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G.R.S. Form #114 B  
MMB

1070

DATE

1. NAME COSTELLO, John A.

SERIAL No. 3353040

RANK Pvt

ORGANIZATION Co.D 3rd AA MG Bn

& DIVISION

GRAVE LOCATION Amer.Cty. Langres, Haute Marne

516

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

36

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

36

LANGRES (Haute-Marne)

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES

E. 322.33 N.120.35

CONCENTRATED TO

Not of record

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

DATE OF DEATH

Oct 14, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

Penn.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

None

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

Not of record

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

*S.H. Hunsicker*

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION

S.H. HUNSICKER, 1st. Lt. QMC., Supervisor Area No. 4

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

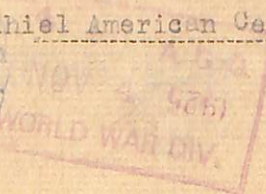
PLOT

August 11, 1922

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Block B



Robert G. Davis, Major General, The Adjutant General, NOV 6 - 1925

CEMETERY

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.
2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.
3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.
4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form I6, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.

*Miss Bronck New. 10/14/18 then 1286 2291  
12/12/18 JR*

**GRAVE LOCATION BLANK**

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Costello 3353040 John*

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

*Pvt 3rd Aircraft Mach Gun Batt*

(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *Oct 16 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL *Langres Me Mary*

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

*Cemetery # 96*

GRAVE NUMBER *36*

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:

REPORTED BY: *Chaplain*  
*Norris A. Dorch USN*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Costello, John A.  
Pot.

-33-

Pennsylvania

GOLD STAR MOTHERS PILGRIMAGE

S.S. ROOSEVELT, AUGUST 9, 1930

Philadelphia County

Name: Mrs. Jennie Costello (P-10)

Address: 530 Rosalie St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Route: Pennsylvania R.R. to New York

Lv. Philadelphia (Broad St.) Train No. 212  
Ar. New York (Penna. Station)

12.00 Noon, August 8  
2.00 P.M., August 8

Accommodations: Parlor Car Seat

Elapsed Time: 2 hours 11/4

H677.

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Castello		
	John A		
	COS	3	359
BURIED	CEMETERY 1233	1	3
	GRAVE 30	2	30
	ROW 1	2	01
	BLOCK B	1	2
STATE	Pa	2	44
RANK	Pvt.	1	2
DIVISION	1	2	01
ORGANIZATION	3	3	003
ARM	M.G. Bn	1	2
MARITAL	no	1	2
NAME	Castello		
	Jennie		
	Cos	3	359
RESIDENCE	STATE Pa	2	44
	COUNTY Phila	2	51
	CITY Phila	3	220
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Good	1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	NO.	1	
TRIP	YR. 1930	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	
29/514/EAB	Age 72 yrs		1

*Labelled  
Aug 9, 1930*

**AUDITED**  
OCT 7 1981  
RS

ITINERARY OF THE ST. MIHIEL GROUP PARTY "P"

Left New York on August 9, 1930 on the PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT in charge of Major J. F. Cottrell. Arrived Cherbourg harbor at day break August 17th. A special tender for the transportation of the pilgrims arrived alongside the ship at 6 a.m. with the following personnel connected with the Paris office: Major G.F.N. Dailey, Captain Stanley G. Saulnier, Captain Pierre Mallett, Captain John Major Reynolds, Lt. Leroy W. Yarborough, Lt. Porter T. Gregory, Lt. Leo C. Paquet, Lt. E. V. Freeman, Major Harold H. Kinderman, 3 nurses and 3 civilian employees. Left Cherbourg at 8:21 a.m. and arrived at Gare des Invalides at 2:15 p.m. where met by Col. Ellis and members of his staff and interpreters and nurses. Taken to hotel where the remainder of the day was given over to rest and getting settled.

August 18th - The morning was given over to the transaction of person<sup>al</sup> business for the pilgrims including the exchange of money, preparation of laundry and conference with Conducting Officer for explanation of points of general information. Lunch at hotel and at 2:45 p.m. departed for Arc de Triomphe where a wreath was laid on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier by Mrs. Luc<sup>y</sup> S. Dunning who has two sons buried in the Meuse-Argonne Cemetery. Then to the Restaurant Laurent where the usual tea and reception tender by the Government was held. Returned to hotel for dinner.

August 19th - A. M. free - Visited Versailles and Belle Cycliste -Suresnes.

August 20th - A.m. free or shopping. P.M. free Pack for cemetery.

August 21st - departed 8:30 a.m. stopped at Rozoy-en-Brie for rest and at Sezanne and Vitry-le-Francois. Arrived Bar le Duc and stopped at Hotel de Metz for night.

August 22nd - Departed Bar le Duc 9:30 a.m. and arrived Thiaucourt 11:30 a.m. visited St. Mihiel Cemetery that afternoon and then to Nancy for night at Grand Hotel.

August 23rd -24th and 25th - Visited cemetery daily and sightseeing.

August 26th - Departed Nancy for Paris via Neufchateau (stopped for rest) also at Bar-sur-Aube and then to Troyes for night at Grand Hotel.

August 27th - Departed Troyes 8:30 a.m. via Sens and Fontainebleau.

August 28th - Visited Louvre and p.m. free

August 29th - a.m. free and visited Napoleon's Tomb in p.m.  
Sacre Coeur

August 30th - a.m. free and visited Notre-Dame in p.m. Night-trip

August 31st - Free or church - Visited Notre Dame in p.m. Night trip.

Sept. 1st - Free - packed for trip home

Sept. 2nd - Left Paris at 10:30 a.m. in charge of Captain Saulnier, Captain Mallett Captain John Major Reynolds, Lt. Gregory, Paquet, Zwickler, 7 nurses and 1 civilian. Arrived Cherbourg 4:26 and sailed at 6:30 p.m. Major Cottrell in charge of party and Col. O.L. Spaulding as observer.

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Mrs. Jennie Costello

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

*COSTELLO, JOHN A.*

*STM.*

Party ..... *P* .....

Number ... *2904* .....

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

·MRS. JENNIE COSTELLO ..... Actual cost of through Pullman.  
 Name of Traveler

·PHILADELPHIA PHILADELPHIA COUNTY ..... New York, to PHILADELPHIA, PA. ....  
 Home Address

..... PENNSYLVANIA ..... \$ ..... *75* .....

New York, to .. PHILADELPHIA, PA. ....  
 Destination

Via ..... PENN. TO DEST. ....

LIMIT - OCT. 6, 1930 SEPTEMBER 10, 1930 .....  
 Date of Departure

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	Car	U. S. G. Order No.	Actual Cost
LV								
AR	PENN. STA.	PRR	219	9-10	300P	34	W.O. 1,024,003	75
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TOTAL .....

Remarks:

..... ANY TRAIN AFTER 2:00PM .....  
*Mr. H. R. Emery escorted her to station*  
 .....

Name..... COSTELLO; Mrs. Jennie

Paris Hôtel..... HOTEL DE PARIS

Home address..... BOULEVARD DE LA MADELEINE  
530 Rosalie St., Philadelphia, Philadelphia Co. Pennsylvania.

Party..... P Group..... 3 Unit SS. ROOSEVELT

Date of arrival..... Aug-17-1930 Date of departure..... SS. WASHINGTON-Sept-2-1930  
*Cabin 114-a with Mrs E. Walker*

Relationship..... Mother

Name of deceased..... COSTELLO, John A.

Rank..... Pvt Organization..... Co. D. 3d. A. A. M. G. Bn.

Cemetery..... St. Mihiel

REMARKS



*Jennie Costello*

619

2904

NAME ~~OSTELLO~~ OSTELLO, MRS. JENNIE

S.S. WASHINGTON

SEP 11 1930

HOME PHILADELPHIA, PHILADELPHIA COUNTY PA.

R.R. *Rem to dest*

STATION

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE

*Oct 6 - 31*

*Mrs J. Z...*

July 19th, 1930

Mrs. Jennie Costello,  
530 Rosalie Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

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.V. Corps,  
Assistant.

Enclosures:  
2 tags

QH 293 A-M  
Costello, John A. 1233 M

August 14, 1930.

Mrs. Jennie Costello.  
4033 Neilson Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 10, 1930, in which you advise this office of the change in your address from 530 Rosalie Street, Philadelphia, Pa. to the above. Accordingly, the records of this office have been changed and future communications will be addressed to your new address.

The United States Veterans Bureau has been advised of the change in your address as the monthly insurance checks of \$57.50 which you receive are issued by that office.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M  
Costello, John A. 1233 M

August 14, 1930.

**SUBJECT:** Change of address of Mrs. Jennie Costello.  
**TO:** The Director, United States Veterans Bureau,  
Washington, D. C.

1. There is enclosed herewith a copy of a letter from Mrs. Jennie Costello, mother of the late John A. Costello, in which she requests her address be changed to 4033 Neilson Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

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

Encl.  
Copy of letter

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ETA

Phila. <sup>Pa. Phila., Co.</sup> Aug. 10. 1930

L. M. 293 A-C. Pvt. John A. Costello  
Quartermaster General,  
Washington. D. C.

1233 M

Dear Sir,

Kindly send Monthly  
Check \$ 57.50 of Mrs Jennie Costello  
to # 4033 Neilson St, Phila. Pa.

~~X~~ in the Future, instead of  
# 530 Rosalie St. Phila. Pa. as  
heretofore <sup>and</sup> And Oblige

Mrs Jennie Costello  
New Address # 4033 Neilson St

# 4033 NEILSON ST.  
PHILADELPHIA.  
PENNA.



STATE

Costello, John A.

P

PENNSYLVANIA ...

4033 Neilson St.

~~530 Rosalie St~~

Philadelphia

Philadelphia County

M

NAME .. **Costello, Mrs. Jennie** ..... HOME ADDRESS .....

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN .....

*Mrs. G. Bornholt same*

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

*2: p.m.*

ASTOR

DATE .. AUG 8 1930 .....

HOTEL .....

ROOM NO. ....

*619 with*

*Expr. 7 M. Child met her.*

*Mrs. Elizabeth Arnold*

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

AUG 9 1930

S/S ROOSEVELT

DATE .....

VESSEL .....

CABIN NO. ....

*124C*

DESTINATION .. **CHERBOURG** .....

CEMETERY .. **ST. M.** .....

RETURN NEW YORK

SEP 10 1930

DATE .....

*4033 N. Merion St.*

~~530 Rosalie St.~~

Philadelphia

**M**  
NAME **Costello, Mrs. Jennie**

HOME ADDRESS Philadelphia County..

Penn.

RETURN ON S. S. ....

*S/S GEORGE WASHINGTON*

HOTEL .....

**ASTOR**

ROOM NO. ....

*134*

*with Mrs. Mary Mc Lane*

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE *9/10* .....

ROAD .....

*Penn.*

TRAIN .....

*219*

CAR .....

*37*

BERTH or SEAT .....

*34*

REMARKS .....

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WAR DEPARTMENT



Penalty for private use to avoid  
payment of postage, \$300.

NORTH PHILA. S

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

**PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS**

**225 WEST 34TH STREET,**

**NEW YORK, N. Y.**

NAME MRS. JENNIE COSTELLO

ADDRESS *4033 Neilson St.*  
~~530 ROSALIE ST.~~, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

DATE *Sept. 10, 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. Jennie Costello*

Post Office Department

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

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 924282

INSURED PARCEL

No. \_\_\_\_\_

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING OFFICE

PHILADELPHIA PA  
JUL 15  
6 PM  
DATE OF DELIVERY

RECEIVED  
JUL 16 1980  
NAME OF BENEFICIARY  
MUNITIONS BUILDING

Return to Q. M. GENERAL

Street and Number, }  
or Post Office Box, }

Post Office at

Rev. 3-21

05-6116

State

Washington, D. C.

3135-C

Postnet 8-9-30

RETURN RECEIPT. / 2 33

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

Mrs Jennie Costello  
(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, 7/15/30, 192

Post Office Department

ADDRESSES

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

YOUR MAIL

REGISTERED ARTICLE

STREET AND  
No. NUMBER

INSURED PARCEL

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Return to \_\_\_\_\_

Street and Number,  
or Post Office Box, \_\_\_\_\_

34418



3133

1233

RETURN RE

Roosevelt 8-9-30

Received from the Postmaster the Register  
number of which appears on the face of this Card

✓

*Mrs. [unclear]*  
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(Signature of)

-----  
(Signature of)

Date of delivery,

7/28/30

Form 3811

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Costello, John A. 1233M  
Roosevelt 8-9

May 15, 1930

Mrs. Jennie Costello,  
530 Rosalie St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

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.

Mrs Geo S. Bamholt  
Name

530 E. Rosalie St Phila. Pa.  
Address

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

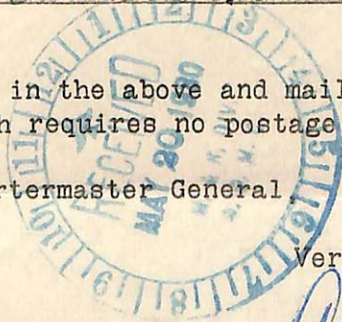
For The Quartermaster General

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Env.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 24, 1930.

Costello, John A. 1233 M

Mrs. Jennie Costello,  
530 Rosalie St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

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

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.

Roosevelt

8/9/30

1233 ✓

Costello, John A

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. Jennie Costello

(Name)

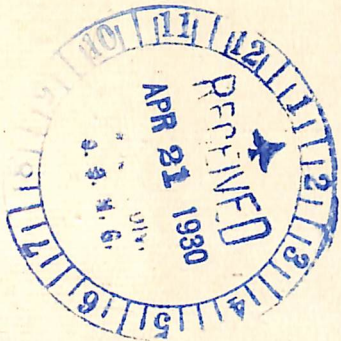
~~530 Rosalie St., Philadelphia, Philadelphia~~

(Town or City)

Co., Pa.

(State)

4033 Neilson St.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929

Costello, John A. 1233 M.

Mrs. Jennie Costello,

~~530 Rosalie St.,~~ 4033 Neilson St.  
Philadelphia, P.

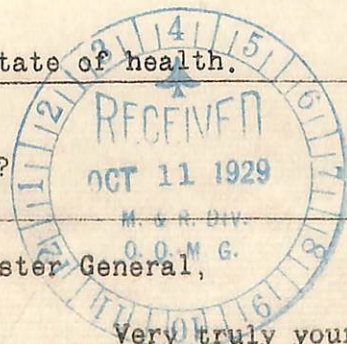
*Sailed*  
AUG 9 1930

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) <del>(No)</del>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <del>(No)</del>
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?	<del>(Yes)</del> (No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <u>72</u> Health (Years) (Good) <del>(Poor)</del>
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No) Other language <u>English</u> (Specify language spoken)



For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

Philadelphia 8/29

Dear Sir,

In reply to I. M.  
293 A-C. I will be pleased  
to make the pilgrimage  
to the cemetery of my son  
interred in the St Michel  
American Cemetery, Thiaucourt  
Meurthe-et-Moselle France.  
My son Private John A. Castello  
Co. D, 3rd A.A.C. M.G.B. has no  
wife, he never married.

Very truly yours  
Mrs Jennie Castello  
538 Rosalie St.

Phila.  
Pa



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Costello, John A

May 28, 1929.

Mrs. Jennie Costello,  
207 E. Westmoreland St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

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 **Private John A. Costello, Co. D, 3rd A.A.C.M.G.B.,** whose remains are now interred in the **St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, 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,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

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QM 293 A-M  
Costello, John A. 1233 M

August 14, 1930.

**SUBJECT:** Change of address of Mrs. Jennie Costello.  
**TO:** The Director, United States Veterans Bureau,  
Washington, D. C.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

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

Encl.  
Copy of letter

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

1930 AUG 15 AM 11 37

DISPATCHED

QM 293 A-M  
Costello, John A. 1233 M

August 14, 1930.

Mrs. Jennie Costello,  
4033 Neilson Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 10, 1930, in which you advise this office of the change in your address from 530 Rosalie Street, Philadelphia, Pa. to the above. Accordingly, the records of this office have been changed and future communications will be addressed to your new address.

The United States Veterans Bureau has been advised of the change in your address as the monthly insurance checks of \$57.50 which you receive are issued by that office.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Costello, John A. 1233

July 11, 1930

Mrs. Jennie Costello,  
530 Rosalie St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

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. Philadelphia	Penna. No. 212	12:00 Noon	Aug. 8
Ar. New York (Penna. Sta.)		2:00 PM	Aug. 8

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

Costello, John A. 1233 M

June 12, 1930

Mrs. Jennie Costello  
530 Rosalie Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

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.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Costello, John A. 1233M  
Roosevelt 8-9

May 15, 1930

Mrs. Jennie Costello,  
530 Rosalie St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

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.

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Name

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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.

Encl.  
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Costello, John A. 1233-M  
8-9

May 9, 1930

Mrs. Jennie Costello,  
530 Rosalie St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

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

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 24, 1930.

Costello, John A. 1233 M

Mrs. Jennie Costello,  
530 Rosalie St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

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

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

Costello, John A., 1233-M

April 14, 1930

Dear Madam: Costello,  
530 Rosalie St.,  
Philadelphia,

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

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

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

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. On board 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,  
v. Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

1 Enclosure.  
Regulation.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
**Costello, John A. 1233 M.**

October 7, 1929.

**Mrs. Jennie Costello,  
530 Rosalie St.,  
Philadelphia, P.**

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,

Encl.  
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Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
~~Costello, John A~~

May 28, 1929.

Mrs. Jennie Costello,  
207 E. Westmoreland St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

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 Private ~~John A. Costello~~, Co. D, 3rd A.A.C.M.G.B., whose remains are interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, 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,

2 incla.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

Handwritten initials "HJ" with a checkmark.

Vertical stamp: U.S.M.G. S. R. W. MAY 29 AM 9 45 DISPATCHED

Costello

(Surname.)

John Aloysius

(Christian name in full.)

3,353,040

(Army serial number.)

Dup. ✓

Pvt.

Co. D, 3rd Anti Aircraft MG Bn.

(Rank and organization.)

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?

X

(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 remain's.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mrs. Jennie Costello ✓

207 E. Westmoreland St. Phila. Pa.

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by Encl.

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COSTELLO, John A. - Bvt.

January 9, 1924

Mrs. Jennie Costello,  
207 East Westmoreland St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam: The Quartermaster General desires to invite your attention to the inclosed card which gives the permanent cemetery location of the soldier's grave in which you are interested,

This American military cemetery is one of those to be maintained by the United States for all time in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of dignified design, with the 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.

Please be assured that in effecting removal of the dead, the utmost reverential care was exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed this sacred duty. For the future, these graves will be perpetually maintained by the Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

1-Incl.  
Record card.

Assistant  
R. L. ROBERTS



JAN 9 1924  
B. O. C.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Feb. 2nd, 1922

## 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 COSTELLO, John A.

10. Name

2. No. 3353040

11. No.

3. Rank Pvt

12. Rank

4. Org. Co. D 3rd AA MG Bn

13. Org.

5. D.D. 10-14-1918

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. Broncho Pneumonia(b) D.B. None

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 36 Sec.

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. None18. Cemetery Amer.19. Commune or town Langres20. Dept. or County Haute Marne21. Country France22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 51623. Disinterred (Date) Feb 2, 1922By E G Scott

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name COSTELLO, John A

Serial No.

Rank PvtOrganization Co. D 3rd A A MG BnGr. 3625. Was identification disc found on grave marker? yes On body? yes, partlycorrodedRay Brown  
Signature Junior Technical AssistantRay Brown

## 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).

No effects found. GRS plaque on cross. Disc on body partly corroded, reads (John-- Costello, ---040)27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, recognition impossible28. Nature of burial Hospital shroud and wooden box.29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? none30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Feb 2, 1922 By E G Scott31. Casket sealed by E G Scott

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

MMBE G ScottAUDITED BY  
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SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C - 26433

32. Designation of body:

Name John A. COSTELLO Serial No. 3353040

Rank Pvt Organization Co. D 3rd AA MG Bn

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel Amer. Cty. Thiaucourt, M-et-M 1233

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Feb. 2, 1922 By E G Scott

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 R L Fain, Capt. QMC

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Feb 2, 1922

To point of Concentration Chaumont, Ht. Marne (Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date WALTER F. BROWN

By G.R.S. Representative C. J. BLAKE Captain, Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel (1233) Thiaucourt M et M

Convoyer Mich. Plotkin Signature Shipping Officer WALTER F. BROWN

40. Received: Date 23 FEB 1922 Captain, Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

G.R.S. Representative G. D. GAMBLE, Captain, Q. M. C.

41. Reinterred Aug. 11, 1922.

42. Grave No. 30 (Date) Section

43. Blotxxx Blk. B Row 1

G.R.S. Representative A. E. Dewey 1st. Lieut. MC. S

Place Langres, Ht. Marne

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Feb. 2nd, 1922

1. REMAINS OF COSTELLO, John A SERIAL NUMBER 3353040

RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Co. D. 3rd A A MG Bn.

2. Disinterred (date): Feb 2, 1922 From (give complete location): Gr. 36

Amer. Cem. No. 516 Langres Ht. Marne

By: Group 1 Unit 4

3. Reburied (date): Aug. 11, 1922. In (give complete location): Cem. 1233. Grave 30, Blk. B, Row 1.

By: Group Reburial. Unit Casket and Shipping case. Nature of reburial

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

Hospital shroud and wooden box. Body badly decomposed. recognition impossible.

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

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

No effects found. GRS plaque on cross. Disc on body partly corroded reads (John A Costello. ----- 040)

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Unable to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Unable to determine

(c) Hair—Color Unable to determine

Quantity Unable to determine

Characteristics Unable to determine

(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location None

Quantity None

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) None

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) None M.D. 1, 3, 14, 17, 29, 30 M.A.D. 4, 7, 8, 9, 13, 15, 18, 19, 31, 32 GC. 20 SF

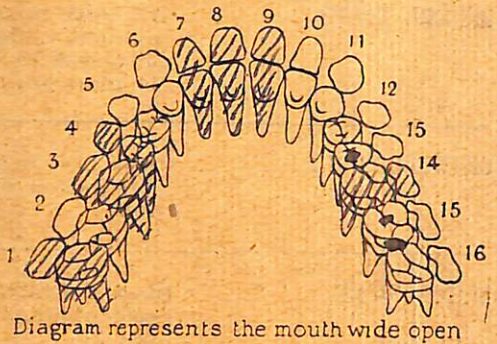
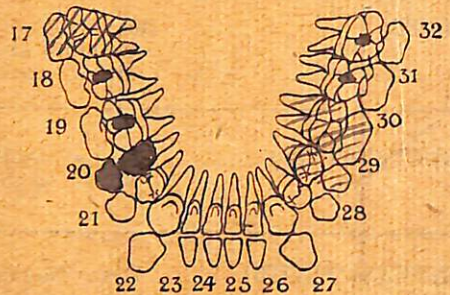


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



7. Disinterment supervised by E. G. Scott

Approved: [Signature]

8. Reburial supervised by H. L. Kramer

RB (Title) R. L. Fain Capt. QMC  
Approved: A. E. Dewey  
(Title) 1st. Lieut. QMC.

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

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

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.

2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.

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

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

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

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

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

### MISSING TEETH

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



### CROWNED TEETH

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



### BRIDGE WORK

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



### FILLINGS

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



### CARIES (CAVITIES)

Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:



### DENTURES (PLATES)

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

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

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

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 37879

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name COSTELLO, John A. Ser. No. 3353040
(b) Rank Private Organization Co.D. 3rd. A.A. C.M.
(c) Date of death 10/14/18 (d) Cause of death Broncho-Pneumonia.

TYP. EK
G.B.
CKR. CK

5/6/22
Plumbers for Concentration
St. Mill # 1733-
6-8-22

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

(a) Grave No. 36 Row Plot Sec TYP. BK
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Jennie Costello (mother) 2816 Mascher St., Philadelphia, Pa.

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

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Mrs. Jennie Costello (b) Relationship mother
(c) Address 1207 E. Westmoreland St. Phila. Pa.
(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 E.S. Date 11-16, 1920.

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

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

no correspondence

Examiner's Initials E.S. Date 11-16, 1920.

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

(relationship not stated) Let. 1/6-19 - Mrs Ann Costello 2816 Mascher St. Phila, Pa. requests name & number of grave & cemetery where above is buried.

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes

Examiner's Initials Date 11-17, 1920.

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 516 SHEET No. 53

CARDED FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

WB 13-21

Checked 11/18/22



Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

Org. \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks:

*Scantlebury*

A. G. O. Card & Corr. \_\_\_\_\_

*11-16-20*

Discrepancies \_\_\_\_\_

Name *✓* \_\_\_\_\_

Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

Org. \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: *E. a.*

G. R. S. Corr. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancies \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

Org. \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks:

*OK no 8 no sent 11/18 B*

Checkers \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancies \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

Org. \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks:

*checked  
11-17-20  
MOM*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

JAN 12 1921

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.G.  
TO: Mrs. Jennie Costello, 207 E. Westmoreland St., Phila. Pa.  
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. John A Costello, Ser. No. 3353040  
Co. D.; 54th A.A.C.M.G.B.

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body ..  
**Remain in Europe.**

If these are not the correct instructions, please correct them. Make corrections on second page.

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

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

NAME OF	NO. AND STREET	TOWN	STATE
Was soldier married?			
Soldier's widow			
Soldier's children (1)			
(Name oldest first) (2)			
(3)			
Father			
Mother			
Brothers (1)			
(Name oldest first) (2)			
(3)			
Sisters (1)			
(Name oldest first) (2)			
(3)			

Date ..... Signature .....

Address ..... Relationship .....

Important. - CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.



COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

5/6/22  
 Returned to Con. authorities  
 by Michael # 233  
 JMB  
 6-5-22

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File No. 37879

(a) Name... COSTELLO, John A..... Ser. No. 3353040..... TYP. EK  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. D. 3rd A.A.C. M.G. B. ACG  
 (c) Date of death 10-14-18 Cause of death Broncho Pneumonia

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

(a) Grave No. 36 Row -- Plot -- Sect. -- TYP. EK  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Jennie Costello (mother) 2816 Mascher Str., Philadelphia, Pa.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases..... no card..... CKR HB

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

*AKO card - mother (Mrs. Jennie Costello, 207 E. Westmoreland St., Phila, Pa) wishes body to remain in France (H) 12/23/20*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by - (cable on 192 (letter of transmittal on 12/13/1920

*Par # 2 Not to be returned H*

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. JAN 4 1921 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of Relationship Desires Action taken and Source..... and name.....

VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. 192

COUNTRY France CEMETERY NO. 516 SHEET NO. 53  
 G.R.S. FORM 115-A  
 August , 1920

37879

GRAVE LOCATION CARD

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Costello 3353040 John

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

Pvt 3rd Aircraft Mach Gun Batt

(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL Oct 16 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL Langres Ste Marie

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

Cemetery # 46

GRAVE NUMBER 36

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? [checked] 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:

516

6 OCT 1918

REPORTED BY:

Norris A. Darch Chaplain USN

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

37879

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE.

March 8, 1919.

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.  
TO: Mrs. William Costello, 2816 Mascher Street, Philadelphia, Penna.  
SUBJECT: Private John A. Costello, Co. D., 3rd AACMGB

In reply to your letter of inquiry, with reference to the regretted death of this soldier, according to the records at these headquarters he is buried in grave #36 in the FRANCHISES AMERICAN CEMETERY, LANGERS, in the DEPARTMENT of the HAUTE MARNE.

This information has not as yet been confirmed by my inspecting officers, but there is very little doubt that the burial took place in the cemetery above named.

By direction

CHARLES C. PIERCE  
Lieut. Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.

Per MAURICE B. DIX  
Captain, American Red Cross  
Representative assigned to  
Graves Registration Service.

MBD/im

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

FILE NUMBER 37879

FROM:- *A.R.C.*

DATE: *1/29/19*

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME: *COSTELLO, JOHN. A.*

NUMBER:

RANK *PVT.* ORGANIZATION *Co D. 3<sup>rd</sup> ANTI-AIRCRAFT, M.G. BN.*

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	1- Costello, 3353040, John A. Pvt. Co D, 3rd AACMGB.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2.	Date of Death	2- 10-14-18
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3.	Cause and place of death	3- Broncho Pneumonia.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	4- 291
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5.	Date buried	5- 10-16-18
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6.	Grave Location (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required	6- Gr. 36, Franchises Amer. Cty. Langers, Hte Harne. <i>cty 516</i>
7.	Who reported burial	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 9.	Report as to Grave Marker	9- Peg.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10.	Report as to Identification Tags	10- 1 tag buried with body. 1 tag attached to G. M.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 11.	Who is nearest relative?	11- Mrs. Jennis Costello (mother) 2816 Mascher St., Phila- Pa.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	12- Yes, 12-24-18
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	

N.B. All Proper names to be Printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS

17 FEB 1919

~~1/29/19~~ Phila Jan 6/19

Graves Registration Service

Dear Sir,

Will you kindly  
send me the name and number  
of grave and cemetery where  
John A Costello is buried  
he died Oct 14th 1918 of  
Spanish Influenza. He was  
with Co H. 3rd Anti Aircraft  
Machine Gun Battalion  
and oblige

Mrs Wm Costello  
2816 Marcher St.  
Phila  
Pa

