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QM 293 A-M

(Couch, Willie)

August 5, 1938

Mrs. Rosie Brantley Couch,
1012 Smith Street, S.W.,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to letter of August 1, 1938,
from this office advising you that instructions had been issued
to forward you a flag in honor of your husband, the late
Willie Couch.

It is regretted to have to advise you that this letter
was written in error as the records show that one flag has been
furnished for this decedent, the same having been sent to Mrs.
Nellie Couch, mother of Private Couch, at your request. As one
flag only is authorized to be furnished for each soldier and
as one has been furnished for Private Couch it will not be
possible to forward a flag to you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A.M

Couch, Willie - S.N.220993
Pvt., 308th Labor Co.,
Husband

August 1, 1938

Mrs. Rosie Brantley Couch,
1012 Smith St., S.W.,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Madam:

In compliance with your recent request, instructions have been issued to forward you a flag in honor of the above named decedent, provided a flag has not previously been furnished for him.
For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Copy For: Commanding Officer, Washington Quartermaster Depot, Washington, DC
With instructions to furnish a flag.

Flag sent Aug 3, 1938
to Mrs. Nellie Couch
Moreland, Ga.
for the above

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U.S. QUARTERMASTER DEPT.

August 1, 1938

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Colonel, Willie - S.W. 220222
Pvt., 308th Labor Co.,
Husband

Mrs. Rosie Evelyn Couch,
1012 Smith St., S.W.,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Madam:

In compliance with your recent request, instructions have
been issued to forward you a flag in honor of the above named de-
cedent, provided a flag has not previously been furnished for him.
For the Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

JOHN T. HARRIS,
Colonel, G. M. Corp.,
Assistant.

Copy For: Commanding Officer, Washington Quartermaster Depot, Washington, DC
With instructions to furnish a flag.

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WASH. Q. M. DEPOT

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flag sent Aug 8, 1938
to Mrs. Rosie Couch
Husband, Gen.
for the above
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QM 293 A-1

Couch, Willie - S.N.220993
Pvt., 308th Labor Co.,
Husband

August 1, 1938

Mrs. Rosie Brantley Couch,
1012 Smith St., S.W.,
Atlanta, Ga.

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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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Assistant.

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Copy For: Commanding Officer, Washington Quartermaster Depot, Washington, DC
With instructions to furnish a flag.

Aug 1 1 32 PM '38
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Atlanta, Georgia
July 25, 1938

QUARTER MASTER GENERAL
Washington, D. C.

Re: COUCH, Willie (col-dec)
XC-19 543

Dear Sir:

Under date of July 27, 1933 I filed an application blank given me by the American Gold Star Mothers for a flag. I had intended making the application for my mother-in-law and the flag was later sent to her, Nellie Couch, at ^{Moreland} Luthersville, Georgia. As I do not make my home with my mother-in-law, I also am very anxious to obtain a flag to place in my home. I have completed an application blank which was given me several years ago when I made the pilgrimage to see the grave of my husband and enclose it herewith. If it is possible will you kindly forward to me one of the flags?

Thanking you, I am,

Respectfully,



Mrs. Rosie Brantley Couch
Mrs. Rosie Brantley Couch
1012 Smith St., SW, Atlanta, Ga.

American Gold Star Mothers

OF THE WORLD WAR, INC.
NEW YORK STATE



Headquarters: Pennsylvania Hotel, Seventh Avenue and 33rd Street, New York City

Quarter Master General
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have been informed that I am entitled to an American flag from the Government in memory of

my beloved husband Name of Deceased Willie Couch
SON OR DAUGHTER

Address of Deceased Rt 2. Whitesburg, Ga. (at time of enlistment)
NUMBER STREET CITY STATE

Army, Navy, Marine Pvt. 308 Labor Bn.
RANK REGIMENT COMPANY

Stationed at Base Hospital # 15, France

Lost at Sea Among the Missing Or Unknown

Place and Date of Death May 28, 1918, Base Hospital # 15, France

Where Buried American Military Cemetery # 2, there

Name of Mother Nellie Couch

Address Route Luthersville, Georgia
NUMBER STREET CITY STATE

I will be very grateful if same will be forwarded to me.

Respectfully yours,

Mrs Rosie Brantley Couch

Mrs. Rosie Brantley Couch, widow
1012 Smith St., SW, Atlanta, Ga.

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DATE

1. NAME COUCH, Willie

SERIAL No. 220993

RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION 8 DIVISION

308th Labor Co.

GRAVE LOCATION American Cty. Chaumont. Haute-Marne

CTY. NAME

10 NUMBER

36

A

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

36

CHAUMONT (Haute-Marne)

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES

E. 307.6 N.150.1

CONCENTRATED TO Mar. 25, 1921,

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DATE

GRAVE

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PLOT

AEF. Cem. Chaumont (Haute-Marne)

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CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

No tag found with body (from data on form 16-A).

No other data.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS Not of record

DATE OF DEATH GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

May 25, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Ga.

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none of record

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

WALTER F. BROWN, CAPT QMC., Supervisor Area N° 4

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION June 7th, 1922.

16

29

A

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

Block

St. Mihiel American Cemetery, THIAUCOURT, (M.-et-M.)

CEMETERY

Robert O. Davis,

Major General,

The Adjutant General.

BY

MAY 27 1925

1918-1919 WAR DIV.

MAY 25 1925

AUDITED FEB 7/19/23

RECEIVED MAY 28 1925

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

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

MMW
Couch

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Couch *Millie*
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt. 3084 also Co.
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *May 31, '18*

PLACE OF BURIAL *Chammond*
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

Haute Marne

Am. Mil. Cem.

GRAVE NUMBER *Plot A grave 36*

HOW MARKED : Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS :

Was one buried with body? *None*

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

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

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REPORTED BY :

B. M. Duff *Acting Chap*
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

RECEIVED
3 JUN 1918

Received
1 - JUN 1918
H. A. E.

[Handwritten signature]

~~Miss~~ The Remarks
Dunsmuir to file

RECEIVED
STATISTICAL
1 - JUN 1918

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF COUCH, Willie SERIAL NUMBER none

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION 308th. Lab. Bn.

2. Disinterred (date): Mar. 25, 1921 From (give complete location): Grave 36, plot A, Amer. Cem. No. 10

By: Group 3 Unit 2

3. Reburied (date): Mar. 25, 1921 In (give complete location): Grave No. 36, plot A, Amer. Cem. No. 10

By: Group 3 Unit 2 Nature of reburial Burlap and wooden box

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

Box-naked.

Body badly decomposed, features unrecognizable

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

(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 Black

Quantity unknown

Characteristics Kinky

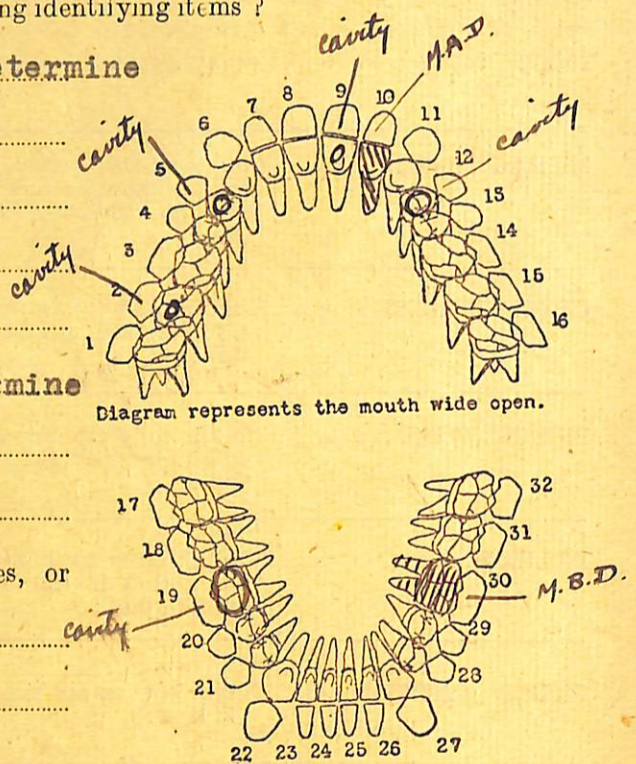
(d) Hair on face—Color Impossible to determine

Location do

Quantity do

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

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



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F. B. Lyon

Checker: F. B. Lyon

7. Disinterment supervised by S. D. Archer
S. D. Archer 1st. Lt. QMC

Approved: R. L. Fain
(Title) Master of Section

8. Reburial supervised by S. D. Archer
S. D. Archer 1st. Lt. QMC






Approved: R. L. Fain
(Title) Master of Section

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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), bicuspid (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.

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

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.

Couch, Willie 62.22
Post. 9.75
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PARTY C
S.S. American Banker - June 23, 1935

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GEORGIA
Fulton County

Couch, Mrs. Rose, (C-9)
1012 Smith St.,
Atlanta, Ga.

✓	Lv. Atlanta	SoRy	#34	7:30 AM (CT)	June 20
✓	Arr. New York	PaRR	108	6:45 AM (ET)	June 21

Route Going: SoRy Washington, PaRR New York.

Return: ~~PaRR Washington, SoRy Atlanta.~~ *James*

→ Sleeper Atlanta to New York.

→ Elapsed time - 22 hours, 15 minutes.

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Couch, Willie.
Pot.

PARTY C
S.S. American Merchant - June 10, 1932

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GEORGIA
Fulton County

Couch, Mrs. Rose,
1029 Smith St., S.W., Atlanta, Ga. (C 6)

✓ Lv. Atlanta	SoRy	#40	12:10 PM (CT)	June 8
✓ Arr. New York	PaRR	124	12:20 PM (ET)	June 9

Route Going: SoRy Washington, PaRR New York.

Return: ~~PaRR Washington, SoRy Atlanta.~~ *Change*

→ Sleeper Atlanta to New York.

Elapsed time - 23 hours, 10 minutes.

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**WAR DEPARTMENT
PILGRIMAGE WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS**
225 West 34th. St. New York, N. Y.

Cough, Willie
Private

Party ..G.....
Number .503.....

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATIONS.

.....COUCH MRS ROSE.....
Name of Pilgrim
1012 Smith St. S.W.
.....
City Home Address County
.....Atlanta, Ga......
State

Actual cost of
Through Pullman at the
Lower Berth Rate.

New York, to Atlanta.....

Destination of TicketAtlanta.....
viaPenn to Wash. Sou. to Atlanta.....

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.....July 25, 1934.....
Date of Departure

.....June 20, 1934.....
Expiration Date of Ticket

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Couch, Willie S.N. 220993
Pvt., 308th Lab. Bn.
Husband

August 1, 1933

Mrs. Nellie Couch,
Moreland, Ga.

Dear Madam:

In compliance with your recent request,
instructions have been issued to forward you a
flag in honor of the above named decedent, pro-
vided a flag has not previously been furnished
for him.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

HAS. H. LAUBACH,
Lt. Colonel, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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13 AUG - 1 - PM 2:57
OQMG M&R BR
Copy to Commanding Officer, Washington Q. M. Depot.
With instructions to furnish flag.

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American Gold Star Mothers

OF THE WORLD WAR, INC.
NEW YORK STATE



Headquarters: Pennsylvania Hotel, Seventh Avenue and 33rd Street, New York City

Quarter Master General
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have been informed that I am entitled to an American flag from the Government in memory of

my beloved husband Name of Deceased Willie Couch
SON OR DAUGHTER

Address of Deceased Route 2, Whitesburg, Ga., (at time of
NUMBER STREET CITY STATE
enlistment)

Army, ~~Navy, Marine~~ Private 308 Labor Bn
RANK REGIMENT COMPANY

Stationed at Base Hospital #15, France

Lost at Sea Among the Missing Or Unknown

Place and Date of Death May 28, 1918, Base Hospital #15, France

Where Buried American Military Cemetery #10, then transferred to St. Mihiel
American Military Cemetery, ~~near Verdun~~, Block A, Row 29,
Grave 16.

Name of Mother Nellie Couch, Moreland, Ga.

Address
NUMBER STREET CITY STATE

I will be very grateful if same will be forwarded to me.

Respectfully yours,
✓ Rosie Couch
Mrs. Rosie Brantley Couch, widow,
1012 Smith St., SW, Atlanta, Georgia.

QM 293 A-M
Couch, Willie (StM)x

Paschal, Jommie

May 10, 1933

Mrs. Rose Couch,
1012 Smith St. SW,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 6th relative to your desire to be quartered with Mrs. Margie Paschal while on the pilgrimage to the grave of your husband, the late Private Willie Couch.

Notation has been made of your desire and arrangements will be made for you to share the same cabins aboard the steamship to and from Europe and the same hotel rooms.

It is hoped you will have a very pleasant and satisfactory journey.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JAS. H. LAUBACH,
Lt. Col., Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

1933 MAY - 10 - AM 10:01

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QM 293 A-M

August 11, 1932

Couch, Willie (STM) x

Mrs. Nellie Couch,
Route 1, c/o Mrs. Hattie Brown,
Moreland, Ga.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to office letter of July 13, 1932 stating that on account of your advanced age you will be unable to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Willie Couch.

It is indeed regretted that you are unable to accept the offer of the Government at this time. However, should you later desire to visit your son's grave next year it is requested that you notify this office and arrangements will be made for you.

The Act of March 2, 1929 provides for pilgrimages for mothers and widows to the cemeteries of Europe, but contains no provision whereby a sum of money may be granted a mother or widow in lieu of the pilgrimage

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Properly qualified personnel will be provided to care for the comfort and needs of the mothers and widows making the pilgrimage and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past three years many who were in poor health and of advanced age made the trip and appeared to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received. Should you make the pilgrimage you are assured that everything possible will be done for your comfort and welfare.

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, Willie (StM*) x

Sept. 8, 1932

Mrs. Rose Couch
1029 Smith St., S. W.,
Atlanta, Georgia

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.

Encl:
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 13, 1932

Couch, Willie (STM)* x

Mrs. Rose Couch,
1029 Smith St., S. W.,
Atlanta, Ga.

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.

2 Encls.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933? _____
(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Couch, Willie (ST M) x-

July 13, 1932.

Mrs. Nellie Couch,
Rt. 1, c/o Mrs. Hattie Brown,
Moreland, Ga.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Couch, Willie (St.M)W

May 13, 1932

Mrs. Rose Couch,
1029 Smith St. S.W.,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. _____ in the
amount of \$ _____, 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.

1 Incl.
Check No.

QMG M&R BR

1932 JUN - 1 - AM 9:18

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May 19, 1932.

QM 293 A-M
Couch, Willie (StM) W x

Mrs. Rose Couch,
1029 Smith Street, S. W.,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 16, 1932, returning check for \$10.00 and advising that your health will not permit you to sail June 10th on the AMERICAN MERCHANT to visit the grave of your husband, the late Private Willie Couch. The identification badge which you returned has also been received.

It is regretted that your health is not good and that you are unable to make the journey this summer. You will be communicated with when the pilgrimages are being arranged for next year, and it is sincerely hoped that your health will improve and you will be able to 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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QM 293 A-M

May 12, 1932

Couch, Willie SIM W

Mrs. Rose Couch,
1029 Smith St., S.W.,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Madam:

Your passport for the pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe has not been received in this office.

You must have a passport to enter Europe. Please go at once to the Clerk of the United States District Court nearest your home or to the Clerk of the Court at your County seat. The following action must be taken by you now:

- (a) Have four (4) photographs of yourself made on thin paper (unmounted) not more than 3 x 3 inches or less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ x $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in size.
- (b) Take these photographs, your invitation and any evidence of citizenship you may have to the Clerk of the Court as shown above.
- (c) Have someone who has known you for at least two years go with you to the Clerk to identify you.

The Clerk will help you fill out the application and HE will forward it to the proper office. Passports will be delivered to you aboard the boat. No charge will be made for the application or passport.

Persons living in or near the following cities will take the steps shown in (a), (b) and (c) above, and go to the U. S. Passport Agent at the address nearest their home shown below and not to Clerks of Courts:

Boston, Mass.	Custom House, State & Washington Streets
Chicago, Ill.	201 N. Wells Street
New Orleans, La.	216 Post Office Bldg.
New York, N. Y.	Sub Treasury Bldg., Broad & Wall Streets
San Francisco, Cal.	Custom House, Washington & Battery Streets
Seattle, Wash.	1008 White Bldg., 4th Avenue & Union Street
Washington, D. C.	State Department, 17th & Pennsylvania Avenue

Advise this office at once if you have made application, giving the name given by you on the application.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-M
Couch, Willie (StM) X

February 20, 1932

Mrs. Nellie Couch,
Route 1, % Mrs. Hattie Brown,
Moreland, Georgia.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith a copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, which provides for pilgrimages to be made to the cemeteries of Europe by the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces whose remains are interred in Europe or who were lost or buried at sea.

As the mother of the late Private Willie Couch, you are eligible to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son at the expense of the Government. In view thereof it will be appreciated if you will answer the following questions, in order that your desires may be properly recorded and arrangements made accordingly.

1. What is your age and condition of health?
2. Do you speak English?
3. What other language do you speak?
4. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage during 1932?

A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

All necessary expenses of the pilgrimage from your home to the grave of your son and return are borne by the United States. Personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided and doctors and nurses will be available. Should you make the trip you are assured that everything possible will be done for your welfare and pleasure.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:
Envelope.
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QM 293 A-M
Couch, Willie (STM) W x

February 11, 1932.

Mrs. Rose Couch,
1029 Smith Street, S.W.,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested you advise the present address of Mrs. Nellie Couch, mother of your husband, the late Private Willie Couch. Communications addressed to Mrs. Couch at Newman, Georgia, have been returned unclaimed.

For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed a 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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January 28, 1932.

QM 293 A-M
Couch, Willie (STM) M x

Mrs. Nellie Couch,
R.F.D. #6,
Newman, Georgia.

Dear Madam:

Information has been furnished this office that you are the mother of the late Private Willie Couch whose remains are interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery in France. As the mother of a veteran who lost his life in the World War and whose remains are interred in Europe, you are eligible to make a pilgrimage to his grave at the expense of the Government.

In order that your desires may be recorded and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested that you furnish the following information:

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1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?
 2. Please state your age and give the condition of your health.
 3. Do you speak English?
 4. What other language do you speak?

Your attention is invited to the fact that all necessary expenses of the pilgrimage from your home to the grave of your son and return are borne by the United States. Personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided and doctors and nurses will be available. You are assured that the pilgrimage will not only be made at the expense of the Government but that everything possible for your pleasure and welfare will be provided.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M

Couch, Willie, Pvt. 1233 W x

March 10, 1931.

Mrs. Rose Couch,
140 Cuyahoga Street,
Akron, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your recent letter declining invitation, which had previously been accepted, to sail on the American Banker, May 29, 1931, because of ill health.

It is regretted that your physical condition will not permit you to make the pilgrimage at this time. Accordingly, your name has been placed on the list of mothers and widows eligible to make the journey in 1932, and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages for that year are being arranged.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Couch, Willie. 1233x W

February 25, 1931.

Mrs. Rose Couch,
140 Cuyahoga Street,
Akron, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 18, 1931, relative to the cancellation of your stopover at Atlanta, Georgia on your return from the pilgrimage to the American Cemetery in Europe, sailing on the S. S. AMERICAN BANKER, May 29, 1931.

Upon your return you will be routed direct to your home in Akron, Ohio without stopovers.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

M.G.V. C.I. DIV.

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QM 295 A-M
Couch, Willie. 1235x W

February 13, 1931.

Mrs. Rose Couch,
140 Cuyahoga Street,
Akron, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your request for a stopover at Atlanta, Georgia on your return from the pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe, sailing on the S.S.AMERICAN BANKER, May 29, 1931.

An additional amount of thirty-seven dollars and four cents (\$37.04) is required for rail fare and thirteen dollars and thirty-seven cents for pullman fare in connection with your stopover at Atlanta, Georgia. This excess is due to the fact that it is not on a direct route from your home.

As you no doubt understand all transportation arrangements must be completed two months before your departure, and any cost in excess of that by direct route must be paid by the traveler. Will you, therefore, please forward money order to this office, in the amount of fifty dollars and forty-one cents (\$50.41), payable to the Finance Officer, U.S.Army, Washington, D.C.? If you do not desire to incur this additional expense, advise this office accordingly.

All expenses incurred by you, due to the additional time in Atlanta, Georgia, must, of course, be paid from personal funds.

A self addressed envelope, which requires no postage, is enclosed herewith for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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U.S. ARMY
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON, D.C.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Couch, Willie Pvt - 1233 Wx

July 30, 1930.

Mrs. Rose Couch,
140 Cuyahoga St.,
Akron, Ohio.

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 Widow 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,

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

Enclosures:
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Amendment

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 7, 1930.

Couch, Willie - 1233 W

Mrs. Rose Couch,
1064 McDaniel St., S.W.,
Atlanta, Ga.

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, Willie 1233 W.

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Rose Couch,
1064 McDaniel St., S.W.
Atlanta, Ga.

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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Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 28 1929.

Couch, Willie

Mrs. Rose Couch,
14 A Electric Ave.,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the widow of the late Private Willie Couch, 308th Labor Co., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relationship is that of a stepmother, mother through adoption or a woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. In case you have 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,

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

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Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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QM 293 C-R

November 22, 1923.

Mrs. Rose Couch,
14 A Electric Ave.,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Madam:

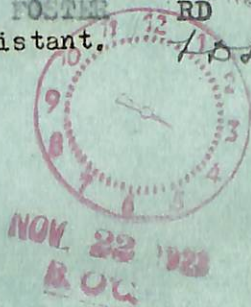
The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the permanent grave of Private Willie Couch, 308th Labor Company, is grave 16, Row 29, Block A, St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

You are assured in effecting removal of the remains, the utmost care and reverence were exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed this sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

O. Q. M. G.
CENTRAL MAIL ROOM
R. L. FOSTER RD
Assistant.



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293 Couch, Willie

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Feb. 7, 22.

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, Willie

10. Name

2. No. -- 220993

11. No.

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank

4. Org. 308th Labor Co.

13. Org.

5. D.D. May 28th.

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. Tuberculosis & Pneumonia

(b) D.B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 36 Sec.

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot A Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17.

18. Cemetery American

19. Commune or town Chaumont

20. Dept. or County Haute-Marne

21. Country France.

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 10

23. Disinterred (Date) Feb. 7, 22.

By J. E. BENSON.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name COUCH, Willie

Serial No. 19 FEB 1922

Rank Pvt.

Organization 308th Lab. Bn.

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

Signature J.C. ANNABEL
J.C. ANNABEL.

PREPARATION

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

Reburial record found with body checks. No effects found.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Recognition impossible.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box and burlap.

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Feb. 7, 22. By J. E. BENSON.

31. Casket sealed by J. E. BENSON.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor J. E. BENSON.

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SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-26688

32. Designation of body:

Name Willie COUCH Serial No. --

Rank 1st. Organization 308th Labor Co.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel American Cty. # 1233. Thiaucourt M-et-M

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Feb. 7, 22. By J. E. BENSON.

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector [Signature]

R. L. FAIN, CAPT. QMC.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Feb. 7, 22.

To point of Concentration CHAUMONT (HTE MARNE) FRANCE.

(Name)

Convoyer [Signature] Signature Shipping Officer

WALTER F. BROWN

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Captain, Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

By G.R.S. Representative [Signature]

C. J. BLAKE

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Captain, Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

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

(Name)

Convoyer Michael Plotkin Signature Shipping Officer [Signature]

WALTER F. BROWN, CRPT. QMC.

40. Received: Date 23 FEB 1922

G.R.S. Representative [Signature]

G. D. GAMBLE, Captain, O. M. C.,

41. Reinterred June 7th, 1922.

(Date)

42. Grave No. 16 Section

43. Plot Block A. Row 29

G.R.S. Representative [Signature]

A. E. Dewey, 1st Lt. QMC.

AUDITED BY
Feb 7/19/23

Place CHAUMONT (HTE MARNE) FRANCE

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Feb. 7, 22.

220993

1. REMAINS OF COUCH, Willie SERIAL NUMBER _____
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION 308th Lab. Bn.

2. Disinterred (date): Feb. 7, 22. From (give complete location): Gr. 36, Pl. A.
Chaumont (Hte Marne) France Amer. Cty. 10.

By: Group 2 Unit Sec 4.

3. Reburied (date): June 5th, 1922 In (give complete location): Gr. 16 Row 29 Bl A.

By: Group _____ Unit _____ Nature of reburial Casket and shipping Case.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
Wooden box and burlap. Badly decomposed, recognition impossible.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
Reburial record found with body checks. No effects found.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Unable to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Unable to determine

(c) Hair—Color Black

Quantity Normal

Characteristics Kinky

(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location None

Quantity None

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

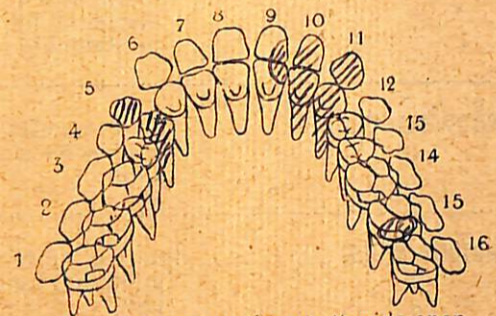
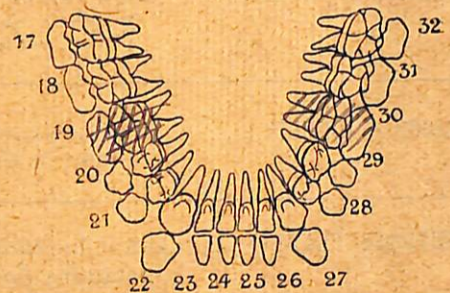


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) None

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Extracted-30.

7. Disinterment supervised by J. E. BENSON. JCA

Approved: R. L. FAIR, hrd
(Title) CAPT. QMC.

8. Reburial supervised by H. L. Kramer

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

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

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

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

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



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



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



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



CARIES (CAVITIES) Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:



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

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

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

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G. R. S. Form No 115

COUNTRY FRANCE

Cemetery No. 10

Sheet No. 104

File No. 2965

*Examined for 5/1/20
Concentration 10/20
St. Michel #1233
mgs/3
6-5-22*

COMPILATION N/R REQUESTS

I. DATA COMPILATION

A. Location Index Card:-

(1) Name Couch, Willie Ser. No. 220993

TYP. ESW

(2) Rank Pvt. Organization 308th Labor Co.

CKR. AK

(3) Date of death 5-28-18

B Registration Card:- (Check Reg. Card Inf. against Loc. Ind. Inf.)

(4) Cause of death Tuberculosis & Pneumonia TYP. EML

(5) Grave No. 36 Row ---- Plot A Sect. ----- CKR. stt

II. FILES EXAMINATION

A. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; Card agrees with #4

B. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD Date of receipt

(6) Relationship

(7) Name

No card in file

(8) Address

(9) Desires remains brought to U. S.?

(10) Desires remains brought to U. S. and interred in National Cemetery at

SEE SUSPENSION REPORT

(11) If brought back, what shipping instructions?

C. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE Date of communication

(12) Does correspondence Change or qualify request as made on A. G. O. card? If so, specify such information.

No Correspondence

(13) A. G. O. Files EXAMINED by JOB (Date) 5/3/20

D. (14) G. R. S. Files - Correspondence. (Has reference been made to File No. Cancellation memos.? yes att) Does such correspondence, if containing request for disposition, reconcile with that of A. G. O.? att (Specify "Yes or "No".) If "No", give date of communication, the name, address, and relationship and substance of request.

No request for disposition

(15) G. R. S. Files EXAMINED by att (Date) 5-11-20

*checked by es
11-2-20*

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED (over)

JAN 10 1921 - ACP

III. FINAL ACTION

A. MEMORANDUM to D. M. O. in E. made (Date)

(16) Removal of Remains (within custody of G.R.S.) to

(17) Instructions that remains be left undisturbed

(18) Typed by Checked b. (Date)

G. R. S. FORM NO. 114 made (Date) 5/11/20

(19) Typed by PS Checked by (Date) 5/11/20

C. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

Form 120, 5/24/20, states that body is to remain in Europe & changed address to 1400 Electric Ave, Atlanta, Ga signed by Rosie Couch - wife) E 5/24/20

D. Dispatched (Date) 5/27/20 (Let. Trans. No.)

Paragraph 2 not to be returned

Approved by

(Date)

*Mrs. Rose Couch
Route #2, Whitesburg, Ga*

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
WASHINGTON

MAY 14 1920

10-104

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.G.
TO: Mrs. Rose Couch, ^{14 A. Electric Ave. Atlanta, Ga.} Route #2, Whitesburg, Ga.
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Willie Couch

Push answer
note address

The records of this office show that you have ~~requested that his~~
~~body be~~ *Not expressed your desires as to disposition of body.*

Remain in Europe

Sir, it has been decided that we wouldnt receive the body.

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

noted on 7-1-20
Shapiro

PS

NAME OF NO. & STREET TOWN STATE
14 A. Electric Ave. Atlanta Ga

Soldier's Widow

Soldier's Children 1.
(Name oldest first) 2.

George Couch
Father

Hellie Couch
Mother

Brothers 1.
(Name oldest first) 2.

3 Allen Couch

Sisters *4. Harriett Brown*

Date *May 19. 1920.*

Signature *[Signature]*

Address *Rosie Couch* Relationship *Wife*

Note: - Instructions on the reverse side of this sheet should be carefully read before filling out this paper.

(OVER)



INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT

1. This paper **MUST** be signed by the person who is the **NEXT** of kin in the order shown in the square on other side of this sheet.
2. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
3. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the legally appointed guardian of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.
4. If **YOU** are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
5. If **YOU** are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper **AT ONCE** and mail to this office.
6. You are requested to return this paper **AT ONCE** in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
7. Use the enclosed envelope - pay no postage.

2965

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

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

Pvt. 30 8 4 Calan Co.
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL May 31, '18

PLACE OF BURIAL Chambers

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

Route 14
Am. Mil. Cem. 10

GRAVE NUMBER Plot A 44.36

HOW MARKED : Name Peg? X Cross?

Headboard? Bottle? X

IDENTIFICATION TAGS :

Was one buried with body? None

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

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

REPORTED BY :

G. W. Puff acting Capt
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

2 - JUN 18 1918

1. G.R.S. Form No.1. Hq. GRS File

220093

2. Soldier's No. 296

3. ~~COSCH~~ VILLIE

Surname (block letters) 1st name & ~~initial~~

4. ~~Pvt.~~ 308 Lab. Co. initial

Rank Co. Rgt & Corp

5. ~~May 25, 1918~~

Date of Death Cause if known

6. ~~May 31, 1918~~ 10

Date of Burial Cemetery

7. 36 4

Grave No. Plot No. or letter

8. CHAUMONT HAUTE-MARNE

Town-Commune (block letters) Dept

9. Name peg?..Cross?..H board?..BTLE?..

Check method of marking

10. Buried with body?..Attached grave mark

Identification tags ~~or~~ *no*

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

12.

Map reference if interment outside cemetery

13.

Give name Chaplain/Burial Officer

Signed *Sgt C.V. Russell*

Group.....Unit.....GRS



HEADQUARTERS BASE HOSPITAL 15, AEF
REPORT OF DEATHS

Name Willie Couch ✓

Rank Private

Organization 308 Labor Company, Advance Ordnance Depot #4

Date of Death May 28 1918

Cause of Death Acute pulmonary tuberculosis; Acute arthritis

Autopsy Findings Acute pulmonary tuberculosis; Tuberculous broncho-pneumonia, both lungs; Massive tuberculous pneumonia R lower lobe; Cloudy swelling of kidneys; Tuberculous arthritis and peri-arthritis L knee joint.

Place of Burial American Military Cemetery 10, Chaumont, Hts. Marne.

Location of Grave Grave 36, Plot A

Disposal of Effects As prescribed in GO 40

4 JUN 1918 ✓

HEADQUARTERS BASE HOSPITAL 15, A.E.F.

June 2 1918.

From : Statistical Sub-Section.
To : Graves Registration Bureau, Hqrs AEF, APO #706.
Subject : Report of Deaths.

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CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME Couch	COU	3	33-1
Willie	CEMETERY 1233	1	3
BURIED	GRAVE 16	2	16
	ROW 29	2	29
	BLOCK a	1	1
STATE	Ga	2	10
RANK	Prnt	1	2
DIVISION	G. m. c.	2	57
ORGANIZATION	308	3	308
ARM	Labor Bn	1	1
MARITAL	Yes	1	1
NAME Couch	COU	3	35-1
Rose	STATE Ga	2	10
RESIDENCE	COUNTY Fulton	2	61
1012 Smith & S.W.	CITY Atlanta	3	004
RELATION	Widow	5	5
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE	BLACK	1	2
ENGLISH	Yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Bad	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	NO.	1	
	YR. 1933	1	4
ACCEPTANCE	Yes	1	1
29/514/EAB	age		33

Deleted Am March 6-10-32
 Deleted June 28-31

AUDITED
 DEC 7 1931

COLORED

Name COUCH, Mrs. Rose

Paris Hôtel ~~SPLENDID HOTEL, Avenue Carnot~~ HOTEL LA TREMOILLE

Home address 1012 ~~1029~~ Smith St., S.W., Atlanta, Fulton Co., Georgia
~~140 Cuyahoga St., Akron, Summit Co., Ohio~~

Party C Group Unit

Date of arrival 7/2/33. AMERICAN BANKER Date of departure 7/15/33. AMERICAN FARMER

Relationship Widow, age ~~31~~ 33

Name of deceased COUCH, Willie

Rank Pvt. Organization 308th Lab. Co.

Cemetery St. Mihiel G-16-A-29

REMARKS

Deleted from Party "C", 1932



PARTY "C"
ST. MILIEL GROUP.

1. Arrived at Le Havre, France, at 10:00 AM, July 2, on the SS American Banker. Debarked and entrained by 10:50 AM and the train arrived at the Gare des Invalides at 2:32 PM. The party went to the Hotel Tremoille where they stayed for the night.
2. Monday, July 3, the morning was taken up with conferences with the Conducting Officers. In the afternoon she went to the ceremony at the Arc de Triomphe and the tea at the Restaurant Laurent.
3. Tuesday, July 4, she left Paris for Meaux, lunched at Chalons, and spent the night at Verdun.
4. Wednesday, July 5, the pilgrim had lunch at the cemetery, visited Mont Sec. and stayed at Verdun for the night.
5. Thursday, July 6, the pilgrim went to the cemetery in the morning, lunched at Nancy, visited Toul and returned to Verdun for the night.
6. Friday, July 7, she visited the Trench of Bayonets, lunched at Metz, visited the cemetery again, and went to Verdun for the night.
7. Saturday, July 8, she went to Monfaucon, visited the M.A. cemetery, lunched at Reims and spent the night at Soissons.
8. Sunday, July 9, she visited the O.A. cemetery, lunched at Chateau Thierry, visited the A.M. cemetery, and returned to Paris.
9. Monday, July 10, the morning was free, lunch was held at the hotel and in the afternoon she went to Sacre Coeur.
10. Tuesday, July 11, she went shopping in the morning, lunched at the hotel, and went to Versailles in the afternoon.
11. Wednesday, July 12, she went to the Louvre in the morning, lunched at the hotel, and saw Napoleon's Tomb in the afternoon.
12. Thursday, July 13, she went to Cluny in the morning, lunched in the Bois and went on a night sightseeing trip.
13. Friday, July 14, the morning was free, lunched at the hotel, and she visited the Lafayette Escadrille in the afternoon.
14. Saturday, July 15, the morning was free, she lunched at the hotel saw Notre Dame and in the afternoon departed from Paris for Le Havre. She sailed on the SS American Farmer from Havre on this afternoon.

COUCH ROSE (MRS)

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Couch	3	3 ⁰ 5 ¹² 1
	Willie		
BURIED	CEMETERY 1233	1	3
	GRAVE 16	2	16
	ROW 29	2	29
	BLOCK W	1	1
STATE	Ga	2	10
RANK	Pvt.	1	2
DIVISION	2nd	2	57
ORGANIZATION	308	3	308
ARM	Labor Bn	1	1
MARITAL	yes	1	1
NAME	Couch, Mrs	3	39-17
	Willie		
RESIDENCE	STATE Ga	2	10
	COUNTY Coweta	2	39
	CITY Moreland	3	444
RELATION	Route 1-1/2 Mrs Hattie Brown	1	1
OTHER	Mother	1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE	black	1	2
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	
29/514/	age no		70 2

AUDITED
JAN 16 1932

PARTY "C"
June 9th, 1933

Mrs. Rose Couch
1012 Smith Street S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Madam:

Upon your arrival in New York City you will be met at the railroad station by an Army Officer who will engage porter service to take care of your baggage and escort you to the hotel. During your sojourn here before sailing for Europe and upon your return from Europe, you will stop at the Y.W.C.A., 175 West 137th Street, New York City.

The two tags and four identification pasters accompanying this communication are intended to protect your baggage while in transit. One tag should be attached to the handle of each piece of your baggage and a paster placed on each end of each piece of your baggage before leaving your home. Your baggage will be safer and also more readily available to you after your arrival in New York if it is placed with you on the train.

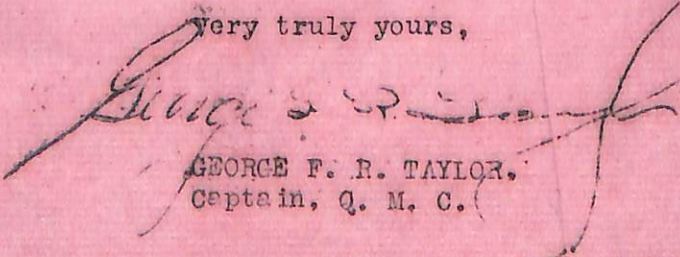
All mail intended to reach you between June 23rd, 1933, the day you sail from the United States, and July 15th, 1933, the day you leave Europe, should be addressed to you in care of American Pilgrimage, 20 Rue Molitor, Paris (16), France; for example:

Mrs. Mary Smith,
c/o American Pilgrimage,
20 Rue Molitor,
Paris (16), France.

The party you are to travel with will be disbanded in New York City on the day following your return from Europe and all arrangements for your Pullman accommodations will be made with the railroads in advance by this office. This will require you to remain in New York at the hotel over night as a guest of the United States Government.

Information relative to the cemeteries in Europe is enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,


GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR,
Captain, Q. M. C.

7 Incls.:
2 Baggage Tags
4 Baggage Pastors
1 Copy Cometerial Information

Atlanta, Ga., 1933

Rs

Rosa Cutch

1012 Smith Street S. W.

DR. H. P. ELLIGAN
277 $\frac{1}{2}$ AUBURN AVE., N.E.

History in Last Illness.

Temperature 102. Pulse 108. Respiration 30
B.P. 126 - 94. General weakness nausea an
and vomiting. Pain in region of Umbilicus
Frequent watery stools Accompanied with
chills. Duration 6 days.
date 10-18-32

Respectfully yours,

H.P. Elligan, M.D.

COPY.

PARTY C FILE NO.

NAME Couch, Mrs. Rose
1012 Smith St. S.W.
Atlanta, Ga.

ROUTE OF TICKET

Penn. to Wash
Sav. to Atlanta

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Expiration date June - 20 - 34

The following stop overs are requested.

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(Signature of Pilgrim)

IN CABIN WITH

Mrs. Margie Paschal 29-1 Group SUR

THE PULLMAN COMPANY
PASSENGER'S CHECK — To identify
accommodations purchased.

ATLANTA to NEW YORK, N. Y.

LOWER
BERTH

CAR

LINE NO.

VIA

R. R.

OFFICE **20-6**

FORM **23**

\$9.75

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Persons

4591

6 E79

GENERAL

Couch
C

SOUTHERN
RY CO

JUN 20 '33

CITY 4
PLANTAGA.

Party C

St. M. Cmty

Nurse E. W. Campbell

MEDICAL RECORD

Station: Hotel La Tremoille - Paris.

Date: July 2nd 1933.

Name Couch, Mrs., Rose

Home address 1012 Smith St., S.W., Atlanta, Fulton County, GEORGIA.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Mr. John Brantley (Father)

1691 Stewart Av. - Atlanta - Georgia.

Religion Baptist.

Age 33

History of Present complaint: July 9th Constipation.

INSTRUCTIONS. — This card will be started in all cases of Pilgrims requiring medical attention by the Medical Officer or Nurse first rendering such attention. Subsequently it will be carried by the nurse in attendance upon the group to which the Pilgrim is assigned. All Medical Officers rendering any assistance in the case will make an appropriate entry which will include date, time and signature. Upon final disposition of the case the Nurse in charge will deliver the card to the Office of the Chief Surgeon. Pilgrims sent to the American Hospital will be accompanied by this card properly completed, which will be authority for admission, in which case a duplicate card will be made and sent without delay to the office of the Chief Surgeon.

(over)

Diagnosis and complications : (include dates)

Constipation

Treatment and Progress : (include dates)

July 2nd Seen by Major Stewart.
" 9th Carera Pills ii. B. M.

Disposition : (include dates)

Active

July 15. Toiletare. Pills.

Remarks :

OK

PARTY

EASTBOUND
STATE

GROUP

C-9

SEM

33-W

GEORGIA

Mrs. Couch, Rose
(Name of Pilgrim)

Address 1012 Smith St. S.W. Atlanta
(Street & No.) (City or Town)

Georgia Fulton
(State) (County)

Mr. John Brantley - Father
(Name of Nearest Kin)

Address 1691 Stewart Ave. Atlanta
(Street & No.) (City or Town)

Georgia Fulton
(State) (County)

ARRIVAL NEW YORK

VIA. R.R. Pennsylvania Train No. 108 Date 6:45 A.M. EST. June 21, 1933
Hotel Y.W.C.A. 179 West 137th St Room No. 555
Roomed with Alone

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

Date June 23, 1933 Vessel American Banker Cabin No. 29-2
In Cabin with Mrs. Margie Paschal 29-1

(Over Westbound)

WESTBOUND
ARRIVAL NEW YORK

Date **July 24, 1933** Vessel **American Farmer** Cabin No. **29-2**
In Cabin with **Mrs. Margie Paschal** **29-1**
Hotel **Y.W.C.A. 179 West 137th St** Room No. **460**
Roomed with **Alone**

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

VIA. R.R. **Penn** Train No. **123** Space **L 2** Car No. **K 17** Date **7/25/33**

REMARKS

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(Over Eastbound)

WAR DEPARTMENT

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

OFFICIAL BUSINESS



PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

NAME MRS. ROSE COUCH C

ADDRESS 1012 Smith St.S.W., Atlanta, Ga.

DATE 26

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

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

Sincerely,

(Signed) *Mrs. Rose Couch*

S.M.

MEDICAL RECORD

Party: C-9 Hotel American Banker Eastbound
S. S. American Farmer Westbound

Name Couch, Mrs. Rose

Home Address S.W.
1012 Smith Street- Atlanta, Ga.

Name and address of nearest relative or friend Mr. John Brantley (Father)

..... 1691 Stewart Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia

Religion Age 33-W

History of present complaint: Pink Sheet Report: Temp. 102 Pulse 108 Resp. 30 B.P. 126/94.
General weakness nausea and vomiting. Pain in regeon of Umbilicus. Frequent watery
stools accompanied with chills. Duration 6 days.

INSTRUCTIONS: This card will be prepared for each Pilgrim treated on ship, east or west bound. Cards to be included in report of Liaison Officer upon return to New York.

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)

Treatment and Progress: (include dates)

Disposition: (include dates)

Remarks: June 22, 1933 - Feeling fine. JHA

Am. Banker

6-23-33

St.M

Pvt. Willie Couch

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 pro-
visions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Rose Couch

(Name)

1012

1029 Smith St., S. W., Atlanta, Fulton Co., Ga.

(Town or City)

(State)



Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

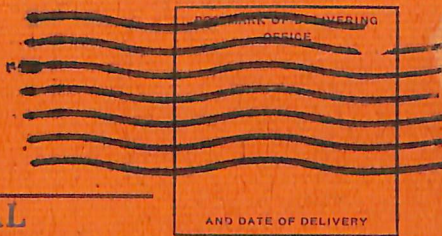
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INSURED PARCEL

No. _____



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



Q. M. GENERAL

Return to _____

(NAME OF SENDER) **MUNITIONS BUILDING**

Street and Number, }
or Post Office Box, }

WASHINGTON

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1233

RETURN RECEIPT.

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

✓ Mrs Rose Louch

(Signature or name of addressee.)

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(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery,

1933

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 9269

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____

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



POSTMARK OF DELIVERING OFFICE
AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number, }
or Post Office Box, }

MUNITIONS BUILDING

Post Office at _____

Washington

Rev. 3-23

o 5-6116

State _____

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Couch, Willie

1233

RETURN RECEIPT

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

Willie Couch
(Signature or name of addressee)

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery 6/27, 1933

Form 3811

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1929

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DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE ONLY

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Couch, Willie (StM)

June 8, 1933

Mrs. Rose Couch,
1012 Smith St., S. W.,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements have been completed for your transportation to New York City on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe. One week before your departure the railroad ticket agent, of the first road shown below, will deliver your railroad and pullman ticket to you. Your route to New York will be as follows:

Lv. Atlanta	SoRy	#34	7:30 AM (CT)	June 20
Arr. New York	PaRR	108	6:45 AM (ET)	June 21

Accommodation: Standard sleeper to New York.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-M

Couch, Willie (St.M)

May 31, 1933

Mrs. Rose Couch,
1012-Smith St. S.W.,
Atlanta, Georgia.
Dear Madam:

There is enclosed Check No. 182,594 in the
amount of \$ 7.50, 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, as amended.

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,

Encl:
Check No.

JAS. H. LAUBACH,
Lt. Col., Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 4, 1933

Couch, Willie STM

Mrs. Rose Couch,
1012 Smith St., S. W.,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Madam:

With reference to previous correspondence on this subject, you are informed that your passport has been received and will be delivered to you aboard ship.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-M
Couch, Willie (StM)x

Paschal, Tommie (Sur)x

May 10, 1933

Mrs. Rose Couch,
1012 Smith St. SW,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 6th relative to your desire to be quartered with Mrs. Margie Paschal while on the pilgrimage to the grave of your husband, the late Private Willie Couch.

Notation has been made of your desire and arrangements will be made for you to share the same cabins aboard the steamship to and from Europe and the same hotel rooms.

It is hoped you will have a very pleasant and satisfactory journey.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JAS. H. LAUBACH,
Lt. Col., Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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

Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

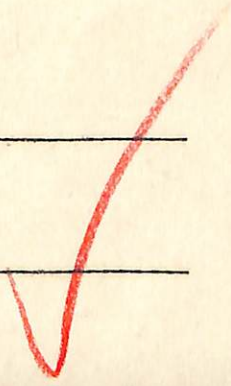
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Couch, Willie (StM) x
Couch, Mrs. Rose
~~1029~~ Smith St. S.W.
Atlanta, Fulton Co. Ga.
American Banker June 23rd

Sir:

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

Mr. John Brantley
Name
1691 Steward Ave.
Address
Father
Relationship



Very truly yours,



Mrs. Rose Couch
Your name
noted 1012 Smith St.
Your address

IF YOU DESIRE A STOPOVER ON YOUR RETURN FROM EUROPE PLEASE READ CAREFULLY THE PARAGRAPH, "STOPOVERS IN THE UNITED STATES", ON PAGE 3 OF THE ENCLOSED LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS, FILL IN THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN IT TO THIS OFFICE.

Couch, Willie (StM) x
Couch, Mrs. Rose
1029 Smith St. S.W.
Atlanta, Fulton Co. Ga.
American Banker June 23rd

Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

On my return from the pilgrimage to American Cemeteries in Europe, I desire to stop over at the point, or points, listed below, for the number of days shown after the name of the town. If these stopovers will cause me any expense I am to be advised of the amount and may then withdraw this request if I so desire.

<u>Cities where I desire to stopover:</u>	<u>No. of days</u>
<i>I don't desire to stop-over</i>	



Very truly yours,

Mrs. Rose Couch
(Your name)

1012 Smith St.
(Your address)

IMMEDIATE ACTION

IN REPLY
REFER TO

QM 293 A-M

WAR DEPARTMENT

Oct. 13, 1932

Couch, Willie StM-x

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

SPECIAL

Mrs. Rose Couch,
1029 Smith St., S.W.,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Madam:

Your Government has provided an opportunity for all Mothers and Widows of deceased members of the American Forces who were lost, buried at sea, or whose remains are now interred in Europe, to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. This was done in the hope that all who may make the pilgrimage will derive a measure of comfort and solace from the visit.

You are numbered among those who are privileged to make this pilgrimage.

During July and September of this year, inquiries were addressed to you as to whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage to Europe. To these inquiries no reply has been received from you.

You probably do not realize how important it is that a reply be received from you. If we do not receive replies, it becomes very difficult to make the necessary and proper arrangements for those who are to make the trip, as everything must be arranged in advance. Consequently, it is just as important for the Government to know the names of those who do not desire to take advantage of its offer as it is to know the names of those who do.

Will you please devote a few moments of your time to write either the word "YES" or "NO" in the following space yes, thus indicating whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage during 1933 and sign your name here Mrs. Rose Couch Use the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage, and return this sheet.

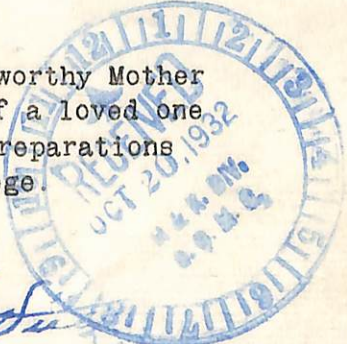
This reply will assure your Government that no worthy Mother or Widow has failed to receive its offer in commemoration of a loved one departed, and will greatly assist in making the necessary preparations for those of them who wish to take advantage of the privilege.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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



IMMEDIATE ACTION

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Couch, Willie (StM*) x

Sept. 8, 1932

Mrs. Rose Couch
1029 Smith St., S. W.,
Atlanta, Georgia

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)	yes
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	(33)	Age: 33 Health: gastritis
3. Do you speak English?	(yes)	yes
4. What other language do you speak?	(none)	none

Mrs Rose 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:
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 13, 1932

Couch, Willie (STM)* x

Mrs. Rose Couch,
1029 Smith St., S. W.,
Atlanta, Ga.

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, *U. S. ARMY*
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.



2 Encls.

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

Yes
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Mrs. Rose Couch

American Merchant

Couch, Willie Pvt.

6-10-32

St.M

✓ Declined by letter 5/1/32

✓ 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. Rose Couch,

(Name)

1029 Smith St Atlanta Fulton Co
~~140 Cuyahoga St., Akron, Summit Co., Ohio~~ Ga

(Town or city)

(State)



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QM 293 A-M

May 12, 1932

Couch, Willie SIM W

Mrs. Rose Couch,
1029 Smith St., S.W.,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Madam:

Your passport for the pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe has not been received in this office.

You must have a passport to enter Europe. Please go at once to the Clerk of the United States District Court nearest your home or to the Clerk of the Court at your County seat. The following action must be taken by you now:

- (a) Have four (4) photographs of yourself made on thin paper (unmounted) not more than 3 x 3 inches or less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ x $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in size.
- (b) Take these photographs, your invitation and any evidence of citizenship you may have to the Clerk of the Court as shown above.
- (c) Have someone who has known you for at least two years go with you to the Clerk to identify you.

The Clerk will help you fill out the application and ~~HE~~ will forward it to the proper office. Passports will be delivered to you aboard the boat. No charge will be made for the application or passport.

Persons living in or near the following cities will take the steps shown in (a), (b) and (c) above, and go to the U. S. Passport Agent at the address nearest their home shown below and not to Clerks of Courts:

Boston, Mass.	Custom House, State & Washington Streets
Chicago, Ill.	201 N. Wells Street
New Orleans, La.	216 Post Office Bldg.
New York, N. Y.	Sub Treasury Bldg., Broad & Wall Streets
San Francisco, Cal.	Custom House, Washington & Battery Streets
Seattle, Wash.	1008 White Bldg., 4th Avenue & Union Street
Washington, D. C.	State Department, 17th & Pennsylvania Avenue

Advise this office at once if you have made application, giving the name given by you on the application.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-M

August 11, 1932

Couch, Willie (STM) x

Mrs. Nellie Couch,
Route 1, c/o Mrs. Hattie Brown,
Moreland, Ga.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to office letter of July 13, 1932 stating that on account of your advanced age you will be unable to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Willie Couch.

It is indeed regretted that you are unable to accept the offer of the Government at this time. However, should you later desire to visit your son's grave next year it is requested that you notify this office and arrangements will be made for you.

The Act of March 2, 1929 provides for pilgrimages for mothers and widows to the cemeteries of Europe, but contains no provision whereby a sum of money may be granted a mother or widow in lieu of the pilgrimage

Properly qualified personnel will be provided to care for the comfort and needs of the mothers and widows making the pilgrimage and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past three years many who were in poor health and of advanced age made the trip and appeared to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received. Should you make the pilgrimage you are assured that everything possible will be done for your comfort and welfare.

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, Willie (ST M) x-

July 13, 1932.

Mrs. Nellie Couch,
Rt. 1, c/o Mrs. Hattie Brown,
Moreland, Ga.

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.

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Mrs. Nellie Couch

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

Sir I am to old to go in any way.
I would like the help in any way.

General, Willie (ST M) x-
Hon. I. W. Hattie Brown,
Moreland, Ga.

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.

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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. DIBBLE,
Captain, U. S. Corps,
Assistant.

2 Enclos.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)



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American Merchant

6-10-32

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(Signature or name of addressee)

Couch, Willie Jr. vt.

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery 5/16, 1932

Form 3811

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

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May 19, 1932.

QM 293 A-M
Couch, Willie (StM) W x

Mrs. Rose Couch,
1029 Smith Street, S. W.,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 16, 1932, returning check for \$10.00 and advising that your health will not permit you to sail June 10th on the AMERICAN MERCHANT to visit the grave of your husband, the late Private Willie Couch. The identification badge which you returned has also been received.

It is regretted that your health is not good and that you are unable to make the journey this summer. You will be communicated with when the pilgrimages are being arranged for next year, and it is sincerely hoped that your health will improve and you will be able to 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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Paid 5/18/32
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1029 Smith Street, S. W.,
Atlanta, Georgia,
May 16, 1932.

COUCH, Willie STM
C-19,543.

HBJ 5/18/32
C.R.

Mr. A. D. Hughes,
Captain, Q. M. Corps, Asst.,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I am unable to take the trip. I appreciate the kindness so
very much.

My Doctor tells me that my health at this present time will
not permit me to take this trip.

Enclosed you will find the check for \$10.00. In a few days I
will send you the badge registered.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Mrs Rose Couch

Rose Couch, 1029 Smith St., S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia.

Badge ret
5/18/32
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RC:SC
Encl. Check \$10.00

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Couch, Willie (St.M)W

May 13, 1932

Mrs. Rose Couch,
1029 Smith St. S.W.,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. in the
amount of \$, 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.

1 Incl.
Check No.

QM 293 A-M
Couch, Willie (StM) X

February 20, 1932

Mrs. Nellie Couch,
Route 1, % Mrs. Hattie Brown,
Moreland, Georgia.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith a copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, which provides for pilgrimages to be made to the cemeteries of Europe by the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces whose remains are interred in Europe or who were lost or buried at sea.

As the mother of the late Private Willie Couch, you are eligible to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son at the expense of the Government. In view thereof it will be appreciated if you will answer the following questions, in order that your desires may be properly recorded and arrangements made accordingly.

1. What is your age and condition of health?
2. Do you speak English?
3. What other language do you speak?
4. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage during 1932?

A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

All necessary expenses of the pilgrimage from your home to the grave of your son and return are borne by the United States. Personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided and doctors and nurses will be available. Should you make the trip you are assured that everything possible will be done for your welfare and pleasure. D

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:
Envelope.
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War-Department
Office of the Quartermaster General

1029 Smith St

Mrs Rose Cauch

Qm. 293 A-m

Cauch Willie ~~Ston~~ ^{Ston} X

Dear Sir

In reply to your letter Feb-11-
1932, The mother of my Husband
Mrs. Millie Cauch, my reason
of not giving her name as
a Gold Star Mother, was that
she had said she was too old
to take the trip. In close you
will find her address. you

Write her, Mrs. Nellie Couch
~~Malden~~ Moreland, Georgia
Rout 1 - In care of
Mrs. Hattie Brown,
and if any further
information, or if this is
not satisfaction, please
advise me.

Respectfully.

Mrs. Rose Couch



QM 293 A-M
Couch, Willie (STM) W x

February 11, 1932.

Mrs. Rose Couch,
1029 Smith Street, S.W.,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested you advise the present address of Mrs. Nellie Couch, mother of your husband, the late Private Willie Couch. Communications addressed to Mrs. Couch at Newman, Georgia, have been returned unclaimed.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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

Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Couch, Mrs. Rose ✓
~~140 Cayahoga St.,~~
~~Akron, Summit Co., Ohio~~
Couch, Willie Pvt. St.M W
American Merchant 6-10-32

Sir:

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

Mr. John Bradley
Name Atlanta, Ga
1691 Stewart Ave S.W.
Address
Father
Relationship

Very truly yours,



Mrs. Rose Couch
Your name

1029 Smith St S.W.
Your address

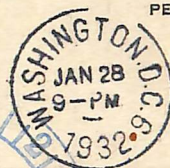
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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

January 28, 1932.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Couch, Willie (STM) M x

Not at
Mrs. Nellie Couch,
~~R.F.D. #6,~~
~~Newman, Georgia.~~

Dear Madam:

Information has been furnished this office that you are the mother of the late Private Willie Couch whose remains are interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery in France. As the mother of a veteran who lost his life in the World War and whose remains are interred in Europe, you are eligible to make a pilgrimage to his grave at the expense of the Government.


In order that your desires may be recorded and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested that you furnish the following information:

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?
2. Please state your age and give the condition of your health.
3. Do you speak English?
4. What other language do you speak?

Your attention is invited to the fact that all necessary expenses of the pilgrimage from your home to the grave of your son and return are borne by the United States. Personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided and doctors and nurses will be available. You are assured that the pilgrimage will not only be made at the expense of the Government but that everything possible for your pleasure and welfare will be provided.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,


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

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QM 293 A-M

Couch, Willie, Pvt. 1233 W x

March 10, 1931.

Mrs. Rose Couch,
140 Cuyahoga Street,
Akron, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your recent letter declining invitation, which had previously been accepted, to sail on the American Banker, May 29, 1931, because of ill health.

It is regretted that your physical condition will not permit you to make the pilgrimage at this time. Accordingly, your name has been placed on the list of mothers and widows eligible to make the journey in 1932, and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages for that year are being arranged.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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War Department
Office of Quartermaster
General

Washington DC
Jan 19, 32

Couch, Mrs. Rose
1029 Smith St SW
Atlanta
Fulton Cou.
Georgia.

Couch Willie Pot St. M. W
American Merchant 6-10-32

Dear Sir,

I have change my Address
From the State of Ohio
to Georgia, Please wright
the Above Address.

I have bin here at home
since Oct. 1931.

Respectfull -
Couch, Mrs. Rose



[Faint, mostly illegible handwriting on lined paper, including phrases like "received", "sent", and "copy"]

1233

Couch Willie
Rt 208th Lab. Co

changed from accept
to decline -

Am. Barker
May 29
Listed to go 1932

War Department

Office of the Quartermaster General
Washington D. C.

140 Cuyahoga St
Akron Ohio

G. M. 293 AM

Couch. Willie 1233KW.

This is to notify you that
I will not be able to take
the trip across this time,
as I have been sick since
Dec. 27-1930. At the time
I sign to go, I thought
I would have been able to
go but my doctor advise that
I would not be able at time
present. Sorry for I asking
that my trip be cancel. for
1931. Hoping that I will be

Able, to go Later,
If you have not the
Right Information, Please
Advise me as just what
step to take. to Counsel. the
step.

Reman.

Mrs. Rose Cauch
140 Cuyahoga St
Akron Ohio



accept
Banner
5-29-31

War. Department, Feb-18-31
The Quartermaster General.

Pm. 293, A.M.

Priv. Couch, Willie 1233 X W

140 Cuyahoga St

Akron Ohio Summit Co

Dear Sir

In reply to your letter Feb-13
31. The Additional Expense.

I will not stop by Atlanta
Ga. Will just make the
trip and return to Akron

This is accordingly that I
would advise. This Office
So. Will not go to Atlanta Ga
from.

Mrs. Rose Couch.



[Faint, illegible handwriting is visible throughout the page, appearing as bleed-through from the reverse side. Some words like "RECEIVED" and "FEB 20 1931" are faintly visible.]

XC 19-543

Couch, Willie (Negro) 306 Labor Co. Ga.

Mother ? Nellie Couch

R-F. N#6

Step-Mother Newman - Ga

Loco no cor. from parents; ad on forms 1919

W- Rose Couch- 140 Cuyahoga St. Akron, Ohio

ad changed - 1029 Smith st S.W.
Atlanta - Ga

QM 233 A-1
Couch, Willie. 1233x W

February 23, 1931.

Mrs. Rose Couch,
140 Cuyahoga Street,
Akron, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 18, 1931, relative to the cancellation of your stopover at Atlanta, Georgia on your return from the pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe, sailing on the S. S. AMERICAN BANKER, May 29, 1931.

Upon your return you will be routed direct to your home in Akron, Ohio without stopovers.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M

Couch, Willie. 1233x W

February 13, 1931.

Mrs. Rose Couch,
140 Cuyahoga Street,
Akron, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your request for a stopover at Atlanta, Georgia on your return from the pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe, sailing on the S.S. AMERICAN BANKER, May 29, 1931.

An additional amount of thirty-seven dollars and four cents (\$37.04) is required for rail fare and thirteen dollars and thirty-seven cents for pullman fare in connection with your stopover at Atlanta, Georgia. This excess is due to the fact that it is not on a direct route from your home.

As you no doubt understand all transportation arrangements must be completed two months before your departure, and any cost in excess of that by direct route must be paid by the traveler. Will you, therefore, please forward money order to this office, in the amount of fifty dollars and forty-one cents (\$50.41), payable to the Finance Officer, U.S. Army, Washington, D.C.? If you do not desire to incur this additional expense, advise this office accordingly.

All expenses incurred by you, due to the additional time in Atlanta, Georgia, must, of course, be paid from personal funds.

A self addressed envelope, which requires no postage, is enclosed herewith for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

1 Encl.

Envelope. HNF

American Banker

5-29-31

1233

Couch, Willie

Decline by letter - To go (1932)

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.

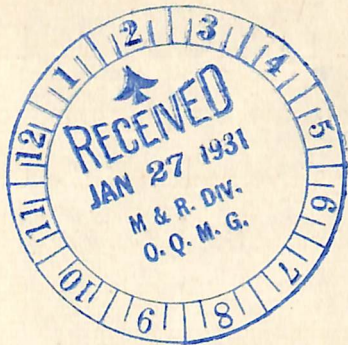
Mrs. Rose Couch

(Name)

140 Cuyahoga Street, Akron, Summit Co., Ohio.

(Town or City)

(State)



IF YOU DESIRE TO STOP OVER ON YOUR RETURN FROM EUROPE PLEASE READ CAREFULLY THE PARAGRAPH, "STOPOVERS IN THE UNITED STATES", ON PAGE 3 OF THE ENCLOSED LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS, FILL IN THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN IT TO THIS OFFICE.

acc. Banker
May 29 (5)

Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Couch, Mrs. Rose,
140 Cuyahoga St., Akron
Summit Co., Ohio.
Couch, Willie - Pvt. 1233x W

Sir:

On my return from the pilgrimage to American Cemeteries in Europe, I desire to stop over at the point, or points, listed below, for the number of days shown after the name of the town. If these stopovers will cause me any expense I am to be advised of the amount and may then withdraw this request if I so desire.

<u>Cities where I desire to stopover:</u>	<u>No. of days</u>
ATLANTA, Ga	10.
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____



Very truly yours,

Couch Mrs. Rose
(Your name)

140 Cuyahoga St
(Your address)

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, Mrs. Rose,
140 Cuyahoga St., Akron
Summit Co., Ohio.
Couch, Willie - Pvt. 1233x W

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.

Mr. John Brantley, Father
Name

1691 Stewart Ave, S.W. Atlanta, Ga
Address



Very truly yours,

Couch, Mrs. Rose
(Your name)

140 Cuyahoga St
(Your address)
Akron - Summit Co. Ohio

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON



IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Couch, Willie Pvt - 1233 Wx

July 30, 1930.

Mrs. Rose Couch,
140 Cuyahoga St.,
Akron, Ohio.

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 Widow 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?	yes
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	yes
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age 31 Condition of Health Poor
4. Do you speak English?	yes
5. What other language do you speak?	none

For The Quartermaster General,



Very truly yours,

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

- Enclosures:
Envelope
Act
Amendment

140 Cuyahoga St
Akron, O.

June - 14, 30

Couch - Willie - 1233. W
in Reply G. M. 293. A-C.
I have move to the above
Address.

My Address in Atlanta
Ga. was 1064 McDaniel St
so please send all mail
to the above address
From.

Mrs Rosa Couch.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 7, 1930.

Couch, Willie - 1233 W

Mrs. Rose Couch,
1064 McDaniel St., S.W.,
Atlanta, Ga.

140 Cuyahoga St.
Akron, Ohio

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.

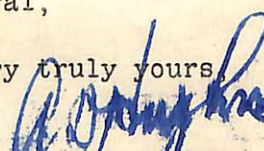
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank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

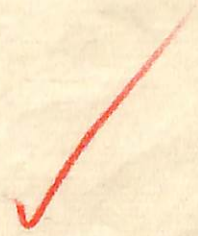
As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope, which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

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? yes

(Write answer here)

Mrs Rose Couch
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 28 1929.

Couch, Willie

Mrs. Rose Couch,
14 A Electric Ave.,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the widow of the late Private Willie Couch, 308th Labor Co., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relationship is that of a stepmother, mother through adoption or a woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. In case you have 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,

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

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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