

Couch, Marshall H.

1,748,522 ✓

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt 1c1

Co I 311th Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Father

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

No.

(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you

wish them interred in a national cemetery?

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Marshall J. Couch
Allendale N.J.

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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To The A. G. O.

G.R.S. Form #114-B

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FULL NAME COUCH, Marshall H.

RANK Pvt. 1/c SERIAL 1748522

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION Co. A, 311th Inf.

DATE OF DEATH *Div-78*
Nov. 1, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *W. J.*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED *none*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 23 14 B
Date Grave Row Block

Meuse-Argonne, #1232

Cemetery

Major General
Adjutant General

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M. & R. BRANCE
O. C. M. G.

Date 5th, May 1919.REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: COUCH, Marshall H.Number: 1748522Rank: Unkn.Organization: Unkn.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

9th, March 1919.Grave# 23, B/ A CEMETERY, GRANDPRE, ARDENNESMap 35 NW E 293.1 N 287.3

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

9th, March 1919.Grave# 27, Section 1, Plot 1.AMER. B/ A CEMETERY 1232, ROMAGNE, MEUSEMap 35 NE E 308. N 285.

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

Body badly decomposed, burial very poor.Was one identification tag found upon the body? NOWhat other means of identification were found on the body? None**CONFIRMED N° D 11076**

Note:

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

Supervised by: Lieut. Gove S. Wright.R. H. ROSENTHAL2nd Lieut. O.M.C.U.S.A.G.O. Group Unit

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

COUCH-1748522-MARSHALL

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

Pfc

D 311

(Rank)

(Organization)

PLACE OF DEATH:

CAUSE OF DEATH: Killed in action

DATE OF BURIAL: November 4th 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: Buzancy 20019, 287.2-292.4

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

1/2 mile east of cross roads south of Grand Pre St. Juans road

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:

E. B. Collier, Captain 303rd San In (Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

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

file 2/27/21

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

Date _____

SUBJECT: Information required for Cemeterial Division.

TO: The Adjutant General of the Army, World War Division, Washington, D.C.

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed:

- a. Surname _____
- b. Christian name _____
- c. Serial number _____
- d. Organization _____
- e. Rank _____
- f. Date of death _____
- g. Cause of death _____
- h. Authority _____
- i. Emergency Address _____
- j. Relationship _____

BODY DESCRIPTION:

- a. Date of enlistment _____
- b. Age at enlistment _____
- c. Color of hair _____
- d. Height _____
- e. Weight _____
- f. Fractures or breaks _____

DENTAL CHARTS:

Mobilization.

Local Board.

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For the Quartermaster General:

Assistant.

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Box 185,
Allendale, New Jersey.
February 15th, 1919.

(Soldier's No. 1,748,522.)

Bureau Grave Registration Service,
Washington,
D.C.

Dear Sirs:

Private Marshall Harley Couch,
311 Infantry, Company "A", A.E.F., was
reported killed in action November 1st,
1918.

As, ¹⁸we were married at Camp Dix
on May 15th, after he entered the Service,
my name does not seem to be on your
records. Will you kindly enter my name
and send me any information you may have
as to where he is buried, etc., as I have
received no advice of any kind.

Thanking you for your early atten-
tion to this matter, I am

Yours very truly,

(Mrs. M. H.)

Ethel S. Couch-
Allendale-
N. J.

file No.
293.3-Geneterial

February 26, 1919.

Office, Director of Purchase and Storage,

Mrs. Ethel S. Couch, Allendale? N. J.

Location of the grave of Pvt. Marshall Harley Couch.

1. This office is in receipt of your letter of the 15th instant, in regard to the location of the grave of Pvt. Marshall Harley Couch, Co. A, who was killed in action November 1, 1918.

2. It is regretted that this information cannot be furnished to you, as the report of the place of burial of your husband, has not yet been received in this office.

H. L. Rogers,
Quartermaster General, U.S. A.,
Director of Purchase and Storage.

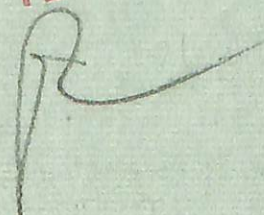
By:

H. R. Lemly,
Major, Quartermaster Corps.

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293.3 Couch, Marshall Harley



Couch, Marshall H.
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New Jersey

GOLD STAR MOTHERS PILGRIMAGE

S.S. REPUBLIC, JULY 26, 1930

Bergen County

Name: Mrs. Ethel S. Couch (N-2)

Address: 91 S. Maple Ave., Ridgewood, N.J.

Route: Erie R.R. to New York

Lv. Ridgewood Train No. 62

2.04 P.M., July 25

Ar. Jersey City

2.50 P.M., July 25

Accommodations: Coach Service

Elapsed Time: 46 minutes $\frac{1}{4}$

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Pres. Harding

PFC Marshall H. Couch

5-17-33

MA

Decline - offered 6-7-33 or 7-26.

cannot leave until later in summer-and if possible would appreciate a later sailing; otherwise I decline.
I ----- the invitation extended/line.

(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. Ethel S. Couch

(Name)

24 Broad St., 14th Floor, New York, N.Y. Co., N.Y.

(Town or City)

(State)



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Couch, Marshall H.

I Declines by letter rec'd 2-25-33
(Accept or decline) the invitation extended

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. Missouri Couch
(Name)

182 Harding Rd, Glen Rock, N.J.
(Town or City) (State)

Bergen Co.

Couch, Mrs. Ethel S.
91 S. Maple Ave.,
Ridgewood, N. J.

REPUBLIC July 26, 1930

Cancelled

COVER, MARSHAL H. PVT.

DESCRIPTION OF BEARER

n.j.

Residence 91 S Maple Ave, Ridgewood

Date of Birth June 1, 1890

Place of Birth Jersey City, N.J.

Age..... years; Sex Female

Height 5 ft. 3 in.; Weight..... lbs.

Hair Light Brown Eyes Brown

Complexion

Scars, etc.

Occupation



Ethel S. Pouch -

(Photograph of Bearer)

(Signature of Bearer)



Ethel S. Pouch -

Mrs. Ethel S. Couch

NOTICE

The holder of this Official Certificate of Identification has a United States Passport in connection with the trip of War Mothers and Widows to Europe in 1930. # 2393.

Le porteur de ce livre est invité par Les États Unis pour visiter la dernière place de repose, en France, de son fils, qui faisait Le Grand Sacrifice pour Sa Patrie, pendant le Guerre du Monde, et qui est enterré en France. Veuillez bien rendre toute assistance demandée. La courtoisie rendu au porteur de ce livre sera apprécié par La Nation Americaine.

En cas de nécessité veuillez notifier le Colonel Richard T. Ellis, Officer en charge, Grand Quartier en Europe, Pilgrimage Americaine de M. & W. 146 Avenue des Champs Elysées, Paris.

Ethel S. Couch-



QM 293 A-M
Couch, Marshall H. (MA)

February 7, 1933

Mrs. Ethel S. Couch,
24 Broad St., 14th Fl.,
New York City.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to the invitation forwarded you to sail on the President Harding, May 17th, to visit the grave of your husband, the late Private Marshall H. Couch.

Groups of pilgrims will visit the Meuse Argonne American Cemetery in France, sailing on the Washington, June 7th and on the President Roosevelt, July 26th. Arrangements can be made to include you with either of these parties.

In the event you desire to sail on either of these dates, it is requested you advise this office. A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

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

Couch, Marshall H. (MA)*

Sept. 8, 1932.

Mrs. Missouri Couch
182 Harding Rd.,
Glen Rock, N.J.

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

July 18, 1932

Couch, Marshall H. (M A)*

Mrs. Missouri Couch,
182 Harding Rd.,
Glen Rock, N.J.

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
Couch, Marshall H. (MA) W

April 6, 1932.

Mrs. Ethel S. Couch,
24 Broad Street, 14th Floor,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of April 4th advising that you cannot accept the invitation to sail June 28th on the LEVIATHAN to visit the grave of your husband, the late Private Marshall H. Couch, in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France.

It is deeply regretted that you are unable to make the trip this summer. You will be communicated with when pilgrimages are being arranged for next year, and it is sincerely hoped that you can go at that time as 1933 is the last year for which pilgrimages are authorized.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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February 26, 1932.

QM 293 A-M
Couch, Marshall H. (MA) W

Mrs. Ethel S. Couch,
24 Broad St., 14th Floor,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date in which you state that you will advise this office as soon as possible as to your decision regarding the invitation to sail June 28th on the LEVIATHAN to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your husband.

If it would be more convenient for you to sail later this summer, arrangements could be made for you to make the trip on the PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT sailing August 17th. Pilgrimages will also be made during the summer of 1933, and in the event you are unable to take advantage of the offer of the Government this year, you will, of course, be given the opportunity of going next summer.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Couch, Marshall H. (MA) SM

February 25, 1932.

Mrs. Missouri A. Couch,
182 Harding Road,
Glen Rock, New Jersey.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your recent communication declining the invitation to sail on the President Harding July 6, 1932, to visit the grave of your son, the late Private Marshall H. Couch.

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It is regretted that ill health prevents you from making the pilgrimage. Your attention is invited to the fact that competent personnel will be provided to care for the comfort and needs of the women making the journey, and medical attention and nurses will be available from the time the mothers and widows arrive in New York City until they return thereto. During the past two years a number of women of advanced age and in poor health have made the pilgrimage and appeared to benefit by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

Should you reconsider and desire to make a pilgrimage to Europe during the coming summer, it is requested you advise this office not later than May 6th, in order that the necessary arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Couch, Marshall H. (M-A) SM

Feb. 15, 1932

Mrs. Missouri Couch,
182 Harding Rd.,
Glen Rock, N. J.
Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended, sailing on the PRESIDENT HARDING, July 6, 1932.

In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you complete the card enclosed with the invitation, signifying whether or not you accept the invitation and return the same to this office immediately. If you have lost or misplaced the card, please write "Accept" or "Decline" on the bottom of this letter and return it to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before April 25, 1932, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

Should you desire to make a pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested you advise this office to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M

Couch, Marshall H. MA W

Feb, 15, 1932.

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Mrs. Ethel S. Couch,
24 Broad St., 14th Floor,
Dear Madam:
New York City, N. Y.

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended, sailing on the LEVIATHAN, June 28, 1932.

In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you complete the card enclosed with the invitation, signifying whether or not you accept the invitation and return the same to this office immediately. If you have lost or misplaced the card, please write "Accept" or "Decline" on the bottom of this letter and return it to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before April 16, 1932, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

Should you desire to make a pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested you advise this office to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M

June 18, 1931.

Couch, Marshall H. (MA) SM

Mrs. Missouri Couch,
182 Harding Road,
Glen Rock, N. J.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 10, 1931, advising that you are unable to sail July 22nd on the PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT to visit the grave of your stepson, the late Private Marshall H. Couch.

It is deeply regretted that your health will not permit you to make the pilgrimage this year, and it is requested that you advise this office as to whether or not you desire to make the journey during the summer months of 1932 in the event your health improves.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Couch, Marshall H. 1232 W

March 30, 1931

Mrs. Ethel S. Couch,
91 S. Maple Ave.,
Ridgewood, N. J.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "President Roosevelt" on July 22, 1931.

In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you complete the card enclosed with the invitation signifying whether or not you accept the invitation and return the same to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before May 5, 1931, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

Should you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you advise this office to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Couch, Marshall H. 1252 SM

November 29, 1930

Mrs. Missouri Couch,
Glen Rock,
New Jersey.

Dear Madam:

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

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

July 16, 1930

Couch, Marshall H. 1282-W

Mrs. Ethel S. Couch
91 S. Maple Ave.
Ridgewood, N. J.

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-M

Couch, Marshall H. 1232 W

July 15, 1930.

Mrs. Ethel S. Couch
91 South Maple Avenue,
Ridgewood, New Jersey

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 12, 1930, enclosing the check in the amount of \$2.50 previously forwarded you to cover incidental expenses and subsistence for your trip to New York to sail on the SS "Republic," July 26, 1930, to visit the grave of your husband, the late Marshall H. Couch, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

With reference to your desire to make the pilgrimage next year, you are informed your name has been placed on the list of mothers and widows eligible to make the journey in 1931, and you will be communicated with when arrangements have been completed for that year.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

C. S. M. G. M. C. R. DIV.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 27, 1930.

Couch, Marshall H. - 1232 MStep

Mrs. Missouri Couch,
Glen Rock, New Jersey.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the **Stepmother** of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age Condition of Health
4. Do you speak English?	
5. What other language do you speak?	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Couch, Marshall H. - 1232

June 24, 1930.

Mrs. Ethel S. Couch,
91 S. Maple Ave.,
Ridgewood, New Jersey.

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:

Leave Ridgewood	Erie RR	Train #62	2:04 PM	July 25
Arrive Jersey City	" "	#62	2:50 PM	July 25

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

Couch Marshall H. 1232-W.

June 12, 1930.

Mrs Ethel S. Couch,
91 S. Maple Ave.,
Ridgewood, New Jersey.

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
Couch, Marshall H. 1232-SM

May 26, 1930.

Mrs. Missouri Couch,
Glen Rock, N. J.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Couch, Marshall H. 1232-W
Republic 7-26

May 14, 1930

Mrs. Ethel S. Couch,
91 S. Maple Avenue,
Ridgewood, N. J.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Name

Address

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Couch, Marshall H. -1282 W
Republic 7-36

May 7, 1930

Mrs. Ethel S. Couch,
91 S. Maple Avenue,
Ridgewood, New Jersey.
Bergen County.

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.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

May 7, 1930.

Couch, Marshall H. 1232 W

Mrs. Ethel S. Couch,
91 S. Maple Ave.,

Ridgewood, N. J.
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

May 7, 1930.

Couch, Marshall H. 1232 W

Mrs. Ethel Couch,
91 S. Maple Ave.,
Ridgewood, N.J.

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.

to
QM 293 A-C
Couch, Marshall H.

April 2, 1930

Mrs. M. H. Couch,
91 South Maple Avenue,
Ridgewood, New Jersey.

Dear Madam:

→ See above list.
Your letter of March 18, 1930, addressed to the United States Veterans' Bureau, has been referred to this office for reply relative to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act of March 2, 1929.

In this connection you are advised that in compliance with your request your permanent address has been recorded in this office as "91 South Maple Avenue, Ridgewood, New Jersey",

Mothers and widows are to make the pilgrimage in groups by states, the order of sailing having been determined by a drawing made by Mrs. Hoover. The sailings will average one a week from May 7, to August 30, 1930, and as New Jersey is number thirty one on the list, it is believed that it will be sometime between June 15, and August 30, 1930, when the mothers and widows from the State of New Jersey will be invited to make the sailing. A formal invitation setting forth the name of the vessel and the date of sailing will be forwarded you within a reasonable length of time.

For the Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C
Couch, Marshall H.

December 4, 1929.

Mrs. Missouri Couch,
Glen Rock,
New Jersey.

Dear Madam:

It is believed the inclosed questionnaire, dated October 7, 1929, relative to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act of March 2, 1929, was forwarded to this office through inadvertence.

In order that the records of this office may be completed, it is requested that you complete and return the questionnaire. A self-addressed envelope requiring no postage is inclosed for your use.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C
Couch, Marshall J.
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October 23, 1929.

Mrs. Missouri Couch,
Glen Rock, New Jersey.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, enabling the mothers and widows of the members of the military and naval forces of the United States now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries.

The records of this office indicate that you were the step-mother of the late Private Marshall J. Couch, and in order to determine your eligibility under the Act to make the pilgrimage to his grave it will be appreciated if you will furnish the following information:

- (1) Date of your marriage to the father of Private Couch.
- (2) Were you married to Mr. Couch at the time his son entered the military service?
- (3) Were you married to Mr. Couch at the time of his son's death?
- (4) If not, give date of your separation from him, or of his death.

For the Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Couch, Marshall H. 1232 -SM

Mrs. Missouri Couch,
Glen Rock, N. J.

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

October 7, 1929.

Couch, Marshall H. 1232 W.

Mrs. Ethel S. Couch,
c/o Mrs. Gertrude Smyth,
Temple, Maine.

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.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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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
Couch, Marshall H.

June 28 1929.

Mr. Marshall J. Couch,
Maple Ave.,
Allendale, N.J.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Pvt. First Class Marshall H. Couch, Co. A, 311th Inf., whose remains are interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relative is a stepmother, mother through adoption, or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. If he was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

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HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Couch,</i>	<i>Con</i>	3	<i>3 0-12</i>
<i>Marshall H.</i>	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>23</i>	2	<i>23</i>
	ROW <i>14</i>	2	<i>14</i>
	BLOCK <i>12</i>	1	<i>2</i>
STATE	<i>N.J.</i>	2	<i>35-</i>
RANK	<i>Priv.</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>78</i>	2	<i>78</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>311</i>	3	<i>311</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NAME <i>Couch</i>	<i>Con</i>	3	<i>3 0-12</i>
<i>Mrs. Missouini</i>	STATE <i>N.J.</i>	2	<i>35-</i>
<i>A.</i>	COUNTY <i>Bergen</i>	2	<i>02</i>
<i>182 Harding Rd.</i>	CITY <i>Stein Rock</i>	3	<i>XXX</i>
RELATION	<i>Step-Mother</i>	1	<i>3</i>
OTHER	<i>Father</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>fair</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR. <i>1933</i>	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>no</i>	1	
<i>Age</i>	<i>62</i>	1	

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NAME <i>Couch, Marshall H.</i>	<i>Cow</i>	3	<i>3 5 1¹²</i>
	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>23</i>	2	<i>23</i>
	ROW <i>14</i>	2	<i>14</i>
	BLOCK <i>B</i>	1	<i>2</i>
STATE	<i>N. Y.</i>	2	<i>35</i>
RANK	<i>Prvt.</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>78</i>	2	<i>78</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>311</i>	3	<i>311</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NAME <i>Couching Mrs Ethel S.</i>	<i>Cow</i>	3	<i>3 5 1¹²</i>
	STATE <i>N. Y.</i>	2	<i>37</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>New York</i>	2	<i>31</i>
<i>24 Broad St., 14th floor</i>	CITY <i>New York</i>	3	<i>101</i>
RELATION	<i>widow</i>	1	<i>5</i>
OTHER	<i>father</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>good</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO. <i>1933</i>	1	
	YR. <i>1933</i>	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>no</i>	1	
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Couch, Marshall H. (MA)

Feb. 13, 1933

Mrs. Missouri Couch,
182 Harding Road,
Glen Rock, N. J.

*Declines
June 7-*

Dear Madam:

No reply has been received to the invitation forwarded you to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe, sailing on the Washington, June 7th.

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

PLEASE REPLY PROMPTLY.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,



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



Dear Sir:

I will not be able to make the pilgrimage June 7. At the present writing I am confined in the hospital and do not know when I am leaving

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Missouri Couch

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QM 293 A-M
Couch, Marshall H. (MA)

February 7, 1933

Mrs. Ethel S. Couch,
24 Broad St., 14th Fl.,
New York City.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to the invitation forwarded you to sail on the President Harding, May 17th, to visit the grave of your husband, the late Private Marshall H. Couch.

Groups of pilgrims will visit the Meuse Argonne American Cemetery in France, sailing on the Washington, June 7th and on the President Roosevelt, July 26th. Arrangements can be made to include you with either of these parties.

In the event you desire to sail on either of these dates, it is requested you advise this office. A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Mrs Couch - Choice

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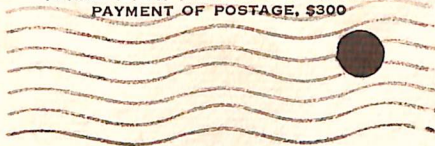
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Couch, Marshall H. (MA)*

Sept. 8, 1932.

Mrs. Missouri Couch
182 Harding Rd.,
Glen Rock, N.J.

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")	Yes
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: - 62 Health: - Fair
3. Do you speak English?	American born
4. What other language do you speak?	None

Missouri A. Couch
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
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
Couch, Marshall H. (M A)*

July 18, 1932

Mrs. Missouri Couch,
182 Harding Rd.,
Glen Rock, N.J.

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) _____

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Couch, Marshall H. PFC

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I Decline - letter rec'd 2-20-32

(Accept or decline)

the invitation extended

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. Missouri Couch

(Name)

182 Harding Rd, Glen Rock, Bergen Co. N.J.

(Town or city)

(State)

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Couch, Marshall N.

I Decline by wire 4-4-32 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 Ethel S. Couch

1933 ✓

(Name)

24 Broad St., 14th Floor, N.Y. C. N.Y.

(Town or city)

(State)

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April 6, 1932.

QM 293 A-M
Couch, Marshall H. (MA) W

Mrs. Ethel S. Couch,
24 Broad Street, 14th Floor,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of April 4th advising that you cannot accept the invitation to sail June 28th on the LEVIATHAN to visit the grave of your husband, the late Private Marshall H. Couch, in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France.

It is deeply regretted that you are unable to make the trip this summer. You will be communicated with when pilgrimages are being arranged for next year, and it is sincerely hoped that you can go at that time as 1933 is the last year for which pilgrimages are authorized.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Washington, D. C., April 4, 1932

MRS. ETHEL S. COUCH,
24 BROAD ST., 14TH FLOOR,
NEW YORK, N. Y.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED ~~YOU~~ TO SAIL JUNE TWENTY EIGHT NOT RECEIVED

DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER 4141GSM

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WM 293 A-M Couch, Marshall H. (M-A) W
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Washington, D. C., April 4, 1932

MRS. ETHEL S. COUCH,
24 BROAD ST., 14TH FLOOR,
NEW YORK, N. Y.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL JUNE TWENTY EIGHT NOT RECEIVED
DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER 4141GSM

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Couch, Marshall H. (MA) W

February 26, 1932.

Mrs. Ethel S. Couch,
24 Broad St., 14th Floor,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date in which you state that you will advise this office as soon as possible as to your decision regarding the invitation to sail June 28th on the LEVIATHAN to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your husband.

If it would be more convenient for you to sail later this summer, arrangements could be made for you to make the trip on the PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT sailing August 17th. Pilgrimages will also be made during the summer of 1933, and in the event you are unable to take advantage of the offer of the Government this year, you will, of course, be given the opportunity of going next summer.

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-II

Couch, Marshall H. MA W

Feb. 15, 1932.

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Mrs. Ethel S. Couch,
24 Broad St., 14th Floor,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended, sailing on the LEVIATHAN, June 28, 1932.

In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you complete the card enclosed with the invitation, signifying whether or not you accept the invitation and return the same to this office immediately. If you have lost or misplaced the card, please write "Accept" or "Decline" on the bottom of this letter and return it to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before April 16, 1932, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

This summer
or next year?

Should you desire to make a pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested you advise this office to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

[Handwritten signature]

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



I shall give my answer to your invitation to make the Pilgrimage as soon as I can arrange the time, which will be very shortly. Kindly advise me what you mean by a later date- later this summer- or is the Pilgrimage going to extend over next year.

QM 293 A-M
Couch, Marshall H. (MA) SM

February 23, 1932.

Mrs. Missouri A. Couch,
182 Harding Road,
Glen Rock, New Jersey.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your recent communication declining the invitation to sail on the President Harding July 6, 1932, to visit the grave of your son, the late Private Marshall H. Couch.

It is regretted that ill health prevents you from making the pilgrimage. Your attention is invited to the fact that competent personnel will be provided to care for the comfort and needs of the women making the journey, and medical attention and nurses will be available from the time the mothers and widows arrive in New York City until they return thereto. During the past two years a number of women of advanced age and in poor health have made the pilgrimage and appeared to benefit by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

Should you reconsider and desire to make a pilgrimage to Europe during the coming summer, it is requested you advise this office not later than May 6th, in order that the necessary arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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[Handwritten initials]

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-11

Couch, Marshall H. (M-A) SM

Feb. 15, 1932

^{A.}
Mrs. Missouri Couch,
182 Harding Rd.,
Glen Rock, N. J.

*Decline Harding
July 6-1932*

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended, sailing on the PRESIDENT HARDING, July 6, 1932.

In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you complete the card enclosed with the invitation, signifying whether or not you accept the invitation and return the same to this office immediately. If you have lost or misplaced the card, please write "Accept" or "Decline" on the bottom of this letter and return it to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before April 25, 1932, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

Should you desire to make a pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested you advise this office to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



*My health prevents me
from making the pilgrimage
to Europe.
Missouri A Couch (Mrs.)*

Mat. Mother

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QM 293 A-M

June 18, 1931.

Couch, Marshall H. (MA) SM

Mrs. Missouri Couch,
182 Harding Road,
Glen Rock, N. J.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 10, 1931, advising that you are unable to sail July 22nd on the PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT to visit the grave of your stepson, the late Private Marshall H. Couch.

It is deeply regretted that your health will not permit you to make the pilgrimage this year, and it is requested that you advise this office as to whether or not you desire to make the journey during the summer months of 1932 in the event your health improves.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:
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President Roosevelt

7-22-31

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Couch, Marshall H., Pvt.

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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.

1932

Mrs. Ethel S. Couch

24 Broad Street - (Name) 14th floor - N. Y. City

~~91 S. Maple Ave., Ridgewood, Bergen Co., N. J.~~

(Town or City)

(State)

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President Roosevelt

Couch, Marshall H., Pvt. 1cl

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Declined by letter 6/10/31

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. Missouri Couch

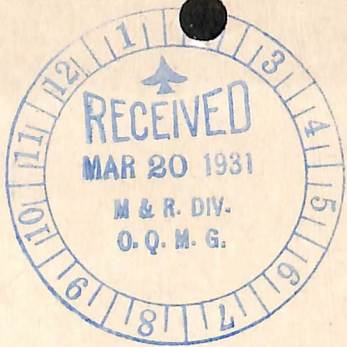
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182 Harding Rd., Glen Rock, Bergen Co., New Jersey

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182 Harding Road,
Glen Rock, N. J.

Quartermaster General;
Washington, D.C.

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July 22, 1931
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Sir:

It is with regret that I, Mrs.
Missouri Couch, mother of Private
Marshall H. Couch, 1232, N. J. Bergen
County, will not be able to join
the pilgrimage of Gold Star Mothers
to American Cemeteries, sailing on the
"President Roosevelt" July 22, 1931.

My health will not permit me

293
Couch, Marshall
M.A.

to go on the Pilgrimage this year.

Regretting very much that I will
be unable to be with the Gold Star
Mothers on their sacred pilgrimage,
I am,

Very truly yours.

Mrs. Missouri Couch

June 10, 1931



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

PLEASE FILL IN THE INFORMATION CALLED FOR BELOW,
AND MAIL THIS LETTER PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED
ENVELOPE WHICH REQUIRES NO POSTAGE.

Couch, Marshall 1232 N. J. Bergen County

Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In the blank space below you will find
the name and address of the person in the United
States whom I desire to be notified in case I be-
come seriously ill or other emergency arises while
I am making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by
the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

M. Adelaide Couch (Miss)
Name
182 Harding Road
Glen Rock, New Jersey
Address

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Missouri Couch

(Your name)

182 Harding Road

(Your address)

Glen Rock,

New Jersey



QM 293 A-M
Couch, Marshall H. 1232 SM

November 29, 1930

Mrs. Missouri Couch,
Glen Rock,
New Jersey.

Dear Madam:

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

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

July 16, 1930

Couch, Marshall H. 1232-W

Mrs. Ethel S. Couch
~~91 S. Maple Ave.~~ 24 Broad St. - 14th Floor
~~Ridgewood, N. Y.~~ New York City

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-M

Couch, Marshall H. 1232 W

July 15, 1930.

Mrs. Ethel S. Couch
91 South Maple Avenue,
Ridgewood, New Jersey

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 12, 1930, enclosing the check in the amount of \$2.50 previously forwarded you to cover incidental expenses and subsistence for your trip to New York to sail on the SS "Republic," July 26, 1930, to visit the grave of your husband, the late Marshall H. Couch, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

With reference to your desire to make the pilgrimage next year, you are informed your name has been placed on the list of mothers and widows eligible to make the journey in 1931, and you will be communicated with when arrangements have been completed for that year.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Declines 7-14-30

Couch, Marshall H.

I ~~accept~~ - the invitation extended
(Accept or decline) *and 7-15-30*

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.

Ethel S. Couch - 1931

Mrs. Ethel S. Couch

(Name)

91 South Maple Ave., Ridgewood, Bergen Co.

(Town or City)

N. J.

(State)



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QM 293 A-C
Couch, Marshall H., -1232W

91 South Maple Avenue,
Ridgewood, New Jersey.

"SS Republic 7-26.

July 12th, 1930.

War Department,
Office of the Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I very much regret that I will be unable to make the Pilgrimage as scheduled this year. I trust however that I may have the privilege of going next year.

I enclose herewith check No. 343,184, to my order, in the amount of \$2.50, to cover incidentals, enroute to New York.

Thanking you for your extreme courtesy, I am

Yours very truly,

Ethel S. Couch



*Declines Inv. Republic
Listed for 1931*

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Couch Marshall H.
7-26-30

Couch, Marshall H
Ma.

July 12th, 1950

Mrs. Ethel S. Couch,
91 S. Maple Avenue,
Ridgewood, New Jersey.

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., C.M. Corps,
Assistant.

Enclosures:
2 tags.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Couch, Marshall H. 1232-W

July 3, 1930.

Mrs. Ethel S. Couch,
91 S. Maple Ave.,
Ridgewood, N. J.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. ^{343,184} in the
amount of \$ ^{2.50}, to pay for your meals and incidental
expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage
authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Check No.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 27, 1930.

Couch, Marshall H. - 1232 MStep

Mrs. Missouri Couch,
Glen Rock, New Jersey.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the Stepmother of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?

2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?

3. Please give your age and state your health.

4. Do you speak English?

5. What other language do you speak?

Age
Condition of Health

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:
Envelope
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XXX A-M
Couch, Marshall H. - 1232

June 24, 1930.

Mrs. Ethel S. Couch,
91 S. Maple Ave.,
Ridgewood, New Jersey.

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:

Leave Ridgewood	Erie RR	Train #62	2:04 PM	July 25
Arrive Jersey City	" "	#62	2:50 PM	July 25

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

Couch, Marshall H. 1232-SM

May 26, 1930.

Mrs. Missouri Couch,
Glen Rock, N. J.

Q. 1748522 *yes*

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



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

I do. (August)
(Write answer here)

(Mrs.) Missouri A. Couch
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Couch, Marshall H. 1232-W
Republic 7-26

May 14, 1930

Mrs. Ethel S. Couch,
91 S. Maple Avenue,
Ridgewood, N. J.

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.

Lester W. Smyth -
Name

91 South Maple Ave - Ridgewood - N. J.
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.



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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 7, 1930.

Couch, Marshall H. 1232 W

Mrs. Ethel Couch,
91 S. Maple Ave.,
Ridgewood, N.J.

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.

QM 293 A-C
Couch, Marshall H.

April 2, 1930

Mrs. M. H. Couch,
91 South Maple Avenue,
Ridgewood, New Jersey.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of March 18, 1930, addressed to the United States Veterans' Bureau, has been referred to this office for reply relative to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act of March 2, 1929.

In this connection you are advised that in compliance with your request your permanent address has been recorded in this office as "91 South Maple Avenue, Ridgewood, New Jersey",

Mothers and widows are to make the pilgrimage in groups by states, the order of sailing having been determined by a drawing made by Mrs. Hoover. The sailings will average one a week from May 7, to August 30, 1930, and as New Jersey is number thirty one on the list, it is believed that it will be sometime between June 15, and August 30, 1930, when the mothers and widows from the State of New Jersey will be invited to make the sailing. A formal invitation setting forth the name of the vessel and the date of sailing will be forwarded you within a reasonable length of time.

For the Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

VP:lb

March 24, 1930.

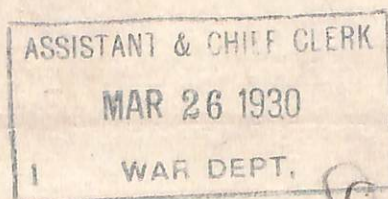
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Mrs. M. H. Couch,
91 South Maple Avenue,
Ridgewood, New Jersey.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated March 18, 1930, relative to the legislation providing pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces who are now interred in such cemeteries.

The administration of the legislation in which you are interested is under the jurisdiction of the War Department, to which department your letter is being referred for attention.



For the Director,

J. O'C. ROBERTS,
Assistant General Counsel.



MHW:lp

MAYNARD, OAKLEY & LAWRENCE

24 Broad Street, New York

March 18, th, 1930

In re - Couch, M. H., Deceased.

War Veterans Bureau,
Washington,
D. C.

Dear Sirs:

In filing my request to make the Pilgrimage to France this summer, I gave my address as - Temple, Maine, where I was spending the summer.

My permanent address is --

91 South Maple Avenue,
Ridgewood, New Jersey.

Kindly change your records accordingly, and oblige

Yours very truly,

/s/ (Mrs. M. H.) Ethel S. Couch -

#1232

QM 293 A-C
Couch, Marshall H.

December 4, 1929.

Mrs. Missouri Couch,
Glen Rock,
New Jersey.

Dear Madam:

It is believed the inclosed questionnaire, dated October 7, 1929, relative to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act of March 2, 1929, was forwarded to this office through inadvertence.

In order that the records of this office may be completed, it is requested that you complete and return the questionnaire. A self-addressed envelope requiring no postage is inclosed for your use.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

SC:LS
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Re- QM 293 A-C
Couch, Marshall H.
1232

182 Harding Road,
Glen Rock, New Jersey

November 11, 1929

War Department,
Office Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Atten: Capt A.D. HUGHES, ASST

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith answers to questions on the late Private
Marshall H. Couch.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Missouri A. Couch

Encl.



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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C *
Couch, Marshall J.
1232

October 23, 1929.

per envelope

Mrs. Missouri Couch, *182 Harding Road*
Glen Rock, New Jersey. *letter 10-7*
sent 11-14-29

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, enabling the mothers and widows of the members of the military and naval forces of the United States now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries.

The records of this office indicate that you were the step-mother of the late Private Marshall J. Couch, and in order to determine your eligibility under the Act to make the pilgrimage to his grave it will be appreciated if you will furnish the following information:

- OK*
1929
- (1) Date of your marriage to the father of Private Couch. April 16, 1900
 - (2) Were you married to Mr. Couch at the time his son entered the military service? Yes
 - (3) Were you married to Mr. Couch at the time of his son's death? Yes
 - (4) If not, give date of your separation from him, or of his death. X

For the Quartermaster General.

Mrs. Missouri A. Couch

Very truly yours,



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

2 Incls.
Act.
Env.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Couch, Marshall H. 1232 -SM

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Missouri Couch,
Glen Rock, N. J.

*Purchased
1931*

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? <i>Yes.</i>	(Yes) Yes	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930? <i>No</i>	(Yes)	No (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? <i>No.</i>	(Yes)	No (No)
4. Please give your age and state of health. <i>59 Good</i>	Age <i>59</i> Health <i>Good</i> (Years) (Good) (Poor)	Yes
5. What language do you speak? <i>English</i>	English - (Yes) (No) Other language <i>No</i> (Specify language spoken)	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Couch, Marshall H. 1232 W.

Mrs. Ethel S. Couch,
~~a/o Mrs. Gertrude Smyth,~~
~~Temple, Maine.~~

*91 South Maple Ave.
Ridgewood, Bergen Co. N.J. 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.

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

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Temple, Maine.

July 29th, 1929.

Reference - QM 293 A-C
Couch, Marshall Harley.

War Department,
Office of The Quartermaster General,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

As the widow of the above deceased soldier, I would appreciate details regarding the pilgrimage to Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery- I would be very grateful to avail myself of this invitation.

Mrs. Missouri Couch, Glen Rock, New Jersey, decedent's step-mother, might also be interested.

Thanking you for courtesies extended

Yours truly,

(Mrs.) Ethel S. Couch

% Mrs. Gertrude Smyth,
Temple, Maine.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Couch, Marshall H.

June 28 1929.

Mr. Marshall J. Couch,
Maple Ave.,
Allendale, N.J.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Pvt. First Class Marshall H. Couch, Co. A, 311th Inf., whose remains are interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relative is a stepmother, mother through adoption, or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. If he was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

In reply refer to:
293.8 C-R
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File

Nov. 23, 1922.

Mr. Marshall J. Couch,
Maple Ave.,
Allendale, N.J.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of the late Marshall H. Couch, Pvt. 1/c, Co. A, 311th Infantry, is Grave 23, Row 14, Block B, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse, France.

This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. The headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

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

Very truly yours,

H. J. CONNER,
Assistant.

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G.R.S. Form #114-B

DATE March 8, 1922.

1. NAME COUCH, Marshall H. SERIAL No. 1748522

RANK PTG. ORGANIZATION Co.A. 311th. Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty., Romagne s/s 1232 Sec.1
CTY. NAME Montfaucon, Meuse. NUMBER

27 Sec.1 1
GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 23 Bac, Grandpre, Ardennes
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES Verdun 35 NW 287.3 N 293.1 E

CONCENTRATED TO 3/9/19 27 Sec 1 1
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse Argonne Cemetery 1232
CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on cross.

data F-1.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS
CCG. DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR M. B. Birdseye 1st Lt. Q.M. Co.
MS B. BIRDSEYE

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION March 8, 1922. 23 14 B
DATE GRAVE ROW BLOCK

AUDITED BY
M.M.E.
9-1-22

Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse).
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 16, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.

Place Comagne Cem. 1232
Date March 6, 1922

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF COUCH, Marshall H. SERIAL NUMBER 1748522
RANK Pvtl/c ORGANIZATION Co.A. 311th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): March 6, 1922 From (give complete location): Gr. 27, Sec. 1, Plot 1 Cem. 1232

By: Group ~~Maire~~ Maire Unit Section one

3. Reburied (date): Mch 8, 1922, Meuse Argonne Cty 1232, gr 23, bl B, row 14
In (give complete location):

By: Group Reburial S Unit _____ Nature of reburial unlined casket

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

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? No On grave marker? Yes

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
None

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

Quantity do

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

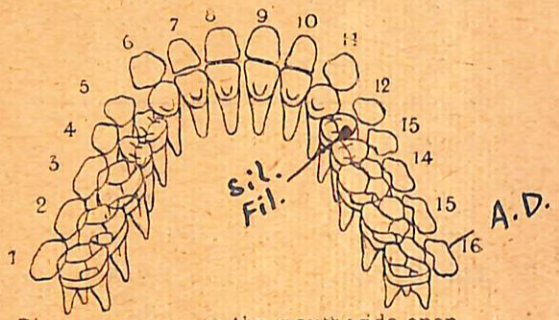
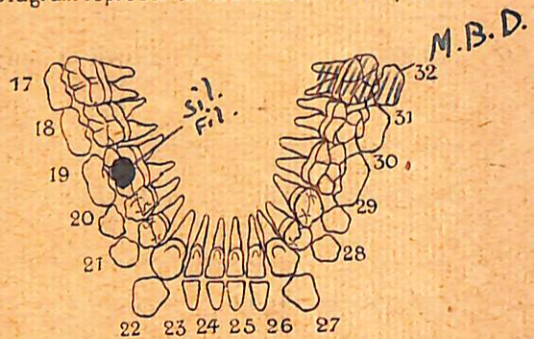


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty)
Skull shattered right radius and ulna fractured.

7. Disinterment supervised by Edmo Maire
Edmo Maire

Approved: [Signature]
R. Richards, 1st Lt. QMC.
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by W.B. Sheild
W.B. Sheild






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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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G.R.S. FORM #114-A.

STATION Romagne 1232

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE March 6 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 COUCH, Marshall H.

10. Name

2. No. 1748522

11. No.

3. Rank PFC.

12. Rank

4. Org. Co. A. 311th Inf.

13. Org.

5. D.D. Nov. 1/18

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. KIA

(b) D.B. None

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 27 Sec. 1

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot 1 Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. none

18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer.

19. Commune or town Romagne s/s Montfaucon

20. Dept. or County Meuse

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232 Sec. 1

23. Disinterred (Date) March 6 1922

By Edmo Maire.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Marshall H Couch

Serial No. 1748522

Rank PFC

Organization Co A 311th Inf

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

C. Smyth O'Meara
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

C Smyth O'Meara

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).

none

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable

28. Nature of burial US Uniform burlap and box

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 March 6 1922 By Edmo Maire.

31. Casket sealed by Edmo Maire.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor Edmo Maire.)

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box. Box No. C-25771

32. Designation of body:

Name Marshall H. COUCH

Serial No. 1748522

Rank PFC.

Organization Co.A. 311th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. 1232, Romagne s/s Montfaucon, Meuse.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) March 6 1922 By Edmo Maire.

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

[Handwritten Signature]
R Richards 1st Lt. QMC

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) March 6 1922 cc

To point of Concentration Morgue Romagne

Convoyer P H Doran

(Name

Signature Shipping Officer

[Handwritten Signature]
G F Spann, Capt. QMC

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date G F Spann, Capt. QMC

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery

(Name

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred Meuse-Argonne Cty 1232, March 8, 1922 (Date)

42. Grave No. 23 Section

43. Plot Block B Row 14

G.R.S. Representative

[Handwritten Signature]
A.E. Dewey, 1st Lt, QMC.



COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #62548

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name COUCH, Marshall H. Ser. No. 1748522
(b) Rank Pvt. 1/c Organization Co. A, 311th Inf. TYP. evs
(c) Date of death 11/1/18 (d) Cause of death K/a CKR. B.J.

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

(a) Grave No. 27 Row - Plot 1 Sec. 1 TYP. evs
(b) Emerg. Address Marshall J. Couch (Father), Maple Ave., Allendale, N.J.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases - CKR. B.J.

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt -

(a) Name Marshall J. Couch (b) Relationship Father
(c) Address Allendale, N.J.
(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 [initials] Date 3-14-21, 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 [initials] Date 3-14-21, 1920.

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

No req for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes

Examiner's Initials [initials] Date 3-14-21, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232--Sec. 1 SHEET No. 40

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

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Make Form No. 114

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

MAR 25 1921

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Handwritten notes and stamps including 'checked 3/19/21' and initials.

File #62548

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

COUCH, Marshall H.

1748522

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name Pvt. 1/c Co. A, 511th Inf. Ser. No. 3-19-21 *evs*
 (b) Rank 11/1/18 Organization K/a TYP. 13.7
 (c) Date of death _____ (d) Cause of death _____

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

(a) Grave No. 27 Row 1 Plot 1 Sec. 1 TYP. J. *evs*
Marshall J. Couch (Father), Maple Ave., Allendale,
 (b) Emerg. Address _____ *a. l. o. o. n. 3/19/21 meB*

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases _____ CKR. 13.7

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

*A. G. O. Card - Marshall J. Couch (father)
 Allendale, N. J. requests body not to be
 returned to U.S. ins 3/25/21*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by _____ cable on _____, 192
Sec. I letter of transmittal on 3/23/21, 192
Par. # 2 - Not to be returned (JEN)
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VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., _____, 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

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

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

COUNTRY _____ CEMETERY No. _____ SHEET No. _____

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

FILE NUMBER 62548

FROM:--

DATE: 4/17/19

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:--

NAME Couch, Marshall Harley NUMBER

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co a 311th Inf

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	① Couch, Marshall H. Pvt Co a 311 th Inf (1748522)
2.	Date of Death.	② 11-1-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	③ K/a
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	④ 336
5.	Date buried.	⑤ 11-4-18
6.	Grave Location (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required	⑥ Cty 958, grave 23 Amer Bja Grandpre (Ardennes)
7.	Who reported burial?	⑦ E. B. DOLLIER, Chap 303 SAN. TR.
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	⑧ yes
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	⑨ cross
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	⑩ 1 tag to marker (father)
11.	Who is nearest relative?	⑪ Marshall J. Couch Maple Ave Allendale, N.J.
12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	⑫ 1-20-19
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.?	

NB All proper names to be printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

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FROM: G. R. S. Officer, Paris.
 TO: Chief, G. R. S., (Registration Branch), Tours,
 SUBJECT: Location, grave of:

FILE NO. 62548
 DATE April 16, 1919.

NAME **GOUGH, Marshall Harley.** SERIAL NUMBER 1748522
 RANK **Pvt.** ORGANIZATION **Co.A, 311th. Inf.**

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with records?	1. Gough, Marshall H. Pvt. Co.A. 311th. Infantry
2.	Date of death:	2. 11.1.18.
3.	Grave location:	3. Grave #23. Amer. B/A. Cty. Grandpre. (Ardenne)
4.	Who reported burial?	4. Chaplain E.B. Collier.
5.	Confirmed by G. R. S.?	5. Yes. 303 San. Tr.
6.	How is grave marked?	6. Cross.
7.	Identification tags:	7.
	(a) Buried with Body?	
	(b) Attached to grave Marker?	(b) One.
8.	Emergency address:	8. Marshall J. Gough (Father) Maple Avenue. Allendale N.J.
9.	Has above been notified? (Give Date)	9. 1.20.19.

REMARKS:
 Forwarded to Chief, G.R.S., April 16th. 1919.

Requested by **GELSTON, Mr. A.W.**
 European address **Athletic Dept., Y.M.C.A., 12, Rue Boissy d'Anglas, Paris.**
 Relationship to deceased **Friend.**

Checked by

Inquirer reports: K/A 11/1/18.



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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

COUCH 1748522 MARSHALL
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF BURIAL:

CAUSE OF DEATH: Killed in action

DATE OF BURIAL: Nov. 4-1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: Buayan, 20000, 2872-2934

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

1/2 Mile east of cross roads north of Grand Pre with side of road from Grand Pre to St. Julien

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:

E. B. Collier, Chaplain 303rd San. Tro. (Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer) a. j. b. jr.

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

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G. R. S.
7 6 S

1 G.R.S. FORM NO. 1

2 #1748522

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3 NAME JOHN MARSHALL H.

4 RANK X X U.S.A.

5 X

6 X BATTLE AREA CEMETERY

7 1 1/2 KILO.N.E.OF GRANDPRE. ARDENNES

8 GRAVE NO.23 PLOT A

9 CROSS

938

P.O.
1094

10 TAG ATTACHED TO CROSS

11 X

12 293.1 E. 287.3 N. VERDUN N.W. 35

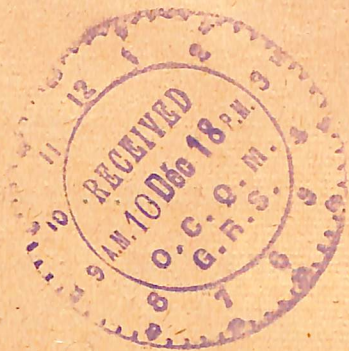
13 X

SIGNED *Orville Hamilton*.....

GROUP 2

G.R.S.305

SKETCH #104



AMERICAN RED CROSS

Paris, 17th March, 1919.
Ref. 27889.

Name of Soldier: Marshall H. Couch,

Rank: Private

Company: A

Regiment: 311th Infantry

Forward Burial Report to
"Bureau of Communication" for

Mrs. John Dickinson,
2750 Bedford Ave.,
Flatbush, N. Y.

Burial report required for Paris.

Bureau of Home Communication;

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

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

Date 3/15/21.

File No. Requisition.

(SPECIAL)

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

- | | | | |
|-------------------|--|----------------------|---|
| a. Surname | Couch <i>O.K.</i> | f. Date of death | 11/1/18 <i>O.K.</i> |
| b. Christian name | Marshall H. <i>O.K.</i> | g. Cause of death | K/A <i>O.K.</i> |
| c. Serial Number | 1748522 <i>O.K.</i> | h. Authority (C.O.#) | |
| d. Organization | <i>Co. A, 311th Inf.</i>
(Co. I, 311th Inf.) | i. Emergency address | <i>Marshall J. Couch</i> |
| e. Rank | Pvt. 1/cl. <i>O.K.</i> | j. Relationship | <i>Father</i>
<i>Maple Ave Attendants New Jersey</i> |

BODY DESCRIPTION
(See page #2 of the Service Record)

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

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

a. Strike out teeth missing

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

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End Pul Sec
March 17/21

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

BY:

[Signature]
H. J. COMNER,
1st. Lieut. Q.M.C.

CW
CEMETERY NO: 1232 - Sec. 1.

SHEET NO: 40
TYPED BY: JBC

S/713/LML

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DATE 3/19/21 *MJB*

FILE

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

G.O.P. Form 8-W-40
Information requested of A.S.G.

Date: _____
Where: _____

SPECIAL

To: The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army, (Quartermaster Division)
The Adjutant General of the Army, 4th & H Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.
Subject: Information requested for G.T. 57

It is requested that the data checked below be completed. Responses
in confirmation of all information shown.

- a. Surname
- b. Christian name
- c. Social number
- d. Organization
- e. Rank
- f. Date of birth
- g. Place of birth
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- i. Enlistment date
- j. Initials

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- k. Body description (See page 14 of the Service Record)
- l. Age of enlistment
- m. Color of eyes
- n. Color of hair
- o. Height
- p. Weight
- q. Physical marks and special features (Old features or scars)
- r. Remarks

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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge, Quartermaster Division

OFFICE OF THE SUPERVISOR, AREA NO. 1, ZONE OF FRANCE
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, Q.M.C., EUROPE
ROMAGNE SOUS MONTFAUCON (MEUSE)

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RECORDED
FILE NO. 193. B. J.
Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. O. M. G.
File # 2938 # 62548

Information Requested by: _____ Date August 3. 1920

Name Mr. John Black

Address c/o Geo. P. Putnam's Sons, NEW YORK.

Regarding: Marshall H. Couch

Name

Rank

Organization

Information Given: Marshall H. Couch

Name

Rank

Organization

Grave 27 Section 1 Plot 1

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Signed James A. Farmer

Orig papers

Couch, Marshall H



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DATE: [Illegible]

AMOUNT: [Illegible]

BY: [Illegible]

FOR: [Illegible]

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Tours, May 7, 1919.

Mary A Rolfe,
A.R.C., Le Mans,

Retel A 588 period Records show Pvt 1/cl Marshall H Couch comma 1748522 Co A 311 Inf
buried in grave number 23 plot A American Battle Area Cemetery at Grandpre Dept
Ardennes period Grave marked by cross comma one tag attached thereto semicolon Grave
location confirmed by Graves Registration Service period

OFFICIAL:

KNIGHT

C. N. HORNELL
1st Lt., QMC., USA.
FVH/aa2
4.20 pm

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In reply to "1-

SIGNAL CORPS, UNITED STATES ARMY

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GRAVES REG BUREAU

TOURS

A-588 HAVE YOU LOCATION GRAVE PRIVATE MARSHAL H COUCH COMPANY A 311
INFY REPORTED KILLED IN ACTION

MARY A ROLFE

ARC

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