

QM 293 A-M  
Abrams, Walter W. 608

July 30, 1930.

Mrs. Clara Abrams,  
2015 N. Spafford Ave.,  
Spokane, Washington.

Dear Madam:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of the testimonial expressing your appreciation to the United States Government, which you and the other mothers and widows returning on the SS America, were so kind as to send me regarding your pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe.

It is gratifying to know that your trip was entirely satisfactory and that the officers and other 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 energy 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.

I am indeed pleased to receive such complimentary remarks concerning the care and consideration shown the women making the journey by the personnel connected with the pilgrimage.

Sincerely yours,

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

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May 16, 1930.

MRS. CLARA ABRAMS  
W. 2013 SPOFFORD AVENUE  
SPOKANE WASHINGTON

IN VIEW OF AMENDMENT TO BILL YOU ARE NOW ELIGIBLE TO MAKE PILGRIMAGE  
ALL ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR YOU TO SAIL SS ROOSEVELT MAY TWENTYEIGHTH  
AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED. ~~1008 CSM~~

DEWITT  
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
QM 293 A-C  
Abrams, Walter W.

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Mrs. Abrams had not been deleted  
listed to go on Roosevelt  
May 28*

*No Reply  
File  
5-17-30*



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Abrams, Walter W. 608-M

May 13, 1930.

Mrs. Clara Abrams,  
2013 W. Spofford Ave.,  
Spokane, Wash.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No 314344 in the amount of \$37.50 to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl.  
Check No.

Walter W. Abrams 308 M

May 12, 1930

Mrs. Clara Abrams  
2013 W. Spofford Ave.  
Spokane, Washington

Dear Madam:

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Lv. "	NYC&StL	" 2	11:00 AM	"
Ar. New York (Hoboken)	DL&W	"	3:30 PM	26

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours

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

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May 8, 1930, Washington, D. C.

MRS. CLARA ABRAMS  
2018 SPOFFARD AVENUE  
SPOKANE WASHINGTON

RETEL FIFTH YOUR NAME RESTORED TO LIST OF WOMEN ELIGIBLE TO MAKE  
PILGRIMAGE SAILING ROOSEVELT MAY TWENTYEIGHTH

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QM 293 A-C  
Abrams, Walter W. 608

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# Signal Corps, United States Army

Received at

War Department Message Center,  
Room 3441, Munitions Building,  
Washington, D. C.

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WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH CO.

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SPOKANE WASH 1045A MAY 5-1930

DEWITT,

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL WASHN, D.C.

NO HAVE NEVER SEEN SONS GRAVE.

MRS CLARA ABRAMS.

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Mrs Clara Abrams

2013 N. Spofford ave.

Spokane Co.

Spokane, Washington

Rev. Walter H. Abrams - 608

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SS. Roosevelt - May 28-30



check  
sent 5/13/30 ✓  
W. 2013 Spofford Avenue  
Spokane, Washington  
April 29, 1930

Spokane Co

The Quartermaster General  
War Department  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference No. QM 293 A-C  
Abrams, Walter W. 608

I am in receipt of your communication of April 22 in which you advise me that my application to make a pilgrimage to the grave of my son, the late Walter W. Abrams, has been rejected. You state that you have received information from the State Department to the effect that I previously visited my son's grave, and call my attention to section 2 (b) of the Act.

It is true that in June, 1922 I visited the cemetery where my son is now interred, but at that time my son was not buried. His casket was one of eight thousand in the morgue awaiting burial, as the cemetery was just in the making and not much work had been done. If you will check over the records you will find that the Oise-Aisne cemetery was not completed at the time I visited France.

Therefore, when I made application to go on the pilgrimage to France I did so with the feeling that I was entitled to make the trip, as I had not seen my son's grave. If I had had the consolation of seeing my son's grave, I should never have made application to go on the pilgrimage as it was not my intention to willfully disregard any of the provisions of the Act. As it is now, I shall never know what my son's last resting place is like, as I am not financially able to make another trip to France and naturally was not able to remain in France on my former trip until such time as the cemetery had been completed.

I am therefore writing you this letter of explanation, giving you the true facts of the case, and it is my hope that after you have investigated the matter more thoroughly your decision may be reversed.

Very truly yours,

Clara Abrams



Notation of cancellation  
of Invitation not on  
Invitation list.

Carried on Invite  
list as "Accepts"  
Roosevelt

May 27<sup>th</sup>

also carried on  
Trans. list.

Reply.

Miss Boyd—  
You may want to reply—  
PSA

Well! Do you??  
~~Just~~



QM 293 A-C  
Abrams, Walter W. 608

April 22, 1930

Mrs. Clara Abrams,  
2018 Spofford Avenue,  
Spokane, Washington.

Dear Madam:

With reference to your application to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Walter W. Abrams under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, you are advised information has been received from the State Department to the effect that you have visited your son's grave in France.

In this connection your attention is invited to section 2 (b) of the Act, which reads in part "but no mother or widow who has previous to the pilgrimage visited cemeteries described in section 1 shall be entitled to make any such pilgrimage".

In view of the foregoing, I regret to advise that your reservation on the SS "Roosevelt", sailing on May 28, 1930, has been cancelled, as you are not eligible under the law to make this pilgrimage at the expense of the Government.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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May 2, 1930, Washington, D. C.

MRS CLARA ABRAMS  
2015 SPOFFARD AVENUE  
SPOKANE WASHINGTON

TELEGRAPH COLLECT WHETHER OR NOT YOU HAVE EVER VISITED SON'S GRAVE.

DEWITT  
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

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QM 293 A-C  
Abrams, Walter W. 608

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
PASSPORT DIVISION

April 11, 1930.

MEMORANDUM TO THE WAR DEPARTMENT.

A Special Pilgrimage Passport issued to Mrs. Clara Abrams is transmitted herewith. For your information it may be stated that the files of the State Department show that on March 10, 1922 a passport was issued to Mrs. Abrams. In that application she stated that she desired the passport to visit friends and relatives in France and England.

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Removed from  
Transp. List  
acct Previous Transp.  
Roosevelt  
May 28

EX 283 A-C

Taylor, Frank H. 1232-A

Buoff, Ernest J. 1233

~~Abrams, Walter V. 688~~

Thompson, George O. 1232

April 9, 1930.

Mrs. Alvarotta Taylor,  
N. 1804 Marietta Ave.,  
Spokane, Washington.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 27, 1930, signed also by Mrs. Annie T. Buoff, Mrs. Clara Abrams and Mrs. Bona Thompson relative to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act approved March 2, 1929.

In this connection you are advised that arrangements can be made for you, Mrs. Buoff, Mrs. Abrams and Mrs. Thompson to make the pilgrimage from your homes to New York and return in one group. Arrangements can also be made for you to occupy the same or nearby cabins aboard ship on the voyage to and from Europe as well as rooms in the same hotels in New York and Paris.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Roosevelt  
May 12/30

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

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

March 27, 1930.

Abrams, Walter W. 608 M

Mrs. Clara Abrams,  
2013 W. Spofford Ave.,  
Spokane, Wash.

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.

Roosevelt ✓✓

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Abrahams, Walter W

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~~Cancelled and Previous Trip~~

I ~~accept~~ <sup>sons grave -</sup> 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.

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Mrs. Clara Abrams

(Name)

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2013 W. Spofford Ave., Spokane, Washington

(Town or City)

(State)



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Abrams, Walter W. 608 M

Mrs. Clara Abrams  
2013 W. Spofford Ave.,  
Spokane, Wash.

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) Yes (No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) 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) No
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age 67 Health Good (Years) (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) Yes (No) Other language (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

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



MRS. CLARA ABRAMS  
2013 WEST SPOFFORD AVENUE  
SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

June 24, 1929

QM 293 A-C  
Abrams, Walter W.

The Quartermaster General  
Washington  
D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of June 20 enclosing a copy of the 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".

Kindly be advised that my son, Walter W. Abrams, was unmarried at the time of his death and is therefore not survived by a widow.

Very truly yours,

*Mrs. Clara Abrams*



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

**Abrams, Walter W.**

June 20 1929.

**Mrs. Clara Abrams,  
2015 West Spafford,  
Spokane, Wash.**

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 First class Walter W. Abrams, Co. H, 23rd Inf. whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Reuleux, Aisne, France.**

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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



QM 293 A-M  
Abrams, Walter W. 608

July 30, 1930.

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Sincerely yours,

J. L. DeWITT,  
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The Quartermaster General.

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X 330.13 PILGRIMAGE, GOLD STAR

May 16, 1930.

MRS. CLARA ABRAMS  
W. 2013 STOFFORD AVENUE  
SPOKANE WASHINGTON

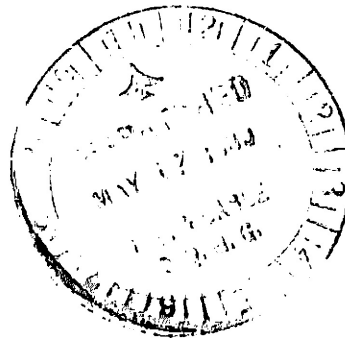
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Abrams, Walter W.

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

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Walter W. Abrams 203 M

May 12, 1930

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

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May 6, 1930, Washington, D. C.

MRS. CLARA ABRAMS  
2013 SPOFFARD AVENUE  
SPOKANE WASHINGTON

RETEL FIFTH YOUR NAME RESTORED TO LIST OF WOMEN ELIGIBLE TO MAKE  
PILGRIMAGE SAILING ROOSEVELT MAY TWENTYEIGHTH

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QM 293 A-C  
Abrams, Walter W. 608

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QM 293 A-C  
Abrams, Walter W. 608

April 22, 1930

Mrs. Clara Abrams,  
2013 Spoffard Avenue, *West*  
Spokane, Washington.

Dear Madam:

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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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



FILE UNDER NO. 293

Abrams, Walter W.

## INDEX SHEET

### SYNOPSIS

April 9, 1930.

From O. Q. M. G.  
To Mrs. Alvaretta Taylor,  
E. 1904 Marietta Ave.,  
Spokane, Washington.

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DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO. 293 Taylor, Frank H.

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INSTRUCTIONS.—Under "Synopsis" make brief entry showing date of communication and from whom received and synopsis sufficient to identify the papers. When these index sheets become numerous under a subject they will be entered on the consolidated index sheet and then destroyed.

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

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
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Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Abrams, Walter W. 608-M

March 21, 1930.

Mrs. Clara Abrams,  
2013 W. Spofford Ave.,  
Spokane, Washington  
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  
Abrams, Walter W. 608 M

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Clara Abrams  
2013 W. Spofford Ave.,  
Spokane, Wash.

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,

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

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



Co. M, 23rd Infantry  
2nd Div

ABRAMS, Walter W. - Pvt 74609

I have personally questioned every man of this company and am unable to obtain any information whatsoever concerning Pvt. Abrams.

Informant: WADE, Robert - Captain  
Co. M, 23rd Infantry

Signed: Robert Wade - Capt

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File No.

## OUT-CHARGE SHEET

Date charged out

Charged to

Remarks:

**INSTRUCTIONS.**—If a document is taken from the files, charge it to the person to whom delivered. Make charge sheet in duplicate. Place one in record file and one in suspended file used for follow up on "charge out sheets."

**Q. M. C. Form 492.**  
Revised July 26, 1918.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 20 1929.

Abrams, Walter W.

Mrs. Clara Abrams,  
2015 West Spafford,  
Spokane, Wash.

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 First class Walter W. Abrams, Co. M, 23rd Inf. whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish her full name and address in order that action may be taken to extend 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 re-married it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

Abrams,

(Surname.)

Walter W.

(Christian name in full.)

74,609

(Army serial number.)

Pvt 1st Cl

Co. M, 23rd Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Mother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

no

(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you

would 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)

Mrs Clara Abrams

2013 W. Spofford Ave,

Spokane

Wash.

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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Drawn by JW

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12-18-20

REVIEWED  
OSP SS.

@ 12-18-20



QM 293 A-C

May 23, 1924

ABRAMS, Walter W., Pvt. 1/cl.

Mrs. Clara Abrams,  
2013 West Spofford,  
Spokane, Washington.

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,

1-Incl.  
Record card.

Q.M.G. Assistant.  
P. HARBOLD

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MAY 23 1924  
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COMBINATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 8776

1. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name ABRAMS, Walter W. Ser. No. 74609 )  
 (b) Rank Pvt. 1/c Organization Co. M, 23rd. Infantry ) TYP. HDP  
 (d) Cause DWARIA ) CKR.  
 (c) Date of death 7-22-18 of death DWARIA )

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

(a) Grave No. 14 Row --- Plot Amer. Sect. --- ) TYP. ILH  
 (b) Emerg. Address Clara Abrams, (Mother), RFD #1, Deep Creek, Wash.

111. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; No Card ) CKR.

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt None

(a) Name Mrs. Clara Abrams (b) Relationship Mother  
 (c) Address 2013 W. Spafford Ave., Spokane, Wash.  
 (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 T. L. Date 5-2-1920

V. A.G.O. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from ---

---, dated ---  
 confirmed request in Par. IV. item ---, above, or requesting that ---

Examiner's Initials 7111 Date 5-8-1920

VI. G.R.S. Files - Correspondence - shows as follows:

Mother states on F. 130 that they do not want body returned but wish to know where it is buried

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes - M. H. S.

Examiner's Initials 1366 Date 6-9-1920

COUNTRY FRANCE

CEMETERY NO. 57

SHEET NO. 1-143

G.R.S. Form #115

Amended April 6, 1920.

CARDED

Make Form #114

checked  
by CL  
12-18-20



VII. G. R. S. FORM No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 1920

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_

Checked by \_\_\_\_\_

1920

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by-

( cable on \_\_\_\_\_

1920

( letter on \_\_\_\_\_

1920

DEC 27 1920

IX.

CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE

ACTION TAKEN

Desires body be

RECEIVED.

Body to be shipped to

JAN 5 1921

CEMETERY DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SEC.

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*Clara Abrams, 2013 W. Spofford Ave.,*

*Form 120, 5-18-20 from mother <sup>Spokane, Wash.</sup>*

*William Abrams (nephew of kin)*

*states that father is blind and unable to write and they wish body to remain in France, but wish name of Cemetery and grave number.*

*22 12-18-20*

JAN 5 1921

FORM 115 RETURNED BY *RECEIVED* TODAY  
TO REMAIN IN *RECEIVED*

*CM*



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Nov 4th 1921

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

## DISINTERMENT

## COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name ABRAMS, Walter W  
 2. No. 74609  
 3. Rank Pvt. 1cl  
 4. Org. Co.M. 23rd Inf.  
 5. D.D. July 22 - 16  
 6. C.D. DOW ria

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 14 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. Plot Q Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 17. none

18. Cemetery Munic. Cty. Am. Plot19. Commune or town Blois20. Dept. or County Loir-et-Cher21. Country France22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 5723. Disinterred (Date) Nov 4th 1921By J.F. Madine

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Walter W. Abrams

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

Rank Pvt 1/cOrganization Co.M. 23rd Inf.25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? yes On body? yes

R. W. Saylor  
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant

R.W. Saylor

## 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).

none27. Condition of body none badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.28. Nature of burial wooden box and uniform.29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? none30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Nov 4th 1921 By J.F. Madine31. Casket sealed by J.F. Madine

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

J.F. Madine



SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-12125

32. Designation of body:

Name ABRAMS, Walter W

Serial No. 74609

R nk Pvt. 1cl

Organization Co.M, 23rd Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne Amer. Cty. 608. Seringes-et-Nesles (Aisne)  
Aisne-Marne Am. 1764. Belleau-Aisne

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Nov 4th 1921 By J. F. Madine

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

G.A. Ross, Capt. QMC.

36. Remarks none

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date)

To point of Concentration

(Name)

Convoyer

Signature Shipping Officer

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Nov 10th 1921

To Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne Amer. Cty. 608. Seringes-et-Nesles (Aisne)

(Name)

Convoyer H.F. Tebeau

Signature Shipping Officer

G.A. Ross, Capt. QMC

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

**G. F. WAUGH**

41. Reinterred Sept. 7, 1922, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes et Nesles (Aisne)

(Date)

42. Grave No.

4

Section

43. ~~Block~~ BLOCK

B

Row

40

G.R.S. Representative

C. F. Blake

Capt., QMC.

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## REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place

Date

Blois

November 4, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF

SERIAL NUMBER

Abrams, Walter W.

74609

RANK

ORGANIZATION

Pvt. 1st cl.

Co. H. 23rd Inf.

2. Disinterred (date):

From (give complete location):

November 4, 1921.

By: Group

Gr. 14 Cemetery 58

Unit

3. Reburied (date):

4

In (give complete location):

Sept. 7, 1922

Gr. 4, Block B.

Row 40, Oise-Aisne a Cem. 608, Seringes et Nesles (Aisne)

By: Group

Unit

Nature of reburial

re-burial group

Lined casket

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

badly decomposed, features unrecognizable, uniform and pine box

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body?

On grave marker?

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

yes

yes

none

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

(a) Height (actual measurement)

impossible to det.

(b) Weight (estimated)

-do

(c) Hair—Color

Quantity none

Characteristics -do

(d) Hair on face—Color

-do

Location

-do

Quantity

-do

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

-do

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

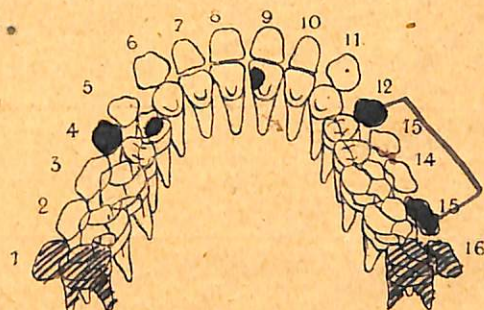
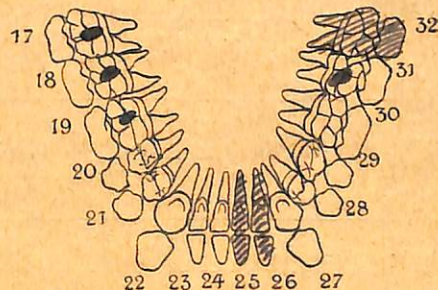


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



1 MBD 4 GC 5 GF 9 GF

12 to 15 Bridge

13, 14 MBD 16 MAD

17 18 19 SF 31 SF

25 26 32 MAD

7. Disinterment

Supervised by

W. Saylor

Approved:

(Title)

8. Reburial

supervised by

J F Madine Superv. Emb.

Approved:

(Title)

W.D. Wall Jr.

G. H. Ross

Capt. C. M.C.

G.J. Blake  
Capt., OMC.



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DATE \_\_\_\_\_

1. NAME ABRAMS, Walter W SERIAL No. 74609

RANK Pvt. 1cl ORGANIZATION Co.M, 23rd Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION Munic.Cty.Am.Plot,Blois,Loir-et-Cher 57

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

14

Q

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 14 Blois Loir et Cher

As shown by cemetery directory, GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

Hq.AGRS.Oct.23,1919.

COORDINATES Not given

CONCENTRATED TO Nothing of record

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

Nothing of record

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS None of record

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR Stanley J. Grogan

STANLEY J. GROGAN, Capt. Inf. USA.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 9/7/22 4 40 Blk.B

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

Oise Aisne American Cty #608, Seringes-&-Nesles, Aisne

CEMETERY

AUDITED BY



# GRAVE LOCATION BANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

ABRAMS 74609 WALTER W.  
 (Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)  
 PVT. I CL. C° M 23 INF.  
 (Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL. JULY 24 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL. CEMETARY AT BLOIS L&C

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

CEMETARY AT BLOIS

LOIR ET CHER

FRANCE

GRAVE NUMBER. 14 PLOT Q. COFFIN 485.

HOW MARKED : Name Peg? NO Cross? YES

Headboard? NO Bottle? NO

IDENTIFICATION TAGS :

Was one buried with body? YES

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

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

REPORTED BY :

Richard T. Pelling 1st Lt. U.S. Air Service  
 (Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

ABRAMS 74609 WALTER W.  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

PVT. 1 cl. Co. M. 23 INF.  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

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REVIEWED  
OSP SS.

REPORTED BY:

Richard T. Pilling, 1st Lt. U.S. Air Service  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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Abrams,, Walter W. 74609

Private Co M. 23rd Inf.

D.D. 7.22.18

Buried Blois #14.

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REVIEWED  
OSP SS.

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#8776

G.R.S. #106  
DISPOSITION OF BODY

War Department  
Office of the Quartermaster General.  
Graves Registration Service  
Washington, D.C.

June 15, 1920.

For information of:

- (a) The Adjutant General of the Army
- (b) G.R.S., Paris, France.
- (c) Office Files.
- (d) Photographic Section.

Case of: Pvt. 1/cl. Walter W. Abrams,  
#74609  
Co. M, 23rd Infantry.

Grave Location:

Municipal Cemetery, Grave #4,  
American Plot, Blois,  
Loire-et-Cher.

Request for action checked below:

- (a) Return of Body to the U.S.
- (b) Permanent Burial in France.
- (c) Cancellation of former requests.
- (d) Change of address.
- (e) Photograph of grave.

has been made by:

Mrs. Clara Abrams, (mother)  
2013 W. Spofford St.,  
Spokane, Washington.

By authority of the Quartermaster General

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Colonel, G.M.S., U.S.A.

Chief, Graves Registration Service.

NS-2992/L/fkw.

Abrams, Walter W.

Pvt. 1/c Co M. 23rd Inf.

DD 7/22/18

Buried French Catholic Cty. Blois.

Gr 14 Plot Q.

E.

B 535

REVIEWED  
OSP SS.



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

MAY 12 1920

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.  
TO: Mrs. Clara Abrams, 2013 W. Spofford Ave., Spokane, Wash.  
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. 1/c Walter W. Abrams.

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body be not returned to U. S.

We do not wish the body returned to the United States.

But would like to know the Name of the Cemetery, and the number of the grave in which he is buried.

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.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

Noted on Form No. 115

Date 12-18-20 C.S.

CHARLES C. PIERCE, per E.P. (Lynch)  
Colonel, U.S. Army.

LCS

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow	None		
Soldier's Children	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2. None		
	3.		
Father	William Abrams, blind and unable to write		
Mother	Clara Abrams		
Brothers	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
Sisters			

Date May 18th. 1920

Signature Clara Abrams

Address 2013 W. Spofford, Spokane, Wash. Relationship Mother.

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

(OVER)

The transfer of bodies will be made entirely at government expense.



RECEIVED



J. F. 191  
G. H. S.

*Rec'd by Longmire  
9/11/13 Mac  
J. F. 191*



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.



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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

June 15, 1920.

**No:** 8776-Inquiry (Abrams, Walter W., Pvt., 1/cl)  
**From:** The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)  
**To:** Mrs. Clara Abrams, 2013 W. Spofford St., Spokane, Washington.  
**Subject:** Grave Location: Request for Permanent Burial in France.

1. In reply to your inquiry of May 18, 1920, we beg to say that the records of the Cemeterial Division contain the following information as to grave location of your son, Pvt. 1/cl. Walter W. Abrams, serial No. 74609, Company M, 23rd Infantry, buried in Municipal Cemetery, Grave #4, American Plot, Blois, Loire-et-Cher.

2. The grave has been registered and suitably marked for present purposes, pending the adoption of a more permanent monument, by the National Fine Arts Commission, which now has the matter under consideration.

3. Your instructions as legal next of kin for the permanent burial of your son in France will be granted. The necessary instructions will be forwarded to the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Colonel, U.S. Army;  
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

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By:

CHARLES J. WYNNE,  
Captain, Q. M. C.

encls.

*CWR*

G. A. C. MAILED

JUN 14 1920

TO: Inquiry Section .

From: Overseas Project Sub-Section.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION on Cemetery No. 57 (furnished by: BEL) (date 6/9/20)

Data sent Overseas Body Remains 5/13/20

Operations to commence (approx.) ---

Operations to be completed (approx.) ---

Bodies shipped from European Port ---

Bodies arrived at Hoboken ---

II. CASE OF Abrams Walter W. 74609 Co 7th. 23rd Inf.

The following information was abstracted (Date) 6/9/20 from: 115

SOURCE	CLK.	in OFFICE		CLK.	in OFFICE
A. G. O. Cards	<u>J.L</u>	<u>yes</u>	Shppg. Inquiry (sent <u>5-21-20</u> )	<u>BEL</u>	<u>yes</u>
A.G.O. Corresp.	<u>Vm</u>	<u>name</u>	To <u>Mother</u>	<u>BEL</u>	<u>yes</u>
G.R.S. corresp. relative to disp.	<u>BEL</u>	<u>yes</u>	OSP S-S Corresp. (see Remarks.)		

Wyo card DESIRES as to Disposition.

Name of Relative	RETURN.		REMAIN	SPECIAL
	N. C.	Pvt. Int.		
Widow				
Children (Name oldest first)				
Father				
✓ Mother <u>Mrs Clara Abrams</u>				
Brothers <u>20, 3 W. Spafford Ave</u>				
Sisters <u>Spokane Wash</u>				

Body to be shipped to Remain  
was shipped (Date) ---

REMARKS City 57 Dispatched 5-19-20

Correspondence noted 6/9/20  
BEL

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We do not wish the body returned to the United States, but would like to know the name of the Cemetery, and the number of the grave in which he is buried.

(signed)

May 18th, 1920.  
2013 W. Spofford St.  
Spokane, Washington.

Clara Abrams.  
(Mother)

Remains of Pvt. 1/c Walter W. Abrams.





TO:- REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.

Date 6-4-20

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME

*Abrams, Walter W.*

Serial Number

RANK

*Pr. 1/c*

ORGANIZATION

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	(1) Yes. Co. M, 23rd Inf. #74609.
2.	Date of Death.	(2) 5-22-18.
3.	Cause and place of death.	(3) DWR A.
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	(4) #218.
5.	Date buried.	(5) 5-24-18. ✓
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	(6) Grave #4 Amer. Plot, Municipal City #55, Blois, Loire-et-Cher.
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	(10) a yes b yes
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	(11) Clara Abrams (Mother)
12.	Has been notified? (Give date)	R.F.D. #1, Deep Creek, Wash. (12) 10-25-18.
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	(13) A-910.
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	
15.	Inquiry made by?	

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

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USP 38.

7/1/20



ABRAMS, WALTER W.

Party "E" - Itinerary - Oise-Aisne Group

Sailed May 28, 1930 on PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT. Maj. Halpine in charge.

Arrived Cherbourg 4am June 5th. Met by Maj. Dailey, Cpts. Ochs, Dalton, Mallett, Kinderman; Lt. Freeman, 5 nurses and 3 civilian employees. Train left at 8.21am for Paris. Arrived Gare des Invalides at 2.10pm. Met by Col. Ellis and members of his staff, a detail of officers, interpreters and nurses. Escorted to hotel. Remainder of day devoted to rest.

June 6th. Morning devoted to personal business; exchange of money, preparing laundry, etc. Left hotel at 3pm for Arc de Triomphe where Mrs. R. M. Tiger placed wreath on tomb of Unknown Soldier for party. Reception and tea at Restaurant Laurent. Returned to hotel. Evening free.

June 7th. Shopping or resting in morning. Sightseeing in afternoon and evening.

June 8th. Those desiring attended Divine Services. Sightseeing in afternoon. Evening devoted to preparation for trip to cemetery next day.

June 9th. Morning free. Lunch. Departed 1.40pm for LaForte and Soissons.

June 10th Daily trips from Soissons to the Oise-Aisne American  
11th-12th Cemetery.

June 13th Visited Cemetery and Reims.

June 14th. Visited Reims Cathedral - Lunch - Chemin-des Dames -  
Soissons - Compiègne.

June 15th Carrefour de l'Armistice - Compiègne - Chantilly -  
Returned to Paris.

June 16th Fontainebleau.

June 17th Morning free. Versailles in afternoon.

June 18th Notre Dame - Napoleon's Tomb - Prepared for return trip.

June 19th Left hotel between 9 and 9.30am for Invalides Railway  
Station. Train left at 10.30am. Accompanied by 5 officers,  
6 nurses, 1 doctor and 2 civilian employees. Arrived Cherbourg 4.10pm. Left dock 8.11pm. Sailed at 8.45pm on SS AMERICA. Capt. Ross in charge. Arrived Hoboken 1.00pm June 28th.

Mrs. Clara Abrams



WAR DEPARTMENT  
 "PILGRIMAGE WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"  
 -- ROOM 901 --  
 225 West 34th St., New York, N. Y.

PARTY E  
 NUMBER 813

*ABRAMS, WALTER W. O.A.*  
*O.A.*

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

Mrs. Clara Abrams

Name of Traveler

Actual cost of through Pullman.

Spokane, Spokane County

Home Address

New York, to Spokane, Wash.

\$ 28.88

Wash.

New York, to Spokane, Wash.

Destination

Via D.L. & W to Buffalo - N Y C & St.L to Chicago - C.M. St.P & P to dest.

JUNE 29th  
June 27, 1930

Date of Departure

	Road	Train Number	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	Car	U.S.G.Order No.	Actual Cost
LV <i>Stoboken N.Y.</i>	DL&W	5	6/29	2:20P	L 8	L 14		9.00
AR Chicago	NKP	1	6/30	4:50P				
LV Chicago	CM&StP	15	6/30	10:30P	L	Ward		19.88
AR Spokane	"	15	7/2	9:55P			<i>WQ-1,027,054</i>	
LV								
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TOTAL 28.88

Remarks:

*Escort - May Carlock*



1. **VALIDATE**

813

NAME ABRAMS, MRS. CLARA

S.S. AMERICA

JUN 27 1930

HOME SPOKANE, SPOKANE COUNTY, WASH.

R.R.

STATION

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE

*Validate*

1501 A

①



Abrams, Mrs B.

# THE PULLMAN COMPANY

PASSENGER'S CHECK—To be retained by  
passenger to identify accommodations.

From **CHICAGO, ILL.**

To **NEW YORK, N.Y.**

Space **4**

Car **2 2**

No. Persons

1 2 3 4 5

Form SC—S2

C. 11955



# CHICAGO, MILW. & ST. PAUL RY.

PASSENGER'S CHECK—To be retained by passenger to identify accommodations.

From **SPOKANE, WASH.**  
To **CHICAGO, ILL.**  
Space  
Car

No. Persons

1 2 3 4 5

C 11955

Form SC—S2

Name ABRAMS, <sup>III</sup>rs Clara

Paris Hôtel Hotel IUTETIA, Boulevard Raspail

Home address 2013 W. Spofford Ave., Spokane, Spokane County, Washington

Party E Group 2 Unit S/S Roosevelt

Date of arrival June 5, 1930 Date of departure 6.19.30 ~~SS~~AMERICA

Relationship Mother

Name of deceased ABRAMS, Walter W.

Rank Pvt. 1 cl Organization Co. M, 23d Inf

Cemetery Oise-Aisne



## REMARKS

Desires quarters with Mrs. Alvaretta Taylor, Spokane, Washington, Gr. M.A., Mrs. Annie T. Ruoff, Spokane, Wash. Gr. St.M. and Mrs. Sena Thompson, 1018 E. 9th Ave., Spokane, Washington, Gr. M.A.



May 12th, 1930

Mrs. Clara Abrams  
2013 W. Spofford Ave.  
Spokane, Wash.

Please attach the enclosed tag 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 *West*  
For *East*  
quarters: Mrs. Annie Riess  
Mrs. Alvarado  
Mrs. Taylor  
Mrs. Riess  
Mrs. S. Thompson  
2 bags

George F. H. Taylor,  
1st. Lieut. U.S. Army  
Assistant.



E. W. Campbell.

Abrams, Walter W.  
**MEDICAL RECORD**

Regt 1st, Co M, 239th.

Party E Group 2.  
Station: Hotel Lufelia Paris.

Date: 7/6/20.

Name ABRAMS. Mrs Clara.

Home address 2013. West Spoorford Avenue. Spokane. Washington.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Mrs C. M. Parke (daughter)

724 East Mission Av. Spokane Washington.

Religion Prot

Age 67.

History of Present complaint: Abrasion on R. wrist.

**INSTRUCTIONS.** — This card will be started in all cases of Pilgrims requiring medical attention by the Medical Officer or Nurse first rendering such attention. Subsequently it will be carried by the nurse in attendance upon the group to which the Pilgrim is assigned. All Medical Officers rendering any assistance in the case will make an appropriate entry which will include date, time and signature. Upon final disposition of the case the Nurse in charge will deliver the card to the Office of the Chief Surgeon. Pilgrims sent to the American Hospital will be accompanied by this card properly completed, which will be authority for admission, in which case a duplicate card will be made and sent without delay to the Office of the Chief Surgeon.

(over)

Diagnosis and complications : (include dates)

Treatment and Progress : (include dates)

7/6/30. Dry dressing applied.

Disposition : (include dates)

Remarks :

8/6/30 Much improved.

6/19/30 To Cherbourg.  
J.W.D.



STATE

Abrams, Walter W.

WASHINGTON

Mother

2013 W. Spofford Ave.  
Spokane

NAME . Abrams, Mrs. Clara . . . . . HOME ADDRESS . . . Spokane County . . . . .

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN . . . Mrs. C. M. Payne . . . 724 E. Mission Ave. .  
Spokane, Wash.ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE . . . May 26 . . . . . HOTEL Pennsylvania . . . . . ROOM NO. . . . 1501 A . .

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE . . . May 28, 1930 . . . . . VESSEL S. S. ROOSEVELT . . . . . CABIN NO. 125C . . . . .

DESTINATION . . . CHERBOURG, FRANCE . . . . . CEMETERY . . . OISE-AISNE . . . . .

RETURN NEW YORK

DATE JUN 28 1930

NAME *Abrams, Mrs. Clara* HOME ADDRESS *2013 W. Spofford Ave.,  
Spokane, Wash.  
Spokane Co.*  
RETURN ON S. S. **S/S AMERICA** HOTEL **ASTOR** ROOM NO. *228*

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE JUN 29 1930

ROAD *S Low* TRAIN # *5* CAR *L 14* BERTH or SEAT *L 8*

REMARKS .....

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E. Campbell,  
PartyE

# MEDICAL RECORD

Station: Lutetia

Date: June 7th, 1930

Name Abrams, Mrs. Clara

Home address 2013 W. Spooford Ave., Spokane, Wash.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Daughter, Mrs. C. M. Parpie

724 E. Mission Ave., Spokane, Wash.

Religion Prot.

Age

67

History of Present complaint:

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(over)

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June 7th: Dry dressing applied.

Disposition: (*include dates*)

*Remarks:* June 8th: much improved.  
6/19/30 much improved. To Cherbourg. HWK.



NAME

*Abrams, Mrs Clara Spokane Co*

ADDRESS

*2013 W. Spofford Ave. Spokane,  
Wash.*

DATE

*July 9. 1930*

TO:

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

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

SINCERELY,

(SIGNED) *Mrs. Clara Abrams*

892-c Parcel 5/28/30 608  
RETURN RECEIPT

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

*Mrs. Clara Abraham*

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, \_\_\_\_\_, 192

*5-17*



892 Roosevelt 5/28-30 608  
RETURN RECEIPT

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

*Mrs. Clara Adams*

(Signature or name of addressee.)

**Deliver to addressee only**

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

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Date of delivery, *5-19*, 192*3*

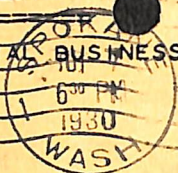
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WAR DEPARTMENT

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS



PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.



**Post Office Department**

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 927465

INSURED PARCEL

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

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

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING  
OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,  
or Post Office Box,

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WASHINGTON,

D. C.

**Post Office Department**

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

**REGISTERED ARTICLE**

No. 927589

**INSURED PARCEL**

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

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(NAME OF SENDER)

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

**MUNITIONS BUILDING**

**WASHINGTON,**

**D. C.**

**STATION**  
**- A -**

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TO AVOID PAYMENT OF  
POSTAGE, \$300.

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OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY



## CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Abrams,</i>	<i>U B R</i>	3	<i>128</i>
<i>Walter W.</i>	CEMENTERY <i>608</i>	1	<i>2</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>4</i>	2	<i>04</i>
	ROW <i>35</i>	2	<i>35</i>
	BLOCK <i>13</i>	1	<i>2</i>
STATE	<i>Wash.</i>	2	<i>56</i>
RANK	<i>Port 1/CL 30</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>2</i>	2	<i>02</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>2</i>	3	<i>023</i>
ARM	<i>Inf 51</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARITAL	<i>W</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Abrams,</i>	<i>U B R</i>	3	<i>128</i>
<i>Mrs Clara</i>	STATE <i>Wash</i>	2	<i>56</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Spokane</i>	2	<i>32</i>
	CITY <i>Spokane</i>	3	<i>029</i>
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Yes</i>	1	
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>Yes</i>	1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Good</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR. <i>1930</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ACCEPTANCE	<i>Yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
29/514/EAB		2	<i>67</i>

*Age*

*Checked*  
*OCT 5 1931*  
*A. L.*



G.R.S. Form #114-B

To The A. G. O.

2745

JAN 7 - 1926

FULL NAME ABRAMS, Walter W.

RANK Pvt. 1/cl

To The A. G. O.

SERIAL

74609

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION

Company M, 23rd Infantry

DATE OF DEATH

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION

9-7-22

4

35  
40

B

Date

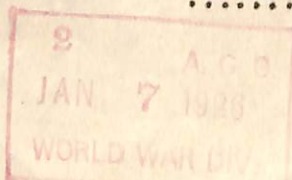
Grave

Row

Block

Oise-Aisne American Cemetery # 608

Cemetery



Rec'd  
4 MAR 12 1926

23/306/ARK

KAI  
1/3

SPB  
2/1/26



Abrams, Walter W.

Transportation requests covering sleeping car accommodations should be drawn on

**WESTERN MILITARY BUREAU**

CMSTP&P RR

**ROUTE AND SCHEDULE**

P.F.C.

EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE SAILING FROM NEW YORK CITY May 28, 1930

Spokane County, State of Washington

Name Abrams, Mrs Clara

Address 2013 W Spofford Ave, Spokane, Wash

Route going: CMSTP&P Chicago, NYC&STL Buffalo, DL&W New York

Return: Same route

Standard sleeper open for occupancy at 9:30 PM -

		ROAD	TRAIN	TIME	DATE
Itinerary going	Lv Spokane	CMSTP&P	16	3:30 AM	May 23
	Ar Chicago	"	"	9:30 AM	" 25
	Lv "	NYC&STL	2	11:00 AM	" "
	Ar New York	DL&W	"	3:30 PM	" 26
	Lv (Hoboken)				
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Accommodations: Standard sleeper Spokane to Chicago and Chicago to New York

Elapsed Time: 87 hours.

Extra Fare:

3 3/4

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