

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 25 1929.

Alderman, Tommie P

Mr. J. M. Alderman,
Route # 8,
Carthage, Miss.

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 Corporal Tommie P. Alderman, Am. Lab. Co. # 184, whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Mourmelon-Moselle, 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 incs.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

1. NAME ALDERMAN, Tommie P. ✓ DATE ✓
 RANK Cpl. ✓ ORGANIZATION Am. Lab. Co. 184 ✓
& DIVISION not shown ✓
 GRAVE LOCATION American Cty., Rimaucourt, Haute-Marne. 92
 CTY. NAME NUMBER
313.
 GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 313 RIMAU COURT (Haute-Marne)
 GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.
 COORDINATES E. 323.2 N.165.3

CONCENTRATED TO Not 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.

DATE OF DEATH Dec. 11-1918 ✓

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Texas ✓

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED no record
 Not of record

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR WALTER F. BROWN, CAPT. QMC., Supervisor Area N° 4

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Aug. 24, 1922 15 20 Block B
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

St. Mihiel American No. 1233, Thaucourt (M&M)
 CEMETERY



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8-3

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 I6, 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.

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Alderman, 3064944, Tommie P.
(Surname) (Number) (First Name and Initials)

Cpl. Co. 184 Labor Battalion.
(Rank) (Organization)

Place of death B.H. #238.
DATE OF BURIAL Dec. 11, 1918.
Cause of death Malaria, suppurative,
Meningitis, Sec. 1.

PLACE OF BURIAL Rimaucourt, Haute-Marne.
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must
specify clearly what map is used.

Grave # 313, American Grave Yard # 1.
Rimaucourt, Haute-Marne, France.

GRAVE NUMBER 313.

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? YES Cross? NO.
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? Yes.
If name unknown and tags missing, description and marks
should be given here:

Nearest relative, Dry Wilcher.

Address, CHARTRAGE, MISSISSIPPI.

Relationship, AUNT.

REPORTED BY: Robert C. Davis,
1 Lt. M.C. Registrar,
Reg. Hosp. #238, APO 919.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)
This portion to be forwarded to Adj. Gen'l., G. H. Q., A. E. F.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

Alderman, Tommie P. 1232--H

March 29, 1930

Mrs. Belle Alderman,
Route #3,
Pearl River, Mississippi.

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 hospital. On board 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

October 8, 1929.

Alderman, Tommie P. 1233 N.

Mrs. Belle Alderman,
Route #3,
Carthage, Miss.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Alderman, Tommie P. 1233-M

June 19, 1930

Mrs. Belle Alderman,
Rt. #3,
Carthage, Mississippi.

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

May 25 1929.

Alderman, Tommie P

Mr. J. M. Alderman,
Route # 5,
Carthage, Miss.

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 Corporal Tommie P. Alderman, Am. Lab. Co. # 184, whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relative is a stepmother, mother through adoption, or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. If he was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM Cpl. (StM) M

June 12, 1931.

Mrs. Belle Alderman,
Route #3,
Carthage, Miss.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Alderman, Tommie P. (STM) H-

October 1, 1931 ed

Mrs. Belle Alderman,
Route #3,
Carthage, Miss.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

ALDERMAN, Tommie P., Cpl.

February 21, 1924

Mr. J. M. Alderman,
Route #3,
Carthage, Miss.

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,

1-Incl.
Record card.

Assistant.
R. L. FOSTER

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U. S. M. G.
CENTRAL MAIL ROOM



FEB 21 1924
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ALDERMAN, Tommie P., Cpl.

February 21, 1924

Mrs. Lena P. Alderman Williams,
Marydell,
Miss.

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

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Record card.

Assistant

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Alderman, Thannie P. (STM)

July 11, 1932

Mrs. Belle Alderman,
RFD 8,
Philadelphia, Miss.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Alderman, Tommie P. (StM)

Sept. 7, 1932.

Mrs. Belle Alderman,
RFD #8,
Philadelphia, Miss.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Sign here

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE JANUARY 19, 1922.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

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COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name ALDERMAN, Tommie P.
 2. No. 3064944
 3. Rank Cpl.
 4. Org. Am. Lab. Co. #184
 5. D.D. Dec. 11th, 1918
 6. C.D. Meningitis suppurative sedy.

10. Name P.T. ALDERMAN
 11. No. _____
 12. Rank _____
 13. Org. _____
 14. (a) D.D. _____
 (b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 313 Sec. _____
 8. Plot _____ Row _____
 9. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 17. none

18. Cemetery American Cty.,
 20. Dept. or County Haute-Marne,
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 92

19. Commune or town Rimancourt,
 21. Country France.

23. Disinterred (Date) Jan 19, 1922.By A.R. CHENEY

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Tommie P. Alderman
 Rank Cpl. Gr. No. 313.

Serial No. _____
 Organization Am. Lab. Co. No. 184

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

Signature Junior Technical Assistant

GLENN C. DORSEY

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).

No effects found. Post mortem on head27. Condition of body Body badly decomposed. Recognition impossible.28. Nature of burial In uniform and wooden box.29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? Disc on body reads: P.T. ALDERMAN30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Jan 19, 1922. By A.R. CHENEY31. Casket sealed by A.R. CHENEY

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

A.R. CHENEY

AUDITED
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 9/6/23

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-26338.

32. Designation of body:

Name Tomie P. ALDERMAN Serial No. 3064944

Rank Cpl. Organization Am. Lab. Co. 184

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel Amer. Co. 1233, Thiaucourt, M-et-M.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Jan 19, 1922. By A.R. CHENEY

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 R.L. FAIN

R.L. FAIN. CAPT. QMC

36. Remarks Disc on body reads: P.T. ALDERMAN 3064944

Disc on cross reads: P.T. ALDERMAN 3064944

G.R.S. strip checks.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Jan 19, 1922.

To point of Concentration Chaumont, (Hte. Marne)

(Name

Convoyer C. J. BLAKE Signature Shipping Officer C. J. BLAKE

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 19 FEB 1922

Captain, Q. M. Corps, U. S. Army

By G.R.S. Representative C. J. BLAKE

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 19 FEB 1922

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To Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel Amer Cty 1233 Thiaucourt, (M et M)

Convoyer Michael Plotkin (Name WALTER F. BROWN)

Signature Shipping Officer WALTER F. BROWN

40. Received: Date 23 FEB 1922

Captain, Q. M. Corps, U. S. Army

G.R.S. Representative G. O. GAMBLE

G. O. GAMBLE, Captain, Q. M. C.

41. Reinterred: AUGUST 24, 1922

(Date

42. Grave No. 15 Section

43. Plot Bk. B Row 20

G.R.S. Representative A. E. DEWEY

A. E. DEWEY, 1st, Lieut, QMC

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place RIMAU COURT. (HTE. MARNE)Date JANUARY 19, 1922.

1. REMAINS OF ALDERMAN, Tommie P. SERIAL NUMBER 3064944
 RANK Cpl. ORGANIZATION Am. Lab. Co. No. 184

2. Disinterred (date) : Jan 19, 1922. From (give complete location) :
Grave No. 313, American Cty No. 92, Rimaucourt, (Hte. Marne)
 By : Group 3 Unit Section No. 4.

3. Reburied (date) : AUGUST 24, 1922 In (give complete location) : Gr. 15, Row 20, Bk. B.
Cemetery 1233, Thiaucourt, (M E T M)
 By : Group Reburial Unit In casket and shipping case Nature of Reburial

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

In uniform and wooden box.

Body badly decomposed. Recognition impossible.

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

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

No effects found. Post mortem on head.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Unable to determine

MAD-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-13-20
21-22-23-24-25-26-27.

(b) Weight (estimated) Unable to determine

RBD- 2-15-16.

(c) Hair—Color Unable to determine

Quantity Unable to determine

Characteristics Unable to determine

(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location None

Quantity None

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

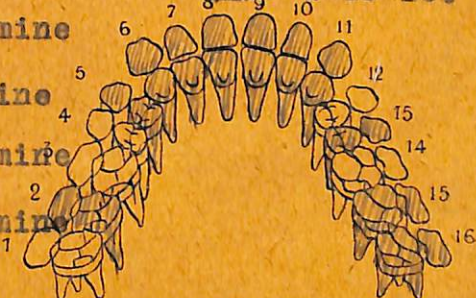
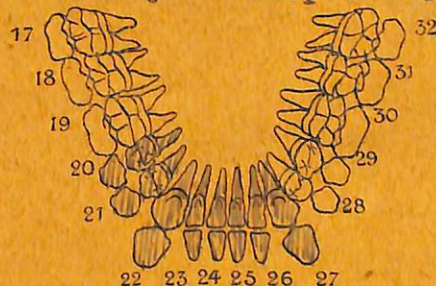


Diagram represents the mouth wide open

Not fully developed - 32.



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

None

7. Disinterment
 supervised by

gb

A. R. CHENEY

GCD

Approved :

(Title) R. L. FAIN
CAPT. CMC

8. Reburial
 supervised by

H. L. KRAMER

Approved :

A. E. DEWEY

(Title) 1st. Lieut, Q.M.C.

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.

Cemetery No. 92Sheet No. 5File No. 71676COMPILATION N/R REQUESTSI. DATA COMPILATIONA. Location Index Card:-

(1) Name ALDERMAN, Tommie P. Ser. No. 3064944)
 (2) Rank Corp. Organization Am. Lab. Co. 184) TYP. FLR
 (3) Date of death 12/11/18) CKR. JS

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

(4) Cause of death Meningitis Suppurative Sedm. TYP. JS
 (5) Grave No. 313 Row ----- Plot ----- Sect. ----- CKR. JS

II. FILES EXAMINATIONA. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; card agrees with #4B. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD Date of receipt none

(6) Relationship Wife
 (7) Name Mrs. Lena P. Alderman
 (8) Address R. F. 10 # 3, Blossom, Texas
 (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? -----

SEE SUSPENSION REMARKS(G. J. B-416/20)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. -----

(13) A. G. O. Files EXAMINED by JS (Date) 4/7/20

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

No request for disposition. Grave location registration blank

(15) G. R. S. Files EXAMINED by JS (Date) 4/7/20

5/26/22
Exhumed for
concentration
St. Michael #1233
mass 36-16-22

checked
JS
12-11-20

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:

Form 120 - 6/19/20 - with Lena P. Alderman

Marydell, Miss. wishes body to remain in France. BO-19

D. Dispatched (Date) (Let. Trans. No. *1/5/21*)

*Par. *2. Not to be returned. (F. L.)*

Approved by

(Date)

Let. 10-9-21 Mrs. Lena P. Alderman Williams Marydell, Miss. requests former husband's remains returned to her. (AGS-10-13-21).

Let. 10-13-21 Aug. advises Mrs. Lena Alderman Williams, that her request for permanent burial in France has been complied with & that the Sec. of War has directed that no change of request for return of remains will be considered after Aug. 15. (AGS-10-13-21).

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

076101-1001

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

TO: J. M. Alderman, Carthage, Miss. Route #3.

SUBJECT: Remains of Cpl. Tommie P. Alderman

Rush Answer

The records of this office show that you have ~~expressed your desire~~

~~not expressed your desire~~ regarding return of body ~~of~~ to U.S.

I do not desire the return of body.

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. 118
Date 7-19-20
CHARLES G. PIERCE,
Colonel, U.S. Army.

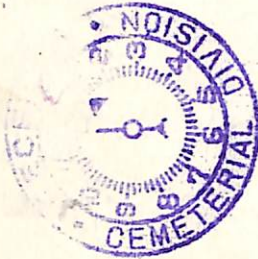
NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow			
<i>Lena Pearl Gledmon</i>		<i>Carthage</i>	<i>Miss</i>
Soldier's Children	1. <i>Thomas Presley</i>		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
	3.		
Father			
<i>J. M. Gledmon</i>		<i>Carthage</i>	<i>Miss</i>
Mother			
<i>Bess Gledmon</i>			<i>Miss</i>
Brothers	1. <i>Wine Gledmon</i>		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
Sisters			
<i>Ema Gledmon</i>		<i>Carthage</i>	<i>Miss</i>
Date	<i>July 19-20</i>	Signature	<i>J. M. Gledmon</i>
Address	<i>Carthage Miss</i>	Relationship	<i>Father</i>

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

jdb

(OVER)

The transfer of remains will be made entirely at Government expense.



JUN 28 1920

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.

MAY 10 1920

Dres

✓
 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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FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.G.
 TO: Mrs. Lena P. Alderman, (R. F. D. # 3, Blossom, Texas.)
 SUBJECT: Disposition of remains of Corp. Tommie P. Alderman.

Rush Answer
Mary Dell, Miss
note address

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

Remains to be Not returned to U. S. Interred

Shipped to

Noted on Form No. 115
 Date 7/9

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.

120 sent to father
sent to mother of
widow

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Widow <i>Lena P. Alderman</i>		<i>Marydell</i>	<i>Miss</i>
Children (Name oldest first)		<i>Marydell</i>	<i>Miss</i>
Father <i>J. M. Alderman</i>		<i>Carthage</i>	<i>Miss</i>
Mother <i>Belle Alderman</i>		<i>Carthage</i>	<i>Miss</i>
Brothers		<i>Route 3</i>	
Sisters			

Wm

Date *May 17 1920*

Signature *Lena P. Alderman*

Address *Marydell Miss*

Relationship *Wife*

NS/7154/LML

LCS

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

H

I do not wish to have the remains of my
husband Tommie P. Alderman returned to U.S.
do not know where his Father and mother wants
remains returned are not. I have give you
their correct address. Carthage miss Route #3

Mrs Lena P. Alderman

Mayfield Miss.

Wife of Tommie P. Alderman.



Alderman,

(Surname.)

Tommie P.

(Christian name in full.)

3,064,944

(Army serial number.)

Corp.

Ambulance Lab. Co.

184

(Rank and organization)

State your relationship to the deceased

Wife

Do you desire the remains brought to the United State?

no.

(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery?

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Pena Pearl Alderman

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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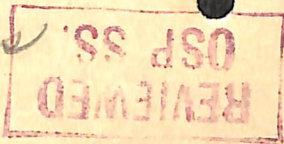
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12-9-20
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Mrs Lena P. Alderman.

R. F. D. # 3

Blossom, Texas



12-10-20
JAS

1. G.R.S. Form No.1, HQ, GRS File

2. Soldier's No. 3064944

3. Alderman J. T.

Surname (block letters) 1st name & initials

4. Corp. 184th Labour Battallion

Rank Co. Rgt & corp

5. Dec. 10, 1918

Meningetis

Date of Death

Cause, if Known

6. Dec. 11, 1918

Date of Burial

Cemetery

7. 313

Grave No.

Plot No. or letter

8. Rimaucourt Ht. Marne

Town-Commune (block letter) Dept.

9. Name begins with Cross?.. Heard?.. BTLE?..

Check method of marking

10. Buried with Body?.. Attached grave mark

Identification Tags yes or

11. If name unknown, tags missing, give mark and description

12.

Map reference if interment outside cem

etery

13. 2nd. Lt. W. W. Williams, B. C.

Give name of Chaplain-Burial Officer

Signed.....

Group..... Unit..... 303. GRS

66566

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Alderman, 3064944, Tommie P.
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Cpl. Co. -184 Labor Battalion.
(Rank.) (Organization.)
Place of death B.H. #238.

DATE OF BURIAL Dec. 11, 1918.
Cause of death Mastoiditis, suppurative,
Menigitis, Sec. L.

PLACE OF BURIAL Rimaucourt Haute-Marne.
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must
specify clearly what map is used.

Grave # 313, American Grave Yard # 1.

Rimaucourt, Haute-Marne, France.

GRAVE NUMBER 313.

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? YES Cross? NO.

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? Yes.

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

Nearest relative: Evy Wilcher.

Address: CHARTHAGE, MISSISSIPPI.

Relationship: AUNT.

REPORTED BY:

Robert C Davis
1 Lt. M.C. Registrar,
Bas. Hosp. #238, APO 919.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

October 13, 1921.

293.8-Cem.#71676 (Alderman, Tommie P., Cpl.)Cty.#92-Sht.#5.

The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army (Cemeterial Division).

Mrs. Lena P. Alderman Williams, Maryland, Miss.

Case of Corporal Tommie P. Alderman.

File 10/13/21 - add.

1. In reply to your letter of October 3, 1921, you are advised that the records of this office contain your request that the remains of your late husband, Corporal Tommie P. Alderman, Ambulance Labor Co. No. 184, be permanently interred in France, and instructions have been issued that your wishes be complied with.

2. You are further advised that the progress of the work in France has rendered it necessary to establish a definite policy governing requests relative to the return of the remains of our soldier dead; therefore, the Secretary of War has directed that no change of requests relative to the return of a body will be considered after August 15, 1921. In view of this policy it is too late to issue instructions for the return of these remains.

3. The American Cemetery at Rimaucourt, Department of Haute-Marne, wherein the remains of this soldier are now interred, is a temporary American cemetery. It will be necessary, therefore, to remove the body to the nearest permanent American cemetery where the grave will be marked by a suitable headstone and will be perpetually maintained in the most careful and reverent manner by our Government as a memorial to the late soldier's supreme sacrifice.

4. After the body has been reinterred in one of the permanent American cemeteries you will be duly advised of the new grave location. You are assured that the Government will never forget your priceless gift to the cause of freedom.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

MAILED

OCT 14 1921

G.R.S.

10-13-21-ark

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

YB
NON

FILE

Recorded, Cemeterial Div.,
File # 2938

Marydell Mrs.

10/3/21

Bureau of War Risk Ins.

I have decided to
have the body of Tommy
P. Alderman. My former
Husband, shipped back
to me from France.

His Serial # C. 128131

Corp. 2. M.C.

Respect.

RECEIVED
INQ. & CORR. SEC. F.

Lena P. Williams

OCT 3 1921

for E. J. H.

CEMETERIAL DIV.
O. O. M. C.

Noted on Form 115

Date 10-13-21-ALB

Alderman,
Tommy P.

File #

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

File Number

71676

From: -

Inf. Clerk

Date:

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME

Alderman Tommie P.

NUMBER

3064944

RANK

Cpl.

ORGANIZATION

A.I.C. 184

No.	Question	Reply
1	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	M.B. All Proper names to be printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS
2	Date of Death	
3	Cause and place of death	
4	Number of Casualty Cablegram	
5	Date buried	
6	Grave Location (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required	
7	Who reported burial	
8	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	
9	Report as to Grave Marker	
10	Report as to Identification Tags	
11	Who is nearest relative?	
12	Has M/R been notified? (Give date)	
13	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14	What is the Photograph No.?	

Burial INF. Recorded

Bur M.B. Has not

Bur missing

1-19-19

Q.P.B.

1/10/19

No Card

No burial
Info. for

file

REVIEWED
REVIEWED

no. 44.13

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Alderman, Tommie</i>	<i>ALD</i>	3	<i>1 2 4</i>
	CEMETERY <i>1233</i>	1	<i>3</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>15</i>	2	<i>15</i>
	ROW <i>20</i>	2	<i>20</i>
	BLOCK <i>13</i>	1	<i>2</i>
STATE	<i>Texas</i>	2	<i>49</i>
RANK	<i>Cpl.</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>Army Ser. C.</i>	2	<i>45</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>X</i>	3	<i>X</i>
ARM	<i>X</i>	1	<i>X</i>
MARITAL	<i>Remarried</i>	1	<i>3</i>
NAME <i>Mrs Belle Alderman</i>	<i>ALD</i>	3	<i>1 2 4</i>
	STATE <i>Miss</i>	2	<i>28</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Merhoba</i>	2	<i>50</i>
<i>R. #8</i>	CITY <i>Philadelphia</i>	3	<i>4 x 7</i>
RELATION	<i>mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER	<i>Father</i>	1	<i>1</i>
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	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE 29/514/EAB	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>

*Accepted
DEC 12 1931
af.*

Age

63

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Alderman, Tommie P. (StM)

Sept. 7, 1932.

Mrs. Belle Alderman,
RFD #8,
Philadelphia, Miss.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	<u>No</u>
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: <u>43</u> Health: <u>Very Bad</u>
3. Do you speak English?	<u>yes</u>
4. What other language do you speak?	<u>none</u>

Mrs Belle Alderman
Sign here

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE

PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Alderman, Tammie P. (STM)

July 11, 1932

Mrs. Belle Alderman,
RFD 8,
Philadelphia, Miss.

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)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Alderman, Tommie P. (STM) M-

October 1, 1931

Mrs. Belle Alderman,
~~Route #3,~~ R. 12 #8
Carthage, Miss.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	<u>no</u> ✓
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: <u>62</u> Health: <u>Very Bad</u>
3. Do you speak English?	<u>yes</u>
4. What other language do you speak?	<u>none</u>

Mrs. Belle Alderman
Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
Env.

You are informed
that I have changed
my address from
Carthage Miss R. #3.
to Philadelphia Miss R. #8
yours respectfully
Mrs Belle Alderman

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

Alderman, Tommie P. Cpl. (StM) M
IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

June 12, 1931.

Mrs. Belle Alderman,
Route #3,
Carthage, Miss.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Alderman, Tommie P. 1233-M

June 19, 1930

Mrs. Belle Alderman,
Rt. #3, R. # 8
Carthage, Mississippi.

Philadelphia

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. Belle Alderman
(Sign here)



Harding

7/9/30

1233

✓ Mrs. Belle Alderman
Rt. #3. Carthage Miss

I Decline the invitation extended
(Accept or decline)

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

Mrs. Belle Alderman

(Name)

Rt. #3, Carthage, Leake Co., Miss.

(Town or City)

(State)

Alderman, J. M.

postmark, Philadelphia,
Miss.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 8, 1929.

Alderman, Tommie P. 1233 M.

Mrs. Belle Alderman,
Route #3, *P. D. # 8*
Carthage, Miss.
Philadelphia
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) <i>yes</i>	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	<i>yes</i> (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) <i>no</i>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age 60 (Years)	Health (Good) <i>Poor</i> (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English <i>yes</i> (Yes)	(No)
	Other language (Specify language spoken)	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl.
Act
Envelope

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

Trips
adva. I'll every be able to take
no
I have

Cartage
Route 3. Mississippi

May 28. 1929.

J. J. M. Alderman
am the Father of Tommie
P. Alderman QM, 293A-C

Will say, we thank you
for the invitation. Yet we
are not able to make the
trip. My Wife Belle Alderman
is not Physical able to go
Tommie P. Alderman wife
has married since to
another man
Many Thanks for invitation
just the same

Yours truly
J. J. M. Alderman

