

G.R.S. Form #114-B.

To The A. G. O.

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FEB 6 - 1926

FULL NAME..... *✓* COWAN, Joseph *✓* Sol Big.....

RANK..... Private *✓*..... SERIAL..... 1308437 *✓*.....

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION..... Co. G, 117th Infantry *✓* 30th Div *✓*.....

DATE OF DEATH..... Oct 9, 1918.....

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME..... Illinois.....

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED..... none found *✓*.....

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION.....	<u>25</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>A</u>
	Date	Grave	Row	Block	

636

Cemetery

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 FEB 8 1926
 A. G. O.
 WORLD WAR DIV.

Robert O. Davis
 Major General
 The Adjutant General
 by CR2
 FEB 9 1926

AUDITED BY
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STATIONER
FEB 10 26
M. & R. BRANCH
O. Q. M. C.

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FEB 8 1926
WORLD WAR DIV
A. G. O.

MEDICAL RECORD

Cowan, Joseph.

Party K
Nurse W. Malinine
C. Marlot - Special nurse -

Regt, Co G, 1179 Inf.

Station: Paris

Date: July 17th 1930.

Name Cowan Mrs Charlotte

Home address Butler Johnson County Tennessee

Address of Nearest friend or relative Nephew Mr. Vancray Cowan

(same address)

Religion Bapt. Miss.

Age 60

History of Present complaint: Seen by Maj. Kinderman. Dressing on ulcers on right leg. Milk of Mag. 15cc. advised to stay in bed when possible.

To St. Quentin by train c special nurse, July 19th.
Left St. Q. for Paris by train on July 22nd. Unable to stand long bus rides.

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(over)

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)

Varicose veins. \bigcirc Varicose ulcers \bigcirc both legs.

Additional diagnosis. - Pellagra.

Treatment and Progress: (include dates)

- 7-20-30 Kept quiet - Legs elevated - *2 Digitalis gtt + v 35.* Ulcers dressed each day - *Digitalis gtt VIII T.I.D P.C. for*
two days - Pulse watched carefully - Diet - Fish - vegetables - salads no red meat
7-22-30 - *Digitalis gtt V T.I.D - Milk of Magnesia*
7-24-30 General conditions improved - Ulcers almost closed.
7-27-30 - Ulcers closed - Feeling better

Disposition: (include dates)

7/21/ BP $\frac{190}{120}$

7-21-30 $\frac{176}{110}$ B.P. ~~176~~

P. 96-

7/25/ $\frac{180}{110}$

July 29-30 To Charbourn, Beach.

Party K

MEDICAL RECORD

Cowan, Joseph.
Pot. Co. G., 117 Inf.

Station: SS Pres. Harding

Date: July 9, 1930

Name Cowan, Mrs. Charlotte

Home address Butler, Tenn.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Brother, E.O. Cowan
same address

Religion Baptist

Age 63

History of Present complaint: 1. Swelling of both feet, worse at night
2. Ulcers on both feet 3. Shortness of breath
4. Dyspnoea

This condition in varying degrees has been present for about
30 years.

(over)

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Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)

1. Edema of both lower extremities - 30 years
2. Brawny induration c ulceration of both lower extremities, 30 yrs.
3. Chronic Heart Disease, assoc. c chronic cardiac decompensation.

Treatment and Progress: (include dates)

1. Mag. Sulph dressings to ulcers.
2. Advised to see physician at home for her heart and general constitution.

Able to walk short distacnes, but advised to stay off feet as much as possible. To Cherbourg 7/17/30

Thomas Ballard, M.D.,
SS Harding

Disposition: (include dates)

Remarks, Paris.

7/17/30 Cardio-Vascular-Renal Disease, mod. sev. Varicose Veins, both legs
c varicose elcers. BP 170/100. Legs edematous. A.W.K.

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Cowan</i>	<i>COW</i>	3	<i>35-3</i>
<i>Joseph</i>	CEMETERY <i>636</i>	1	
BURIED	GRAVE <i>10</i>	2	<i>0</i>
	ROW <i>18</i>	2	<i>18</i>
	BLCK <i>a</i>	1	<i>1</i>
STATE	<i>Tenn</i>	2	<i>48</i>
RANK	<i>Pvt.</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>30</i>		<i>30</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>117</i>	3	<i>117</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Cowan</i>	<i>COW</i>	3	<i>35-3</i>
<i>Charlotte</i>	STATE <i>Tenn</i>	2	<i>48</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Johnson</i>	2	<i>46</i>
	CITY <i>Butter</i>	3	<i>X+X</i>
RELATION	<i>mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>Yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Good</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR. <i>1930</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ACCEPTANCE	<i>Yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
<i>29/514/PJ</i>	<i>Age</i>		<i>62</i>

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 117
 Inf
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AUDITED
 SEP 26 1931
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Party "K" - Itinerary - Somme Group

Sailed July 9, 1930 on PRESIDENT HARDING. Captain William Hesketh in charge. Lt. Col. H. S. Grier observer. Arrived Cherbourg 12.20am July 17th. Special tender arrived 5.25am bearing Majs. Bailey and Kinderman; Capts. Mitchell, Haley, Earnest, Dalton, Conway and Stark; Lts. Freeman and Binns, 3 nurses, 3 civilian employees. Train left 8.29am; arrived Gare des Invalides, Paris, 2.21pm. Met by Col. Ellis and members of his staff, interpreters and nurses. Taken in bus to hotel.

July 18th. Morning devoted to transaction of personal business. Exchange of money, preparation of laundry, etc. Afternoon - Arc de Triomphe. Wreath laid by Mrs. Fitzsimmons for party. Tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent. Lunch at hotel.

July 19th. Left 8.15am for St. Quentin via Porte de la Chapelle, Chantilly, (rest stop Hotel du Parc) Compiègne, (lunch Hotel Rond Royal), Carrefour de l'Armistice, Noyon. Arrived 8pm. Quarters Hotel de France.

July 20th, and 21st. Visited Somme Cemetery and the American Memorial School House at Bony.

July 22nd. Left 9am for Lille. Visited cemetery. Lunch at Brasserie la Taverne at Cambrai. Arrived Lille 4pm. Quarters Hotel Royal.

July 23rd. Morning free. Visited Lille. Lunch at hotel. Left 2.15pm for Amiens via Soelin, Carvins, Lens, Vimy Ridge, Arras (rest stop Brasserie Moderne). Arrived 6.45pm. Quarters Hotel de l'Univers).

July 24th. Morning free. Visited Amiens and Cathedral. Lunch at hotel. Left 1.30pm for Paris via Breteuil, Beauvais (rest stop Hotel de France). Arrived 6.15pm. Dinner at hotel.

July 25th. Free or shopping. Lunch at hotel. Napoleon's Tomb. Dinner at hotel.

July 26th. Sightseeing. Notre Dame. Lunch at hotel. Versailles. Suresnes. Belle Cycliste. Dinner at hotel.

July 27th. Free or Church. Lunch at hotel. Louvre. Dinner at hotel. Sightseeing trip at night.

July 28th. Fontainebleau via Barbizon. Lunch at Hotel Logris. Visited Chateau. Melun. Dinner at hotel.

July 29th. Boat train for Cherbourg. Left 9.22am. Arrived 3.32pm. PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT sailed about 6.25pm. Arrived New York August 6th.

Mrs. Charlotte Cowan

NAME COWAN, MRS. CHARLOTTE

S.S. ROOSEVELT

1087

HOME BUTLER, JOHNSON COUNTY, TENN.

R.R. Pen to work.

STATION So to Lynchburg.

TRAIN # No wt printed
So to Butler Tenn

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE AUG ~~8 1920~~ Oct. 7 - 30

E O Cowan,
Butler, Tenn

(brother)

DAILY REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER:
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS & WIDOWS-1930

Date *Aug 2/30*

Case No.....

PARTY *H. H. H.*

NAME *Mrs Charlotte Cowan*

HOME ADDRESS *Butler Tenn*

HOTEL *Astor*

DIAGNOSIS *Three Varicose Ulcers rt Leg.*

DISPOSITION.....

REMARKS *Patient states that she has had
Varicose ulcers on the rt leg off
& on for 2 or 3 yrs. There are
now three small ulcers on out-
er surface between middle of
leg and ankle. Dressed by
nurse every the more as nurse*

CIVILIAN DOCTOR IN CHARGE OF CASE: *Her husband*
has been dressing them at home.

MEDICAL OFFICER: *Walter L. Perry*
Walter L. Perry,
Major, Medical Corps, USA.

[Handwritten signature]

Name..... COWAN, Mrs. Charlotte,
HOTEL CARLTON
Paris Hôtel..... AV. DES CHAMPS-ÉLYSÉES
Home address..... Butler, Johnson County, Tennessee.
Party..... K..... Group..... 5..... Unit..... ~~SS~~.HARDING.
Date of arrival..... July 17, 1930..... Date of departure ~~SS~~/ROOSEVELT, July 29 1930.
Relationship..... Mother
Name of deceased..... COWAN, Joseph
Rank..... Pvt..... Organization Co.G, 117th Inf.
Cemetery..... Somme.

REMARKS



Charlotte Cowan

Mrs. Cowan will be unable to make the bus trip to the ~~Some~~ Cemetery because of a rather severe chronic heart disease. It is recommended that this Pilgrim, accompanied by Miss Marlot nurse, proceed by train to St. Quentin, July 19th. and return by train upon completion of the Group's stay in St. Quentin.

NAME Cowan, Mrs. Charlotte

K

ADDRESS Butler, Johnson County, Tenn.

DATE Aug 9, 1930

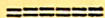
TO: OFFICER-IN-CHARGE,
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

I BEG TO INFORM YOU THAT I HAVE RETURNED
TO MY HOME SAFELY AND IN GOOD HEALTH.

SINCERELY,

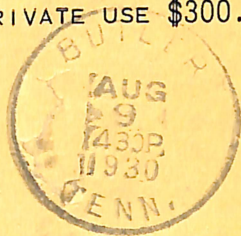
(SIGNED) Charlotte Cowan

WAR DEPARTMENT



OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300.



PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

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RETURN RECEIPT

Harding 7-9-30

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

L. Charlotte Coe

(Signature or name of addressee)

(Signature of addressee)

Date of delivery, _____, 192

Form 3811

WASHINGTON

MUNITIONS BUILDING
(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,
or Post Office Box.

Return to
O. M. GENERAL



No. _____
No. _____

Post Office Department
REGISTERED ARTICLE
OFFICIAL BUSINESS

RECEIVED
JUN 30 1918
MAIL PARCEL

MEDICAL RECORD

Party: "K" WEST

S. S. August 7, 1930

Eastbound
Westbound

Name Mrs. Charlotte Cowan

Home Address Butler, Tenn.

Name and address of nearest relative or friend Hotel Astor.

Religion Age

History of present complaint: Three varicose ulcers, rt. leg.
Patient states that she has had varicose ulcers
on the rt. leg off and on for 2 or 3 years. There are now
Three small ulcers on outer surface between middle of leg and
ankle. Dressed by Miss Conley the nurse, as nurse had been
dressing them on boat and patient dresses them at home. J. H. A.

(OVER)

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:

Party K

MEDICAL RECORD

N. Malinine

C. Marlot, special nurse

Station: Paris

July 17, 1930

Date:

Name Cowan, Mrs. Charlotte

Home address Butler, Johnson Co., Tenn.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Nephew, Mr. Vanray Cowan
same address

Religion Prot.

Age 60

History of Present complaint: Seen by Maj. Kinderman. Dressing on
ulcers on right leg. Milk of Mag. 15cc.
Advised to stay in bed when possible.

(over)

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Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)

Cardio-Renal-Vascul. Varicose Veins, Varicose Ulcers both legs. A.W.K.

Additional diagnosis, Pellagra . L.T.H.

Treatment and Progress: (include dates) Tr. Digitalis gtts xv, tid, A.W.K.

July 20th, Kept quiet. Ulcers dressed each day. Digalen gtts viii, tid, pc for two days. Pulse watched carefully. Diet, fish, vegetables, salads, no red meat. July 22nd: Digalen gtts v, tid Milk of Magnesia

July 24th: General condition pmproved, Ulcers almost healed.

July 27th; Ulcers healed. Feeling better.

Disposition: (include dates)

Remarks: BP 190/120, July 17th A.W.K.

July 21st: 176/110, L.T.H. Pulse 96

July 25th 180/110

7/29/30 to Cherbourg. Beach.

MEDICAL RECORD

Eastbound
Westbound

Party: "K"

S. S. HARDING

Name COWAN, Mrs.

Home Address

Name and address of nearest relative or friend

Religion

Age

History of present complaint:

July 10, 1930	Ulcer, sore legs &	Constipation
		Ambulatory
11	Headache--Cabin	
14	Ulcer, Both legs,	"
15	"	"

(OVER)

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Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)

Treatment and Progress: (include dates)

Disposition: (include dates)

Remarks:

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RETURN RECEIPT

636

Handing ~~7/9/30~~

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

Charlotte Cowan

(Signature or name of addressee.)

Margaret Cowan

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, _____, 191

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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

REGISTERED ARTICLE No. 927656

INSURED PARCEL No. 0861 61 111

Postmark of Delivering Office

Return to Q. M. GENERAL

(Name of sender.)

Street and Number, }
or Post Office Box, }

MUNITIONS BUILDING

and Date of Delivery.

Post Office at _____

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State Washington, D. C.

E. Louly (nurse)

MEDICAL RECORD

Party: *K*

S. S. Hotel Astor Eastbound
Westbound

Name *Mrs Charlotte Cavan*

Home Address *Butler Johnson Co Tenn*

Name and address of nearest relative or friend *Nephew - Mr Vauray Cavan*
S. A.

Religion *Prot* Age *60*

History of present complaint:
See previous files

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Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)

Treatment and Progress: (include dates)

Aug. 7/50 ^{right}
Carbolic ointment dressing, and firm bandage
applied to ulcers. Much improved over time
at left home on Pilgrimage.
Left leg - skin unbroken.

Disposition: (include dates)

Remarks:

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~~Cowan~~
CARTON

MEDICAL RECORD

Party: K

July 9. S.S. Pres. Harding

Eastbound
~~Westbound~~

Name Miss Charlotte Cowan

Home Address: Butler, Tennessee

Name and address of nearest relative or friend - E.O. Cowan (brother)
Butler Tenn.

Religion - Baptist

Age 63

History of present complaint:

- ① Swelling of both feet, worse at night.
- ② Ulcers on both feet.
- ③ Shortness of breath
- ④ Dyspnea.

This condition in varying degrees has been present for about 30 yrs.

(OVER)

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)

- ① Edema of both lower extremities - 30 yrs.
- ② Pruritic, induration & ulceration of both lower extremities - 30 yrs.
- ③ Chronic Heart Disease assoc. i chronic cardiac decompensation.

Treatment and Progress: (include dates)

- ① Mag. sulf dressings to ulcers.
- ② Advised to see physician at home for her heart- and general constitution.

able to walk short distances but advised to stay off feet as much as possible. To Cherbourg 7-17-30.

Disposition: (include dates)

Thomas Baccantini &

S. S. HARDING JUL 17 1930

Remarks:

7/17/30. Cardio-vascular Renal Disease noted.
Varicose Veins both legs i Varicose ulcers.
BP 170/100. Legs edematous above

June 19th, 1930.

Mrs. Charlotte Cowan,
Butler,
Tenn.

Dear Madam:

Please attach the enclosed tags to each piece of baggage, thus to protect the safe arrival of same in New York.

Upon your arrival in this City, you will be met at the Railroad Station by a United States Army Officer, in uniform, who will wear on the left sleeve of his coat a blue cloth band, showing a Gold Star and the word "Pilgrimage". This officer will escort you and your baggage to your Hotel in New York City.

For the Officer in Charge:

Arrived NY 6:40 AM July 8.
Train 700 - Penna RR
Capt Ross

George F. H. Taylor,
1st. Lieut., G.A.C. Corp.,
Assistant.

Enclosed
7 tags.

2 bags

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

COWAN, JOSEPH

SOM

Party K
 Number 1993

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

Mrs. Charlotte Cowan Actual cost of through Pullman.
 Name of Traveler

Butler, Johnson County New York, to Butler, Tennessee
 Home Address

Tennessee \$ 6.75 Bristol

New York, to Butler, Tennessee
 Destination

Via Penn. to Washington, D. C., - So. to Lynchburg - No. & Wes. to Bristol
So. to Butler, Tennessee

August 7, 1930
 Date of Departure

Ticket Expires - Oct. 7, 1930

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	Car	U. S. G. Order No.	Actual Cost
LV	<u>Penn. Station</u>	<u>RRR</u>	<u>149</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>905P</u>			
VAR	<u>BRISTOL</u>	<u>NW</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>8-8</u>	<u>220P</u>	<u>L5</u>	<u>K38</u>	<u>6.75</u>
LV	<u>"</u>	<u>SoW</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>" "</u>	<u>245</u>		<u>944</u>	
AR	<u>BUTLER</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>" "</u>	<u>" "</u>	<u>245P</u>		<u>WC-1022, 862</u>	
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Remarks:

* THRU C. A. R.
Capt Child

QM 293 AM
Cowan, Joseph Pvt. 636 M

August 19, 1930.

Mrs. Charlotte Cowan,
Butler, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

The testimonial dated August 2nd to the Officer in Charge, Gold Star Pilgrimage, New York City, which you and the other mothers and widows returning on the SS President Roosevelt were so kind as to send regarding your pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, has been forwarded to me.

It is gratifying to know that the officers of the Army and the personnel connected with the pilgrimage rendered such courteous and efficient service. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages and has expended every effort that those making the journey might have a comfortable and pleasant trip. I feel, however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation shown by the mothers and widows who are making the pilgrimage.

With sincere appreciation of the sentiments expressed by you,

Sincerely yours,

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

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WRG

MDT

STATE

COWAN, Jos.

...TENNESSEE.....

M
NAME Cowan, Mrs. Charlotte HOME ADDRESS Butler, Johnson County

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN *E. Cowan same*

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE *July 8* HOTEL *McAlpin* ROOM NO. *1081*
quarters Mrs M. W. Plyon

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE JUL 9 1930 VESSEL *S/S HARDING* CABIN NO. *11A*

DESTINATION CHERBOURG CEMETERY SOM

RETURN NEW YORK

DATE **AUG 6** 1930

NAME **COWAN, MRS. CHARLOTTE.** HOME ADDRESS **BUTLER, JOHNSON CO.**

TENN.

RETURN ON S. S. **S/S ROOSEVELT** HOTEL **ASTOR** ROOM NO. **988**

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE **AUG 7** 1930

ROAD *Seu* TRAIN *149* CAR *K38* BERTH or SEAT *L5*

REMARKS

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QM 293 A-C
Williams, Don S. 1232 M
Cowan, Joseph 636 M

for letter

June 10, 1930

Honorable Carroll Reece,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Reece:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 30 relative to the desire of Mrs. Charlotte Cowan and Mrs. M. W. Dyson to make the pilgrimage together on July 9, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

In this connection, you are advised that the reservation made for Mrs. Dyson on the SS "Washington", sailing August 19, 1930, has been cancelled and a formal invitation has been forwarded her to make the journey on the SS "Harding" July 9, 1930.

It is believed that Mrs. Dyson and Mrs. Cowan can be placed in the same cabin aboard ship and in the same hotel room in New York.

In view of the fact that these women are not to visit the same cemetery, it will not be possible to make arrangements for them to occupy the same hotel room in Paris.

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

May 13, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Cowan, Joseph-636 M
Harding 7-9

Mrs. Charlotte Cowan,
Butler, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Mr E. O. Cowan
Name

Butler Tennessee
Address

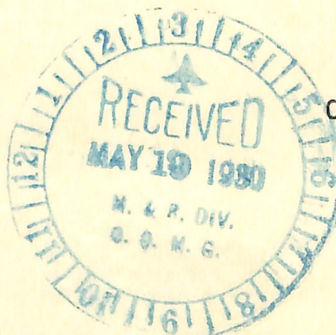
Please fill in the above and mail it TODAY in the self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.
Env.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 12, 1930.

Cowan, Joseph 636 M

Mrs. Charlotte Cowan,
Butler,
Tenn.

Dear Madam:

The following instructions prepared by the Secretary of State contain the necessary instructions to be followed by you in obtaining the passport or travel document to be utilized in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. Please read the directions carefully and call in person upon the nearest Passport Agent or clerk of a Federal or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. In large cities there are usually two or more courts and at each county-seat a state court authorized to accept these passport applications.

When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

The instructions prepared by the Secretary of State are as follows:

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than 2½x2½ inches in size and such documentary

evidence of her American citizenship as she may have in her possession. In the absence of evidence of citizenship, her application should be witnessed by a credible person residing in the same community who is an American citizen, has known her for a long period of time and is able to swear to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that she is a citizen of the United States.

"A mother or widow who does not owe allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Pilgrimage Travel Document through a clerk of a Federal court or a State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens or through a Passport Agent upon the form of application prescribed for that purpose, entitled APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL DOCUMENT, issued under the Act of March 2, 1929, submitting therewith four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches in size and not less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size. When making application she should be accompanied by a credible witness who has known her for a period of two years or more.

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"Special Pilgrimage Passports and Pilgrimage Travel Documents when issued by the Department of State will be forwarded to the War Department.

"Applicants resident in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle should execute applications at the Passport Agencies in those cities."

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Butler, Tenn.

April 2, 1930.

War Department,
Washington, D.C.

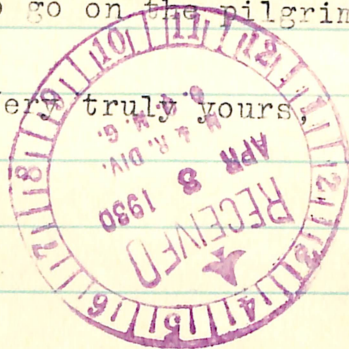
Dear Sirs:

Please give me information as to the time I am supposed to make this trip. I can go at any time, however I would prefer to go some time in may of this year if convenient.

Awaiting your reply in regard to the time for me to make ready to go on the pilgrimage.

I am

Very truly yours,



Charlotte Cowan

Harding
7/9/30
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Cowan, Joseph

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.

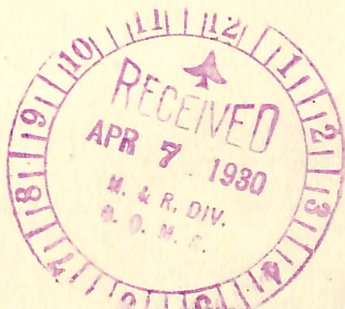
Mrs. Charlotte Cowan

(Name)

Butler, Johnson Co., Tennessee.

(Town or City)

(State)



Card with Mrs J. Accepts invitation for Harding - July 9, 1930

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Cowan, Joseph 636 -M

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Charlotte Cowan,
Butler, Tenn.

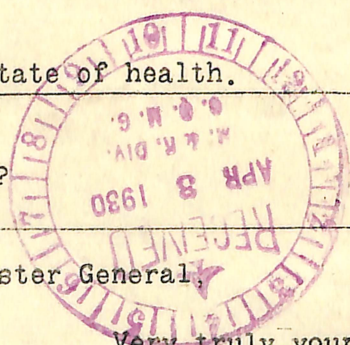
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Dear Madam:

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes) <i>Yes</i> (No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <i>Yes</i> (No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes) (No) <i>Yes</i>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <i>62</i> Health <i>Good</i> (Years) (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No) Other language <i>English</i> (Specify language spoken)



For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

John T. Harris

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

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QM 293 A-C
Cowan, Joseph.

August 14, 1929.

Mrs. Charlotte Cowan,
Butler, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 1, 1929, relative to the Pilgrimage of the Gold Star Mothers and Widows to Europe.

You are advised that the Act of March 2, 1929, does not contain any provision for any member of the family to make the trip except the mother or unmarried widow, nor does it permit of the mother or widow being accompanied by any member of the family. The War Department has been charged with the execution of this Act and its efforts therefore must be restricted to making the arrangements necessary for the transportation, entertainment, etc. of those named as eligible under the Act.

Any arrangements which are desired to be made by relatives or friends of such eligibles to visit the cemeteries in Europe must be made by them personally. The limited accommodations available in small towns in the neighborhood of the cemeteries in Europe, and the fact that it is contemplated that the War Department will utilize these accommodations to the limit for those mothers and widows eligible under the above mentioned Act, make it necessary for those ineligible under the Act to make their own arrangements.

You are assured that competent personnel will be assigned by the War Department to provide for the needs and comfort of those making the pilgrimage.

Within a reasonable time prior to the beginning of the pilgrimage, (May 1930), blanks will be furnished you upon which to make application for the journey. Space will be provided thereon for you to indicate the time you desire to go.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

SC:LS

Aug 1 1929

Butler Tenn

War Department ³⁶ 5/16/29

Dear Sirs

will say in regard of me going to France to visit my son grave. I want to go in May 1930

I want one of my relatives to make the trip with me. You advise me what steps to take so ~~the~~ he can get passage on the same vessel with me.

for I am not strong enough to make the Trip alone

Yours Sincerely

Charlotte Lawan

Butler Tenn



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Cowan, Joseph

May 18 1929.

Mrs. Charlotte Cowan,
Butler, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Joseph Cowan, Co. G, 117th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, 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,

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

QM 293 AM
Cowan, Joseph Pvt. 636 M

August 19, 1930.

Mrs. Charlotte Cowan,
Butler, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

The testimonial dated August 2nd to the Officer in Charge, Gold Star Pilgrimage, New York City, which you and the other mothers and widows returning on the SS President Roosevelt were so kind as to send regarding your pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, has been forwarded to me.

It is gratifying to know that the officers of the Army and the personnel connected with the pilgrimage rendered such courteous and efficient service. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages and has expended every effort that these making the journey might have a comfortable and pleasant trip. I feel, however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation shown by the mothers and widows who are making the pilgrimage.

With sincere appreciation of the sentiments expressed by you,

Sincerely yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cowan, Joseph 636-M

June 13, 1930

Mrs. Charlotte Cowan,
Butler, Penn

Dear Madam:

Somewhat heavier clothing is required to be worn in Europe than is necessary in the United States, in order to be comfortable. During the summer in Europe it is cool during the day and the nights are frequently chilly. Considerable rain is usually encountered during this time.

In order that you may be comfortable at all times, regardless of the condition of the weather, and may avoid missing any of the sights or any part of the itinerary which has been planned for you, the following suggestions are made.

The clothing which you will take with you should be slightly heavier and warmer than you would normally wear in the United States during the summer and should be strong and durable. It is essential that you take with you the necessary equipment to afford protection from the cold and dampness. Be sure to take at least two pairs of comfortable shoes to provide a change in the event your feet become wet, a pair of rubbers, an umbrella, and a sweater or some warm wrap to be used should the weather become uncomfortably cool. It is very desirable that, in addition to the sweater, you have with you a full length coat of medium weight for general wear.

The shortages of suitable facilities for laundry and the frequency of the moves you will make while in Europe will make it impracticable to secure as frequent service of this nature as may be desired. You should therefore provide yourself with sufficient underwear, nightgowns, stockings and handkerchiefs to meet your requirements should it be impossible to have your washing done more frequently than once in two weeks.

If you will read carefully the suggestions made above, and comply with them, it will add greatly to your comfort throughout the trip and will assist the Government in carrying out successfully its plans for conducting the pilgrimage. This letter is being sent to every mother and widow who has accepted the invitation sent to her by the Government to visit the grave of her son or husband.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Cowan, Joseph - 656

June 7, 1930.

Mrs. Charlotte Cowan,
Butler, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

This office has not yet received your passport for use in connection with your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe.

It is imperative that EVERY mother or widow making this pilgrimage, whether an American citizen or not, have a passport issued and in the hands of this office before she begins her trip.

Please comply as early as possible with the instructions shown in form letter attached, or if you have heretofore taken this action advise this office to that effect.

Should the clerk of the court not have been furnished with "Special Pilgrimage Passport" applications, please request him to take the matter up at once with the Passport Bureau, Room 170, State, War and Navy Building, Washington, D. C., and he will be furnished with these forms.

The person to whom you should apply is the Clerk
of the Circuit Court at Mountain City, Johnson Co., Tenn.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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June 10, 1930

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Cowan, Joseph

Honorable Carroll Reece,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Reece:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 30 relative to the desire of Mrs. Charlotte Cowan and Mrs. M. W. Dyson to make the pilgrimage together on July 9, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

In this connection, you are advised that the reservation made for Mrs. Dyson on the SS "Washington", sailing August 19, 1930, has been cancelled and a formal invitation has been forwarded her to make the journey on the SS "Harding" July 9, 1930.

It is believed that Mrs. Dyson and Mrs. Cowan can be placed in the same cabin aboard ship and in the same hotel room in New York.

In view of the fact that these women are not to visit the same cemetery, it will not be possible to make arrangements for them to occupy the same hotel room in Paris.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Cowan, Joseph - 636

Jyne 10, 1930.

Mrs. Charlotte Cowan,
Butler, Tenn.

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. Butler	SoRy	Train No. 5	9:44AM	(ET)	July 7
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Lv. Bristol	NSW	" " 26	2:15 PM	"	" "
Ar. New York	PehRR	" " 108	6:40 AM	"	" 8

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

May 13, 1930.

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Mrs. Charlotte Cowan,
Butler, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Name

Address

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cowan, Joseph-636 M
Harding 7-9

May 7, 1930

Mrs. Charlotte Cowan,
Butler, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

Requests for stop-overs on return from the pilgrimage to the American cemeteries in Europe are being received by this office, in some cases, too late to take action.

Transportation arrangements for the round-trip are made a month before departure and requests for stop-overs on return must be in this office at that time.

Stop-overs can not be allowed on the trip to New York or in Europe, but may be allowed at any point on return from New York provided there is no additional cost or, if there is, that it is paid in advance by the pilgrim.

If you desire stop-overs at any point on return, please advise this office AT ONCE as to the cities where you desire to stop and we will be glad to arrange accordingly, or advise you if there is any additional cost to be paid by you. Send your request direct to this office and do NOT include it with your passport application.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Cowan, Joseph 636 H

April 12, 1930.

Mrs. Charlotte Cowan,
Butler,
Tenn.

Dear Madam:

The following instructions prepared by the Secretary of State contain the necessary instructions to be followed by you in obtaining the passport or travel document to be utilized in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. Please read the directions carefully and call in person upon the nearest Passport Agent or clerk, of a Federal or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. In large cities there are usually two or more courts and at each county-seat a state court authorized to accept these passport applications.

When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

The instructions prepared by the Secretary of State are as follows:

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"A mother or widow who does not owe allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Pilgrimage Travel Document through a clerk of a Federal court or a State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens or through a Passport Agent upon the form of application prescribed for that purpose, entitled APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL DOCUMENT, issued under the Act of March 2, 1929, submitting therewith four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches in size and not less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size. When making application she should be accompanied by a credible witness who has known her for a period of two years or more.

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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 29334-20

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Cowan, Joseph - 636 M

March 29, 1930

Mrs. Charlotte Cowan,
Butler,
Tenn.

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.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Cowan, Joseph 636 -H

Mrs. Charlotte Cowan,
Butler, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QH 295 A-C
Cowan, Joseph.

August 14, 1929.

Mrs. Charlotte Cowan,
Butler, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 1, 1929, relative to the Pilgrimage of the Gold Star Mothers and Widows to Europe.

You are advised that the Act of March 2, 1929, does not contain any provision for any member of the family to make the trip except the mother or unmarried widow, nor does it permit of the mother or widow being accompanied by any member of the family. The War Department has been charged with the execution of this Act and its efforts therefor must be restricted to making the arrangements necessary for the transportation, entertainment, etc. of those named as eligible under the Act.

Any arrangements which are desired to be made by relatives or friends of such eligibles to visit the cemeteries in Europe must be made by them personally. The limited accommodations available in small towns in the neighborhood of the cemeteries in Europe, and the fact that it is contemplated that the War Department will utilize these accommodations to the limit for those mothers and widows eligible under the above mentioned Act, make it necessary for those ineligible under the Act to make their own arrangements.

You are assured that competent personnel will be assigned by the War Department to provide for the needs and comfort of those making the pilgrimage.

Within a reasonable time prior to the beginning of the pilgrimage, (May 1930), blanks will be furnished you upon which to make application for the journey. Space will be provided thereon for you to indicate the time you desire to go.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

SC:ES
O. M. G. M. & R. DIV.

1929 AUG 15 AM 10

Ans Cowan



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO ~~QM 293~~ A-C
Cowan, Joseph

May 16 1929.

Mrs. Charlotte Cowan,
Butler, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Joseph Cowan, Co. G, 117th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, 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.

DISPATCHED
MAY 16 PM 1 35
Q.M.G.-B.R.D.M.
JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE April 7, 1928

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 COWAN, Joseph

10. Name _____

2. No. 1308437

11. No. _____

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank _____

4. Org. Co. G, 117th Inf.

13. Org. _____

5. D.D. Oct. 9, 1918

14. (a) D.D. _____

6. C.D. KIA

(b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 25 Sec. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____

8. Plot Block A Row 16

16. Plot _____ Row _____

9. _____

17. _____

18. Cemetery Somme

19. Commune or town Bony

20. Dept. or County Aisne

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. #636

23. Disinterred (Date) April 7, 1928

By P.D. WOODMAN

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name COWAN, Joseph

Serial No. 1308437

Rank Pvt.

Organization Co. G, 117th Inf.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? _____ On body? T.O.B.

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).

27. Condition of body _____

28. Nature of burial Pine box and burlap

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? _____

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date April 7, 1928 By P.D. WOODMAN

31. Casket sealed by P.D. WOODMAN

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

P.D. WOODMAN

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. _____

32. Designation of body:

Name **COWAN, Joseph** Serial No. **1308437**

Rank **Pvt.** Organization _____ Co. **G, 117th Inf.**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **Somme, Bony, Aisne**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **April 7, 1928** By **J.J. DILLON**

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 *J.J. Dillon*

J.J. DILLON

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 _____

To Permanent Cemetery _____
(Name)

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____

40. Received: Date _____

G.R.S. Representative _____

41. Reinterred **April 7, 1928** **Somme American Cty.**
(Date)

42. Grave No. **10** Section _____

43. Plot **Block A** Row **18**

G.R.S. Representative *J.F.V. Brady*

J.F.V. BRADY,
Superintendent.

Place Somme Cty. 636.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date April 7, 1928.

1. REMAINS OF COWAN, Joseph SERIAL NUMBER 1308437
RANK Private. ORGANIZATION Co. G, 117th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : April 7, 1928. From (give complete location) :
Grave 25, Block A, Row 16.

By : Group Cty. Unit _____

3. Reburied (date) : April 7, 1928. In (give complete location) :
Grave 10, Bloc, A, Row 18.

By : Group _____ Cty. _____ Unit _____ Nature of reburial Metallic Casket.

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

Pine box and burlap.

5. (a) Identification tags : Buried with body ? T.O.B. On grave marker ? Al. Strip.

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

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) _____

(b) Weight (estimated) _____

(c) Hair—Color _____

Quantity _____

Characteristics _____

(d) Hair on face—Color _____

Location _____

Quantity _____

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

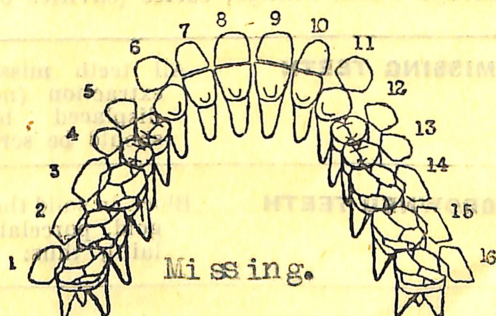
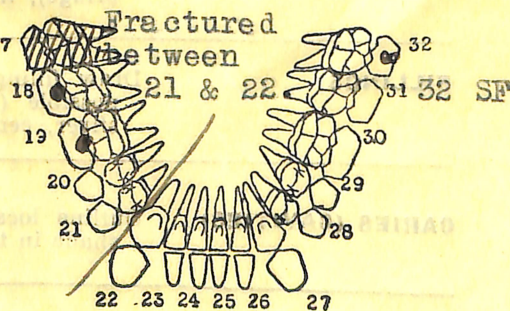


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



22 & 23 MAD

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

Left femur fractured, upper third; left humerus, radius, ulna and pelvis shattered.

7. Disinterment supervised by P. D. Woodman

Approved : _____
(Title)






8. Reburial supervised by J. J. Nelson

Approved : _____
(Title)

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.

636-278

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Cowan,

Joseph

1,308,437

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt

Co G-117 Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Mo Ther

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

yes

(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery?

yes

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

*Charlotte Cowan
Butler Tennessee*

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

QM 293 A-C

COWAN, Joseph - Pvt.

April 26, 1926

Mrs. Charlotte Cowan,
Butler,
Tenn.

Dear Madam:

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

This American overseas military cemetery is to be maintained by the United States for all time. The graves will be permanently marked by white headstones inscribed with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves, as soon as possible, and without necessity 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 by those who performed this sacred duty. For the future, these graves will be perpetually maintained by the Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

1 Incl.
Record card.

L.W. REDINGTON,
Major, Q.M.G.,
Assistant.

RD
7/12

25/560/EYS



COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File -40466

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name Cowan' Joseph Ser. No. 1308437
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. G. 117th Inf.
 (c) Date of death 10-9-18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. ZK
 CKR. BER

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

(a) Grave No. 2 Row 1 Plot B Sec. ---- TYP. ZK
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Charlotte Cowan (Mother) RFD #1, Butler, Tenn.

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

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Charlotte Cowan (b) Relationship mother
 (c) Address Butler, Tenn.
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? yes
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at yes
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. -
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. -

Examiner's Initials BER Date 9-2-, 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 BAR Date 9-2-, 1920.

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes AH
 Examiner's Initials AH Date 9-2-, 1920.

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 636 SHEET No. 278

611
 2-9-21
 Reviewed by C.

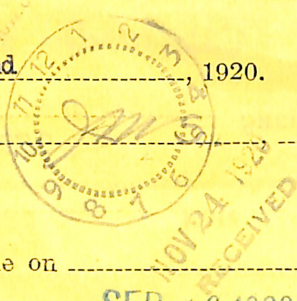
VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made Sept. 2nd, 1920.

Typed by V.A.H., Checked by Sept. 2nd, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 1920
letter on SEP 16 1920, 1920

Paris - To be returned



IX. CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE.	ACTION TAKEN.
Desires body be _____	
Body to be shipped to _____	

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: *Form 120, Sept. 17, 1920, signed by Mrs. Charlotte Cowan Butler, Tenn., changes previous instructions, asking body remain in France. 10-12-20 BJR*

10/16/20 - Letter to mother re widow, children or father (10-22-20-88)

10/23/20 - Letter from mother - no widow, children or father - noted 10/26/20-88

DEC 3 1920 PROPOSED CABLEGRAM TO EUROPE - BODY

TO REMAIN. *(initials)*

NOV 24 1920 FORM 120 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN - BODY

TO REMAIN IN EUROPE. *HJK*

DEC 18 1920 OVERSEAS ADVISED *by proposed cable # 176 Joseph*

Owan should read "Joseph Cowan"

Letter 1-7-21 from Europe states returns cancelled as per cable. 2-5-21 J.C.

Letter 2/9/21 to mother, Mrs. Charlotte Cowan, Butler Tenn. advising body will remain in Europe - F.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 40466

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name Cowan, Joseph Ser. No. 1308437 } TYP ZK
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. G, 117th Inf. } CKR CER
 (c) Date of death 10-9-18 Cause of death K/A } *JMS*

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

(a) Grave No. 2 Row 1 Plot B Sect. --- TYP ZK
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Charlotte Cowan (Mother) RFD #1, Butler, Tenn.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases. No card. CKR DB

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

A.G.O. Card: Mother - Mrs. Charlotte Cowan - Butler - Tenn - requests remains returned to U.S. and shipped to ~~Arlington~~ - HD 9-30-20 National Cemetery.

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 9/16 1920) (letter of transmittal on 9/16 1920).
 Par. #1, TO be returned. (ISAB) *JAB*

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. OCT 4 1920 192 *ES 10-2-20*

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken
<i>9/17/20</i> <i>Form 115</i>	<i>mother ysk</i> <i>Charlotte Cowan</i>	<i>Body remain in France</i>	DEC 3 1920 <i>OVERSEAS ADVISED by proposed cable #176 w.r. to return body. Should</i>
			DEC 18 1920 <i>OVERSEAS ADVISED by proposed cable #176 Joseph Cowan should read Joseph Cowan.</i>

VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. NOV 24 1920 192

COUNTRY France CEMETERY NO. 636 SHEET NO. 278.
 G.R.S. FORM 115-A
 August, 1920

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, AND SHIPMENT OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records Office Chief G. R. S.

Discrepancy found upon examination of body.

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Name <u>COWAN, Joseph</u> | 10. Name _____ |
| 2. No. <u>1308437</u> | 11. No. _____ |
| 3. Rank <u>Pvt.</u> | 12. Rank _____ |
| 4. Org <u>Co. G. 117th Inf.</u> | 13. Org _____ |
| 5. D. D. <u>10-9-18</u> | 14. (a) D. D. _____ |
| 6. C. D. <u>K/A</u> | 15. (b) D. B. _____ |

Discrepancy found upon disinterment.

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|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------|
| 7. Grave No. <u>2</u> | Sec. <u>---</u> | 15. Grave No. _____ | Sec. _____ |
| 8. Plot <u>B</u> | Row <u>1</u> | 16. Plot _____ | Row _____ |
| 9. <u>---</u> | | 17. _____ | |

18. Cemetery American Cemetery
19. Commune or town Bony
20. Department or county Aisne
21. Country France
22. G. R. S. Headquarters Code No. 636
23. Disinterred _____ (Date.) By _____
24. Inscription on grave marker { Name _____ Serial No. _____
 Rank _____ Organizatio _____
25. Was identification disk found on grave marker? _____ On body? _____

Signature of Junior Technical Assistant.

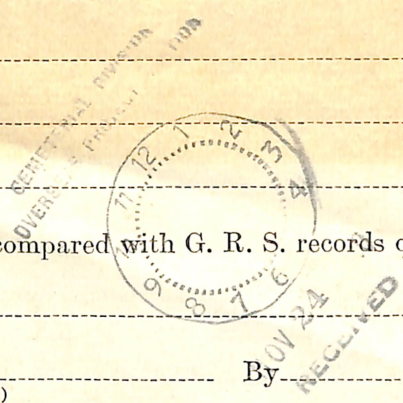
(The following space is reserved for notations to be made by office Chief Graves Registration Service.)

PREPARATION

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

 27. Condition of body.....
 28. Nature of burial.....
 29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G. R. S. records quoted above?

 30. Body prepared and placed in casket..... (Date.) By.....
 31. Casket sealed by.....



Signature of Embalmer (Supervisor).....

SHIPMENT (Show actual marking of box.) Box No.

32. Designation of body { Name Cowan, Joseph Serial No. 1308437
 Rank Pvt. Organization Co. G. 117th Inf.
 33. CONSIGNEE—Name Quartermaster General
 Address GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, Hoboken, N.J.
 34. Casket boxed and marked..... (Date.) By.....

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.....

36. Remarks.....

37. Shipped from cemetery..... (Date.) To..... (Point of concentration.)
 Convoyer..... Signature Shipping Officer.....

38. Received at point of concentration..... (Date.)
 Signature Receiving Officer.....

39. Shipped from point of concentration..... (Date.)
 To..... (Port.) Convoyer.....
 Signature Shipping Officer.....

40. Received European port..... (Date.)
 Signature of G. R. S. Representative.....

41. Shipped to..... (U. S. port.) On..... (Boat.)
 Date..... Convoyer..... (Signature of Shipping Officer.)

42. Received..... (Date.) By G. R. S. Representative..... (Signature.)

43. Shipped to destination..... (Date.) { B/L or Express Order No.
 Convoyer..... { Shipping Officer.....

293.8 Reg. Sec. Gen. Div.
(COWAN, Joseph)

February 9, 1921.

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

Mrs. Charlotte Cowan, Butler, Tenn.

Disposition of Remains.

1. Referring to the matter of final disposition of remains of your son, the late Private Joseph Cowan, Serial No. 1308437, Co. G. 117th Inf., you are advised that your wishes will be complied with and the body left in France in a permanent American Cemetery.

2. The graves of our soldier dead will always be fittingly and tenderly cared for by the American Government.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

THOS. G. HANSON, JR.,
1st Lieut., Q.M. Corps.

OSP:SS
C. & C. DEPT.

MAILED

lls
FEB 10 1921

Overseas Proj. Sec.
Cemeterial Division.

Noted on Form No. 118
Date 2/9/21 *J.*

293.8 Reg.Sec.Gen.Div.
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THG

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FEB 10 1921

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Cemeterial Division.

Noted on Form No. 118
Date *2/9/21 J.*

C O P Y

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CABLEGRAM.

40466

FILE

Received at the War Department
Washington, D.C. January 6, 1921.

From.....Mott, Milattache, Paris.

To.....The Adjutant General.

Number 385 December 15th

C O R R E C T I O N

(From Mail Confirmation Copy)

Paragraph 1-A Change to read in part:

"Joseph Owan or Richmond J. Monally Cemetery

636". Etc.

Joseph Owan

QMG X

Copied to Cemeterial Div., Information & Guidance.

CABLEGRAM

40466
FILE

Received at the War Department

Washington, D. C., December 16, 1920.

From: Mott, Milattache, Paris

8:15 A.M.

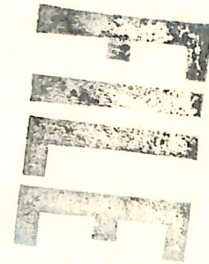
To: The Adjutant General

Number 385

Paragraph 1. For the Quartermaster General.

Subparagraph A. Reference your cablegram
643 paragraph 3, subparagraph B, instructions on Milton Scar-
borough and Leon Clausner received too late for compliance.
No records of Joseph Owan or Richmond J. Monaley Cemetery 636.
Request repeat. Rethers.

Mott



Copies to: Cemeterial Branch

ACTION & REPORT to Cable Branch
Room 2111, within 5 days.

WAR DEPARTMENT
QUARTERMASTER CORPS
Cemeterial Division, Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C.
Room 350, Pier 2, Hoboken, N. J.

636-278

October 16, 1920

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div.Cor.Branch,
(COWAN, Joseph)

Mrs. Charlotte Cowan,
Butler, Tenn.

Dear Madam:-

It is requested that you inform this office without fail whether the late Private Joseph Cowan, Serial No. 1308437 Co.G.117th. Inf. is survived by a widow, children or father, and if so, furnish the name and address of each.

Your early reply using the enclosed penalty envelope which requires no postage, will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain Q.M. Corps.
OFFICER IN CHARGE

By-

Clay B. Worick
Clay B. Worick,
Captain A.G.D. a

*noted on 15
10-26-20*

Butler, Tenn.,

Oct. 23, 1920

*Dear Sirs:
In reply to above, Private Joseph Cowan
is not survived by any widow, children, or
father, just mother only, as signed
Charlotte Cowan
Butler Tenn*

580-878

WAR DEPARTMENT
QUARTERMASTER CORPS

Central Division, Graves Registration Service, G. M. C.
Room 386, Pier 2, Hoboken, N. J.

October 16, 1930

File No. 225.8 Gen. Div. Branch
(GOWAN, Joseph)

Mr. Charles Gowan
Butler, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

It is requested that you inform this office
without fail whether the late Private Joseph Gowan,
Serial No. 130857 Co. B, 15th Inf. is survived by a
widow, children or father, and if so, furnish the name
and address of each.

Your early reply regarding the enclosed hereby
requested will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

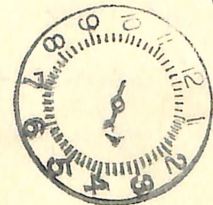
H. S. SHANNON

Colonel, G. M. C.

Division of Graves

Very Respectfully,
Major A. S. D. C.

Captain A. S. D. C.



CENTRAL DIVISION

Oct 16 1930

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October 16, 1920

File No. 293.8 Com. Div. Cor. Branch,
(COWAN, Joseph)

Mrs. Charlotte Cowan,
Butler, Tenn.

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Your early reply using the enclosed penalty envelope which requires no postage, will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain Q. M. Corps,
OFFICER IN CHARGE

By-

for
Clay G. Morick,
Captain A. G. D.

*noted on 1150
10-22-20 - J.S.*

BR. DW

*Suspend
Oct 30*

Mailed-O.P.D.
9/15
OCT 16 1920

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

636-278

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

To: Charlotte Cowan, Butler, Tenn.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Joseph Cowan, Ser. No. 1308437, Co. G. 117th Inf.

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body be interred in: National Cemetery, Arlington, Va. *Remain in Europe*

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.	CITY, TOWN, OR VILLAGE.	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		

V.A.H.
Date: Sept. 17, 1920
Address: Butler Tenn
Signature: Charlotte Cowan
Relationship: Mother

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SEP 10 1920
Change in shipping instructions
Rush Answer

Remain in Europe
See on form 11-2-20

OCT 9
SEP 20 1920
RECEIVED
OVERSEAS PROJECT SECTION
BUTLER TENN
#170
PROPOSED CABLEGRAM TO EUROPE BODY TO REMAIN.
still

I, the undersigned, am the Mother 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.)

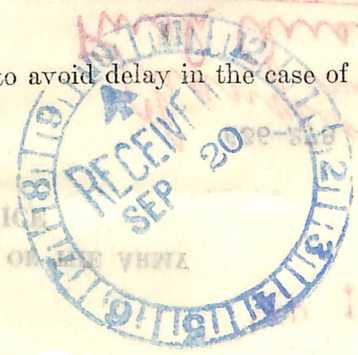
1. As stated on first page of this sheet.
2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to _____ (Name.)
_____ (R. R. station.) _____ (State.)
3. To be returned to the U. S. and buried in _____ National Cemetery.
4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

please have the remains just left in Europe

Signature Charlotte Cavan

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING 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.



WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNMENT GENERAL INVESTIGATOR
MAY 1918

201(Cowan, Joseph)WW

March 5, 1920.

From: The Adjutant General of the Army.
 To: The Quartermaster General of the Army,
 Washington, D. C.
 Subject: Date of death of Joseph Cowan, 1,308,437,
 Private, Company G, 117th Infantry.

1. Upon investigation, it has been ascertained that the date of death of the above man heretofore communicated to you, is erroneous, and that he was killed October 9, 1918 in action.

2. For purposes of identification, you are advised that the records show that the deceased was enlisted August 23, 1917, and the name of the person to be notified in case of emergency was given as: Charlotte Cowan (mother) R. F. D. 1, Butler, Tenn.

By order of the Secretary of War:

P. O. Harris Per

The Adjutant General.
 per.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
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WASHINGTON

SCB/CAR-1-213

IN REPLY
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WASHINGTON

March 1, 1918

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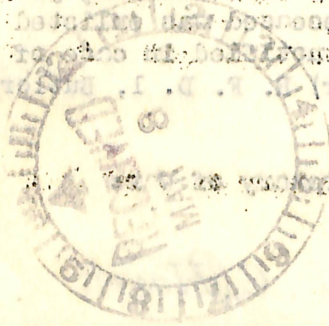
From: The Adjutant General of the Army

To: The Adjutant General of the Army
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Date of death of Joseph Cowan, I, 308, 437,
Private, Company G, 15th Infantry.

1. Upon investigation it has been ascertained that the date of death of the above named person was October 2, 1918 in action.

2. For purposes of identification, the following information is furnished: that the record shows that the deceased was enlisted August 23, 1917 and the name of the person to whom he was assigned was (Given as: Charlotte Cowan) (Mother) R. D. I. [unclear], Tenn.



The Adjutant General
for

C° G. 117th Inf

COWAN Joseph vt 1/31 1308437
Home address Butler Tenn

- (a) Yes
- (e) Held
- (d) saw him fall in shell hole but did not know that he was killed
unknown
- (e) Yes
- (f) None to his knowledge
- (g) Tall dark hair sure of my identification of him
- (h) Satisfactory

Informant. Graham Beacher. H. Pvt. 1308433
C° G. 117th Inf
Home Sparta Tenn
January 30th 1919

W. Clarkson searcher 1st Lt. 117th Inf

L.H.d.V.

Emergency address:

(Mother)

Mrs. Charlotte Cowan Butler Tenn

COWAN, J. H., 1308437, 10/7/18. 10/11/18. Sevier Military
Cemetery. (sheet 62b C 18 o 11).

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2. Soldier's No. 1308437

3. Cowan J.H.
Surname, (in block letters) First Name and Initials

4. Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. 10/7/18 K. I. A.
Date of Death Cause, if known6. 10/11/18 Sevier Mil Cem
Date of Burial Cemetery7. Geneve
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department8. 13 c 1
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter9. Name Peg? Cross? .. X. Headboard? Bottle?
Check Method of Marking10. Buried with Body? Attached to Grave Marker?
Identification Tags11. If name unknown and tags missing, give marks and description.
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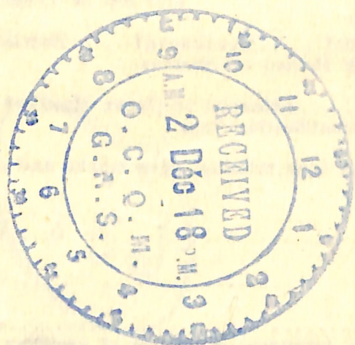
12. Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

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13. Foster
Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed. Chas Eda Vann

Group 9 Unit 300 G. R. S.



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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Cowan 1308427 J.H.
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Out
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL Oct 10 1918

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

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GRAVE NUMBER 13 Row C, Plot 1

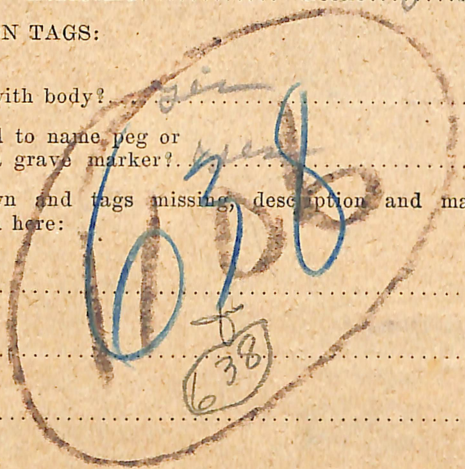
HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? yes
Headboard? Bottle? yes

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? yes

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

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



REPORTED BY:

Chaplain Luther J. Foster
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

