

Mrs. Carrie M. Tanner

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S. Dak.

Office of Quartermaster General

Washington

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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Sept. 1, 1921

1. REMAINS OF COWLES, GEORGE A. SERIAL NUMBER 3315037

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. L, 49th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Sept. 1, 1921. From (give complete location): Gr 19.

American Military Cem. 798 Hericourt (Haute Saone) France.

By: Group 3 Unit Section No 4.

3. Reburied (date): Nov. 1, 1921. In (give complete location): Row 23 Block E. Grave 33., Cem. 1232.

By: Group Reburial S. Unit Nature of reburial Unlined Casket.

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

Buried in uniform, blanket and in wooden box.

Body badly decomposed, recognition impossible.

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

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

Bottle containing reburial data found on body. No effects found. Disc on body partly corroded Geo and serial number visible. Collar ornaments read "Co. L, Inf."

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Unable to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Unable to determine

(c) Hair—Color None found.

Quantity

Characteristics

(d) Hair on face—Color None found.

Location

Quantity

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

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

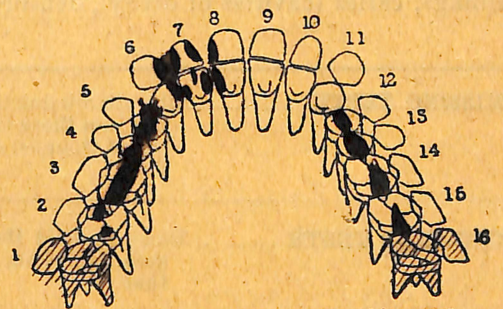
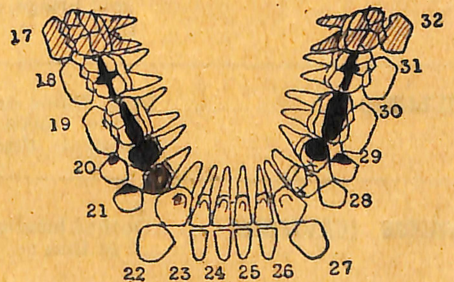


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



1, 16, 32, 17, M.B.D.
2, 3, 14, 15, 18, 31, S.F.
4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 30, 29, 19, 20, 21, G.F.

7. Disinterment supervised by Theo Miller

THEO MILLER GCD

Approved: C. J. Blake

(Title) C. J. BLAKE sgh
Capt. Q.M.C.

8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Dufault

A. U. Dufault.

Approved: Geo. C. Bland

(Title) Geo. C. Bland
1st. Lieut. Q.M.C.






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.

MISSING TEETH	All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus:	 <p style="text-align: center;">TOOTH MISSING TOOTH MISSING</p>
CROWNED TEETH	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:	 <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD CROWN PORCELAIN CROWN GOLD CROWN</p>
BRIDGE WORK	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus:	 <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD AND PORCELAIN BRIDGE GOLD BRIDGE</p>
FILLINGS	Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:	 <p style="text-align: center;">SILVER FILLING GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING</p>
CARIES (CAVITIES)	Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:	 <p style="text-align: center;">CAVITY DECAYED DECAYED DECAYED</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.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept. 1, 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 COWLES, George A
 2. No. 3315037
 3. Rank Pvt
 4. Org. Co.L. 49th Inf.
 5. D.D. Sept. 30th
 6. C.D. Pneumonia

10. Name _____
 11. No. _____
 12. Rank _____
 13. Org. _____
 14. (a) D.D. _____
 (b) D.B. None

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 19 Sec. _____
 8. Plot _____ Row _____
 9. _____

15. Grave No. 19 Sec. _____
 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 17. None

18. Cemetery American
 20. Dept. or County Haute-Saone
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. # 798

19. Commune or town HERICOURT
 21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) Sept. 1, 1921
 24. Inscription on grave marker:

By THEO MILLER

Name GEORGE A. COWLES
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. _____
 Organization Co.L. 49th Inf. Gr 19.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes On body? Yes, partly corroded.

Glenn C. Darsey
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant
 GLENN C. DARSEY

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).
Bottle containing reburial data found on body, No effects found. Collar ornaments read "CO.L. Inf."

27. Condition of body Body badly decomposed, recognition impossible.

28. Nature of burial Buried in uniform, blanket and in wooden box.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? No.

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Sept. 1, 1921 By THEO MILLER

31. Casket sealed by THEO MILLER

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) Theo Miller
 THEO MILLER.

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-4737

32. Designation of body:

Name COWLES George A Serial No. 3315037

Rank Pvt Organization Co.L. 49th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Argonne American # 1232 ROMAGNE-sous-MONTFAUCON (Meuse)

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Sept. 1, 1921 By THEO MILLER

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector

[Handwritten Signature]
sgt

36. Remarks GRS strip on cross checks.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Sept. 1, 1921

To point of Concentration Belfort (Terr. de belfort)
(Name)

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer Capt. Q.M.C.

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

By G.R.S. Representative _____

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Sept. 17, 1921.

To Permanent Cemetery Romagne-sous-Montfaucou, Meuse.
(Name)

Convoyer RAY HALL, Signature Shipping Officer W. R. SULLIVAN
Capt. Q.M.C.

40. Received: Date Sept. 21, 1921

G.R.S. Representative Alfred J. M... ..

41. Reinterred Meuse Arg. Cemetery, Nov. 1, 1921,
(Date)

42. Grave No. 33 Section _____

43. ~~Block~~ Block E. Row 23.

G.R.S. Representative

[Handwritten Signature]
Geo. C. Bland,
1st. Lieut. Q.M.C.

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARDS

File No. 33434

(a) Name COWLES, George A. Ser. No. 3315037
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. L, 49th Inf.
 (c) Date of death 9-30-18 (d) Cause of death Pneumonia.

TYP. als
CKR. als

✓
*For name of
 P. 10-3-21
 to name of
 P. 10-26-21*

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

(a) Grave No. 54 Row - Plot - Sec. - TYP. als
 (b) Emerg. Address Edward D. Cowles, (father) RFD #2, Vermillion, S.D.

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

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt now

(a) Name E. D. Cowles (b) Relationship Father
 (c) Address RFD #2, Vermillion, S. Dakota
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no.
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at _____
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. _____
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. _____

SEE SUSPENSION REMARKS

Examiner's Initials R. D. N. Date 11-2, 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 R. D. N. Date 11-2, 1920.

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

*Mrs. E. D. Cowles (mother)
 R#2, Vermillion, S. Dak. 2-24-20, sends thanks
 for photo of son's grave.*

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes - als

Examiner's Initials als Date 11-3, 1920.

COUNTRY France

CEMETERY No. 798

SHEET No. 17

*C. checked
 11-26-20*

RECEIVED.

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

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, JAN 6 1921, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

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

CEMETERIAL DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-DEPT.

PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

12-6-20 Form 120 with letters attached, Mother (NK) confirms previous instructions, body to remain in Europe. 12-16-20 - L.T. Vermilion, So. Dak. Mo. Mother, Mrs. Carrie M. Cowles, on form and lettered 12/6/20, requests information about placing flowers, on Soldier's grave in France, by the Government, also if grave can be properly marked with permanent marker.

Copy of letter of 12-6-20 forwarded to Aug. 1/22/21-EP (wash) f-24-21 etc.

cty 798-17
175 in hand

[Handwritten signature]

February 10, 1921.

293.8 Cem. #33434 (Cowles, George A., Private)

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

To: Mrs. Carrie M. Cowles, Vermillion, S. Dak.

Subject: Permanent burial in France.

1. In reply to your letter of December 6th, you are advised that notation has been made of your desire that the remains of your son, the late Private George A. Cowles, Company "L", 49th Infantry, be permanently interred in France. Instructions will be sent to the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe, to have your wish complied with.

2. The American Cemetery at Hericourt, Department of Haute-Saone, wherein the remains of your son are interred, is a temporary American cemetery and at the time of concentration of bodies, will be abandoned. The remains of soldiers interred therein whose relatives have requested permanent interment abroad will be transferred to one of the permanent American cemeteries established in France. Upon the reburial of the remains of Private Cowles, you will be advised as to the new grave location.

3. You are further advised that we are frequently asked to place flowers, flags and other gifts on individual graves, but such requests must be denied because of the wide extent of our territory and the impossibility of reaching so many burial places under the difficult conditions which prevail. Efforts will be continued for the beautifying of the burial places of our dead, and these are destined to be the most attractive in Europe when all plans have been completed. It is suggested that you communicate with the American Legion or American Red Cross which societies may be able to be of assistance in this connection.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

DS

CHARLES J. WYNNE,
2nd Lieut., Q.M.C.

BPM

wash 1/6

Cemeterial Div., Hoboken.

January 4, 1921.

TO: G.R.S. WASHINGTON.

This office has not answered
mother's letter.

FROM: G.R.S. HOBOKEN.

Per: EC

January 4, 1921.

File No. 203.9 (Cor. Branch).

MEMORANDUM FOR: Cemeterial Division, O.A.M.C., Overseas Project
Sub-section, Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT: Return of Records - Cemetery #798.
Transmittal Memorandum Number H - 561.

1. The enclosed records covering the following cases are returned herewith, it having been definitely determined that the bodies are to remain in Europe:

REFERENCE NO:

- 17 ✓ Cowles, George A., Pvt., Co. L, 49th Infantry.
62 ✓ Peters, Michael I., Pvt., Co. I, 349th Infantry.

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,
Officer in Charge.

BY:

F. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

2 Incls.

OFFICERS FOR 1920

D. B. GURNEY, President
YANKTON
JOHN ROBERTSON, Vice President
HOT SPRINGS

SOUTH DAKOTA
STATE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Incorporated January 9, 1890
SECRETARY—TREASURER, N. E. HANSEN

OFFICERS FOR 1920

MRS. E. D. COWLES, Librarian
VERMILLION
COUNTY DIRECTORS, One for each
COUNTY

Copy

forwarded to
Brookings
Vermilion So. Dak.
Dec 6th 1920
Graves Registration Service

Dear Friends

Noted on Form No. 115
Date 1-22-21 - E.P. (Wash)

Our Annual Membership Fee is fixed by an act of the Legislature at \$ 1, which entitles the member to a copy of the Annual Report which is published by the State

The Life Membership is fixed by law at \$10, which entitles the member to a set of back numbers as far as available and to the annual reports as issued.

Remit Membership fees to the secretary.

Thirty-second Annual Meeting January 18, 19, 20, 1921, at Yankton.

I am Truly grateful for the many kindnesses shown me since my dear boy left me and I have wondered if there is any way that I might have flowers placed on his grave on special occasions,

Of course I realize that the U.S. Government have a committee who attend to placing flowers on all of the Soldiers graves on all Legal Holidays and am Thankful but, he has lain in France two years and I have done nothing, it seemed there was

nothing I could do except to plant some Tulips & Pansies and a little Gold Bronze Star in his memory beside his Fathers grave here. It seems that I would feel better about it if I could cause some little token to be placed on his grave. It doesn't seem reasonable to ask the Government to send him back here unless it would be cheaper & easier to do so - and I feel that he will be cared for there -

Respectfully yours

Mother of Geo. A. Cowles 349 Inf. Mrs Carrie M. Cowles

OFFICERS FOR 1950

Mrs. E. D. GOWLES, President
ARMILLION

COUNTY DIRECTORS: One for each
COUNTY

SOUTH DAKOTA

STATE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Incorporated January 8, 1909

SECRETARY-TREASURER: W. L. HANSEN

Bookings

OFFICERS FOR 1950

D. L. GUNNETT, President

J. A. GUNNETT, Secretary

JOHN HUNTER, Treasurer

HOT SPRINGS

Handwritten notes and signatures, including "Bookings" and "Mrs. E. D. Gowles".

Noted on Form No. 118

Date 12-2-50 (1950)

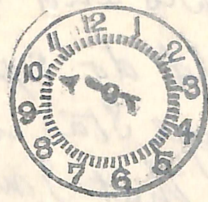
Handwritten note: "Dear members"

Dear members, I am truly grateful for the money...

Our Annual Meeting...
The late Mrs. Gunnett...
The late Mrs. Gunnett...
The late Mrs. Gunnett...

Dear Member...
The late Mrs. Gunnett...
The late Mrs. Gunnett...
The late Mrs. Gunnett...

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OVERSEAS PROJECT, D.P.C.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
WASHINGTON
HOBOKEN, N. J.

DEC 1920

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C.
To: Mr. Edward D. Cowles, R.F.D.#2, Vermillion, South Dakota.
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. George A. Cowles, Serial No. 3315037,
Co. I, 349th Inf.

No change

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body 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.

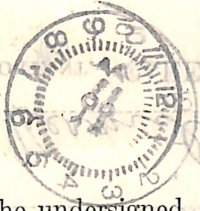
NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Was soldier married? <i>No</i>			
Soldier's widow			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1. <i>None</i>		
	2. <i>None</i>		
	3. <i>None</i>		
Father	<i>Edward Dwight Cowles</i>	<i>Died Sept 4th 1919</i>	<i>Vermilion So. Dak</i>
Mother	<i>Mrs. Carrie M. Cowles</i>	<i>Vermillion R. 2.</i>	<i>" So Dak</i>
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1. <i>None</i>		
	2. <i>None</i>		
	3. <i>None</i>		
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1. <i>None</i>		
	2. <i>None</i>		
	3. <i>None</i>		

Date *Dec 6th 1920*

Signature *Mrs. Carrie M. Cowles*

Address *Vermillion So. Dak R. 2.*

Relationship *Mother*



GENERAL DIVISION

Dec 6th 1920

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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. yes

Signature Mrs. Carrie M. Cowles

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.

Noted on Form No. 115 Date 1/22/21 - E.P. (wach)

I would dearly love to have him lie beside his father but George gave himself, Soul & body to his Country's service and it seems to me, that if his grave can be properly marked with a tiny permanent marker, & flowers occasionally, that it will be a more fitting honor to his memory, for his dust to lie where he gave his life - His Spirit has gone to his God, Why should I want his bones?

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

*see 115
AW-10/26/21*

File No. 33434

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name COWLES, George A. Ser. No. 3315037 } TYP als
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. I, 49th Inf. }
 (c) Date of death 9--30-18 Cause of death Pneumonia. } ABK.

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

(a) Grave No. 54 Row Plot Sect. TYP als
 (b) Emerg. Address Edward D. Cowles, (father) RFD #2, Vermillion, S.D.

NO CARD

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases..... CKR 21/3

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

USC card - Father (E. D. Cowles, RFD #2, Vermillion, S. Dak.) requests body be not returned to U. S. (H.) 11/25/20

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on NOV 16 1920¹⁹² / Letter of transmittal on NOV 16 1920¹⁹²)

PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED

NOV 24 1920

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

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken

VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. JAN 6 1920 192

Discrepancies

Name *[initials]*

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks:

Rowman 11-2-20
A. G. O. Card & Corr.

Discrepancies

Name *[initials]*

Bank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks:

Q R No 50 dent
11-6-20

G. R. S. Corr.

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks:

Checkers *Jolein 11/5/20*

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks:

only ~~SPS Record:~~
~~Remarks: HLB - Merge C~~
~~Co. 29~~
~~349 Inf.~~
Date of Burial: Oct 3-18
Cem: 758

checked
Jan 6 11/5/20

Cowles, George A. 3,315,037
(Surname.) (Christian name in full.) (Army serial number.)

Pvt Co L 49 Inf
(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased *Father*

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

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery? }
(Yes or no.)

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

A properly buried grave
(Name of person to receive rema'ns.) (Express office.) (Telegraph office.)

reason for removal
(Number and street.) (City or town.) (State.)

(Sign here) *E. D. Cowles*

R2 *Andover* *SD*
(Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by T.R.D.W.

798-17.

11-2-20.

checked
Feb 11/5/20

33434

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Cubles 3315037 George B.
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)
Pvt. G. I. 349 Inf.
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL... Oct. 3 - 1918

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

Town of Meisont
Department of
Auto-Store

GRAVE NUMBER... 54

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS :

Was one buried with body?..... *yes*

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

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

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29 OCT 1918

REPORTED BY : *Hans B. Boyd*
1st Lt. Sr. Chaplain 88th Div.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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Mr Wilson: 33434

Cowles George A.

Port 3315037

Co L(L) 49th Inf.

Make adjustment
J & H
11-6-20

B#2 Vermillion S. Dak.

Feb. 24th 1920

Col. Chas. E. Pierce

33434

Dear Sir

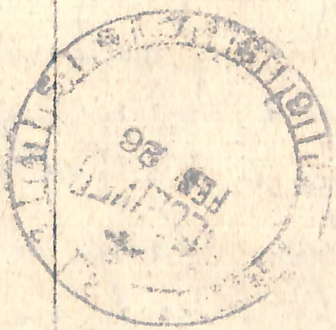
FILES.

I wish to thank you and all
who have labored and helped in this
cause, for the Photos of ^{the grave of} my Son

Geo. A. Cowles in France.

Although this helps me to realize
that my only boy lies quietly in a
Far Country and his grave will be
cared for, I realize that his spirit
has gone to his God and I shall meet
him there. From what I hear from
those who saw him over there, I know
he played his part well and altho he
didn't quite reach the firing line
I know he did his every duty faithfully
as long as he lived. With Sincere Thanks

// Mrs. E. D. Cowles



CEMETERIAL DIVISION
REGISTRATION SECTION

January 27 **FILE** 192 2

MEMO FOR:

Cards Department.

1.

CASE OF:

Co. L. 49th Infantry

ORGANIZATION (Old)

COWLES 3315037 George A., 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.		798	D- 30258
2nd Reb.			D-
3rd Reb.			D-

(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 DJG
S/3324/LML

472

File
J.P.

February 10, 1921.

293.8 Cem. #33434 (Cowles, George A., Private)

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

To: Mrs. Carrie M. Cowles, Vermilion, S. Dak.

Subject: Permanent burial in France.

FILE

1. In reply to your letter of December 6th, you are advised that notation has been made of your desire that the remains of your son, the late Private George A. Cowles, Company "L", 49th Infantry, be permanently interred in France. Instructions will be sent to the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe, to have your wish complied with.

2. The American Cemetery at Hericourt, Department of Haute-Saone, wherein the remains of your son are interred, is a temporary American cemetery and at the time of concentration of bodies, will be abandoned. The remains of soldiers interred therein whose relatives have requested permanent interment abroad will be transferred to one of the permanent American cemeteries established in France. Upon the reburial of the remains of Private Cowles, you will be advised as to the new grave location.

3. You are further advised that we are frequently asked to place flowers, flags and other gifts on individual graves, but such requests must be denied because of the wide extent of our territory and the impossibility of reaching so many burial places under the difficult conditions which prevail. Efforts will be continued for the beautifying of the burial places of our dead, and these are destined to be the most attractive in Europe when all plans have been completed. It is suggested that you communicate with the American Legion or American Red Cross which societies may be able to be of assistance in this connection.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

MAILED

FEB 10 1921

G.R.S.

DS

CHARLES J. WYNNE,
2nd Lieut., Q.M.C.

BPM

RECEIVED
FEB 10 1921
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

Copy attached to ✓ File
2/12/21 J.S.

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COPY OF LETTER RECEIVED BY THE OSP:SS

Vermilion, S. Dak.
Dec. 6th, 1920.

Graves Registration Service, 972

Dear Friends,

I am Truly grateful for the many kindnesses shown me since my dear boy left me and I have wondered if there is any way that I might have flowers placed on his grave on special occasions.

Of course I realize that the U. S. Government have a committee who attend to placing flowers on all of the Soldiers graves on all Legal Hollidays and am Thankful but, he has lain in France two years and I have done nothing, it seemed there was nothing I could do except to plant some tulips & Pansies and a little gold Bronze Star in his Memory beside his Fathers grave here. It seems that I would feel better about it if I could cause some little Token to be placed on his grave. It doesn't seem reasonable to ask the Government to send him back here unless it would be cheaper & easier to do so- and I feel that he will be cared for there.

Respectfully yours,
Mrs. Carrie M. Cowles,
mother of Geo. A. Cowles,

I would dearly love to have him lie beside his Father but Goerge gave himself, soul & body to his Country's Service and it seems to me, that if his grave can be properly marked with a tiny permanent marker & flowers occasionally, that it will be a more fitting Honor to his Memory, for his dust to lie where he gave his life. His Spirit has gone to his God, why should I want his bones?

Mrs. Carrie M. Cowles.

Remains of:
Pvt. George A. Cowles,
Serial No. 3315037, Co. L. 49th Inf.
798-17.

Noted on Form No. 115
Date 1-24-21 J.C.

488-1A
BOLTON NO. 27808A CO. I. V. 1921
LAC. 00000 V. COMTES
MONTANA OF:

RECEIVED.

JAN 25 1921

NO. 00000 V. COMTES

RECEIVED
INQ. BRANCH
JAN 27 1921

CEMETERIAL DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SEC.

CEMETERIAL
DIV., Q. M. G.

Very much to you re ...
back here ...
It seems ...
The ...
I ...
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Very much to you

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

Date 2-8/21

To Mr. Cole in Grant Room

- All Officers,
- Lt. Col. Pierce, Chief
- Lt. Col. Davis, O. R. C.
- Captain Greeley
- Lieut. Conner
- Lieut. Daniel
- Lieut. Hanson
- Lieut. Ross
- Lieut. Wynne

What disposition was made of original adol was case from Dec. 6th. OSP stamp date does not bear was read in Cemeterial Div.

- Mr. Robb - Principal Clerk
- Mrs. Hodges - Personnel Clerk
- Mr. Houghton - Files
- Mr. Saxton - Cemeterial Branch
- Mr. Grant - Inquiry Branch
- Mr. Plotner - Supplies

Prepare reply(Sec'y of War
for(General Rogers
signature of(General Krauthoff
(Lt. Col. Pierce
(Lt. Col. Davis
(Capt. Greeley

4/8/21

FOR:

- To note
- Information. Need not be returned
- Information and return
- Action or reply
- Approval
- Returned
- Remarks and recommendation
- Suspension to.....
- File
- Investigation and report
- Copies.....(State number)
- Papers in case
- Personal conference
- Draft of letter or endorsement
- Signature
- Check for correction
- See other side for remarks

*Mr. Grant
The
original letter was received in Hotoken*

7413

Final return to: Grant

From:

NOTE: This form may be used a number of times on same case by crossing off previous marks and inserting new marks (and date) in different colors.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
WASHINGTON

Cowles

ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY

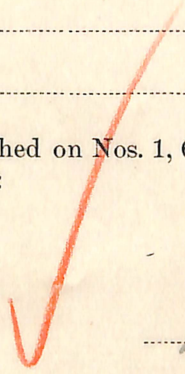
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- Change of Address.
(G. R. S. Form 106.)
- 14 Monument.
(Par. 10, Bul. 10-F-W.)
- Discrepancies in Inscription.
(Par. 11, Bul. 10-F-W.)
- Personal Effects.
(Par. 13 (a), Bul. 10-F-W.)
(G. R. S. Form 111.)
- Accrued Pay.
(Par. 13 (b), Bul. 10-F-W.)
(G. R. S. Form 111.)
- Maintenance.
(Par. 9, Bul. 10-F-W.)
- Liberty Bonds.
(Par. 13 (c), Bul. 10-F-W.)
(G. R. S. Form 111.)
- War Risk Insurance.
Par. 13 (d), Bul. 10-F-W.)
(G. R. S. Form 111.)
- "Zone of the Interior."
(Par. 5, Bul. 10-F-W.)
- Instructions for Disposition of Remains.
(Par. 7, Bul. 10-F-W.)
- Photographs.
(Par. 12, Bul. 10-F-W.)
- **Permanent Burial in—**
(a) France.
(G. R. S. Form 106.)
(b) Other Countries.
- **Return of Bodies from—**
(a) France.
(Par. 4, Bul. 10-F-W.)
(G. R. S. Form 106.)
(b) Other Countries.
- Expenses of Shipment.
(Par. 6, Bul. 10-F-W.)
- Conveying Bodies from Hoboken.
(Par. 8, Bul. 10-F-W.)
- Permanent Cemeteries.
(Par. 9, Bul. 10-F-W.)

Remarks:

NOTE.—In addition to information furnished on Nos. 1, 6, 11, and 12, G. R. S. Form 101-A (Information Blank), supply data on the following:

Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15.



M. J. ...
.....
Analysis Clerk.

THIS MEMORANDUM MUST NOT BE REMOVED

972

Date 1-25-21

FOLLOW UP NO. _____
DATE Jan 26 1921

TO: 1. Inquiry Branch for reply:
(a) Forms 124 not necessary.
(b) Form 124 attached.

2. Miss Barry

3. Miss Boland

~~4. Mrs. Cairns~~

~~5. Miss Critchett~~

6. Lt. Daniel

7. Mr. Deming

8. Mr. Good

9. Lt. Hanson

10. Mr. Hughitt

11. Mrs. Landman

12. Miss Olenin

13. Miss Rex

14. Mrs. Ruth

15. Mr. Saxton

16. Miss Schlegel

17. _____

To: Inquiry Section.
From: Overseas Project Sub-Section.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION on Cemetery No. 498 (furnished by: MBH) (date 1-25-21)
Data sent Overseas Body not to be returned Let. Trans 11-16-20
Operations to commence (approx.) Mar. 1921
Operations to be completed (approx.) _____
Bodies shipped from European Port _____
Bodies arrived at Hoboken See # 2315037

II. CASE OF Cowles, George R. Pvt., Co. L. 49th Inf.

The following information was abstracted (Date) 1-25-21 from: Form 115

SOURCE	CLK.	in OFFICE		Clk.	in OFFICE
A. G. O. Cards	<u>RL7</u>	<u>yes.</u>	Shppg. Inquiry (sent <u>12-2-20</u>)		
A.G.O. Corresp.	<u>RL7</u>	<u>no.</u>	<u>signs as is shows Father deceased.</u>		
G.R.S. Corresp. relative to disp.	<u>GC</u>	<u>yes.</u>	To <u>Father but Mother not</u>		<u>yes.</u>
			OSP S-S Corresp. (see Remarks.)		

Agoo Card. DESIRES as to Disposition.

Name of Relative	RETURN			REMAIN	SPECIAL
	N. C.	Pvt.	Int.		
Widow					
Children (Name oldest first)					
Father <u>C. D. Cowles,</u>				<u>✓</u>	
Mother <u>Vermillion,</u>					
Brothers <u>So. Dakota.</u>					
Sisters <u>R. F. #2.</u>					

Body to be shipped to _____ was shipped (Date) _____

REMARKS Cty 798 Dispt - 11-17-20 Exhumation
Commence Mar, 1921, BMB 1/25-21
Corresp. - 12-6-20 - note on Form 115. O.K.
Form 120. 12-6-20. Mother - n/k - Mrs. Carrie M. Cowles
Vermillion, So. Dak. R. #2. Requests body remain in
Europe. Father deceased MBH - 1-25-21.

No advice to Europe necessary.
 1-26-51 J.C.

REMARKS

(date) (date)

of baggage to be shipped to

STATION				
CLASS				
NO. OF BAGGAGE				
DESCRIPTION (nature of goods)				
WEIGHT				
NAME OF REGISTRAR	H. G.	B. G.	I. G.	
	MELBURN			
			NEWYORK	BRISBANE

DESIGNS TO BE DISPOSITION

DESIGN TO BE DISPOSED				
D. S. S. COLLECT				
V. S. O. COLLECT				
V. S. O. COLLECT				
SOURCE	CIF	TO OFFICE	CIF	TO OFFICE

(date) (date)

II. CASE OF

period in which
 date received
 (date) (date)
 (date) (date)
 date of receipt

III. SUMMARY OF INFORMATION ON CASES NO. (date)

DATE: (date)
 TO: (date)

ON THE BASIS OF THE INFORMATION RECEIVED
 ON THE BASIS OF THE INFORMATION RECEIVED
 ON THE BASIS OF THE INFORMATION RECEIVED

File Number 39494

TO: REGISTRATION BRANCH, G. R. S.

Date 1-28-21

FROM: INQUIRY BRANCH.

Please furnish information as checked (✓) below regarding the following soldier:

NAME: Cowles, George A. Serial Number 3315037
 RANK: Pvt. ORGANIZATION: Co. 2 - 49th Div.

No.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with records?	yes
2.	Date of death.	(2) 9-30-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	(3) Pneumonia
4.	Number of casualty cablegram.	(4) 274
5.	Date buried.	(5) 10-8-18
6.	Grave location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of cemetery or commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	(6) Grave No. 54, # 798, ✓ Amer. Cty. Hericourt, Haute-Saone.
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G. R. S.?	
9.	Report as to grave marker.	(10) g. yes R. yes
10.	Identification tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	(11) Edward D. Cowles (father) R.S.D. # 2, Vermillion, S.D.
11.	Complete emergency address?	
12.	Has been notified? (Give date.)	(12) 5-19-19.
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record.)	
14.	What is the photograph number?	(14) D-40054
15.	Inquiry made by.	

N. B.—All proper names to be typewritten, or printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

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..... X Confirmed.
 Unconfirmed.

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 RK

May 13, 1930, Washington, D. C.

MRS CARRIE M. TANNER
WAUBLEE S. D.

IDENTIFICATION BADGE TO BE WORN ON PILGRIMAGE WILL BE DELIVERED TO
YOU BY RAILROAD REPRESENTATIVE AT CHICAGO.

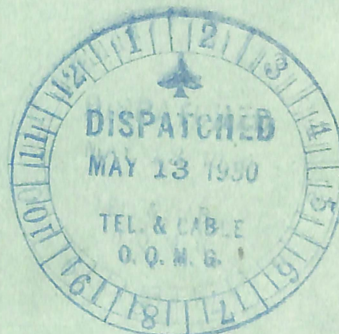
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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

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QM 293 A-C

Cowles, Geo. A

1232



Washington, D. C. May 14, 1930

Mrs. Carrie M. Tanner
Wanblee, South Dakota

YOUR PASSPORT HAS BEEN RECEIVED

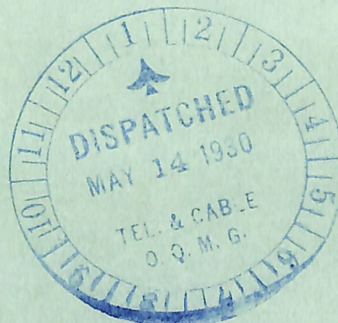
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QM 293 A-G
Cowles, Geo. A. 1232

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Cowles, Geo A. 1252 M

May 7, 1930

Mrs. Carrie M. Tanner
Wanbles, So. Dakota

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. Kadoka	CMSt&P	No. 22	2:42 AM	May 17
Ar. Chicago	"	" "	8:00 AM	May 18
Lv. Chicago	Erie	" 4	11:00 AM	May 18
Ar. New York	"	" "	3:15 PM	May 19

(Jersey City)

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,
Inst. Captain, Q.M. Corps,
Assistant.

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QM 293 A-C
Cowles, George A. 1332
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April 28, 1930

Mrs. Carie M. Tanner,
Wanblee,
South Dakota.

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 Circuit Court at Deadwood, Washabaugh County, South Dakota.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QH 293 A-C
Cowles, George A. 1232-M

April 19, 1930.

Mrs. Carrie M. Tanner,
Wamblee, Washabaugh Co.,
South Dakota.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of money order for \$16.00 to cover your stop-over at Moretown, Vermont on your return from the pilgrimage to the American cemeteries in Europe, sailing on the S. S. George Washington, May 21, 1930.

Your application for passport should be made as early as possible as this application is sent to the State Department and the passport issued there, and this takes some little time.

At least two weeks before the time scheduled for your departure, this office will send you an itinerary showing just when you leave home and when you will arrive in New York. The C.M.St.P.&P. Railroad agent at Kadoka will deliver your railroad and Pullman ticket to you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

LB:cc

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1930 APR 21 AM 11 14

Q.M. G.M. - R DIV.

QM 293 A-C
Cowles, George A. - 1232

April 10, 1930.

Mrs. Carrie M. Tenner,
Wanblee, Washabaugh Co.,
South Dakota.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March
28, 1930, advising of your change of address. The records
of this office have been changed accordingly from Wanamaker,
South Dakota to Wanblee, South Dakota.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

O. G. M. G. M. & R. DIV.

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DISPATCHED

→ The Central Office

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

March 31, 1930.

Cowles, George A. 1232 M

Mrs. Carrie M. Tanner,
Wanamaker, S. D.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

"The Act of March 2, 1929, provides that no fee shall be charged for the execution of an application for a passport or travel document or for the issue of a passport or travel document to a mother or widow making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces are now interred.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cowles, George A. 1232-M

March 24, 1930

Mrs. Carie M. Tanner,
Wanamaker, South Dakota.

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 "Washington" on May 21, 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 5, 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.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cowles, George A. 1232-M

March 20, 1930

Mrs. Carie M. Tanner,
Wanamaker, South Dakota

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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GM 293 A-C (COWLES, GEORGE A.)
MARCH 22 1930

MRS CARIE M TANNER

WAMAMAKER WASHABAUGH COUNTY

SOUTH DAKOTA

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YOURS FIFTEENTH YOU CAN BE ROUTED VIA MORRISTOWN VERMONT ON RETURN AT ADDITIONAL
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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7 , 1929.

Cowles, George A. 1323 M.

**Mrs. Carrie M. Tanner,
Wanamaker, So. Dak.**

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cowles, George A.
1252

September 10, 1929.

Mrs. Carrie M. Tanner,
Kadoka, South Dakota.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated ~~August 14, 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,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cowles, George A.

August 14, 1929

Mrs. Carrie M. Tanner,
Kadoka, South Dakota

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. George A. Cowles, Co. L, 49th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return 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?

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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JOHN T. HARRIS,
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

(Cowles, George A)

June 29, 1929.

Mr. Edward D. Cowles,
RFD #2,
Vermillion, S.D.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Pvt. George A. Cowles, Co. L, 49th Inf. whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

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

In reply refer to:
29318 C-R

#33434

March 15, 1923.

Mr. Edward D. Cowles,
R.F.D. #2,
Vermillion, S. D.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that
the permanent grave of

the late Private George A. Cowles, Company L,
49th Infantry, is Grave 33, Row 23, Block E, Meuse-Argonne American
Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse, France.

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

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

Very truly yours,

H. J. Conner,
Assistant.

C. O. M. G.
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Cowles, Mr. E. D.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

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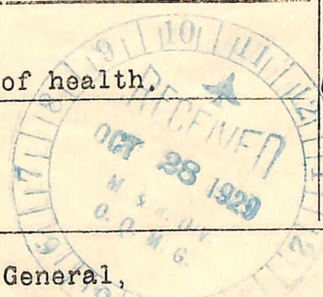
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1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes) <u>yes</u> (No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	When convenient for Dak. Delegation Yeomen or M.W.A. (Yes) (No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes) (No) <u>No</u>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age 64 (Years) Health <u>but not strong</u> (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No) Other language <u>English</u> (Specify language spoken)



For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

J. T. Harris
JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
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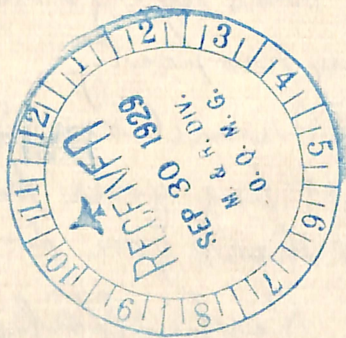
Wanamaker
Washnabough Co. - So. Dak
War Department
Washington
D. C.

Dear Friends.

Perhaps I should explain

My situation, Am keeping house
for my Brother & Nephew.

had a nephew living at Kadoka,
28 miles away our nearest Railroad
town - so had my check sent there and
have visited him often, did not
have my mail changed to Wanamaker
because we expected a Rural Route
past our place this summer.
When it gets settled it will come to
Wamblee, so have just been



Waiting developments and let
my mail come to Kadoka.

I would love to visit my boys
grave - Geo. A. Cowles -

his Father, E. D. Cowles, lived, not
quite a year after Georgie died
in France, leaving me alone -
and in about 2 years I married

C. A. Tanner, lived with him 7 years
and left him, he was ugly & brutal
and squandered my property.

Always lived at Vermilion S. D. until
2 yrs. ago. - I must beg your pardon
for taking time & thank you for your
compensation,

Respectfully yours,
Mrs. Carrie M. Tanner
Wanamaker So. Dak.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cowles, George A.
1232

September 10, 1929.

Mrs. Carrie M. Tanner,
Kadoka, South Dakota.

Dear Madam:

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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:

Geo. A. Cowles
Never married

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.

His Mother
Mrs. Carrie M. Tanner
Wanamaker

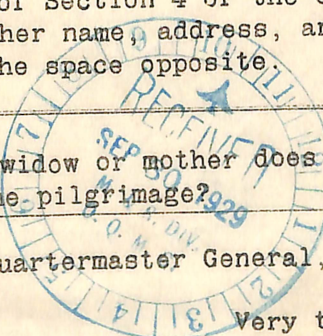
3. If survived by a widow or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage?

Yes. So Dak.
It would be a wonderful trip

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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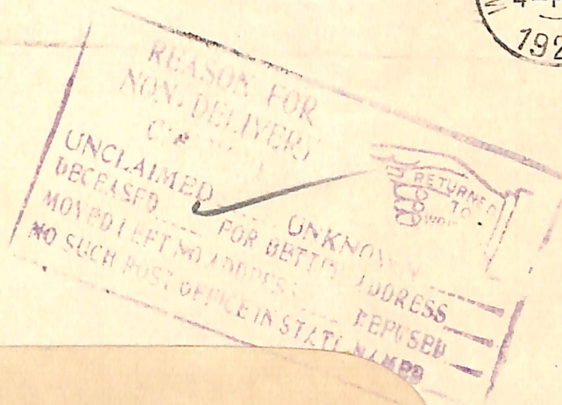
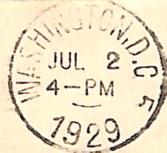

John T. Harris
JOHN T. HARRIS,
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Assistant.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29, 1929.

(Cowles, George A)

Mr. Edward D. Cowles,
RFD #2,
Vermillion, S.D.

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*M -
Mrs Carrie M. Lanner
Kadoka - So. Dakota*

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Dear Sir:

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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".

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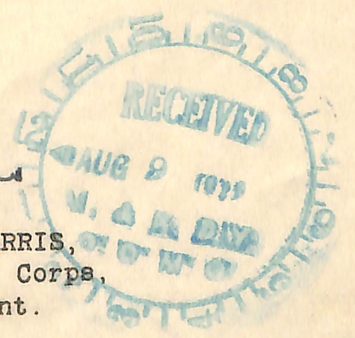
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John T. Harris

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



QM 295 AM
Cowles, George A. M-A

April 12, 1932.

Mrs. Carrie M. Tanner,
Star Route,
Wanblee, S. Dakota.

Dear Madam:

Further reference is made to correspondence from this office in connection with transportation from your home to Kadoka, S. Dakota and from Kadoka to your home on your return journey when you made a pilgrimage to the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in Europe, sailing from New York on the George Washington, May 21, 1930. The Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railway advises this office that on April 2, 1932, you were forwarded a draft in the amount of \$4.00 to cover the cost of the round trip bus transportation between Wanblee and Kadoka which no doubt has been received by you by this time.

This office regrets the inconvenience caused you through the failure of the railroad representative to deliver your bus transportation before you left home.

For The Quartermaster General.

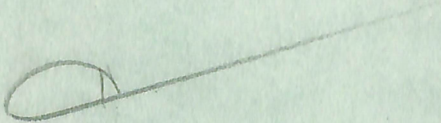
Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, U. S. Corps,
Assistant.

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April 6, 1932-M

GOLD STAR MOTHERS

Pilgrimage sailing from New York City, May 21, 1930

The Quartermaster General
United States War Department
Washington, D C

Attention - Captain R E Shannon

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of March 10th last, file QM 293 AM Cowles, George A. M-A, relative to transportation request WQ-1,001,334 drawn in favor of Mrs Carrie M Tanner, (D-7), for bus transportation from Wanblee to Kadoka, S. D. and return:

The CMStP&P RR has, under date of April 2nd, forwarded this pilgrim draft No. 25517 in the amount of four dollars (\$4.00) covering expense incurred in connection with her transportation between Wanblee and Kadoka.

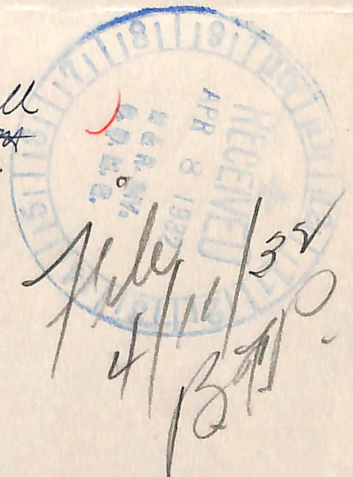
Bill will be rendered by the CMStP&P RR for these services as usual.

Yours truly,

H. W. Siddall

Chairman

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March 12, 1932

GOLD STAR MOTHERS

Pilgrimage sailing from New York City, May 21, 1930

Tanner, Mrs Carrie M

Wanblee, S. D. (entrain Kadoka)

The Quartermaster General
United States War Department
Washington, D C

Attention: Captain R E Shannon

Dear Sir:-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 10th inst, file
QM 293 AM Cowles, George A M-A, relative to subject indicated in heading hereof.

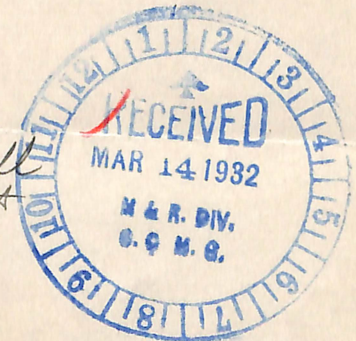
We have taken this matter up with the carrier interested and upon
receipt of advice as to settlement of this matter with the pilgrim we shall advise
you accordingly.

Yours truly,

H. W. Siddall

Chairman

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ON 293 AM
Cowles, George A. M-A

March 10, 1932

X 552,01
Mr. H. W. Siddall, Chairman,
Western Military Bureau,
516 W. Jackson Blvd.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Please refer to routing and itinerary of Mrs. Carrie M. Tanner, Star Route, Wanblee, S.D., a pilgrim who sailed on the GEORGE WASHINGTON, May 21, 1930, Page D-7.

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Transportation request WQ 1,001,334 drawn on the C M St. P & P Railroad was issued for bus transportation of Mrs. Tanner from Wanblee to Kadoka, S.D. and return and sent you for transmittal to the carrier. This request has not been presented for settlement, nor has it been returned to this office for cancellation. An inquiry to Mrs. Tanner develops the fact that she was not furnished transportation between her home and the railroad station but made her own arrangements; and that she was not advised by the Agent that her bus transportation had been arranged for.

It will, therefore, be appreciated if you will take up with the carrier with a view to refunding Mrs. Tanner the amount called for by transportation request WQ 1,001,334, four dollars (\$4), having her receipt taken on the transportation request and bill presented in the usual way for this service.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 AM
Cowles, Geo. A. M-A

February 26, 1932.

Mrs. Carie M. Tanner,
Wanblee, S. Dakota.

Dear Madam:

On your return from the pilgrimage to the American
Cemeteries in Europe, you were furnished at New York with the
following requests for use in obtaining parlor car seat or
sleeping car berth on your way home:

WQ-1,020,702 for parlor car seat from Burlington, Vt.
to Troy, N.Y.

yes

The Pullman Company has never submitted a bill for
the above and as it is desired to close these items will you
please return this letter showing opposite the above by "Yes"
or "No", whether you were furnished the accommodations shown.
If they were not furnished and the requests are in your posses-
sion, please return them, or if they have been lost or destroyed
write "Lost" after the word "No", so they may be cancelled.

The inclosed envelope may be used for reply.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. E. Shannon

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

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M.A.*

Captain R. E. Shannon

Waublee S. Dak.

Mar 3 1932

Dear Friend

On my return to N.Y. from France, I had paid for the Extra mileage to Burlington Vt. I didnt take a Pullman because I arrived at 8 30 P.M. but when I left Burlington I was shown to a Pullman and given Respectful attention - I dont remember about the request but my ticket was given to me in N.Y. City

Respectfully yours

Mr. Garrie M. Tanner.

Waublee
Star Rt. S. Dak.



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R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
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QM 293 AM
Cowles, George A. M-A

February 19, 1932

Mrs. Carrie M. Tanner,
Star Route,
Wanblee, So. Dakota.

Dear Madam:

In connection with your pilgrimage to the grave of your son in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in Europe, sailing from New York on the GEORGE WASHINGTON, May 21, 1930, this office arranged with the C M St. P & P Railroad Company to furnish you transportation by bus from Wanblee, S.D. to Kadoka, S.D. and return but has never been billed for this portion of your transportation.

It is desired to close these old accounts, therefore, will you be good enough to advise whether you were given this transportation between your home and the railroad station both going and returning. If not, did you pay from your own funds and, if so, what amount?

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

1 Encl.
Envelope

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
 WASHINGTON

Form 8 W-A

Date 5/13/31

SUBJECT: Information required for the Cometerial Division.

To: Office of The Adjutant General, World War Division, Washington, D. C.

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

a. Surname Bowles *OK* g. Date of death 9/30/18 ✓
 b. Christian name George A. *OK* h. Cause of death pneumonia ✓
 c. Serial number 3315037 *OK* i. Date of discharge _____
 d. Rank at time of death Priv *OK* j. Place of death A.E.F.
 e. Organization Co L 349 2nd Div *OK* k. Place of burial Town of Mericourt
 f. Emergency address RFB 2 *OK* l. Date enlisted _____ Inducted June 28/18
 m. Place of enlistment or induction Vermillion, S.D.
 n. List of organizations with which he served 22 Co 164 DB, Co L 349 2nd Div
 p. All ranks held during service Private

BODY DESCRIPTION

a. Age at enlistment 28 yrs 5 mo c. Height 5'7" e. Weight 163 lbs
 b. Color of hair Brown d. Shoe size 8 1/2 EE f. Fractures Scars: Rt cheek
knee, shin, calf; lt leg.

DENTAL CHARTS

At Camp	By Local Board
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Statements of Comrades _____

O. H. Bridges,
 Major General,
 The Adjutant General

By: map
5/28/31

28/554

For The Quartermaster General:

Paul
2106

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87 H/K

April 10, 1931.

Mrs. Carrie M. Tanner,
Star Route,
Wanblee, South Dakota.

Dear Madam:

293

Your letter of April 1, 1931, acknowledging receipt of the check for \$3.18 and expressing your appreciation for the pilgrimage you made to Europe to visit the grave of your son, the late Private George A. Cowles, has been received.

It is gratifying to know that your trip was entirely satisfactory and that the officers of the Army 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.

I am particularly glad to know that you were pleased with the appearance of your son's resting place and that you derived great consolation from the visit you made to his grave. You are assured that the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery will be perpetually maintained in the same fine condition in which you found it, for it will continue to be the constant effort of the Quartermaster Corps to make the American cemeteries in Europe fitting resting places for the heroes who are buried in them.

With sincere appreciation of the sentiments you expressed, I am

Sincerely yours,

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

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X 330.13 PILGRIMAGE, GOLD STAR

ADH
JTH
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QH 293 A-M
Cowles, George A. 1232

March 13, 1931

Mrs. Carie M. Tanner,
Wanblee,
South Dakota.

Dear Madam:

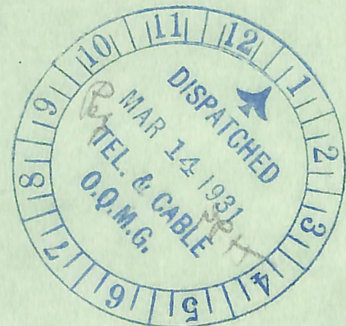
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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

1 Encl.
Check.



Washabaugh Co. Mrs. Carrie M. Tanner
Wamblee So. Dak.



"LONG MAY SHE WAVE"

2M 293 A-C.
-Mother of - Geo. A Cowles 1232
-May 7th 1930-

Office of Quartermaster General

Wash. May 21st

Dear Sirs,

Yours of Apr. 28th recd. today
it was sent on to Wanamaker and we didnt
go to the store last week.

Washabaugh Co. is not organized so we
go to Kadoka, ^{28 miles} Jackson Co. to pay taxes etc.
I went to Kadoka Apr. 22, the Clerk of
Courts had no Pilgrimage Passports
but she made out an ordinary Passport
and said she would send it in next
day, marked Gold Star Mother-
Deadwood is in Meade Co. a long way from
here - Pierre would be nearer.
If the Passport Application, the Clerk
of Courts sent in is not Satisfactory.



I should know about it soon, so we
can make it right, as it takes so long
to get communications - way out here
in this land of "Magnificent Distances."
I hope you have recd. it before this
and that it is all right.

Respectfully Yours
Mrs. Carrie M. Tanner
Wamblee So. Dak.
Star R.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cowles, Geo. A. 1232-M

May 6, 1930.

Mrs. Carrie M. Tanner,
Wanblee, S. Dak.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No 313,052 in the amount of \$27.50, to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl.
Check No.

QM 293 A-0
Cowles, George A. 1252

April 28, 1930

Mrs. Corie M. Tanner,
Wamblee,
South Dakota.

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 Circuit Court at Deadwood, Washabaugh County, South Dakota.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, U.S. Corps,
Assistant.

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Form Let.

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QM 293 A-C
Cowles, George A. 1232-M

April 19, 1930.

Mrs. Carrie M. Tanner,
Wanblee, Washabaugh Co.,
South Dakota.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of money order for \$16.00 to cover your stop-over at Moretown, Vermont on your return from the pilgrimage to the American cemeteries in Europe, sailing on the S. S. George Washington, May 21, 1930.

Your application for passport should be made as early as possible as this application is sent to the State Department and the passport issued there, and this takes some little time.

At least two weeks before the time scheduled for your departure, this office will send you an itinerary showing just when you leave home and when you will arrive in New York. The C.M.St.P.&P. Railroad agent at Kadoka will deliver your railroad and Pullman ticket to you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

LB:cc

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QM 293 A-C
Cowles, George A. - 1232

April 10, 1930.

Mrs. Carrie M. Tanner,
Wanblee, Washabaugh Co.,
South Dakota.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 28, 1930, advising of your change of address. The records of this office have been changed accordingly from Wanamaker, South Dakota to Wanblee, South Dakota.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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

Mr. Carrie M. Janner,
Wamblee Co. Dak.
Star, R. Apr. 8-30

George A. Cowles
1232 M.
Compensation
No. C. 59422.
- Q.M. 293 A.L.

Dear Sir,

I recd. your communication
of Mar. 31 - on Apr. 6th.

I have no photo of myself except Post
Cards taken 14 yrs. ago, I think a neighbor
has a Kodak, will see her as soon as
possible. there is no Photographer in Kadoka
2.5 miles from us, so I may have to go to
Rapid City - I realize this is important
and will try to hurry preparations
as fast as possible. it is hard to
"Make things go," out on the prairie

Cowles - 1232 M. - 59422 - Q.M. 293 A.L.

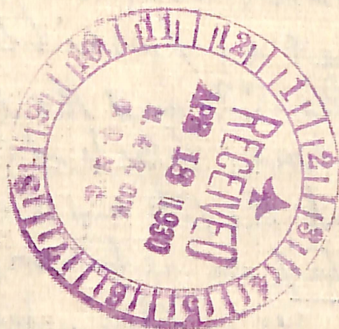
so far from the cities-

The men are all busy in the fields
Now- but I will try to get to Kadoka
this week. I have a Friend in Kadoka
who is anxious for me to stop with
her, and she will see me on the
train when time to start, but I
dont know when I would have
to leave Kadoka, to reach N. Y. at
the proper time. I will try to
follow instructions, and make
preperations as fast as possible-
I was born in Clay Co. S. D. and the Lawyer
in Kadoka knows me- Clerk of Courts,
I recd. My Govint. Check the 6th and will send
the \$16⁰⁰ for my Vt. trip on return, as
soon as I can cash it Thanks

Respectfully Yours
Mrs. Carrie M. Tanner
Wamblee So. Dak.

Mrs. Carrie M. Jenner
Wanamaker

Mail route thru Wanblee
S. D.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Conies, George A. 1252 M

March 31, 1930.

Mrs. Carie M. Tanner,
Waxmaker, S. D.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

"The Act of March 2, 1929, provides that no fee shall be charged for the execution of an application for a passport or travel document or for the issue of a passport or travel document to a mother or widow making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces are now interred.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

1232

Cowles, Geo. A.

Washington
May 2/1

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.

Stover
Moretown Wt.

Mrs. Carie M. Tanner

(Name)

now P.O.

~~Wanamaker~~, Washabaugh Co., S. D.

(Town or City)

(State)

Wamblee, S. D.



Invoice accepted
Washington 1/21/30

Quartermaster General
Washington
D.C.

Wamble
Washabough, Co.,
So. Dak.

Mar. 28-30-

Change
of address

Dear Sir,

I recd. your Telegram

today, it was forwarded from Kadoka
to Wanamaker. My brother went
to Wanamaker for groceries today
and got it. We have a mail boy at
our corner now, and the Wamblee
Mail Carrier is supposed to come
every day so, if you send my
mail to Wamblee I will get it
sooner, for we generally go to
Wanamaker once a week.

When my April Check comes I will

Send you a P. O. Money Order for \$16.⁰⁰
We are 28 miles from Kadoka, our
Rail Road Town.

Thank you very much.

Respectfully

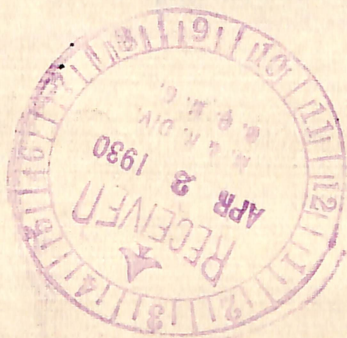
Mrs. Carrie M. Tanner.

Wanblee

So. Dak.

Mother of Geo. A. Bowles

~~1232-M.~~



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cowles, George A. 1232-M

March 24, 1930

Mrs. Carrie M. Tanner,
Wanamaker, South Dakota.

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 "Washington" on May 21, 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 5, 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.

Cowles, Ge. A.

1232

QM 293 A-C (COWLES, GEORGE A.)
MARCH 22 1930

MRS CARIE M TANNER

WANAMAKER WASHBAUGH COUNTY

SOUTH DAKOTA

YOURS FIFTEENTH YOU CAN BE ROUTED VIA MORTTOWN VERMONT ON RETURN AT ADDITIONAL
COST OF SIXTEEN DOLLARS WHICH MUST BE PAID BEFORE TRANSPORTATION IS ISSUED
IF YOU DESIRE THIS MAIL TO QUARTERMASTER GENERAL MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO
FINANCE OFFICER WASHINGTON D C FOR SIXTEEN DOLLARS GSM 54

DEWITT

RBS

PRIORITY

*Card
OK*



*File
JTB
3/27/30*

28 miles from Ft. Wanamaker
Alaska - rail road town
Quartermaster
General,
So Dak.
Mar. 15-30.

Dear Sir,

I recd. the invitation
for an Overseas Trip, as a Gold
Star Mother. Thanks very much.
Will make arrangements to go
in May, but if you have your
Committees full without me,
I could go conveniently at a
later date. I would love to have
my return ticket fixed so that
I could visit about 2 weeks at
near Montpelier Vt. with relatives.
I would pay all extra expenses
for a stop off. Thanking you
Respectfully
Mrs. Carrie M. Tanner.



Commercial fares

N. Y. to Middlebury Vt. 10.87

Middlebury Vt. to Chicago
(via Montreal) 33.58
\$44.45

N. Y. to Chicago (std.) 32.70
" " (Drf) 30.70

\$30.70 - 5%

\$44.45
29.16
\$15.29

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 926133

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____

Return to Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

*Street and Number,
or Post Office Box,* MUNITIONS BUILDING

WASHINGTON,

D. C.

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

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING
OFFICE

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A.M.

1931

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

1232-Carrier No 9

RETURN RECEIPT

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

Mrs Carrie M. Tanner

(Signature or name of addressee)

Mrs A. A. Carpenter

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery

March 28, 1931

Form 3811

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1929

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Cowles, Geo A. 1232 M

May 7, 1930

Mrs. Carrie M. Tanner
Wanblee, So. Dakota

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. Kadoka	GMStP&P	No. 22	2:42 AM	May 17
Ar. Chicago	"	" "	8:00 AM	May 18
Lv. Chicago	Erie	" 4	11:00 AM	May 18
Ar. New York	"	" "	3:15 PM	May 19

(Jersey City)

Capt Astor

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.

30/1015/

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 927209

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OFFICE

MAY
13
1930

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number, }
or Post Office Box, }

MUNITIONS BUILDING

Post Office at _____

Rev. 3-24

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State Washington, C.

604-c Washington 5/21/30
RETURN RECEIPT 1232

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

Mrs. Carrie M. Tanner

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, *5-13-*-----, *1930*

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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No. _____

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AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to _____

Q. M. GELB...

*Street and Number, }
or Post Office Box, }* _____

(NAME OF SENDER)
MUNITIONS BUILDING

Post Office at _____

Rev. 3-24

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State _____

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RETURN RECEIPT

1232

Washington 5-21-30

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

Mr. Carrie M. Tanner

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, May 18th, 1930

Form 3811

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RETURN NEW YORK

JUN 18 1880

D.

DATE

NAME *Tanner - Mrs Carrie M* HOME ADDRESS *Wamblee So. Dak*

S/S ROOSEVELT

RETURN ON S. S. HOTEL **MCALPIN** ROOM NO. *2097*

quarters: Mrs E Nelson

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE *6/19*

ROAD *nye* TRAIN *143* CAR *18* BERTH or SEAT *819*

REMARKS
Middlesex, N. Y. sweets.

STATE

.....SOUTH DAKOTA.....

Cowles, Geo. A.

Mother
 NAME Tanner, Mrs. Carie M...... HOME ADDRESS Wamblee, Washabaugh County.....

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN Mr. Geo L. Carpenter Star Route.....
Wamblee, S.Dak.

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE 5/19..... HOTEL Russell..... ROOM NO. 422.....

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE May 21st, 1930..... VESSEL S/S "WASHINGTON"..... CABIN NO. 450-ALL

DESTINATION CHERBOURG, FRANCE..... CEMETERY MEUSE*ARGONNE.....

Washington, D. C. May 14, 1930

Mrs. Carrie M. Tanner
Wemblee, South Dakota

YOUR PASSPORT HAS BEEN RECEIVED

GSM 755

DeWitt
Quartermaster General

QM 295 A-C
Covles, Geo. A. 1232

QJ 293 A-M
Cowles, George A. 1232

March 13, 1931

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Very truly yours,

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

1 Encl.
Check.

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Boy being in France No. 5
it was a stunning blow to loose him,
it broke his Fathers heart and left me
alone, but I am really grateful for
what the U.S. War Dept. has done for me.

Thanking you Again
I am
Very Respectfully Yours
Mr. Carrie M. Tanner,

Wamblee So. Dak.
Star Rt.

Mrs. Carrie H. Tanner
Wahpeton S. Dak
-Star Rt.-

Apr. 1st 1931

Wahpeton Co
sailed on Washington
may 21, 1930

Mr. R. E. Shannon
Captain Q. M. Corps,

Dear Sir,

In reply to Q. M. 293 A-M.

Geo. A. Bowles 1232.
Inf. Co. E. 49th Inf.

I, Georges Mother, am in receipt
of a check of \$3.18 refund on Pullman
fare for stopovers on return from
Pilgrimage, sailing on the Washington
May 21, 1930- for which I am very
grateful. I wish I knew how to
properly thank the officers who
made such a wonderful Pilgrimage
possible. I had a very pleasant trip,
visited my boys grave, knelt by his
lovely marker and left my burden
there. I feel so differently about my

NAME Tanner Mrs. Carrie M.

ADDRESS Wauville, So. Dak.

DATE July 5th 8:56 P.M.

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

I BEG TO INFORM YOU THAT I HAVE RETURNED

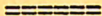
TO MY HOME SAFELY AND IN GOOD HEALTH.

SINCERELY,

(SIGNED) Mrs. Carrie M. Tanner.

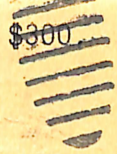
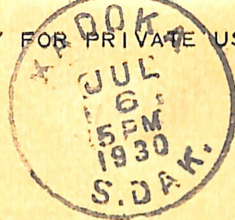
Safe and Well Thanks. You have my deepest Gratitude.

WAR DEPARTMENT



OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300



PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

April 10, 1931.

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Star Route,
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Your letter of April 1, 1931, acknowledging receipt of the check for \$3.18 and expressing your appreciation for the pilgrimage you made to Europe to visit the grave of your son, the late Private George A. Cowles, has been received.

It is gratifying to know that your trip was entirely satisfactory and that the officers of the Army 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.

I am particularly glad to know that you were pleased with the appearance of your son's resting place and that you derived great consolation from the visit you made to his grave. You are assured that the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery will be perpetually maintained in the same fine condition in which you found it, for it will continue to be the constant effort of the Quartermaster Corps to make the American cemeteries in Europe fitting resting places for the heroes who are buried in them.

With sincere appreciation of the sentiments you expressed, I am

Sincerely yours,

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

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QM 293 AM
Cowles, George A. M-A

February 19, 1932

Mrs. Carrie M. Tanner,
Star Route,
Wanblee, So. Dakota.

Dear Madam:

In connection with your pilgrimage to the grave of your son in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in Europe, sailing from New York on the GEORGE WASHINGTON, May 21, 1930, this office arranged with the C M St. P & P Railroad Company to furnish you transportation by bus from Wanblee, S.D. to Kadoka, S.D. and return but has never been billed for this portion of your transportation.

It is desired to close these old accounts, therefore, will you be good enough to advise whether you were given this transportation between your home and the railroad station both going and returning. If not, did you pay from your own funds and, if so, what amount?

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

1 Encl.
Envelope

RES:LM

Very truly yours

Dear Madam

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, U. S. Army, Corps,
Assistant.

QM 293 AM

Cowles, Geo. A. M-A

February 26, 1932.

31/904
Mrs. Carrie M. Tanner,
Wanblee, S. Dakota.

Dear Madam: The Pullman Company has never submitted a bill for the above and as it is desired to close these items will you please return this letter showing opposite the above by "Yes" or "No", whether you were furnished the accommodations shown. If they were not furnished and the requests are in your possession, please return them, or if they have been lost or destroyed write "Lost" after the word "No", so they may be cancelled.

WQ-1,020,702 for parlor car seat from Burlington, Vt.

Captain R. E. Shannon Wanblee, S. Dak. "Yes"
Dear Friend For The Quartermaster General March 3 1932

"On my return to N. Y. from France, I had paid for the Extra Milage to Burlington, Vt., I didnt take a Pullman because I arrived at 8:30 P.M.

The Pullman Company has never submitted a bill for the above and as it is desired to close these items will you please return this letter showing opposite the above by "Yes" or "No", whether you were furnished the accommodations shown. If they were not furnished and the requests are in your possession, please return them, or if they have been lost or destroyed write "Lost" after the word "No", so they may be cancelled.

The inclosed envelope may be used for reply.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

but when I left Burlington I was shown to a Pullman and given Respectful attention - I dont remember about the request but my ticket was given to me in N. Y. City. Respectfully yours Mrs Carrie M. Tanner."

Wanblee
Star Rt. So Dak. R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, U. S. Army, Corps,
Assistant.

1 Incl.
Env.

31/904

The Pullman Company has never submitted a bill for the above and as it is desired to close these items will you

QM 293 AM
Cowles, George A. M-A

March 10, 1932

Mr. H. W. Siddall, Chairman,
Western Military Bureau,
516 W. Jackson Blvd.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Please refer to routing and itinerary of Mrs. Carrie M. Tanner, Star Route, Wanblee, S.D., a pilgrim who sailed on the GEORGE WASHINGTON, May 21, 1930, Page D-7.

Transportation request WQ 1,001,334 drawn on the C M St. P & P Railroad was issued for bus transportation of Mrs. Tanner from Wanblee to Kadoka, S.D. and return and sent you for transmittal to the carrier. This request has not been presented for settlement, nor has it been returned to this office for cancellation. An inquiry to Mrs. Tanner develops the fact that she was not furnished transportation between her home and the railroad station but made her own arrangements; and that she was not advised by the Agent that her bus transportation had been arranged for.

It will, therefore, be appreciated if you will take up with the carrier with a view to refunding Mrs. Tanner the amount called for by transportation request WQ 1,001,334, four dollars (\$4), having her receipt taken on the transportation request and bill presented in the usual way for this service.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

RES: 1M

QM 298 AM
Cowles, George A. M-A

April 12, 1932.

Mrs. Carrie M. Tanner,
Star Route,
Wanblee, S. Dakota.

Dear Madam:

Further reference is made to correspondence from this office in connection with transportation from your home to Kadoka, S. Dakota and from Kadoka to your home on your return journey when you made a pilgrimage to the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in Europe, sailing from New York on the George Washington, May 21, 1930. The Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railway advises this office that on April 2, 1932, you were forwarded a draft in the amount of \$4.00 to cover the cost of the round trip bus transportation between Wanblee and Kadoka which no doubt has been received by you by this time. 10

This office regrets the inconvenience caused you through the failure of the railroad representative to deliver your bus transportation before you left home.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

NDT

WAR DEPARTMENT
 "PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"
 -- ROOM 901 --

225 West 34th St., New York, N.Y.

Party "D"
 Number 827

COWLES, GEO. A.

M.A.

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

MRS. CARIE M. TANNER

Name of Traveler

Estimate cost of through Pullman.

WANBLEE, WASHABAUGH COUNTY

Home Address

New York, to KADOKA, SO. DAK.

SO. DAK.

\$

New York, to KADOKA, SO. DAK.

Destination.

NYC TO CHICAGO - C.M.ST.P & P to dest.

Via Side Trip - B&M from ALBANY to WHITE CREEK - RUTLAND R.R. to BURLINGTON -
CENT. VT. RY. to MIDDLESEK, VT. - Return to ALBANY same route.

JUNE 19th

Date of Departure

Accout: Capt. Home

	Road	Tr. NO.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	car	U.S.G. Order NO.	Est. Cost
LV	New York	N.Y.C.	6/19	7:45 A.M.	1st	19	W2-1,020,701	22.75
AR	Burlington	Rut	6/19	5:45 P.M.				
LV	Burlington	C.V.	6/19	6:45 A.M.				
AR	Essex	Act	6/19	7:10 P.M.				
LV	Essex	Act	6/19	7:49 P.M.				
AR	Middlesex	"	6/19	8:46 P.M.				
LV	Middlesex	"	6/19	6:34 A.M.				
AR	Essex	Act	"	7:37 A.M.				
LV	Essex	Act	"	7:46 A.M.				
AR	Burlington	"	"	8:10 A.M.				
LV	Burlington	Rut	6/19	12:07 P.M.			W2-1,020,702	1.20
AR	Provy	N.Y.M.	6/19	4:30 P.M.				
	To Provy	Belt Line		4:37 P.M.				
	Ar. Albany			5:00 P.M.				
							TOTAL	

Wreck days

Remarks: STOP OVER - MIDDLESEK, VT. (2 wks.)
 To Albany N.Y.C. #1 6:32 P.M. - to 9.25 order
 Ar. Chgo 4:58 P.M. W2-1,020,703
 To Chgo C.M. ST.P #11 6:15 P.M. - to 8.25 order
 Ar. Kadoka 8:06 P.M. W2-1,020,704
 19.95

Sunday train from Middlesex leaves 9:20 A.M.
 Making same connections to Burlington
 Albany Burlington 11:01 A.M.

May 10th, 1930.

Mrs. Carie M. Tanner,
Wanblee,
South Dakota.

Dear Madam:

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

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

For the Officer in Charge:

George F. R. Taylor,
1st. Lieut., Q.M. Corps,
Assistant.

Enclosures:
2 tags.

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May 20, 1930

[Handwritten signature]
MAJOR HALPIN, Officer in Charge
Hotel Roosevelt
45th Street & Madison Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Will you please change the embarkation card
of Mrs. Carrie M. Tanner from cabin assignment
420 to cabin assignment 145-C.

For the Officer in Charge:

GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR
1st Lieut. Q.M.C. (DOL.)
Assistant.

GFRT: CER

COPY

Pilgrimage, War Mothers & Widows,
Room 901, 225 W. 34th Street,
New York City, N.Y.

VIA WESTERN UNION

Mrs. Arthur E. Butler,
Moretown, Vermont.

Via Middlesex.

H. R. EMERY,
1st Lt., Inf.,

June 18, 1930

ARRIVE IN MIDDLESEX EIGHT FORTY SIX P M THURSDAY JUNE NINETEENTH

CARRIE M. TANNER

Above message sent for Mrs. Carrie M. Tanner, Party "D", from Hotel McAlpin.

Stopover at Middlesex, Vt. (20100)
for Montow, Vt.

10-627

NAME TANNER, MRS. CARIE M.

S.S. ROOSEVELT JUN 19 1930

HOME WANBLEE, WASHABAUGH COUNTY, SO. DAK.

R.R. NYC to Chic - CM St P & P to
Kadoka, S.D.

STATION Side trip - B & M from Albany to
White Creek - Rutland R.R. to Burlington
Cent. Vt. Ry. to Middlesex, Vt.

TRAIN # Return to Albany same
route.

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE

Series stop
on at
Moose town Vt.
Jun 21 1930
for 2 weeks.

George L Carpenter
Star Route
Wamblee
So Dak.

Name..... **TANNER, Mrs. Carrie M.**

Paris Hôtel..... **HOTEL COMMODORE**

BOULEVARD HAUSSMANN

Home address..... **Wanblee, Washabaugh County, South Dakota.**

Party..... **D** Group **I** Unit **~~88~~. WASHINGTON**

Date of arrival..... **May 30 1930** Date of departure **~~88~~. ROOSEVELT - June 10 - 1930**

Relationship..... **Mother**

Name of deceased..... **COWLES, George A.**

Rank..... **Pvt** Organization..... **Co. I, 49th Inf.**

Cemetery..... **Meuse-Argonne**

REMARKS

Desires stop-over at Moretown, Vt.



Party "D" - Itinerary - Meuse-Argonne Group

Arrived New York 3:15 . Train 4 . Station Jersey City
Liaison at Station Capt Cistero

Sailed May 21st on GEORGE WASHINGTON. Maj. F. D. Carlock in charge.
General Cheatham accompanied as observer.

Arrived Cherbourg 11.30pm, May 29th.

May 30th. Debarked. Maj. Dailey, Capt. Kinderman, Lt. Freeman,
9 nurses and other personnel went out to ship on tender. Met at
dock by Col. Ellis. Arrived Gare des Invalides, Paris, at 2.05pm.
Met by Col. Bartlett and detail of officers, interpreters and
nurses. Taken to hotel in bus.

May 31st. Morning devoted to transaction of personal business.
Visited Arc de Triomphe in afternoon. Wreath laid on tomb of
Unknown Soldier by Mrs. Eliza Wilson for party. Reception at
Restaurant Laurent. Returned to hotel.

June 1st. Departed 7.30 am for Verdun.

June 2, 3, 4 - Daily trips from Verdun to Meuse-Argonne Cemetery.

June 5th. Visited Cemetery, Suippes and Reims.

June 6th. Visited Reims Cathedral, Chateau Thierry. Returned to
Paris.

June 7th. Visited Sacre-Coeur in morning and Napoleon's Tomb in
afternoon.

June 8th. Church. Free in morning - Notre Dame at nite.

June 9th. Morning free. Afternoon: Versailles - Refreshments at
Belle Cycliste.

June 10th. Left hotel between 9 and 9.30am for Invalides Railway
Station in Paris-entrained for Cherbourg. Accompanied by 8 conduct-
ing officers, Capt. Kinderman, 3 nurses, 2 civilian employees.
Arrived Cherbourg 4.11 pm. Boarded PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT at 5.05pm
Sailed at 6 pm. Arrived U. S. June 18th.

Mrs. Carie M. Tanner

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Cowles</i>	<i>COV</i>	3	<i>3 0 12</i> <i>5 3</i>
<i>George A</i>	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>33</i>	2	<i>33</i>
	ROW <i>23</i>	2	<i>23</i>
	BLOCK <i>E</i>	1	<i>5</i>
STATE	<i>S. Dak</i>	2	<i>47</i>
RANK	<i>Pvt</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>88th</i>	2	<i>88</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>349</i>	3	<i>349</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Janner</i>	<i>TAN</i>	3	<i>0 1 12</i> <i>7</i>
<i>Mrs. Carrie M</i>	STATE <i>S Dak</i>	2	<i>47</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Nashobaugh</i>	2	<i>66</i>
<i>Star Route</i>	CITY <i>Wardell</i>	3	<i>XXX</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	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR. <i>Yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ACCEPTANCE	<i>Yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
29/514/PJ.			<i>64</i>

NOV 1930

Valid

Audited
OCT 26 1931
MB

Ad

pm

Cowles, George A.

Pvt.

See me.
M. J. M.

WESTERN MILITARY BUREAU
ROUTE AND SCHEDULE

EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE SAILING FROM NEW YORK CITY May 21, 1930

Washabaugh County, State of South Dakota

Name Tanner, Mrs Carrie M

Address Wanblee, South Dakota (RR Station Kadoka)

Route going: CMStP&P Chicago, Erie, New York. (Side trip from Albany to Middlesex and return. Route: B&M White Creek, Rutland RR Burlington, CV Middlesex. Return: same route. One-way fare \$7.04, round-trip fare \$14.08.)
Return: NYC Chicago, CMStP&P Kadoka

400 → Daily mail and truck line Wanblee to Kadoka - one-way fare \$2.00, round-trip fare \$4.00. Separate transportation request drawn on CMStP&P RR should be issued for this part of the journey.

→ Transportation request covering sleeping car accommodations should be drawn on CMStP&P RR. ~~Desires stopover in Morstown, Vt. (RR Station Middlesex)~~

		ROAD	TRAIN	TIME	DATE	
Itinerary going	Lv	Kadoka	CMStP&P	22	2:42 AM	May 17
	Ar	Chicago	"	"	8:00 AM	" 18
	Lv	Chicago	Erie	4	11:00 AM	" "
	Ar	New York	"	"	3:15 PM	" 19
	Lv	(Jersey City)				
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Accommodations: Standard sleeper Kadoka to Chicago and Chicago to New York. (only one train from Kadoka)

Elapsed Time: 48 Hrs 33 Min

Extra Fare:

2 1/4
1/2 NYC Stage

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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Jan. 15, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF George A. Cowles. SERIAL NUMBER 3310537

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. I. 49th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Jan. 15, 1921 From (give complete location): Gr. No. 55. Cem. No. 798.

By: Group 5 Unit 3

3. Reburied (date): Jan. 15, 1921 In (give complete location): Gr. No. 19, Cem. No. 798.

By: Group 5 Unit 3 Nature of reburial Reburial box and blanket.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: Body badly decomposed, features unrecognizable. Buried in pine box and U. S. Uniform.

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

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

Inscription on inside of blouse "George A. Cowles." "3315037". Body should have been found in Gr. No. 54. Several identified bodies have been found in graves numbered one ~~half~~ higher than their respective crosses.

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 ---

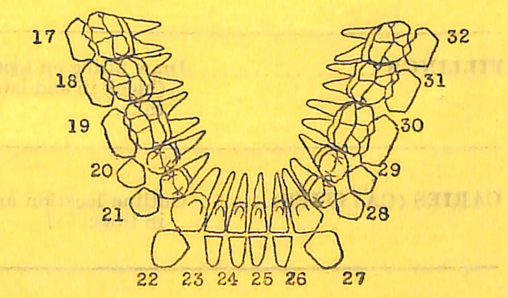
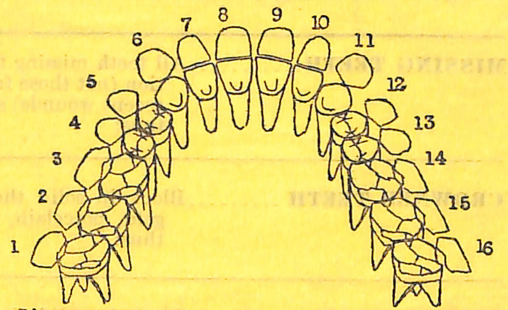
(d) Hair on face—Color ---

Location ---

Quantity ---

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

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








7. Disinterment supervised by W. P. Peaker Approved: W. P. Buckley (Title) Capt on c

8. Reburial supervised by W. P. Peaker Approved: W. P. Buckley (Title) Capt on c

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

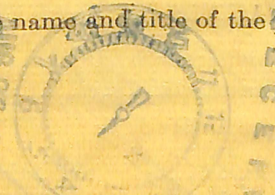
Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Question 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

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

MISSING TEETHAll teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus:	 <p align="center">TOOTH MISSING TOOTH MISSING</p>
CROWNED TEETHBlock in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:	 <p align="center">GOLD CROWN PORCELAIN CROWN</p>
BRIDGE WORKBlock in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus:	 <p align="center">GOLD AND PORCELAIN BRIDGE GOLD BRIDGE</p>
FILLINGSDraw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:	 <p align="center">SILVER FILLING GOLD FILLING</p> <p align="center">GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING</p>
CARIES (CAVITIES)Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:	 <p align="center">CAVITY DECAYED DECAYED</p> <p align="center">DECAYED DECAYED</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.



G.R.S. Form #114 B

DATE 11/1/21

JUN 1 -

3,315,037

Service name
1. NAME COWLES, George A

name also borne as Cowles, George Aaron 349th

SERIAL No. 3315037

RANK Pvt

ORGANIZATION Co. L, 49th Inf. 88th Div
A DIVISION

GRAVE LOCATION American HERICOURT (Haute-Saone)
CTY. NAME

798
NUMBER

19

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

XK.54.
GRAVE

Hericourt
COMMUNE

Hte-Saone.
DEPT.

COORDINATES

E. 426-27. N. 87-19. Map: Montbeliard N.E. 114.

CONCENTRATED TO

Jan. 15, 1921.
DATE

19
GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

Hericourt.
CEMETERY

798.
CTY. NUMBER

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

Inscription on inside of blouse reads: "GEORGE A. COWLES. 3315037."

per GRS Form 16-A, dated Jan. 15, 1921, signed W.R. Buckley, Capt. G.M.C.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE OF DEATH

Sep. 30, 1918
DATE

Note of record.
GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME S. Dak.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

Stanley J. Grogan
STANLEY J. GROGAN, Capt. Inf. USA.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION

11/1/21
DATE

33
GRAVE

23
ROW

E
Block PLOT

Meuse Argonne American Cty # 1232 Romagne sous Montfaucon
CEMETERY

AUDITED BY

B.W. 8/7/23 World War Div.

Je 5 APR 2 1923

JUN 9 1926
WORLD WAR DIV.

Major General,
The Adjutant General.

By ar JUN 10 1926

abc4-7-28

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

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

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

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

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

Received
JUN 12 28
M & R BRANCH
A.Q.M.G.

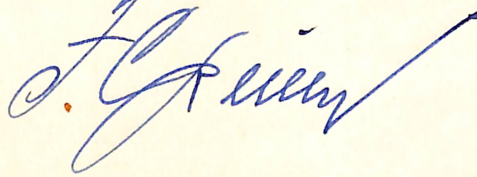
1st. Ind.

adc 7-3

War Department, A.G.O., April 7, 1928. To The Quartermaster General.

The records of this office show that the correct Army serial number for George A. Cowles is 3,315,037 and that his organization, at time of death, was Company L, 349th Infantry.

By order of the Secretary of War:



Adjutant General.

OK sent 2

R
GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Cowles, 3315037 George C.
.....
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt. Co. J. 349 Inf.
.....
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL Oct 3 - 1918
.....

PLACE OF BURIAL American Cemetery
.....

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

Town of Mexico
.....
Department of
.....
Hauter - Snow
.....

GRAVE NUMBER 54
.....

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 :

.....
.....
.....

REPORTED BY : *Haupt Boyl*
1st Lt. Sr. Chap. 88th Div
.....
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

COWLES, George A. Pvt 33I5037. C°I 349 Inf.

Died 9/30/18 - Buried 10/3/18 Héricourt Fr. Am. Cem. N° I. Grave 54.

The records of this office show the foregoing to be record of the burials of Senior Chaplain Harry B. Boyd in the Am. Cem. at Héricourt, Dept. Haute-Saône, France, the deaths occurring in the Amer. Section of the French Hospital at Héricourt. The records do not show specifically the grave numbers, but it is believed that they run consecutively from N° I. beginning with Pvt Charles Byrne, the second name on this list.

Signed: Alpha H. KENNA
Act'g Senior Chaplain.

Co."L".349th.Infantry.
88th.Division.

COWLES ,George Aaron.Pvt.33I5037.
Home: Vermillon ,S.Dak.

On October 4, 1918 my Company Commander Capt. Sherman Child, 914 Kenwood Parkway, Minneapolis, Minn. received the following report of death from the Senior U.S. Army Medical Officer, American Section H.O.S. 54 B. Field Hospital Co. 350, 313 Sn. Tr. signed L.C. Cook, Capt., Med. Corps.:

" Report the death of Pvt. George A. Cowles, 33I5037, Co. L. 349th. Inf. at 5:40 P.M., 30 September 1918, at American Section French Military Hospital H.O.E. 54 B. Hericourt, France.

Cause of death: Pneumonia labor. Disease incurred in the line of duty and was not the result of his own misconduct .

Pvt. George A. Cowles admitted to Hospital 28, September 1918."

A search has failed to disclose any eye witness of the death of Pvt. George A. Cowles.

Informant: Armagost, Lawrence V. 1st Lt. Co. L.
349th. Infantry.

Home: Forston, Colo.

Searcher: Armagost, Lawrence V. 1st Lt. 349 Inf.
March 8-1919.

Emergency address:
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