

G.R.S. Form #114-B ✓ CAUSE OF DEATH

*K2a*

FULL NAME. De RUSHA, Henry W. *OK.*

RANK. Pvt. 1/cl *OK.* SERIAL. 62887 *OK.*

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION. M.G.Co., 101st Inf. *OK.* *26 Div.*

DATE OF DEATH. 7/15/1918 *OK.*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME. *Mass.*

AWARDS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED. *none*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION. 10-25-22 33 4 A

Date Grave Row Block

Aisne-Marne American Cemetery # 1764

Cemetery

**MAY 9 1927**  
**WORLD WAR DIV.**

24/292/EYS

✓

*9663*  
*5/12/27*

MASSACHUSETTS

DeRuscha, Mrs. Mary (K-17) ✓	} Railroad Station, Newtonville
862 Walnut St., Newton Center	
Kimball, Mrs. Emily H. (K-17) ✓	
7 Parker St., Newton Center	}
Chivers, Mrs. Letitia (K-17) ✓	
5 Fairfield St., Newtonville	

Route Going and Returning: B&A, Springfield; NYNH&H

Itinerary:

July 8	Leave Newtonville	9.30 A.M.	EST	Train No. 51
	Arrive New York (GCT)	2.35 P.M.	EST	" " 51

Parlor Car, Newtonville to New York

Elapsed time, 6 hrs. 5 min.  $\frac{1}{2}$

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Francis, Mrs. Rosa A. (K-17) ✓
68 Francis St., Marlboro
Blanchette, Mrs. Caroline (K-14) ✓
14 Fay Court, Marlboro
Hobkirk, Mrs. Helen B. (K-14) ✓
Route #1, Marlboro

Route Going and Returning: NYNH&H, Framingham; B&A, Springfield; NYNH&H

Itinerary:

July 8	Leave Marlboro	7.45 A.M.	EST	Train No. 6045
	Arrive Framingham	8.07 A.M.	EST	" " 6045
	Leave Framingham	8.53 A.M.	EST	" " 51
	Arrive New York (GCT)	2.35 P.M.	EST	" " 51

Coach, Marlboro to Framingham

Parlor Car, Framingham to New York

Elapsed time, 6 hrs. min.  $\frac{1}{2}$

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Parker, Mrs. Esther J. (K-15) ✓
281 Pleasant St., Leominster

Route Going and Returning: NYNH&H, Worcester; B&A, Springfield; NYNH&H

Itinerary:

July 8	Leave Leominster	5.17 A.M.	EST	NET Co. Bus
	Arrive Worcester	9.10 A.M.	EST	" "
	Leave Worcester	9.29 A.M.	EST	Train No. 51
	Arrive New York (GCT)	2.35 P.M.	EST	" " 51

Coach, Bus - Leominster to Worcester

Parlor Car, Worcester to New York

Elapsed time, 6 hrs. 18 min.  $\frac{1}{2}$

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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>De Rucha, Henry W</i>	DER	3	45 8
	CEMETERY <i>1764</i>	1	4
BURIED	GRAVE <i>33</i>	2	33
	ROW <i>4</i>	2	04
	BLOCK <i>A</i>	1	1
STATE	<i>mass</i>	2	25
RANK	<i>Pvt. 1cl</i>	1	2
DIVISION	<i>26</i>	2	26
ORGANIZATION	<i>101</i>	3	101
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	1
MARITAL	<i>no</i>	1	2
NAME <i>Mrs Mary De Rucha</i>	DER	3	45 8
<i>862 Walnut St.</i>	STATE <i>mass</i>	2	25
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Middlesex</i>	2	09
	CITY <i>Newton Center</i>	3	104
RELATION	<i>mother</i>	1	1
OTHER	<i>Father</i>	1	1
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Good</i>	1	1
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR. <i>1930</i>	1	1
ACCEPTANCE	<i>yes</i>	1	1
<i>29/514/EAB</i>	<i>age</i>		13

29-1930  
 29/514/EAB

AUDITED  
 SEP 28 1931  
*RW*

Party "K" - Itinerary - Aisne-Marne Group

Sailed July 9, 1930 on PRESIDENT HARDING. Captain William Hesketh in charge. Lt. Col. H. S. Grier observer. Arrived Cherbourg 12.20am July 17th. Special tender arrived 5.25am bearing Majs. Bailey and Kinderman; Capts. Mitchell, Naley, Earnest, Dalton, Conway and Stark; Lts. Freeman and Binns, 3 nurses, 5 civilian employees. Train left 6.29am; arrived Gare des Invalides, Paris, 2.21pm. Met by Col. Ellis and members of his staff, interpreters and nurses. Taken in bus to hotel.

- July 18th. Morning devoted to transaction of personal business. Exchange of money, preparation of laundry, etc. Afternoon - Arc de Triomphe. Wreath laid by Mrs. Fitzsimmons for party. Tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent. Lunch at hotel.
- July 19th. Morning free. Lunch at hotel. Left 2.15pm for Chateau Thierry via Porte de Pantin, La Ferte s/s Jouarre (rest stop Hotel de la Terrasse). Arrived 8pm. Quarters Hostellerie du Bonhomme.
- July 20th. Visited Cemetery, Belleau Woods, Chateau Thierry for lunch, Quentin Roosevelt's grave, Monument Hill 204, Pierrefonds.
- July 22nd. Left Chateau Thierry 2.30pm for Reims. Arrived 4.30pm. Quarters Hotel Crystal.
- July 23rd. Visited Reims and Cathedral. Lunch Hotel Crystal. Left 1.30pm for Compiègne via Berry au Bac, Corbezy, Craonne, Chemin-des-Dames, Vaurains Ferme, Soissons. (rest stop Hotel Lion Rouge. Arrived 4.45pm. Quarters Hotel Rond Royal.
- July 24th. Carrefour de l'Armistice. Lunch at hotel in Compiègne. Left 8pm for Paris via Le Croix St. Ouen, Senlis, Chantilly (rest stop Hotel du Parc). Arrived 8pm. Dinner at hotel.
- July 25th. Free or shopping. Lunch at hotel. Sightseeing trip. Napoleon's Tomb. Dinner at hotel.
- July 26th. Versailles (visited Chateau). Lunch at Belle Cycliste. Suresnes. Louvre. Dinner at hotel.
- July 27th. Free or Church. Lunch at hotel. Sightseeing trip. Sacre Coeur. Dinner at hotel. Sightseeing trip at nite.
- July 28th. Sightseeing trip. Notre Dame. Lunch at hotel. Afternoon free. Dinner at hotel.
- July 29th. Boat train for Cherbourg. Left 9.22am. Arrived 3.32pm. PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT sailed about 6.25pm. Arrived New York August 6th.

Mrs. Mary DeRusha

NAME DERUSHA, MRS. MARY

2085

S. ROOSEVELT

HOME NEWTON CENTER, MIDDLESEX COUNTY MASS.

R.R. *Newtonville to Springfield, B&O to Newtonville Mass.*

STATION

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE ~~AUG 6 1930~~ *Sept 8 - 30*

*Mrs Catherine*

*P. De Ruscha*

*Kenneth J*

*1 Highland  
Carter*

*Mass*

Name..... DeRUSHA, Mrs. Mary  
Paris Hôtel..... HOTEL D'IÉNA  
                                    AVENUE D'IÉNA  
Home address..... 862 Walnut St., Newton Center, Middlesex County, Massachusetts  
Party..... K                    Group 4                    Unit §§. HARDING  
Date of arrival..... July 17, 1930.                    Date of departure §§. ROOSEVELT. July 29, 1930.  
Relationship..... Mother  
Name of deceased..... DeRUSHA, Henry W.  
Rank..... Pvt. 1 cl.                    Organization M.G.Co., 101st Inf  
Cemetery..... Aisne-Marne

REMARKS

Mrs Mary De Kucha



VIA POSTAL TELEGRAPH

Mrs. H. P. DeRusha  
37 Kenneth St.,  
Newton Highland, Mass.

A. J. FUNK  
Captain, Inf. (DOL)

August 6, 1930

MRS. DE RUSHA ARRIVES NEWTONVILLE 2:14 P.M. STANDARD AUGUST SEVENTH

COLONEL WILLIAMS

MRS. DE RUSHA PARTY K, HOTEL ASTOR

June 19th, 1930.

Mrs. Mary DeRusha,  
862 Walnut Street,  
Newton Center, Mass.

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.

*2 bags*

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

DERUSHA, HENRY W. A.M.

Party ..... K .....  
Number 2085 .....

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

MRS. MARY DE RUSHA ..... Actual cost of through Pullman.

Name of Traveler

NEWTON CENTER, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, ... New York, to ... NEWTONVILLE, MASS. ....

Home Address

MASS. ....

\$ 1.50

New York, to ... NEWTONVILLE, MASS. ....  
Destination

Via ... N. Y. N. H. & H. TO SPRINGFIELD. - B. & A. TO NEWTONVILLE .....

LIMIT - SEPT 8-30

AUGUST 7, 1930  
Date of Departure

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	Car	U. S. G. Order No.	Actual Cost
LVGR CENT TERM	NYNHH	50	7	8.15 am	22	12		
AR	Newtonville Bra			2.14 pm			W.P. 1022,735	1.50
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Remarks:

TOTAL .....

*H Young*

NAME DeRusha, Mrs. Mary

K

ADDRESS 662 Walnut St., Newton Center, Mass.

DATE August 25

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. *I thank God and our  
good government and  
SINCERELY, our very fine officers  
in charge*

(SIGNED) Mrs Mary DeRusha

WAR DEPARTMENT

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300.



PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

(3)

STATE

...MASSACHUSETTS *DeRusha, Henry W.*

M  
 NAME *DeRusha, Mrs. Mary* HOME ADDRESS *662 Walnut St.,  
 Newton Center*  
 NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN *Mrs. C. DeRusha - Kenneth St.  
 Newton Highland, Mass.*

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE *July 8* HOTEL *Roosevelt* ROOM NO. *511*  
*quarters: Mrs. E. Cronin*

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE *JUL 9<sup>th</sup>* 1930 VESSEL *S/S HARDING* CABIN NO. *101c*  
 DESTINATION ..... CHERBOURG ..... CEMETERY *A. M.* .....

RETURN NEW YORK

DATE AUG 6 1930

662 Walnut St.,  
Newton Center,  
Middlesex County,  
Mass.

NAME DeRusha, Mrs. Mary HOME ADDRESS

RETURN ON S. S. S/S ROOSEVELT HOTEL ASTOR ROOM NO. 511

*Quarters Mrs. Letitia Longdin*

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE AUG 7 1930

ROAD *NY NAK* TRAIN *571* CAR *12* BERTH or SEAT *S 27*

REMARKS .....

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1764

RETURN RECEIPT

Harding 7-9-30

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

Mrs Mary DeRush

(Signature or name of addressee.)

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(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, 5-25, 1920

**Post Office Department**

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 9230

INSURED PARCEL

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Return to \_\_\_\_\_

Street and Number,  
or Post Office Box, \_\_\_\_\_

**Q. M. GENERAL**

(NAME OF SENDER)

**MUNITIONS BUILDING**

**WASHINGTON,**

**D. C.**



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

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING  
OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

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1764

RETURN RECEIPT

Harding 7/7/30

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

Mrs. Mary De Rosa

(Signature or name of addressee.)

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(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, 6/15, 1930

# Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. \_\_\_\_\_

INSURED PARCEL

No. \_\_\_\_\_



POSTMARK OF DELIVERING  
OFFICE

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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

c 5-6116

State \_\_\_\_\_

Washington, D. C.

QM 293 AM

DeRusha, Henry W. Pvt. 1st cl. 1764 M

August 19, 1930.

Mrs. Mary DeRusha,  
862 Walnut St.,  
Newton Center, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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

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

With sincere appreciation of the sentiments expressed by you,

Sincerely yours,

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

RES  
JTH  
WRG

MDT

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

DeRusha, Henry W. 1764-M

June 16, 1930.

Mrs. Mary DeRusha,  
862 Walnut St.,  
Newton Center, Mass.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. 340464 in the amount of \$ 5.00, 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.

DeRusha, Henry W. - 1764

June 13, 1930.

Mrs. Mary DeRusha,  
862 Walnut Street,  
Newton, Center, Mass.

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. Newtonville	B&A	Train No. 51	8:30 AM (EST)	July 8
Ar. New York (G.C.T.)	NYNH&H	" " "	2:35 PM " "	" "

*Capt Cister*

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.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

May 13, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

De Rusha, Henry W. -1764 M  
Harding 7-9

Mrs. Mary De Rusha,  
862 Walnut Street,  
Newton Center, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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

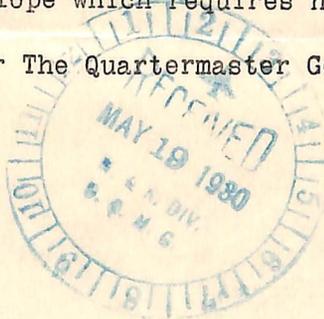
It is requested that in the blank space below you write the name and address of the person in the United States whom you desire to be notified in case you become seriously ill or other emergency arises while you are making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mr. H. Paul De Rusha  
Name  
37 Kenneth St., Newton Hlds, Mass  
Address  
Telephone  
no: Centre Newton  
3096 M

*noted*

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

For The Quartermaster General,



Very truly yours,

*A. D. Hughes*

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

Encl.  
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 12, 1930.

De Rusha, Henry W. 1764 M

Mrs. Mary De Rusha,  
862 Walnut St.,  
Newton Center, Mass.

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.

Harding

7/9/30

1764

De Rusa, Henry W

I accept the invitation extended  
(Accept or decline)

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

Mrs. Mary DeRusha

(Name)

862 Walnut St., Newton Center, Middlesex Co., Mass.

(Town or City)

(State)

Mrs Mary De Rushe  
862 Walnut St.  
Newton Centre, Mass.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
DeRusha, Henry W. 1764-M

October 7, 1929.

Sealed

JUL 9 1930

Mrs. Mary De Rusha,  
862 Walnut St.,  
Newton Center, Mass.

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.

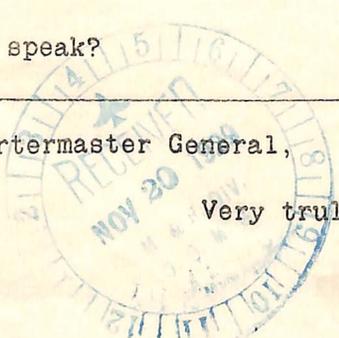
1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (No) <input type="checkbox"/> <i>yes</i>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (No) <input type="checkbox"/> <i>yes</i>
3. Have you at 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) <input type="checkbox"/> (No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>no</i>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age Health (Years) <u>73</u> (Good) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (No) <input type="checkbox"/> Other language <u>None</u> (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope



862 Walnut St.  
Newton Center, Mass.  
June 30, 1929.

The Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir: - Re: I M 293. A-6  
De Ruskas, Henry W.

In reply to your letter of  
June 13th requesting names and  
addresses of mother and widow,  
if any, of Henry W. De Ruskas,  
would state that Private De Ruskas  
was single, but is survived by  
his mother, Mrs. Mary De Ruskas,  
862 Walnut St. Newton Center,  
who is desirous of making the  
pilgrimage to France any  
time during the summer of 1930.

Very truly yours

Wm C. De Ruskas  
per. S. S.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
DeMusha, Henry W.

June 13, 1929.

Mr. William C. DeMusha,  
862 Walnut Street,  
Norton Highlands, Mass.

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 Private First class Henry W. DeMusha, M.G.Co., 101st Inf. whose remains are now interred in the Aisne Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, Aisne, 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,

Very truly yours,

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

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

QM 293 AM  
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With sincere appreciation of the sentiments expressed by you,

Sincerely yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

DeRusha, Henry W. 1764-M

June 13, 1930

Mrs. Mary DeRusha  
662 Walnut St.,  
Newton Center, Mass

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DeRusha, Henry W. - 1764

June 13, 1930.

Mrs. Mary DeRusha,  
862 Walnut Street,  
Newton, Center, Mass.

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. Newtonville	B&A	Train No. 51	8:30 AM (EST)	July 6
Ar. New York (G.C.T.)	NYNH&H	" " "	2:35 PM " "	" "

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.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

May 13, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

De Rusha, Henry W. -1764 M  
Harding 7-0

Mrs. Mary De Rusha,  
862 Walnut Street,  
Newton Center, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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Name

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Address

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
De Rusha, Henry W. -1764-H  
Harding 7-9

May 7, 1930

Mrs. Mary De Rusha,  
662 Walnut Street,  
New Center, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 12, 1930.

De Rusha, Henry W. 1764 M

Mrs. Mary De Rusha,  
862 Walnut St.,  
Newton Center, Mass.

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

DeBusha, Henry W. 1764-J

March 29, 1930

Mrs. Mary DeBusha,  
862 Walnut St.,  
North Center, Mass.  
Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.  
Regulation.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
DeRusha, Henry W. 1764-M

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Mary De Rusha,  
862 Walnut St.,  
Newton Center, Mass.

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,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QD 2931A-C Henry W.

June 15, 1929.

Mr. William C. DeRusha,  
862 Walnut Street,  
Newton Highlands, Mass.

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 Private First class Henry W. DeRusha, M.G.Co., 101st Inf. whose remains are now interred in the Aisne Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, Aisne, 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,

Very truly yours,

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

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(DeRusha, Henry W.)

October 22, 1928.

Mr. William C. DeRusha,  
862 Walnut St.,  
Newton Highlands, Mass.

Dear Sir:

The inclosed card gives the permanent cemetery and grave location of the late

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that all American military cemeteries, both in Europe and in our own country, will be maintained by the Government forever, the graves permanently marked by headstones showing the decedent's name, rank, organization, State, and date of death, all of which will be done without the necessity of requests emanating from relatives.

Please understand that in effecting the final disposition of our heroic dead the utmost care and reverence is exercised.

Very truly yours,

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

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J. McCLINTOCK

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

*DeRusha*

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Da Rusha* ..... *Henry W.* .....  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

*Pvt.* ..... *M.G.Co. 101 Inf.* .....  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL ..... *July 17, 1918* .....

PLACE OF BURIAL ..... *Bezu-le-Guery* .....

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

..... *American Sectional Cemetery* .....

GRAVE NUMBER ..... *12* .....

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:

**NOTED**

*Casualty Section, S. D.,*

REPORTED BY: *[Signature]*

*Geo. S. L. Connor* *1st Lt. Chaplain* .....  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

VERIFY RANK AT DEATH

De RUSHA, 62887, Henry W.

Pvt. or Pvt. 1/cl, M.G.Co., 101st Inf.

Look with also.

#16

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Oct. 25, 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 DERUSHA, Henry W.

Body disc reads: 10. Name "Henry W. Derusha"

2. No. 62887

11. No. -

3. Rank Pvt. 102

12. Rank P.F.C

4. Org. M.G.Co. 101st Inf.

13. Org. M.G.Co. 101st. Inf."

5. D.D. July 15th. 1918

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. KIA

(b) D.B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 204 Sec. M.

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot 4 Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. no discrep.

18. Cemetery Aisne-Marne Amer. Cty.

19. Commune or town Belleau

20. Dept. or County Aisne.

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1764

23. Disinterred (Date) Oct. 25, 1922

By C.P. Keating

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Henry W. DeRusha

Serial No.

Rank Pvt.

Organization M.G.Co. 101st. Inf.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? yes On body? yes

Signature Junior Technical Assistant W.D. Wall Jr.

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 record agrees.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features unrecog.

28. Nature of burial Burlap and wooden box.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? See Nos 11 and 12 above

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Oct. 25, 1922 By C.P. Keating

31. Casket sealed by C.P. Keating

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) C.P. Keating

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-51359

32. Designation of body:

Name Henry V. DERUSHA

Serial No. 62887

Rank Pvt.

Organization M.G.Co. 101st Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Aisne-Marne Amer.Cty. #1764 Belleau, Aisne.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Oct. 25, 1922 By C.P.Keating

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector

O.E.Davis, 1st.Lt.QMC

36. Remarks

none

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Oct. 25, 1922

To point of Concentration

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_ (Name)

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Oct. 25, 1922

To Permanent Cemetery Aisne Marne Cem.1764, Belleau (Aisne)

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer O.E.Davis, 1st.Lt.QMC (Name)

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred: Oct. 25, 1922, Aisne-Marne Cem. 1764, Belleau (Aisne)

42. Grave No. 33 (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot BLOCK A Row 4

G.R.S. Representative

W.D. Cleary  
Lt., Chaplain, USA.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place Belleau (Aisne)  
Date Oct. 25, 1922

1. REMAINS OF DERUSHA, Henry W SERIAL NUMBER 62887  
RANK Pvt. 1cl ORGANIZATION M. G. Co. 101st. Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : Oct. 25, 1922. Gr. 204, Sec. M. Pl. 4. Cem. 1764  
From (give complete location):

By : Group 2 Unit Aisne Marne

3. Reburied (date) Oct. 25, 1922 In (give complete location) : Gr. 33, Block A, Row 4, Aisne-Marne Cem. 1764, Belleau (Aisne)

By : Group re-burial group Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial Lined casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :  
Burlap and wooden box.  
Badly decomposed. Features unrecog.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :  
Bottle record agrees.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Imp. to estimate

(c) Hair—Color none visible

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Characteristics \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Hair on face—Color none visible

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities,

or missing parts) none discernible.

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

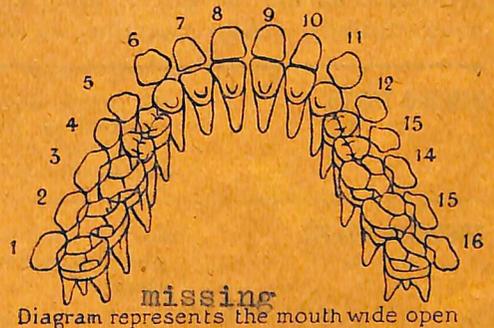
Fractures: Left scapula, humerus, radius, right femur, fibula and tibia.

Missing parts: Skull and both jaws.

Checker: W.D. Wall Jr.

7. Disinterment supervised by C.P. Keating S.E. Approved: O.E. Davis, 1st Lt. QMC  
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by L.D. Hays Approved: W.D. Cleary  
(Title) Lt., Chaplain, USA.



## 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:	 <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</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>
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8. Show name of person supervising the reburial and the name and title of the person approving same.

DeRusha,

Henry W

Dup.

62,887 ✓

(Name.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Arrival number.)

Pvt.

M.G.Co.

101 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:

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

William C. DeRusha

862 Walnut St;

Newton Highlands, Mass.

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

U.R.

Handwritten notes in the top left corner, including "H.A.", "re-10-0", and "m.p.m.".

1764-551  
2-21-21  
Damon Lyman

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #5625

6 M.R. 3-10-21

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name DE RUSHA, Henry W. Ser. No. 62787
(b) Rank Pvt. 102 Organization M.G.Co., 101st Inf.
(c) Date of death 7/15/18 (d) Cause of death k/a
TYP. evs
CKR. Z

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

(a) Grave No. 204 Row - Plot 4 Sec. M TYP. evs
(b) Emerg. Address William C. De Rusha (Father) 882 Walnut St.,
Newton Highlands, Mass.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases CKR. Z

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name William C. De Rusha (b) Relationship Father
(c) Address 862 Walnut St., Newton Highlands, Mass.
(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. -

Examiner's Initials Pm Date 2-21-21, 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 Pm Date 2-21-21, 1920.

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes Pm

Examiner's Initials Pm Date 2-21-21, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1764 SHEET No. 551

Rev. 5-28-21-2-P



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6 U.S.R. 3-10-21

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

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

*A.G.O. Card William C. De Rusha (father)  
 862 Walnut St., Newton Highlands, Mass.  
 requests body not to be returned to U.S.  
 WBS 3/17/21*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
 letter of transmittal on MAR 10 1921, 192

**PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED** *acu*

MAR 22 1921

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. \_\_\_\_\_, 192

APR 23 1921

COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_ CEMETERY No. \_\_\_\_\_ SHEET No. \_\_\_\_\_

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: Derusha, Henry W..

Number:

Rank: Pvt.

Organization: M.G.Co. 101st Inf.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit "B"

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

June 11, 1919

Plot-59 Myers at Bezu-le-Guery, Aisne

Coord. 255.4N - - 169.9E

Grave 12.

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

June 11, 1919

National Cemetery at Belleau Woods, Aisne

Coord. 262.60N - - 176.04E

Plot-4, Sec. M, Grave 204.

1764

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

Body in poor condition.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? no

What other means of identification were found on the body? none.

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CONFIRMED No. D.....

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct, as is required by G.O. 170, G.H. 2, 1918., after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Sgt L.C. Turner

H.C. Cameron  
C.O. Group \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Date June 11, 1919

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Remains of:

Name:

Rank:

Regt.

Organization: U.S. Co. 101st Inf.

Number:

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit No.

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

June 11, 1919

Plot 59 Grave at Bear-le-Gravy, Alsace

Graves. Nos. 41 - - 100.97

Grave No.

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

June 11, 1919

National Cemetery at Belle Meade, Alsace

Graves. Nos. 88 - - 117.02

Plot 4, Sec. 1, Grave 204

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

Body in poor condition.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? no

none

What other means of identification were found on the body?

Notes: If upon disinterment, effects are found upon bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct, as is required by G. O. 170. A.H. 1. After being carefully examined for clues to identify in doubtful cases, a report thereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.



Supervised by: G. S. Group

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF DERUSHA, HENRY W. SERIAL NUMBER 62887
RANK PVT ORGANIZATION M.G.CO.101.INF

2. Disinterred (date): 6.17.21 From (give complete location): Gr 204 Sect M Plot 4
By: Group KELLY Unit FIELD SECTION # 7

3. Reburied (date): 6.17.21 In (give complete location): Gr 204 Sect M Plot 4
By: Group KELLY Unit FIELD SECTION # 7 Nature of reburial BURLAP AND WOODEN BOX

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
BADLY DECOMPOSED FEATURES UNRECOGNIZABLE
UNIFORM AND WOODEN BOX

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? NO On grave marker? YES
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:

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

- (a) Height (actual measurement) IMPOSSIBLE TO DET RMINE
(b) Weight (estimated) IMPOSSIBLE TO DET RMINE
(c) Hair—Color IMPOSSIBLE TO DET RMINE
Quantity IMPOSSIBLE TO DET RMINE
Characteristics IMPOSSIBLE TO DET RMINE
(d) Hair on face—Color IMPOSSIBLE TO DET RMINE
Location IMPOSSIBLE TO DET RMINE
Quantity IMPOSSIBLE TO DET RMINE

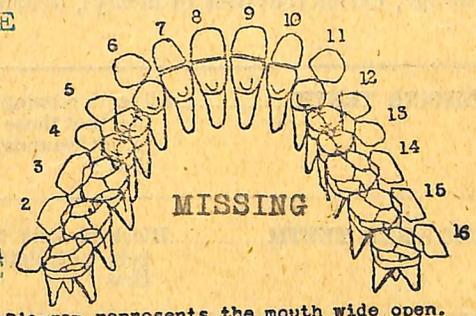
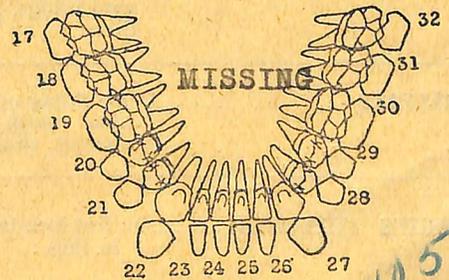


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.

- (e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) IMPOSSIBLE TO DET RMINE



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty)
HEAD AND BOTH JAWS MISSING. LEFT ARM SHATTERED AT SHOULDER.
RIGHT LEG SHATTERED ABOVE THE KNEE. COLLAR BONE FRACT.

7. Disinterment supervised by F.G. Kelly F.G. KELLY, SUP. EMB.

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

8. Reburial supervised by F.G. Kelly F.G. KELLY, SUP. EMB.

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

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

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

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

<p><b>MISSING TEETH</b>.....All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">TOOTH MISSING      TOOTH MISSING</p>
<p><b>CROWNED TEETH</b>.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD CROWN      PORCELAIN CROWN GOLD CROWN</p>
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7. Show name of person supervising the disinterment and the name and title of the person approving same.

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FROM: O. Q. M. G.   
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
Munitions Building  
Room

PLEASE  
EXPEDITE

WAR DEPARTMENT  
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-O  
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 2/23/21

File No. Requisition.

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)  
To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.  
Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed, Request confirmation of all information shown.

- a. Surname **De Rusha** ✓
- b. Christian name **Henry W.** ✓
- c. Serial Number **62787** *62887* ✓
- d. Organization **M.G. Co., 101st Inf.** ✓
- e. Rank **Pvt.** ✓
- f. Date of death **7/15/18** ✓
- g. Cause of death **K/A** ✓
- h. Authority (C.O.#) **201**
- i. Emergency address
- j. Relationship **H.C. DeRusha**  
*(Father) 862 Walnut St. Mount Pleasant Mass*

BODY DESCRIPTION  
(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age of enlistment
  - b. Color of eyes
  - c. Color of hair
  - d. Height
  - e. Weight
  - f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)
- DENTAL CHARTS  
(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)
- |                                 |                          |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| a.                              | Strike out teeth missing |
| 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 | upper right upper left   |
| 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 | lower right lower left   |

Adjustment Made

APR 7 1921

File No. ....

H. L. ROGERS,  
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.

BY:

*H. J. Scinner*  
H. J. SCINNER,  
1st. Lieut., Q.M.C.

Rec'd World War Div.  
Date

FEB 24 1921

*A.R.*  
CW  
CEMETERY NO: 1764  
SHEET NO: 551  
TYPED BY: JBC  
S/713/LML

*Donnelly B.F.S.  
Ent. Proc. Sec. 7000 2/25/21*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington

G.R.S. Form 9-W-A-0  
Information requested of G.R.S.

Date 2/22/21

File No.

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.

Subject: Information request for G.R.S.

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confirmation of all information shown.

- a. Surname De Russa
- b. Christian name Henry W.
- c. Social Number
- d. Organization M.S. Co., 101st Inf.
- e. Rank Pvt.
- f. Relationship
- g. Emergency address
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- i. Cause of death
- j. Date of death

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(See page 2 of the Service Record)

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Attachment Made  
APR 7 1921

Strike out words missing  
examination prior to enlistment  
(See Physical report of  
DENTAL CHARTS)

Signature  
N. B. HOWARD  
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.

FEB 26 1921

RECEIVED

Co. M.G. - 101st Infantry  
26th division.

Derusha, Henry W. Pvt 1cl.  
62887  
Home : 862 Walnut St.  
Newton Hds Mass.

At 9.45 p.m. we were standing to. DeRusha was in a trench at a hun emplacement when a shell came over and blew off part of his head. He was killed at once and suffered no pain. He was buried at Bezu Le Guery, near Bourbelines. He was killed July 15th 1918.

Informant : Hunt, David B, Sgt 62967  
Co. MG, 101st Infantry

Home : 549, 4th St. Portland, Ore.

Searcher : Sgt. Harold R. Vernald.  
February, 15th 1919

Emergency address :  
M. Wm. C. DeRusha (Father)  
862 Walnut St. Newton Hds, Mass.

J.R.

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

De Rusha

Henry W.

(Surname.)

(Number.)

(First Name and Initials.)

Pvt.

M.G.Co. 201 Inf.

(Rank.)

(Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL..... July 17, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL..... Bezu le Guery

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

American Sectional Cemetery

GRAVE NUMBER..... 12

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:

REPORTED BY:

Geo. S. L. Cannon 1st Lt. Chaplain  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

62887

*Correction*  
*5625*

Name Derusha, Henry W.

Rank Pvt. Co. M. G. Co. {Corps} 101st Inf. {Regt.}

Date of Death .....

Place .....

Cause gem

*374*

Date of Burial .....

Grave No. 12

Cemetery Amer. Cem. Beau-Le-Guery.

~~1000~~ *774*

Identified by { Tag  
Papers }  
{ Clothing } .....

List of Effects .....

**I. G. MYERS,**

Field Record Made by 2nd. LIEUT., Q. M. CORPS, U. S. A.

Group 1/303

Company....., Graves Registration Service

For additional data use reverse side

**AUG 7 1918**

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