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7-12-33
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Attop, James L.

I Declines by letter recd 2-18-33
(Accept or decline) the invitation extended

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

Mrs. Emma May Attop
(Name)

Box 385, Kansas City, Mo.
(Town or City) (State)

JAN 7 - 1926

DATE

1. NAME ALTOP, James L. *Soldier* SERIAL No. 1102336
 RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Med.Repl.Unit #44
 & DIVISION *not shown*
 GRAVE LOCATION Amer.Cty.Lambezellec, Finistere 531
 CTY. NAME NUMBER

26 4 H
 GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 27, R4, Pl 4 Lambezellec Finistere
 per cemetery directory AGRS Mar.12, 1920. GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.
 COORDINATES Not given

CONCENTRATED TO 5/24/19. 26 4 H
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT
Lambezellec #531
 CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag found on body. per GRS Form #16, 5/24/19. signed Chas.S.Denny 1st.Lt.CA.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS None of record.
 DATE OF DEATH Oct. 6, '18 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Wyoming DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR Stanley J. Grogan
 STANLEY J. GROGAN, CAPT INF USA.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 9/20/22 15 54, Block B
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Oise-Aisne Amer. Cemetery #608, Seringes-et-Nesles,
 CEMETERY (Aisne).

AUDITED BY A. J. ...
 7 1928
 DIV.

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 3/2/28

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Altop 1102336 James L.

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

Pvt. M.D.Repl.Unit #44

(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: CH#33 APO 716

CAUSE OF DEATH: Pneumonia

DATE OF BURIAL: Oct. 8, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: AEF Cemetery

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

Lambezellec, Finistere

GRAVE NUMBER: Tr. 4 No. 27 Plot M

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? Yes

Headboard? 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: John Altop

ADDRESS: Sennoplis, Wyo.

RELATIONSHIP: Father

REPORTED BY:

Carle H. Squire 1st Lt.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

Remains of:

Name: **Altop James L.**

Number: **1102336**

Rank: **Pvt.**

Organization: **M.D. Repl Unit 44**

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

May 15th-1919

Plot H Row 4 Grave 27 A.E.F. Cemetery #531 Lambazellec

Finistere.

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

531

May 15th-1919

Plot H Row 4 Grave 26 A.E.F. Cemetery #531 Lambazellec

Finistere.

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

Bodies not buried in coffins, buried head to feet, securely shrouded, badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? ~~No.~~ Yes.

What other means of identification were found on the body? ~~None could be found.~~

CONFIRMED No. **11064**

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct, as is required by G.O. 170, G.H. 2, 1918., after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by:

W. J. Childs
1st Lt. Ch

Chas. S. Denny
C.O. Group

Unit

CHAS. S. DENNY
1st Lt. C. A.

Altop, James L.
Pvt.

WESTERN MILITARY BUREAU

ROUTE AND SCHEDULE

EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE SAILING FROM NEW YORK CITY July 2, 1930

Laramie County, State of Wyoming

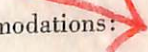
Name Altop, Mrs Emma M (J-8)

Address Box 884, Cheyenne, Wyo.

Route going: Un Pac Omaha, C&NW Chicago, NYC ~~New York~~.

Return: Same route.

		ROAD	TRAIN	TIME	DATE	
Itinerary going	✓ Lv	Cheyenne	Un Pac	28	8:10 AM	June 28
	Ar	Omaha	"	"	8:25 PM	"
	Lv	"	C & N W	"	8:45 PM	"
	✓ Ar	Chicago	"	"	9:15 AM	29
	✓ Lv	"	N Y C	10	10:35 AM	"
	✓ Ar	New York	"	142	3:45 PM	30
	Lv	(Grand Central Station)				
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Accommodations:  Standard sleeper Cheyenne, Wyo. to Chicago, Ill. and Chicago, Ill. to New York, N Y.

Elapsed Time: 52 Hrs 35 Min *2 1/4*

Extra Fare:

*Altop, Jas. L.
Pot.*

**WESTERN MILITARY BUREAU
ROUTE AND SCHEDULE**

EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE SAILING FROM NEW YORK CITY August 17, 1932

Jasper County, State of Missouri

Name Altop, Mrs Emma M (H-10)

Address Box 177 Joplin, Mo

Route going: StLSF St Louis, B&O New York

Return: Same route

CANCELLED

		ROAD	TRAIN	TIME	DATE	
Itinerary going	Lv	Joplin	StLSF	310	9:10 PM	Aug 13
	Ar	St Louis	"	10	7:35 AM	" 14
	Lv	"	B&O	2	9:10 AM	" "
	Ar	New York	"	"	12:32 PM	" 15
	Lv	(Jersey City)				
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Accommodations: Standard sleeper Joplin, Mo to St Louis, Mo and St Louis, Mo to New York, N Y

Elapsed Time: 38 hrs: 22 min

Extra Fare:

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Aug 17

CODE SLIP

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HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Altop</i>	<i>ALT</i>	3	<i>1 0 12</i> <i>2 0</i>
BURIED <i>James L.</i>	CEMETERY <i>608</i>	1	<i>2</i>
	GRAVE <i>15</i>	2	<i>15</i>
	ROW <i>29</i>	2	<i>29</i>
<i>88-85742</i>	BLOCK <i>B</i>	1	<i>2</i>
STATE	<i>Wyo</i>	2	<i>59</i>
RANK	<i>Pvt</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>Medical</i>	2	<i>52</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>#44</i>	3	<i>044</i>
ARM	<i>Replacement Unit</i>	1	<i>4</i>
MARTIAL	<i>20</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Altop</i>	<i>ALT</i>	3	<i>1 2 12</i> <i>0</i>
Mrs. Emma May	STATE <i>Mo</i>	2	<i>29</i>
RESIDENCE <i>Box 389</i>	COUNTY <i>Jackson</i>	2	<i>48</i>
	CITY <i>Kansas City</i>	3	<i>039-</i>
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Bad</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR. <i>1933</i>	1	<i>4</i>
ACCEPTANCE	<i>No age</i>	1	<i>25</i> <i>50</i>

Robert Roosevelt 8-17-32
Alfred Jnr. 7-12-33

AUDITED

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

February 13, 1933.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Altop, James L. (OA)

Mrs. Emma May Altop,
Box ~~177~~
Joplin, Missouri.

Declines

Dear Madam:

No reply has been received to the invitation forwarded you to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe, sailing on the PRESIDENT HARDING July 12th.

In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you accept or decline the invitation. It is requested therefore you complete AT ONCE the card enclosed with the invitation forwarded you, signifying whether you accept or decline the invitation. If you have lost or misplaced the card, please write "Accept" or "Decline" on the bottom of this letter and return it to this office.

PLEASE REPLY PROMPTLY.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,



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

*I decline the invitation.
Mrs. Emma May Altop
Box 385
Kansas City
Kans.*



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Altop, James L. (CA)

July 29, 1932

Mrs. Emma May Altop,
Box 177,
Joplin, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

Undecided
(Write answer here)

(Sign here) Mrs. Emma May Altop.

QM 293 A-M
Altop, James L. (OA)

November 16, 1932

Mrs. Emma May Altop,
Box 177,
Joplin, Mo.

Dear Madam:

In reply to a recent questionnaire you advised that you were undecided about making a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private James L. Altop, during the summer of 1933.

In order that the best available accommodations may be secured for the mothers and widows it is necessary that steamship reservations be made several months in advance. It is therefore requested that you advise at this time whether or not you believe you will be able to make a pilgrimage next summer, in order that arrangements may be made accordingly.

A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:
Envelope
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RETURN RECEIPT

S.S. PRESID ENT ROOSEVELT 8-17-32

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

Mr. Emma May Altop

(Signature or name of addressee)

ALTOP? JAS.L.

CANCELLED AND CHECK RET. 7-27-32

(Signature of addressee's agent)

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S.S. ROOSEVELT *8-17-32

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Mr. Emma May Altop

(Signature or name of addressee)

DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE ONLY

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery **JUL 25 1932**, 19

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Altop, Jas. L. (OA)

July 20, 1932

Mrs. Emma May Altop,
Box 177,
Joplin, Mo.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. ~~1005414~~ the amount of \$ **17.50** to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl.
Check No.

QM 293 A-M
Altop, James L. (OA)

July 29, 1932

Mrs. Emma May Altop,
Box #177,
Joplin, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date, advising that you are unable to sail August 17th on the PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT to visit the grave of your son, the late Private James L. Altop, together with check for \$17.50 forwarded you to cover expenses to New York City.

I am indeed sorry that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage at this time, and sincerely hoped that you will improve rapidly. Arrangements are now being made for the trips to be conducted during the summer of 1933, and in order that your desires may be recorded, it is requested that you complete the enclosed questionnaire and return it to this office as soon as possible. It is trusted you will be able to take advantage of this offer of the Government, as 1933 is the last year for which pilgrimages are authorized.

As you were previously informed, properly qualified personnel will be provided to care for the comfort and needs of the mothers and widows making the pilgrimage, and doctors and nurses will be available. Should you make the journey you are assured that every consideration will be given your physical condition at all times.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Altop, James L. (QA)

July 29, 1932

Mrs. Emma May Altop,
Box 177,
Joplin, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Altop, Jas. L. (OA)

July 20, 1932

Mrs. Emma May Altop,
Box 177,
Joplin, Mo.

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Dear Madam:

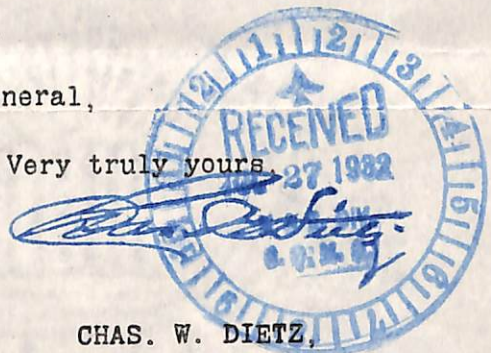
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UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST THIS CHECK BE CASHED AND USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED.

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,



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

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Check No.

Deleted
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Reopened
8-17-32

Party H-10

unable to make pilgrimage owing to poor health at this time.

Mrs. Emma May Altop,
Box 177 - Joplin Mo.

Pres. Roosevelt

Altop, James L.

8/17/32

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✓ ✓ Decline by letter 7/27

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 pro-
visions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

..... Mrs. Emma May Altop

Name

..... Box 177, Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri

Town or City

State

Signal Corps, United States Army

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Washington, D. C.

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HAVE NOT RECEIVED IDENTIFICATION BADGE=
MRS ENNA MAY ALTOP.

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JUN 17 1932
TEL. & CABLE
O. & M. G.

No Reply

June 13, 1932, Washington, D. C.

MRS EMMA MAY ALTOP
BOX 177
JOPLIN MISSOURI

TELEGRAPH COLLECT WHETHER OR NOT YOU HAVE IDENTIFICATION BADGE
FORWARDED YOU IN NINETEEN THIRTY TO BE WORN ON PILGRIMAGE. 4518 GEM

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Altop, James L. (QA)

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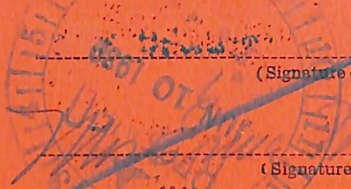
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RETURN RECEIPT

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(Signature of addressee's agent.)

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Mr. E. M. Altop

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JUN 13 1930

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CHICAGO, ILL.
JUN 7
1139AM
1930

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or Post Office Box,

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WASHINGTON,

D. C.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Altop, James L. OA M

November 2, 1931

Mrs. Emma May Altop
Box 177
Joplin, Missouri

Vet. Bonn. 5-8-99
Encl. 12-19-17
Walter Bonn,
5-28-81

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. In your reply to the recent inquiry as to whether or not you desired to make a pilgrimage in 1932, you advised you were undecided.

In view of the fact that steamship reservations must be made several months in advance, it is essential that this office know how many mothers and widows must be arranged for. It is possible that you may have made your decision by this time. It is therefore requested that you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name, and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage. In the event you state you desire to make the journey in 1932 and circumstances prevent your making the pilgrimage, it is requested you notify this office as promptly as possible.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	<i>undecided at present.</i>
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: <i>50</i> Health: <i>poor</i>
3. Do you speak English?	<i>yes</i>
4. What other language do you speak?	<i>none</i>

Emma May Altop
Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



Encl:
Env.

QM 298 A-M
Altop, James L. Pvt. (OA) M

August 15, 1931.

Mrs. Emma May Altop,
Box 177,
Joplin, Missouri

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that you are undecided as to whether or not you will be able to make a pilgrimage.

Competent personnel will be provided to care for the mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York until their return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities will be arranged for and in the event you decide to make a pilgrimage, you are assured everything possible will be done for your care and welfare. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 many mothers of advanced age and in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited therefrom.

In view of the foregoing, it is hoped you may decide to make a pilgrimage to the grave of the late Private James L. Altop and you will be communicated with at a later date to ascertain your decision in the matter.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM
Altop, James L. Pvt. (OA) M*

July 18, 1931.

Mrs. Emma May Altop,
~~Box 974,~~
~~Cheyenne, Wyoming~~

*Box 177
Joplin Mo.*

Dear Madam:

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

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

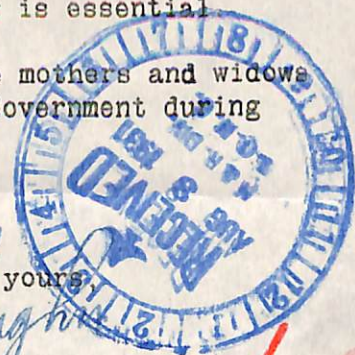
As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



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

undecided
Write answer here

owing to my health.

Mrs. Emma May Altop.
Sign here

I decline..... the invitation extended
(Accept or decline)

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

Mrs. Emma May Altop

(Name)

Box ~~884~~, Cheyenne, Laramie County, Wyoming.

(Town or City)

(State)

Box 974.

OUT FEB 13

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

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

WASHINGTON, D.C.
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FEB 16 1931
M & R DIV
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Mrs. Emma May Altop,
Box 884,
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

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GM 293 A-M
Altop, James L. (Pvt.) 603

September 12, 1930.

Mrs. Emma May Altop,
Box 884,
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not returned the identification badge forwarded you in connection with the pilgrimage you were scheduled to make under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

It is requested that you return the badge to this office immediately. The badge will be returned to you when you are again scheduled to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Altop, James L. 608 M

July 25, 1930.

Mrs. Emma May Altop,
Box 884,
Cheyenne, Wyo.

address?

June 13, 1931
Cl-85742

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?

Yes

2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?

Yes

3. Please give your age and state your health.

Age

48

Condition of Health

Good

4. Do you speak English?

Yes

5. What other language do you speak?

None

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes

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

Enclosures:
Envelope
Act
Amendment



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Altop, James L. 608 M

June 21, 1930.

Mrs. Emma Altop,
Box 884,
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Yes
(Write answer here)

Mrs. Emma May Altop
(Sign here)

QM 298 A-M

Altopy, James L. 608 M

June 21, 1930.

Mrs. Emma May Altop
Box 884,
Cheyenne, Wyoming

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 14, 1930, enclosing the check previously forwarded you for incidental expenses for your trip to New York, to sail on the SS "America," on July 2, 1930, to visit the grave of the late James L. Altop, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

Relative to your statement that it will be impossible for you to make the pilgrimage on July 2nd, you are advised that inasmuch as all available cabin space on the steamships being utilized this year for the pilgrimages, has been assigned, it is impossible to make reservation for you to sail at any time during the year of 1930.

However, your name has been placed on the list of mothers and widows eligible to make the pilgrimage in 1931, and you will be communicated with when arrangements are being made for that year.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

608

Woods / Declines Inv.

America 7/2/30

Wants to go
later this year.

Is it OK?

Capt. P
7.

No -
Captain better across the
year arranged contribution this

Ed

6/18/30

224

Reply

re check

Cheyenne Wyo.
June 14th 1930

Quartermaster General
Washington D.C.

Enclosing check sent me as I am to
Ill at this time to make the voyage I
would like to learn if there will be a
later date this year yet that I could
be able to go. I have been in a auto
accident and will be some weeks yet before
I can be able to stand such a trip but
if there is a later date wish to learn
as I wish to be able to go. May I hear
from you in regards to same soon.

Yours Resp.

Mr. Emma May Altop.

Box 884

Cheyenne

Wagoner 7-2-30
declines Inv. listed for 1931

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Altop James L. 608-M

June 9, 1930

Mrs. Emma May Altop
Box 884 Cheyenne Wyoming

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No339122 in the amount of \$ 22.50 to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl.
Check No.

*Ch. 339/122
22.50
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Ed 6/17/30
n.r.p.
A.F.R.
- attch. James I*

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM

June 20, 1930

To All Concerned:

Please make the following changes in passenger
list for:

S. S. AMERICA, July 2, 1930

Change #13

Party J

Sup O.A.
DELETE - Altop, Mrs. Emma May

WYOMING

Page J - 8

For The Quartermaster General,

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

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June 12th, 1930.

Altop, James L.
c/o Miss Alvine

Mrs. Emma May Altop,
Box 884, ~~Madam~~
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

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., Q.M. Corps,
Assistant.

Enclosures:
2 tags.

Altop, James L. - 608

June 12, 1930.

Mrs. Emma May Altop,
Box 884, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

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:

Lv. Cheyenne	Train No. 26	Un Pac	8:10 AM	June 28
Ar. Omaha	" " "	" "	8:25 PM	" "
Lv. Omaha	" " "	GANV	8:45 "	" "
Ar. Chicago	" " "	"	9:15 AM	" 29
Lv. Chicago	" " 10	NYC	10:35 "	" "
Ar. New York	" " 142	"	3:45 PM	" 30

(Grand Central
Station)

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.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Altop James L.
608-M

June 9, 1930

Mrs. Emma May Altop
Box 884 Cheyenne Wyoming

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No 339122 in the amount of \$ 22.50, to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl.
Check No.

Altop, James L. 608

June 7, 1930

Mrs. Emma May Altop
Box 884,
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

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:

Lv. Cheyenne	UnPac	No. 28	8:10 AM	June 28
Ar. Chicago	CaNY	No. 28	9:15 AM	June 29
Lv. Chicago	NYC	No. 10	10:35 AM	June 29
Ar. New York	NYC	No. 142	3:45 PM	June 30

(Grand Central Station)

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.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 21, 1930.

Altop, James L. 608 E

Mrs. Emma May Altop,
Box 884,
Cheyenne, Wyo.

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.

America
7/2/30
608

*declines by letter 6-14-30
Altop 10*

I Accept the invitation extended
(Accept or decline) *ans 6-20-30*

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.

1931

Mrs. Emma May Altop

(Name)

Box 884, Cheyenne, Laramie Co., Wyo.

(Town or City) (State)

QM 293 A-C
Altop, James L.-608

April 9, 1930

Mrs. Emma May Altop,
Box 884, Cheyenne,
Wyoming.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 1,
relative to the grave location of your son, the late Private
James L. Altop.

For your information there is enclosed herewith a
card setting forth the grave location of your son.

The records of this office show that an invitation
to sail on the SS "America" July 2, 1930 has been forwarded
you.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

BB:LG
Enclosure:
card

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

War. Dept.

Foot

Cheyenne
April,

Quartermaster General.
Washington D.C.

Received the invitation of all Mothers visiting graves and as I do not see the name of the Cemetery son James L. Altop is buried I would like to know this Cemetery is located by name Lambazellec France if it is in France as it is not listed in the Regulations which was enclosed in the letter I would like this information before signing for I do want to make the voyage but want to know where I am going also on what date before I plan. May I hear from you at an early

card
location
of Mrs. Altop

Yours Resp.

Mrs. Emma May Altop.
Box 884
Cheyenne
Wyo

Row 85,742.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Altop, James L.
608

Sept. 12, 1929.

Mrs. Emma May Altop,
Box 884,
Cheyenne, Wyo.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated Aug. 6, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

My son was never married

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

Mother

*Mrs. Emma May Altop
Box 884 - Cheyenne Wyo.*

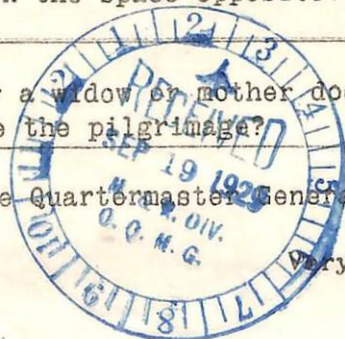
3. If survived by a widow or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage?

Yes

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope



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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

Sefat. 12th

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Altop, James L.

August 6, 1929.

**Mrs. Emma May Altop,
Box 864,
Cheyenne, Wyo.**

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late **Private James L. Altop, Med. Repl. Unit #44, whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.**

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

Write answers in space below:

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried?

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

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Mrs. Emma May Altop,

Box 884,

Cheyenne, Wyo.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Altop, James L.

June 20 , 1929.

Mrs. Emma May Altop,
Forsyth, Montana.

XC-85-742
7-17-13m

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private James L. Altop, Med.Repl. Unit #44, whose remains are now interred in the Oise Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

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

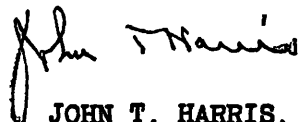
In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

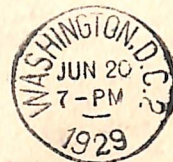

JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL



PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE

TO AVOID PAYMENT OF

POSTAGE \$300.

CITIZENS
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TRAINING
- CAMPS -

JUN 24 1929

Billings

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QM 293 A-M
Altop, James L. (OA)

November 16, 1932

Mrs. Emma May Altop,
Box 177,
Joplin, Mo.

Dear Madam:

In reply to a recent questionnaire you advised that you were undecided about making a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private James L. Altop, during the summer of 1933.

In order that the best available accommodations may be secured for the mothers and widows it is necessary that steamship reservations be made several months in advance. It is therefore requested that you advise at this time whether or not you believe you will be able to make a pilgrimage next summer, in order that arrangements may be made accordingly.

A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Enclosure:
Envelope
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Altop, James L. (OA)

July 29, 1932

Mrs. Emma May Altop,
Box 177,
Joplin, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

QM 293 A-M
Altop, James L. (OA)

July 29, 1932

Mrs. Emma May Altop,
Box #177,
Joplin, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date, advising that you are unable to sail August 17th on the PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT to visit the grave of your son, the late Private James L. Altop, together with check for \$17.50 forwarded you to cover expenses to New York City.

I am indeed sorry that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage at this time, and sincerely hoped that you will improve rapidly. Arrangements are now being made for the trips to be conducted during the summer of 1933, and in order that your desires may be recorded, it is requested that you complete the enclosed questionnaire and return it to this office as soon as possible. It is trusted you will be able to take advantage of this offer of the Government, as 1933 is the last year for which pilgrimages are authorized.

As you were previously informed, properly qualified personnel will be provided to care for the comfort and needs of the mothers and widows making the pilgrimage, and doctors and nurses will be available. Should you make the journey you are assured that every consideration will be given your physical condition at all times.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:
1933 Qn.
Lt. of Inf.
Envelopes.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Altop, Jas. L. OA M

July 28, 1932.

Mrs. Emma May Altop,
Box 177,
Joplin, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

0506
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:

Lv. Joplin	StLSF	Train No. 310	9:10 PM	August 13
Ar. St. Louis	"	" "	10 7:35 AM	August 14
Lv. St. Louis	B&O	" "	2 9:10 AM	August 14
Ar. New York	"	" "	2 12:32 PM	August 15

(Jersey City)

Accommodations: Standard sleeper from Joplin, Mo. to St. Louis, Mo. to New York.

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,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

July 28, 1932.

Altop, Jas. L. OA M

Mrs. Emma May Altop,
Box 177,
Joplin, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

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:

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 20, 1932

Altop, Jas. L. (OA)

Mrs. Emma May Altop,
Box 177,
Joplin, Mo.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. 1005414 in the amount of \$17.80 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,

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

1 Incl. Check No. on the application.

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July 18, 1932

Altop, Jas. L. OA M

Mrs. Emma May Altop,

Box 177,
Joplin, Mo.

Dear Madam:

Your passport for the pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe has not been received in this office.

You must have a passport to enter Europe. Please go at once to the Clerk of the United States District Court nearest your home or to the Clerk of the Court at your County seat. The following action must be taken by you now:

- (a) Have four (4) photographs of yourself made on thin paper (unmounted) not more than 3 x 3 inches or less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size.
- (b) Take these photographs, your invitation and any evidence of citizenship you may have to the Clerk of the Court as shown above.
- (c) Have someone who has known you for at least two years go with you to the Clerk to identify you.

The Clerk will help you fill out the application and HE will forward it to the proper office. Passports will be delivered to you aboard the boat. No charge will be made for the application or passport.

Persons living in or near the following cities will take the steps shown in (a), (b) and (c) above, and go to the U. S. Passport Agent at the address nearest their home shown below and not to Clerks of Courts:

Boston, Mass.	Custom House, State & Washington Streets
Chicago, Ill.	201 N. Wells Street
New Orleans, La.	216 Post Office Bldg.
New York, N. Y.	Sub Treasury Bldg., Broad & Wall Streets
San Francisco, Cal.	Custom House, Washington & Battery Streets
Seattle, Wash.	1008 White Bldg., 4th Avenue & Union Street
Washington, D. C.	State Department, 17th & Pennsylvania Avenue

Advise this office at once if you have made application, giving the name given by you on the application.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

June 13, 1932, Washington, D. C.

MRS EMMA MAY ALTOP
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WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Altop, James L. QA M

November 2, 1931

Mrs. Emma May Altop
Box 177
Joplin, Missouri

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. In your reply to the recent inquiry as to whether or not you desired to make a pilgrimage in 1932, you advised you were undecided.

In view of the fact that steamship reservations must be made several months in advance, it is essential that this office know how many mothers and widows must be arranged for. It is possible that you may have made your decision by this time. It is therefore requested that you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name, and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage. In the event you state you desire to make the journey in 1932 and circumstances prevent your making the pilgrimage, it is requested you notify this office as promptly as possible.

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

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Altop, James L. Pvt. (OA) M

August 15, 1931.

Mrs. Emma May Altop,
Box 177,
Joplin, Missouri

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that you are undecided as to whether or not you will be able to make a pilgrimage.

Competent personnel will be provided to care for the mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York until their return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities will be arranged for and in the event you decide to make a pilgrimage, you are assured everything possible will be done for your care and welfare. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 many mothers of advanced age and in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited therefrom.

In view of the foregoing, it is hoped you may decide to make a pilgrimage to the grave of the late Private James L. Altop and you will be communicated with at a later date to ascertain your decision in the matter.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Altop, James L. Pvt. (OA) M*

July 18, 1931.

Mrs. Emma May Altop,
Box 974,
Cheyenne, Wyoming

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Altop, James L. 608-M

February 20, 1931

Mrs. Emma May Altop,
Box 884,
Cheyenne, Wyo.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "President Harding" on June 13, 1931.

In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you complete the card enclosed with the invitation signifying whether or not you accept the invitation and return the same to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before March 27, 1931, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

Should you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you advise this office to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Altop, James L. (Pvt.) 608

September 12, 1930.

Mrs. Emma May Altop,
Box 884,
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not returned the identification badge forwarded you in connection with the pilgrimage you were scheduled to make under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

It is requested that you return the badge to this office immediately. The badge will be returned to you when you are again scheduled to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

July 25, 1930.

Altop, James L. 608 M

Mrs. Emma May Altop,
Box 884,
Cheyenne, Wyo.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?

2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?

3. Please give your age and state your health.

4. Do you speak English?

5. What other language do you speak?

Age
Condition of Health

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M

Altop, James L. 608 M

June 21, 1930.

Mrs. Emma May Altop
Box 884,
Cheyenne, Wyoming

Dear Madam:

Altop
✓ Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 14, 1930, enclosing the check previously forwarded you for incidental expenses for your trip to New York, to sail on the SS "America," on July 2, 1930, to visit the grave of the late James L. Altop, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

Relative to your statement that it will be impossible for you to make the pilgrimage on July 2nd, you are advised that inasmuch as all available cabin space on the steamships being utilized this year for the pilgrimages, has been assigned, it is impossible to make reservation for you to sail at any time during the year of 1930.

However, your name has been placed on the list of mothers and widows eligible to make the pilgrimage in 1931, and you will be communicated with when arrangements are being made for that year.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Altop, James L. 608 M

June 21, 1930.

Mrs. Emma Altop,
Box 884,
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

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Mrs. Emma May Altop,
Box 884,
Cheyenne, Wyoming

Dear Madam:

Somewhat heavier clothing is required to be worn in Europe than is necessary in the United States, in order to be comfortable. During the summer in Europe it is cool during the day and the nights are frequently chilly. Considerable rain is usually encountered during this time.

In order that you may be comfortable at all times, regardless of the condition of the weather, and may avoid missing any of the sights or any part of the itinerary which has been planned for you, the following suggestions are made.

The clothing which you will take with you should be slightly heavier and warmer than you would normally wear in the United States during the summer and should be strong and durable. It is essential that you take with you the necessary equipment to afford protection from the cold and dampness. Be sure to take at least two pairs of comfortable shoes to provide a change in the event your feet become wet, a pair of rubbers, an umbrella, and a sweater or some warm wrap to be used should the weather become uncomfortably cool. It is very desirable that, in addition to the sweater, you have with you a full length coat of medium weight for general wear.

The shortages of suitable facilities for laundry and the frequency of the moves you will make while in Europe will make it impracticable to secure as frequent service of this nature as may be desired. You should therefore provide yourself with sufficient underwear, nightgowns, stockings and handkerchiefs to meet your requirements should it be impossible to have your washing done more frequently than once in two weeks.

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

If you will read carefully the suggestions made above, Mrs. Ann May Altop, the 603-Mt will add greatly to your June 12, 1930, throughout the trip and will assist the Government in carrying out successfully its plans for conducting the pilgrimage. This letter is being sent Mrs. Ann May Altop, and widow who has accepted the invitation sent Box 884, by the Government to visit the grave of her son or husband, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

For The Quartermaster General,

Dear Madam:

Very truly yours,

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If you will read carefully the suggestions made above, and comply with them, it will add greatly to your comfort throughout the trip and will assist the Government in carrying out successfully its plans for conducting the pilgrimage. This letter is being sent to every mother and widow who has accepted the invitation sent to her by the Government to visit the grave of her son or husband.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Altop, James L. - 608

June 12, 1930.

Mrs. Emma May Altop,
Box 884, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

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:

Lv. Cheyenne	Train No. 28	Un Pac	8:10 AM	June 28
Ar. Omaha	" " "	" "	8:25 PM	" "
Lv. Omaha	" " "	C&NW	8:45 "	" "
Ar. Chicago	" " "	"	9:15 AM	" 29
Lv. Chicago	" " 10	NYC	10:35 "	" "
Ar. New York	" " 142	"	3:45 PM	" 30

(Grand Central
Station)

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.

Altop, James L. 608

June 7, 1930

Mrs. Emma May Altop
Box 884,
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

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:

Lv. Cheyenne	UnPac	No. 28	8:10 AM	June 28
Ar. Chicago	C&N	No. 28	9:15 AM	June 29
Lv. Chicago	NYC	No. 10	10:35 AM	June 29
Ar. New York	NYC	No. 142	3:45 PM	June 30

(Grand Central Station)

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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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Altop, James L. - 608

June 6, 1930.

Mrs. Emma May Altop,
Box 864 Cheyenne, Wyoming.

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 District Court at Cheyenne, Laramie Co., Wyo.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

May 12, 1930.

IN REPLY TO OM 293 A-6
Altop, James L. -808 M
America 7-2

Mrs. Emma May Altop,
Box 884,
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not furnished the name of your Emergency Addressee as requested in letter of instructions from this office.

It is requested that in the blank space below you write the name and address of the person in the United States whom you desire to be notified in case you become seriously ill or other emergency arises while you are making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Name

Address

Please fill in the above and mail it TODAY in the self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Altop, James L. 608M
America 7-2

May 6 1930

Mrs. Mary Altop,
Box 636,
Cheyenne, Wyo.

Dear Madam:

Requests for stop-overs on return from the pilgrimage to the American cemeteries in Europe are being received by this office, in some cases, too late to take action.

Transportation arrangements for the round-trip are made a month before departure and requests for stop-overs on return must be in this office at that time.

Stop-overs can not be allowed on the trip to New York or in Europe, but may be allowed at any point on return from New York provided there is no additional cost or, if there is, that it is paid in advance by the pilgrim.

If you desire stop-overs at any point on return, please advise this office AT ONCE as to the cities where you desire to stop and we will be glad to arrange accordingly, or advise you if there is any additional cost to be paid by you. Send your request direct to this office and do NOT include it with your passport application.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 21, 1930.

Altop, James I. 608 E

Mrs. Emma May Altop,
Box 884,
Cheyenne, Wyo.

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.

QM 293 A-C
Altop, James L.-608

April 9, 1930

Mrs. Emma May Altop,
Box 884, Cheyenne,
Wyoming.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 1,
relative to the grave location of your son, the late Private
James L. Altop.

For your information there is enclosed herewith a
card setting forth the grave location of your son.

The records of this office show that an invitation
to sail on the SS "America" July 2, 1930 has been forwarded
you.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C
Altop, James L. 608-M

March 28, 1930

Mrs. Emma May Altop,
Box 884,
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.
Regulation.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

October 7, 1929.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Altop, James L. 608 M

Mrs. Emma May Altop,
Box 884,
Cheyenne, Wyo.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl.
Act
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Altop, James L.
608

Sept. 12, 1929.

Mrs. Emma May Altop,
Box 884,
Cheyenne, Wyo.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated Aug. 6, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Altop, James L.

August 6, 1929.

**Mrs. Emma Hay Altop,
Box 884,
Cheyenne, Wyo.**

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late **Private James L. Altop, Med. Repl. Unit #44, whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.**

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

Write answers in space below:

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried?

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Altop, James L.

June 20, 1929.

Mrs. Emma May Altop,
Bozsyth, Montana.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private James L. Altop, Med.Repl. Unit #44, whose remains are now interred in the Oise Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

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Altop, James L.

June 3, 1929.

Mrs. Emma May Altop,
Box 884,
Cheyenne, Wyo.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 15th, 1929, by reference from the United States Veterans Bureau.

In reply to your request for information in regard to Mothers' visiting their sons' graves in France, you are advised that each mother and widow found eligible to make the pilgrimage as authorized under a law recently passed by Congress, will be furnished an application blank at an early date. As the mother of the late Private James L. Altop, Medical Replacement Unit No. 44, you are entitled to make the pilgrimage and will be furnished detailed information concerning the proposed journey with an application blank in ample time to make necessary arrangements.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Cheyenne Wyo.
May 10 - 1929 -

Veterans Bureau.
Washington D. C.

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I am enclosing a clipping
which is from our paper here and
wish to receive information in
regards to Mothers visiting their
son's graves in France.

Yours Resp.
Mrs. Emma May Altop,
Box 884.

Cheyenne
Wyo.

Off
Emma
Sol name

James Luther Altop
XC 85742



CARTER WANTS MOTHERS ABLE TO GO ABROAD

To See Graves of Sons, Widows to See Husband's Resting Places.

WASHINGTON, W. C., May 13.
—Congressman Vincent Carter of Wyoming is desirous of obtaining the names and addresses of all mothers or widows of Wyomingites who served in the World war and were buried in France, in order that these may be informed regarding Public Law No. 952 of the 70th Congress. This law provides for pilgrimages of mothers and widows to the graves in France at public expense. An epitomization of the act's provisions follows:

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 countries.

1. Expense of trip to be taken care of by United States government, and invitation for trip to be issued by United States government.

2. The interred shall have died between April 5, 1917, and July 1, 1921, that their mothers and widows may be eligible for pilgrimage.

3. Only one pilgrimage allowed, and those having made a pilgrimage heretofore shall be without these provisions.

4. Secretary of war to designate dates of pilgrimages between May 1, 1930, and October 31, 1933.

5. Visas and passports to be provided by government.

6. Limit of time in Europe will be two weeks.

7. Pilgrimage to be made on United States vessels.

8. Term "mother" means mother, step-mother or person who stood in loco parentis to deceased. Term "widow" means widow who has not remarried since death of member of overseas forces.



UNITED STATES VETERANS BUREAU

WASHINGTON

May 28, 1929.

OFFICE OF
THE DIRECTOR

The Honorable,
The Secretary of War,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a letter from Mrs. Emma May Altop, Box 884, Cheyenne, Wyoming, dated May 15, 1929, relative to the legislation providing trips at Governmental expense to 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.

It is assumed that Mrs. Altop has reference to Public 952, 70th Congress, the administration of which is under the jurisdiction of your Department and her letter is therefore referred to you for attention.

Respectfully,

ASSISTANT & CHIEF CLERK
MAY 29 1929
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Frank T. Hines
FRANK T. HINES
Director



Enclosure: (1)

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
ALTOP, James L. - Pvt.

March 6, 1925

Mrs. Emma May Altop,
Forsyth,
Montana.

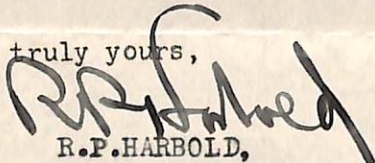
Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Very truly yours,


R.P. HARBOLD,
Major, Q.M.C.
Assistant.

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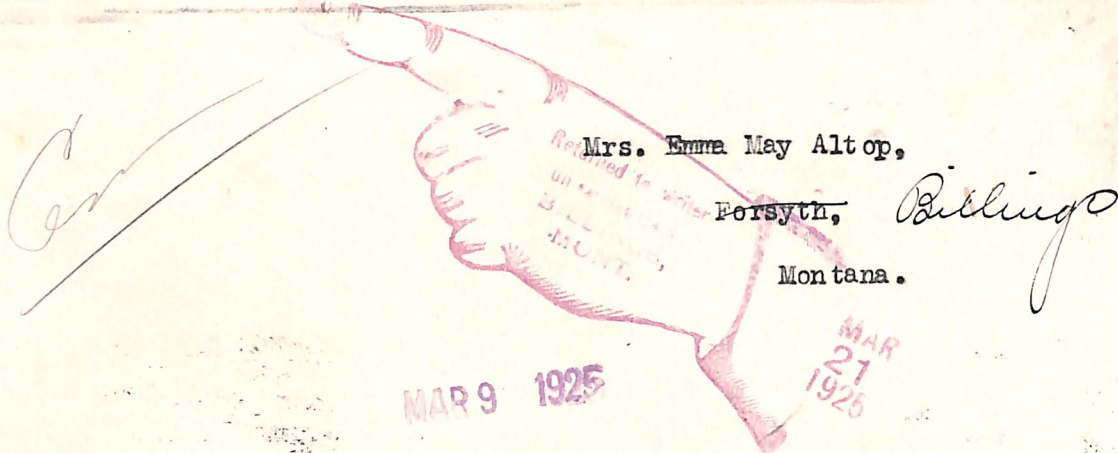
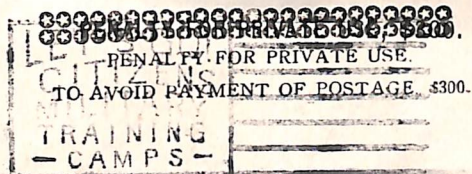
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WAR DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

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WASHINGTON, D. C.



Mrs. Emma May Altop,
Forsyth,
Montana.

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THIS NAME NOT
IN P. O. DIRECTORY

Soldier's  Overseas
Grave

Name James L. Altop

Rank Private

Organization Medical Replacement Unit #44

Grave No. 15 Row 34 Block B

Cemetery Oise-Aisne American

Location Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France

Altrop,

(Surname)

James L.

(Christian name in full.)

1,102,336

(Army serial number.)

Pvt

Med repl unit 44

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

(Yes or no.)

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

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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QM 293 A-C

ALTOP, James L. - Pvt.

March 6, 1925

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Very truly yours,

R.P.HARBOLD,
Major, Q.M.C.
Assistant.

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Record card.



COMPILATION N/R REQUESTS

*2/28 Examined
2/22 for Concentration
Dive-Airline CoP
att 3/17/20*

I. DATA COMPILATION

A. Location Index Card:-

(1) Name Altop, James L. Ser. No. 1102336) TYP. ESW
(2) Rank Pvt. Organization Med. Rep. Unit 44.) CKR. H G
(3) Date of death 10-6-18)

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

(4) Cause of death Lobar Pneumonia) TYP. ESW
(5) Grave No. _____ Row _____ Plot _____ Sect. _____) CKR. H G

II. FILES EXAMINATION

A. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; No Card.

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

no card in file

el. 3-23-20

(6) Relationship _____
(7) Name _____
(8) Address _____
(9) Desires remains brought to U. S.? _____
(10) Desires remains brought to U. S. and interred in National Cemetery at _____
(11) If brought back, what shipping instructions? _____

See Remarks

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

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

No correspondence

(13) A. G. O. Files EXAMINED by JG (Date) 3/23/20

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

No request for disposition. grave location registration blank

(15) G. R. S. Files EXAMINED by BJK (Date) 3/23/20

see back of 710-3-7-0

III. FINAL ACTION

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

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

(17) Instructions that remains be left undisturbed _____

(18) Typed by _____ Checked by _____ (Date) _____

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

(19) Typed by _____ Checked by _____ (Date) _____

C. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

Letter 12/20 to Postmaster at Billings, Mont. re mother's address - F.

Letter 12/25/20 from P. M. Billings, Mont. says he is reliably informed Mrs. Emma May Altop is now at Forsyth, Mont. 11-40-21. J.L.

Case # 372

D. Dispatched (Date) APR 12 1920 (Let. Trans. No. APR 15 1920)

Approved by _____

(Date) _____

Mrs. May E. Altop, (Mother)
Thermopolis, Wyo.

Mrs. Emma May Altop (Mother) 9 N. 31st St.,
Billings, Montana 11-19-20 Buds.

a.g.o. 2-24-21 - Hines E.A. Mrs. John Altop,
Thermopolis, Wyo. 166R-3-5-21.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Oct. 18, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF ALTOP, James L. SERIAL NUMBER 1102336
 RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Med. Repl. Unit 44.

2. Disinterred (date): 10/18/21 From (give complete location):
Gr. 26, Plot H. Row 4, Cem. 531 Lambzellec.

By: Group 4 Unit F.S. 6

3. Reburied (date): 9/20/22 In (give complete location): Gr. 15, Blk. B. Row 24
Olise-Aisne Cem. 606, Seringes-et-Nesles, (Aisne)

By: Group _____ Unit _____ Nature of reburial _____

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
Decomposed - features unrecognizable. In uniform, blanket and
pine box.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? No On grave marker? No

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: No effects.
M.d. and U.S. collar ornaments found on uniform. Bodies in
adjacent graves identified by body tags.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Imp. to det.

(b) Weigh, (estimated) Imp. to det.

(c) Hair—Color Imp. to det.

Quantity Imp. to det.

Characteristics Imp. to det.

(d) Hair on face—Color Imp. None visible

Location None visible

Quantity None visible

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

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Nos. 1, 16, 17 not fully
developed. #18 MBD.
#30 Cavity.

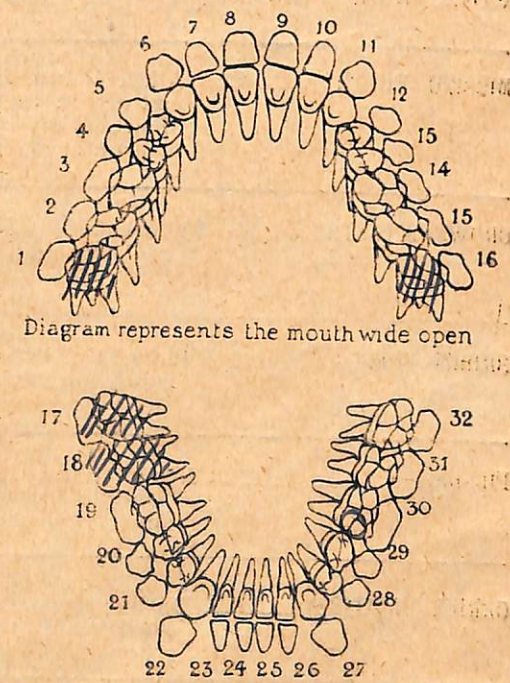


Diagram represents the mouth wide open

7. Disinterment supervised by [Signature] Approved: R. F. O'Leary
[Signature] (Title) 1st Lieut. OMC.

8. Reburial supervised by [Signature] Approved: [Signature]
L. D. Hays (Title) 1st Lt. Chaplain, USA
gs

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE 10/18/21

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name ALTOP, James L

10. Name

2. No. 1102336

11. No.

3. Rank Pvt

12. Rank

4. Org. Med.Repl.Unit 44

13. Org.

5. D.D. Oct. 6, 1918

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. Lobar Pneumonia

(b) D.B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 26 Sec. _____

15. Grave No. _____

Sec. _____

8. Plot H Row 4

16. Plot _____

Row _____

9. _____

17. No discrepancy18. Cemetery Amer.Cty.

19. Commune or town _____

Lambezellec20. Dept. or County Finistere

21. Country _____

France22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 53123. Disinterred (Date) 10/18/21

By _____

C.O. Handy

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name James L. Altop

Serial No. _____

NoneRank Pvt.

Organization _____

Med. Repl. Unit 44.25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? No On body? No

William H. Warren
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). No effects.

Med. and U.S. collar ornaments found on uniform. Bodies in adjacent graves identified by body tags.

27. Condition of body Decomposed - features unrecognizable.28. Nature of burial In uniform, blanket and pine box.29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date 10/18/21 By C.O. Handy31. Casket sealed by C.O. Handy

rf 10/16/21
3 C.O.
Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) C.O. Handy

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-10217

32. Designation of body:

Name ALTOP, James L Serial No. 1102336

Rank Pvt Organization Med.Repl.Unit #44

OISE-AISNE AMER. CEM. NO 608, SERINGES-ET-NEYLES (AISNE)
Corrected per Letter, Hdqrs, AARS, Oct. 25, 1921

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery ~~Aisne, Am. Cty. 1764, Belleau Aisne~~

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) 10/18/21 By C.O. Handy

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector R.F. O'Leary
1st. Lieut., AMC.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) 10/18/21

To point of Concentration Brest Morgue

Convoyer A. DeWasch Signature Shipping Officer R.F. O'Leary
1st. Lieut., AMC.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 10/18/21

By G.R.S. Representative MB. Birdseye
1st. Lieut., AMC.

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 12 NOV 1921

To Permanent Cemetery

Convoyer Bace Signature Shipping Officer WALTER F. BROWN
Captain, Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

40. Received: Date 25 NOV 1921

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

41. Reinterred 9/20/22, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes-et-Nesles, (Aisne)
(Date)

42. Grave No. 15, Blk. B Section

43. Plot Row 34

G.R.S. Representative W.D. Cleary
1st. Lt: Chaplain, USA
gs

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

JAN 5 1921

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C.
To: Mrs. Emma May Altop, Forsyth, Mont.
SUBJECT: Remains of Private James L. Altop, Serial No. 1102336, Med Repl. Unit 44.

The records of this office show that you have ~~requested these remains~~ made no request as to disposition of the remains.

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

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

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

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

NAME OF--	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Father			
Mother			
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		

Date

Signature

Address

Relationship

IMPORTANT.—CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.

WAR. DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

G.R.S. Form 8-1A-0
Information Requested of A.G.O.

Date 2/24/21.

(SPECIAL)

File No. Registration.

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed, Request confirmation of all information shown.

- a. Surname **Altop** *OT*
- b. Christian name **James L.** *OT*
- c. Serial Number **1102336** *OT*
- d. Organization **Med.Repl.Unit 44** *OT*
- e. Rank **Private** *OT*
- f. Date of death **10/6/18** *OT*
- g. Cause of death **Lobar** *OT*
Pneumonia
- h. Authority (C.O.#) **288**
- i. Emergency address **Mrs John Altop**
Olternopolis, Wyoming
- j. Relationship **Mother**

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BODY DESCRIPTION
(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age of enlistment
- b. Color of eyes
- c. Color of hair
- d. Height
- e. Weight
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

DENTAL CHARTS
(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

a. Strike out teeth missing

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8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
									lower right		lower left				

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L.V.L. King 2-26-21

H. L. ROGERS,
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.

BY:

[Signature]
H. J. SCANNER,
1st. Lieut. Q.M.C.

CEMETERY NO: 531

SHEET NO: 24
TYPED BY: zs

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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WASHINGTON

File No. 293.8 Reg.Sec.Cem.Div. December 20, 1920.
(ALTOP, James L.)

Postmaster,
Billings, Mont.

Dear Sir:-

It is requested that you furnish this office present address of Mrs. Emma May Altop, mother of the late Private James L. Altop, Serial No. 110-2336, Med. Repl. Unit 44.

Communications forwarded from this office to her at 9 N. 31st, Billings, Mont. and Thermopolis, Wyo., have been returned marked "Unclaimed."

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

F. B. Daniel

F. B. DANIEL,
1st Lieut., Q.M.G.

OSP:SS
(1 Encl.)
C. & C. DEPT.

*Noted by Form No. 115
Date 1-4-21 J. L.*

*Post Office directory shows
the present address of Mrs Emma M Altop
to be 117 Terry ave, Billings, Mont.*

United States Post Office

05-4107

Billings, Montana, Dec. 28, 1920.

Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir :-

We are reliably informed that this party, Mrs. Emma May Altop,
is now at Forsyth, Montana.

M. Murray
Postmaster.

Date 1-4-21 J.L.

293.6 Reg. Sec. Cem. Div.
(ALTOP, James L.)

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By authority of the Quartermaster General:

F.B.D.

F. B. DANIEL,
1st Lieut., Q.M.C.

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W.C.

OSP:SS
(1 Encl.)
C. & C. DEPT.

MAILED

[Signature]
DEC 21 1920

OVERSEAS PROJ. SEC.
CEMETERIAL DIVISION.

Noted on Form No. 115
Date *12/20/20* *F.*

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

NOV 20 1920

Rush Answer

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C.
To: Mrs. Emma May Altop, 9 N 31st St., Billings, Mont.
SUBJECT: Remains of Private James L. Altop, Ser. No. 1102336.

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Major, U. S. A.

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Soldier's widow	<i>soldier's widow?</i>		
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3	<i>father living?</i>	
Father			
Mother			
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		

have nearest kin sign here

Date _____

→ Signature _____

Address _____

Relationship _____

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER
Altop, James L. Pvt. CEMETERY NO. 531 - 24 DATE Nov. 9, 1920

SERIAL NUMBER 1102336 ORGANIZATION Med. Repl. Unit 44
Date of death - 10-6-18

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE _____
NAME OF BENEFICIARY _____ RELATIONSHIP _____

Address _____

Critchett

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION

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Washington
Noted on Form No. 115
Date 11-19-20

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE 11/13/20
RELATIONSHIP mother

FILE

NAME OF BENEFICIARY Mrs. Emma May Altop
Address 9 N. 31st St. Billings, Montana

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

FROM: The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army, (Cemeterial Division).
TO: The relatives of our dead.
SUBJECT: Participation of patriotic societies in funerals.

1. The American Legion has expressed its desire to render any possible aid and comfort to relatives of our soldier dead returned from Europe for burial at their homes, and to honor their fallen comrades through participation in the funeral ceremonies. To this end the Legion requested this office to furnish the National Headquarters with the names and addresses of next of kin, approximate date of return and other data. This information cannot be furnished to others than relatives of the dead, since it is peculiarly their property and its dissemination to others would be a violation of our obligation to them and to the dead.

2. The desire of the American Legion is brought to your attention in order that, should you wish any aid from the organization or that it participate in the funeral of your soldier dead, you may bring the matter to the attention of the commander of the local post, or if there be no local post, to the attention of the National Adjutant, American Legion, National Headquarters, Meridian Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind.

3. It is understood to be the intention of the National Headquarters, American Legion, in case there is no local post in the immediate vicinity of the intended burial place of any returned soldier's remains, to direct the nearest post to take action on those cases where relatives so request.

4. The American Red Cross desires also to render comfort to the relatives of our dead, through their local chapters, which are in operation in almost every town. We are sure they will be glad to serve whenever they may be called upon.

5. The same is doubtless true concerning the other welfare organizations which were officially recognized during the World War and are still in operation, as well as other military associations which are locally established.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

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

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

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FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.
TO: May E. Altop, Thermopolis, Wyo.
SUBJECT: Disposition of remains of Pvt. James L. Altop.

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

~~Remains to be~~ Not Expressed ~~Interred~~
~~Shipped to~~

Collect

If any modifications of the foregoing are desired please write same fully on the other side of this sheet.
The nearest living relative may choose between, (1) return of remains to homes for burial; (2) interment in Arlington, Va., National Cemetery; or (3) remain in France.
You are requested to fill out the following without delay and return in enclosed penalty envelope, which does not require postage.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:
CHARLES C. PIERCE
Colonel, U.S. Army.

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

unclaimed

Date..... Signature.....
Address..... Relationship.....

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

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Alton 1102536 James L.
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Pvt. M.D. Repl. Unit. #44
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: CH#33 APO 716

CAUSE OF DEATH: Pneumonia

DATE OF BURIAL: Oct. 8, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: AEF Cemetery

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

Lamberville, Finistere

GRAVE NUMBER: Tr. 4 No. 27 Plot H

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? Yes

Headboard? 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: John Alton

ADDRESS: Senneville, Mo.

RELATIONSHIP: Father

REPORTED BY:

Emile H. Sauer 1st Lt.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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1. G. R. S. Form No. 1 Hq. G. R. S. File
2. Soldier's No. 1102336
3. Altop, James L.
Surname First Name & Initials
4. Pvt. M. D. Repl Unit 44
Rank Company Regt. or Corps
5. Oct. 6, 1918 Pneumonia
Date of Death Cause, if known
6. Oct. 8, 1918 AEF
Date of Burial Cemetery
7. Lambezellec Finistere
Town or Commune Department
8. Trench 4 No. 27 H
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter
9. Name Pe? Cross 1? Headboard?
Bottle? (Check method of marking)
10. Buried with Body?
Attached to Grave Marker?
(Identification Tags)
11. If name unknown and tags missing
give marks and description.
12. _____
Map Reference, if interment is
outside of cemetery.
13. Lt. E. H. Segur
Give name of Chaplain or
Burial Officer.

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Signed S. R. E. Hartwell
Group _____ Unit _____ G. R. S. _____

WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON,

Sept. 30, 1919.

Dear Madam:

This is the second request for information concerning this matter that has been sent to you. Inasmuch as no reply has been received to the first request it is presumed you did not receive it, and as the information indicated on the inclosed card is necessary to complete the records it will be appreciated if you will fill in and return the card at the earliest practicable date.

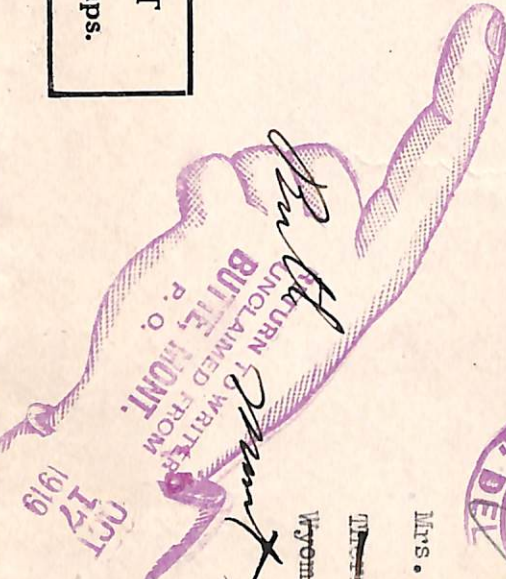
P. C. HARRIS,
The Adjutant General.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
OFFICIAL BUSINESS

File 3379

*Mr. Altop, James L.
Des. No. 102336*

THRIVE by THRIFT
Buy War Savings Stamps.



Mrs. John Altop,
~~Montana~~ is,
Wyoming.

REC'D RECORDS BR. A. G. O. OCT 21 1919

THE MONTANA
OCT 6 4:58 PM
D.C.

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