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To The A. G. O.

DATE 12/12/21.

1. NAME **COSTELLO, Joseph M**

MAR 10 1926

SERIAL No. **1692056**

RANK **Pvt**

ORGANIZATION

Co C 8th F S Bn

Co. C 8th F.S. Bn

GRAVE LOCATION **Amer. Cty. Ancemont Meuse**

DIVISION-4

548

Draw with

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

33

16

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

Not known.

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES

Not of record.

CONCENTRATED TO

Not known.

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 15, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

Mass

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

none

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

Not of record.

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

Wm Cline

**Wm M. CLINE
Captain Q.M.C.**

fg.2.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION **12/12/21.**

DATE

16

GRAVE

32

ROW

B.

Block

~~337~~
PLOT

AUDITED BY

*M. M. E.
2-23-22*

Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. #1232 Romagne-sous-Montfaucon. (Meuse)

CEMETERY

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A. G. O.
MAR 11 1926
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

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

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

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

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



GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Costello *1488056* *Joseph M.*
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Pvt *Co. C.* *27th FS Bn.*
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: *O. S. Evac Hosp No 3*

Laborlette, Ancemont Meuse.

CAUSE OF DEATH: *Complication broncho*

pneumonia. Delirious insula-

DATE OF BURIAL: *tion of mustard gas.*

PLACE OF BURIAL:
Grave No.

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

American Cemetery south of

Laborlette Ambulance, Ancemont

Meuse.

GRAVE NUMBER:

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? *yes*

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? *yes*

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

Kuewelder
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

1st Lt U.C. Comdg.

Co C 8th F.S.B.
4th Division

COSTELLO, Joseph H. - Pvt. 1692056

The records of the 8th Field Signal Battalion show that this soldier was gassed in the vicinity of the Bois de Fay, on the 12th of October 1918, during the progress of the Meuse-Argonne operation. Report from Triage 5th Division Oct. 13th 1918, as Mustard Gas, Severe - Gas Hospital N° 3 Report from Triage, Major Holain, October 14th 1918 Mustard Gas *S* - Gas Hospital N° 3 La Morlette. Informant as to death from letter from family in which it is stated that on account of confusion as to Division, etc. it is doubted if the official notice had reference to this man. This organization unable to obtain any information other than the above.

INFORMANT : none.

SIGNED : not signed.

A/A/

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	<i>Costello, J. M.</i>	3	3 0 9
	CEMETERY <i>12.32</i>	1	1
BURIED	GRAVE <i>16</i>	2	16
	ROW <i>32</i>	2	32
	BLOCK <i>19</i>	1	2
STATE	<i>Mass</i>	2	25
RANK	<i>Priv</i>	1	2
DIVISION	<i>4</i>	2	04
ORGANIZATION	<i>8</i>	3	008
ARM	<i>3 Sig Bn</i>	1	5
MARRIED	<i>No</i>	1	2
NAME	<i>Mrs Mary A. Costello</i>	3	3 0 9
RESIDENCE	<i>Jamaica Plains</i>	2	25
	COUNTY <i>Suffolk</i>	2	13
	CITY <i>Dorchester</i>	3	019
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	1
OTHER	<i>Sister</i>	1	2
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Yes</i>	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Fair</i>	1	1
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>no</i>	1	
	<i>Age -</i>		

AUDITED

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QM 293 A-M
Costello, Joseph M.

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November 2, 1932

Hon. Marcus A. Coolidge,
United States Senate,

My dear Senator:

I have your letter of October 31st, with enclosure, relative to the desire of Mrs. Mary A. Costello to be granted a monetary allowance in lieu of a pilgrimage to the grave of her son, the late Private Joseph M. Costello.

The Act of March 2, 1929, as amended, authorizing pilgrimages to the cemeteries of Europe at the expense of the Government, makes no provision whereby any mother or widow who is unable or does not desire to make the journey, may be granted a monetary allowance.

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
Lt. 10-22-32 returned
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QM 293 A-M
Costello, Joseph M. (MA)

October 29, 1932

Hon. David I. Walsh,
United States Senate.

My dear Senator:

I have your letter of October 27th, relative to the desire of Mrs. Mary A. Costello to secure a monetary allowance in lieu of a pilgrimage to the grave of her son, the late Private Joseph M. Costello.

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended, authorizing the pilgrimages, makes no provision whereby any mother or widow who is unable or does not desire to make the pilgrimage, may be granted a sum of money in lieu of making the journey.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Costello, Jos. M. (MA)

Sept. 7, 1932.

Mrs. Mary A. Costello,
132 Williams St.,
Jamaica Plain,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	No
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: 66 Health: Fair
3. Do you speak English?	Yes
4. What other language do you speak?	None

Mary A. Costello
Sign here

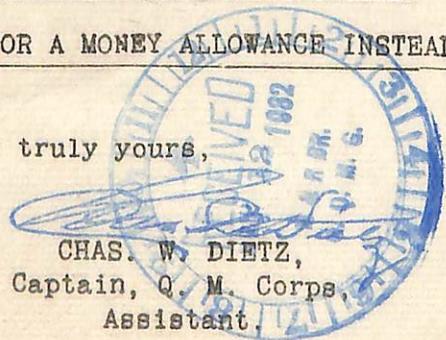
NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Costello Joseph M (MA)

July 9 1932

Mrs Mary A Costello
132 Williams St
Jamaica Pl
Boston Mass

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

QM 293 A-M
Costello, Joseph M Pvt. (M-A) M

January 14, 1932.

Mrs. Mary A. Costello,
132 Williams Street,
Jamaica Plain,
Boston, Mass.

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 Joseph M. Costello. 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. D

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

Costello, Joseph M. Pvt. (MA) M*

July 14, 1931.

Mrs. Mary A. Costello,
132 Williams St.,
Jamaica, Plain.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1932 to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question.

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

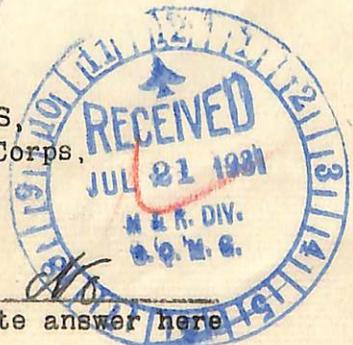
This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes

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



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932?

Yes
Write answer here

Mrs Mary A Costello
Sign here

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5-20-31

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Costello, Joseph M.

I decline the invitation extended
(Accept or decline)

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

Mrs. Mary A. Costello

(Name)

132 Williams St., Jamaica Pl., Boston, Suffolk Co.,

(Town or City)

(State) Massachusetts



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JAN 14 1931

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O. Q. M. G.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Costello, Joseph M. 1252 M

June 18, 1930

Mrs. Mary A. Costello
132 Williams Street
Jamaica Place,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? _____
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

QM 293 A-C
Costello, Joseph M. 1232-N

May 10, 1930

Mrs. Mary A. Costello,
132 Williams Street, Jamaica Plain,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date declining the invitation to sail on the SS "America" July 2, 1930, to visit the grave of your son, the late Private Joseph M. Costello, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

Your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the journey in 1931, and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages are being arranged for that year.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C
Costello, Joseph M. 1232-M

May 6, 1930

Mrs. Mary A. Costello,
132 Williams Street,
Jamaica Plain, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of April 29th, declining the invitation to sail on the SS "America" July 2, 1930, to visit the grave of your son, the late Private Joseph M. Costello, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

Your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the journey in 1931, and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages are being arranged for that year.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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G. LYNDE GATELY, M. D.
624 BENNINGTON STREET
EAST BOSTON, MASS.

Suffolk Co.

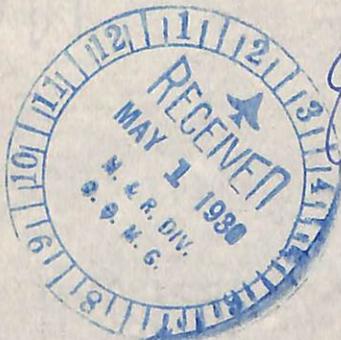
April 25, 1930

To whom it may concern.

This is to certify that I
have examined Mary A Costello
132 Wilbraham St. Jamaica plain
Mass and because of hypertension
I have advised against a
sea voyage

Respectfully

Guyard Gately



Costello
Jamaica
Mass

2. M. 293 a-c
re: Costello, Joseph M. 1232 M. 132 Williams Street
Jamaica Plain, Mass.
April 29, 1930

Captain, Quartermaster General's Office
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Early in April I received my invitation to make the pilgrimage to Europe and I accepted it immediately.

Last Friday, April 25, I was examined by my physician. He strongly advises against my taking the voyage. This letter from him will explain.

I am sorry that I will have to decline now.

My reservations were for July 2
on the America.

Yours truly



(Mrs) Mary A Costello
Declines Inv. America
7-2-30 - Listed for
1931

America

7/2/30

1232

Costello, Joseph M

declines, by letter 5-1-30 (an 5-6-30)

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.

1931

Mrs. Mary A. Costello

(Name)

132 Williams St., Jamaica Plain, Boston.

(Town or City)

(State)

Suffolk Co., Mass.

U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1929



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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Costello, Joseph M. 1232 M

April 12, 1930.

Mrs. Mary A. Costello,
132 Williams St.,
Jamaica Plain,
Boston, Mass.

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

October 7, 1929.

Costello, Joseph M. 1232 M.

Mrs. Mary A. Costello,
132 Williams St., Jamaica Plain,
Boston, Mass.

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) <i>Yes</i> (No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <i>Yes</i> (No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes) <i>No</i> (No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <i>64</i> Health <i>Good except for heart</i> (Years) (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No) Other language <i>none</i> (Specify language spoken)

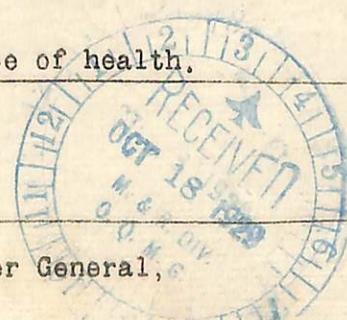
For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.
Act
Envelope

*Declines Inv. America
7-2-30
Listed for 1931*



L.M. 293 A-C.
Joseph M. Costello.

13 Williams St.,
Jamaica Plain, Mass.,
July 3, 1929.

Major L. M. Corps,
Washington, D.C.

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6/29/29

Dear Sir:

Joseph M. Costello was unmarried
at the time of his death in France.

Will you please advise me
whether it would be possible for
me, his mother, to have my unmarried
daughter accompany me. I have been
subject, within the last few years,
to heart spells and my physician
does not deem it advisable for
me to go unless attended by



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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29, 1929.

Costello, Joseph M.

Mrs. Mary A. Costello,
32 Hewell St.,
Dorchester, Mass.

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. Joseph M. Costello, Co. C, 47th Fld. Sig. Bn., 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 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.

QM 293 A-N
Costello, Joseph M.

November 2, 1932

Hon. Marcus A. Coolidge,
United States Senate.

My dear Senator:

I have your letter of October 31st, with enclosure, relative to the desire of Mrs. Mary A. Costello to be granted a monetary allowance in lieu of a pilgrimage to the grave of her son, the late Private Joseph M. Costello.

The Act of March 2, 1929, as amended, authorizing pilgrimages to the cemeteries of Europe at the expense of the Government, makes no provision whereby any mother or widow who is unable or does not desire to make the journey, may be granted a monetary allowance.

Very truly yours,

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

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October 31, 1932

Major General J. L. DeWitt
 Quartermaster General
 Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

The enclosed request from Representative Timothy J. McDonough, 131 Carolina Avenue, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, is self-explanatory.

Will you be kind enough to let me have an expression from you thereon so that I may properly advise the parties concerned, and oblige

Very truly yours,

Marcus A. Coolidge



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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
House of Representatives

State House, Boston

October 22, 1932
131 Carolina Ave.
Jamaica Plain, Mass.

Hon. Marcus A. Coolidge
U. S. Senate

My dear Senator:

I am writing to you at this time relative to a "Gold Star Mother" Mrs. Mary A. Costello, of 132 Williams St. Jamaica Plain, a mutual constituent, and the mother of Joseph M. Costello, late Private in Co. C, 8th F. Signal, U.S.A. killed in battle during the Meuse Argonne attack in France in the recent War, who died on October 15, 1918. At the time of his enlistment, she resided at 32 Howell St. Dorchester, Mass.

Mrs. Costello has received several letters from the U. S. Government, inviting her to participate in a trip to the battlefields of France. Because of her physical condition, she has been unable to accept this invitation, inasmuch as she is 66 years of age and is under the care of Dr. Gately of this city for high blood pressure and other ailments.

Instead of this trip, this "Gold Star Mother" would be much more satisfied if she were given a cash bonus in lieu of the cost of her transportation to France. She is a very fine type of woman and I feel that even if Mrs. Costello were able to go to France, the sight of her son's grave would cause her a great deal of grief, and perhaps create an hysterical attack because of the long separation from and death of her son, and the consequent reminiscences upon seeing his grave.

In calling this to your attention, I do so with the hope that, qualified as you are in the statecraft of our Government, it may be possible for you to see your way clear to secure a monetary consideration for this Gold Star Mother, which would give her more cause for happiness and rejoicing than a saddening trip to France.

Hoping to hear from you at an early date on the above matter, and with kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

TIMOTHY J. MCDONOUGH
Representative 11th Suffolk District

QM 295 A-M
Costello, Joseph M. (MA)

October 29, 1932

Hon. David I. Walsh,
United States Senate.

My dear Senator:

I have your letter of October 27th, relative to the desire of Mrs. Mary A. Costello to secure a monetary allowance in lieu of a pilgrimage to the grave of her son, the late Private Joseph M. Costello.

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended, authorizing the pilgrimages, makes no provision whereby any mother or widow who is unable or does not desire to make the pilgrimage, may be granted a sum of money in lieu of making the journey.

Very truly yours,

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

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October 27, 1932

Maj. Gen. J. L. De Witt
 The Quartermaster General
 War Department
 Washington, D. C.

My dear General De Witt:

I am writing in behalf of Mrs. Mary A. Costello, one of my constituents of 132 Williams Street, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts. She is the mother of Joseph M. Costello, late Private in Company C, 8th Field Signal, U. S. Army, who was killed in France on October 15, 1918, and is anxious to secure a cash settlement in lieu of her Gold Star Mother trip abroad.

Will you kindly let me know if this is possible?



Sincerely yours,

David S. Walsh

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 Joseph M. Costello
 Jamaica Plain, Mass.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Costello, Jos. M. (MA)

Sept. 7, 1932.

Mrs. Mary A. Costello,
132 Williams St.,
Jamaica Plain,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Sign here

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Costello Joseph M (MA)

July 9 1932

Mrs Mary A Costello
132 Williams St
Jamaica Pl
Boston Mass

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

_____ (Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

QM 293 A-M
Costello, Joseph M Pvt. (M-A) M

January 14, 1932.

Mrs. Mary A. Costello,
132 Williams Street,
Jamaida Plain,
Boston, Mass.

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 Joseph M. Costello. 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

Costello, Joseph M. Pvt. (MA) M*

July 14, 1931.

Mrs. Mary A. Costello,
182 Williams St.,
Jamaica, Pl.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Madam:

0445 Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1932 to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question.

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

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? _____

Write answer here

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Costello, Joseph M. 1232 M

June 18, 1930

Mrs. Mary A. Costello
132 Williams Street
Jamaica Place,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

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QM 295 A-C
Costello, Joseph M. 1232-M

May 10, 1930

Mrs. Mary A. Costello,
152 Williams Street, Jamaica Plain,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date declining the invitation to sail on the SS "America" July 2, 1930, to visit the grave of your son, the late Private Joseph M. Costello, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

Your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the journey in 1931, and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages are being arranged for that year.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C
Costello, Joseph M. 1232-M

May 6, 1930

Mrs. Mary A. Costello,
132 Williams Street,
Jamaica Plain, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of April 29th, declining the invitation to sail on the SS "America" July 2, 1930, to visit the grave of your son, the late Private Joseph M. Costello, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

Your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the journey in 1931, and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages are being arranged for that year.

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
Costello, Joseph M. 1232 M

April 12, 1930.

Mrs. Mary A. Costello,
132 Williams St.,
Jamaica Plain,
Boston, Mass.

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, Joseph M. 1232-M

March 26, 1930

Mrs. Mary A. Costello,
132 Williams St.,
Jamaica Plain,
Boston, Mass.
Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Costello, Joseph M. 1252 M.

October 7, 1929.

**Mrs. Mary A. Costello,
132 Williams St., Jamaica Plain,
Boston, Mass.**

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 28 1929.

Costello, Joseph M.

Mrs. Mary A. Costello,
32 Howell St.,
Dorchester, Mass.

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. Joseph M. Costello, Co. C, 47th Wld. Sig. Bn., 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 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.

In reply refer to:

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April 13, 1923.

Mrs. Mary A. Costello,
32 Howell St.,
Dorchester, Mass.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of Pvt. Joseph M. Costello, Co. C, 47th F.S.Bn., is No. 16, Row 32, Block B, 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 maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,



H. J. Conner,
Assistant.

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Costello, Joseph M. 1,692,056 Dup. ✓
(Surname.) (Christian name in full.) (Army serial number.)

Pvt. Co. C, 47th Fld Bn S.C.
(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased *Mother*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? *Yes*
(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery? } *Yes*
(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 Mary A Costello*
32 Howell St. Dorchester Mass
(Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date November 7th 1921

1. REMAINS OF COSTELLO, Joseph M. SERIAL NUMBER 1692056

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. C. 8th F. S. Bn.

2. Disinterred (date): Nov. 7th 1921 From (give complete location): Grave 33 Plot 1 Cem. 548.

By: Group 2 Unit Field Section # 3.

3. Reburied (date): 12 Dec. 18, 1921 In (give complete location): Cty. 1232, Gr. 16, Block B, Row 32

By: Group Reburial S Unit _____ Nature of reburial metallic lined casket

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

Shroud. Badly decomposed recognition impossible.

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

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

No effects. Found under cross.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following Mad 8-11-25-26

(a) Height (actual measurement) impossible to determine Metal filling 20

(b) Weight (estimated) impossible to estimate

(c) Hair—Color None visible.

Quantity None visible.

Characteristics None visible.

(d) Hair on face—Color None visible.

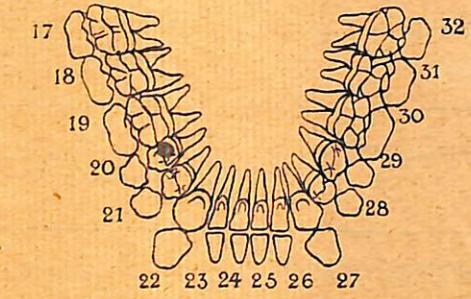
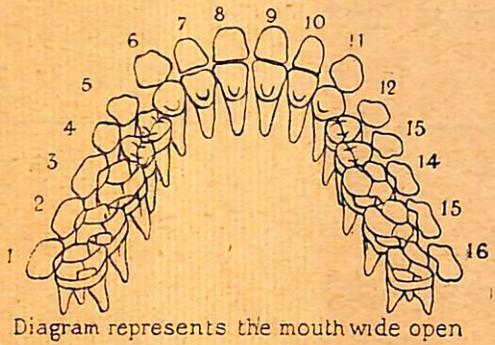
Location None visible.

Quantity None

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

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

None visible.



7. Disinterment supervised by H.L. Hurlbut

Approved: W.H. Roach, 1st Lt. QMC.

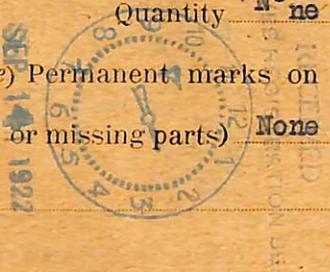
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by A. U. DUFAULT

Approved: JAMES W. YOUNGER

(Title)

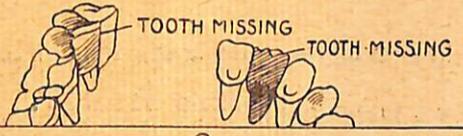
CAPT. QMC dmd



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

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

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

MISSING TEETH	All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :	
CROWNED TEETH	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain); thus :	
BRIDGE WORK	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus :	
FILLINGS	Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :	
CARIES (CAVITIES)	Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :	
DENTURES (PLATES)	Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp"	

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

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Nov 7th 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name COSTELLO, Joseph M
 2. No. 1692056
 3. Rank Pvt
 4. Org. Co. C. 8th F S Bn
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
 5. D.D. 10/15/18
 6. C.D. D.O.W.

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 33 Sec. _____
 8. Plot 1 Row _____
 9. _____

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

18. Cemetery Amer. Cty
 20. Dept. or County Meuse
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 548

19. Commune or town Ance mont
 21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) Nov 7th 1921

By H.L. Hurlbut

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Joseph M. COSTELLO
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. _____
 Organization Co. C. 8th F.S. Bn.

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

S.I. Talamge
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).
No effects.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed recognition impossible.

28. Nature of burial Shroud. Found under cross.

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Nov. 7th 1921 By H.L. Hurlbut

31. Casket sealed by H.L. Hurlbut

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) H.L. Hurlbut



NOTED BY

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-12875

32. Designation of body:

Name COSTELLO, Joseph M Serial No. 1692056

Rank Pvt Organization Co C 8th F S Bn
Co 47th F S Bn

33. Consigned to: officer in Charge Operations,

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon
Meuse 1232

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Nov. 7th 1921 By H.L. Harlbut

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 [Signature]

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Nov. 7th 1921

To point of Concentration Verdun, Meuse;

Convoyer JAMES FLYNN Signature Shipping Officer [Signature] (Name H.L. Harlbut)

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Nov. 7th 1921

By G.R.S. Representative [Signature] FRANK Capt. F.A.

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Nov. 24, 1921

To Permanent Cemetery Meuse Argonne 1232

Convoyer O. Seeliger Signature Shipping Officer [Signature] (Name R. RICHARDS, 1st Lt. QM)

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred Meuse-Argonne Cty. 1232 (Date) Dec. 12, 1921

42. Grave No. 16, Block B, Row 32 Section

43. Plot Row

MT COSTELLO, Joseph M
G.R.S. Representative [Signature]
JAMES W. YOUNGER, CAPT. QMC dmd

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #37880

(a) Name COSTELLO, Joseph M. Ser. No. 1692056
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. C, 47th F. Sig. Bn. TYP. egp
(c) Date of death 10-15-18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA CKR. 3/1

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

(a) Grave No. 33 Row - Plot C Sec. - TYP. egp
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Mary A. Costello (mother) 32 Howell St.,
Dorchester, Mass.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases - CKR. 3/1

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt -

(a) Name Mrs. Mary A. Costello (b) Relationship mother
(c) Address 32 Howell St., Dorchester, Mass.
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? Yes
(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 OK Date 1-20, 1920.

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

no correspondence, dated -
confirming request in Par. IV., item -, above, or requesting that -

Examiner's Initials OK Date 1-20, 1920.

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes PF

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

COUNTRY France

CEMETERY No. 528

SHEET No. 28

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

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FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

Make Form No. 115

2-14-26 F.L.

CARDED

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

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 1920
letter on 1/27/21, 1920

Par. #9 Not to be returned (E&I) 2-2-21

IX.

CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE.

ACTION TAKEN.

Desires body be _____

Body to be shipped to _____

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #37880

(a) Name COSTELLO, Joseph M. Ser. No. 1692058 TYP. egp
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. C, 47th F. Sig. Bn.
 (c) Date of death 10-15-18 Cause of death DWRIA

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

(a) Grave No. 33 Row 7 Plot C Sect. - TYP. egp
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Mary A. Costello (mother) 32 Howell St.,
 Dorchester, Mass.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

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

*also Card - Mrs. Mary A. Costello, (mother)
 32 Howell St., Dorchester, Mass., requests
 body left in Europe. - AP 2/4/21*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by - (cable on 1/27/1921
 (letter of transmittal on 1/27/1921)

Par. #2 Not to be returned (E.S.) 2-2-21

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. FEB 10 1921 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken

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

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

WASHINGTON
HOBOKEN, N.J.

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FEB 16 1921

FROM: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. G.

To: Mrs. Mary A. Costello, 32 Howell St., Dorchester, Mass

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Joseph M. Costello, Ser. No. 1692056 Co. C, 47th F.Sig. Bn.

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above-named soldier remain in France.

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

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

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

Was soldier married?

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

Date

Signature

Address

Relationship

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

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Crematorium Project Sub-section

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to _____ (Name.)

(R. R. station.)

(State.)

3. To be returned to the U. S. and buried in _____ National Cemetery.

4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Signature _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instructions for the disposition of a body are not received from the next of kin within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.

2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.

3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT OF KIN IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.

4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest next of kin in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.

5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.

6. If YOU are not the nearest next of kin, please ask the nearest next of kin, if living near you, to fill out this paper.

7. If YOU are not the nearest living next of kin and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.

8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.

9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

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

NAVY DEPARTMENT

U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1918

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1692056

Name.....Costello, Joseph M.

Rank.....Pvt.....Co.....C.....(Corps Rest).....47FS.
Bon

Date of Death.....Oct 15, 1918.....

Place.....

Cause.....La Morbette.....

Communes of Ancestry.....

Date of Burial.....Oct 18, 1918.....

Grave No.....33.....Plot A.....

Cemetery.....American.....

Identified by (Tag Papers Clothing).....tag.....

List of Effects.....548.....

Field Record Made by.....H. S. Sands.....

Company.....Graves Registration Service.
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For additional data use reverse side.

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Costello 1692056 Joseph M.

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

Pvt. Co. C. 47th F.S.Bn

(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Gas Evac Hosp No. 3

CAUSE OF DEATH: LaMorlette, Ancemont Muse

DATE OF BURIAL:

PLACE OF BURIAL: American cemetery

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

south of LaMorlette Ambulance,
Ancemont, Meuse.

GRAVE NUMBER:

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: yes

Was one buried with body?

Was one fastened to name peg stake used as a grave marker?

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

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY: R. M. Wilder,
1st Lt. MC Comdg.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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



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A.M. 12 Nov 18 P.M.

O.C.O.M.

C.R.S.

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Costello *1692056* *Joseph M.*
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Put *Co. C.* *47th FS Bn.*
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: *Gas Evac Hosp No 3*
Lamorlette, Ancemont Meuse.
CAUSE OF DEATH: *Complication Broncho*
pneumonia. Deleterious inhala-
DATE OF BURIAL: *tion of mustard gas.*

PLACE OF BURIAL: *Grave No.*
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department). Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

American Cemetery south of
Lamorlette Ambulance, Ancemont
Meuse.

GRAVE NUMBER:

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?..... Cross? *yes*
Headboard?..... Bottle?.....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?..... *yes*
Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker?..... *yes*
If name unknown and tags missing description and marks should be given here:
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NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:
Kruwilder
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

1st Lt M.C. Comdg.



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COSTELLO Joseph 1692056

Pvt Co C 47th F.S.Bn

Grave No 35

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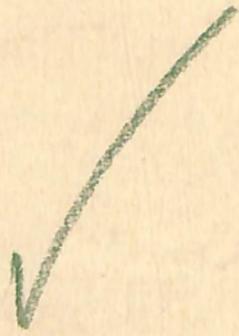
Letter of October 20, 1918

From : Gas Hospital #3

Received the following number
of grave being previously omi-
tted through error.

Costello, Joseph - 1692056
Pvt. Co.C. 47th F.S.Bn.

Grave number 35



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