

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Albertson, Elmer A. (OA)

July 9, 1932.

Mrs. Mary Albertson,
Buffalo,
S. Dak.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

QM 293 A-M
Albertson, Elmer A. (OA)

January 8, 1932

Mrs. Mary Albertson,
Buffalo,
South Dakota.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Elmer A. Albertson. In reply to a questionnaire, you advised that you did not desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer of 1932.

It is noted you previously stated your health was poor and in this connection you are advised that personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided, and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years many mothers and widows who were in poor health and of advanced age made the pilgrimage and appeared to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

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In the event you change your mind and later decide to visit your son's grave, it is requested that you so notify this office. Should you make a pilgrimage you are assured that the journey will not only be made at the expense of the Government but that everything possible for your comfort and welfare will be provided.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM
Albertson, Elmer A. Pvt. (OA) M

June 20, 1931

Mrs. Mary Albertson,
Buffalo, South Dakota.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

June 7, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Albertson, Elmer A. -608 M

Mrs. Mary Albertson,
Buffalo, S. D.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Albertson, Elmer A.
608

Aug. 27, 1929.

Mr. Albert E. Albertson,
Bullock, N. D.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated ~~June 20, 1929~~ ^{making inquiry} concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage?

Write answers in space below

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried? If so, give her complete address:

2. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Albertson, Elmer A.

June 20, 1929.

Mr. Albert E. Albertson,
Bullock, S. D.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Private Elmer A. Albertson, Mod. Det. 9th 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 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,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Albertson, Elmer A. 608 M

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Albertson,
Buffalo, S. Dak.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl.
Act
Envelope

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

QM 293 A-C

April 23, 1924

ALBERTSON, Elmer A., Pvt.

Mr. Albert E. Albertson,
Bullock,
South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

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,

R. P. HARBOLD
Assistant.

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1-Incl.
Record card.



APR 24 1924
P.M.

Albertson,

(Surname.)

Elmer A.

(Christian name in full.)

936,548

(Army serial number.)

Pvt.

Med. Dept. 9th 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 remain's.) (Express office.) (Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.) (City or town.) (State.)

(Sign here) *Albert E. Albertson*

Bulluck & Oak

(Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

REVIEWED
OST SS.

mac 17/13

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Brown Lydon*

*9/11/22 Examined
for Concentration
Camps - Ains 608
att 3/6/22*

COMPILATION N/R REQUESTS

I. DATA COMPILATION

A. Location Index Card:-

(1) Name Albertson, Elmer A Ser. No. 936548)
 (2) Rank Pvt. Organization Med. Det. 9th Infantry.) TYP. TW.
 (3) Date of death 11/15/18) CKR. WH.

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

(4) Cause of death DWRIA) TYP. TW.
 (5) Grave No. 263 Row -- Plot -- Sect. --) CKR. WH.

II. FILES EXAMINATION

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

B. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD Date of receipt _____

(6) Relationship Father
 (7) Name Albert E. Albertson
 (8) Address Bullock, S. Dak.
 (9) Desires remains brought to U. S.? No.
 (10) Desires remains brought to U. S. and interred in National Cemetery at _____
 (11) If brought back, what shipping instructions? _____

emr 4/23/20

C. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE Date of communication _____

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

No Correspondence

(13) A. G. O. Files EXAMINED by J.B. (Date) 4-23-20

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

*Albert E. Albertson, Bullock, S. Dak. 2-10-19
Asks for location of grave and photo.
The request for disposition*

(15) G. R. S. Files EXAMINED by att (Date) 4-24-20

III. FINAL ACTION

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

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

(17) Instructions that remains be left undisturbed

(18) Typed by Checked by (Date)

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

(19) Typed by Checked by (Date)

C. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

LT Form 120 - 81 - Father, and nearest
of kin, Albert E. Albertson, confirms
previous shipping instructions that
that the body remain in France.

D. Dispatched (Date) (Let. Trans. No. APR 27 1920)

Approved by

(Date)

gr.

G.R.S. FORM #114-A.

STATION Angers #297

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Dec. 3, 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 ALBERTSON, Elmer *a*
 2. No. 936548
 3. Rank Pvt.
 4. Org. Med. Det. 9th. Inf.
 5. D.D. Nov. 15th. 1918
 6. C.D. DOW

10. Name Elmer "A" Albertson
 11. No. _____
 12. Rank _____
 13. Org. _____
 14. (a) D.D. _____
 (b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 263 Sec. _____
 8. Plot _____ Row _____
 9. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 17. No discp

18. Cemetery Amer.
 20. Dept. or County Maine et Loire
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 297

19. Commune or town Angers
 21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) 12-3-21

By B.A. Bradford

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Elmer Albertson
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. 936548
 Organization Med. Det. 9th Inf.

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

E. S. Parker
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant

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).

Disc only.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed features unrecognizable

28. Nature of burial Uniform and pine box.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? see item 10.

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date 12-3-21 By B.A. Bradford

31. Casket sealed by B.A. Bradford

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor B.A. Bradford)

AUDITED
12-11-21

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-22696

32. Designation of body:

Name Elmer ALBERTSON Serial No. 936548

Rank Pvt. Organization Med. Det. 9th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne Amer. Cty. 608, Seringes-et-Nesles (Aisne).

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) 12-3-21 By B.A. Bradford

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector *[Signature]*
B. J. Riordan, Capt. Q.M.C.

36. Remarks _____

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) _____

To point of Concentration _____

Convoyer *[Signature]* 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 _____

To Permanent Cemetery Oise Aisne, Am. Cty Seringes et Nesles, Aisne.

Convoyer *[Signature]* Signature Shipping Officer *[Signature]* (Name)
S. D. CAMPBELL, Capt. Q.M.C.

40. Received: Date 12 DEC 1921

G.R.S. Representative G. F. WAUGH

41. Reinterred, 9/12/22, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes-et-Nesles, (Aisne)
(Date)

42. Grave No. 5, Blk. B. Section _____

43. Plot _____ Row 26

G.R.S. Representative *[Signature]*
C. J. Blake,
Capt. QMC
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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF ALBERTSON, Elmer A SERIAL NUMBER 936548
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Med. Det. 9th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : Dec. 3rd, 1921 From (give complete location) : Gr. 263, Cem. 297

By : Group 1 Unit Sec. 7

3. Reburied (date) 9/12/22 In (give complete location) : Gr. 5, Blk. B. Row 26
Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes-et-Nesles, (Aisne)

By : Group reburial group Unit metal lined casket Nature of reburial

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

Pine box and uniform. Badly decomposed, features not recognizable

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

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

Disc on body read: "Elmer A. Albertson, 936548".

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to estimate.

(c) Hair—Color None

Quantity

Characteristics

(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location

Quantity

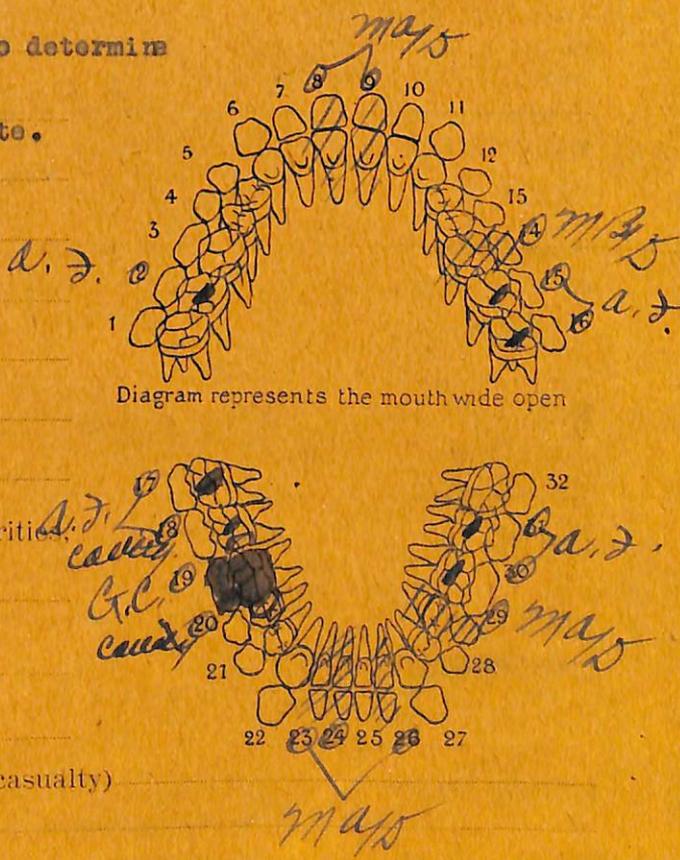
(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities

or missing parts) None

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

None

E. S. Parker, checker.



7. Disinterment supervised by Ben A. Bradford, Sup. Engr.

Approved: E. J. Riordan, Capt., QMC.
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by L. D. Hays

Approved: C. J. Blake, Capt., QMC.
(Title)

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

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

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.

2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.

3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.

4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.

5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".

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

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

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

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

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

G.R.S. Form #120
Shipping Inquiry.

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

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APR 30 1920

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.
TO: Mr. Albert E. Albertson, Bullock, S. Dak.
SUBJECT: Disposition of remains of Pvt. Elmer Albertson.

Records of this office show your request to be as follows:

Remains to be **Not returned to the U.S.** ~~extended~~

~~Shipping tax~~

If any modifications of the foregoing are desired please write same fully on the other side of this sheet.

The nearest living relative may choose between, (1) return of remains to homes for burial; (2) interment in Arlington, Va., National Cemetery; or (3) remain in France.

You are requested to fill out the following without delay and return in enclosed penalty envelope, which does not require postage.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

NAME OF	NO. & STREET.	TOWN	STATE
Widow			
Children(Name oldest first)			
Father			
Mother			
Brothers			
Sisters			

Date

Signature

Address

Relationship

MRB

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JUL 26 1920

G.R.S. Form #120
Shipping Inquiry.
(Revised)

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

Rush Answer

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

TO: Mr. Albert E. Abertson, Bullock, S. Dak.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Elmer Abertson.

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body
NOT returned to U.S. *(yes)*

no change yet.

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Major, U.S.A.

If all blank spaces below are not filled out, it will necessitate a return of this paper and a SERIOUS DELAY in the shipment of this body. State in each case WHETHER these relatives are STILL LIVING.

NAME OF

NO. & STREET

TOWN

STATE

Soldier's Widow

The boy was a single person

noted on form 115

Soldier's Children (Name oldest first)

1.
2. *not any*
3.

Father

Mother

1.
2.
Brothers (Name oldest first) 3.

1.
2.
Sisters (Name oldest first) 3.



Date *Aug 17*

Signature *Albert E. Abertson*

Address *Bullock S. Dak*

Relationship *Father*

IMPORTANT: CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.

(OVER)

Aug 14 1920



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

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.
2. ~~To be returned to the U.S. and shipped to~~ _____
 (Name)

 (R.R. Station) _____
 (State)
3. ~~To be returned to the U.S. and buried in~~ _____ National Cemetery.
4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Signature Albert E. Albertson

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT

1. If definite instruction as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative within 2 weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.
2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.
3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT of kin IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.
4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.
6. If YOU are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
7. If YOU are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.
8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
9. Use the enclosed envelope - pay no postage.



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

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

TO: Mr. Albert E. Abertson, Bullock, S. Dak.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Elmer Abertson,

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Major, U.S.A.

If all blank spaces below are not filled out, it will necessitate a return of this paper and a **SERIOUS DELAY** in the shipment of this body. State in each case **WHETHER** these relatives are **STILL LIVING**.

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

Date.....

Signature.....

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

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

(OVER)

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

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

2. To be returned to the U.S. and shipped to _____

(Name)

 (R.R. Station)

 (State)

3. To be returned to the U.S. and buried in _____ National Cemetery.

4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Signature _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT

1. If definite instruction as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative within 2 weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.

2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.

3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT of kin IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.

4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.

5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.

6. If YOU are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.

7. If YOU are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.

8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.

9. Use the enclosed envelope - pay no postage.

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~~Concentrated~~
from

103202

61023

ALBERTSON

ETALBERT

#956548

Pvt. 9th Inf.

DD 11/15/18

BURIED AMERICAN CEMETERY AT ANGERS

GRAVE 263

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G.R.S. Form of Central Police Liaison.
Memo For: G.R.S. Representative, G.R.O.
SUBJECT: Information required for G.R.S.

1. Items checked are to be completed.

SURNAME: ALBERTSON

MEMBER: 936515

FIRST NAME: Elmer

PHONE: 936548

COMPANY: Simon A

ORGANIZATION: Do + M.H. Co

DATE OF DEATH: 11-15-18

CAUSE: n/a

PLACE: OVER

LOCATION OF HOSPITAL: West & Main

NUMBER: " "

CLASS: " "

RELATIVE: " "

RELATIONSHIP: " "

ADDRESS: " "

AUTHORITY: " "

TELEGRAM NO: " "

TELEGRAM FROM: " "

REPORTED TO WASHINGTON: " "

DATED: " "

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REPORTED TO WASHINGTON: " "

U.S. NOS: " "

(Under score the "official" C.G.)

REMARKS: " "

SHOW PRESENT STATUS ON REVERSE SIDE.

Albion E. Albertson
Buckhorn S.D.

West & Main
M.H. Co

Simon A
Do + M.H. Co
11-15-18
n/a
OVER

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REVIEWED
OSP SS

CHARLES C. LEROY
Lieut.-Colonel, G.I.C., U.S.A.

Initials of Reporter:

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Crime 647

Crime Mouzon, (Ardennes)

Reported by G. R. S.



61023

Burlak S. D.

Feb 10, 1919.

Chief, Graves Registration Service
 Adjutant Service of Supply,
 A. P. O. 717, A. E. F.

Dear Sir -

I would like very
 much to get a photo-graph
 of my son's grave also, would
 like to know the location
 where his grave was made.
 My son's address on duty
 was

Pvt. Elmer Albertson
 Med. Detachment 1st Infanterie
 Died Nov 15, 1918
 will be much obliged if
 you will send me photo.

Yours
 Elmer E. Albertson

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G.R.S. Form #114-B

To The A. G. O.

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JAN 7 - 1926

DATE

1. NAME ALBERTSON, Elmer

SERIAL No. 936548

RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION Med. Det. 9th Inf. & DIVISION

GRAVE LOCATION Amer. Cty., ANGERS, (Maine et Loire)

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CTY. NAME

NUMBER

263

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

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ANGERS

M. & L.

As shown on GRS Form 1-a dated 9/29/19

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES None 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

DATE OF DEATH

Nov. 15, '18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

South Dakota

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

None

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS Nothing of record

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

Stanley J. Grogan
STANLEY J. GROGAN, Captain, Infantry.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Sept. 12, 1922

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21
26

Block B

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

8 A.G.O.
JAN 7 1926
WORLD WAR DIV.

Oise-Aisne American Cemetery #608, Seringes-et-Nesles Aisne.

CEMETERY

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

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

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

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

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



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HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Albertson</i>	<i>ALB</i>	3	<i>1 2 2</i>
BURIED <i>Elmer A</i>	CEMETERY <i>608</i>	1	<i>2</i>
	GRAVE <i>5</i>	2	<i>05</i>
	ROW <i>21</i>	2	<i>21</i>
	BLOCK <i>B</i>	1	<i>2</i>
STATE	<i>SS</i>	2	<i>47</i>
RANK	<i>Priv</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>2</i>	2	<i>02</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>9</i>	3	<i>009</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Albertson</i>	<i>ALB</i>	3	<i>1 2 2</i>
RESIDENCE <i>Mrs. Mary</i>	STATE <i>S. Dak</i>	2	<i>47</i>
	COUNTY <i>Harding</i>	2	<i>32</i>
	CITY <i>Buffalo</i>	3	<i>xxx</i>
RELATION	<i>mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Bad</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>no age</i>	1	<i>2 65 2a</i>

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Albertson, Elmer A. (OA)

July 9, 1932.

Mrs. Mary Albertson,
Buffalo,
S. Dak.

Dear Madam:

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

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

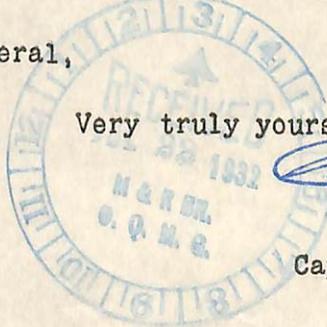
IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU GIVE THE MATTER YOUR MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BEFORE REACHING A DECISION, BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE TRIP AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

2 Encls.

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

No
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Mrs Mary Albertson

QM 293 A-M
Albertson, Elmer A. (OA)

January 8, 1932

Mrs. Mary Albertson,
Buffalo,
South Dakota.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Elmer A. Albertson. In reply to a questionnaire, you advised that you did not desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer of 1932.

It is noted you previously stated your health was poor and in this connection you are advised that personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided, and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years many mothers and widows who were in poor health and of advanced age made the pilgrimage and appeared to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

In the event you change your mind and later decide to visit your son's grave, it is requested that you so notify this office. Should you make a pilgrimage you are assured that the journey will not only be made at the expense of the Government but that everything possible for your comfort and welfare will be provided.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM
Albertson, Elmer A. Pvt. (OA) M

June 20, 1931

Mrs. Mary Albertson,
Buffalo, South Dakota.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



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

no.

Write answer here

Mrs. Mary Albertson
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

June 7, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Albertson, Elmer A. -608 M

Mrs. Mary Albertson,
Buffalo, S. D.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931?

No ✓
(Write answer here)

Mrs. Mary Albertson
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Albertson, Elmer A. 608 M

October 7, 1929.

**Mrs. Mary Albertson,
Buffalo, S. Dak.**

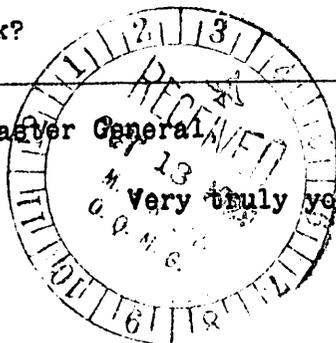
Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No) <i>no</i>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No) <i>no</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)	(No) <i>no</i>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <i>63</i> Health <i>poor</i>	(Years) (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <i>yes</i> (no)	Other language <i>Norwegian</i> (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General



Very truly yours,

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

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Act
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Albertson, Elmer A.
608

Aug. 27, 1929.

Mr. Albert E. Albertson,
Bullock, N. D.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 20, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage?

Write answers in space below

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried? If so, give her complete address:

No.

2. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

*Mr. Mary Albertson,
Buffalo,
So. Dak.*

Mother.

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

No.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 20, 1929.

Albertson, Elmer A.

Mr. Albert E. Albertson,
Bullock, N. D.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late private Elmer A. Albertson, Med. Det. 9th 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 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.