

To The A. G. O.

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G.R.S. Form #114-B

JAN 15 1926

DATE

1. NAME *COUTU, Joseph R.*

SERIAL No. *2309516*

RANK *Pvt.*

ORGANIZATION & DIVISION

Co. G. 125th Inf. *32 div*

GRAVE LOCATION *Amer.Cty ., Juvigny, Aisne.*

598

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

304.

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

~~Exhumed fr W of RR.~~ *JUVIGNY (Aisne)*

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES

CONCENTRATED TO *Dec. 10, 1918*

246

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

American

598

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

Information in paragraph 2 taken from Form 1.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS *12-10-20*

304

598

JUVIGNY

DATE OF DEATH *Aug 29, 1918*

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *R.A.*

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED *none found*

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

Stuart D. Campbell, Capt. Q.M.C., Supervisor, Area No. 1

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION *Aug. 10, 1922.*

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Block C

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

AUDITED BY

Oise-Aisne Amer. #608, Seringes-et-Nesles (Aisne).

*Major General
The Adjutant General
By *CLL*
JAN 18 1926*

CEMETERY

*A G. O.
JAN 16 1926
WORLD WAR DIV.*

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

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

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

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

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



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Co. G., 125th. Inf.
225th. - Inf
32nd. Div.

COUTU, Russell T. - Pvt. 2309516.
~~Home: Woonsocket, R.I.~~

This soldier was a liaison man between Company and Battalion.
Was hit by a shell and killed instantly. His last words were that
he would never come off that front.

Buried near Railroad embankment, Juvigny, France.

Informant: Waisanen, Joseph S. - 2nd. Lt.
Co. G., 125th. Inf.
Home: Hancock, Mich.

Signed: By Informant.

Emergency address:
Cham J. Coutu (father)
Woonsocket, R.I.

Aug. 30, 1918.

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CODE SLIP

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	GRAVE	2	03
	ROW	2	29
	BLOCK	1	3
STATE	R. Island	2	45
BANK	Port	1	2
DIVISION	32	2	32
ORGANIZATION	125	3	125
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARTIAL	no	1	2
NAME	Coutu	3	35-1 ⁰⁻¹²
Mrs Mary	STATE	2	45
	COUNTY	2	04
	CITY	3	027
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
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AUDITED
DEC 17 1931

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Coutu, Joseph R. (OA)

July 11, 1932.

Mrs. Mary Coutu,
365 Dulude Ave.,
Woonsocket, R. I.

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.

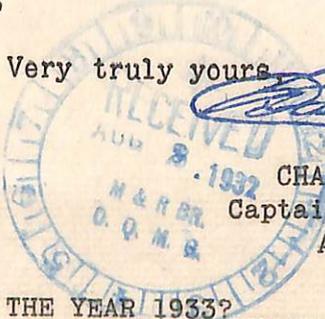
IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU GIVE THE MATTER YOUR MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BEFORE REACHING A DECISION, BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE TRIP AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

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
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 Mary Coutu

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM
Coutu, Joseph R. Pvt.(OA) M

June 20, 1931

Mrs. Mary Coutu,
365 Dulude Ave.,
Woonsocket, R. I.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? no

Write answer here

Mrs. Mary Coutu
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Coutu, Joseph R., Pvt. (OA) M

May 6, 1931.

Mrs. Mary Coutu,
365 Dulude Avenue,
Woonsocket, Rhode Island.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested that you advise whether or not your son, the late Private Joseph R. Coutu, was married and is survived by a widow, and if so, please furnish her name and address.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
Envelope



Dear Sir:

For your information Private Joseph R. Coutu was unmarried.

Yours very truly,

Mary Coutu

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 18, 1930.

Coutu, Joseph R. 608 M

Mrs. Mary Coutu,
365 Dulude Ave.,
Woonsocket, R. I.

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.

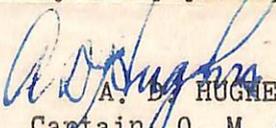
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank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

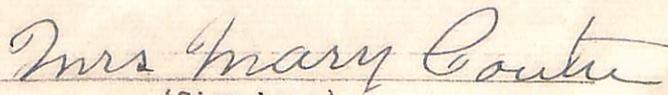
For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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

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

No
(Write answer here)


(Sign here)

QM 293 A-C

Coutu, Joseph R. 608 H

March 12, 1930.

Honorable Jesse H. Metcalf,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 3, 1930, enclosing a communication from Mr. Emile A. Popin of Woonsocket, R. I., relative to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act of March 2, 1929.

In formulating plans for providing properly qualified personnel to accompany the groups of mothers and widows making the pilgrimage every consideration was given the question of employing civilians in this capacity, but after considering all phases of the question, it was finally decided that an officer of the Regular Army should accompany each group and should be charged with this responsibility.

In the event Mrs. Coutu decides to make the pilgrimage to the grave of her son, the late Private Joseph R. Coutu, Co. G. 125th Infantry in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery in France, she may be assured that every provision is being made for her comfort and care while on the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Coutu, Joseph R. 608-M

April 5, 1930

Mrs. Mary Coutu,
365 Dulude Ave.,
Woonsocket, Rhode Island

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "America" on June 4, 1930.

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

In the event no reply is received from you before April 19, 1930, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

America ✓

6-4-30

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Coutu, Joseph A

I decline the invitation extended
(Accept or decline)

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

Mrs. Mary Coutu

(Name)

365 Dulude Ave., Woonsocket, Rhode Island.

(Town or City)

(State)



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Coutu, Joseph R.
608

Aug. 29, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Coutu,
298 Park Place,
Woonsocket, R. I.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 24, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

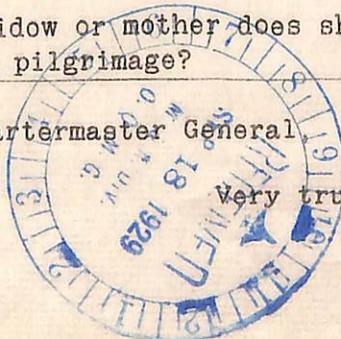
Mrs. Mary Coutu
298 Park Place,
Woonsocket, R. I.

Yes in 1930

For The Quartermaster General

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope



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

COUTU, Joseph R.

Pvt. Co G 125 Inf
E 2309516

Mother

Mrs. Mary Coutu

365 Dulude Ave

Woonsocket

R-14-30

R.I.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 24, 1929.

Coutu, Joseph R.

Mrs. Mary Coutu,
298 Park Place,
Woonsocket, R. I.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Pvt. Joseph R. Coutu, Co. G, 125th Inf., whose remains are interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Coutu, Joseph R. (OA)

July 11, 1932.

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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-AM

June 20, 1931

Coutu, Joseph R. Pvt. (OA) M

Mrs. Mary Coutu,
385 Dulude Ave.,
Woonsocket, R. I.

Dear Madam:

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

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QM 293 A-M
Coutu, Joseph R., Pvt. (OA) M

May 6, 1931.

Mrs. Mary Coutu,
365 Dulude Avenue,
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For The Quartermaster General.

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Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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Envelope

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 18, 1930.

Coutu, Joseph R. 608 M

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General
WASHINGTON

In Reply Refer To QM 293 A-C

Coutu, Joseph R. 608-M

April 5, 1930

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365 Dulude Ave.,
Woonsocket, Rhode Island

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Coutu, Joseph R. 608-M

March 20, 1930

Mrs. Mary Coutu,
365 Dulude Ave.,
Woonsocket, R. I.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.
Regulation.

QM 293 A-C
Coutu, Joseph R. 608 M

March 12, 1930.

x 201 Honorable Jesse H. Metcalf,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 3, 1930, enclosing a communication from Mr. Emile A. Pepin of Woonsocket, R. I., relative to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act of March 2, 1929.

In formulating plans for providing properly qualified personnel to accompany the groups of mothers and widows making the pilgrimage every consideration was given the question of employing civilians in this capacity, but after considering all phases of the question, it was finally decided that an officer of the Regular Army should accompany each group and should be charged with this responsibility.

In the event Mrs. Coutu decides to make the pilgrimage to the grave of her son, the late Private Joseph R. Coutu, Co. G, 125th Infantry in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery in France, she may be assured that every provision is being made for her comfort and care while on the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

O. O. M. G. M. & P. DIV.
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March 3, 1930.

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Maj. Gen. B. F. Cheatham,
The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

My dear General Cheatham:

I enclose, herewith, a letter from
Mr. Emile A. Pepin, of Woonsocket, Rhode
Island, and shall appreciate it if you
will give me the information upon which
to base my reply to his enquiry about
the appointment of women escorts for the
Pilgrimage to France of the Gold Star
Mothers.

Yours very truly,



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M S J

Hon. Jesse H. Metcalf
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Honorable Sir:

Replying to your letter of Feb. 4, the matter I wanted to submit in regards to the Gold Star Mothers' pilgrimage to France concerns Mrs. Mary Coutu "Mother of Private Rene Coutu" who is over 60 years of age and would like to undertake the voyage to the grave of her son who lies in french soil, but as the Act of Congress does not provide for a personal escort, the writer believes that there will be Women escorts for certain groups and through your suggestion certain persons could be appointed as such.

Awaiting an early reply, and thanking you for your attention in the matter, I am,

Yours very truly,

Emile A. Pepin

Councilman Fifth Ward,

Woonsocket, R. I.

*Joseph R. Coutu (608)
Cout. Co. G. 12549 mf*

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Gouta, Joseph R. 308 M

Mrs. Mary Gouta,
~~298 Park Place,~~
Woonsocket, R. I.

365 DuLude St.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl.
Act
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

Coutu, Joseph R.
608

Aug. 29, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Coutu,
298 Park Place,
Woonsocket, R. I.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 24, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 24, 1929.

Coutu, Joseph R.

Mrs. Mary Coutu,
298 Park Place,
Woonsocket, R. I.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Pvt. Joseph R. Coutu, Co. G, 125th Inf., whose remains are interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

QM 293 A-C

May 19, 1924

COUTU, Joseph R., Pvt.

Mr. Cham J. Coutu,
298 Park Place,
Woonsocket, R. I.

Dear Sir:

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

B. P. HARBOLD
Assistant.

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1-Incl.
Record card.



REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

293

Place *Juvigny Aisne*

Date *Dec. 10 - 1920*

1. REMAINS OF *COUTU, JOSEPH R.* SERIAL NUMBER *230916*

RANK *PVT.* ORGANIZATION *Co. B. 125 INF.*

2. Disinterred (date): *Dec 10 - 1920* From (give complete location): *Grave # 246*

Amer B/A Cem. Juvigny Aisne Cem. 598

By: Group *Valentine* Unit _____

3. Reburied (date): *Dec. 10 - 1920* In (give complete location): *Grave # 304*

Same Cem.

By: Group *Valentine* Unit _____ Nature of reburial *Coffin & Blanket*

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: *5 ft earthen grave no box or blanket. U.S. uniform, badly disintegrated features not capable of recognition*

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

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

PART OF LAST NAME

Tag on body corroded reads front of tag "CO-" # 49518 found on back.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) *5 ft 9 inches*

(b) Weight (estimated) *Impossible to determine*

(c) Hair—Color *None on skull*

Quantity *Impossible to determine*

Characteristics *do*

(d) Hair on face—Color *do*

Location *do*

Quantity *do*

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

Impossible to determine

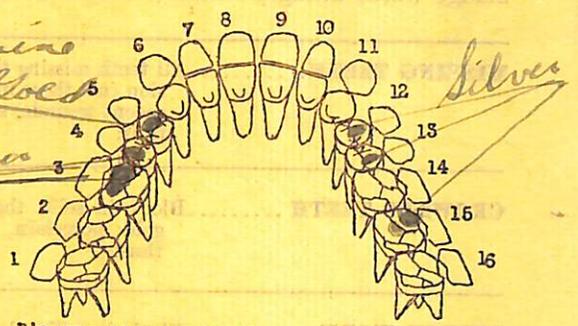
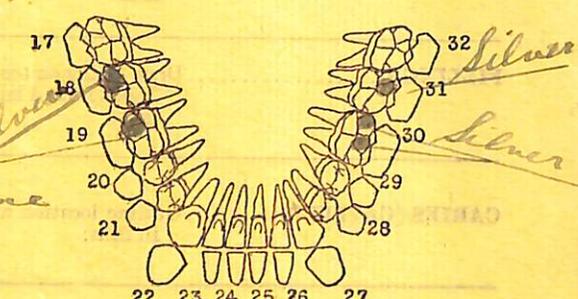


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



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

Impossible to determine

7. Disinterment supervised by *J. Anderson*

Approved: _____

(Title) _____

8. Reburial supervised by *W. G. ...*

Approved: _____

(Title) _____

File 810 17/1/31
W. G. ...
Comdr. Sec. 6

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.

<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>	

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

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



COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #22713

(a) Name COUTU, Joseph R Ser. No. 230916
 (b) Rank Pvt Organization Co G, 125 Inf
 (c) Date of death 8/29/18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. DS
 CKR. g.m.c.

#114/92
 Exhumed
 Concentration
 Dis - Aisne 608
 AH 5/2/22

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

(a) Grave No. 246 Row - Plot - Sec. - TYP. DS
 (b) Emerg. Address C. J. Coutu (Father) 298 Park Place, Woonsocket, R.I.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases **NO CARD** CKR. B/3

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt no card in file - 838 - 8-23-20

(a) Name _____ (b) Relationship _____
 (c) Address _____
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? _____
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at _____
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. _____
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. _____

OK
 AH

Examiner's Initials _____ Date _____, 1920.

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

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

no correspondence

Examiner's Initials g.m.c. Date 8-23-, 1920.

Rev. 5-14-21 J.P.

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes - in file

Examiner's Initials g.m.c. Date 8-23-, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 598 SHEET No. 81

FORM 115 A COMPLETED **CARDED**

8/22/20 g.m.c.

Rechecked 8/22/20

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made

RECEIVED

Typed by

Checked by

MAY 3

1920

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by

cable on

GENERAL L.I. OVERSEAS PROJECT

1920

letter on

8/27

1920

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

IX.

CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE.

ACTION TAKEN.

Desires body be

Body to be shipped to

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

War Risk Ins gives beneficiary 10/2/20
(mother) Mrs Mary Coutur
298 Park Place
Woonsocket R.I.

Letter - 11-5-20 to mother re relatives & her
desires as to disposition - 11-5-20 J.

Letter 11-8-20 Mrs. C. J. Coutur, mother, 298 Park Pl.,
Woonsocket, R.I. states son was not married
gives father's name - Cham J. Coutur, and
requests body remain in France. 12-3-20
E.S.C.

Letter to father for concurrence - 12-8-20 J.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

See Form 115
Att 5/2/22

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name COUTU, Joseph R Ser. No. 230916

(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co.G, 125 Inf. } TYP

(c) Date of death 8/29/18 Cause of death K/A }

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

(a) Grave No. Row Plot Sect. TYP CBM

(b) Emerg. Address C. J. Coutu (Father) 298 Park Place, Woonsocket, R. I.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases no card OKR *llm*

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

No request

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 1920)
(Letter of transmittal on 8/27 1920.)

Par. #2 Not to be returned.

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. Dec. 19th, 1920.

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken

VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. 6-3-1921

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY NO. 598 SHEET NO. 81

G.R.S. FORM 115-A
AUGUST, 1920

8-666/AB

llm

FORM 115-A COMPLETED
HOBOKEN c. 23. 1920

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Dec. 19, 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name COUTU, Joseph R.

10. Name

2. No. 230916

11. No.

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank

4. Org. Co. G. 125th Inf.

13. Org.

5. D.D. 8-29-1918

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. KIA

(b) D.B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 304 Sec.

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. No discp

18. Cemetery American Cty.,

19. Commune or town Juigny.

20. Dept. or County Aisne,

21. Country France.

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 5-8.

23. Disinterred (Date) 12-19-21

By C.J. Osgood

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Joseph R. Coutu

Serial No. 230916

Rank Pvt.

Organization Co. G. 125th Inf.

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

J. Stark
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).
Formerly reburied by field section Tag and strip wired on blanket. Tag corroded, strip checked.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed features unrecognizable

28. Nature of burial Uniform, blanket and wooden box.

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date 12-19-21 By C.J. Osgood

31. Casket sealed by C.J. Osgood

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

C.J. Osgood

AUDITED BY
861
2/16/24

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-25991.

32. Designation of body:

Name Joseph R. COUTU Serial No. 230716

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. G. 125th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne Amer. Cty. 608, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) 12-19-21 By C. J. Osgood

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 O. D. Davis
O. D. Davis, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

36. Remarks _____

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) _____

To point of Concentration _____
(Name)

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date _____

By G.R.S. Representative _____

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 20 DEC 1921

To Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne, Am. Cty #608 Seringes et Nesles, Aisne.
(Name)

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer [Signature]

40. Received: Date 24 DEC 1921

G.R.S. Representative G. F. WAUGH

41. Reinterred, Aug. 10, 1922, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes et Nesles (Aisne)
(Date)

42. Grave No. 3 Section _____

43. Plot BLOCK C Row 29

G.R.S. Representative C. J. Blake
Cant., Q.M.C.

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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place Juvigny, Cem. 598

Date Dec. 19th, 1921

1. REMAINS OF COUTU, Joseph H. R. SERIAL NUMBER 230916

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. C. 125th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): _____ From (give complete location): _____

Dec. 19th, 1921 Gr. 304, Cem. 598

By: Group 3 Unit Sec. 7

3. Reburied (date): Aug. 10, 1922 In (give complete location): Gr. 3, Block C.

Row 29, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes et Nesles (Aisne)

By: Group re-burial group Unit ---- Nature of Reburial Lined casket

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

Badly decomposed, features not recognizable. Wooden box, uniform and blanket.

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

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

Formerly reburied by field section. Tag and strip wired to blanket.

Tag corroded, strip checked.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Indiscernable due to

(b) Weight (estimated) decomposition.

(c) Hair—Color None

Quantity _____

Characteristics _____

(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location _____

Quantity _____

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

Indiscernable.

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

None

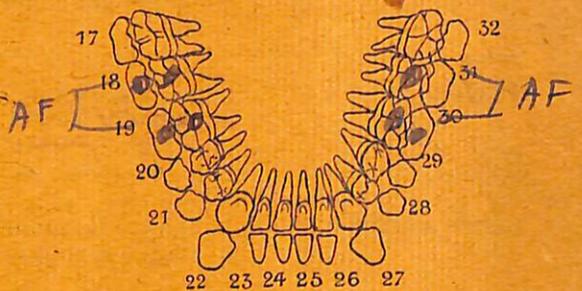
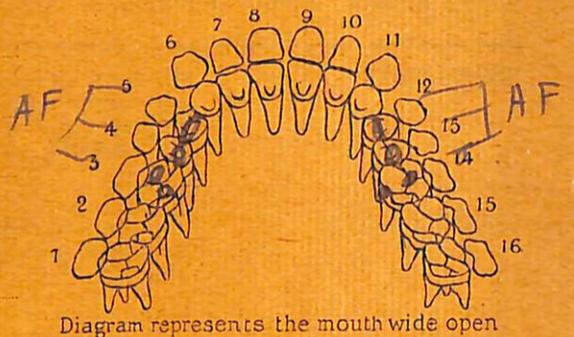
F. C. Stark, checker.

7. Disinterment supervised by C. J. Osgood, Sub. Emb.

Approved: O. H. Davis
(Title) O. H. Davis, 1st Lt., QMC.

8. Reburial supervised by L. D. Hays

Approved: C. J. Blake
(Title) Capt., QMC.



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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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Form #106

THIS MEMORANDUM MUST NOT BE REMOVED

Date 11/18/20

FOLLOW UP NO 3474

DATE 11/20/20

- TO:
1. Inquiry Branch for reply:
(a) Forms 124 not necessary.
(b) Form 124 attached.
 2. Miss Barry (Statistics Group.)
 3. Mrs. Cairns (Supplementary & Corrective Letter Group.)
 4. Miss Critchett (Form 120 Follow-up Group.)
 5. Mr. Good (Investigation and Adjustment Group.)
 6. Mr. Grant (Inquiry Branch.)
 7. Mrs. Landman (Compilation Depot.)
 8. Lieut. Noetzel.
 9. Miss Olenin (Control Group.)
 10. Mr. Peck.
 11. Mrs. Ruth (Compilation Depot.)
 12. Mr. Saxton (Cemeterial Branch.)
 13. Miss Schlegel (Form 124 Group.)
 14. _____

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Subject:

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ADDRESS REPLY TO THE
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MUNITIONS BUILDING

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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WASHINGTON

File No.

November 5, 1920.

File No. 293.8 Reg.Sec.Cem.Div.
(COUTU, Joseph R.)



Mrs. Mary Coutu,
298 Park Place,
Woonsocket, R. I.

Dear Madam:-

It is requested that you advise this office whether you late son, Private Joseph R. Coutu, Co. G, 125th Inf. Ser. No. 230916, is survived by widow, children and father, and if so, the name and address of each is desired.

If, however, you are the legal nearest of kin, it is requested that you advise whether you desire the body returned to the United States and shipped to you at Government expense, buried in the National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia or remain buried in France.

Your early reply will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

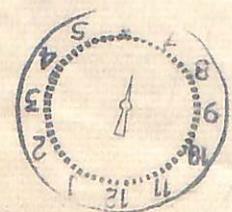
CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Major, U.S. Army,
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

BY:

Thos. G. Hanson
THOS. G. HANSON, Jr.,
1st Lieut., Q.M. Corps.



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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

Nov. 8 - 1920
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Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. O. M. G.
File # 293.8
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Quartermaster General.
Washington D. C.

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Dear Sirs

In reply to your letter on the
reversed side. my son. is not married
father's name. Cham J. Coutie

My advice on the body of my
son. I wish to have ~~the~~ it remain
buried in France.

Yours truly
Mrs. C. J. Coutie

Noted on Form No. 115
Date 12-3-20 H.C.

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Chief, Cemeterial Division.

BY:

T. G. H. J.
THOS. G. HANSON, Jr.,
1st Lieut., Q.M. Corps.

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Date 11-5-20 *F.*

December 8, 1920.

293,8 Reg. Sec. Gen. Div.
(COUTU, Joseph R.)

Mr. Chan J. Coutu,
298 Park Pl.,
Woonsocket, R. I.

Dear Sir:-

This Department is in receipt of a request from Mrs. C. J. Coutu, that the remains of her son, the late Private Joseph R. Coutu, Serial No. 230916, Co. G. 125th Inf., remain in France.

Before this office can grant her request it will be necessary for you, as father and legal nearest of kin, to forward a statement confirming her request. Advise whether you desire the body left in France in a permanent American Cemetery, as requested by Mrs. C. J. Coutu, or returned to the United States and shipped to you or buried in the National Cemetery, Arlington, Va.

The Department wishes to convey to you its assurance of sympathy in your bereavement.

An immediate reply is requested using the enclosed penalty envelope which requires no postage.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Lieut. Colonel, U.S.A.,
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

BY:

F. B. DANIEL,
1st Lieut., Q.M.G. *g. C.*

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CEMETERIAL DIVISION.

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G. & C. DEPT.

Noted on Form No. 118
Date 12/8/20 *J*

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

~~Coutu, Joseph R., Pvt.~~

~~593 -- 81~~

~~10/2/20~~

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

~~230916~~

~~Co. C. 125th Inf.~~

Date of Death 8/29/18

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE _____

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Address _____

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

~~Capt. Joseph R., Pvt.~~

~~598 - 81~~

~~9/16/20~~

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

~~230916~~

~~Co. G, 125th Inf.~~

Date of Death 8/29/18

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE _____

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Address _____

2309/18

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

AUG 31 1920

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C.

To: **C. J. Goutu, 298 Park Place, Woonsocket, R.I.**

SUBJECT: Remains of **Private Joseph R. Goutu, Co. G, 125th Inf. Ser. No. 230916**

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

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Major, U. S. A.

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

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

Date _____ Signature _____

Address _____ Relationship _____

1920.

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

- 1. As stated on first page of this sheet.
- 2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to _____ (Name.) _____ (R. R. station.) _____ (State.)
- 3. To be returned to the U. S. and buried in _____ National Cemetery.
- 4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Signature _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

- 1. If definite instruction as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.
- 2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.
- 3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT OF KIN IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.
- 4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
- 5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.
- 6. If YOU are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
- 7. 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.
- 8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
- 9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

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

RECEIVED
BUREAU OF RECORDS
C. B. S. FORM NO. 130

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

COUTU 230916 Joseph R
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Pvt Co G 125th Inf
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: *Worms, France*

CAUSE OF DEATH: *Shrapnel*

DATE OF BURIAL: *Sept 5/18*

PLACE OF BURIAL: *New R Reburialment*

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

REVIEWED
OSP SS.

GRAVE NUMBER: *OSP SS.*

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? *yes*

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

If name unknown and tags missing, description and marks should be given here: *NAME: JUVIGNY (disne)*

(087) SHT. 337E COORD —

NEAREST RELATIVE: *Chaim J Coutu*

ADDRESS: *Worms, R. 9*

RELATIONSHIP: *Father*

REPORTED BY: *Lt Joseph McDonnelly*

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).



G.R.S. FORM NO. 12

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

FROM : ADJUTANT GENERAL.
TO : C.O., Co. G, 125th Inf.
SUBJECT : Information for burial Register.

1. You are directed to transmit without delay to the Chief, Graves Registration Service, the information indicated on enclosed Graves Location Blank as necessary for the completion of official records.

By Command of General Pershing:

Robert C. Davis

Adjutant General.

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Note:

In case this item is checked, you will note hereon:

Nearest relative of deceased:

Relationship: _____

Address: _____



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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CEMETERY DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION

Please Rush

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NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

Coutu, Joseph R., Pvt.

598 ---81

9/16/20

SERIAL NUMBER

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Co. G. 125th Inf.

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WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

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Oct. 2, 1920

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Mrs. Mary Coutu

Mother

Address

298 Park Place, Woonsocket, Rhode Island.

*Noted on Form No. 115
Date 10-6-2000*

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CEMETERIAL DIVISION
REGISTRATION SECTION

FILE

January 18 1922

MEMO FOR:

Cards Department.

1.

CASE OF:

Co. G., 125th Inf.,

ORGANIZATION (Old)

COUTU 230916 Joseph H. Pvt.,

(Name)

Correction or additional data changes as shown below have been made on the Registration Card of the above-mentioned soldier and a corresponding change will be necessary on the Organization Card:

ORGANIZATION (New)

FILE NO.

SURNAME

SERIAL NUMBER

FIRST NAME AND INITIALS

RANK

DATE OF DEATH

CAUSE OF DEATH

	Date	Place	F-1A No.
Orig.			D-
1st Reb.	12/10/20	598	D- 30232
2nd Reb.			D-
3rd Reb.			D-

FILE

(Note: In the above spaces below double line fill in ONLY the new date and data correcting previous information)

BY: Miss Lannon

Card.
(Department)

5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made
on Organization
File Card:

By RB
S/3324/LML

