

*Alvord*  
Alvord,

Joseph O.

1,457,540

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt

Co 1 ~~150~~ Inf

139 inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Father

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)

George H. Alvord

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Orig Let sent to:  
Mr. Roy M. Alvord,  
Jewell, Kans.

Casualty states that this soldier went overseas as a member of Co I, 139 Infantry, and was later transferred to Co. I, 130 Infantry.

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7-17-19

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James D. A. D.



G.R.S. Form #114-B

To The A. G. O.

11435

AUG 30 1926

FULL NAME ..... ALVORD, Joseph O.

RANK.....

Pvt.

SERIAL.....

1457540

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION ..... Co. I, 139th Inf.

35<sup>th</sup> Div

DATE OF DEATH.....

Sept. 28, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME.....

Kansas

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED.....

none

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION.....

10

19

G

Date

Grave

Row

Block

Meuse-Argonne, #1232

Cemetery

A. G. O.  
SEP 30 1926  
WORLD WAR DIV.

A. G. O.  
AUG 31 1926  
WORLD WAR DIV.

Robert C. Davis  
Major General

The Adjutant General  
R. C. Davis

23/306/ARK

Was one buried with body?.....

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:

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stake used as a grave marker?.....

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

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REPORTED BY:

Thomas S. Hines Chaplain  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

REPORTED BY:

Thomas S. Hines Chaplain  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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



# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Alvord 1457540 Jos O.  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt.  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL. Oct 8 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL. 302.3 x 77.6

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

map Montfaucon

GRAVE NUMBER.

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? yes Cross?

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:

REPORTED BY:

Thomas S. Cline Chaplain  
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Thomas S. Cline Chaplain  
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Alford 1457340 Jan. 0.

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

(Rank.)

(Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL Oct. 8, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL 302.3  
E. - 77.6

(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference  
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Map Mont? Falcon

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

REPORTED BY:

Chaplain Walsh

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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



Place NEUFCHATEAUDate 7th June 1919REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.Name: ALWORD Joseph ONumber: 1457540Rank: PvtOrganization: Unknown

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

6th May 1919Grave # 13 B:A: CEMETARY #BAULNY MEUSE 35SE 302.27E 277.61N

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

6th June 1919Grave # 169 Sec 39 Plot 4ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETARY # 1232ROMAGNE MEUSE ✓

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

Burial good, buried in Uniform, body decomposed.Was one identification tag found upon the body? YesWhat other means of identification were found on the body? None

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, G.R.S.

Supervised by: LT. WILSON

r/s

R. H. ROSENTHAL  
C.O. Group 2nd Lieut. Unit C.U.S.A.

CONFIRMED No. D. 11010



SYNOPSIS OF COMMUNICATION RECEIVED AND INDORSED OUT.

DATED: July 1, 1919

DATE RECEIVED IN July 5, 1919.

FROM: W. F. Schultheis, Hoxie, Kansas.

TO: Adjutant General, U. S. Army, Washingt, D. C.

Writer requests the place of burial of Private  
Joseph O. Alvord, Company I, 139th Infantry, 35th Division, died September  
28, 1918.

243.3  
Alvord, Joseph O.

1st Ind.

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201 (Alvord, Joseph O.) Enl.  
Burial Records Section, 7th & B Sts.

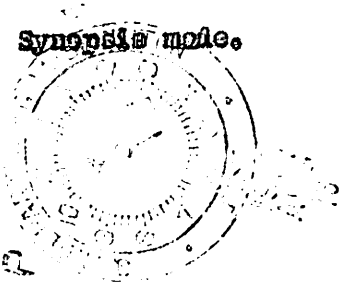
War Department, A.G.O., August 14, 1919. To the Quartermaster General's  
Office, Cemeterial Branch.

For the location of the burial place of Pvt. Joseph O. Alvord,  
Co. I, 159th Inf.

By order of the Secretary of War.

H. B. Smalley.  
Adjutant General

Synopsis made.





2nd Ind.

In answer refer to file No. 295.3(Alvord, Joseph O)-Cometorial  
Office, Quartermaster General, August 18, 1919-- To The Adjutant General, (REFERENCE:  
201 Alvord, Joseph O-Enl. August 14, 1919).

Returned. The records of this office show that the remains  
of Private Joseph O. Alvord, #1457540, Company I, 139th Infantry, who died September  
28, 1918, were interred in the American B/A Cemetery 353E: E302.4; N277.8, at  
Baulny, Department of Meuse.

By authority of the Quartermaster General;

H. R. Lemly,  
Major, Quartermaster Corps.

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*information found on cards.*

AUG 18 1919

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Alvord Joseph O (MA)

July 7, 1932

Mrs Ella C Alvord  
Jewell, Kan

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

Alvord, Joseph O. (M-A) M

Oct. 9, 1931

Mrs. Ella C. Alvord,  
Jewell,  
Kans.

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 your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

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.

Your name is being placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make a pilgrimage in 1933. However, should you change your mind in view of the above, and desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, it is requested you advise this office in order that arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

September 29, 1931.

Alvord, Joseph O. (M-A) M

Mrs. Ella C. Alvord,  
Jowell, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:  
Env.

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO

QM 293 A-M  
Alvord, Joseph O. Pvt. (M-A) M

June 9, 1931.

Mrs. Ella C. Alvord,  
Jewell, Kansas

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Alvord, Joseph O. -1232 H

June 7, 1930.

Mrs. Ella C. Alvord,  
Jewell, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Alvord, Joseph O 1232 -M

Mrs. Ella C. Alvord,  
Jewell, Kansas.

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

June 29, 1929.

Alvord, Joseph O.

Mrs. Ella C. Alvord,  
Glen Elder, Kansas.  
Box 66.

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 Joseph O. Alvord, Co. I, 139th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, 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.



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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <b>ALVORD</b>	<b>ALV</b>	3	1 0 12
BURIED <b>Joseph O</b>	CEMETERY 12 32	1	1
	GRAVE 10	2	10
	ROW 19	2	19
	BLOCK G	1	7
STATE	Kans.	2	18
RANK	Pnt	1	2
DIVISION	35	2	35
ORGANIZATION	139	3	139
ARM	Dry	1	1
MARTIAL	no	1	2
NAME <b>Alvord</b>	<b>ALV</b>	3	1 0 12
Mrs Ella C	STATE Kans	2	18
RESIDENCE	COUNTY Jewell	2	45
	CITY Jewell	3	xxx
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Bad	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	no	1	
29/514/PJ.	Age		

**AUDITED**

DEC 10 1931

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Alvord Joseph O (MA)

July 7, 1932

Mrs Ella C Alvord  
Jewell, Kan

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? Mrs.  
(Write answer here)

(Sign here) Mrs Ella C. Alvord



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Alvord, Joseph O. (M-A) M

Oct. 9, 1931

Mrs. Ella C. Alvord,  
Jewell,  
Kans.

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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 your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

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.

Your name is being placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make a pilgrimage in 1933. However, should you change your mind in view of the above, and desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, it is requested you advise this office in order that arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

September 29, 1931.

Alvord, Joseph O. (M-A) M

Mrs. Ella C. Alvord,  
Jewell, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	<u>no</u>
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: <u>80 years</u> Health: <u>poor</u>
3. Do you speak English?	<u>yes</u>
4. What other language do you speak?	<u>none</u>

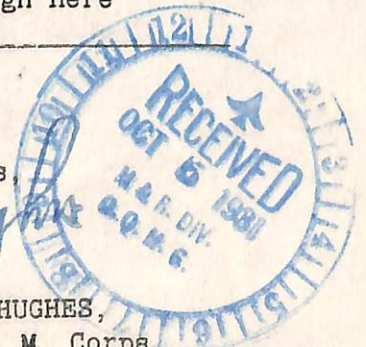
Mrs Ella C. Alvord  
Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:  
Env.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO

QM 283 A-M  
Alvord, Joseph O. Pvt. (M-A) M

June 9, 1931.

Mrs. Ella C. Alvord,  
Jewell, Kansas

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Alvord, Joseph O. -1232 M

June 7, 1930.

Mrs. Ella C. Alvord,  
Jewell, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

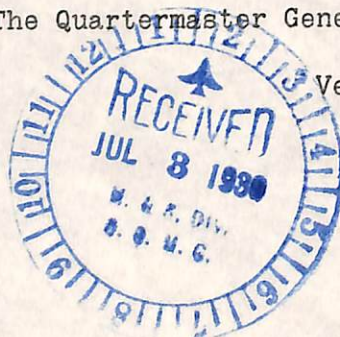
Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,



Very truly yours

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? no ✓  
(Write answer here)

*Mrs. Ella C. Alvord*  
(Sign here)



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Alvord, Joseph O 1232 -M

Mrs. Ella C. Alvord,  
Jewell, Kansas.

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?	<del>(Yes)</del>	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	<del>(Yes)</del>	(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?	<del>(Yes)</del>	(No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age (Years) 78	Health <del>(Good)</del> (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <del>(No)</del>	Other language (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope



Quartus Master Gen

Jewell, Kans  
July 8-29

Sir:

Owing to poor health  
I will not be able to take  
the trip to Europe, but am  
very thankful for the invitation  
my son Joseph C. Alvord was  
never married,

Yours Truly  
Mrs Ella C. Alvord,  
Jewell, Kansas,



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29, 1929.

Alvord, Joseph O.

Mrs. Ella C. Alvord,  
Glen Elder, Kansas.  
Box 66.

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 Joseph O. Alvord, Co. I, 139th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, 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 incs.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

Aug. 9th 1922.

FILE

FILE: 293.8 C-R 456276

SUBJECT: Permanent Grave Location of Pvt. Joseph O. Alvord,  
Company I, 139th Infantry.

TO: Mr. Roy M. Alford, Jewell, Kans.

1. The permanent grave of this soldier is No. 10, Row 19, Block G, the American Cemetery of the Meuse-Argonne at Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse, France.

2. This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, organization and date of soldier's death. The headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

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

For the Quartermaster General:

MAILED

AUG 10 1922

GEORGE H. PENROSE,  
Assistant.

G.R.S.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

WASHINGTON

Aug. 9th 1922.

FILE: 293.8 C-R #56276-

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MAILED

AUG 10 1922

G.R.S.

GEORGE H. PENROSE,  
Assistant.

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DATE 12/16/21

1. NAME ALVORD, Joseph O.SERIAL No. 1457540RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION

Co. I., 139th Inf.GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Arg. Amer. Cty. #Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse) 1232. Sec 39

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

169

Sec. 39

4

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

13

Baulny (Meuse)

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES 35SE, 277.61N, 302.27#

E

CONCENTRATED TO

15/6/19

169

39

4

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

Meuse-Argonne

1232.

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

cross

Tag on ~~box~~ and body

Data Form 1

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

rf

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

*[Signature]*  
**M. B. BIRDSEYE**  
**1st Lt., Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army**

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION

12/16/21

10

19

G

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT Block

Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse)

CEMETERY

*Audited by*  
*[Signature]*  
 5/26/22



## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

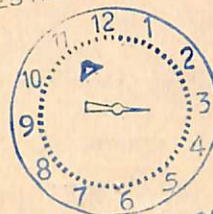
1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.

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

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

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

RECEIVED  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERI



MAY 18 1922



Place **OMAGNE 1232**

## REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date **Dec 16 1921**1. REMAINS OF **ALVORD, Joseph O.** SERIAL NUMBER **1457540**RANK **Pvt.** ORGANIZATION **Co I. 139 Inf.**2. Disinterred (date): **Dec 16 1921** From (give complete location):**Gr 169, sec 39, plot 4, com 1232.**By: Group **5** Unit **Section 1**3. Reburied (date): **Dec. 16th, 1921.** In (give complete location):**Grave 19, Row 19, Block G, Cemetery 1232.****Unlined Casket**By: Group **Reburial 8** Unit  Nature of reburial 

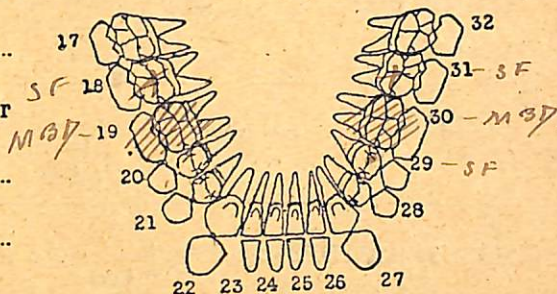
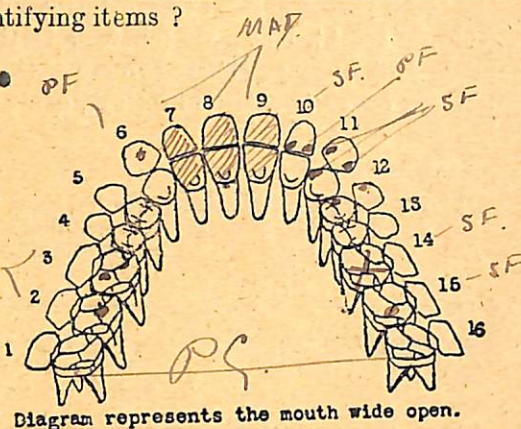
4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:

**Wooden box, burlap and uniform.****Body badly decomposed features unrecognizable.**5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? **Yes** On grave marker? **Yes****Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:****Tag on body corroded "Joseph, O. Alvord 145-40" Legible.**

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) **Impossible to determine**(b) Weight (estimated) **Impossible to determine.**(c) Hair—Color **do**Quantity **do**Characteristics **do**(d) Hair on face—Color **do**Location **do**Quantity **do**(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) **do**

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

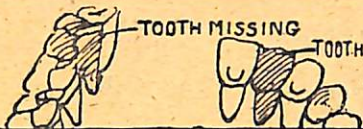




**None visible**7. Disinterment supervised by **J L Naky**Approved: **H. S. Harpole**(Title) **1st Lieut. QMC.**8. Reburial supervised by **A. U. Dufault**Approved: **James W. Younger**(Title) **Captain Q.M.C.**



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

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

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".  
(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No. 6.
6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspid (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

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

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

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





To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Dec 16 1921

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

## DISINTERMENT

## COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name ALVORD, Joseph O.

10. Name

2. No. 1457540

11. No.

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank

4. Org. Co. I, 159th Inf.

13. Org.

5. D.D. 9-28-18

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. KIA

(b) D.B.

None

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 169 Sec. 39

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot 4 Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. None18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne American19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon20. Dept. or County Meuse21. Country France.22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232.Sec.3923. Disinterred (Date) Dec 16 1921By J L Haky

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Joseph O AlvordSerial No. 1457540Rank Pvt.Organization Co I 139 Inf25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes On body? Yes

Signature Junior Technical Assistant

## PREPARATION

C T Brown

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).

None27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable28. Nature of burial Wooden box burlap uniform29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Dec 16 1921 By J L Haky31. Casket sealed by J L Haky

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

J L Haky



SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-18803

32. Designation of body:

Name Joseph O. ALVORDSerial No. 1487540

MAY 18 1922

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. I., 139th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer. Ctry. #. 1232 Romagne-sous-Montfaucon. Meuse.34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Dec 16 1921 By J. L. Haky

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 H. S. HarpoleH S Harpole 1st Lt. OMC

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Dec 16 1921 ccTo point of Concentration Morgue RomagneConvoyer W. J. Royed

(Name

Signature Shipping Officer

J. GERALD COLE  
Captain, C. A. C.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery

(Name

Convoyer

Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred: Meuse-Argonne Cemetery 1232. Dec. 16th, 1921.

(Date

42. Grave No. 10 Section43. Plot. Block. G Row 19

JEL

G.R.S. Representative

James W. Younger  
James W. Younger,  
Captain O.M.C.



# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 56276

## I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name ALVORD, Joseph O Ser. No. 1457540  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. I. 139th Inf.  
 (c) Date of death 9-28-18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. hmp

CKR. OB

## II. REGISTRATION CARD.—(Check Reg., Card Inf. against Loc., Ind., Inf.):

(a) Grave No. 169 Row - Plot 4 Sec. 39 TYP. b  
 (b) Emerg. Address Roy M. Alford (brother) Jewell, Kansas.

## III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases //

CKR. Est

## IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name George W. Alford (b) Relationship father  
 (c) Address Box 66, Glen Elder, Kansas  
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no  
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Examiner's Initials HR Date 4-5, 1920.

## V. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_

confirming request in Par. IV., item \_\_\_\_\_, above, or requesting that \_\_\_\_\_

Examiner's Initials HR Date 4-5, 1920.

## VI. G. R. S. FILES, CORRESPONDENCE—shows as follows:

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes

Examiner's Initials HR Date 4-5, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232 Sec. 39 SHEET No. 4

Checked  
4-14-21  
67M

3/24/22  
E. M. J.  
for concentration  
Museum - Argonne  
Oct 3/27/22  
#1232



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

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on 4/16, 1920

*Sec 39*

*Par 2 not to be returned LPO*

IX.

CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE.	ACTION TAKEN.
Desires body be _____	_____
_____	_____
Body to be shipped to _____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*U-R B. A Mrs. Ella C. Alvord*  
*Glen Elder, Kansas (mother) PF-6-29-21*



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III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases // CKR. alt

## IV. Information on which advice to Europe in letter of transmittal was based:

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
 letter of transmittal on 4/16, 1921  
See 39  
part not to be returned SPW

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., \_\_\_\_\_, 192

## VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.

VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J. \_\_\_\_\_, 192

COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_ CEMETERY No. \_\_\_\_\_ SHEET No. \_\_\_\_\_

*Form 115  
See 3/27/22  
alt*



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

Harlow C.W.

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

Alvord, Joseph O., Pvt.

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

1232-Sec.39 - 4

4/9/21.  
DATE OF DEATH

1457540

Co. I, 139th Inf.

9/28/18.

Copy forwarded to  
Adjustment Department

Date 6-29-21

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE

PERSON NAMED BY SOLDIER TO BE BENEFICIARY OF INSURANCE

RELATIONSHIP

Mrs. Ella C. Alvord

Mother

ADDRESS

Glen Elder, Kane.

PERSON RECEIVING DEATH COMPENSATION

RELATIONSHIP

no record.



1 G.R.S. form no 1

2 no 1457540

3 ALVED. JOSEPH O.

4 Plot — — —

5 — — —

6 A.E.F. Cemetery no 11

7 Baulmy Mural

8 Grave no 13 Plot no 1

9 Cross.

10 Yls — Yls.

11  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile N.E. Baulmy  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile

Baulmy Charpentry road

Cemetery in valley

12 Map 35 S.E. 277, & N. x 302.

13 Sketch no 7

Group 4 Unit 306 G.R.S.

R.B.H.  
1822

George Dickly

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OSP-SS  
Form No. 1009

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

COPY

Harlow C.W.

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER	CEMETERY NO.	DATE
Alvord, Joseph O., Pvt.	1232-Sec.39 - 4	4/9/21.
SERIAL NUMBER	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
1457540	Co. I, 139th Inf.	9/28/18.

Original Attached to

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

Form 115

Date 6-29-21 PF

DATE

Mrs. Ella C. Alvord	Mother
PERSON NAMED BY SOLDIER TO BE BENEFICIARY OF INSURANCE	RELATIONSHIP

Glen Elder, Kans.

ADDRESS

PERSON RECEIVING DEATH COMPENSATION

RELATIONSHIP

Adjustment Made

Apr 18 1922

File No. 56276



Adjustment Made  
JUN 15 1921  
56276

WAR DEPARTMENT

Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-H  
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 4/9/21.

File No. Requisition

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)  
To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & E Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.  
Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

(SPECIAL)

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

- a. Surname Alvord *OK*  
b. Christian name Joseph O. *OK*  
c. Serial Number 1457540 1457,540  
d. Organization Co. I, 139th Inf.  
or (Co. I, 130th Inf.)  
e. Rank Pvt. *OK*

- f. Date of death 9/28/18. *OK*  
g. Cause of death K/A. *OK*  
h. Authority (C.O.#)

- i. Emergency address Roy M. Alvord P.O. #3.  
j. Relationship Jewell. *brother*

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

a. Strike out teeth missing  
8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
upper right upper left  
8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
lower right lower left

BOY 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)

Donnelly Enl. Sec.  
L. O. L. King 4-11-21

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

BY: H. J. Conner

H. J. CONNER,  
1st. Lieut. Q.M.C.

CEMETERY NO: 1232-Sec. 39.

SHEET NO: 4  
TYPED BY: I.W.

S/713/LML

Rec'd in War Div.  
Date APR 11 1921



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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
WASHINGTON

56276

May, 25th 1920

No. 56276- (Pvt. Joseph O. Alvord).  
From The Quartermaster General U.S. Army, ( Cemeterial Division).  
To Sgt. 1/c. Elmer E. Jones, 1000 E. St. N.W. Washington D.C  
Subject. Grave Location:

1. In reply to your inquiry of May 22nd 1920 we beg to say that the records of the Cemeterial Division contain the following information as to grave location of Private Joseph O. Alvord, Company I, 139th Infantry, # 1457540, Reburied in Argonne American Cemetery Romagne-sous-Montfaucon Department of Meuse, Grave #169, Section 39, Plot 4.

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

By:  
CHARLES J. WYNNE,  
Captain, QM. C.

*Wm. C.*

2 encls.

G. F. B. MAILER

MAY 25 1920



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

Date 5/22/20

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME *Alford Joe*

Serial Number

RANK

ORGANIZATION *Co. H. or I. 139<sup>th</sup> Inf.*

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	✓ 1) Joseph O. Alford priv. Co. I. 139 <sup>th</sup> Inf. #1457540
2.	Date of Death.	2) 9-28-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	3) KIA
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	4) 323
5.	Date buried.	5) not given
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	6) disinterred from grave #13 Amer. Cty. #1009 Baillif Meuse Reburied 5-6-19 grave #169 section 39 plot #4 Argonne Amer. Cty. 1232 Romagne-sous-Montfaucon Meuse ✓
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	10) a) yes B) yes
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	
12.	Has been notified? (Give date)	11) Roy M. Alford Brother Jewell Kansas
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	12) 1-21-19 1-20-20 F-107
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	14) D-21907
15.	Inquiry made by? <i>Personal call</i> <i>Sgt Jc Elmer E. Jones</i> <i>11000 E. St. N.W.</i> <i>Wash. DC.</i>	Released by Information Control Dept. .....Directory .....X-Cards 5x8 .....Cards 4x6

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

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AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

FRANCE April 22nd 1919.

Burial information for the American Red Cross.  
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Soldier's name: ALVORD, Joseph Oren

Rank: Private

Organization: Co., I. 130th Infantry

Date of Death: September 28th 1918.

Place of Burial: Grave No. 13, Plot-1, American  
Battle Area Cemetery, at Baulny  
Department of MEUSE.

UNCONFIRMED Burial Information.

Reference number: 56276

(All communications regarding this Grave location should  
quote the above reference number and be addressed to:-

Chief, Graves Registration Service

Headquarters Service of Supply

Office of the Chief Quartermaster

American E. F.

France.)

CHARLES C. PIERCE  
Lieut. Colonel. Q.M.C., U.S.A.

Copy sent to Washington and Paris



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April 22nd 1919.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.  
TO : D.N.Freeman, Beloit, Kansas.  
SUBJECT : Private Joseph Oren Alvord, Co., I. 130th Infantry,  
American E.F.

1 In reply to your letter of inquiry, with reference to the regretted death of this soldier, according to the records at these headquarters he is buried in Grave No. 13, Plot-1, American Battle Area Cemetery, at Baulny, Department of the MEUSE.

2. The records at these headquarters show that Private Alvord was killed in action on September 28th 1918.

By direction

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Lieut.-Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.

(Enclosures G.R.S.)  
(10-B) .004.5)

Per MAURICE B. DIX,  
Captain, American Red Cross  
Representative assigned to  
Graves Registration Service.

MBD-eb



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

FILE NUMBER

56276

DATE

3/21/19.

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME ALVORD, JOSEPH, OREIN - NUMBER

RANK PVT.

ORGANIZATION

Co. I, 139<sup>th</sup> INF.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	① yes
2.	Date of Death.	② 9-28-18 ✓
3.	Cause and place of death.	③ K/A
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	④ CC #323
5.	Date buried.	⑤ —
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	⑥ Cth #1009. Grave #13. Pat. 1 Cth AMER. B/A BAULNY [MEUSE]
7.	Who reported burial?	⑦ GRS officer
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.?	⑧ yes
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	⑨ grass.
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	⑩ —
11.	Who is nearest relative?	⑪ ROY M. ALVORD II. [Bro]
12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	JEWELL KAN.
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	⑫ 1-21-19.
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	

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Capt. Dix,  
Graves Registration Bure.  
APO 717

AMERICAN RED CROSS

Paris,..... Feb. 23, 1919.

Name of Soldier: Pvt. Joseph Orein Alvord

Rank: Private

Company: I

Regiment: 139th Inf.

Forward Burial Report to  
"Bureau of Communication" for  
D. N. Freeman,  
Beloit, Kansas.

Burial report required for Paris.  
Also

ASD





Avenue House

D. N. FREEMAN, Prop.

56276

Beloit, Kansas, Feb. 1st - 1919.

War's Registration Bureau - of the  
American Expeditionary Forces -

Tours - France -

My Dear Sirs -

I am writing you in hopes of  
receiving information of our relative -  
Pvt. Joseph Owen Alwood, of Co. I. 139th Inf. 35th Div.  
He had cards from him dated Sept 24th.  
On Nov 24th, a telegram came from Wash. D.C.

stating Joseph Alwood was killed in action Sept 28.  
Since that time we have tried in vain, to  
learn something more of him.

Our Governor Henry J. Allen, advised us to write  
you, to make investigations for us -

If killed, how, where, and where buried, what  
was done with his personal things, as watch, money  
keepsake or letters, none have been sent home.

Will his body be sent home. Thanking you  
kindly for your trouble in our behalf.

I remain Very Sincerely - D. N. Freeman  
Beloit Kansas -  
U.S. A.