died August 2, 1916, and also an equally deep desecration to the memory of our patriot brother, who loved his mother as we ourselves did. These dear ones in their graves cannot speak, so we arise in their defence in a protest sacred, just, honorable, against Lilla Bly Cooper, being allowed to go to France, on this pilgrimage as the Gold Star Mother, of Ray E. Cooper, believing that the U.S. Government, in making this trip possible as a means of comfort to the real mothers, who lost their own boys they loved, not as a joy ride at the expense of the American people, for a young woman who married an elderly man (now 74 years old) and who in our opinion, can have no other objective in view but a joy ride at the expense of the U.S. Government.

Right is still right as we sincerely believe and we shall appreciate your attention in justice to a U.S. deceased veteran, who gave his life, in a supreme sacrifice for his country.

Most Respectfully yours.

Grace E. Cooper Roberts
Eva M. Cooper Galucia

Mrs Cooper
Accepts
America
Aug 27-1930

Per instructions
of Mrs. Harris

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Cooper, Kay E.

I Accept the invitation extended
(Accept or decline)

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

Mrs. Lilla Bly Cooper

(Name)

P.O. Box 175, Sunapee, Sullivan Co., N.H.

(Town or City)

(State)



QM 293 A-C
Cooper, Ray E. 1252

April 29, 1930.

Mr. Frank N. Sawyer,
The American Legion,
State House,
Concord, N. H.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 23, 1930, inquiring as to whether or not Mrs. Lilla Bly Cooper of Sunapee, N. H. is eligible to make the pilgrimage under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

In this connection you are advised Mrs. Cooper is eligible to make this pilgrimage. The plans for the pilgrimage provide that the mothers and widows will make the pilgrimage in groups by States. Mrs. Hoover made a drawing to determine the order in which the States are to be sent. New Hampshire appears fifty-third on this list. Inasmuch as the first sailing is scheduled for May 7, 1930, it is anticipated the mothers and widows from New Hampshire will make the journey the latter part of August.

A formal invitation setting forth the name of the vessel upon which reservation has been made for her and the date of sailing together with detailed information relative thereto will be forwarded her within a reasonable length of time.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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THE AMERICAN LEGION

Department of New Hampshire
STATE HOUSE, CONCORD, N. H.

OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT

CONCORD, N. H.
April 23, 1930

Vets name

~~COOPER, Lilla Bly~~
Sunapee, N. H.

Sullivan Co

Ray E. Cooper - 1232

War Department
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Would you kindly inform me as to whether your records show that the above caption is listed as a Gold Star Mother from New Hampshire, eligible to make the trip to Europe.

I have a list here as supplied by your Department, of the New Hampshire women entitled to make the trip, but cannot find her name listed among them, and am wondering if there is an error, or just what the trouble is.

An early reply will be much appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

Frank N. Sawyer
FRANK N. SAWYER
Department Adjutant



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QM 293 A-C
Cooper, Ray E.
1232

February 18, 1930.

Mrs. Lilla Bly Cooper,
P. O. Box 175,
Sunapee, New Hamp.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 10, 1930, making inquiry as to the date on which the eligible mothers and widows from the State of New Hampshire will make the pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe, as authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

For your information, the pilgrimages from the various States are to be made weekly, during the period from May 7, to August 30, 1930, and in all probability the eligible mothers and widows from New Hampshire will make the journey during the month of August. In this connection you will receive, within a short time, full information concerning the pilgrimage, and a formal invitation setting forth the name of the vessel on which passage for you has been engaged, and the date on which you are to sail.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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1232

Sunapee - New Hamp.

Feb. 10, 1930

The Quartermaster General - #

Dear Sir, -

⁵³ New Hamp Can you give me any idea about the date we shall sail to visit the cemeteries of Europe?

As I am the Sept.-mother of the Late Ray O. Cooper, Wagoner. I am very much interested.

Thanking you for any information!

Very respectfully.

Mrs Lilla Bly Cooper.

P.O. Box 175



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QM 295 A-G
Cooper, Ray E. 1252 SM

January 3, 1930.

Mrs. Lilla Bly Cooper,
P. O. Box 175,
Sunapee, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 20, 1929, relative to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act of March 2, 1929.

In reply thereto, you are advised that detailed information regarding the pilgrimage will be furnished you far enough in advance to enable you to make your personal arrangements for the journey.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Sunapee N.H.,

Dec. 20, 1929.

John T. Harris Major, D.M. Corps.
assistant.

Dear Sir.

Am writing just a little note to say that I had a "T. B. Hip" in my early teens that has left me lame, although I do not have to use a crutch or cane. Although to walk a mile would be a good distance for me. It doesn't tie me around the house. But my general health is good.

Could you let me know
what I should need on
such a trip? and would
you let me know a little
in advance of the date of
the trip.

Thanking you.

Sincerely
Lilla Bly Hooper.



QM 293 A-C
Cooper, Ray E. - 1232

December 6, 1929.

Mrs. Lilla Bly Cooper,
P. O. Box #175,
Sunapee, New Hampshire.

Dear Madam:

According to our records this office has received no reply from you in response to our recent letter which read as follows:

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 Ray E. Cooper, Wagoner, 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 Ray E. Cooper.
- (2) Were you married to Mr. Cooper at the time his son entered the military service?
- (3) Were you married to Mr. Cooper at the time of his son's death?
- (4) If not, give date of your separation from him, or of his death.

In order that there may be the least possible delay in obtaining the above requested information you are invited to use for your reply the enclosed Government envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Cooper, Ray E.
1232

October 23, 1929.

Encl. 3-4-1918

Mrs. Lilla B. Cooper,
P. O. Box #175,
Sunapee, New Hampshire.

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 step-mother of the late Ray E. Cooper, Wagoner, 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 Ray E. Cooper.
- (2) Were you married to Mr. Cooper at the time his son entered the military service?
- (3) Were you married to Mr. Cooper at the time of his son's death?

*Feb. 14, 1917 at
Newport N. H.*

Yes.

yes.

For the Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes
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

October 7 , 1929.

Cooper, Ray E. 1232 Sm

Mrs. Lilla Bly Cooper,
P. O. Box #175,
Sunapee, New Hampshire.

Dear Madam:

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

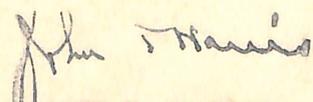
In order that the report referred to may be made and plans completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested that you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office by return mail in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes) <i>Yes.</i>	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <i>Yes.</i>	(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) <i>no</i>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age Health (Years) <i>35</i> (Good) <i>Good</i> (Poor)	
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <i>Yes</i> (No) Other language <i>none</i> (Specify language spoken)	

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 Q. Q. M. G.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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

Encl.
Act
Envelope

Sunapee New Hamp.

July 25, 1929.

LTm. 293 A-C.

John T Harris.

Major. I. M. Cooper.

Dear sir,

Your letter rec'd
and will say that the late
Ray C. Cooper, Wagn., 320th Amb.
Co., 305th San. Tr. left no
widow. but he left a step
mother. whose name and
address is the following

Mrs Lilla Bly Cooper.

Sunapee N. H., P.O. Box 175

and that she has never been

to the Grave.

Hoping that I have given
the information needed.

I remain.

H. R. Cropper.

Father of Ray E. Cropper.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Cooper, Ray E.

June 27, 1929.

Mr. H.R. Cooper,
Sunapee, N.H.

P.O. Box 175

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 father of the ~~Ray E. Cooper, Wag., Amb. Co., 320th 305th San. Tr., whose remains are~~ 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,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

QM 293 A-M
Cooper, Ray E. (MA) SM

December 16, 1931.

Mrs. Lilla Bly Cooper,
P. O. Box 175,
Sunapee, New Hampshire.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of December 4, 1931, expressing appreciation for the pilgrimage you made to the grave of your stepson, the late Wagoner Ray E. Cooper, in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France during the summer of 1930.

It is indeed gratifying to know that you were pleased with the appearance of your stepson's resting place and the care it is receiving. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages and has expended every effort that those making the trip might have a comfortable and pleasant time. I feel, however, that the task was materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the mothers and widows themselves.

In compliance with your request, an order has this date been issued that a flag in memory of your son be forwarded you, provided one has not previously been furnished.

Under separate cover there is being forwarded you a copy of House Document 140 which contains the names of mothers and widows eligible to make the pilgrimage as of November 16, 1929. A complete list of mothers and widows eligible under the Act, as amended, is not available.

Your inquiry relative to pension laws has been forwarded to the Director, Veterans Administration, as a matter coming within the jurisdiction of his office.

Sincerely yours,

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

Copy for: Commanding Officer,
Washington Quartermaster Depot,
Washington, D. C.

Authority for issuance of one flag to the stepmother of the late Wagoner Ray E. Cooper, Amb. Co., 320th, 305th San. Tr., provided one has not been previously furnished.

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December 16, 1931.

QM 293 A-M
Cooper, Ray E. (MA) SM

SUBJECT: Pension Laws.
TO: Director, Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C.

1. The following excerpt from a letter from Mrs. Lilla Bly Cooper, P. O. Box 175, Sunapee, New Hampshire, stepmother of the late Wagoner Ray E. Cooper, is quoted for reply as this is a matter pertaining to your office:

"Will you please let me know what Department I am supposed to address to get all the pension laws as they are made for fathers and stepmothers as Mr. Cooper is 76 years old or will be on the 11th and we are interested in them."

2. Mrs. Cooper has been advised of this reference.
For The Quartermaster General.

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

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Cooper, Ray E. 1232 SM

August 1, 1930

Mrs. Lilla Bly Cooper
P. O. Box 175
Sunapee, New Hampshire

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. Sunapee Depot	B&M	No. 3803	10.38 AM	Aug. 26
Ar. Claremont Jct.	"	"	11.21 AM	26
Lv. "	"	"	72 11.32 AM	26
Ar. New York	NYNH&H	"	89 6.25 PM	26

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.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cooper, Ray E. - 1232

June 12, 1930

Mrs. Lilla Bly Cooper,
P. O. Box 175,
Sunapee, N. H.

Dear Madam:

Somewhat heavier clothing is required to be worn in Europe than is necessary in the United States, in order to be comfortable. During the summer in Europe it is cool during the day and the nights are frequently chilly. Considerable rain is usually encountered during this time.

In order that you may be comfortable at all times, regardless of the condition of the weather, and may avoid missing any of the sights or any part of the itinerary which has been planned for you, the following suggestions are made.

The clothing which you will take with you should be slightly heavier and warmer than you would normally wear in the United States during the summer and should be strong and durable. It is essential that you take with you the necessary equipment to afford protection from the cold and dampness. Be sure to take at least two pairs of comfortable shoes to provide a change in the event your feet become wet, a pair of rubbers, an umbrella, and a sweater or some warm wrap to be used should the weather become uncomfortably cool. It is very desirable that, in addition to the sweater, you have with you a full length coat of medium weight for general wear.

The shortages of suitable facilities for laundry and the frequency of the moves you will make while in Europe will make it impracticable to secure as frequent service of this nature as may be desired. You should therefore provide yourself with sufficient Underwear, nightgowns, stockings and handkerchiefs to meet your requirements should it be impossible to have your washing done more frequently than once in two weeks.

If you will read carefully the suggestions made above, and comply with them, it will add greatly to your comfort throughout the trip and will assist the Government in carrying out successfully its plans for conducting the pilgrimage. This letter is being sent to every mother and widow who has accepted the invitation sent to her by the Government to visit the grave of her son or husband.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Q# 293 A-C
~~Hooper, Don E. 1232 M~~
✓ Cooper, Ray E. 1232 SM

June 3, 1930

Mrs. Ellen Maria Hooper,
Newbury, New Hampshire.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 22 relative to your desire to be quartered with Mrs. Lilla B. Cooper when you make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the SS "America" August 27, 1930.

Notation has been made of your desire and it is believed that your wishes can be complied with and that you can be placed in the same cabin aboard ship and in the same hotel rooms in New York and Paris.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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1232 SM

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Cooper, Roy E. 1232 M

May 23, 1930

Hooper, Ron S.

Mrs. Lilla Bly Cooper,
P. O. Box #175,
Sunapee, New Hampshire.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date advising that your emergency address is Mr. Henry R. Cooper, P. O. Box 175, Sunapee, New Hampshire, and requesting that you be quartered with Mrs. Ellen M. Hooper when you make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the SS "America" August 27, 1930.

Notation has been made of your desire and it is believed that your wishes can be complied with and that you can be placed in the same cabin aboard ship and in the same hotel rooms in New York and Paris.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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May 23, 1930

Mrs. Lilla Bly Cooper,
P. O. Box #175,
Sunapee, New Hampshire.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date advising that your emergency address is Mr. Henry R. Cooper, P. O. Box 175, Sunapee, New Hampshire, and requesting that you be quartered with Mrs. Ellen M. Hooper when you make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the SS "America" August 27, 1930.

Mr. Cooper

Notation has been made of your desire and it is believed that your wishes can be complied with and that you can be placed in the same cabin aboard ship and in the same hotel rooms in New York and Paris.

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

May 14, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Cooper, May E. -1232 M
America G-27

Mrs. Lilla Bly Cooper,
P. O. Box 175,
Sunapee, N. H.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not furnished the name of your Emergency Addressee as requested in letter of instructions from this office.

It is requested that in the blank space below you write the name and address of the person in the United States whom you desire to be notified in case you become seriously ill or other emergency arises while you are making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Name

Address

Please fill in the above and mail it TODAY in the self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Cooper, Ray E. 1232 SM

May 13, 1930.

Mrs. Lilla Sly Cooper,
P.O. Box 175,
Sunapee, N.H.

Dear Madam:

The following instructions prepared by the Secretary of State contain the necessary instructions to be followed by you in obtaining the passport or travel document to be utilized in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. Please read the directions carefully and call in person upon the nearest Passport Agent or clerk of a Federal or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. In large cities there are usually two or more courts and at each county-seat a state court authorized to accept these passport applications.

When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

The instructions prepared by the Secretary of State are as follows:

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than 2½x2½ inches in size and such documentary

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evidence of her American citizenship as she may have in her possession. In the absence of evidence of citizenship, her application should be witnessed by a credible person residing in the same community who is an American citizen, has known her for a long period of time and is able to swear to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that she is a citizen of the United States.

"A mother or widow who does not owe allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Pilgrimage Travel Document through a clerk of a Federal court or a State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens or through a Passport Agent upon the form of application prescribed for that purpose, entitled APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL DOCUMENT, issued under the Act of March 2, 1929, submitting therewith four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches in size and not less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size. When making application she should be accompanied by a credible witness who has known her for a period of two years or more.

"The Act of March 2, 1929, provides that no fee shall be charged for the execution of an application for a passport or travel document or for the issue of a passport or travel document to a mother or widow making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces are now interred.

"Special Pilgrimage Passports and Pilgrimage Travel Documents when issued by the Department of State will be forwarded to the War Department.

"Applicants resident in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle should execute applications at the Passport Agencies in those cities."

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Cooper, Ray E. 1232 91
America 8-27

May 13, 1930

Mrs. Lilla Bly Cooper,
P. O. Box 175,
Sunapee, N.H.

Dear Madam:

Requests for stop-overs on return from the pilgrimage to the American cemeteries in Europe are being received by this office, in some cases, too late to take action.

Transportation arrangements for the round-trip are made a month before departure and requests for stop-overs on return must be in this office at that time.

Stop-overs can not be allowed on the trip to New York or in Europe, but may be allowed at any point on return from New York provided there is no additional cost or, if there is, that it is paid in advance by the pilgrim.

If you desire stop-overs at any point on return, please advise this office AT ONCE as to the cities where you desire to stop and we will be glad to arrange accordingly, or advise you if there is any additional cost to be paid by you. Send your request direct to this office and do NOT include it with your passport application.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON
May 1, 1930.

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

Cooper, Ray E.

Mrs. Lilla Bly Cooper,
P. O. Box 175,
Sunapee, N. H.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.
Regulation.

QM 295 A-C
Cooper, Ray E. 1252

April 29, 1930.

Mr. Frank N. Sawyer,
The American Legion,
State House,
Concord, N. H.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 23, 1930, inquiring as to whether or not Mrs. Lilla Bly Cooper of Sunapee, N. H. is eligible to make the pilgrimage under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

In this connection you are advised Mrs. Cooper is eligible to make this pilgrimage. The plans for the pilgrimage provide that the mothers and widows will make the pilgrimage in groups by States. Mrs. Hoover made a drawing to determine the order in which the States are to be sent. New Hampshire appears fifty-third on this list. Inasmuch as the first sailing is scheduled for May 7, 1930, it is anticipated the mothers and widows from New Hampshire will make the journey the latter part of August.

A formal invitation setting forth the name of the vessel upon which reservation has been made for her and the date of sailing together with detailed information relative thereto will be forwarded her within a reasonable length of time.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C
Cooper, Ray E.
1232

February 18, 1930.

Mrs. Lilla Bly Cooper,
P. O. Box 175,
Sunapee, New Hamp.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 10, 1930, making inquiry as to the date on which the eligible mothers and widows from the State of New Hampshire will make the pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe, as authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929. *See Camp Hill*

For your information, the pilgrimages from the various States are to be made weekly, during the period from May 7, to August 30, 1930, and in all probability the eligible mothers and widows from New Hampshire will make the journey during the month of August. In this connection you will receive, within a short time, full information concerning the pilgrimage, and a formal invitation setting forth the name of the vessel on which passage for you has been engaged, and the date on which you are to sail.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C
Cooper, Ray E. 1232 SM

January 3, 1930.

Mrs. Lilla Bly Cooper,
P. O. Box 175,
Sunapee, N. H.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of
December 20, 1929, relative to the pilgrimage author-
ized by Congress in the Act of March 2, 1929.

In reply thereto, you are advised that de-
tailed information regarding the pilgrimage will be
furnished you far enough in advance to enable you to
make your personal arrangements for the journey.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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See Answer Book

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Cooper, Ray E. 1232 Sm

Mrs. Lilla Bly Cooper,
P. O. Box #175,
Sunapee, New Hampshire.
Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QH 293 A-C
Cooper, Ray E. - 1232

December 6, 1929.

Mrs. Lilla Bly Cooper,
P. O. Box #175,
Sunapee, New Hampshire.

Dear Madam:

According to our records this office has received no reply from you in response to our recent letter which read as follows:

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 Ray E. Cooper, Wagoner, 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 Ray E. Cooper.
- (2) Were you married to Mr. Cooper at the time his son entered the military service?
- (3) Were you married to Mr. Cooper at the time of his son's death?
- (4) If not, give date of your separation from him, or of his death.

In order that there may be the least possible delay in obtaining the above requested information you are invited to use for your reply the enclosed Government 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-C
Cooper, Ray E.
1232

October 23, 1929.

Mrs. Lilla E. Cooper,
P. O. Box #175,
Sunapee, New Hampshire.

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 step-mother of the late Ray E. Cooper, Wagoner, 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 Ray E. Cooper.
- (2) Were you married to Mr. Cooper at the time his son entered the military service?
- (3) Were you married to Mr. Cooper at the time of his son's death?

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

June 27 , 1929.

Cooper, Ray E.

Mr. H.R. Cooper,
Sunapee, N.H.

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 father of the late **Ray E. Cooper, Wag., Amb. Co., 320th 305th San. Tr., whose remains are not 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,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

October 27, 1925.

Mr. H.R. Cooper,
Sunapee,
N.H.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the permanent grave of Wagoner Ray E. Cooper, 320th Ambulance Company, 305th Sanitary Train, is Grave 12, Row 30, Block A, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (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, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

You are assured in effecting removal of the remains, the utmost care and reverence were exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed 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,

O.Q.M.G.
Central Mail & File B.



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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File 49527

(a) Name COOPER, Ray E. Ser. No. 2471280
(b) Rank Wag. Organization Amb. Co. 320th 305th San. Tr.
(c) Date of death 10-5-18 (d) Cause of death k/a

TYP. hmp

CKR. [handwritten initials]

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

(a) Grave No. 115 Row - Plot 3 Sec. 106 TYP. hmp

(b) Emerg. Address Mr. H. R. Cooper, (father) Sunapee, N. H.

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

CKR. [handwritten initials]

No card in file

5-16-21 G.C.

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, 192

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

, dated

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

Examiner's Initials Date, 192

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

No request for disposition.

(a) Cancellation memos referred to?

Examiner's Initials G.C. Date 5-16, 1921

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232 Sec. 106 SHEET No. 41

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VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made _____, 192

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 192

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
letter on JUN 10 1921, 192

Section 106

Par. 2 Not To Be Returned (JEH)

IX.

REMARKS

Multiple horizontal dashed lines for writing remarks.

WRITE NOTHING BELOW THIS LINE.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept. 13. 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 COOPER, Ray E

10. Name _____

2. No. 2471280

11. No. _____

3. Rank Wag.

12. Rank _____

4. Org. Amb. Co. 320, 305th San Tr.

13. Org. _____

5. D.D. 10/5/18

14. (a) D.D. _____

6. C.D. KIA

(b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 115 Sec. 106

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____

8. Plot 3 Row _____

16. Plot _____ Row _____

9. _____

17. no discrep.

18. Cemetery Argonne American

19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon

20. Dept. or County Meuse

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. #1232 Sec. 106

23. Disinterred (Date) Sept. 13. 1921 By C.V. Russell

24. Inscription on grave marker: _____

Name Cooper, Ray E.

Serial No. 2471280

Rank Wag.

Organization Amb. Co. 320th 305th San. Tr.

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

W. Russell
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).

G.R.S. plaque on body agrees.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, Unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Pine box, Uniform & burlap.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? no discrep.

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Sept. 13. 21. By C.V. Russell

31. Casket sealed by C.V. Russell.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

C.V. Russell

AUDITED BY
M.M.G.
8-5-23

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-3978

32. Designation of body:

Name COOPER, Ray E Serial No. 2471280

Rank Wsg. Organization Amh. Co. 320. 305th San Tr.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Argonne American Remagne-sous-Montfaucon #1232

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Sept. 13. 1921 By C.V. Russell

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector J.D. Archer
S.D. Archer 1st. Lt. QMC.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Sept. 13. 1921

To point of Concentration Morgue Cem. #1232.

Convoyer (Name) J. Gerald Cole
Signature Shipping Officer J. GERALD COLE
Captain, C. A. G.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Sept 13, 1921

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 13, 1921

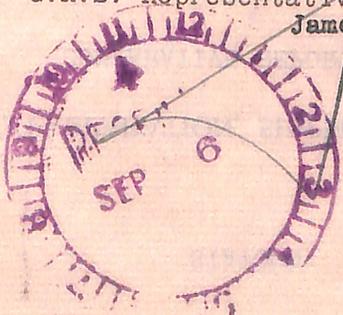
G.R.S. Representative James W. Younger

41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cemetery # 1232 Oct 22nd 1921
(Date)

42. Grave No. 12 Section

43. ~~Plot~~ block A Row 30

G.R.S. Representative James W. Younger, Capt QMC.



jt.

Place Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse,

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Sept. 13th 1921.

1. REMAINS OF Cooper, Roy E SERIAL NUMBER 2471280
RANK Wag. ORGANIZATION Amb Co. 320th, 305th San Tr.

2. Disinterred (date): Sept. 13th 1921, Gr 115: Section 106: Plot 3: Argonne Cemetery 1232.
From (give complete location):

By: Group Russell Unit Section One

3. Reburied (date): Oct 22nd 1921 Meuse Argonne Cemetery # 1232 Gr 12 block A row 30
In (give complete location): unlined casket

By: Group re-burial S Unit Nature of reburial

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
pine box and burlap, body decomposed skeleton disarticulated.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
GRS pale on body reads: Roy E. Cooper 2471280

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 estimate

(c) Hair—Color none visible

Quantity undeterminable

Characteristics undeterminable

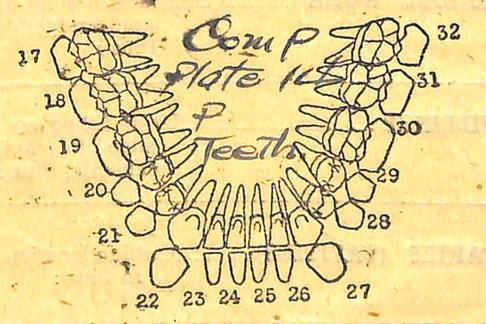
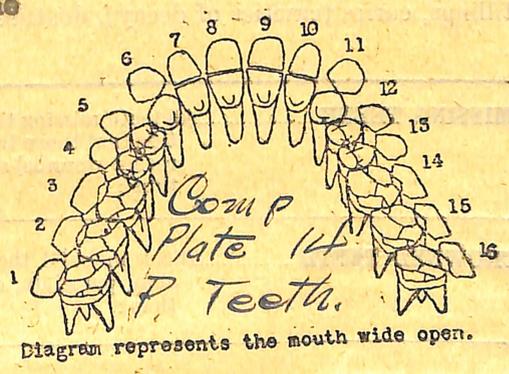
(d) Hair on face—Color none

Location none

Quantity

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

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



7. Disinterment supervised by C. V. Russell Approved: J. D. Archer
(Title) 1st Lt. QMC.

8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Dufault Approved: James W Younger
(Title) Capt QMC.

jt.

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 TEETHAll teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :	
CROWNED TEETHBlock in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :	
BRIDGE WORKBlock in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :	
FILLINGSDraw 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.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File 49527

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name COOPER, Ray E. Ser. No. 2471280
(b) Rank Wag. Organization Amb. Co. 320th 305th San. Tr.
(c) Date of death 10-5-18 (d) Cause of death k/a

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

(a) Grave No. 115 Row - Plot 3 Sec. 106 TYP. hmp
(b) Emerg. Address Mr. H. R. Cooper, (father) Sunapee, N. H.

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

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

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on ..., 192
letter of transmittal on JUN 10 1921, 192

Par. 2 Not To Be Returned (JEH)

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

COUNTRY

CEMETERY No.

SHEET No.

G.H.Q., American E.F.
Adjutant General's Office.

49527

FROM : Adjutant General.
To : David Todd Gillmore.
SUBJECT : Burial report. ^{Chaplain 130th Infantry.}

I. Your report of the burial of

Cooper, 2471260 Roy E.

requires completion or correction as follows :

You have failed to state

- (a) Disposition of both tags.
- (b) Grave marking.
- (c) Map reference.
- (d) Commune in which grave is located. ^{1/50000}
- (e) Department in which grave is located.
- (f) Soldier's number.
- (g) You have not sent a reliable sketch of the place of burial, as required by G.O. 30, G.H.Q., 1918.

Designate organization.

An immediate completion of your report on reverse side hereof, will be sent to the Chief, Graves Registration Service, A.P.O. 717.

By Command of General Pershing :

ROBERT C. DAVIS,
Adjutant General.

G.H.Q., American E.F.
Adjutant General's Office.

FROM : Adjutant General.

To :

SUBJECT : Burial report.

I. Your report of the burial of

requires completion or correction as follows :

You have failed to state

- (a) Disposition of both tags.
- (b) Grave marking.
- ✓(c) Map reference. *1/50,000*
- ✓(d) Commune in which grave is located.
- ✓(e) Department in which grave is located.
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FROM : Adjutant General.
To : David Todd Gillmore.
Chaplain 130th Infantry.
SUBJECT : Burial report.

I. Your report of the burial of
Cooper, 2471280 Roy E.
Ambulance Co., 305th., San. Trains.
requires completion or correction as follows :

You have failed to state

- (a) Disposition of both tags.
- (b) Grave marking.
- (c) Map reference. 1/50000
- (d) Commune in which grave is located.
- (e) Department in which grave is located.
- (f) Soldier's number.
- (g) You have not sent a reliable sketch of the place of burial, as required by G.O. 30, G.H.Q., 1918.

Designate organization.

Ambulance Co., 305th. San. Trains.

Over

An immediate completion of your report on reverse side hereof, will be sent to the Chief, Graves Registration Service, A.P.O. 717.

By Command of General Pershing :

ROBERT C. DAVIS,
Adjutant General.

Map -- 1 / 50000 Montfaucon.

On the road from Gercourt to Bethincourt, about one and a half Kilo from Gercourt there is quite a hill, in which were built many German Dugouts, and which were occupied as Brig Hdqs for the 65th Brig. of which the 130th. Infantry was a part. There was also a Red Cross Infirmary in the dugout nearest the road.

I mention all of this for these places should be easy to locate. Now about 600ft., as I paced it, on the right hand side of the road, toward Bethincourt and about 150ft., in from the roadside will be found four graves, one of which is this mans.

I read the map location, 18----78, while an Infantry Officer, with whom I have taken up the matter, and who has been trained in map reading gives me the following figures,

X = 317500

Y = 276800

This burial was conducted only in my passing the place, so the information forwarded at the time was the best obtainable.

This man was killed while riding on an Ambulance, which was hit by artillery fire.

Signed,

Chaplain David Todd Gillmor
Chaplain David Todd Gillmor



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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Cooper # *2471280* *Roy E.*
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

? *305th San. Train*
320th Ambulance
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: *Hill 281*

CAUSE OF DEATH: *Shell hit Ambulance*

DATE OF BURIAL: *Oct. 6th 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL: *Hill # 281*

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

French map, Hill # 281

Right side Road - 200ft. South

GRAVE NUMBER: *2 RT to Lt*

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

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: .

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

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS: *MME.* *WARD*

RELATIONSHIP: *(C-)*

REPORTED BY:

Chaplain David Todd Gellman
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

130th Inf.

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