

Allen

(Surname.)

Lawrence Erwin

(Christian name in full.)

219,318

(Army serial number.)

Sgt., Qn. C. Det., Rest Cp 2, Base Hospital #2.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased wife

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? no

(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you }
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)

Lawrence W. Allen

228-505th E.
(Number and street or rural route.)

Missoula.
(City, town, or post office.)

Mont.
(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by Pm

26-8

11-3

checked by
gmm 11/5/20

At request of mother (Letter from Sen. Gill) 4-20-1926 Perm. Marker to read
Laurence Erwin Allen, Sergeant, Q.M. Corps, Washington, October 20, 1918
G.R.S. Form #114-B

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ALLEN, Lawrence E.

FULL NAME

RANK.....Sgt.....SERIAL.....219318

no Div. shown

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION.....QM Cps. Det. Rest. Cp. #2 Sec. 2

DATE OF DEATH.....10-20-18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME.....mont. Wash. per Mother's request

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED.....4-20-26

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION.....
Date Grave Row Block

Suresnes, #34

Cemetery

23/306/ARK

REC'D WORLD WAR DIV.
1 AUG 22 1918

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

NEAREST RELATIVE Mrs. Lulu W. Allen,
ADDRESS: 232 South 5th Street, East
Missoula, Montana
RELATIONSHIP: Wife

REPORTED BY: W.J. O'Shea,
First Lieutenant, Chaplain
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

This portion to be forwarded to Central Records Office, A. G. O., A. E. F.

None

P de Montozon, Checker.

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Allen 219318 Lawrence

(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Sergeant, 1st Cl Q.M.C.

(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Camp #2, B.S. #2

Lobar pneumonia

CAUSE OF DEATH: right lower lobe

DATE OF BURIAL: October 22nd, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL:

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

American F.F. Cemetery #

Carbon Blanc, Gironde, France

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GRAVE NUMBER:

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? Yes

Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes

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

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None

Checker.

Approved:

O. E. Davis, 1st Lt., Q.M.C.

(Title)

Approved:

R. P. Harbold,

(Title)

Major, Q.M.C.

R. G. RICHARDS,
1st Lieut. Q.M.C.

Disinterred (date) :

From (give complete location) :

Aug. 29, 1921

Gr. 19, Cam. #26.

By : Group 3 Unit Section 7

3. Reburied (date) : In (give complete location) :

October 17th, 1921. - Suresnes Cemetery. - Block A - Row 22 - Grave 2.

By : Group Field Operations Braebh Unit Nature of reburial Metal Casket and Blanket.

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

Wooden box and uniform. Body apparently previously embalmed.
Features are partly recognizable.

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

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

Body tag checks with organization reading: Sup. Co. Q.M.C. 308. Sargent chevrons on sleeve.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) 70 inches

(b) Weight (estimated) 215 lbs.

(c) Hair—Color light brown.

Quantity unknown

Characteristics straight

(d) Hair on face—Color none appearing.

Location none

Quantity none

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) indiscernable due to decomposition.

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

None

P deMontozon, Checker.

7. Disinterment supervised by

B. R. Fair

Approved :

O. E. Davis

O. E. Davis, 1st Lt., Q.M.C.
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by

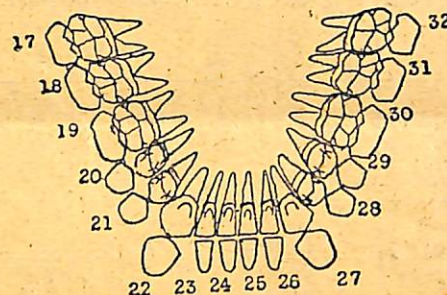
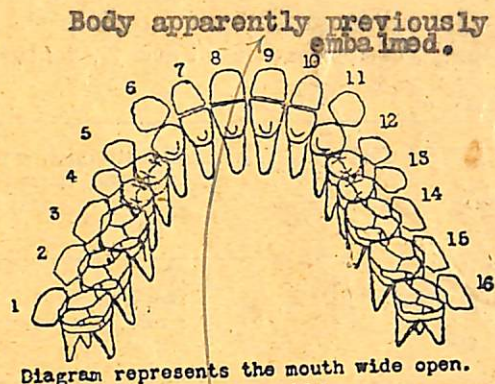
B. R. Fair

R. G. RICHARDS,
1st Lieut. Q.M.C.

Approved :

R. P. Harbold

R. P. HARBOLD,
(Title) Major, 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), bicuspid (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 :



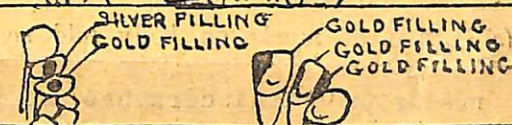
CROWNED TEETH.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :



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.



THE GEORGE WILLIAMS HOOPER FOUNDATION
FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

PARNASSUS AND SECOND AVENUES
SAN FRANCISCO

To the
Medical Officers in Charge.-

Dear Dr.,- This will introduce to you
Mrs. Lena, A. Alden, one of our beloved Gold Star
mothers. I have known her personally and
Professionally for a number of years. She is taking
this trip with some misgivings ^{on} my part due to
her general nervous condition and cardiac
disturbances. The visit to her sons grave may
sensually affect her and may I bespeak for her
every care. In addition may I also suggest that

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The with
Card of Mrs
Allie

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she be allowed all time possible in rest and
recuperation from the excitement of such a visit.
In fact, I would suggest and even request for
her, additional stay, in order that her return
may be made with additional safeguards.

Dear Major Beech:-

you will find Mrs Allen a
delightful woman. - Any thing you can
do for her will be appreciated. -

Lt. J. B. Hunt
Major M. C.

Thanking you, Dear,
Sincerely,

Charles M. D.
Senior Surgeon (R.) U. S. A. M. S.

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates) Contused wound - slight 4th left
finger

Treatment and Progress: (include dates) June 3rd 1930 - Given Ampicil

● Examination Hotel D'Jena. Heart Lungs - nothing
abnormal found B.P. 142/78. No demonstrable
physical abnormality - General physical condition
Very good. Allowing
Disposition: (include dates) *allowing*

Remarks: Miss Pilgrin has made all the trips of her
unit without suffering any discomfort.
● She has received medical treatment twice only
and then for minor conditions - headache and
slightly mashed finger

V. Minto

Allen, Lawrence E.
MEDICAL RECORD

Party C

1st, QMC Det. Rest Camp # 2

Station: Hotel Tena

Date: 24th May 1930

Name Mrs. Lena B. Allen

Home address 226 Tower Drive, Beverly Hills, Los Angeles
County, California

Address of Nearest friend or relative Mrs. Dudley Smith (daughter)

Cross Road, Claremont Manor, Oakland, California

Religion Presbyterian

Age 62

History of Present complaint: May 24th. Headache. Aspirin &
Brandy given.

May 31st. Finger squeezed in door
Cold applied. Boric vaseline dressing to finger

June 1st Dressing renewed

6/5/30 To Chelburg. Bruch

(over) See Report by Maj Kenner.

(over)

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

Watch out for ticket
which is to be turned in
to this office by a Mrs. Mattie Keller
Yonkers, N.Y.

(see letter in
envelope)

Smith 5/19.

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Mrs LENA E. ALLEN

City BEVERLY HILLS State CAL.

Your Berth Is _____ Car _____

Leave _____ Via _____ At _____

Arrive At _____ At _____

Leave _____ Via _____ At _____

Arrive At _____ At _____

Leave _____ Via _____ At _____

Arrive At _____ At _____

Send

Ticket in Yonkers, N.Y.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.
Regulation.

WAR DEPARTMENT July 28, 1922.
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
138876
WASHINGTON

FILE: 293.8 C-R Q.M. Sergeant Lawrence Allen,
Q.M. Det. Rest Camp #2, Base Section #2.
SUBJECT: Permanent Grave Location of
Mrs. Lulu W. Allen, c/o Mrs. Della T. Wright, Edgewater, N.J.
TO:

2, 22,

A, The American Cemetery of Suresnes, Department of Seine,
1. The permanent grave of this soldier is No. ^{row}
France.
Block

2. This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, organization and date of soldier's death. The 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.

3. In effecting removal, the utmost care and reverence were exacted and more than willingly accorded by those performing this sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

For the Quartermaster General:
MAILED

JUL 28 1922

GEORGE H. PENROSE,
Assistant.

G.R.S.

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United States Senate,
COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS.

Chas. Rogers

Washington, D. C.
July 11, 1922.

H. L. R.
JUL 12 1922
Q M G.

My dear General:

I herewith submit for your attention a letter
from Mrs. Della T. Wright, of Edgewater, New Jersey. Mrs.
Wright formerly resided in Missoula, Montana.

Mrs. Wright's son-in-law, Lawrence E. Allen, who
died in France, was buried in A. E. F. Cemetery, No. 26,
grave 17, Bourdeaux. She wishes to know whether or not the
body has been removed from this cemetery. If it has been
removed, its present location.

The soldier served as Quartermaster Sergeant, Quarter-
master Detachment Rest Camp #2, Base Section #2.

Please fully advise concerning this matter, returning
my correspondent's letter with your reply and oblige,

Yours respectfully,

H. L. Rogers

Maj. Gen. H. L. Rogers,
Quartermaster General, U. S. A.,
War Department,
City.

Inc.
GSB

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July 13, 1922.

Hon. Henry L. Myers,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Myers:

In reply to your letter of July 11, 1922, enclosing letter from Mrs. Della T. Wright, Edgewater, New Jersey, you are advised that report on file in this office shows the remains of Quartermaster Sergeant Lawrence Allen, Quartermaster Detachment, Rest Camp #2, Base Section #2, to have been permanently reburied in Grave #2, Row #23, Block A, American Cemetery of Suresnes at Suresnes, Department of Seine, France. This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by this Government in Europe and the grave of the deceased will be perpetually cared for in a manner befitting the last resting place of our hero dead.

A letter containing the above information was addressed to Mrs. Lulu W. Allen at 223 South 5th Street, East Missoula, Montana, under date of July 3, 1922.

I am returning Mrs. Wright's letter as requested.

Sincerely yours,

Chief, GRS.

encl.

H. L. ROGERS,
Quartermaster General.

DS
CPS
F. B. A.
JUL 13 1922

COPY

Edgewater, New Jersey,
July 10th, 1922.

Hon. Henry F. Myers,
U.S. Senate,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Myers:

I wonder if you could and would take time to find out for me whether the body of my son-in-law has been moved? His wife will be in Europe within the next few months and wishes to visit his grave. She leaves Japan this month but will not reach France till sometime in the Fall.

She asked to have his body left in France but I understand they are all to be moved to American cemeteries. His name was Lawrence E. Allen and his grave was in A.E.F. Cemetery Number 26 grave 17 at Bourdeaux. If you can find out for us where it will be when she comes through there we will be very grateful to you.

Very Sincerely,

(Signed) Della T. Wright
(formerly of Missoula, Mont.)

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

WASHINGTON, D. C.

RECEIVED
GRAVES REGISTRATION SER.
JUL 25 1922

Mrs. Julu W. Allen,

223 S. 5th St.,

East Missoula,

Montana.

WASHINGTON
PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE
TO AVOID PAYMENT OF PENALTY
VOID PAYMENT
1922

YOUR MAIL	USE
STREET ADDRESS	NO. 300
CITY	NUMBER

2-60277 City 26



*Enclosed for
Carmel House*

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON July 3, 1922.

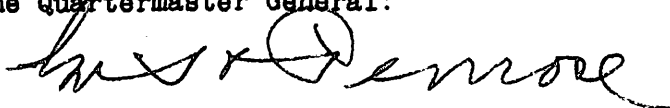
FILE: 293.8 C-R - #38876 - (Allen, Lawrence. Q.M. Sgt.)
FROM: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army. *Remailed 7/28
of Mrs. Della J. Wright
Edgewood N.Y.
HCH*
TO: Mrs. Lulu W. Allen, 223 S. 5th St., East Missoula, Mont.
SUBJECT: Permanent Grave Location of Q.M. Sgt. Lawrence Allen,
Q.M. Det. Rest Camp #2, Base
Section #2.

1. The permanent grave of this soldier is No. 2 Row 22
Block A, The American Cemetery of Suresnes, Department of Seine,
France.

2. This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries
to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be
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rank, organization and date of soldier's death. The 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.

3. In effecting removal, the utmost care and reverence were
exacted and more than willingly accorded by those performing this
sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually main-
tained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting
place of our heroes.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:



GEORGE H. PENROSE,
Colonel, Q. M. Corps,
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

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Chief, Graves Registration Service.

38876

DATE 10/17/21

1. NAME ALLEN, Lawrence H. SERIAL No. 219318

RANK Sgt. ORGANIZATION Qn. Corps Det. Rest Camp 2, B-Sec. 2

GRAVE LOCATION CARBON BLANC (GIRONDE) AEF CEMETARY #26
CTY. NAME NUMBER

19

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 19 Carbon Blanc, (Gironde)
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES None

CONCENTRATED TO Oct. 22, 1918. 19
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOTCarbon Blanc, (Gironde) 26
CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

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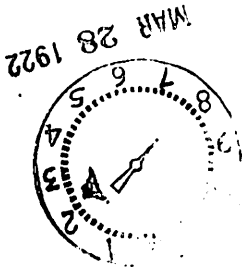
SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR W. R. Nichols, Major C.A.C.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 10/17/21 2 22 4
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT BlockSuresnes American Cemetery #34, Suresnes (Seine)
CEMETERY

grb

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.



RECEIVED

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-2376

32. Designation of body:

Name ALLEN, Lawrence ^{5x8 card Jfo 6} Serial No. 219310

Rank Sgt. Organization Am. Corps, Det. Rest Camp 2, B-Sec. 2

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery SURESNES AMERICAN CEMETERY NO. 34

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Aug. 29th, 1921 By B. F. Fair

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector O. E. Davis
O. E. Davis, 1st Lt., QMC.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Aug. 29th, 1921

To point of Concentration Bassens, (Gironde) (Name)

Convoyer G. H. HUGGINS Signature Shipping Officer S. D. Campbell, Capt. QMC.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 29 31 AOUT 1921

By G.R.S. Representative H. A. WADSWORTH

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Oct 14, 1921

39 (a) Received at Paris Morgue, October 17, 1921.

H. L. WARD
H. L. WARD,
Major, Q.M.C.

39 (b) Shipped from Paris Morgue, Oct. 26th 1921. To Permanent Cemetery No. 34, American. Suresnes (Seine) by Shipping Officer, Convoyed by:

H. L. WARD
H. L. WARD,
Major, Q.M.C.

43. ~~Block~~ Block A. Row 22.

G.R.S. Representative

R. G. RICHARDS
R. G. RICHARDS,
1st Lieut. Q.M.C.

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Rank Sgt. Organization Inf. Corps, Det. Rest Camp 2, B-Sec. 2

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Convoyer Jack Roberts Signature Shipping Officer M. Roberts

Received: Date October 17th, 1921

G.R.S. Representative R. G. RICHARDS, 1st Lieut. Q.M.C.

Reinterred Suresnes Cemetery. October 17th, 1921. (Date)

Grave No. 2. Section

43. Plot Block A. Row 22.

G.R.S. Representative

R. G. RICHARDS,
1st Lieut. Q.M.C.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Aug. 29th, 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters. 4/3/22. Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name ALLEN, Lawrence X 5x8 card 1406 10. Name _____
 2. No. 219318 11. No. _____
 3. Rank Sgt. 12. Rank _____
 4. Org. Qn. Corps, Det. Rest Camp 2 (B-See. 2) 13. Org. Sup. Co. QMC. 308 (Tagon body)
 5. D.D. Oct. 20, 1918. 14. (a) D.D. _____
 6. C.D. Pneumonia (b) D.B. _____

7. Grave No. 19 Sec. 5 Discrepancy found upon disinterment
 8. Plot _____ Row 4 15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
 9. _____ 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 17. No discrep.

18. Cemetery A-F 19. Commune or town CARBON BLANC20. Dept. or County GIROUDE 21. Country FRANCE22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 4-2623. Disinterred (Date) Aug. 29th, 1921 By B. F. Fair

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Lawrence E. Allen Serial No. _____Rank Sgt. Organization Q. M. C. Det. Rest Camp 2,B. S. 2, Died Oct. 20-1825. Was identification disc found on grave marker? yes On body? yesP. J. Montezon
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).

Body tag checks with organization reading: "Sup. Co. QMC. 308--" Sgts. chevrons on sleeve.27. Condition of body Body apparently previously embalmed - features are partly recognizable.28. Nature of burial Wooden box and uniform.29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? See item 13.30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Aug. 29th, 1921 By B. F. Fair31. Casket sealed by B. F. Fair

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

B. F. Fair

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File No. 38876

1. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name ALLEN, Lawrence Ser. No. 219318)
 (b) Rank Q.M.Sgt. Organization Q.M.C. Detach. Rest Camp 2 Base) TYP. EML
 (d) Cause Sec. 2) CKR. DS
 (c) Date of death 10-20-18 of death Pneumonia)

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

(a) Grave No. 19 Row ---- Plot ----- Sect. -----) TYP. EML
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Lula W. Allen (wife), 223 S. 5th St., East Missoula, Mont.

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

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt None

(a) Name Lula W. Allen (b) Relationship Wife
 (c) Address 223 So. 5th E. Missoula, Mont
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No.
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at — ✓

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U.S. —

(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U.S. —

Examiner's Initials AT Date 5-1- 1920

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

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

No Correspondence

Examiner's Initials JB Date 5/1/ 1920

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes - aa

Examiner's Initials aa Date 5-3- 1920

COUNTRY FRANCE

CEMETERY NO. 26

SHEET NO. 8

G.R.S. Form #115

Amended April 6, 1920.

Make Form #114

Concentrated into P. A. C. 34

Rechecked all
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VII. G.R.S. FORM No. 114 made _____, 1920

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 1920

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by- (cable on _____, 1920
(letter on **MAY 12** _____, 1920

Par. 2 not to be returned. MB. 11-6-20

CORRECTIONS

IX.

Change of advice	Action taken
Desires body be _____	_____
Body to be shipped to _____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS.

Letter addressed to Adjutant General
7/27/21 Hon. H.L. Myers states Mrs. L.L. Wright
Wolters - does not wish body disturbed -
AsPs what is being done in City #26 AD8/1/21
8/6/21 Letter from Col. Penrose States widow
has requested permanent interment in France
City #26 is temporary and according to
present policy body will be transferred to a
permanent American City. or may be
removed to a permanent French
City. upon execution of form #123 - AD8/1/21

IMPORTANT

You are requested to furnish this office at the earliest practical moment the name and address of the following named relatives of deceased soldier - widow, children, father, mother, oldest brother and sister.

If soldier was not married or if relative is dead this fact must be stated on the enclosed form before action will be taken on this case.

Although this form is sent to you it is expected, should you not be the nearest living relative, that you will have the nearest living relative, in the above mentioned order, sign the attached form. Prompt action is necessary.

NS/8821/LML

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

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JUL 9-1920

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

TO: Mrs. Lulu W. Allen, ²²³~~222~~ S. 5th St., East Missoula, Mont.SUBJECT: Remains of Q. M. Sgt. Lawrence Allen.

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

See other side

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:

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

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow			
Mrs. Lulu W. Allen	223 - S. 5 th E	Missoula	Mont
Soldier's Children	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
	3.		
Father			
Mother			
Brothers	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
Sisters			

Date July 17-1920Signature Lulu W. Allen

Address

Relationship Wife

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

(OVER)

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

It is my wish that my
husband's body be left
in France -
Allen



INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT

1. This paper **MUST** be signed by the person who is the **NEXT** of kin in the order shown in the square on other side of this sheet.
2. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
3. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the legally appointed guardian of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.
4. If **YOU** are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
5. If **YOU** are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper **AT ONCE** and mail to this office.
6. You are requested to return this paper **AT ONCE** in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
7. Use the enclosed envelope - pay no postage.

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Allen 219318 Lawrence E.
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Sergeant, 1st Cl. Q.M.C.
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Camp #2, B.S. #2

CAUSE OF DEATH: Lobar pneumonia, right lower lobe

DATE OF BURIAL: October 22nd, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL:

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

American E. F. Cemetery #
Carbon Blanc, Gironde, France

GRAVE NUMBER: 19

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? Yes Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: Mrs. Lulu W. Allen

ADDRESS: 232 South 5th Street, East Missoula, Montana

RELATIONSHIP: Wife

REPORTED BY: W. J. O'Shea,
First Lieutenant, Chaplain
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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Name *Laiurus Allen*

Rank *Sgt 1st* Co. *Q. M. C.* Corp. *Regt.*

Date of Death *Oct - 20 - 1918*

Place

Cause

Date of Burial *Oct - 22 - 1918*

Grave No. *19.*

Cemetery *Carbon Blues*

Identified by { Tag
Papers
Clothing } *Headboard*

List of Effects *# 219318*

Field Record Made by *Sgt E E Morris*

Company *A*, Graves Registration Service

For additional data use reverse side

27 OCT 1918

August 6, 1921.

File O.S.P.

8/11/21 AD

FILE

Hon. H. L. Myers,
United States Senate.

My dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 27th, relative to the disposition of the remains of the late Quartermaster Sergeant Lawrence Allen, Quartermaster Detachment Rest Camp #2, Base Section #2, referred to this office by The Adjutant General of the Army.

The files of this office contain the request of Mrs. Lulu W. Allen that the remains of her husband be permanently interred in France. The American Cemetery at Carbon Blanc, Department of Gironde, wherein the remains of this soldier are interred is a temporary American cemetery and at the time of concentration of bodies, will be abandoned. The remains of soldiers interred therein, whose relatives have requested permanent interment abroad, will be transferred to one of the permanent American cemeteries established in France, where the graves will be perpetually cared for by the United States Government.

Should Mrs. Allen so desire, the remains of her husband may be transferred to a nearby permanent French cemetery; in which event, it is requested that she execute and return to this office the enclosed release, thereby relieving the United States Government of the future care of the grave. This is in accordance with the policy established of requiring relatives who select burial places outside the cemeteries designated for permanent retention to assume the future care of the grave, thus placing them in the same status as those relatives who request the remains returned to this country for private interment.

The remains of soldiers interred in the above-mentioned cemetery, whose relatives have definitely requested return to this country, have already been returned. The remaining bodies will not be transferred to a permanent cemetery until after the project of removal of all bodies to this country has been accomplished.

Very truly yours,

H. L. Rogers
H. L. ROGERS,

DS

Quartermaster General,

BPM

Noted on Form No. 115
Date 8/11/21 AD

Chief, Cem. Div.
encl.

Copy filed in O.S.P.

W. H. Myers

AG 201 (Allen, Lawrence) WW 1st Ind.

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War Dept. A.G.O. July 30, 1921, - To the Quartermaster General of the Army.

1. The records of this office show that Sergeant-first-class Lawrence Allen, Army Serial Number 219318, Quartermaster Detachment, died October 20, 1918, at Camp Hospital 5, Rest Camp Number 2, Base Section Number 2, of lobar pneumonia, right lower lobe.

2. Hon. Henry L. Myers, United States Senate, has been advised of this reference.

P C Harris
The Adjutant General,

Allen, Lawrence

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HENRY L. MYERS, M. J. CHAIRMAN.
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United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN DEPREDACTIONS,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 27, 1921.

The Adjutant General,
War Department,
City.

My dear Sir:

I write in behalf of Mrs. L. L. Wright, in regard to her son, Lawrence Allen, who is buried in A.E.F. Cemetery No. 26, Carbon Blanc Giroude, France, Grave No. 19. Mrs. Wright informs me that she has requested the Department to allow the body of her son to remain where it now is. She does not wish it exhumed and brought to the United States.

Please advise me if the Department is now exhuming the bodies in A.E.F. Cemetery No. 26, or if it contemplates doing so in the near future. Please fully advise me in this matter, in order that I may inform Mrs. Wright thereabout.

Yours respectfully,

REC'D MAIL SECTION,
W.W. Div., A. G. O.

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H. L. Myers

Noted on Form No. 115

Date

8/11/21

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Missoula, Montana, January 25th, 1919.

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

Dear Sir;

Lawrence E. Allen, First Class Sergeant,
Q. M. C. Camp Genicart, France. Died
October 20th, 1918.

My husband, named above, died in the service on
October 20th, 1918. The number and location of his grave
are; Rest Camp 2, Base Sec. 2, American Cemetery, Carbon-
Blanc, Gironde, Grave #19.

Please send me a photograph of his grave.

Yours very truly,

Lulu Wright Allen

Lulu Wright Allen, (Mrs. Lawrence E. Allen)

#223 South 5th St. East, Missoula, Montana.

(Enclosure-G.R.S.004.5.)
April 23 1919.

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FILE

July 13, 1922.

Hon. Henry L. Myers,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Myers:

In reply to your letter of July 11, 1922, enclosing letter from Mrs. Della T. Wright, Edgewater, New Jersey, you are advised that report on file in this office shows the remains of Quartermaster Sergeant Lawrence Allen, Quartermaster Detachment, Rest Camp #2, Base Section #2, to have been permanently reburied in Grave #2, Row #22, Block A, American Cemetery of Suresnes at Suresnes, Department of Seine, France. This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by this Government in Europe and the grave of the deceased will be perpetually cared for in a manner befitting the last resting place of our hero dead.

A letter containing the above information was addressed to Mrs. Lulu W. Allen at 223 South 5th Street, East Missoula, Montana, under date of July 3, 1922.

I am returning Mrs. Wright's letter as requested.

Sincerely yours,

H. L. ROGERS,
Quartermaster General.

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mailed
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[Signature]

Allen, Lawrence E.
Sgt.

WESTERN MILITARY BUREAU

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516 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD
(CANAL STATION)
CHICAGO, ILL.

H. P. BRONSON
SECRETARY
CHICAGO

G. C. RONEY
PASSENGER TRAFFIC REPRESENTATIVE
2317 MUNITIONS BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D. C.

PILGRIMAGE SAILING FROM NEW YORK CITY May 14, 1930.

State of California

Los Angeles County

Name: Allen, Mrs Lena E

Address: 226 Tower Drive, Beverly Hills, Calif

Route Going: Sou Pac Santa Rosa, CRI&P Chicago, NYC New York

Return: Same route

	: Road	: Train	: Time	: Date
Itinerary				
✓Lv Beverly Hills	: So Pac	: Elec	: 4:06PM	: May 8
going ✓Ar Los Angeles	: "	: "	: 5:06PM	: " "
✓Lv Los Angeles	: "	: 4	: 6:00PM	: " "
✓Ar Chicago	: CRI&P	: "	: 9:15AM	: " 11
✓Lv Chicago	: NYC	: 10	: 10:35AM	: " "
✓Ar New York (Grand	: "	: 142	: 3:45PM	: " 12
Central Sta)	: "	: "	: "	: "

Accommodations: Coach Beverly Hills to Los Angeles, standard sleeper
Los Angeles, to Chicago and Chicago to New York

Elapsed time: 92 Hrs: 39 Min.

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Name ALLEN, Mrs Lena E.

HOTEL D'ÉNA

Paris Hôtel AVENUE D'ÉNA

Home address 226 Tower Drive, Beverly Hills, Los Angeles County, California

Party C Group 6 Unit S/S REPUBLIC

Date of arrival MAY 23rd, 1930. Date of departure left her party. going back to U.S. at own expense

Relationship Mother

Name of deceased ALLEN, Lawrence E.

Rank Sgt. Organization Q.M.C. Det. Rest Camp 2 Warr 10/20/18

Cemetery Suresnes Grave 2 - Row 22 - Block A

REMARKS

Mrs. Allen leaving party of her own volition to visit Europe (6/5/30) at her own expense. Signed letter that she understands that all expenses after leaving party, including cost of return transportation to U.S. to be at her own expense.

Passport #1098 delivered 6/4/30.

Ticket cancelled with U.S. Lines- 6/4/30

Party" G" Mrs. L.E. Allen desires to secure accommodation on ~~ss~~/Roosevelt sailing from Cherbourg July 5th. 1930. Mrs. Allen has been advised that space will be available for her on the special train for Gold Star Mothers from Paris to Cherbourg, and that reservation can be made for her in car H, compartment 1. Rail transportation will be paid for by Mrs. Allen. - Mrs. Allen is due to arrive in Paris on the evening of July 3, and will stay at the Hotel d'Iena. We have written her to-day (7/3/30) that she should call on U.S. Lines on the morning of July 4th to arrange for her transportation. -cost of which will be paid by Mrs. Allen.



MRS. LENA E. ALLEN
226 Tower Drive, Beverly Hills,
Los Angeles, California.

Mother of Sgt. Lawrence E. Allen, Q.M.C. Det. Rest Camp 2, whose remains are interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery in France.

Arrived in New York on Train 142, at 3:45 P.M. on May 12th New York Central RR. Met by Capt. Arnold J. Funk and escorted to the New Weston Hotel, room No. 309, with Mrs. Mary Hilstrom.

Sailed for Cherbourg on May 13, 1930 on the SS "REPUBLIC"-occupied cabin No. 352-B with Mrs. Frieda Otto and Mrs. Emily P. Boller.

Arrived Cherbourg May 23, 1930. - see itinerary in Europe.

Left party "C" in Europe to travel at own expense. Returned with Party "G" at own expense.

ITINERARY FOR SURESNES GROUP
PARTY "C"

MAY 23rd

Arrived Cherbourg at 1:53 P.M. on SS REPUBLIC May 23, 1930. Met by Major G.F.N. Dailey, Lt. Freeman and Miss Blanche Rulon, Captain Army Nurse.

Party "C" was originally intended to be transported on the SS "HARDING" sailing from New York on May 14 and arriving at Cherbourg on May 22, but due to the fact that this ship was withdrawn from schedule, the members of Party "C" were transferred to the SS "REPUBLIC" sailing from New York on May 13, which ship already bore the pilgrims of Party "B". The "REPUBLIC" was not due at Cherbourg until May 23rd and consequently party "C" lost one day of its originally scheduled stay in France at the very beginning.

Conducted to their compartments on train which left at 3:45 P.M. as scheduled. Train arrived at the Invalides station in Paris at 9:53 P.M. on time.

The Officer in Charge, his staff, seven conducting Officers, four interpreters and two baggage checkers met the train at the station.

Mrs. Margaret Forsyth of Ohio, being dean of the party, was welcomed personally by the Officer in Charge and accompanied by him led the party out of the station to the busses. The French Government was represented by Mr. Jean Favier, Special Commissary from the Minister of the Interior.

The pilgrims were promptly embarked in their busses and arrived at the hotels, followed by their baggage, in a very short time.

MAY 24th

Morning was devoted to rest and orienting the pilgrims, the preparation of laundry, the exchange of money and the transaction of other personal business. In the afternoon they visited Napoleon's Tomb.

MAY 25th

Sunday - went to church and made first visit to the cemetery in the afternoon.

MAY 26th

Morning free. In afternoon at 3:30 P.M. Mrs. Margaret Forsyth placed a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier and afterwards they were conducted to Restaurant Laurent where an informal tea and reception was tendered on behalf of the US Government.

MAY 27th

Left for cemetery - Visited Belle-Cycl and cemetery again.

MAY 28th

Free in the morning. Visited Versailles and Belle-Cycl.

MAY 29th

Visited the Louvre, Belle-Cycl and cemetery.

Miss Mrs. Forsyth

MAY 30th

Morning free. Visited cemetery.

MAY 31st

Visited Chateau Thierry

JUNE 1st

Sunday - went to church. Visited Sacre-Coeur.

JUNE 2nd

This day was devoted by all groups to a trip to the Parc and Chateau of Fontainbleau.

JUNE 3rd

Visited cemetery in morning. Afternoon devoted to sightseeing.

JUNE 4th

Morning free. Afternoon they visited Notre-Dame.

JUNE 5th

Left for Cherbourg in care of Captains Haley, Saulnier, Lambert, 1st Lt. Gregory and Lt. Morin, Dr. P. Columbian, 3 nurses and 2 civilian employees arriving 4:22 P.M. Sailed on the GEO. WASHINGTON for New York at 6:45 P.M.

Note:

Mrs. Lena Allen of Suresnes group left party to travel in Europe at own expense.

Allen, Lawrence E. (4) (Sailed)
GERT;BF 1930
File 519 - Transportation (Party "C")

June 17th, 1930.

SUBJECT: Unused Transportation - Pilgrims - Party "C"

TO: The Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

1. There are enclosed herewith the Westbound Contract
Tickets of:

Mrs. Lena E. Allen
Mrs. Marie Bard
Mrs. Sarah M. Sillars

of Party "C" who left their party in Paris for the purpose of
visiting relatives in Europe, and with the understanding that the
Government thereupon ceased to be responsible for their mainten-
ance and transportation.

For Officer In Charge:

GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR
1st Lieut. Q.M.C.(DOL)

3 Encls:

1	Westbound	Contract	Ticket	- Mrs. Lena E. Allen
1	"	"	"	- Mrs. Marie Bard
1	"	"	"	- Mrs. Sarah M Sillars

July 15, 1930

SUBJECT: Pilgrims Leaving Party.

TO: The Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

1. Several Pilgrims have left their Parties in France and are returning at their own expense. Two (2) have reached New York so far and in each case the Pilgrim claimed return transportation from New York to her home was due her, as it had already been furnished her by the Government and was not included in any expense with regard to her pilgrimage after she left the Party. This was the understanding of each of these Pilgrims.

2. The law was explained to each one here and also the fact that return transportation had not been paid for by the Government and was therefore an expense incurred after she left the Party, but in each case the Pilgrim refused to accept that interpretation of the law.

3. The last one, Mrs. L. E. Allen, from Beverly Hills, Calif., was particularly insistent that her return transportation be given her. In this case, when Mrs. Allen reported in New York to sail for Europe she did not turn in her return-trip ticket, but left it with a friend in Yonkers. After Mrs. Allen sailed, a letter was written to the friend asking that the ticket be sent to this office. No answer being received to the letter, a clerk was sent from the office, and after a personal call the friend who had the ticket turned it into this office.

4. When Mrs. Allen returned from Europe, she was particularly insistent that we turn over the ticket to her, this, of course, was refused. The ticket is returned herewith for cancellation in accordance with instructions from your office.

5. Attached is a copy of an instrument which Mrs. Allen claims to have signed in Paris, and also a copy of the memorandum given her by this office addressed to The Quartermaster General, and copy of cable to Colonel Ellis.

4 Incls.

Railroad Ticket

C. Instrument, Paris, 6/4/30.

CC. Memo to QMG, 7/14/30.

CC. Cable to Col. Ellis, Paris.

A. E. WILLIAMS,
Colonel, Q.M. Corps,
In Charge.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM TO

Col. Gibson
Get a letter
order - back
to Gen. Shattuck
for my sig. Sub-
based on Memo

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM TO

To Sec. War
Should be OK.
Hear letter
and ready by
A. M. M.
J. W.

July 14, 1930

MEMORANDUM TO: The Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

1. Mrs. Lena E. Allen, Beverley Hills, California, a member of Party "C", sailing May 13th, S/S REPUBLIC, left her party in France and returned to the United States at her own expense, arriving on the S/S ROOSEVELT, July 13th.

2. Under instructions from The Quartermaster General, I am holding the return-trip ticket issued Mrs. Allen to return from New York to her home. This ticket is not to be returned to Mrs. Allen under the instructions of The Quartermaster General, therefore I am refusing the request of Mrs. Allen to return this ticket to her.

A. R. WILLIAMS,
Colonel, Q.M. Corps.

*Original Ticket
by Mrs Allen to Allen*

United States Senate

MEMORANDUM

This was written in ink

I have personally explained to Mrs. Allen the contents of this document in the presence of Mr. J. Cheries.

(signed) Porter T. Gregory
1st Lient. C.A. C.

TM:TVR

Pilgrimage War Mothers & Widows
Room 901, 225 W. 34th St.,
New York City, N.Y.

VIA WESTERN UNION

Mr. E. W. Clapp, General Passenger
Traffic Manager, Southern Pacific R.R.,
San Francisco, California.

A. E. WILLIAMS,
Colonel, C.M. Corps.

July 11, 1930

REFERRING TO LETTER FROM H. W. SIDDALL CHAIRMAN WESTERN MILITARY BUREAU APRIL
TWENTY FIFTH STOP PLEASE FURNISH COMPLETE ROUTING FORMS AND TICKET NUMBERS OF
TRANSPORTATION FURNISHED TO MRS LENA E ALLEN OF BEVERLY HILLS CALIFORNIA STOP
ALSO GOVERNMENT TRANSPORTATION REQUEST NUMBER WHICH COVERS SAME

COLONEL WILLIAMS

201 Allen Mrs L E

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1930 JUL 11 PM 11 55
 This is a full-rate Telegram or Cablegram unless its deferred character is indicated by a suitable sign above or preceding the address.

WESTERN UNION

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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COLONEL WILLIAMS, ANS 102/11 JT

NEW YORK NY

% McAlpin Hotel

WIRE DATE MRS ALLEN ISSUED FORM 1076-1 NO 4937 FORM 5176 NO 90732
 FORM 5926 NO 27310 FORM 7866 NO 34945 FORM 7116 NO 47215 CONTRACT
 FORM 8441 NO 15439 FORM 1076 NO 29829 ROUTED PACIFIC ELECTRIC
 LOSANGELES ESPEE OGDEN UPEE COUNCIL BLUFFS NYC RETURNING SAME
 TRANSPORTATION REQUEST NUMBER ONE MILLION SIX HUNDRED SEVENTEEN

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our letter
6/17 to
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201
Allen,
Mrs. &
B. &

QM 552.01 A-M Pilgrimage Gold Star. 1st Ind.
June 23, 1930 Officer in Charge, Pilgrimage Port of Embarkation,
901 Pennsylvania Building, 225 West 34th Street,
New York City.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of Westbound Contract Tickets
of Mrs. Lena E. Allen, Mrs. Marie Bard and Mrs. Sarah M. Sillers.

For The Quartermaster General,

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

File 519 - Transportation (Party "C")

June 17th, 1930.

SUBJECT: Unused Transportation - Pilgrims - Party "C"

TO: The Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.1. There are enclosed herewith the Westbound Contract
Tickets of:Mrs. Lena E. Allen
Mrs. Marie Bard
Mrs. Sarah M. Sillars

of Party "C" who left their party in Paris for the purpose of
visiting relatives in Europe, and with the understanding that the
Government thereupon ceased to be responsible for their mainten-
ance and transportation.

For Officer In Charge:

GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR
1st Lieut. Q.M.C. (DOL)

3 Encls:

1	Westbound	Contract	Ticket	- Mrs. Lena E. Allen
1	"	"	"	- Mrs. Marie Bard
1	"	"	"	- Mrs. Sarah M. Sillars

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to- QM 544.3 A-G
Pilgrimage, Gold Star.

June 12, 1930.

SUBJECT: Gold Star Pilgrimage.

TO: Col. A. E. Williams, Room 901 - Pennsylvania Building,
225 West 34th Street, New York City.,

Referring to telephone conversation of June 10th, there is enclosed herewith copy of a cablegram received by the War Department relative to the return of women in Party B to the United States; also women in Parties A and C.

1 Enclosure:
Cable.

For the Quartermaster General

ORIG TO:
CC TO:

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

201 Allen Mr. L

COPY

AEW:FVR

File 519.

June 11, 1930

SUBJECT: Parties "B" and "C" Returning.

TO: The Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

1. In accordance with telephone message from your office yesterday, radios were sent to the Liaison Officers with Parties "B" and "C" asking for report of the members returning with each party. Attached are copies of replies.

2. Party "B" sailed with 155, Colonel Winfree reports 153 returning, short -

Mrs. Lena Glasser,
Queens Village,
Long Island.

Mrs. Marie E. Bauer,
Rosendale,
New York.

These two (2) Pilgrims remained in Paris voluntarily, which means that they must return to New York at their own expense, then I will take them up and send them home.

3. Party "C" sailed with 106, Major Carlock reports 103 returning, short -

Mrs. Lena E. Allen,
Beverly Hills,
California.

Mrs. Sarah M. Sillars,
Akron, Ohio.

Mrs. Marie Bard,
Detroit, Michigan.

Why these three (3) did not return is not stated.

4. Arrangements have been made with railroads so that there will be no layovers at junction points by Pilgrims returning home, as referred to by Major Carlock.

5 Incls. Copies of radios.

A.E. WILLIAMS,
Colonel C.M. Corps,
in charge.

WESTERN UNION

NB302 51 RADIO VIA RCA - SS GEO WASHINGTON CD 1930 June 10 PM 8 10
CHATHAM 10
OFFICER IN CHARGE - PILGRIMAGE
ROOM 901 225 WEST 34 STREET NEW YORK (NY) -

PARTY C ORIGINAL STRENGTH 106 PRESENT 103 LOSSES LENA ALLEN CALIFORNIA
MARIE BARD MICHIGAN SARAH SILLARS OHIO GAINS NONE STOP NO CHECK FOR
ALTA BREWER ARKANSAS STOP MARY HESS OHIO HUSBAND DANGEROUSLY ILL REQUEST
TRAVEL FIRST TRAIN UPON ARRIVAL -

CARLOCK

RECEIVED AT THE WAR DEPARTMENT

8 PO

June 9, 1930.

11:00 A,

FROM:-----PARIS, THE ADJUTANT GENERAL.

Number 1767. June 9th.

For the Quartermaster General. From Ellis.

Reference your 2136 paragraph 1. The best knowledge this office has all women returned with Party B. Suggest radio Winfree for confirmation. Following Pilgrimage Party A remained in Europe: Mrs. Florence Williams, sick at Verdun. Mrs. C. A. Cahoon, Mrs. G. Lehwald, Mrs. A. G. Verges left party to travel in Europe at own expense. Mrs. Marie Bard, Mrs. Sarah Sillars, Mrs. Lena Allen. Reports these remaining each party delivered to transportation quartermaster for Williams.

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Harts,

X INDICATES CABLE ROUTED FOR ACTION / FOR INFORMATION

COPY

Paris, June 4, 1930.

Mrs. L. E. Allen
Hotel D'lena
Paris, France.

Dear Mrs. Allen:

The officer conducting your unit has notified this office that you desire to detach yourself from your unit on.....for the purpose of making a personal tour.

For your guidance in this action, the following extracts from the Regulations governing the conduct of the Pilgrimage are quoted:

PASSPORTS AND TRAVEL DOCUMENTS : For the purpose of the pilgrimage, the Secretary of State shall (1) issue special passports, limited to the duration of the pilgrimage.

STOPOVERS AND DELAYS ENROUTE : The pilgrimage shall be by the shortest practicable route and for the shortest practicable time, to be designated by the Secretary of War. No mother or widow shall be provided for at Government expense for Europe for a longer period than two weeks from the time of disembarkation in Europe to the time of reembarkation in Europe. In the case of any mother or widow wilfully failing to continue the pilgrimage of her particular group, the United States shall not furnish or incur or be subject to any expense with regard to her pilgrimage after such failure (Sec.2) (c) act. Mar.2,1929) transportation to the United States.

Your party will depart from Paris, France, June 5, 1930.

This office will be pleased to assist you in arranging for your special trip. In order to provide the maximum comfort and happiness throughout your entire trip, you are requested to check the personal arrangements made by you for this side trip; so that your return to the group in Paris will be within scheduled time.

For Colonel Richard T. Ellis.

G. G. Bartlett,
Lieut. Colonel U.S. Army
Executive

I have read the letter and understand its contents:

L. E. ALLEN.

519
I have personally explained to Mrs. Allen the contents of this document in the presence of Mr. J. Charles, Porter P. Gregory, 1st Lieut.

WAR DEPARTMENT
 "PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"
 ROOM 901

225 West 34th St., New York, N.Y.

Party "C"
 Number 492

ALLEN, LAWRENCE E. SUR

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

Mrs. Lena E. Allen

Name of Traveler

Estimate cost of through Pullman.

Beverly Hills, Los Angeles County

Home Address

New York, to _____

California

\$ _____

New York, to _____

Destination.

Via S.P. - CRISP - N.Y.C. - Wg-

DATE OF DEPARTURE

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TOTAL _____

Remarks::

Watch out for ticket which is to be turned in to this

office by a Mrs. Mattie Keller, Yonkers, N. Y.. (see letter in

envelope)

Returned with Party H. at own expense.

WAR DEPARTMENT
"PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"
-- ROOM 901 --

225 West 34th St., New York, N.Y.

Party "C"
Number 492

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Destination.

Via _____

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Remarks::

Watch out for ticket which is to be turned in to this

office by a Mrs. Mattie Keller, Yonkers, N. Y., (see letter in

envelope)

May 13, 1930.

Mrs. Mattie Keller,
37 St. Andrews Place,
Yonkers, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Keller:

Please deliver to bearer, whose signature appears hereunder, my return ticket which must be deposited with the Officer in charge of the Pilgrimage of War Mothers and Widows during my tour in France.

Very truly yours,

Lena A. ALLEN

A pril 29 th, 1920.

Mrs. Lena E. Allen,
226 Tower Drive,
Beverly Hills, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Please attach the enclosed tags to each piece of baggage, thus to protect the safe arrival of same in New York.

Upon your arrival in this City, you will be met at the railroad station by a United States Army Officer, in uniform, who will wear on the left sleeve of his coat a blue cloth band, showing a Gold Star and the word "Pilgrimage". This officer will escort you and your baggage to your Hotel in New York City.

For the Officer in Charge

George F.R. Taylor,
1st Lieut. U.S. ARMY.
Assistant.

Enclosures:
2 tags

WAR DEPARTMENT
 "PILGRIMAGE WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"
 ROOM 901
 225 West 34th St., NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.

SCHEDULE OF ARRIVAL OF TRAINS WITH PILGRIMS FOR SS "HARDING"

<u>NEW YORK CENTRAL RR</u> <u>NAME OF RAILROAD</u>	<u>GRAND CENTRAL STATION</u> <u>POINT OF ARRIVAL</u>	<u>MAY 12th</u>	<u>TRAIN #142</u>	<u>3:45 PM</u>	<u>HOTEL</u>
Howe, Mrs. Gabriel	Colfax, Wisc.				New Weston
Beeson, Mrs. Henriette Wright	Fond du Lac, Wisc.				"
Smith, Mrs. Eva A.	Menomonie, Wisc.				"
Tierney, Mrs. Carl J.	1806 5th South, Ft. Dodge, Ia.				"
Livingston, Mrs. Mildred L.	401 Bent St., Bedford, Ia.				"
Schmidt, Mrs. Herman	1162 Hershey Ave., Muscatine, Ia.				"
Glick, Mrs. Helen Abbott	6 South 8th St., Marshalltown, Iowa				"
Reed, Mrs. Orrin	Bloomfield, Ia.				"
Weakland, Mrs. J. C.	Route #4, Osceola, Ia.				"
Thompson, Mrs. Emma	Box 503, Nashua, Iowa				"
Hogan, Mrs. J. L.	340 E. Cedar St., Cherokee, Ia.				"
Zane, Mrs. Ida	Lake City, Ia.				"
Ripley, Mrs. Rada S.	Box 203, Lake City, Ia.				"
Jensen, Mrs. Elsie	Route #2, Newell, Ia.				"
Wambeam, Mrs. John H.	1411 Riehl St., Waterloo, Ia.				"
Ferguson, Mrs. Sarah	708 Independence Ave., Waterloo, Ia.				"
Williams, Mrs. F. L.	Postville, Ia.				"
Lesnieski, Mrs. Mary	1009 S. 20th, Centerville, Ia.				"
Lang, Mrs. Amanda Clara	2614 Olive St., Walnut Park, Calif.				"
Ward, Mrs. Ellen Moody	2110 Walnut Ave., Venice, Calif.				"
Otto, Mrs. Frieda	Venice Country Club Apts., Westminster & Trolleway, Venice, Calif.				"
Robert, Mrs. Elisa G.	531 Redondo Beach, Calif.				"
White, Mrs. Margaret M.	5821 Lime Ave., N. Long Beach Calif.				"
Clark, Mrs. A. H.	1268 N. Kingsby Drive, Hollywood, Calif.				"
Allen, Mrs. Lena E.	226 Tower Drive, Beverly Hills, Calif.				"
Synnes, Mrs. Mercy A.	Box 41 411, Arcata, Calif.				"
MacDonnell, Mrs. Lilly B.	808 Arlington Ave., Berkeley, Calif.				"
Gilbert, Mrs. Georgia E.	PO Box 1036, Oakland, Calif.				"
Beach, Mrs. Edith	110 Sunnyside Ave., Piedmont, Calif.				"
Ellis, Mrs. Fred	409 Holmes St., Jansville, Wisc.				"
Younie, Mrs. William	Schaller, Iowa				"

FRIENDS AID GOLD STAR MOTHER STRANDED HERE TWO DAYS

Return Ticket Nulled After
Her Pilgrimage to
France.

Misunderstanding With U. S.
Blamed by Mrs. Allen,
California.

Stranded in Washington for two days after a visit to the shell-torn battlefields of France, a Gold Star mother from California today obtained transportation home.

The mother, Mrs. Lena Irwin Allen of Beverly Hills, lost possession of a return railroad ticket through a misunderstanding with War Department officials. She explained she went abroad on a Government-financed pilgrimage with numerous other mothers, who were deprived of sons in the World War.

Mrs. Allen left the main party in Paris so she might make a more extended tour of Europe. She said she agreed to forfeit the return passage to the United States, but was told she would be permitted to retain a return ticket from New York to California. After exhausting all the funds she possessed, to obtain passage, Mrs. Allen was required by War Department officials to relinquish the railroad ticket.

On coming to Washington and appealing to War Department officials, Mrs. Allen was told the situation was unfortunate, but there was nothing the Government could do about the matter. The action of the New York subordinate, who recalled the return ticket, was upheld.

Col. W. R. Gibson, chief of the admin-



MRS. LENA IRWIN ALLEN.

—Star Staff Photo.

istrative division of the Quartermaster Corps, cited a section of the act of Congress, authorizing the expedition, which read: "In the case of any mother or widow wilfully failing to continue the pilgrimage of her particular group, the United States shall not incur or be subject to any expense with regard to her pilgrimage after such failure."

"I am pleased," Mrs. Allen wrote War Department officials, "to refer you to Senator Jones of Washington and Senator Dill of Washington, who have known me personally for many years, but a better reference should be—Block A, Row 22, Grove 2, Suresnes, France."

Mrs. Allen was telegraphed funds to finance her trip home, by California friends.

HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE
AMERICAN PILGRIMAGE WOLD STAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS
146 Ave., Des-Champs-Elysees

EVF/mh
Paris, France

June 4, 1930.

Subject; Return of Steamship Tickets
To: Colonel A. E. Williams, Officer in Charge. Pilgrimage
Port of Embarkation, 901, Pennsylvania Bldg.,
225 West 34th Street, N.Y. City, N. Y.

1. There is being returned to you Ocean steamship tickets
for the following named passenger:

Mrs. Lena E. ALLEN
Ticket No. 924141 Berth A 436

as this passenger decided to remain in Europe and return to
United States at her own expense. Reservations was cancelled with
the United States Lines, Paris Office, prior to sailing.

RICHARD T. ELLIS
Colonel
United States Army
Officer in Charge.

I have personally explained to Mrs. Allen the contents of this document in the presence of Mr. J. Cheries, Porter P. Gregory, 1st Lieut. C.A.C.

COPY

Mrs L.E. ALLEN
Hotel D'Iona
Paris, France

Paris, June 4, 1930

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June 5

Your party will depart from Paris, France1930

This office will be pleased to assist you in arranging for your special trip. In order to provide the maximum comfort and happiness throughout your entire trip, you are requested to check the personal arrangements made by you for this side trip; so that your return to the group in Paris will be within scheduled time.

For Colonel Richard T. Ellis,

G.G. Bartlett
Lieut. Colonel U.S. Army
Executive.

I have read the above letter and understand its contents:

L. E. ALLEN

201 Allen Mrs. L. E.

File 201. Allen, Mrs. Lena E.

May 14th, 1930.

Mrs. Mattie Keller,
37 St. Andrews Place,
Yonkers, New York.

Dear Madam:

Mrs. Lena E. Allen, one of the Gold Star Mothers advises that while she was visiting you in Yonkers that she left her return ticket in your care. The instructions regarding this Pilgrimage require this office to hold return tickets for all mothers and widows until their return from Europe, which you might know is a necessity in order that we will be able to make arrangements for their return to their homes after arriving in New York.

It is therefore requested that you accept the attached letter with my signature as authority for your turning this ticket over to me.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR,
1st Lieut. Q.M.C. (DOL)

GFRT*BF
1 Incl:
Letter.

201 Allen, L.E. Mrs.

267-492

NAME ALLEN, MRS. LENA E.

S.S. WASHINGTON

JUN 13 1930

HOME BEVERLY HILLS, LOS ANGELES COUNTY
CAL.

R.R.

STATION

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE

Mrs. Mollie Kallen

37 St Andrews Place

Yonkers

Oakland, Calif.

(Daughter)

Mrs Mollie Kallen

(37 St Andrews Place

Yonkers)

has R.R. ticket.)

PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

* * * * *

DATE May 12, 1930

Received from Mrs. ALLEN, LENA E.
 226 Tower Drive, Beverly Hills, Calif.

Her Railroad return ticket, which will be delivered to her on arrival from Europe

Signed

Officer-in-charge

Hotel NEW WESTERN

NAME Allen, Mrs. Lena E. C.
ADDRESS 226 Tower Drive, Beverly Hills
Los Angeles Co
Cal.
DATE _____

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

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

SINCERELY,

(SIGNED) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300.

PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Allen Lawrence E</i>	<i>All</i>	3	<i>122</i>
BURIED	CEMENTERY <i>34</i>	1	<i>6</i>
	GRAVE <i>02</i>	2	<i>02</i>
	ROW <i>22</i>	2	<i>22</i>
	BLOCK <i>a</i>	1	<i>1</i>
STATE	<i>mont</i>	2	<i>31</i>
RANK	<i>Sgt.</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>Q.m.C</i>	2	<i>57</i>
ORGANIZATION		3	<i>XXX</i>
ARM		1	<i>X</i>
MARITAL	<i>Remarried (dead)</i>	1	<i>B</i>
NAME <i>Allen, Lma E</i>	<i>All</i>	3	<i>122</i>
RESIDENCE	STATE <i>Cal</i>	2	<i>04</i>
	COUNTY <i>Los Angeles</i>	2	<i>19</i>
	CITY <i>Beverly Hill</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>good</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO. <i>1930</i>	1	
	YR. <i>1930</i>	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>yes</i>	1	
29/514/EAB	<i>age</i>		<i>62</i>

AUDITED
SEP 24 1931 LUPB

CODE SLIP

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	ROW 22	2	22
	BLOCK A	1	1
STATE	Mont.	2	31
RANK	Sgt.	1	2
DIVISION	9th C	2	57
ORGANIZATION		3	XXX
ARM		1	X
MARITAL	Remarried	1	3
NAME		3	
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	
	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	Widow	1	5
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	dead	1	6
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
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TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

AUDITED
 SEP 24 1951
 L. V. RO

293 ALLEN, LAWRENCE E.

HEADQUARTERS IN EUROPE
AMERICAN PILGRIMAGE GOLD STAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS
146 AVE. DES CHAMPS-ELYSEES

TELEPHONE:

ELYSEES 62-74

62-78

ELYSEES INTER. 298

EVF/mh
PARIS, FRANCE

June 4, 1930.

Subject: Return of Steamship ticket.

To: Colonel A.E. Williams. Officer in charge. Pilgrimage
Port of Embarkation. 901, Pennsylvania Bldg.,
225 West 34th Street. N.Y. City. N.Y.

1: There is being returned to you Ocean steamship ticket
for the following named passenger -

293 Allen, Lawrence

Mrs Lena E. ALLEN
Ticket N° 924141 Berth A 436

as this passenger decided to remain in Europe and return to the
United States at her own expense. Reservation was cancelled with
the United States Lines, Paris office, prior to sailing.

Richard T. Ellis

Richard T. Ellis
Colonel
United States Army
Officer in Charge.

File
5-5-33
33

To The Beverly Hills.
Quarters Master General, Dec 2 - 1931
General Le Kitt. Allen, Lawrence &
34

My Dear Sir:-

Will you kindly send
me Statement of the amount the
Government should have paid
me, returning me from Paris where
I was taken by the Government
to visit the grave of my son:-
Lawrence E. Allen. Buried at
Suresnes, France.

You no doubt will remember
that all expenses from Paris to my
home in Beverly Hills, Calif.,
was denied me. Would like
to know the amount to which
I was entitled, or in other words
the amount paid to other Beverly
or Los Angeles mothers who made
the Pilgrimage as guests of the
Government.

Kindly send Copy of this letter of
information as requested to
Congressman Joseph Craig
(Representative from California - Washington, D.C.)

Your prompt attention, and
your kindness, will be greatly
appreciated -

Most truly

(Mrs) Lena E Allen
226 Tower Drive
Beverly Hills
California

DEC 7 - 1931

M. G.



QM 293 AM
Allen, Laurence Erwin - Sur

December 9, 1931

Mrs. Lena E. Allen,
226 Tower Drive,
Beverly Hills, Calif.

Dear Madam:

This office is in receipt of your letter of December 2, 1931, asking for a statement of the amount that it would have cost the Government to have returned you home from Paris. Had you joined your group and returned with it from Paris, the Government would have expended the following amounts:

Railroad Fare, Paris to Cherbourg	\$ 6.90
Steamship Fare, Cherbourg to New York (average)	157.40
Steamer Rug and Deck Chair	2.00
Tip on Steamship	12.00
Hotel in New York (1 day)	7.00
Railroad Fare, New York to Los Angeles ($\frac{1}{2}$ round-trip fare)	75.83
Pullman Fare, New York to Los Angeles	32.83
Per Diem, New York to Los Angeles	40.00
Total	\$333.78

As you have been previously advised, the law governing the pilgrimage is specific in providing that no expenditure can be incurred by the Government for any pilgrim who leaves her party in Europe and does not return with it. Your case is by no means an isolated one. In both the 1930 and 1931 pilgrimages there were a number of the pilgrims who for personal reasons desired to remain in Europe for a longer period than that covered by the pilgrimage. In no case have any of these pilgrims been given any allowance, nor has any expenditure been incurred by the Government on their behalf after they left their party. The only cases in which pilgrims have remained in France at Government expense after the departure of their party have been those where these pilgrims were ill in the hospital and under Government care.

for
not
L.S.

QM 233 A-M
Allen, Laurence Ervin Sur

A copy of this letter has been forwarded to the
Honorable Joseph Crail, House of Representatives, Washington,
D. C., as per your request.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

WDC:134

QM 293 AM

Allen, Laurence Erwin - Sur.

December 9, 1931.

Honorable Jos Crail,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Crail:

At the request of Mrs. Lona E. Allen,
236 Tower Drive, Beverly Hills, California,
there is inclosed for your information a copy
of office letter of this date to Mrs. Allen,
containing a statement of the amount that it
would have cost the Government to have return-
ed her home from Paris in June of 1930.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

J. H. LAURACH,
Lt. Colonel, U. S. C.,
Assistant.

1 Incl.
JHL:MDT

STATE

Allen, (aurever 49 ✓ 8)

CALIFORNIA

Mother
 NAME Allen, Mrs. Lena E. HOME ADDRESS 226 Tower Drive,
 Beverly Hills,
 Los Angeles County

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN Mrs. Dudley Smith (Daughter)
Cross Rocks Clairmont Manor
Oakland, Calif.

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE May 12, 1930 HOTEL New Weston ROOM NO. 309

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE May 13, 1930 VESSEL S.S. HAWKING CABIN NO. 352 B

DESTINATION Cherbourg, France. CEMETERY Suresnes

RETURN NEW YORK

Party "C"

DATE *July 17*NAME *Allen, Mrs. L. E.* HOME ADDRESS *226 Tower Drive*RETURN ON S. S. *Roosevelt* HOTEL ROOM NO.DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE

ROAD TRAIN CAR BERTH or SEAT

REMARKS

Europe Back with Party "G"
Mrs M. Keller 37 St. Andrew Place own expense
Yonkers, N.Y. has the transportation
tickets.

V. Mintovt,
PARTY C

MEDICAL RECORD

Station: Hotel d'Iena

Date: May 24, 1930

Name Allen, Mrs. Lena B.

Home address 226 Tower Drive, Beverley Hills, Los Angeles, Calif.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Daughter, Mrs. Dudley Smith,
Cross Road, Claremont Manor, Oakland, Calif.

Religion Presbyterian

Age 26

History of Present complaint May 24th: Headache. Aspirin & Brandy given.
May 31st: Finger squeezed in door. Cold
applied. Boric vaseline dressing to finger.
June 1st, dressing renewed.

6/5/30 to Cherbourg. Beach.

(See over, Report by Major Kenner)

(over)

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

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates) Contused wound, slight, 4th left finger.

Treatment and Progress: (include dates) June 3rd, 1930 Given physical examination, Hotel d'Inez. Heart, Lungs, nothing abnormal found. B/P 142/78. No demonstrable physical abnormality. General physical condition very good. A.W. Kenner, Maj. M.C., U.S. Army.

Disposition: (include dates)

Remarks: This Pilgrim has made all the trips of the unit without suffering any discomfort. She has received medical treatment twice only and then for minor conditions, headache and slightly mashed finger.

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RETURN RECEIPT

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

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RETURN RECEIPT

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

Lena E. Allen

(Signature or name of addressee.)

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QM 293 A-M
Allen, Laurence Erwin 34 H

January 15, 1931

Honorable Joe Crail,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Crail:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 12th, with enclosures, relative to the desire of Mrs. Lena Erwin Allen to be reimbursed for expenses covering return transportation to Beverly Hills, California, from France.

In this connection please be advised that the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, reads in part "In the case of any mother or widow willfully failing to continue the pilgrimage of her particular group, the United States shall not incur or be subject to any expense with regard to her pilgrimage after such failure".

The records of this office show that Mrs. Allen was advised on numerous occasions that in the event she remained in Europe longer than the two weeks specified by the law, all further expenses of her journey, including return transportation to her home in California, must be borne from personal funds.

Round trip tickets are issued to all the women making the journey and return passage is engaged on the steamships. However, in the event any mother or widow leaves the group with which she makes the pilgrimage, the return steamship passage as well as the railroad ticket ~~are~~ cancelled. For this reason no arrangements were made for Mrs. Allen's return to her home.

In view of the restriction of the law and of the fact that Mrs. Allen understood before she left her home in California, that if she adhered to her intention of leaving her group and touring in Germany and Italy, all further expenses of the pilgrimage

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must be borne by her, it does not appear that the War Department can be held in any way accountable for her return passage or any expenses incident thereto.

Very truly yours,

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

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

WHEN CONGRESS IS NOT IN SESSION
REPLY SHOULD BE SENT TO
820 A. G. BARTLETT BUILDING
LOS ANGELES, CALIF

January 12th, 1931,

Quartermaster General,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.,

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith letters from Mrs. Lena Erwin Allen in regard to her claim for expenses which she was put to because of the fact that certain officials of the government took from her the transportation which had been allotted to her from Paris to her home at Beverly Hills, California, while on her trip to France as a Gold Star Mother.

I sincerely trust there is a way by which her necessary expenses of getting back home may be taken care of by the War Department and I would be very pleased to hear from you in this regards.

Yours very respectfully,

JC.GS
incs.



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Allen, Laurence E. - 34

Honorable Willis C. Hawley,

House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Hawley:

I have your letter of December 22nd, with enclosures from Mrs. Lena Erwin Allen, relative to return transportation to her home in Beverly Hills, California, from the pilgrimage she made to the grave of her son, the late Sergeant Laurence E. Allen in the Suresnes American Cemetery in France.

Public No. 952 was enacted into law for the purpose of enabling the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces whose remains are interred in Europe, to visit the graves of their sons or husbands and specifies "In the case of any mother or widow willfully failing to continue the pilgrimage of her particular group, the United States shall not incur or be subject to any expense with regard to her pilgrimage after such failure".

Mrs. Allen was advised on April 10, and again on May 2, 1950, that in the event she remained in Europe longer than the two weeks specified by the law, all expenses of her journey, including return transportation to her home in California, must be borne from personal funds. The records show that upon arrival in New York enroute to Europe, Mrs. Allen left the return portion of her railroad ticket with a friend, however, this was forfeited to a clerk from the New York office. Mrs. Allen was given every assistance in arranging for her tour of Germany and Italy after she had visited the grave of her son, and letter of June 4th, copy enclosed, was explained to her by an officer of the Army, i.e., if she did not sail with her party on June 5th, all expenses and arrangements for her journey after such date must be attended to personally.

In view of the fact that the law was explained to Mrs. Allen before she left her home, while enroute, and after returning from Europe, it is evident the Government cannot be held responsible for her return transportation to Beverly Hills, California.

Sincerely yours,

Encls:

Lt. 12-19-50

Lt. 4-4-50.

Secretary of War.

Portland, Oregon
December 19, 1930

Honorable Joseph Crail
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Congressman;

Enclosed please find copy of letter addressed to Congressman Willis C. Hawley, which you will understand, pursuant to our conversation in your office a short time ago. Relying upon your expressed interest at that time, would request that you take initiative in whatever action may be deemed necessary, to secure for me a reimbursement of the funds involved. You can find the amount allowed to other California women from the Quartermaster General, or I will submit an itemized statement at your pleasure. I also have several important papers in connection with the case which I will forward you at your request.

With cordial compliments of the Season,
I am,

Most truly yours,

Lena Erwin Allen

Mrs. Lena Erwin Allen

Present Address
481 Brazee St.
Portland, Oregon

Permanent Address
226 Tower Drive
Beverly Hills, California

Copy

Portland, Oregon
December 19, 1930

Honorable Willis C. Hawley
Washington, D. C.

My. Dear Congressman;

Under advice of my son, Mr. H. W. Allen, Secretary of the Progressive Business Mens Club of Portland Oregon, I am writing to ask your interest in my behalf, governed by the following circumstances: Under invitation of the United States Government I visited the grave of my son, Lawrence Erwin Allen, at Suresnes, France. We were entertained by the Government for two weeks in Paris. I made a formal request of the Government to transfer me from Group 'C' to Group 'H' for my return, presenting the request to Colonel Ellis, in charge of the United States Office in Paris, under instruction of Senator Wesley L. Jones, Washington. I inferred this would be done, although Colonel Ellis told me he would have to have special privilege from Washington. Confering with the Paris office regarding the sailing of the S.S. Roosevelt on July 5th, I arranged a months itinerary covering a tour into Italy and Germany in order to visit the presentation of the Passion Play at Oberammergau. The night before my departure, after my tour was purchased, my Captain (Gregory) brought me a document which I signed (copy inclosed). I notified the office twice that I would return to Paris July 3rd and be ready to sail home on the Roosevelt July 5th, all of which I did, joining Group 'H' at Hotel D'Aena, but found no transportation nor reservation awaiting me. I purchased my own ticket on the Roosevelt, and paid all other expenses to the amount of \$175.00 to bring me back to New York.

On my arrival in New York the Government officials took away my round trip ticket stating they needed it for validation, reservation of Pullman, issuing of maintenance allowance, etc., to return me to my home in Los Angeles. Upon my calling at the office next day they refused to return the ticket.

I then went to Washington where I appealed from the decision of Colonel Williams of the New York office, to General DeWitt, Quartermaster General, and begged the return of the ticket, advising that the paper I had signed in Paris stated--"Including transportation to the United States". He refused to help me in any way, even though he knew I was without funds, and only by assistance, which I succeeded in obtaining, was I enabled to reach my home in Beverly Hills, California.

#2 Honorable Willis C. Hawley

December 19, 1930

I presented the facts as above, to our own Congressman, Mr. Joseph Crail, representing Los Angeles District, which is my home city. I also called on Senator Jones and Senator Shortridge at the time of my visit in Washington, both of whom have a copy of the citation of facts as presented to the Quartermaster General.

Congressman Crail requested your advise and interest, and I am herewith requesting that together you will formulate some plan looking towards my reimbursement of the amount involved, for surely the Government never intended that any Gold Star Mother, called on such a mission, should be compelled to pay her own way home from France.

May I remind you of our school days association at old Willamette University when you knew me as Lena Erwin from Silverton, Oregon.

My kindest compliments for the Christmas Season,

Most truly yours,

Mrs. Lena Erwin Allen

Present address;
481 Brasee St.
Portland, Oregon

Permanent address;
226 Tower Drive
Beverly Hills, California

copy

July 19, 1930.

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Complaint of Mrs. Lena Irwin Allen of Beverly Hills, California.

TO: Secretary of War.

1. The article which appeared in the Evening Star of July 18, 1930, regarding Mrs. Lena Irwin Allen of Beverly Hills, California, is substantially correct although briefly stated.

2. Mrs. Allen was a member of party "C", which sailed from New York on the S. S. Republic, May 13, 1930. Prior to leaving her home she stated that she desired to remain in Europe longer than two weeks and was informed by letter, on several occasions, that if she did so the Government would pay none of her expenses after she left the party and that she would have to pay her return transportation. She travelled separately from California to New York and left her return trip railroad ticket with a friend in Yonkers. The Commanding Officer of the New York office has instructions to take up all return trip stubs and hold them until the women return from Europe, and in the case of Mrs. Allen's ticket he sent to Yonkers and got it from the friend with whom it was left. Mrs. Allen arrived in New York City on the S. S. Roosevelt, July 13, 1930, having paid for her return transportation from Paris, and demanded her return trip railroad ticket and was told by Colonel Williams, in charge of the New York office, that he could not give it to her. She then came to Washington, D.C., and on Thursday, July 17, 1930, saw The Quartermaster General and made a similar request. In both cases, the law was carefully explained to Mrs. Allen and she was told that it was impossible for the Government to furnish her transportation to her home.

3. The records of this office clearly indicate that Mrs. Allen was fully aware of the fact that the expense of her return trip could not be borne by the Government from the time that she first wrote stating that she desired to stop over in Europe.

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

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Allen, Lawrence E.-- 64 4M

July 17, 1930

Mrs. Lena Erwin Allen,
Willare Hotel,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 17th in regard to the return portion of your railroad ticket from New York to Beverly Hills, California.

In this connection please permit me to quote an extract of the law governing the pilgrimage:

"In the case of any mother or widow willfully failing to continue the pilgrimage of her particular group, the United States shall not incur or be subject to any expense with regard to her pilgrimage after such failure."

In view of this provision of the law, I am without any recourse and cannot direct that transportation be issued to you covering your return journey home.

Sincerely yours,

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

226 Tower Drive
Beverly Hills
Cal

Washington, D. C., July 17, 1930.

To the Honorable Quartermaster General,
Representing the Secretary of War in the
Management of the Gold Star Mothers' Pilgrimages.

Esteemed Sir:-

Permit me to introduce myself as a member of Group "C",
Suresnes Contingent, of the Gold Star Mothers Pilgrimage to France -
and ask your valued consideration of the following citation.

Under invitation of the Government, I sailed for France on
the S.S. Republic, May 13, and visited the grave of my son at the Ameri-
can Cemetery at Suresnes, France. Following the two weeks' entertain-
ment as guest of the Government, I visited Oberammergau and other points
in Europe, having first made arrangements with your office in Paris
that by so doing I would forfeit my return transportation to the United
States amounting to \$175.00. (Copy of the agreement is filed in your
New York office).

Upon my arrival in New York July 13th - S.S. Roosevelt - I
found that a Government official had called at the residence of my
friend, Mrs. Martha E. Kellor, 37 St. Andrews Place, Yonkers, and
under promise that it was to be taken to your New York office for
the purpose of validation - and returned to me on my arrival - had
taken away my return trip railroad ticket from New York to Beverly
Hills, California. The day following my arrival, July 14th, I called
at the New York office at 225 West 34th Street and requested the re-
turn of my ticket, but met with a positive refusal, and up to the
present date this refusal has been definite.

Be reminded that I had forfeited \$175.00 or return passage
to the United States and that this ticket was a round trip ticket to
my home in Beverly Hills, California - the first half had been used
by me - and was in my possession in the lock box of my friend until
the day before my arrival from France. By the withdrawal of this
ticket I am left without means to enable me to return to my home,
having insufficient funds at my disposal.

Knowing that I have faithfully filled every requirement of
the Paris agreement, I therefore feel justified in asking that you
will order the restoration of my ticket accompanied by Pullman reser-
vations and maintenance amount for the four days of the journey.

I am pleased to refer you to Senator Jones of Washington
and Senator Dill of Washington, who have known me personally for many
years - but a better reference even, should be - Block A, Row 22,
Grove 2, Suresnes, France.

I await your pleasure at the Hotel Willard, Washington.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Lena Erwin Allen
(Mrs.) Lena Erwin Allen

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM TO

Memorandum *RE*

JUL 17 1918

[Signature]

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WAR DEPARTMENT
"PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"

AEW:FVR

----- Room 901 -----

225 WEST 34TH ST., NEW YORK, N.Y.

July 15, 1930

SUBJECT: Pilgrims Leaving Party.

TO: The Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

1. Several Pilgrims have left their Parties in France and are returning at their own expense. Two (2) have reached New York so far and in each case the Pilgrim claimed return transportation from New York to her home was due her, as it had already been furnished her by the Government and was not included in any expense with regard to her pilgrimage after she left the Party. This was the understanding of each of these Pilgrims.

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4. When Mrs. Allen returned from Europe, she was particularly insistent that we turn over the ticket to her, this, of course, was refused. The ticket is returned herewith for cancellation in accordance with instructions from your office.

5. Attached is a copy of an instrument which Mrs. Allen claims to have signed in Paris, and also a copy of the memorandum given her by this office addressed to The Quartermaster General, and copy of cable to Colonel Ellis.



A. E. WILLIAMS,
Colonel, Q.M. Corps,
In Charge.

4. Incls.

Railroad Ticket

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In Charge.

Pilgrimage, War Mothers & Widows
R. 901, 225 W. 34th St.,
New York City, N.Y.

Office American Graves Registration,

20 Rue Molitor, Paris (France)

A. E. WILLIAMS,
Colonel, G.M. Corps.

July 14, 1930

RE F THIRTEEN ONE PILGRIM GROUP MA MISSED BOAT TOTAL ON AMERICAN MERCHANT FIFTY
FOUR STOP YOUR CABLE REPORTING DEPARTURE REPUBLIC ELEVENTH RECEIVED THIRTEENTH
REQUEST PROMPT ADVICE SAILINGS ENABLE ME ANSWER INQUIRIES RELATIVES STOP
PILGRIMS LEAVING PARTY IN FRANCE THINK GOVERNMENT PAYS TRANSPORTATION HOME
FROM NEW YORK THIS PROHIBITED BY LAW RETURN RAILROAD TICKET CANCELLED WHEN
PILGRIM LEAVES PARTY EXPLAIN TO THEM F FOURTEEN

(Phoned Governors Island,
Message Center, 3:25 P.M.,
July 14, 1930. To L.T. by
F.V.R.)

WILLIAMS

July 14, 1930

MEMORANDUM TO: The Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

1. Mrs. Lena E. Allen, Beverley Hills, California, a member of Party "C", sailing May 13th, S/S REPUBLIC, left her party in France and returned to the United States at her own expense, arriving on the S/S ROOSEVELT, July 13th.

2. Under instructions from The Quartermaster General, I am holding the return-trip ticket issued Mrs. Allen to return from New York to her home. This ticket is not to be returned to Mrs. Allen under the instructions of The Quartermaster General, therefore I am refusing the request of Mrs. Allen to return this ticket to her.

A. E. WILLIAMS,
Colonel, Q.M. Corps.

COPY

Mrs L.E. ALLEN
Hotel D'Iena
Paris, France

Paris, June 4, 1930

Dear Mrs. Allen:

The Officer conducting your unit has notified this office that you desire to detach yourself from your unit on.....for the purpose of making a personal tour.

For your guidance in this action, the following extracts from the Regulations governing the conduct of the Pilgrimage are quoted:

- a) PASSPORTS AND TRAVEL DOCUMENTS : For the purpose of the pilgrimages, the Secretary of State shall (1) issue special passports, limited to the duration of the pilgrimages.
- b) STOPOVERS AND DELAYS EN ROUTE : The pilgrimages shall be by the shortest practicable route and for the shortest practicable time, to be designated by the Secretary of War. No mother or widows shall be provided for at Government expense in Europe for a longer period than two weeks from the time of disembarkation in Europe to the time of reembarkation in Europe. In the case of any mother or widow wilfully failing to continue the pilgrimage of her particular group, the United States shall not incur or be subject to any expense with regard to her pilgrimage after such failure (Sec. 2 (e) act. of Mar. 2, 1929). Including return transportation to United States.

June 5

Your party will depart from Paris, France1930

This office will be pleased to assist you in arranging for your special trip. In order to provide the maximum comfort and happiness throughout your entire trip, you are requested to check the personal arrangements made by you for this side trip; so that your return to the group in Paris will be within scheduled time.

For Colonel Richard T. Ellis,

G.G. Bartlett
Lieut. Colonel U.S. Army
Executive.

I have read the above letter and understand its contents:

L. E. ALLEN

I have personally explained to Mrs. Allen the contents of this document in the presence of Mr. J. Cheries. Porter P. Gregory, 1st Lieut. C.A.C.

MAY 7 - 1930

Hon. W. L. Jones.

United States Senate.

Dear Senator Jones:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 24, 1930, together with the newspaper clipping and the letter from Mrs. Lena A. Allen of Beverly Hills, California, relative to her desire to make a stop-over in Europe when she makes a pilgrimage to the grave of her son, the late Lawrence E. Allen, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

Due to the scarcity of time before the date upon which Mrs. Allen is scheduled to sail, it was thought advisable to write to her directly.

There is no authority of law to extend the time specified in Section 2 (d) of the Act to cover this pilgrimage. Persons making the pilgrimage and desiring for other than unavoidable reasons an extension of time, can be granted such extension only upon the condition that all further expenses of the pilgrimage, including the return transportation to their homes, will be borne by the individuals concerned.

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Sincerely yours,

F. TRUBEE DAVISON,

Acting Secretary of War.

Enclosures:

clipping

lt. 4-29-30



MAILED M & R DIV., W. D.

MAY 7 - 1930

293 Allen, Lawrence E.

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TRUBEE DAVISON,

Acting Secretary of War.

Enclosures:

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lt. 4-28-30

MAILED M & R DIV., W. D.
MAY 7 - 1930

QM 295 A-C
Allen, Lawrence E.

May 2, 1930

Mrs. Lena E. Allen,
226 Tower Drive,
Beverly Hills,
California.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of April 20, addressed to Senators Jones and Dill, relative to your desire to make a stop-over in Europe when you make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son in the Suresnes American Cemetery, sailing on the SS "Harding" May 14, has been brought to the attention of this office. Communication is being addressed directly to you in order that you may receive an answer to your letter before your departure from home to New York City.

It has been held that except in unavoidable cases there is no authority of law to extend the time specified in Section 2 (d) of the Act to cover this pilgrimage. Persons making the pilgrimage and desiring for other than unavoidable reasons an extension of time, can be granted such extension only upon the condition that all further expenses of the pilgrimage, including the return transportation to their homes, will be borne by the individuals concerned.

Therefore, it would not be possible for you to remain in Europe for a month without forfeiting your return transportation. You will, however, be in Paris four days upon your return from the cemetery and it may be that arrangements could be made for you to visit the place where your son died, during that time. It is suggested that you take the matter up with Colonel Richard T. Ellis, 146 Avenue des Champs Elysees, Paris, upon your arrival in the French capital. Colonel Ellis is in charge of the European arrangements for the pilgrimage. It will be necessary, of course, for you to rejoin the group with whom you are scheduled to make the pilgrimage, in time to return to the United States on the steamship upon which reservation has been made for you.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Office of the Quartermaster
General

Beverly Hills

April 28th 1930.

A. E. Shannon

Capt. 24th Corps.

My Dear Sir,

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of the beautiful Badge to be worn on the Lee's Stat Mothers Pilgrimage. I shall be honored to wear this mark of distinction from a Government that could exemplify such loving-kindness.

Also am in receipt of your favor in which you state my application for Passports had not been received at your office. The application was duly

executed with the Clerk of the
U.S. District Federal ^{Los Angeles} ^{Court.} ^{3rd}
and was mailed to you under
date of April 22nd. No doubt
it has reached you by this
time. There was some delay in
placing needed information.

Most truly & Gratefully

Lucia E. Allen ^{Vets} ^{name}

226 Tower Drive.

Beverly Hills.

Cal.

Los Angeles

C-10

Lawrence E Allen

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Allen, Lawrence E. 34-M

Apr. 26, 1930.

Mrs. Lena E. Allen,
226 Tower Drive,
Beverly Hills, Calif.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No 292903 in the amount of \$40.00, to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl.
Check No.

OM 293 A-C

Allen, Lawrence E.

34 M

April 26, 1930

Mrs. Lena E. Allen
226 Tower Drive,
Beverly Hills, California

Dear Madam:

This office has not yet received your passport for use in connection with your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe.

It is imperative that every mother or widow making this pilgrimage, whether an American citizen or not, have a passport issued and in the hands of this office before she begins her trip.

Please comply as early as possible with the instructions shown in form letter attached, or if you have heretofore taken this action advise this office to that effect.

Should the clerk of the court not have been furnished with "Special Pilgrimage Passport" applications, please request him to take the matter up at once with the Passport Bureau, Room 170, State, War and Navy Building, Washington, D. C., and he will be furnished with these forms.

The person to whom you should apply is the Clerk

of the Superior Court at Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

1 Encl.
Form Let.

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Allen, Lawrence E. 34 - M

April 25, 1930.

Mrs. Lena E. Allen,
226 Tower Drive,
Beverly Hills, Cal.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements have been completed for your transportation to New York City on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe. One week before your departure the railroad ticket agent, of the first road shown below, will deliver your railroad and pullman ticket to you. Your route to New York will be as follows:

Leave Beverly Hills	So. Pac.	Train N Elec.	4:06 PM	May 8
Arrive Los Angeles			5:06 PM	May 8
Leave Los Angeles	So. Pac.	Train No. 4	6:00 PM	May 8
Arrive Chicago			9:15 AM	May 11
Leave Chicago	N. Y. C.	Train No. 10	10:35 AM	May 11
Arrive New York (Grand Central Station)			3:45 PM	May 12

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours

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

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DO NOT DETACH THIS SLIP

Return accompanying papers to

ROOM 242, STATE, WAR, AND NAVY BUILDING

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR

Date April 28, 1930

Subject: Letter from W.L.Jones, M.C. - 4/24/30 - re Mrs. Lena A. Allen having her time extended on her trip to France with Gold Star Mothers on Pilgrimage.

To: THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

[Handwritten signature]

- 1..... Necessary action.
- 2..... Necessary action and direct reply.
- 3..... ☒ Nec. action and prep. of reply for sig. of Acting ~~The~~ Asst. Secy. of War.
- 4..... Nec. action and prep. of reply for sig. of the Executive.
- 5..... Preparation of memo. to inclose with reply.
- 6..... Preparation of memo. on which to base personal reply.
- 7..... Remark and recommendation.
- 8..... Notation and filing or return.

By direction of The Assistant Secretary of War: Geo Van Horn Moseley,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army
Executive.

[Handwritten signature: By L. T. Snow]
[Handwritten signature: C. May]

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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SECRETARY'S OFFICE
APR 26 1930
WAR DEPARTMENT.

April 24, 1930

Honorable P. J. Hurley,
Secretary of War,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Secretary:

Herewith I enclose you self-explanatory letter from Mrs. Lena A. Allen, of Beverly Hills, California, together with a clipping.

Mrs. Allen is desirous of having her time extended on her trip to France with the gold star mothers pilgrimage, in order that she may visit other places there.

I would be glad if you would return this letter together with such information as you are able to give.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]



295 Allen, Lawrence R

QM 293 A-C
Allen, Lawrence E. - 34 M

April 10, 1930

Mrs. Lena E. Allen,
226 Tower Drive,
Beverly Hills,
California.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 1, relative to your desire to remain in Europe longer than the two weeks authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

It has been held that except in unavoidable cases, there is no authority of law to extend the time specified in Section 2 (d) of the Act to cover this pilgrimage or to grant requests of individuals to leave the groups to which assigned.

Persons making the pilgrimage and desiring for other than unavoidable reasons, an extension of time, can be granted such an extension only upon the condition that all further expenses of the pilgrimage, including the return transportation to their homes, will be borne from private funds.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

BB:LG

The arrangements seem so wonderful
and perfect in every detail, do not mind
you to infer that I have any lack of
appreciation, and would express my
profound gratitude for such thoughtful
considerations, however would greatly
appreciate the extension of time -
reiterating my thorough understanding
that there shall be no additional
expense or responsibility to the Government
in any way - I am,
Most truly yours,

Linna E. Allen

226 Town Drive - Beverly Hills, Calif.

R. - 2.W. 293-A.C. Beverly Hills, Calif.
Lawrence E. Allen, 34-W. April 4, 1930 -
Los Angeles 6

Office of the Quartermaster General
Attention Capt. A. D. Hughes.

Washington, D.C.
My Dear Sir:- I am in receipt of your
communication bearing date, Mch. 20,
containing general information regarding
the Pilgrimage to Europe. -
Would like to arrange to extend time
of my stay in Europe, following
the two weeks arranged as a guest



of The Government. - Amable and
wish to defray all expenses following
this allotted time of two weeks - and
only would like to have you arrange
to have time of my return trans-
portation extended for about
two (2) months, if possible -
There have been several associated
press dispatches published, saying
this would be arranged, upon request.
Have no thought nor desire to
leave the party to which I am
assigned and wish the privilege
of all the official programs.
Then - following the close of this,
would like to remain about two
(2) months longer and yet not lose
the advantage of the return transpor-
-tation. My sons work was
all at Camp Genicart Base Supply
No 2, near Bordeaux. He landed
at St Nazaire going down the
Garonne River to Bordeaux and was
first buried at Corbas Blanc.
Would like very much to visit these
places as well as other points of
great interest to me. -

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

March 18, 1930.

Allen, Lawrence E. 34 M

Mrs. Lena E. Allen,
226 Tower Drive,
Beverly Hills, Calif.

Dear Madam:

The following instructions prepared by the Secretary of State contain the necessary instructions to be followed by you in obtaining the passport or travel document to be utilized in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. Please read the directions carefully and call in person upon the nearest Passport Agent or clerk of a Federal or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. In large cities there are usually two or more courts and at each county-seat a state court authorized to accept these passport applications.

When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

The instructions prepared by the Secretary of State are as follows:

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than 2½x2½ inches in size and such documentary

evidence of her American citizenship as she may have in her possession. In the absence of evidence of citizenship, her application should be witnessed by a credible person residing in the same community who is an American citizen, has known her for a long period of time and is able to swear to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that she is a citizen of the United States.

"A mother or widow who does not owe allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Pilgrimage Travel Document through a clerk of a Federal court or a State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens or through a Passport Agent upon the form of application prescribed for that purpose, entitled APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL DOCUMENT, issued under the Act of March 2, 1929, submitting therewith four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches in size and not less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size. When making application she should be accompanied by a credible witness who has known her for a period of two years or more.

"The Act of March 2, 1929, provides that no fee shall be charged for the execution of an application for a passport or travel document or for the issue of a passport or travel document to a mother or widow making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces are now interred.

"Special Pilgrimage Passports and Pilgrimage Travel Documents when issued by the Department of State will be forwarded to the War Department.

"Applicants resident in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle should execute applications at the Passport Agencies in those cities."

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Harding
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Allen, Lawrence E

I accept the invitation extended
(Accept or decline)

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

Mrs. Lena E. Allen

Mrs. Lena E. Allen

(Name)

226 Tower Drive, Beverly Hills, California

(Town or City)

(State)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

Tower
IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Allen, Lawrence E. 34 M

October 8, 1929.

Mrs. Lena E. Allen,
226 Lower Drive,
Beverly Hills, Calif.

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) <u>Yes</u>	(No) (No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	<u>Yes</u> (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?		<u>No</u> (Yes) (No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <u>62</u> Health <u>Excellent</u>	(Years) (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <u>Yes</u> (No) (No)	Other language <u>No</u> (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2. W. 293-A.C.

Allen, Laurence E.

226 Tour Drive

Beverly Hills

May 10th 1929

Quartermaster General

War Dept. Washington D.C.

Attention Major John T. Harris
2nd U.S. Corps.

My Dear Sir:-

Replying to your
favor dated May 3 - regarding
wife of my son, Sergeant Laurence E. Allen
(2. W. 293 A.C.) will say that she
was married again to Gordon
W. Bennett, in the year 1919 -
and since then, I believe in 1923
she died, in New York City -
This statement can be
verified by the Beneficiary
Insurance Records at Washington
having received her benefit under
the name of Lela Wright Allen.

Yours most truly with appreciation
of your kindly inquiry -
My regards -
226 Tour Drive
Beverly Hills, Calif.
Laure E. Allen

C.M.C.

293-Allen, Laurence E.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Allen, Lawrence E.

May 3, 1929.

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Mother: Mrs. Lena Erwin Allen
226 Lower Drive,
Beverly Hills, Cal.

Mrs. Lulu W. Allen, Widow dead
223 S. 5th Street,
East Missoula, Mont.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the widow of the late Sergeant Lawrence E. Allen, Quartermaster Corps, Det. Rest Camp #2, Sec. 2, whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, France.

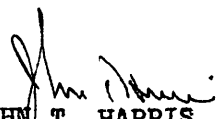
Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish her full name and address in order that action may be taken to extend an invitation to her to make the 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 relationship is that of a stepmother, mother through adoption or a woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. In case you have 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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Act of Congress.
Envelope.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON, D. C.
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Mrs. Lulu W. Allen,
223 S. 5th Street, *closed* belong here.
East Missoula, Mont.



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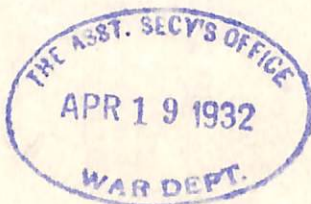
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Allen, Laurence R.

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Attention is also invited to the fact that the actual amount that would have been expended by the Government had Mrs. Allen been returned to her home at Government expense would have been \$333.78. This amount includes steamship, railroad and Pullman fare, tips, hotel bills and per diem expenses from New York to her home in California.

In view of the fact that Mrs. Allen clearly understood the law governing the matter before leaving her group and that no injustice is being done her, it is recommended that H. R. 3574 be not enacted into law.

Sincerely yours,



(Signed) PATRICK J. HURLBY
Secretary of War.

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APR 19 1932

ON 833 A-M
Allen, Laurence E.

Honorable Loring M. Black,
Chairman, Committee on Claims,
House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Black:

Careful consideration has been given to the Bill H. R. 3374 "For the relief of Lena E. Allen", transmitted with your letter of April 7, 1932, with request for information and the views of the War Department relative thereto.

The applicable provision of the existing law on this subject is contained in section 8 (5) of the Act of March 2, 1929, which reads "In the case of any mother or widow willfully failing to continue the pilgrimage of her particular group, the United States shall not incur or be subject to any expense with regard to her pilgrimage after such failure".

Mrs. Lena E. Allen was invited to make a pilgrimage to the grave of her son, the late Sergeant Laurence E. Allen in the Suresnes American Cemetery in France, under the provisions of the above-mentioned law, sailing on the Republic, May 14, 1930.

Upon inquiry as to whether or not she would be permitted to remain in Europe longer than two weeks, Mrs. Allen was advised under date of April 10, 1930, of the provision of law governing her request. Upon further inquiry, she was again advised on May 3, 1930, that in the event she did not return to the United States with her party, all expenses after leaving her group, including return transportation to her home, must be borne from personal funds. Mrs. Allen sailed with her party, and before leaving the party in Europe, i.e. June 4th, it was again brought to her attention that if she left her party and remained in Europe, the Government could not be held responsible for any expenses thereafter. This Mrs. Allen acknowledged in writing.

In addition to Mrs. Allen, there are some 73 other pilgrims who left their party in Europe and returned to their homes at their own expense, none of whom have asked for reimbursement. If the proposed Bill becomes a law, these other pilgrims are also entitled to reimbursement and would no doubt claim it. It is estimated that the average cost would be \$500.00 per person, or a total of almost \$28,000.00 for the 73 pilgrims.

COPY FOR THE SECRETARY GENERAL

W. S. 201 Allen, Laurence Edwin Edwin (4-7-32)

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Allen, Laurence E.

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Sincerely yours,

Secretary of War.

✓ X 2101 Black, Loring W. (m. e.)
✓ X 0321 H. R. 3347

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In addition to Mrs. Allen, there are some 75 other persons who left their party in Europe and returned to their homes at their own expense, none of whom were asked for reimbursement. If the proposed bill becomes a law, those other persons are also entitled to reimbursement and would no doubt claim it. It is estimated that the average cost would be \$200.00 per person, or a total of almost \$15,000.00 for the 75 persons.

Allen volunteered in writing not to hold responsible for any expenses whatsoever. This was in the letter her party and remained in Europe, the government could not, June 4th, it was again brought to her attention that Mrs. Allen sailed with her party, and before leaving the party in turn reimbursement to her home, must be borne from personal funds. With her party, all expenses after leaving her group, including reimbursement, that in the event she did not return to the United States her request. Upon further inquiry, she was again advised on May 2, under date of April 10, 1932, of the provision of law governing to remain in Europe longer than two years, Mrs. Allen was advised when inquiry as to whether or not she would be permitted.

the above-mentioned law, sitting on the bench, May 14, 1932. Mrs. John H. Allen was invited to make a pilgrimage to the grave of her son, the late Sergeant Lawrence H. Allen in the German American Cemetery in France, under the provision of

to her pilgrimage after such failure. The applicable provision of the existing law on this subject is contained in section 2 (c) of the Act of March 3, 1925, which reads "In the case of any mother or widow actually failing to reimburse the pilgrimage of her husband's group, the United States shall not incur or be subject to any expense with regard to her pilgrimage after such failure."

Allen of the War Department relative thereto. Letter of April 7, 1932, with request for information and the bill "For the relief of John H. Allen", transmitted with your careful consideration has been given to the bill H. R. 2576.

Dear Mr. Dixon:

Honorable Acting H. Clerk,
Chairman, Committee on Claims,
House of Representatives.

Allen, Lawrence H.
ON MAY 2-1932

H. R. 3374

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

December 8, 1931

Mr. Crail introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and ordered to be printed

A BILL

For the relief of Lona E. Allen

1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
2 of the United States of Americanin Congress assembled,
3 That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to
4 pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appro-
5 priated, the sum of \$400 to Lona E. Allen, Gold Star Mother
6 of Lawrence Edwin Erwin Allen, who served during the
7 World War, for expenses of return passage to her home at
8 Beverly Hills California, from France, during the Gold Star
9 Mother pilgrimage authorized by Public Law Numbered 952
10 of the Seventieth Congress.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

April 7, 1932

Hon. Patrick J. Hurley,
Secretary of War,
War Department,
Washington, DC

Sir:

Inclosed herewith I hand you a copy of bill (H.R.3374)
for the relief of Lena E. Allen now pending before this Committee.

Kindly cause to be forwarded, for the use of the
Committee, all papers, or copies of same, on file in your Department
relating to this claim, with your opinion as to its merits.

Respectfully,

LORING M. BLACK
Chairman

QM 293 AM
Allen, Laurence Erwin - Sur.

December 9, 1931.

X201 Honorable Joe Crail,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Crail:

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At the request of Mrs. Lena E. Allen,
226 Tower Drive, Beverly Hills, California,
there is inclosed for your information a copy
of office letter of this date to Mrs. Allen,
containing a statement of the amount that it
would have cost the Government to have return-
ed her home from Paris in June of 1930.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

J. H. LAUBACH,
Lt. Colonel, Q. M. C.,
Assistant.

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Allen, Laurence Erwin Sur

A copy of this letter has been forwarded to the
Honorable Joseph Crail, House of Representatives, Washington,
D. C., as per your request.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 AM
Allen, Laurence Erwin - Sur

December 9, 1931

Mrs. Lena E. Allen,
226 Tower Drive,
Beverly Hills, Calif.

Dear Madam:

This office is in receipt of your letter of December 2, 1931, asking for a statement of the amount that it would have cost the Government to have returned you home from Paris. Had you joined your group and returned with it from Paris, the Government would have expended the following amounts:

Railroad Fare, Paris to Cherbourg	\$ 6.90
Steamship Fare, Cherbourg to New York (average)	157.40
Steamer Rug and Deck Chair	2.00
Tips on Steamship	12.00
Hotel in New York (1 day)	7.00
Railroad Fare, New York to Los Angeles ($\frac{1}{2}$ round-trip fare)	75.85
Pullman Fare, New York to Los Angeles	32.83
Per Diem, New York to Los Angeles	40.00
Total	<u>\$353.78</u>

As you have been previously advised, the law governing the pilgrimage is specific in providing that no expenditure can be incurred by the Government for any pilgrim who leaves her party in Europe and does not return with it. Your case is by no means an isolated one. In both the 1930 and 1931 pilgrimages there were a number of the pilgrims who for personal reasons desired to remain in Europe for a longer period than that covered by the pilgrimage. In no case have any of these pilgrims been given any allowance, nor has any expenditure been incurred by the Government on their behalf after they left their party. The only cases in which pilgrims have remained in France at Government expense after the departure of their party have been those where these pilgrims were ill in the hospital and under Government care.

February 18, 1931

3 QN 293 A-M
Allen, Laurence Erwin 34 M

Honorable Joe Crail,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Crail:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 9, with enclosure from Mrs. Lena E. Allen, relative to the pilgrimage she made to the grave of her son, the late Laurence E. Allen in the Suresnes American Cemetery in France.

As stated in my letter of January 13, 1931, Mrs. Allen was, on numerous occasions prior to her making the pilgrimage, informed that in the event she remained in Europe longer than the two weeks provided by the law all further expenses of the journey, including the return transportation to her home in California, must under the law be borne from personal funds.

It is regretted to advise you that there is no statement contained in the enclosed letters from Mrs. Allen which would justify any change in the stand heretofore taken by this office.

Very truly yours,

H. C. WHITEHEAD,
Brigadier General, U. S. A.
Acting The Quartermaster General.

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Enclosures
Letter 2/3/31
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February 16, 1931

QM 295 A-E
Allen, Laurence Edwin 34 M

Honorable Joe Crail,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

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Acting The Quartermaster General.

Enclosures:
Letter 2/3/31
Letter 2/3/31

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

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February 9th, 1931,

Quartermaster General
Secretary of War,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith for your consideration a letter from Mrs. Lena E. Allen of Beverly Hills, California, with further reference to her claim for reimbursement of the sums expended from Paris to her home during the Gold Star Mother's pilgrimage.

Yours respectfully,

Joe Crail



293 Allen, Lawrence
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Portland, Oregon
February 3, 1931

The Honorable Joseph Crail
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Mr. Crail:

Your letter of January 21st duly received, and in reply I am inclosing copy of a letter this day sent to Congressman Hawley. The Statement made by the Secretary of War, i.e. "If she did not sail with her party on June 5th, all expenses and arrangements for her journey after such date must be attended to personally." is an error of statement.

The statement as given me by Captain Gregory in Paris signed by G. G. Bartlett for Colonel Richard T. Ellis quotes the law and adds "Including transportation to the United States". The law itself states very plainly that the United States shall not be responsible for any expense regarding any further pilgrimage, but some one interprets this as "including transportation home" which the Law does not state nor even infer.

I must ask you to continue your interest looking towards my reimbursement of the sums expended, not for an additional pilgrimage or travels, but only for my transportation from Paris to my home.

Y ours most gratefully,

LENA E. ALLEN

Lena E. Allen
226 Tower Drive
Beverly Hills, Calif.

COPY

Portland, Oregon
February 3, 1931

The Honorable Willis C. Hawley
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Sir:

Your favor of late date from the Secretary of War was duly received. The Honorable Secretary quotes the Law which states that "any Mother willfully failing to continue the pilgrimage of her particular group, the United States shall not be subject to any expense with regard to her pilgrimage after such failure".

The question at issue is that I did continue the pilgrimage with my particular group to its fruition, which was to the grave of my Son, being entertained for two weeks in Paris or the immediate vicinity of the Grave of my Son. Then, at the close of the Pilgrimage I requested the favor of a transfer from Group "C" to Group "H", only for the return transportation home, entailing no further or additional expense to the Government whatsoever.

I am not asking payment for my further pilgrimage in Europe but must insist that the Law in no way denies the responsibility to return us to our homes. In a letter from the War Department they add to a quotation of the Law their own interpretation stating "which includes transportation home", but know you, dear Mr. Hawley, that the Law itself does not state this nor even infer it, as I can see, and was only intended to guard against any expense of additional travels beyond the graves of our Sons, and not to deny the expense of return passage to our homes.

Congress appropriated in excess of \$800 for each Mother and Widow and then increased that total to \$7,000,000. for proper execution of the enactment. Surely I have not received my portion as voted.

General De Witt told me himself that I should be reimbursed, but that it would have to come from action of the Senators in instructions from them to him, as the interpretation of the Law as given him (no doubt by some watch dog of the Treasury) states, "including transportation home", which the law itself did not state, and I must reiterate my belief that Congress never intended that Gold Star Mothers should be deserted in a Foreign Land under any circumstances of the Pilgrimage.

Permit me to request your further interest,
cooperating with Congressman Joseph Crail of California, in
securing a reimbursement of the amounts I was forced to
expend for my return home from Paris.

Most cordially yours,

LENA E. ALLEN

Lena E. Allen
226 Tower Drive
Beverly Hills, Calif.

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must be borne by her, it does not appear that the War Department can be held in any way accountable for her return passage or any expenses incident thereto.

For the Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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January 15, 1931

Honorable Joe Crail,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Crail:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 12th, with enclosures, relative to the desire of Mrs. Lena Erwin Allen to be reimbursed for expenses covering return transportation to Beverly Hills, California, from France.

In this connection please be advised that the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, reads in part "In the case of any mother or widow willfully failing to continue the pilgrimage of her particular group, the United States shall not incur or be subject to any expense with regard to her pilgrimage after such failure".

The records of this office show that Mrs. Allen was advised on numerous occasions that in the event she remained in Europe longer than the two weeks specified by the law, all further expenses of her journey, including return transportation to her home in California, must be borne from personal funds.

Round trip tickets are issued to all the women making the journey and return passage is engaged on the steamships. However, in the event any mother or widow leaves the group with which she makes the pilgrimage, the return steamship passage as well as the railroad ticket ~~are~~ cancelled. For this reason no arrangements were made for Mrs. Allen's return to her home.

In view of the restriction of the law and of the fact that Mrs. Allen understood before she left her home in California, that if she adhered to her intention of leaving her group and touring in Germany and Italy, all further expenses of the pilgrimage

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Honorable Willis C. Hawley,
House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Hawley:

I have your letter of December 22nd, with enclosures from Mrs. Lena Erwin Allen, relative to return transportation to her home in Beverly Hills, California, from the pilgrimage she made to the grave of her son, the late Sergeant Laurence E. Allen in the Suresnes American Cemetery in France.

Public No. 952 was enacted into law for the purpose of enabling the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces whose remains are interred in Europe, to visit the graves of their sons or husbands and specifies "In the case of any mother or widow willfully failing to continue the pilgrimage of her particular group, the United States shall not incur or be subject to any expense with regard to her pilgrimage after such failure".

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Mrs. Allen was advised on April 10, and again on May 2, 1930, that in the event she remained in Europe longer than the two weeks specified by the law, all expenses of her journey, including return transportation to her home in California, must be borne from personal funds. The records show that upon arrival in New York enroute to Europe, Mrs. Allen left the return portion of her railroad ticket with a friend, however, this was forfeited to a clerk from the New York office. Mrs. Allen was given every assistance in arranging for her tour of Germany and Italy after she had visited the grave of her son, and letter of June 4th, copy enclosed, was explained to her by an officer of the Army, i.e., if she did not sail with her party on June 5th, all expenses and arrangements for her journey after such date must be attended to personally.

In view of the fact that the law was explained to Mrs. Allen before she left her home, while enroute, and after returning from Europe, it is evident the Government cannot be held responsible for her return transportation to Beverly Hills, California.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) PATRICK J. HURLEY

Secretary of War.

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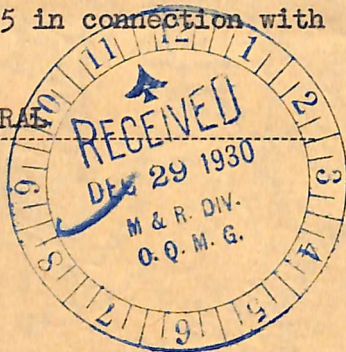
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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR

Date December 27, 1930.

Subject: Letter from Cong. Hawley 12/22/30 enclosing letter from Mrs. Lena Erwin Allen re visit as Gold Star Mother to France - claim for \$175 in connection with pilgrimage

To: THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL



- 1.....Necessary action.
- 2.....Necessary action and direct reply.
- 3.....☒ Nec. action and prep. of reply for sig. of The Asst. Secy. of War.
- 4.....Nec. action and prep. of reply for sig. of the Executive.
- 5.....Preparation of memo. to inclose with reply.
- 6.....Preparation of memo. on which to base personal reply.
- 7.....Remark and recommendation.
- 8.....Notation and filing or return.

By direction of The Assistant Secretary of War:

Irving J. Carr,
Colonel, Signal Corps,
Executive.

by [Signature] May 77

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dec. 22, 1930.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE
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WAR DEPARTMENT.

Hon. Patrick J. Hurley,
Secretary of War,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I am enclosing herewith a letter from Mrs. Lena Erwin Allen of 226 Tower Drive, Beverly Hills, California (temporarily at 481 Brazee St., Portland, Oregon), concerning her visit during the past summer, as a Gold Star Mother, to the grave of her son, Lawrence Erwin Allen, at Suresnes, France.

Mrs. Erwin states that she made formal request for transfer from Group "C" to Group "H" to Colonel Ellis in charge of the United States Office in order that she might visit Germany and Italy, and also be at Oberammergau to witness the Passion Play. When she returned to Paris on July 3, ready to sail on the Roosevelt on July 5th, she found no transportation or reservation made for her. She purchased her own ticket and paid other expenses to the amount of \$175.00 for the return trip to New York.

When she arrived in New York, her round trip ticket was taken from her, see her statement, and never returned. I feel that some error has been made in handling this matter and that this should be corrected. I have known Mrs. Erwin for many years and naturally have more than the usual interest in the case. I also feel that the Gold Star mothers are entitled to great consideration.

With best wishes, I am

Truly yours,

P.S. Kindly return
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correspondent with
your reply.

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Honorable Willis C. Hawley,

House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Hawley:

I have your letter of December 22nd, with enclosures from Mrs. Lena Erwin Allen, relative to return transportation to her home in Beverly Hills, California, from the pilgrimage she made to the grave of her son, the late Sergeant Laurence E. Allen in the Surcouf American Cemetery in France.

Public No. 962 was enacted into law for the purpose of enabling the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces whose remains are interred in Europe, to visit the graves of their sons or husbands and specifies "In the case of any mother or widow willfully failing to continue the pilgrimage of her particular group, the United States shall not incur or be subject to any expense with regard to her pilgrimage after such failure".

Mrs. Allen was advised on April 10, and again on May 2, 1950, that in the event she remained in Europe longer than the two weeks specified by the law, all expenses of her journey, including return transportation to her home in California, must be borne from personal funds. The records show that upon arrival in New York enroute to Europe, Mrs. Allen left the return portion of her railroad ticket with a friend, however, this was forfeited to a clerk from the New York office. Mrs. Allen was given every assistance in arranging for her tour of Germany and Italy after she had visited the grave of her son, and letter of June 4th, copy enclosed, was explained to her by an officer of the Army, i.e., if she did not sail with her party on June 8th, all expenses and arrangements for her journey after such date must be attended to personally.

In view of the fact that the law was explained to Mrs. Allen before she left her home, while enroute, and after returning from Europe, it is evident the Government cannot be held responsible for her return transportation to Beverly Hills, California.

Sincerely yours,

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Secretary of War.

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December 22, 1930

Hon. Patrick J. Hurley
Secretary of War
Washington DC

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With best wishes, I am,

Truly yours,

W. C. Hawley

P.S. Kindly return the letter
of my correspondent with
your reply.

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292 Allen Erwin
1201 Main St
Portland, Ore

Portland Ore.
December 19, 1930

Hon. Willis C. Hawley
Washington DC

My dear Congressman:

Under advice of my son, Mr. H. W. Allen, Secretary of the Progressive Business Mens Club of Portland, Oregon, I am writing to ask your interest in my behalf, governed by the following circumstances: Under invitation of the U.S. Government I visited the grave of my son, Lawrence Erwin Allen at Suresnes, France. We were entertained by the Government for two weeks in Paris. I made a formal request of the Government to transfer me from Group C to Group H for my return, presenting the request to Colonel Ellis in charge of the U.S. Office in Paris, under instruction of Senator Wesley L. Jones, Washington. I inferred this would be done, although Colonel Ellis told me he would have to have special privilege from Washington. Confering with the Paris office regarding the sailing of the SS Roosevelt on July 5th. I arranged a months itinerary covering a tour into Italy and Germany in order to visit the presentation of the Passion Play at Oberammergau. The night before my departure, after my tour was purchased, Captain (Gregory) brought me a document which I signed (copy inclosed). I notified the office twice that I would return to Paris July 3rd and hbe ready to sail home on the Roosevelt July 5th, all of which I did, joining Group H at Hotel D'Aena, but found no transportation nor reservation awaiting me. I purchased my own ticket on the Roosevelt and paid all other expenses to the amount of \$175 to bring me back to New York.

On my arrival in New York the Government officials took away my round trip ticket stating they needed it for validation, reservation of Pullman, issuing ~~needed~~ of maintenance allowance, etc. to return me to my home in Los Angeles. Upon my calling at the office next day they refused to return the ticket.

I then went to Washington where I appealed from the decision of Colonel Williams of the New York office to General DEWitt, Quartermaster General, and begged the return of the ticket, advising that the paper I had signed in Paris stated "Including transportation to the United States." He refused to help me in any way, even though he knew I was without funds, and only by assistance which I succeeded in obtaining, was I enabled to reach my home in Beverly Hills, California.

I presented the facts as above to our own Congressman, Mr. Joseph Crail, representing Los Angeles District, which is my home city, I also called on Senator Jones and Senator Shortridge at the time of my visit in Washington, both of whom have a copy of the citation of facts as presented to the Quartermaster General.

Congressman Crail requested your advise and interest and I am herewith requesting that together you will formulate some plan looking towards my reimbursement of the amount involved, for surely the Government never intended that any Gold Star Mother, called on such a mission, should be compelled to pay her own way home from France.

May I remind you of our school days association at old Willamette University when you knew me as Lena Erwin from Silverton, Oregon.

My kindest compliments for the Christmas season,

Most truly yours,

LENA ERWIN ALLEN

Mrs. Lena Erwin Allen

Present address:

481 Brazee St.
Portland, Oregon.

Permanent address:

226 Tower Drive,
Beverly Hills, California.

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Allen, Lawrence E

July 22, 1930.

W 201 Honorable Samuel M. Shortridge,

United States Senate.

Dear Senator Shortridge:

I have your letter of July 21 in which you request to be advised of the action taken on the request of Mrs. Lena Erwin Allen to be furnished transportation to her home in California.

The Act of March 2, 1929, which authorizes the pilgrimages to the cemeteries of Europe, specifically prohibits the furnishing of transportation in cases of this kind and for ready reference I am quoting Sec. 2 (e) of this Act for your information:

"(e) The pilgrimages shall be by the shortest practicable route and for the shortest practicable time, to be designated by the Secretary of War. No mother or widow shall be provided for at Government expense in Europe for a longer period than two weeks from the time of disembarkation in Europe to the time of reembarkation in Europe. In the case of any mother or widow willfully failing to continue the pilgrimage of her particular group, the United States shall not incur or be subject to any expense with regard to her pilgrimage after such failure."

Mrs. Allen was a member of party "C", which sailed from New York on the S. S. Republic, May 13, 1930. Prior to leaving her home she stated that she desired to remain in Europe longer than two weeks and was informed by letter, on several occasions, that if she did so the Government would pay none of her expenses after she left the party and that she would have to pay her return transportation. She travelled separately from California to New York and left her return trip railroad ticket with a friend in Yonkers. For convenience in handling this movement, round trip tickets are issued to all women for the journey from their homes to New York and return and the Commanding Officer of the New York office has instructions to take up all return trip stubs and hold them until the women return from Europe when they are returned to them. In the case of Mrs. Allen's ticket he sent to Yonkers and got it from the friend with whom it was left. Mrs. Allen arrived in New York City on the S. S. Roosevelt, July 13, 1930, having paid for her return transportation from Paris, and demanded her return trip railroad ticket and was told by Colonel Williams, in charge of the New York office, that he could not give it to her. She

then came to Washington, D. C., and on Thursday, July 17, 1930, saw me and made a similar request. In both cases, the law was carefully explained to Mrs. Allen and she was told that it was impossible for the Government to furnish her transportation to her home.

I regret that, under the law quoted above, it is not possible to furnish railroad transportation to Mrs. Allen for the return journey to her home.

Sincerely yours,

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

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United States Senate

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July 21, 1930.

Major General B. F. Cheatham,
The Quartermaster General,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

My dear General Cheatham:

Mrs. Lena E. Allen, 226 Tower Drive,
Beverly Hills, California, called on me
recently leaving with me the attached
enclosures. I shall appreciate your ad-
vising me as to action taken on Mrs.
Allen's case.

I have the honor to remain

Sincerely yours,

Samuel M. Shortridge

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July 17, 1930

W illare Hotel,
Mrs. Lena Edwin Allen,
Washington, D. C.
220 Tenth Street,
Beverly Hills, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 17th in regard to the return portion of your railroad ticket from New York to Beverly Hills, California.

In this connection please permit me to quote an extract of the law governing the pilgrimage:

"In the case of any mother or widow willfully failing to continue the pilgrimage of her particular group, the United States shall not incur or be subject to any expense with regard to her pilgrimage after such failure."

In view of this provision of the law, I am without any recourse and cannot direct that transportation be issued to you covering your return journey home.

Sincerely yours,

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

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Allen, Lawrence E

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July 19, 1930.

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Complaint of Mrs. Lena Irwin Allen of Beverly Hills, California.
TO: Secretary of War.

1. The article which appeared in The Evening Star of July 18, 1930, regarding Mrs. Lena Irwin Allen of Beverly Hills, California, is substantially correct although briefly stated.

2. Mrs. Allen was a member of party "C", which sailed from New York on the S. S. Republic, May 13, 1930. Prior to leaving her home she stated that she desired to remain in Europe longer than two weeks and was informed by letter, on several occasions, that if she did so the Government would pay none of her expenses after she left the party and that she would have to pay her return transportation. She travelled separately from California to New York and left her return trip railroad ticket with a friend in Yonkers. The Commanding Officer of the New York office has instructions to take up all return trip stubs and hold them until the women return from Europe, and in the case of Mrs. Allen's ticket he sent to Yonkers and got it from the friend with whom it was left. Mrs. Allen arrived in New York City on the S. S. Roosevelt, July 13, 1930, having paid for her return transportation from Paris, and demanded her return trip railroad ticket and was told by Colonel Williams, in charge of the New York office, that he could not give it to her. She then came to Washington, D.C., and on Thursday, July 17, 1930, saw The Quartermaster General and made a similar request. In both cases, the law was carefully explained to Mrs. Allen and she was told that it was impossible for the Government to furnish her transportation to her home.

3. The records of this office clearly indicate that Mrs. Allen was fully aware of the fact that the expense of her return trip could not be borne by the Government from the time that she first wrote stating that she desired to stop over in Europe.

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

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FRIENDS AID GOLD STAR MOTHER STRANDED HERE TWO DAYS

Return Ticket Nulled After Her Pilgrimage to France.

Misunderstanding With U. S. Blamed by Mrs. Allen, California.

Stranded in Washington for two days after a visit to the shell-torn battlefields of France, a Gold Star mother from California today obtained transportation home.

The mother, Mrs. Lena Irwin Allen of Beverly Hills, lost possession of a return railroad ticket through a misunderstanding with War Department officials. She explained she went abroad on a Government-financed pilgrimage with numerous other mothers, who were deprived of sons in the World War.

Mrs. Allen left the main party in Paris so she might make a more extended tour of Europe. She said she agreed to forfeit the return passage to the United States, but was told she would be permitted to retain a return ticket from New York to California. After exhausting all the funds she possessed, to obtain passage, Mrs. Allen was required by War Department officials to relinquish the railroad ticket.

On coming to Washington and appealing to War Department officials, Mrs. Allen was told the situation was unfortunate, but there was nothing the Government could do about the matter. The action of the New York subordinate, who recalled the return ticket, was upheld.

Col. W. R. Gibson, chief of the admin-



MRS. LENA IRWIN ALLEN.

—Star Staff Photo.

istrative division of the Quartermaster Corps, cited a section of the act of Congress, authorizing the expedition, which read: "In the case of any mother or widow wilfully failing to continue the pilgrimage of her particular group, the United States shall not incur or be subject to any expense with regard to her pilgrimage after such failure."

"I am pleased," Mrs. Allen wrote War Department officials, "to refer you to Senator Jones of Washington and Senator Dill of Washington, who have known me personally for many years, but a better reference should be—Block A, Row 22, Grove 2, Suresnes, France."

Mrs. Allen was telegraphed funds to finance her trip home, by California friends.

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July 17, 1930

Mrs. Lena Erwin Allen,
Hotel Willard,
Washington, D. C.

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Major General,
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Washington, D. C., July 17, 1930.

To the Honorable Quartermaster General,
Representing the Secretary of War in the
Management of the Gold Star Mothers' Pilgrimages.

Esteemed Sir:-

Permit me to introduce myself as a member of Group "C",
Suresnes Contingent, of the Gold Star Mothers Pilgrimage to France -
and ask your valued consideration of the following citation.

Under invitation of the Government, I sailed for France on
the S.S. Republic, May 13, and visited the grave of my son at the Ameri-
can Cemetery at Suresnes, France. Following the two weeks' entertain-
ment as guest of the Government, I visited Oberammergau and other points
in Europe, having first made arrangements with your office in Paris
that by so doing I would forfeit my return transportation to the United
States amounting to \$175.00. (Copy of the agreement is filed in your
New York office).

Upon my arrival in New York July 13th - S.S. Roosevelt - I
found that a Government official had called at the residence of my
friend, Mrs. Martha E. Kellor, 37 St. Andrews Place, Yonkers, and
under promise that it was to be taken to your New York office for
the purpose of validation - and returned to me on my arrival - had
taken away my return trip railroad ticket from New York to Beverly
Hills, California. The day following my arrival, July 14th, I called
at the New York office at 225 West 34th Street and requested the re-
turn of my ticket, but met with a positive refusal, and up to the
present date this refusal has been definite.

Be reminded that I had forfeited \$175.00 or return passage
to the United States and that this ticket was a round trip ticket to
my home in Beverly Hills, California - the first half had been used
by me - and was in my possession in the lock box of my friend until
the day before my arrival from France. By the withdrawal of this
ticket I am left without means to enable me to return to my home,
having insufficient funds at my disposal.

Knowing that I have faithfully filled every requirement of
the Paris agreement, I therefore feel justified in asking that you
will order the restoration of my ticket accompanied by Pullman reser-
vations and maintenance amount for the four days of the journey.

I am pleased to refer you to Senator Jones of Washington
and Senator Dill of Washington, who have known me personally for many
years - but a better reference even, should be - Block A, Row 22,
Grove 2, Suresnes, France.

I await your pleasure at the Hotel Willard, Washington.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Lena Erwin Allen

Paris: June 4, 1930.

Mrs. L. E. Allen,
Hotel D'Ileha
Paris, France.

Dear Mrs. Allen:

The officer conducting your unit has notified this office that you desire to detach yourself from your unit on..... for the purpose of making a personal tour.

For your guidance in this action, the following extracts from the Regulations governing the conduct of the Pilgrimage are quoted: (a) PASSPORTS AND TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: For the purpose of the pilgrimages, the Secretary of State shall (1) issue special passports, limited to the duration of the pilgrimages.

(b) STOPOVERS AND DELAYS EN ROUTE: The pilgrimages shall be by the shortest practicable route and for the shortest practicable time, to be designated by the Secretary of War. No mother or widows shall be provided for at Government expense in Europe for a longer period than two weeks from the time of disembarkation in Europe to the time of reembarkation in Europe. In the case of any mother or widow wilfully failing to continue the pilgrimage of her particular group, the United States shall not incur or be subject to any expense with regard to her pilgrimage after such failure (Sec. 2 (e) act of Mar. 2, 1929). Including return transportation to United States.

Your party will depart from Paris, France, June 5, 1930. This office will be please to assist you in arranging for your special trip. In order to provide the maximum comfort and happiness throughout your entire trip, you are requested to check the personal arrangements made by you for this side trip; so that your return to the group in Paris will be within the scheduled time.

For Colonel Richard T. Ellis,

G. G. Bartlett
Lieut. Colonel U. S. Army,
Executive.

I have read the above letter and understand its contents:

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MRS. LENA E. ALLEN
226 TOWER DRIVE,
BEVERLY HILLS, CALIF.

WASHINGTON, D. C. May 9, 1930

YOUR PASSPORT RECEIVED WILL BE DELIVERED TO YOU IN NEW YORK

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Allen, Lawrence E.

✓ 2207 Hon. W. L. Jones.

United States Senate.

Dear Senator Jones:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 24, 1930, together with the newspaper clipping and the letter from Mrs. Lena A. Allen of Beverly Hills, California, relative to her desire to make a stop-over in Europe when she makes a pilgrimage to the grave of her son, the late Lawrence E. Allen, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

Due to the scarcity of time before the date upon which Mrs. Allen is scheduled to sail, it was thought advisable to write to her directly.

There is no authority of law to extend the time specified in Section 2 (d) of the Act to cover this pilgrimage. Persons making the pilgrimage and desiring for other than unavoidable reasons an extension of time, can be granted such extension only upon the condition that all further expenses of the pilgrimage, including the return transportation to their homes, will be borne by the individuals concerned.

In view of the above, Mrs. Allen would not be permitted to remain in Europe for a month without forfeiting her return transportation. However, the pilgrims will remain in Paris four days upon their return from the cemeteries and Mrs. Allen has been advised to take the matter up with Colonel Richard T. Ellis, 146 Avenue des Champs Elysees, Paris, upon her arrival in the French Capital. Colonel Ellis is in charge of the European arrangements and it may be that plans can be made for her to visit the place where her son died, during the four days the pilgrims are scheduled to remain in Paris. It would be necessary, of course, for her to rejoin her group in time to return to the United States on the steamship upon which reservation has been made for her.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary of War.

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UNITED STATES SENATE.

April 24, 1930.

Honorable P. J. Hurley,
Secretary of War,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Secretary : -

Herewith I enclose you self-explanatory letter
from Mrs. Lena A. Allen, of Beverly Hills, California,
together with a clipping.

Mrs. Allen is desirous of having her time extended
on her trip to France with the gold star mothers pilgrimage,
in order that she may visit other places there.

I would be glad if you would return this letter
together with such information as you are able to give.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) W. L. Jones.

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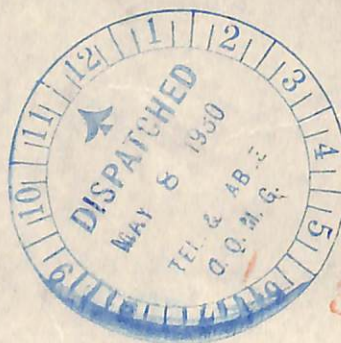
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Washington, D. C. May 3, 1930.

Mr. H. W. Siddall, Chairman,
Western Military Bureau,
428 New Union Station Bldg.,
516 W. Jackson Blvd.,
Chicago, Ill.

HARDING MAY FOURTEENTH PAGE C DASH TEN MRS LENA ALLEN BEVERLY HILLS CALIFORNIA
ON ACCOUNT OF ILLNESS OF DAUGHTER REQUESTS DIVERSION VIA OAKLAND WILL YOU
REQUEST SOUTHERN PACIFIC TO CHANGE TRANSPORTATION REQUESTS ONE MILLION SIX
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Allen, Lawrence E.

May 2, 1930

Mrs. Lena A. Allen,
226 Tower Drive,
Beverly Hills,
California.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of April 20, addressed to Senators Jones and Dill, relative to your desire to make a stop-over in Europe when you make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son in the Suresnes American Cemetery, sailing on the SS "Harding" May 14, has been brought to the attention of this office. Communication is being addressed directly to you in order that you may receive an answer to your letter before your departure from home to New York City.

It has been held that except in unavoidable cases there is no authority of law to extend the time specified in Section 2 (d) of the Act to cover this pilgrimage. Persons making the pilgrimage and desiring for other than unavoidable reasons and extension of time, can be granted such extension only upon the condition that all further expenses of the pilgrimage, including the return transportation to their homes, will be borne by the individuals concerned.

Therefore, it would not be possible for you to remain in Europe for a month without forfeiting your return transportation. You will, however, be in Paris four days upon your return from the cemetery and it may be that arrangements could be made for you to visit the place where your son died, during that time. It is suggested that you take the matter up with Colonel Richard T. Ellis, 146 Avenue des Champs Elysees, Paris, upon your arrival in the French capital. Colonel Ellis is in charge of the European arrangements for the pilgrimage. It will be necessary, of course, for you to rejoin the group with whom you are scheduled to make the pilgrimage, in time to return to the United States on the steamship upon which reservation has been made for you.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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MRS LENA E ALLEN

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Allen, Lawrence E. 34 M

April 26, 1930

Mrs. Lena E. Allen
226 Tower Drive,
Beverly Hills, California

Dear Madam:

This office has not yet received your passport for use in connection with your pilgrimage to the American Colonies in Europe.

It is imperative that every mother or widow making this pilgrimage, whether an American citizen or not, have a passport issued and in the hands of this office before she begins her trip.

Please comply as early as possible with the instructions shown in form letter attached, or if you have heretofore taken this action advise this office to that effect.

Should the clerk of the court not have been furnished with "Special Pilgrimage Passport" applications, please request him to take the matter up at once with the Passport Bureau, Room 170, State, War and Navy Building, Washington, D. C., and he will be furnished with these forms.

The person to whom you should apply is the Clerk of the Superior Court at Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, U.S. Corps,
Assistant.

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Allen, Lawrence E. 54 - M

April 25, 1930.

Mrs. Lena E. Allen,
226 Tower Drive,
Beverly Hills, Cal.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements have been completed for your transportation to New York City on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe. One week before your departure the railroad ticket agent, of the first road shown below, will deliver your railroad and pullman ticket to you. Your route to New York will be as follows:

Leave Beverly Hills	So. Pac.	Train N Elec.	4:06 PM	May 8
Arrive Los Angeles			5:06 PM	May 8
Leave Los Angeles	So. Pac.	Train No. 4	6:00 PM	May 8
Arrive Chicago			9:15 AM	May 11
Leave Chicago	N. Y. C.	Train No. 10	10:35 AM	May 11
Arrive New York (Grand Central Station)			3:45 PM	May 12

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours

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

QM 293 A-C
Allen, Lawrence E. - 34 M

April 10, 1930

Mrs. Lena E. Allen,
226 Tower Drive,
Beverly Hills,
California.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 1,
relative to your desire to remain in Europe longer than the
two weeks authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

It has been held that except in unavoidable cases,
there is no authority of law to extend the time specified
in Section 2 (d) of the Act to cover this pilgrimage or to
grant requests of individuals to leave the groups to which
assigned.

Persons making the pilgrimage and desiring for
other than unavoidable reasons, an extension of time, can be
granted such an extension only upon the condition that all
further expenses of the pilgrimage, including the return
transportation to their homes, will be borne from private
funds.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours.

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

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WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Allen, Lawrence E. 34 M

March 20, 1930

Mrs. Lena E. Allen
226 Tower Drive
Beverly Hills, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

March 18, 1930.

Allen, Lawrence E. 34 M

Mrs. Lona E. Allen,
226 Tower Drive,
Beverly Hills, Calif.

Dear Madam:

The following instructions prepared by the Secretary of State contain the necessary instructions to be followed by you in obtaining the passport or travel document to be utilized in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. Please read the directions carefully and call in person upon the nearest Passport Agent or clerk of a Federal or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. In large cities there are usually two or more courts and at each county-seat a state court authorized to accept these passport applications.

When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

The instructions prepared by the Secretary of State are as follows:

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than 2½x2½ inches in size and such documentary

evidence of her American citizenship as she may have in her possession. In the absence of evidence of citizenship, her application should be witnessed by a credible person residing in the same community who is an American citizen, has known her for a long period of time and is able to swear to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that she is a citizen of the United States.

"A mother or widow who does not owe allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Pilgrimage Travel Document through a clerk of a Federal court or a State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens or through a Passport Agent upon the form of application prescribed for that purpose, entitled APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL DOCUMENT, issued under the Act of March 2, 1929, submitting therewith four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches in size and not less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size. When making application she should be accompanied by a credible witness who has known her for a period of two years or more.

"The Act of March 2, 1929, provides that no fee shall be charged for the execution of an application for a passport or travel document or for the issue of a passport or travel document to a mother or widow making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces are now interred.

"Special Pilgrimage Passports and Pilgrimage Travel Documents when issued by the Department of State will be forwarded to the War Department.

"Applicants resident in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle should execute applications at the Passport Agencies in those cities."

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 8 1929.

Allen, Lawrence E. 34 M

Mrs. Lena E. Allen,
226 Lower Drive,
Beverly Hills, Calif.

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,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Allen, Lawrence E.

May 3, 1929.

Mrs. Lulu W. Allen,
223 S. 5th Street,
East Missoula, Mont.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the widow of the late Sergeant Lawrence E. Allen, Quartermaster Corps, Det. Rest Camp #2, Sec. 2, whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, France.

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish her full name and address in order that action may be taken to extend an invitation to her 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 relationship is that of a stepmother, mother through adoption or a woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. In case you have 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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Allen, Lawrence Erwin

April 14, 1928.

x 201 Honorable A. C. Shallenberger,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Shallenberger:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 13, 1928, with reference to the grave location of Lawrence Erwin Allen, Quartermaster Sergeant, Quartermaster Detachment, Rest Camp No. 2.

The remains of this soldier are interred in Grave 2, Block A, Row 22, Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, France. This cemetery is four miles from Paris.

Very truly yours,

B. P. CHEATHAM,
Major General,
The Quartermaster General.

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

April 13, 1928

The Quartermaster General,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

A lady who wishes to visit the grave of an American soldier who is buried in France has asked me to find the location of the grave of Lawrence E. Allen who died in Bordeaux, October 20, 1918. He was in the Quartermaster Corps.

This is all the identification I have. The lady thinks the soldier is buried near Paris in a cemetery the name of which is "something like Sorrenne".

I shall appreciate whatever information you may be able to give me.

Sincerely,



A. C. Shallenberger

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United States Senate

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April 15, 1926

SECRETARY'S OFFICE
 APR 16 1926
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Hon. Dwight F. Davis
 Secretary of War
 Washington, D. C.

My dear Secretary:

I am inclosing herewith a letter and clipping from Mrs. L. E. Allen, 1243 Fairfax Avenue, Hollywood, California, with reference to the marking of her son's grave in France. Will you please advise me if it is possible to have the grave marked as she desires.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,

C. C. Dill

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EARL COURT
1241-43 Fairfax Avenue
HOLLYWOOD, U.S.A.

April 10, 1926.

Senator O. C. Dill,
Rep. State of Washington
Washington D. C.

My dear Senator Dill:

Have just read the enclosed clipping from the Los Angeles Times and wish you would assist me in the placing of the proper inscription on the cross for our dear boy. Of course you will remember my dear son Laurence, who now sleeps forever at Suresne, France, Grave 2, Row 22, Block "A". I think he enlisted from Montana only because he went there to take his wife to her parents in Missoula. Although he took his examination at Vancouver, Washington. I am so anxious that this marker shall give his home as Spokane, Washington, he came from Missoula to Fort George Wright, Spokane, and from there was sent in a few days time, to Madison Barracks, N.Y. Dear Senator, will you not see to it, that his name reads, Laurence Erwin Allen, State, Washington, Spokane, if home city is given. The Erwin is my family name, and comes in a direct line of descent from Captain Cook the English Explorer, who discovered Australia, Hawaiian Islands, and for whom Cook's Inlet, Washington coast, was named.

It is the consummate wish of my life to visit the grave, but so far, I have not been financially able to do so, as my Spokane property (a four story brick) has been without tenant for two years. And seemingly impossible to sell at any price, ~~for~~ now may lose it through the mortgage of \$5000.00 but at the same time was denied the "Bonus" because I owned this property. I wanted the bonus to take me to my son's grave only. If only there was some way in which I could serve the Government and take me to France. Could you think of any such appointment. Knowing my qualifications as you do. Pardon me, did not intend to impose this on you, but only to urge you to preserve the name and honor of our dear Spokane boy - Washington man - throughout all the years to come, that his glory shall redound to the State and City he loved so well.

Most cordially yours, with best wishes and congratulations upon your service in the public behalf

Mrs. L. E. Allen,
1243 Fairfax Ave.
Hollywood, Cal.

P.S. Did you know Laurence was the only Delta Kappa Epsilon (D.K.E.) University of Washington, that was left in France and that a beautiful bronze tablet was placed in the D.K.E House University of Washington - also that his wife is now deceased so there is no one who could possibly object to my request.

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United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

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LAURENCE ERWIN ALLEN

WASHINGTON

SERGE., Q.M. CORPS
OCTOBER 20, 1918

Sincerely yours,

DWIGHT F. DAVIS

Secretary of War.



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April 22, 1926

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2nd Lawrence Erwin Allen
Sergt. - Q. M. Corps. -
Washington - Oct. 20 - 1918

DO NOT DETACH THIS SLIP

Return accompanying papers to
ROOM 242, STATE, WAR, AND NAVY BUILDING

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR

Date April 17, 1926.

Subject: Letter from Senator Dill 4/15/26 enclosing
letter from Mrs. L. E. Allen re marking of son's
grave in France

To: QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

Receipt acknowledged 4/17/26.

- 1.....Necessary action.
- 2.....Necessary action and direct reply.
- 3.....☒ Nec. action and prep. of reply for sig. of ~~The Asst.~~ Secy. of War.
- 4.....Remark and recommendation. (blue slip)
- 5.....Notation and filing or return.
- 6.....Investigation and report.
- 7.....Correction.

By direction of The Assistant Secretary of War:

DAVID L. STONE,
Colonel, Infantry,
Executive Assistant

DO NOT DETACH THIS SLIP

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

Date 4/16, 1926

TO _____

Recorded, M. W. D.

_____ Adj. Gen.	_____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asst. Secy. of War.
_____ Asst. & Chf. Clk.	_____ Chief, Civ. Per.
_____ Chief of Staff.	_____ Chief, Air Ser.
_____ Chief of Eng.	_____ Chief of Fin.
_____ Chief of Ord.	_____ Chief, Insular Affairs.
_____ Surg. Gen.	_____ Q. M. Gen.
_____ Record Room, Tally and return.	_____ Judge Advocate Gen.
_____ Panama Canal.	

FOR—

_____ Necessary action.

_____ Direct reply.

☒ Necessary action and prep. of reply for signature of
Secy. of War or Priv. Secy.

_____ Remarks and recommendation.

_____ Memorandum for Secy. of War or Priv. Secy.

_____ Investigation and report.

_____ Notation and filing.

_____ Noted by Secy. of War or Priv. Secy. and returned for
filing.

_____ Previous papers.

_____ Furnish _____ additional carbons.

_____ Mark _____ "Personal attention of Priv. Secy."

_____ Correction.

_____ Remarks: _____

By direction Secretary of War.

JOHN W. MARTYN,
Secretary to the Secretary of War.

UNITED STATES SENATE
COMMITTEE ON NAVAL AFFAIRS

April 15, 1926.

Hon. Dwight F. Davis
Secretary of War
Washington, D. C.

My dear Secretary:

I am inclosing herewith a letter and clipping from Mrs. L. E. Allen, 1243 Fairfax Avenue, Hollywood, California, with reference to the marking of her son's grave in France. Will you please advise me if it is possible to have the grave marked as she desires.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,

C. C. DILL.

(Newspaper Clipping - re marking of graves in Europe with crosses and Stars of David with name, unit, division, state and date of death.)

EARLCOURT
1241-43 Fairfax Avenue
HOLLYWOOD, U.S.A.

April 10, 1926.

Senator C. C. Dill,
Rep. State of Washington
Washington D. C.

My dear Senator Dill:

Have just read the enclosed clipping from the Los Angeles Times and wish you would assist me in the placing of the proper inscription on the cross for our dear boy. Of course you will remember my dear son Laurence, who now sleeps forever at Suresne, France, Grave 2, Row 22, Block "A". I think he enlisted from Montana only because he went there to take his wife to her parents in Missoula. Although he took his examination at Vancouver, Washington. I am so anxious that this marker shall give his home as Spokane, Washington, he came from Missoula to Fort George Wright, Spokane, and from there was sent in a few days time, to Madison Barracks, N.Y. Dear Senator, will you not see to it, that his name reads, Laurence Erwin Allen, State, Washington, Spokane, if home city is given. The Erwin is my family name, and comes in a direct line of descent from Captain Cook the English Explorer, who discovered Australia, Hawaiian Islands, and for whom Cook's Inlet, Washington coast, was named.

It is the consummate wish of my life to visit the grave, but so far, I have not been financially able to do so, as my Spokane property (a four story brick) has been without tenant for two years. And seemingly impossible to sell at any price, ~~for~~ --- now may lose it through the mortgage of \$5000.00 but at the same time was denied the "Bonus" because I owned this property. I wanted the bonus to make me to my son's grave only. If only there was some way in which I could serve the Government and take me to France. Could you think of any such appointment. Knowing my qualifications as you do. Pardon me, did not intend to impose this on you, but only to urge you to preserve the name and honor of our dear Spokane boy - Washington man - throughout all the years to come, that his glory shall redound to the State and City he loved so well.

Most cordially yours, with best wishes and congratulations upon your service in the public behalf

Mrs. L. E. Allen,
1243 Fairfax Ave.
Hollywood, Cal.

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L.E.A.

Oakland, Cal. August 7, 1925.

Quartermaster General,
War Department,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Sir:-

I would like to apply for the flag which you have so kindly sent to me and other Gold Star Mothers, for the following:-

Lena E. Allen, Mother of

LAURENCE E. ALLEN, Seargent First Class, Quartermaster Corps. Supply Co. 308.
Died Oct. 20, 1918.

Buried first at Corbon Blanc, and removed to Suresnes, near Paris.

Grave No. 2. Row 22. Block A.

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N.B. Laurence Allen was married, but his wife, who would receive his flag, as next of kin, is dead, and I think never applied for same.

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Address;

Mrs. Lena E. Allen,

1243 Fairfax Ave.,

Hollywood, California.
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Thanking you for this and many past favors, I am,

Sincerely Yours,

Celia L. Watkinson

Chairman Oakland Gold Star Department.

374 Jayne Ave.



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✓ QM 293 A-3
(Allen, Lawrence)

August 18, 1925.



SUBJECT: Flag

TO: Quartermaster Supply Officer, Washington General Intermediate Depot, Washington, D. C.

1. You are authorized to send one flag at Government expense to Mrs. Lena H. Allen, 1243 Fairfax Avenue, Hollywood, California, mother of Lawrence Allen, Quartermaster Sergeant, Quartermaster Detachment, Rest Camp #2, Base Section 2.

2. Notify consignee and Mrs. Celia H. Waterhouse, Chairman, Oakland Gold Star Department, 374 Jaynes Avenue, Oakland, California.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

D. K. MITCHELL,
Major, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

RK

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✓ x 424 Flag
✓ x 293 Waterhouse, Celia H.

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