

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

HOBOKEN, N.J.

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NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

De Maria, John A.

Pvt.

1252 - 137.

1/18/21.

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

2943064.

Co. M, 147th Inf.

Date of death, 11/1/18.

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

*orig. to Hoboken, N.J. 2-2-21*

**FILE**

DATE

*Adjustment Made  
FEB 5 1921*

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

Mrs. Mae Nella De Maria.

RELATIONSHIP

Widow.

*File No. 101451*

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Address

226 Pearl St., Buffalo, New York.

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DE MERIA John A 20064

Pvt Co M 147th Inf

Date Death 11/1/18

Buried near Staden, Belgium.

Died of wound

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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Senteria* 2943064 *John A*  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

*Pvt* *Co M* *147 Inf.*  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: *Evac. Hosp #5 Staden*

CAUSE OF DEATH: *GSW of leg, back, neck*

DATE OF BURIAL: *Nov 3 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL: *Staden Belgium*

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

*North end of road 100 ft  
from road Ave. Can,*

GRAVE NUMBER: *53*

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?..... Cross?

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:

*807*

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

*RCS*  
*Wm O Campbell* *Captain* *1st Lt*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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10 Nov 18  
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G.R.S. Form #114-B

FULL NAME ..... DE MARIA, John A. ✓

RANK ..... Pvt. ✓ ..... SERIAL ..... 2943064 ✓

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION ..... Col. M., 147th Inf. ✓ *37th Div*

DATE OF DEATH ..... 11-1-18. ✓

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME ..... *New York*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED. *None shown*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION. .... 6-20-22 ..... 11 ..... 4 ..... D. ....  
Date Grave Row Block

..... Flanders Field, #1252 .....  
Cemetery

RECORDS WORLD WAR DIV.  
3 JUL 11 1924

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name DE'MARIA, John

Number: 2943064

Rank Unknown

Organization: Co M, 147 Inf.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group 3

Unit 302

Disinterred (Date)

From: (give complete location)

6-6-19

Grave 53, Row 4, A.E.F.Cem., Staden, West Flanders, Belgium

E.M. 1/40,000 Sheet Roulers-Thielt 168.5E 476.8N

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

1252

6-6-19

Grave 74, Plot A, American Mil.Cem., Wareghem, West Flanders,

Belgium. B.M. 1/40,000 Sheet 29-D-28-d-6-9.5

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

Body buried in Blanket, badly decomposed.

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Was one identification tag found upon the body? yes

What other means of identification were found upon the body? none

Note:

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

Supervised by: Cpl. E.J.Wold.

H.E. elter, 2nd Lieut., MCUSA

G.O. Group 3 Unit 302



Unit 303  
Group 3  
and Agent, and Agent, and Agent

It upon disinterment, effects are found upon the bodies, they promptly be sent to the Effects Depot direct, as is required by G.O.P. 1948, after being carefully examined for clues to identify the bodies. In doubtful cases, notation thereof will be made and reported to the Graves Registration Service.

Note:

Were any other means of identification were found upon the body? none  
Was any identification tag found upon the body? yes

Body buried in blanket, badly decomposed.

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

Reburied (Date) 6-6-48  
Grave 74, Plot 4, American M.I. Cem., West Flanders, Belgium  
R.R. 140,000 Sheet 22-D-28-4-6-2-3

Reburied (Date) 6-6-48  
Grave 38, Row 4, A.M.I. Cem., West Flanders, Belgium  
R.R. 140,000 Sheet 22-D-28-4-6-2-3

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group 303  
Organization: Co M, 1st Inf.

Name: DE MARIA, John

Rank: Unknown

Number: 294304

Remains of:

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date: June 18 1948

Place: West Flanders, Belgium

G.O.P. 1948

## GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Delaria* 2,943,064 *John*  
 (Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

*Pvt. Co. M. 147 Inf.*  
 (Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: *Staden, Belgium*CAUSE OF DEATH: *Wounds*DATE OF BURIAL: *Nov. 3, 1918*PLACE OF BURIAL: *Staden, Belgium*

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

GRAVE NUMBER: *53*HOW MARKED: Name Peg?  Cross? Headboard?  Bottle? 

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? *Yes*Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker? *Yes*

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

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

*F. C. Matthews*

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

*2nd Lieut. 1st Div. 1st Reg.*

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

## GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*De Merig* 2,943,064 *John A.*  
 (Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

*Pvt Co M 147 Inf.*  
 (Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: *Evac Hosp #5 Staden*CAUSE OF DEATH: *GSW R leg back neck*DATE OF BURIAL: *Nov 3 1918*PLACE OF BURIAL: *Staden Belgium*

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

GRAVE NUMBER: *53*HOW MARKED: Name Peg?  Cross? Headboard?  Bottle? 

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? *Yes*Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker? *Yes*

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

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

*John R. Campbell Chaplain 1st Reg.*

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

GRAVE LOCATION

**DeMerie** **2,943,064** **John**  
 (Surname) (Number) (First Name and Initials).

**Pvt.** **Co. M. 147 Inf.**  
 (Rank) (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: **Staden, Belgium**

CAUSE OF DEATH: **Wounds**

DATE OF BURIAL: **Nov. 3, 1918**

PLACE OF BURIAL: **American Mil. Cemetery  
 Staden Belgium**

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

GRAVE NUMBER: **53**

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? ..... Cross? **Yes**

Headboard? ..... Bottle? .....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? **Yes**

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: .....

ADDRESS: .....

RELATIONSHIP: .....

REPORTED BY:

*J. E. Matthews*

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

**2nd Lieut. OMC. USA.**

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

Co. M., 147th. Inf.

DE MARIA, John A. - Pvt. 1.c1. 2943084.

Killed Oct. 31, 1918/ Nov. 1, 1918.

Pvt. 1.c1. John A. De Maria, Co. M., 147th. Inf., was wounded by an aerial bomb dropped on Co. M., 147th. on the night of Oct. 31, 1918. It was during the Flanders offensive forcing crossing of the Lys and Escaut Rivers, Oct. 31 to Nov. 4, 1918. Report from hospital states that he died en route to the hospital Nov. 1, 1918

Informant: Jenkins, Theodore S., 1st. Sgt.  
#1527258, Co. M., 147th. Inf.  
Home address: Pemberville, Ohio.

Leon C. Reiher, Searcher,  
1st Lt., 147th. Inf.  
Comdg. Co. M.  
Febr. 18, 1919.

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	De Maria	3	4530
BURIED	CEMETERY	1	8
	GRAVE	2	11
	ROW	2	04
	BLOCK	1	4
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RANK	Post	1	2
DIVISION	37	2	37
ORGANIZATION	147	3	147
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARITAL	Remarried	1	3
NAME	De Maria	3	4530
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	37
	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	16
RELATION	mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Dead	1	6
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
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QM 293 A-M  
DeMaria, John A. (FF)

January 16, 1933.

Miss Angela DeMaria,  
234 S. Division St.,  
Buffalo, New York.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date advising this office that your mother, Mrs. Mary DeMaria, is deceased, and making inquiry relative to the pilgrimage.

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries of Europe for only the mothers and widows, and contains no provisions whereby the privilege of making the trip may be transferred to a relative or friend in the event the mother or widow is deceased or does not wish to make the journey. In view thereof, it is regretted to advise that there is no one eligible to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your brother, the late Private John A. DeMaria.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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IN REPLY  
REFER TO

QM 293 A-M

DeMaria, John A (FF)

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

Mrs. Mary DeMaria,  
234 Division St.,  
Buffalo, N.Y.

*Rec'd*

January 6, 1933.

Dear Madam:

During the past three years, numerous communications have been forwarded you relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

Under the law, 1933 is the last year you may make the pilgrimage at the expense of the Government, and it is imperative that this office have an expression from you as to whether or not you desire to take advantage of the opportunity afforded you.

It is requested therefore you answer the following inquiry, sign your name, and return this letter to this office.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE IN 1933?

(Yes) or (No)

*John A. DeMaria*

*(over)*  
Sign here

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*Chas. W. Dietz*  
CHAS. W. DIETZ,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Encl.:  
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IMMEDIATE ACTION

234 S. Division  
Buffalo N.Y.

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY TO  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON  
D. C. 20315  
MAIL ROOM A (77)

Dear Sir,

This is to inform you that my mother (Mrs Mary DeMaria) is dead.

Could it be possible for anyone else in the family to make this Pilgrimage.

Sincerely yours  
(Miss) Angela DeMaria

Before you answer the following inquiry, please refer to this office.

(Yes) or (No)



A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage and is included for your convenience in reply.

For the Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

*[Signature]*  
Captain, D. W. Corps  
Assistant

Encl.:  
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IMMEDIATE ACTION

DeMaria, John A. (FF M)

October 13, 1932

Mrs. Mary DeMaria,  
#34 Division St.,  
Buffalo, N.Y.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

DeMaria John A FF

Sept 8 1932

Mrs Mary DeMaria  
234 Division St  
Buffalo NY

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

In order that your desires may be of record, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 13, 1932

Dellaria, John A. (PF) -

Mrs. Mary Dellaria,  
234 Division St.,  
Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries of Europe during the years 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933 for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces who were lost or buried at sea or whose remains are interred in Europe.

Your attention is particularly invited to the fact that this is the last opportunity you will have to make the pilgrimage under the provisions of the above mentioned Act. Unless you take advantage of this LAST chance to make a trip in 1933 you will receive no benefit from the Act. There is no provision of law which will permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow who does not choose to make the pilgrimage.

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

In order to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations for the mothers and widows making the journey in 1933, reservations for steamship transportation must be made by this office several months in advance. It is requested that you answer the questions below by writing "Yes" or "No" or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question. When you have answered the question, sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. PLEASE DO NOT DELAY, as it is essential that the information be in this office promptly.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make the pilgrimage during the years 1930, 1931 or 1932. There is enclosed a circular of information WHICH YOU SHOULD READ VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING YOUR DECISION.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) \_\_\_\_\_

QM 293 A-M

DeMaria, John A. Pvt. (PF) M

March 15, 1932.

Mrs. Mary DeMaria,  
234 Division St.,  
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries of Europe for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces. The purpose of the Act is an endeavor to bring a measure of peace and comfort to the hearts of the mothers and widows whose loved ones made the supreme sacrifice, and it appears from communications from women who have made the journey that this effort has not been in vain.

As the mother of the late Private John A. DeMaria, you are eligible to make a pilgrimage to his grave in the Flanders Field American Cemetery in Belgium. All necessary expenses of the pilgrimage will be borne by the Government and personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided. Doctors and nurses will be available and should you make a pilgrimage, you are assured the journey will not only be made at the expense of the United States but everything possible for your welfare will be furnished. In other words, you will be the honored guest of the United States Government.

It is the earnest endeavor of this office to discover the wishes of each mother and widow with reference to the pilgrimage. It is hoped that you will decide to make the pilgrimage and will so state; however, if you feel you cannot accept the invitation, it is important that we be advised. You can realize that in arranging all details of a trip for so many people, it is necessary to have all information at once so that proper arrangements may be made. For the reasons stated, it will be appreciated if you will complete the questionnaire enclosed herewith and return it to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

This letter is forwarded to you in an effort to obtain your wishes, inasmuch as recent letters relative to the pilgrimage have remained unanswered.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
DeMaria, John ~~Private~~ (FF) M

March 15, 1932.

Mrs. Mary DeMaria,  
234 Division St.,  
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

In order that the records may be complete, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name, and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage  
in 1932?

2. Please state your age and condition  
of health:

Age:  
Health:

3. Do you speak English?

4. What other language do you speak?

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:  
Env.

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

Post Office Department

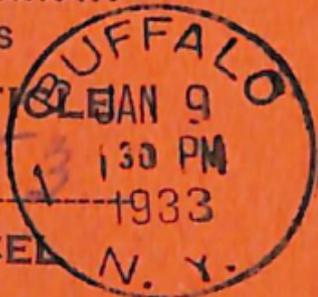
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Return to Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,  
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WASHINGTON,

DeMARIA, JOHN A (FF)

*Week*

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# RETURN RECEIPT

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

*Mary De Maria*

(Signature or name of addressee)

*Elis De Maria*

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of deli

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U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

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DeMaria John A  
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Detroit - Mich. Blvd  
7-1-19

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mary De maria (old ad  
234 Dinsion st was living in 1920  
Buffalo - N. Y. no later inf.)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

DeMaria, John A. (FF) M-

September 30, 1931 ed

Mrs. Mary DeMaria,  
234 Division St.,  
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

In order that the records may be complete, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name, and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

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

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:  
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

DeMaria, John A. Pvt (TF) M-

July 13, 1931.

Mrs. Mary DeMaria,  
234 Division St.,  
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? \_\_\_\_\_  
Write answer here

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

DeMaria, John A. 1252 M-

June 6, 1930

Mrs. Mary DeMaria  
234 Division Street  
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

March 5, 1930

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

DeMaria, John A. 1252--X

Mrs. Mary DeMaria,  
234 Division St.,  
Buffalo, N. Y.

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. 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,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

DeMaria, John A. 1252

February 24, 1930

Mrs. Mary DeMaria,  
.234 Division Street,  
Buffalo, New York.

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. John A. DeMaria, Co. M, 147th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Flanders Field American Cemetery, Waereghem, Belgium.

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?

*Remarried*

2. If so, give her complete address.

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3. 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.

*Mother*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*John T. Harris*

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
DeMaria, John A.

April 25, 1929.

Mrs. Mary DeMaria,  
234 Division St.,  
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private John A. DeMaria, Company M, 147th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Flanders Field American Cemetery, Waereghem, Belgium.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

J. McCLINTOCK,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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QM 293 A-M  
DeMaria, John A. (FF)

January 16, 1933.

Miss Angela DeMaria,  
234 S. Division St.,  
Buffalo, New York.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date advising this office that your mother, Mrs. Mary DeMaria, is deceased, and making inquiry relative to the pilgrimage.

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries of Europe for only the mothers and widows, and contains no provisions whereby the privilege of making the trip may be transferred to a relative or friend in the event the mother or widow is deceased or does not wish to make the journey. In view thereof, it is regretted to advise that there is no one eligible to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your brother, the late Private John A. DeMaria.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

DeMaria John A PF

Sept 8 1932

Mrs Mary DeMaria  
234 Division St  
Buffalo NY

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

In order that your desires may be of record, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:  
Env.

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 13, 1932

DeMaria, John A. (FF) -

Mrs. Mary DeMaria,  
234 Division St.,  
Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries of Europe during the years 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933 for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces who were lost or buried at sea or whose remains are interred in Europe.

Your attention is particularly invited to the fact that this is the last opportunity you will have to make the pilgrimage under the provisions of the above mentioned Act. Unless you take advantage of this LAST chance to make a trip in 1933 you will receive no benefit from the Act. There is no provision of law which will permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow who does not choose to make the pilgrimage.

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

In order to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations for the mothers and widows making the journey in 1933, reservations for steamship transportation must be made by this office several months in advance. It is requested that you answer the questions below by writing "Yes" or "No" or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question. When you have answered the question, sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. PLEASE DO NOT DELAY, as it is essential that the information be in this office promptly.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make the pilgrimage during the years 1930, 1931 or 1932. There is enclosed a circular of information WHICH YOU SHOULD READ VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING YOUR DECISION.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) \_\_\_\_\_

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
DeMaria, John A. Pvt. (FF) M

March 15, 1932.

Mrs. Mary DeMaria,  
234 Division St.,  
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

In order that the records may be complete, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name, and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

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

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M

DeMaria, John A. Pvt. (FF) M

March 15, 1932.

Mrs. Mary DeMaria,  
234 Division St.,  
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries of Europe for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces. The purpose of the Act is an endeavor to bring a measure of peace and comfort to the hearts of the mothers and widows whose loved ones made the supreme sacrifice, and it appears from communications from women who have made the journey that this effort has not been in vain.

As the mother of the late Private John A. DeMaria, you are eligible to make a pilgrimage to his grave in the Flanders Field American Cemetery in Belgium. All necessary expenses of the pilgrimage will be borne by the Government and personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided. Doctors and nurses will be available and should you make a pilgrimage, you are assured the journey will not only be made at the expense of the United States but everything possible for your welfare will be furnished. In other words, you will be the honored guest of the United States Government.

It is the earnest endeavor of this office to discover the wishes of each mother and widow with reference to the pilgrimage. It is hoped that you will decide to make the pilgrimage and will so state; however, if you feel you cannot accept the invitation, it is important that we be advised. You can realize that in arranging all details of a trip for so many people, it is necessary to have all information at once so that proper arrangements may be made. For the reasons stated, it will be appreciated if you will complete the questionnaire enclosed herewith and return it to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

This letter is forwarded to you in an effort to obtain your wishes, inasmuch as recent letters relative to the pilgrimage have remained unanswered.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Dellaria, John A. (FF) M-

September 30, 1931 ed

Mrs. Mary Dellaria,  
234 Division St.,  
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

In order that the records may be complete, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name, and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

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

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

DeMaria, John A. Pvt (FP) M-

July 13, 1931.

Mrs. Mary DeMaria,  
234 Division St.,  
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

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

DeMaria, John A. Pvt. (FF) M

April 10, 1931

Mrs. Mary DeMaria,  
234 Division St.,  
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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QM 293 A-M

October 14, 1930

DeMaria, John A. Pvt 1252 M

Mrs. Mary DeMaria  
234 Division Street  
Buffalo, New York

Dear Madam:

A reply has not been received to office letter of recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages in 1931, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

DeMaria, John A. 1252 M-

June 6, 1930

Mrs. Mary DeMaria  
234 Division Street  
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

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(Sign here)

**WAR DEPARTMENT**  
**OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL**  
**WASHINGTON**

March 3, 1930

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
**DeMaria, John A. 1252--M**

**Mrs. Mary DeMaria,**  
**234 Division St.,**  
**Buffalo, N. Y.**

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. 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,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

DeMaria, John A. 1252

February 24, 1930

Mrs. Mary DeMaria,  
234 Division Street,  
Buffalo, New York.

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. John A. DeMaria, Co. M, 147th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Flanders Field American Cemetery, Waereghem, Belgium.

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. 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.

For the Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

DeMaria, John A.  
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August 8, 1929.

Mrs. Mary DeMaria,  
234 Division St.,  
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated April 25, 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.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO ~~QU 293 A-C~~  
DeMaria, John A.

April 25, 1929.

Mrs. Mary DeMaria,  
234 Division St.,  
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private John A. DeMaria, Company M, 147th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Flanders Field American Cemetery, Waerzeghem, Belgium.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

J. McCLINTOCK,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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De Maria,

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(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt. Co. 147th Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased.

*Wife*

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?

*no*

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

*Mrs. Mary S. De Maria*

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

drawn by M<sup>H</sup>

checked by CB  
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Mrs. Mae N. De Maria

5 Oak St.,

Buffalo, New York.

DE MARIA, John A., Pvt.

February 7, 1924

Mrs. Mae Nella De Maria,  
226 Pearl Street,  
Buffalo, New York.

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

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Place Waereghem, Belgium

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date June 20, 1922

1. REMAINS OF DEMARIA John A. SERIAL NUMBER 2943064  
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. I 147th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : June 20, 1922 From (give complete location): Gr. 126 Plot C. Cem 1252

By : Group 3 Unit Sec 2. *Black*

3. Reburied (date) June 20, 1922. In (give complete location): Gr. 11 Plot D Row ~~11~~ No. 4. Flanders Field Amer. Cty No. 1252 Waereghem, Belgium  
In regulation metallic casket and shipping case.  
Bottle record placed with body  
By : Group Reburial Unit Section 2. Nature of reburial

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :  
Wooden box, burlap and blanket  
Body decomposed, features unrecognizable

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

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

Body tag reads: John A. Demaria 2943064- U.S.A.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) estimated 68 inches.

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to determine

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

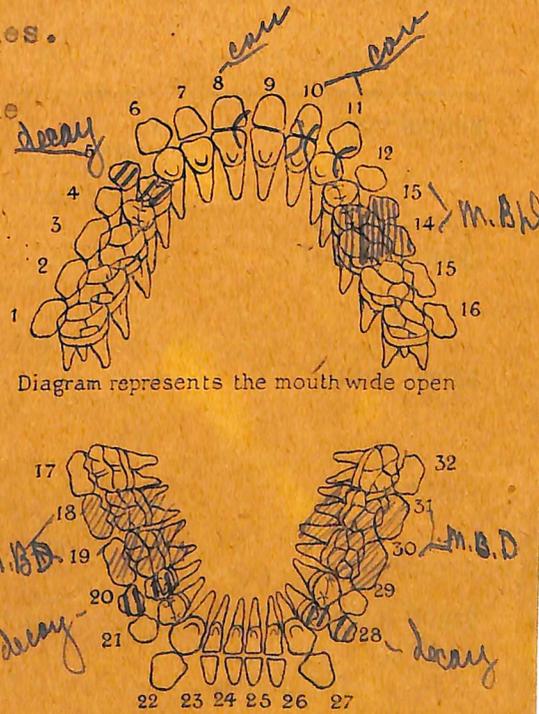
Location do

Quantity do

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

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

none visible



7. Disinterment supervised by J. C. Kollmer

Approved: O. M. Davis  
(Title) 1st Lt U.S.A.

8. Reburial supervised by J. S. Pantelis

Approved: W. D. Cleary  
(Title) Chaplain, U.S.A.

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

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

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".

(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No 6.

6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

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

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

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



REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF DeMARIA, John A. SERIAL NUMBER 2943064  
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. I, 147th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): 3-10-21. From (give complete location):  
Gr. 74, Plot A, American Cemetery #1252, Waereghem, Belgium.

By: Group 1 Unit Section No. 4

3. Reburied (date): 3-10-21. In (give complete location):  
Gr. 126, Plot C, American Cemetery #1252, Waereghem, Belgium.

By: Group 1 Unit Sect. No. 4 Nature of reburial Burlap; blanket; wooden box, with bottle and strip.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Buried in blanket and wooden box; body badly decomposed; recognition impossible.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:  
No effects found. Cross reads: "John A. DeMaria, Pvt., Co. I, 147th Inf. Gr. #74!"  
Disc on cross and disc on body both read: "DeMaria, John, U.S.A., 2943064."  
G.R.S. strip on back of cross reads: "DeMaria, John A., 2943064, Pvt., Co. I, 147th Inf. 74-A-1252."

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items? Nos. 5, 20 - Decayed. Nos. 13, 16, 18, 30, 31 - Missing before death.

(a) Height (actual measurement) Unable to determine Missing before death.

(b) Weight (estimated) -

(c) Hair—Color -

Quantity -

Characteristics Sturdily built.

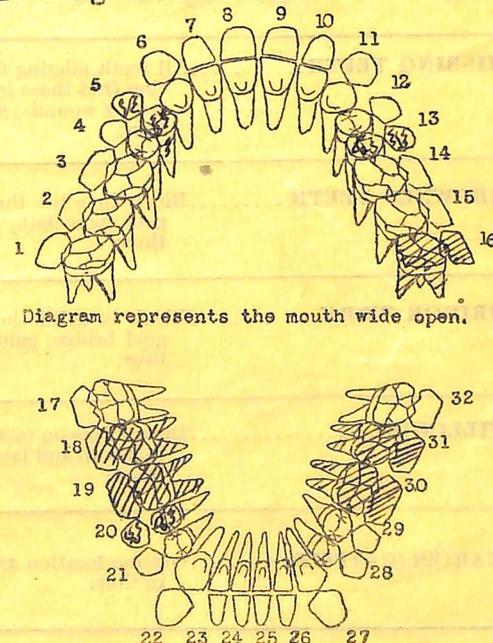
(d) Hair on face—Color -

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.



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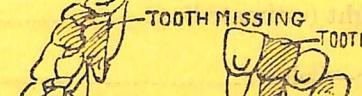
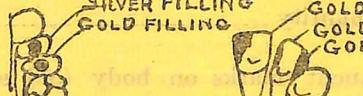
7. Disinterment supervised by C. V. Russell Approved: F. B. Daniel  
C. V. RUSSELL LHA (Title) F. B. DANIEL,  
1st Lt., Q.M.C. gvc

8. Reburial supervised by C. V. Russell Approved: F. B. Daniel  
C. V. RUSSELL (Title) F. B. DANIEL,  
1st Lt., Q.M.C. gvc

**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.

<b>MISSING TEETH</b> .....All 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>
<b>CROWNED TEETH</b> .....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:	 <p align="center">GOLD CROWN      PORCELAIN CROWN</p>
<b>BRIDGE WORK</b> .....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus:	 <p align="center">GOLD AND PORCELAIN BRIDGE      GOLD BRIDGE</p>
<b>FILLINGS</b> .....Draw 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>
<b>CARIES (CAVITIES)</b> .....Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:	 <p align="center">CAVITY 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 **June 20, 1922**

## REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

## DISINTERMENT

## COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name **DeMaria, John A**  
 2. No. **2943064**  
 3. Rank **Pvt.**  
 4. Org. **Co.I.147th Inf**  
 5. D.D. **11-1-18**  
 6. C.D. **DOW**

10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_  
 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) D.B. **none**

## Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. **126** Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. Plot **C** Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_  
 15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 17. **none**  
 18. Cemetery **American**  
 19. Commune or town **Waereghem**  
 20. Dept. or County \_\_\_\_\_  
 21. Country **Belgium**  
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. **1252**  
 23. Disinterred (Date) **June 20, 1922** By **W.C. Follmer**  
 24. Inscription on grave marker:  
 Name **DeMaria John A.** Serial No. **2943064**  
 Rank **Pvt.** Organization **Co. I. 147th Inf.**  
 25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? **yes** On body? **Yes**

*C.T. Brown*  
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant

## PREPARATION

**C.T. Brown.**

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).  
**Body tag checks.**  
 27. Condition of body **Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.**  
 28. Nature of burial **Wooden box, burbap and blanket.**  
 29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? **none**  
 30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date **June 20, 1922** By **W.C. Follmer**  
 31. Casket sealed by **W.C. Follmer**

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

*W.C. Follmer*  
W.C. Follmer/

G.R.#137

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SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-905

32. Designation of body:

Name DeMaria, John A Serial No. 2943064

Rank Pvt Organization Co. I. 147th Inf

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) June 20, 1922 By W.C. Palmer  
Flanders Field American Cem. 1252, WAEREGHEM, BELGIUM

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

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

36. Remarks O.E. Davis, 1st Lt Q.M.C.

None

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) June 20, 1922

To point of Concentration \_\_\_\_\_  
Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ (Name)  
Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_

By G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_

To Permanent Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_  
Convoyer Flanders Field Amer. Cem (Name) 1252 Waereghem Belgium  
Signature Shipping Officer [Signature]

40. Received: Date June 20, 1922 O.E. Davis, 1st Lt QMC.

G.R.S. Representative [Signature]

41. Reinterred June 20, 1922. W.D. Cleary, Chaplain.  
(Date)

42. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot BLOCK 11 Row D 4

G.R.S. Representative [Signature]

W.D. Cleary  
Chaplain, U.S. Army

AUDITED BY  
[Signature] 5-16-25

COMPILATION N/R REQUESTS

I. DATA COMPILATION

A. Location Index Card:-

(1) Name De Maria, John A. Ser. No. 2943064 )  
 (2) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. M. 147th Inf. ) TYP. TW.  
 (3) Date of death 11/1/18 ) CKR. *vd*

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

(4) Cause of death DWRIA ) TYP. ESW  
 (5) Grave No. 74 Row --- Plot A Sect. --- ) CKR. *MB*

II. FILES EXAMINATION

A. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; no card

B. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD Date of receipt *none*

(6) Relationship *Wife*  
 (7) Name *Mrs. Mae W. De Maria*  
 (8) Address *5 Oak St., Buffalo, New York*  
 (9) Desires remains brought to U. S.? *No*  
 (10) Desires remains brought to U. S. and interred in National Cemetery at \_\_\_\_\_  
 (11) If brought back, what shipping instructions? \_\_\_\_\_

*MB 3-29-20*

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

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

*In correspondence*  
 (13) A. G. O. Files EXAMINED by *L.L.* (Date) *3-29-20*

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

(15) G. R. S. Files EXAMINED by *MB* (Date) *3/21/20*

*AP - 12/21/20*

*Revised 3/24/20*

III. FINAL ACTION

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

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

(17) Instructions that remains be left undisturbed .....

(18) Typed by ..... Checked by ..... (Date) .....

B. G. R. S. FORM NO. 114 made (Date) .....

(19) Typed by ..... Checked by ..... (Date) .....

C. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

3. 1-~~31~~<sup>29</sup> 21 - let fr P. Master, Paymaster, Buffalo, N.Y. stating that Mrs. Mae Nella De Maria, wife of deceased soldier, has remained her name is Mrs. Boyd, 226 Pearl St. - she requesting <sup>body to</sup> remain in <sup>where it fell.</sup> France.  
H-2-2-21 PW

D. Dispatched (Date) ..... (Let. Trans. No. 12-3-20)

PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED #7

Approved by .....

(Date) ..... FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN - 0571 TO REMAIN IN EUROPE.

(widow) 3-15-21 W

1. W/R Beneficiary 2/1/21 Mrs. Mae Nella De Maria, 226 Pearl St., Buffalo, New York.

Hoboken, N.J. 2/18/21

2. Letter (not dated) from Mrs. Mae De Maria, widow, requests <sup>rec'd 2/18/21</sup> lae body remain in France. H-2-21-21 PW

3. 2/13/21 let. from Hoboken to postmaster, Buffalo, N.Y. requesting that he endeavor to locate widow & ask her to state in writing her req. for disposition <sup>3/24/21</sup>

4. (let) 2/7/21 Hoboken acknowledged receipt of letter 1/29/21 from Postmaster, Buffalo, N.Y. 3-24-21 lsa

5. 2/14/21 let. from Hoboken to widow Mrs. Mae Boyd, 226 Pearl St., Buffalo, N.Y. requesting signed <sup>3-24-21</sup> statement, indicating her desires w/ho disposition <sup>rec'd</sup>

6. 3/10/21 (let) Hoboken advised widow that her req that body remain in France in a permanent Amer. city. would be complied with <sup>DEC 13 24 21</sup> 3-24-21 lsa.

MAR 15 1921

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GENERAL DIVISION

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File No. 101451

(a) Name DE MARIA, John A. Ser. No. 2943064  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. M. 147th Inf.  
 (c) Date of death 11/1/18 Cause of death DWRIA

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

(a) Grave No. 74 Row --- Plot A Sect. ---  
 (b) Emerg. Address ---

TYP esw

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases no card. CKR mb.

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

All card- wife (Mrs. Mae N. De Maria, 5 Oak St., Buffalo, Ny.) wishes body left in Europe (A) 12/3/20

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 192  
 (Letter of transmittal on 12/3/1920)

PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED

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

DEC 23 1920

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken

VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. 3-15-21 192

COUNTRY Belgium

CEMETERY NO. 1252

SHEET NO. 137

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

AT 12-20-20

S-666/MB

March 10, 1921

File No. 293.8 Gen. Div., Cor. Br.  
(De Maria, John A.)

Mrs. Mae De Maria,  
226 Pearl St.,  
Buffalo, New York.

Dear Madam:

Receipt of your letter of recent date relative to the remains of your husband, the late John A. De Maria, Private, Serial Number 2943064, Co. M, 147th Infantry, is acknowledged.

In accordance with your desire, the remains will be left in France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery. You are assured that the grave site will always be maintained as a fitting memorial of the late soldier's sacrifice.

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R.E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q.M. Corps,  
Officer in Charge.

By:

*ms* R.C. PALLAS,  
Executive Assistant.

Mailed-O.P.D.

MAR 14 1921

ms/ars

Noted on Form No. 115

Date 3/24/21 *llla*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
QUARTERMASTER CORPS  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
PIER 2, HOBOKEN, N. J.

March 5, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div. Cor. Branch.  
(DE MARIA, John A.)

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. G.,  
Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT: Return Records-Cemetery #1252. 137  
Transmittal Memorandum Number H - 1691.

1. The records pertaining to the following case are returned herewith, it having been definitely determined that the body is to remain in Europe:

REFERENCE NO:

137. De Mario, John A., Private, Serial Number  
2943064, Company M, 147th Infantry.

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

BY:

*F. C. Pallas*  
F. C. PALLAS,  
Executive Assistant.

1 Incl.

Received 3-18-21  
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WAR DEPARTMENT

QUARTERMASTER CORPS

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

Penn 2, HANOVER, N. J.

March 8, 1921

File No. 203.8 Cem. Div. Cor. Branch.  
(DE MARIA, John A.)

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. G. M. G.,  
Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT: Return Records-Demetry WASS.  
Transmitted Memorandum Number H - 1891.

The records pertaining to the follow-  
ing case are returned herewith, it having  
been definitely determined that the body  
is to remain in Europe:

REFERENCE NO:

137.  
De Maria, John A., Private, Serial Number  
234804, Company H, 147th Infantry.

R. E. SHANNON  
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,  
Office in Chief

MAR 15 1921

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F. C. FALLAB,  
Executive Assistant.

MAR 16 1921  
G. M. S.



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226 Carl St  
Buffalo N.Y.

Graves Reg. Service.

Des. 2. Hoboken N.J.

In reference to your request for  
a statement regarding the removal  
of my husband Private John A. De Maria  
no. 2943064 Co. M. 147 Infantry.

I have answered that question several times  
I want his remains left in France  
and have so stated on several request  
from the Govt. I trust this will  
be sufficient.

Yours Truly

Mrs. Mrs. De Maria

Noted on 115

H-2-23-21

PK 1252-137

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
CORRESPONDENCE BRANCH



FEB 18 1921

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
QUARTERMASTER CORPS  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
PIER 2, HOBOKEN, N. J.

1252-137  
S-3/3/21.

February 14th, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div. Cor. Br.  
(De Maria, John A.)

Mrs. Mae ~~De Maria~~ *De Maria*  
226 Pearl Street,  
Buffalo, New York.

Dear Madam:-

It is the policy of the department to require a statement signed by the legal next of kin expressing his or her wishes, relative to the disposition of the remains of the deceased soldier.

In view of which, it is desired that you kindly furnish this office with such a statement indicating whether you desire the remains of the late John A. DeMaria, Private, Serial Number 2943064, Co. M., 147th Infantry, left in France, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery, returned to the United States and delivered to you, or interred in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia.

Your early reply will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:-

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps.  
Officer in Charge.

BY:-

*J. F. Butler*  
J. F. BUTLER,  
1st Lieut. Infantry.

1252-137  
S-3/3/21.

February 14th, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div. Cor. Br.  
(De Maria, John A.)

Mrs. Mae Boyd,  
226 Pearl Street,  
Buffalo, New York.

Dear Madam:-

It is the policy of the department to require a statement signed by the legal next of kin expressing his or her wishes, relative to the disposition of the remains of the deceased soldier.

In view of which, it is desired that you kindly furnish this office with such a statement indicating whether you desire the remains of the late John A. DeMaria, Private, Serial Number 2943064, Co. M., 147th Infantry, left in France, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery, returned to the United States and delivered to you, or interred in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia.

Your early reply will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:-

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q.M. Corps.  
Officer in Charge.

BY:-

*ref* J. F. BUTLER, *im*  
1st Lieut. Infantry.

MC/rkj.

*Handwritten initials*  
FEB 15 1921

Noted on Form No. 115  
Date *3/24/21* *Resa*

February 7, 1921.

File No. 293.6 Gen. Div., Cor. Br.  
(De Maria, John A.)

Postmaster,  
Buffalo, New York.

Sir:

Receipt of your communication of January 29, 1921 conveying information relative to the present address of Mrs. Boyd, is acknowledged with thanks and your co-operation in this connection is greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R.E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q.M. Corps,  
Officer in Charge.

By:

WC/arc

*HW*  
J.P. BUELER,  
1st Lieut., Infantry.

*Noted on Form No. 115*  
*3/24/21*  
*NSA*

*B*  
Mailed-O.P.D.

FEB 15 1921

DIVISION OF MAILS

United States Post Office

FIRST CLASS

BUFFALO, NEW YORK

January 29th 1921.

R. E. Shannon, Captain,  
War Dept., Cemeterial Div., Graves Registration Service,  
Pier 2, Hoboken, N.J.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of January 13th (File No. 293.8 Cem.Div.Cor.Branch-De Maria, John A.), in which you request this office to obtain information from a Mrs. Mae Nela DeMaria, relative to her late husband, John A. DeMaria, I have to inform you that Mrs. DeMaria is again married, and her name is Mrs. Boyd. She resides at 226 Pearl Street. In answer to communication written her she advises that she had written you twice relative to her husband, to the effect that she does not desire to have his body removed from where he fell.

Respectfully,

Raymond Bisell

Postmaster.

HFU/S

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
CORRESPONDENCE BRANCH



JAN 31 1921

January 13th, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div., Cor. Branch.  
(DE MARIA, John A.)

Postmaster,  
Buffalo,  
New York.

Sir:

Please endeavor to locate Mrs. Mae N. De Maria, whose address at one time was 5 Oak Street, Buffalo, New York, and request her to state in writing if she desires the remains of her husband, the late Private John A. De Maria, Serial Number 2943064, Company M, 147th Infantry, buried in a permanent National Cemetery in France, returned to the United States and shipped to her, or interred in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia.

Your cooperation in regard to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

BY:

RP/UM

*[Handwritten signature]*

J. P. BUTLER,  
1st Lieutenant, Infantry.

Noted on Form No. 115

Date 3/24/21 *[Handwritten initials]*

Mailed - O.P.D.

*[Handwritten initials]*  
JAN 14 1921

HOBOKEN, N.J.

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

*2 rows*  
*C-94557*

*Please Read*

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER		CEMETERY NO.	DATE
De Maria, John A.	Pvt.	1252 - 137	January 18, 1921
SERIAL NUMBER	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH	
2943064	Co. M, 147th Inf.	11/1/18	

*Copy sent to  
Ady Dept  
2/1/21*

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

**Noted on Form No. 115**  
**DATE 2/18/21**  
**RELATIONSHIP per record**  
**3/23/21 (ur)**

NAME OF BENEFICIARY Mrs. Mae Nella De Maria Widow

Address 226 Pearl St., Buffalo, New York.

Cor. Sec. \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

NEW YORK, N.Y.

STATE OF NEW YORK

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DATE OF RECEIPT

ORIGINATOR

DATE

JANUARY 17, 1931

NAME OF DONOR

ORGANIZATION

SERIAL NUMBER

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WITH REFERENCE TO

DATE

NOTE

DR. F. ROSS

NAME OF MEMORANDUM

NO. AND DATE OF ISSUE

ADDRESS

230 Pearl St., Buffalo, New York

LOCALITY

OFFICE

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

1252-137

JUL 20 1920

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

TO: Mrs. Mae N. DeMaria, 5 Oak St., Buffalo, N.Y.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. John A. De Maria

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body be not returned to the United States.

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow			
Soldier's Children			
(Name oldest first)	1.		
	2.		
	3.		
Father			
Mother			
Brothers			
(Name oldest first)	1.		
	2.		
Sisters			

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

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

(OVER)

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT

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

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

2nd/20

1920

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.  
TO: Mrs. Mae N. DeMaria, 5 Oak St., Buffalo, N.Y.  
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. John A. DeMaria, Co. M. 147th Inf. (2943064)  
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. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow			
Soldier's Children	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
	3.		
Father			
Mother			
Brothers	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
	3.		
Sisters	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
	3.		

Date..... Signature.....

Address..... Relationship.....

IMPORTANT:- CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper. (OVER)

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 1920.

(NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER)

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

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

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT**

- 1. If definite instructions as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative within 2 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.
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CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
REGISTRATION SECTION

**FILE**

January 30 1922

MEMO FOR:  
Cards Department.

1.  
CASE OF:

Co. M. 147th Infantry.,  
ORGANIZATION (Old)

DEMARIA 2943064 John 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)

	Date	Place	F-1A No.
FILE NO.			
SURNAME	Orig.		D-
SERIAL NUMBER	1st. Reb. 3/10/21	1252	D- 30141
FIRST NAME AND INITIALS	2nd Reb.		D-
RANK	3rd Reb.		D-
DATE OF DEATH			
CAUSE OF DEATH			

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

BY: Miss Iannon  
/ Card.,  
(Department)

5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made  
on Organization  
File Card:

By A.B.  
S/3324/LML