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G.R.S. Form #114-B

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J. W. B. -----

Apr 27 1923

Name

DATE 2/27/22

1. NAME COPPERSTEIN, Harry. ✓ *Jewish* SERIAL No. 3337748 ✓

RANK Pvt. ✓ ORGANIZATION Co. C. 309th Inf. ✓ *78*

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse Argonne American, Romagne/s/Montfaucon, Meuse. 1232, Sec. 15  
CTY. NAME NUMBER

86 Sec. 15 2  
GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION D 5 Bac. St Juvin, Ardennes  
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES Verdun 35 NW 285.3 N 297.1 E

CONCENTRATED TO 4/11/19 86 Sec 15 2  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse Argonne Cemetery 1232  
CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on body and cross. *Oct 20, 1918*  
DATE OF DEATH

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *Ill*

MEALS & DECORATIONS AWARDED *none*

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

ccg DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

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

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 2/27/22 37 12 Block C.  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse Argonne Amer. Cty. 1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

AUDITED BY  
*[Signature]*  
3-17

Robert O. Davis  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General,  
By *[Signature]*  
MAY 3 1926

CEMETERY  
41 AGO  
APR 30 1922

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

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GRAVES REGISTRATION SER  
AUG 19 1922

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

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

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

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

Received  
MAY 5 1922  
M & R BRANCH  
Q.M.C.

309th Inf. Co C.

COPPERSTEIN Harry Pvt. 3337748

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MISSING OCTOBRE 20th 1918

Missing in action October 20th now reported killed in action same date and buried  
American Cemetery Saint Juvin, Lambert Map, scale 1/50,000. Cem 1049 GRS. This only  
Copperstein on file .

Informant : CENTRAL RECORDS OFFICE .  
BOURGES

May 1919

J.G.

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Copperstein	3	3 5 6
	Harry		
BURIED	CEMETERY	1	1
	GRAVE	2	37
	ROW	2	12
	BLOCK	1	3
STATE	Ill.	2	13
RANK	Pub.	1	2
DIVISION	78	2	78
ORGANIZATION	309	3	309
ARM	Inf.	1	1
MARITAL	No	1	2
NAME	Copperstein	3	3 5 6
	Edith J.		
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	13
	COUNTY	2	16
	CITY	3	028
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER	Brother	1	3
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Bad	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	No	1	2
29/514			

**AUDITED**

JAN 12 1982

(Signature)

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Copperstein Harry (MA)

July 9 1932

Mrs Edith F Copperstein  
6149 Eberhart Ave  
Chicago Ill

Dear Madam:

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

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

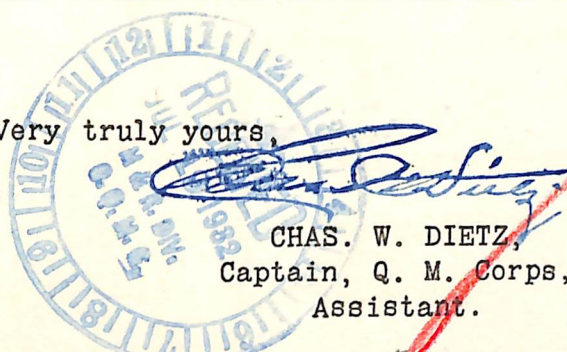
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In order to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations for the mothers and widows making the journey in 1933, reservations for steamship transportation must be made by this office several months in advance. It is requested that you answer the questions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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933? No

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Mrs Edith F. Copperstein

QM 293 A-M  
Copperstein, Harry Pvt. (M-A) M

January 14, 1932.

Mrs. Edith Copperstein,  
6149 Eberhart Ave.,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Harry Copperstein. In reply to a questionnaire you advised that you did not desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer of 1932.

It is noted you previously stated your health was poor and in this connection you are advised that personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided, and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years many mothers who were in poor health and of advanced age made the pilgrimage and appeared to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

In view of the foregoing, should you desire to make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son during the coming summer, it is requested that you notify this office. Should you make a pilgrimage you are assured that the journey will not only be made at the expense of the Government, but that everything possible for your comfort and welfare will be provided.

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

June 12, 1931.

Copperstein, Harry Pvt. (M-A) M

Mrs. Edith Copperstein,  
6149 Eberhart Ave.,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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.

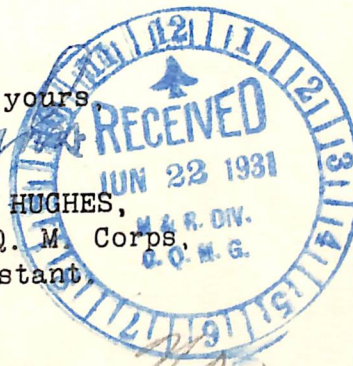
As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

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?

Write answer here

*Mrs Edith F. Copperstein*  
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Copperstein, Harry 1232 M

January 19, 1931

Mrs. Edith Copperstein,  
6149 Eberhart Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested that you advise whether or not the late Private Harry Copperstein is survived by a widow, and if so, her name and address.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

*R. E. Shannon*

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

Encl.  
Envelope

*Private Harry Copperstein is  
survived by a widow, Mrs Edith  
Copperstein, his mother.  
"He was not married."*



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 9, 1930.

Copperstein, Harry - 1232 M

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Mrs. Edith Copperstein,  
6149 Eberhart Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

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 Edith F Copperstein*

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

**Copperstein, Harry 1232 M**

**Mrs. Edith Copperstein,  
6149 Eberhart Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.**

Dear Madam:

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

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

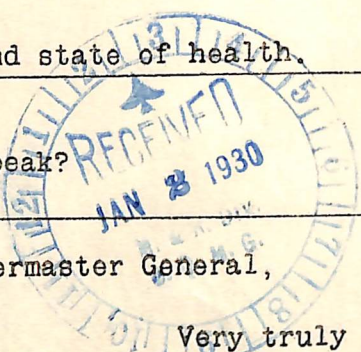
1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)                      (No) <i>See letter prevents</i>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)                      (No) <i>Mrs Edith Copperstein</i>
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Envelope



QM 295 A-C  
Copperstein, Harry

November 26, 1929

Mr. Deane Copperstein,  
6149 Eberhart Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 4, 1929, relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

The Act in question provides that invitations to make the pilgrimage shall be extended to the mothers and widows of deceased members of the military or naval forces interred in the cemeteries overseas. There is no provision of law which would permit of the transfer of the privilege. The only way any other person would be eligible to make the pilgrimage at the expense of the Government would be if he could qualify under the provisions of Section 4 (a) of the Act, which states in part "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for the year prior to the commencement of his service in such forces".

It has been held that within the meaning of the law a person cannot stand in loco parentis to an adult unless such adult is mentally or physically incapacitated. No man who was mentally or physically incapacitated was accepted for service in the military or naval forces. Inasmuch as Private Harry Copperstein, Company C, 309th Infantry, who is buried in the Meuse Argonne American Cemetery in France, was an adult at the time of the commencement of his service, his age having been 22 years and 8 months, no person could have stood in loco parentis to him for the year prior to his entry into the service. Therefore, I regret to advise that there appears to be no one eligible within the meaning of the law, to make this pilgrimage at the expense of the Government, other than the mother.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Chicago, Ill  
Nov 4, 1929

John T. Harris, 22 yrs  
Major D. M. Carpenter, 12 yrs  
Washington, D. C. Enl 6-27-18

Dear Sir: "D.M. 393 a-c"

I am writing to you in regard to allegations offered to my mother, who on account of a pernicious affliction will be unable to take advantage of this considerate and most wonderful offer given by the government.

It is readily understood that educe or mother does not mean water or brother. But in a case such as this is, isn't there some possibilities of

any other member of  
the immediate family  
to take my mother's  
place in showing  
respect to my deceased  
brother.

I hope that  
you will answer my  
letter and if it is  
necessary for my mother's  
doctor or any other  
doctor to substantiate  
the condition that  
I relate to you  
It will be acknowledge  
upon receipt of your  
letter.

Yours respectfully,  
Claude Apperlecin,  
6149 Eberhart Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Copperstein, Harry  
1232.

Sept. 6, 1929

Mrs. Edith Copperstein,  
727 - 9th St., 6149 E. Clark Ave  
Rock Island, Ill. Chicago

*Prot Co C, 309 Inf  
Ka 10-20-187*

Dear Madam:

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

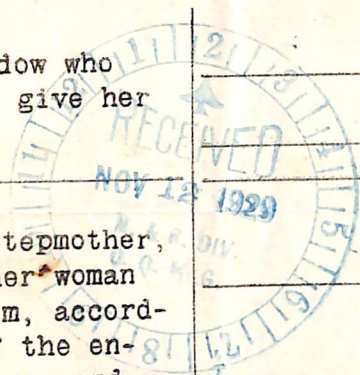
Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage?

Write answers in space below

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

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

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



For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29, 1929.

Copperstein, Harry

Mrs. Edith Copperstein,  
727 9th St.,  
Rock Island, Ill.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Pvt. Harry Copperstein, Co.C. 309th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

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July 9 1932

Mrs Martha C. Copeland  
Hildnerhart Ave  
Chicago Ill

Dear Madam:

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Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

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

QM 293 A-M  
Copperstein, Harry Pvt. (M-A) M

January 14, 1932.

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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

June 12, 1931.

Copperstein, Harry Pvt. (M-A) M

Mrs. Edith Copperstein,  
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Assistant.

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

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QM 293 A-M  
Copperstein, Harry 1232 M

January 19, 1931

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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 A-C  
Coperstein, Harry - 1232 M

June 9, 1930.

*Copperstein*  
Mrs. Edith Copperstein,  
6149 Eberhart Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

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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

October 7, 1929.

Copperstein, Harry 1232 M

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6149 Eberhart Avenue,  
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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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QM 293 A-C  
Copperstein, Harry

November 26, 1929

Mr. Deane Copperstein,  
6149 Eberhart Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 4, 1929, relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

The Act in question provides that invitations to make the pilgrimage shall be extended to the mothers and widows of deceased members of the military or naval forces interred in the cemeteries overseas. There is no provision of law which would permit of the transfer of the privilege. The only way any other person would be eligible to make the pilgrimage at the expense of the Government would be if he could qualify under the provisions of Section 4 (a) of the Act, which states in part "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for the year prior to the commencement of his service in such forces".

It has been held that within the meaning of the law a person cannot stand in loco parentis to an adult unless such adult is mentally or physically incapacitated. No man who was mentally or physically incapacitated was accepted for service in the military or naval forces. Inasmuch as Private Harry Copperstein, Company C, 309th Infantry, who is buried in the Meuse Argonne American Cemetery in France, was an adult at the time of the commencement of his service, his age having been 22 years and 3 months, no person could have stood in loco parentis to him for the year prior to his entry into the service. Therefore, I regret to advise that there appears to be no one eligible within the meaning of the law, to make this pilgrimage at the expense of the Government, other than the mother.

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

Copperstein, Harry  
1232.

Sept. 6, 1929

Mrs. Edith Copperstein,  
727 - 9th St.,  
Rock Island, Ill.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29, 1929.

**Copperstein, Harry**

**Mrs. Edith Copperstein,  
727 9th St.,  
Rock Island, Ill.**

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late **Pvt. Harry Copperstein, Co.C. 309th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.**

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

Copperstein,

(Surname.)

Harry

(Christian name in full.)

3337748

(Army serial number.)



Private

Co. C

(Rank and organization.)

309th Inf.

State your relationship to the deceased

*Mother*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

*no.*

(~~Yes~~ or no.)

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

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

*Mrs. Edith Friedman Copperstein*

(Number and street or rural route.)

*777 9th*

(City, town, or post office.)

*Rock Island*

(State.)

*Ill.*

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card

Mrs Edith F. Coppertem

729-9 St

Rock Island, Ill

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In reply refer to:  
293 C-R

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June 7, 1923.

Mrs. Edith Copperstein,  
727 9th St.,  
Rock Island, Ill.


Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that  
the permanent grave of ~~Private Harry Copperstein, Company C, 309th~~  
Grave 37, Row 12, Block C, 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. The headstones will be placed at all graves in  
connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as  
possible and without waiting for special action or request on the  
part of relatives.

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

Very truly yours,

  
JUN 6 1923  
C. E. B. H. J. Cenner,  
Assistant.

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23/236/ARK

Place NEUFCHATEAU.

Date 3rd., May, 1919

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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: COOPERSTEIN, Harry.

Number: 3337748

Rank: Unkn Pvt

Organization: Unkn CO C, 309th Inf.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

11th., April, 1919

Grave #D-5 B.A.Cty. ST. JUVIN. ARDENNES

Map. 35 N. W. E. 297.1 N. 285.3

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

1232

11th., April, 1919.

Grave #86 Section #15 Plot #2

Amer. B.A.Cty. #1232 ROMAGNE, MEUSE

Map. 35 N. E. E. 308.16 N. 284.87

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

Burial good. Body buried in Uniform. Body badly decomposed

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

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

CONFIRMED No D 10325

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct as is required by G.O. 170, G.H. 2, 1918., after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: 2nd Lt. Armitage.

R. H. ROSENTHAL  
2nd Lieut. Q.M.C.U.S.A.  
C.O. Group            Unit

Place \_\_\_\_\_

G. R. S. Form No. 16

Date \_\_\_\_\_

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Remains of:

Number: 333748

Name: COOPERSTEIN, Harry.

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group \_\_\_\_\_

From: (Give complete location) \_\_\_\_\_

Disinterred (Date): \_\_\_\_\_

Grave #D-5 B.A. City, St. Louis, Missouri

11th, April, 1918

Map. 35 N. W. E. 227.1 N. 228.3

in: (Give complete location) \_\_\_\_\_

Reburied (Date): \_\_\_\_\_

Grave #86 Section #13 Plot #2

11th, April, 1918

Alex. B.A. City, #1333 Romaine, New Orleans

Map. 35 N. E. E. 308.18 N. 284.87

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

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

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

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

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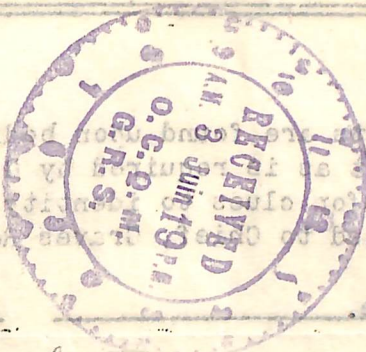
If upon disinterment, effects of decomposition are observed, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct as instructed by G. R. S. Form No. 16, 1918. In doubtful cases, notation after being carefully examined for identification tags, and reported to the Registration Service, whereof will be made and reported to the Registration Service.

R. H. ROSENBERG

Supervised by: Sgt. L. Amstutz

G. R. S. Form No. 16

Unit \_\_\_\_\_



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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File 91244

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name COPPERSTEIN, Harry Jewish Ser. No. 3337748
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. C, 309th Inf. TYP. B
(c) Date of death 10-20-18 (d) Cause of death K/A CKR. 30

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

(a) Grave No. 86 Row - Plot 2 Sec. 15 TYP. B
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Edith Copperstein (mother) 727 - 9th St., Rock Island, Ill.

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

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt or 3/29/21
(a) Name Mrs. Edith Friedman Copperstein Relationship Mother
(c) Address 727 - 9 St, Rock Island, Ill.
(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 PF Date 3-28-1920

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

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

No correspondence

Examiner's Initials PF Date 3-28-1920

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes PF
Examiner's Initials PF Date 3-28-1920

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232-SEC. 15 SHEET No. 31

CARDED



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Feb. 27, 1922

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT me. COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name COPPERSTEIN, Harry. *Jewish*  
 2. No. 3537748  
 3. Rank Pvt.  
 4. Org. Co.C. 309th Inf.  
 5. D.D. 10-20-18  
 6. C.D. KIA

10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_  
 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) D.B. None

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 86 Sec. 15  
 8. Plot 2 Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 17. None

18. Cemetery Mouss Argonne American.

19. Commune or town Romagne/s/Montfaucon

20. Dept. or County Mouss,

21. Country France.

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232, Sec. 15

23. Disinterred (Date) Feb. 27, 1922

By H.H. Foster

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name COPPERSTEIN, Harry,  
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. 3537748  
 Organization Co.C. 309th Inf.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? No On body? Yes

*Rex M. Moody*  
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant  
 Rex M. Moody

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).

Body identified by tag.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box, U.S. Uniform, Burlap.

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 Feb. 27, 1922 By H.H. Foster

31. Casket sealed by H.H. Foster

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor H.H. Foster

H.H. Foster

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-21390

32. Designation of body:

Name Harry COPPERSTEIN. Serial No. 3387748

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. C. 309th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse Argonne American, 1232, Romagne/a/Montfaucon, Meuse

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Feb. 27, 1922 By H.H. Foster

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 P. Overheiser  
P. Overheiser, Capt. QMC.

36. Remarks None

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Feb. 27, 1922

To point of Concentration Romagne Morgue

Convoyer T. T. Wynn Signature Shipping Officer G. F. Spann  
G. F. Spann, Capt. QMC.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_

By G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_

To Permanent Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

40. Received: Date \_\_\_\_\_

G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cty 1232, Feb. 27, 1922  
(Date)

42. Grave No. 37 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. ~~Block~~ Block C Row 12

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

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF COPPERSTEIN, Harry. *Jewish* SERIAL NUMBER 3337748  
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. C. 309th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Feb 27, 1922 From (give complete location): gr 86, sec 15, plot 2. Cty. 1232.

By: Group Foster. Unit sec 1

3. Reburied (date): Feb. 27, 1922, Meuse Argonne Cty 1232, gr 37, bl C, row 12 In (give complete location):

By: Group Reburial S Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial unlined casket

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

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? yes. On grave marker? no

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: tag on body reads: "Harry Copperstein."

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

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

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

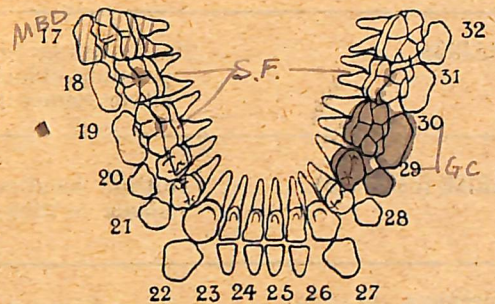
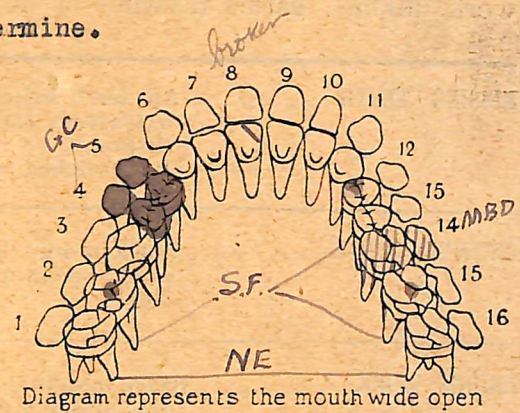
Location do

Quantity do

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

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

right fibia and tibia and left femur fractured.



7. Disinterment supervised by H. H. Foster  
H. H. Foster.

Approved: [Signature]  
F. Overheiser, Capt., M.C.  
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by [Signature]  
W. B. Sheild

Approved: [Signature]  
A. E. Dewey, 1st Lt, QMC.  
(Title)

## 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".

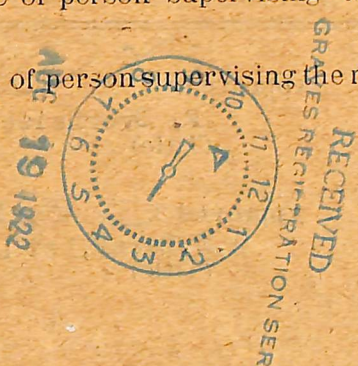
(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying 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 :	 <p style="text-align: center;">TOOTH MISSING      TOOTH MISSING</p>
CROWNED TEETH	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :	 <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD CROWN      PORCELAIN CROWN</p>
BRIDGE WORK	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus :	 <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD AND PORCELAIN BRIDGE      GOLD BRIDGE</p>
FILLINGS	Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :	 <p style="text-align: center;">SILVER FILLING      GOLD FILLING</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD FILLING      GOLD FILLING</p>
CARIES (CAVITIES)	Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :	 <p style="text-align: center;">CAVITY DECAYED      DECAYED DECAYED</p>
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.





1. G. R. S. Form No. 1.

Hq. G. R. S. File

2. Soldier's No. 3337748

91244

3. COPPERSTEIN HARRY  
Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials

4. UNKNOWN UNKNOWN  
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. UNKNOWN  
Date of Death Cause, if known

6. UNKNOWN ST. JUVIN  
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. ST. JUVIN ARDENNES  
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. 5 D  
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

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

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

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

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12. VERDUN NW. 35  
Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

285-HN 297-E

13. Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signature: Herman L. Maeder, O.M. Sgt. in G.

Group 4 Unit 305 G. R. S.



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COPERSTEIN HARRY #337748

ST JUVIN.

( SPECIAL #8)

MME. St. Juvin (Ardennes)  
250 HT 357.11 COOBY 6-296.40  
U-286.25

OSPSS CTY. NO. 1262

Sec 15 case no 31

*HW*