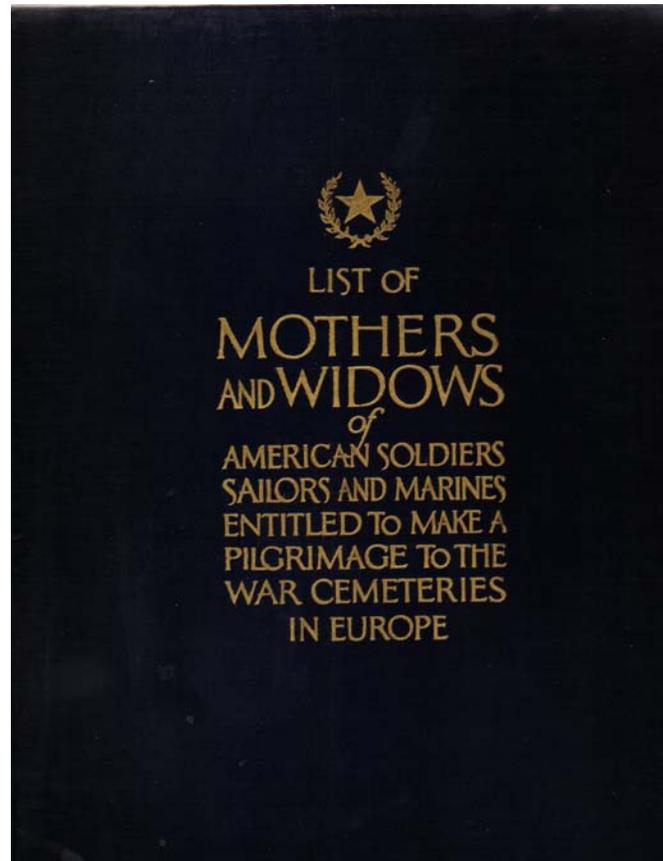


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Name and address	Relationship	Name of deceased	Rank	Organization	Cemetery	Double pageage	
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HAMILTON COUNTY—con.							
PENNINGTON, Mrs. MARY JANE, 265 Southern Ave., Cincinnati.	Mother	PENNINGTON, EDWARD B.	Pvt.	Co. A, 4th Inf.	Albion-Marion	Yes	
PETERA, Mrs. ANNA M., 14 Linden Ave., Elmwood Flats, Cincinnati.	Mother	PETERA, WILLIAM H.	Pvt.	Co. G, 26th Inf.	Mount-Argonne	No	
PITT, Mrs. ANNA, 322 Eubank Ave., Norwood.	Mother	PITT, ALBERT	Pvt.	Co. B, 4th M. G. Br.	Albion-Marion	Yes	
REARSON, Mrs. WILLIAM, 424 24th St., Oakley, Cin. Shiloh.	Mother	REARSON, EDWARD A.	1st Lt.	Co. D, 100th Inf.	Mount-Argonne	(?)	
REBERT, Mrs. PHILIPPINA, 2111 Colerain Ave., Cin. Shiloh.	Mother	REBERT, PAUL	Pvt.	Co. K, 127th Inf.	Mount-Argonne	No	
REBERT, Mrs. JOSEPHINE, Red Bank Road, Route 16, Box 174, Cincinnati.	Mother	REBERT, FRANK W.	Cpl.	Co. A, 9th M. G. Br.	Mount-Argonne	No	
REIDERS, Mrs. EMELIA, 1909 Montrose St., Clifton Hill.	Mother	REIDERS, JOHN	Pvt.	Co. F, 126th Inf.	Mount-Argonne	Yes	
REID, Mrs. BESSIE MAY, 102 Mason St., Cincinnati.	Widow	REID, CLARENCE A.	Pvt. 1st Lt.	Co. B, 7th M. G. Br.	Ohio-Albion	Yes	
REILLY, Mrs. BESSIE, 462 Radcliff Ave., Cin. Shiloh.	Mother	REILLY, JOHN F.	Pvt.	Co. A, 9th M. G. Br.	Ohio-Albion	Yes	
REISS, Mrs. MARY, 11 Mulberry St., Cincinnati.	Mother	REISS, MICHAEL	Pvt.	Co. G, 26th Inf.	Mount-Argonne	No	
REISS, Mrs. ANNA, 182 Young St., Cincinnati.	Mother	REISS, LOUIS J.	Pvt. 1st Lt.	Co. F, 126th Inf.	Mount-Argonne	Yes	
REISS, Mrs. EMMA FLORENCE, 210 Fairfield Ave., Cincinnati.	Widow	REISS, EDW. L.	Pvt. 1st Lt.	Co. C, 26th Inf.	Ohio-Albion	Yes	
REISS, Mrs. Wm. J., 202 N. Bond Road, Cincinnati.	Mother	REISS, EDW. L.	Pvt. 1st Lt.	Co. C, 26th Inf.	Ohio-Albion	(?)	
REISS, Mrs. YULIA, 202 Davis St., Cincinnati.	Mother	REISS, WILLIAM JOHN	Pvt.	47th Co., 4th Regt. U. S. M. C.	Mount-Argonne	Yes	
REISS, Mrs. MARY ROSE, 223 Cheney Ave., South Norwood.	Mother	REISS, EDWIN	Br. Sgt. Maj.	Hq. Co., 1st Pion. Inf.	Mount-Argonne	Yes	
REISS, Mrs. JOE, 190 Knox St., Cincinnati.	Mother	REISS, JOSEPH H.	Pvt.	Co. H, 112th Inf.	St. Michael	No	
REISS, Mrs. MARY ANNA, 28 Stroder Ave., Cincinnati.	Mother	REISS, WILLIAM V.	Pvt.	Co. F, 11th Inf.	Mount-Argonne	No	
REISS, Mrs. H. A., 222 St. James Ave., Cincinnati.	Mother	REISS, HENRY A., Jr.	Cpl.	Co. K, 148th Inf.	Mount-Argonne	Yes	
REISS, Mrs. LOUIS, 421 David St., Cincinnati.	Mother	REISS, CHARLES	Pvt.	Regt. D, 10th P. A.	Albion-Marion	No	
HAMILTON COUNTY							
REISS, Mrs. FLOA E., 712 E. Mainway St., Findlay.	Sister-in-law	REISS, PAUL R.	Cpl.	Co. G, 149th Inf.	Mount-Argonne	(?)	
REISS, Mrs. HENRY, 28 Lorain St., Findlay.	Mother	REISS, ALBERT	Sgt.	Co. G, 149th Inf.	Mount-Argonne	(?)	
REISS, Mrs. CLARA, Elmwood Ave., R. D., Findlay.	Widow	REISS, CARL	Pvt. 1st Lt.	Co. K, 11th Inf.	Mount-Argonne	Yes	
REISS, Mrs. ELA L., 212 E. First St., Findlay.	Mother	REISS, CARL	Pvt. 1st Lt.	Co. K, 11th Inf.	Mount-Argonne	No	
REISS, Mrs. MARY JANETTE, 21 Howard St., Findlay.	Mother	REISS, DON C.	Pvt. 1st Lt.	Hq. Co., 10th Inf.	Mount-Argonne	(?)	
REISS, Mrs. MARGARET, Route 2, McCook.	Mother	REISS, ROBERT E.	Pvt.	Co. G, 47th Inf.	Ohio-Albion	No	
REISS, Mrs. MARY, 224 Shiloh St., Findlay.	Mother	REISS, JOHN	Cpl.	Co. I, 126th Inf.	St. Michael	No	
REISS, Mrs. MARY, 24 Cherry St., Findlay.	Mother	REISS, JOHN E.	Pvt.	Co. Det. Camp Rockhampton	Ohio-Albion	Yes	
HAMILTON COUNTY							
REISS, Mrs. ANNEA TRUSS, 415 High St., Kenton.	Mother	REISS, CLYDE J.	Pvt.	Co. F, 26th Dep. Bg. Br.	Brookwood	(?)	
REISS, Mrs. BLANCK, 20 East Columbus St., Kenton.	Mother	REISS, EDWARD	Pvt.	Co. M, 26th Inf.	Brookwood	No	
REISS, Mrs. ELIZABETH, 29 Broadway, Kenton.	Mother	REISS, EDWARD	Pvt.	Co. M, 146th Inf.	Mount-Argonne	(?)	
HAMILTON COUNTY							
REISS, Mrs. VIRGINIA, Route 1, Cadiz.	Mother	REISS, CLAYTON M.	Pvt.	Co. F, 16th Inf.	St. Michael	No	
REISS, Mrs. C. H., Germantown.	Mother	REISS, HOWARD M.	Pvt.	Co. E, 26th Inf.	Albion-Marion	No	
HENRY COUNTY							
REISS, Mrs. LENA MAY, Box 71, Bridgeville Crossroads.	Widow	REISS, WARD LEWIS	Ch. Sec.	U. S. Navy	Ohio-Albion	Yes	
REISS, Mrs. F. B., Route 1, Bunker.	Mother	REISS, RUDOLPH	Pvt.	Co. C, 126th Inf.	Mount-Argonne	No	
REISS, Mrs. L. H., 40 E. Mainway Ave., Napoleon.	Mother	REISS, K. S.	2d Lt.	Co. P, 6th Inf.	Mount-Argonne	No	
REISS, Mrs. EMMA, 22 Norton Ave., Napoleon.	Mother	REISS, ALFRED	Cpl.	Co. K, 102d Inf.	Mount-Argonne	No	
REISS, Mrs. CATERINA, Route 4, Napoleon.	Mother	REISS, JOHN, Jr.	Pvt.	6th Regt., U. S. Army	Mount-Argonne	No	



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- ABMC Divisions in WW I
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- Congressional Hearings



The Documentary: Pilgrimage of Remembrance

- Produced by WILL-TV, the PBS affiliate at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- Begun in 1999
- 10 interviews in 6 different states
- Broadcast nationally in May, 2003
- Alison Davis Wood, Producer



World War 101

- US declared war on April 6, 1917
- 18th best military in world at time
- Fought on the Western Front
- 2+ million troops in Europe at end
- Up to 300k arriving each month in '18
- Armistice 11/11/18
- Tomb of Unknown soldier
- 33,000 American dead overseas

The Blue Star Flag



Teddy Roosevelt & Family



Chaplain Duffy officiates at Lt. Roosevelt's funeral. He was shot down July 14, 1918.

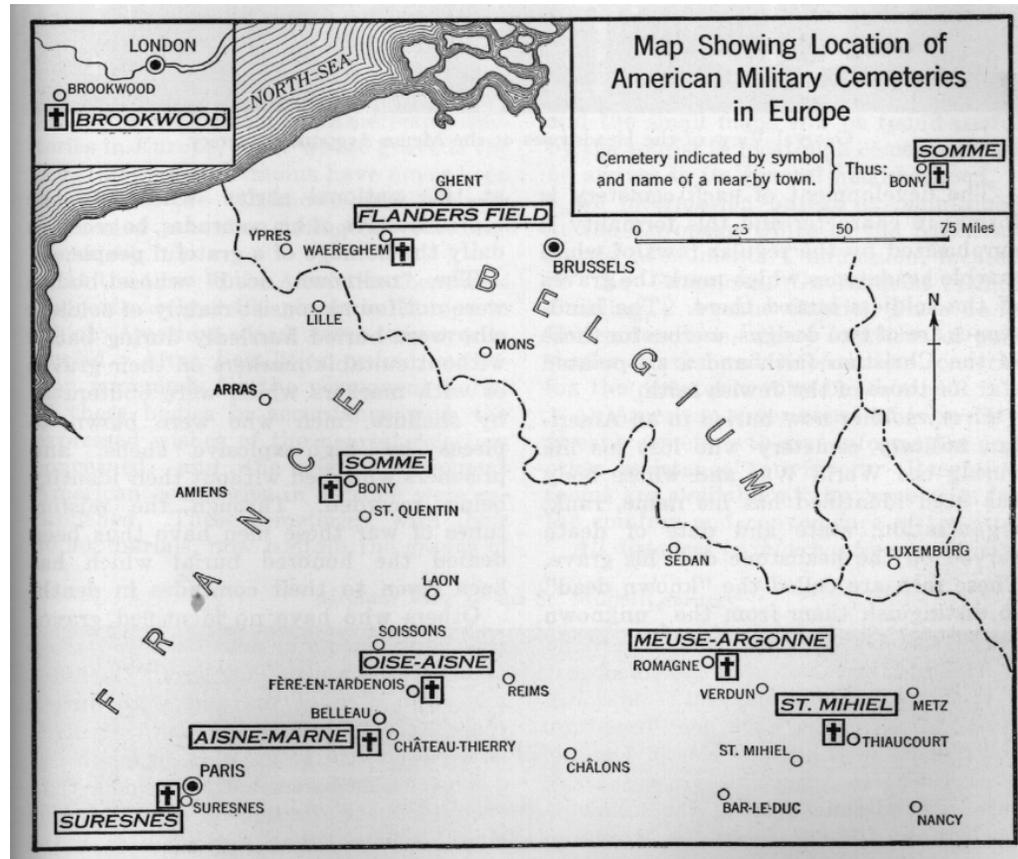




Do-it-Yourself Pilgrimages

- All pilgrims were Gold Star mothers; not all Gold Star mothers were pilgrims
- Privately funded & organized
- Began as soon as Armistice signed
- Part of worldwide war graves visit after the War
- Quentin Roosevelt
- Joyce Kilmer
- Continue today for Vietnam mothers

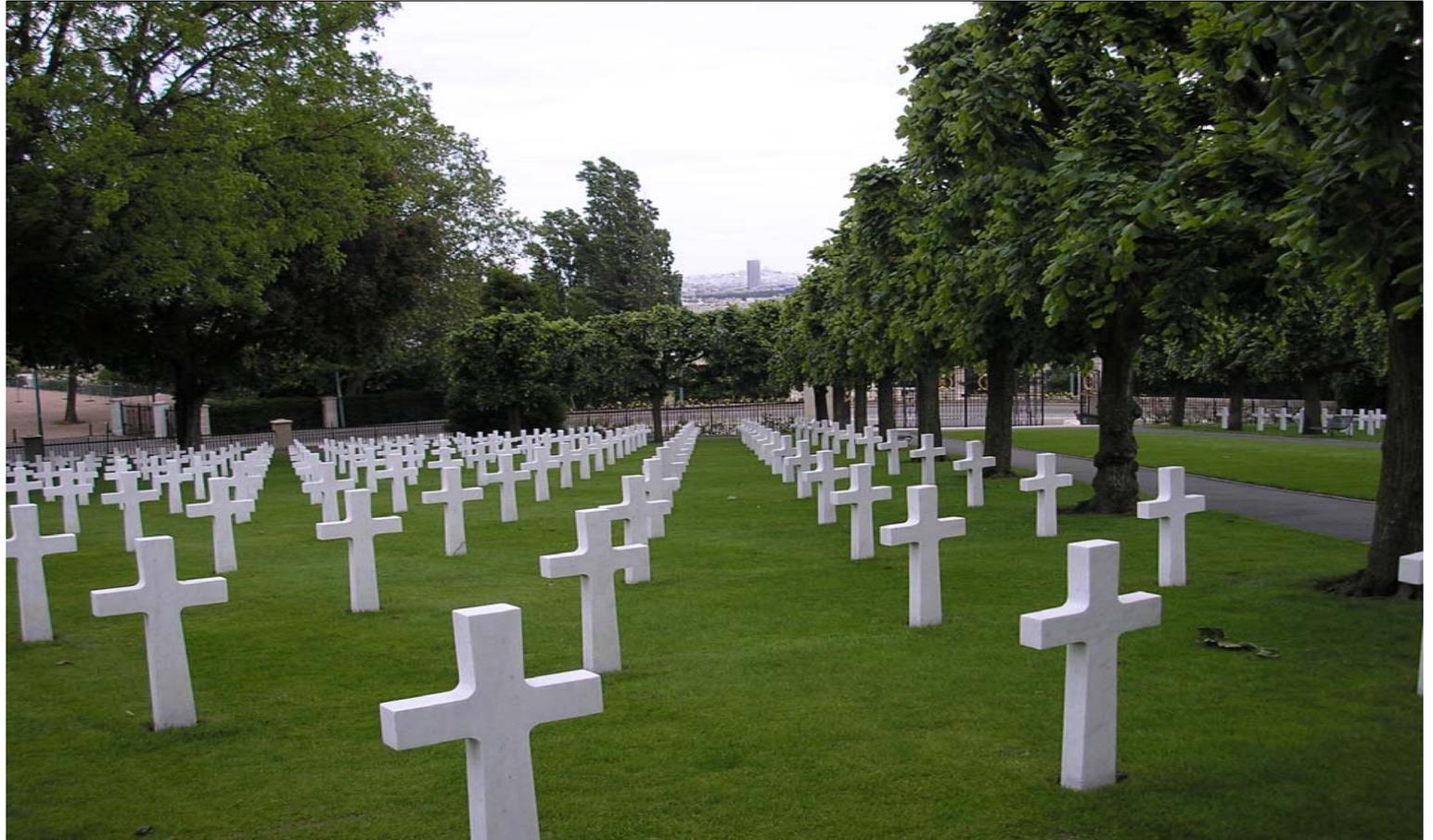
America's WW I Cemeteries



Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery



Suresnes Cemetery Today





The 10-Year Legislative Battle

- First bill introduced by Fiorello LaGuardia in 1919
- Eligibility issues: fathers, widows, stepmothers, others
- Tour guide issues: Red Cross or the War Department
- Bill signed March, 1929 PL 70-952
- 3 subsequent bills up to 5/15/30, included a \$5.3 mil budget



Gold Star Mothers Pilgrimages

- Pilgrimages ran from 1930-1933
- First party May, 1930; last party returned September, 1933
- 47 total groups sailed. Pilgrims grouped by state/region
- 6,600 women traveled total
- No government-funded trips following any other war

The Army's Quartermaster Corps in Peace and War

- Military officers used as tour guides
- QMC invite pilgrims, plan routes, and make all arrangements
- Railroad tickets, hotel reservations, and steamship berths
- 3 million passenger miles, no lost bags
- 4 women died during pilgrimages
- Plenty of sightseeing to break the tension
- A job well done

Mothers & Widows received postcards to accept a pilgrimage

George Washington Moran, Roy A.
5-6-31
1232

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. Grace M. Moran

(Name)

Irwin, Union Co., Ohio

(Town or City) (State)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE. 1929

A Typical Pilgrimage Trip

- Train trip to NYC
- 1-2 nights in a NYC hotel, with rest of party
- Sail on US Lines ship from Hoboken
- Arrive in Cherbourg, France, train to Paris
- Subgroups based on cemetery
- Bused to cemetery
- 3-5 days at the graveside
- Return trip to Paris
- Full party back to Cherbourg
- Sail to the US
- Train ticket home

Voyage over to France



Saluting the French Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Arc de Triomphe



Army officers served as escorts



Mothers at the Cemetery



Gold Star Mothers arriving at one of the American cemeteries in France. They carry the flowers they will place on their sons' graves. (National Archives.)

Decorating the Grave of Percy Stevens Brookwood Cemetery, England



Video Clip #2

- Segregated pilgrimages, featuring Rebecca Jo Plant, Lisa Budreau, Mac Coffman, Marvin Fletcher & Mitch Yockelson
- Col. Benjamin O. Davis
- Pvt. Fred Ziegler. Pilgrimage by mother Louise & sister Grace
- Interviews with her nephews, Fred & Ed Bliss from Illinois



Segregated Pilgrimages

- War Department Decision - 1930
- Supported by Hoover Administration
- Many women declined to go
- Two parties in 1930; two in 1931; 1 each in 1932 & 1933
- Equal treatment in Europe, segregated in the U.S.

Col. Benjamin Davis led the African-American pilgrim parties



Noble Sissle entertained pilgrims





Private Fred Ziegler, 33rd Division

- Born in Durand, Illinois
- Killed by artillery fire, Oct. 11, 1918
- Buried in Meuse-Argonne Cemetery
- 1932 pilgrimage of mother Louise and sister Grace
- Grace kept detailed diary & scrapbook
- Nephews Fred & Ed interviewed



Government Documents

Government Documents provided extensive, unique information for all phases of research.



Legislative History Sources

- Bills to create and pay for trips
- Hearings in the House & Senate
- Committee Reports with analysis and recommendations on bills
- Committee Documents with background information
- Debate and supplemental info from the "Congressional Record"



US Congressional Serial Set

- Compilation of House and Senate:
- House & Senate Reports
- House & Senate Documents
- Senate Executive Reports
- Senate Treaty Documents



Official Army Register US Army Register

- Published by US Army 1789-1973
- Lists names and brief bio on commissioned Army officers
- No enlisted personnel
- W 3.11; M 108.8; D 102.9:
- Similar directories for other branches of the military



War Department Regulations

- Issued in March, 1930
- Published separately, before the FR or the CFR existed
- W1.12: P64
- Detailed logistics
- “Pilgrimage Regulations”
- Called for Segregation



American Battle Monuments Commission

- Maintains American military cemeteries and memorials overseas
- www.abmc.gov
- Searchable database of US military dead buried overseas from Mexican War, World War I, World War II, and Korean War



Herbert Hoover Presidential Library

- Located in West Branch, Iowa
- Holds Presidential subject files – 20 pages on the pilgrimages
- FDR used segregated pilgrimages against Hoover in 1932 campaign
- <http://www.hoover.archives.gov>



National Archives Resources

- Located at Archives II, College Park, Maryland www.nara.gov
- Cemeterial Burial Files for military personnel who died during the War
- Quartermaster Corps records of the pilgrimages, RG 92
- Records for other military personnel largely destroyed in St. Louis fire



Theodore Roosevelt National Historic Site

- Holds information on TR's Presidency and his family
- Many original documents & photos on Quentin and his siblings
- www.nps.gov/sahi



US Army War College Carlisle Barracks, PA

- Contains papers of Gen. Benjamin O. Davis
- His trip reports as an escort officer on three separate trips
- Valuable look at shipboard life of the pilgrims
- <http://www.carlisle.army.mil/usamhi/>

Video Clip #3

- Fox MovieTone newsreel footage
- Not seen since it originally was shown in movie theatres
- Undated clip shows a party visiting the French Tomb of the Unknown at the Arc de Triomphe in Paris
- Housed at the University of South Carolina

For More Information...

- The Gold Star Mother Pilgrimages of the 1930s by John Graham
- Published by McFarland, 2005
- A “must” for all collections!
- Please visit my website at:
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