

Headquarters
Unit "B"
Graves Registration Service,
Torcy Aisne

July 3, 1919.

From: Clinton M. Cameron , 1st Lt. QMC. Comdg
To: Chief, G.R.S. American E.F.France, Thru William A.
Grebing, Capt. F.A.U.S.A. Gr. Reg. Unit 304, Soisson
Subject: Report of Grave located.

1. Have this day located the body of Lt. T.W.Ashley,
134th Co. Marines on Hill 142, Aisne, near Bussiares, Aisne.

2. The body was removed to the American Cemetery at
Belleau Woods, Aisne, Coord. 262.60N - - 176.04 in Plot-2,
Section M, Grave 82.

CMC/JLS:

Clinton M. Cameron
CLINTON M. CAMERON,
1st Lt. QMC. Comdg.

1st Ind.

Hqrs. Gr. Reg. Unit 304, Soissons, (Aisne), July 9, 1919, to; Chief, Graves
Registration Service, Hqs. SOS.AFO.#717, American E.F.

1. Forwarded.

W.A. Grebing
WILLIAM A. GREBING
Captain F.A. USA.

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Co 67 5 MarinesASHLEY Thomas W Lieut

Lt Ashley was killed near Belleau Woods, June 6-1918, sgt Major (now Lt.) O'Sullivan told me the details of his death. He was badly wounded in an attempt to take a machine gun His men attempted to carry him to the dressing station but as he could not stand the journey they set him down, & he died soon afterwards He was first buried on that vicinity where others of his company were buried.

Informant: Goodwin Thomas A. 2nd Lt
 Evac. Hospital No 14
 Co D 23 Inf
 Home : Chicago Ill
 Feb 23-1919

F/N. Anna P Hopper Searcher
 Enquirer: London

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

ASHLEY?

Thomas W.

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

2nd., Lieut. 134th., Co. 2nd., Rpl. BN. MC

(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH:

CAUSE OF DEATH:

DATE OF BURIAL:

PLACE OF BURIAL:

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

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GRAVE NUMBER:

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?.....Cross?.....

Headboard?..... Bottle?.....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?.....

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

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

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NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

COMPANY "B" 9TH INFANTRY. GERMANY.

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Captain 9th Inf.

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M.E.C.

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"Lt. Ashley was Battalion Leader in his company, with one Machine Gun he was able to hold back the advancing enemy. After his men were shot down around him he stood his ground singlehanded and accounted for the enemy as fast as they appeared. He was finally shot and killed instantly. He was the bravest man I ever knew, and the finest. He may be buried at Meaux".

INFORMANT: Stallings, L.Y. Lt.

Lt. Ashley was on Hill 142 in open wheat field when informany saw him with only a few of his platoon. He had a German machine gun trying to make it work. Informant left him with a couple of men. He was shot while still working on the gun - killed by a German machine gun - Informant did not know Ashley well enough to give any further particulars.


INFORMANT: Thomas, Fred 1st. Lt.

Geer said "We were at Belleau Woods, Hill 142, near the first of June. It was reported by an officer of the 67th Marines that Ashley's platoon never returned from action."

INFORMANT: Geer, Prentice S. 2nd. Lt.

killed June 7th and was buried where he fell, out in a wheat field, where he stayed till the last. He was the last to go, others saw and they were running back. He was an intimate friend of Lt. Stallings.

INFORMANT: Stallings, Lawrence, Lt.



REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name Ashley, T.W.

Rank: Lieut.

Organization:

Number:

67 Co 5th Mar
154th Co. Marines.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit "B"

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

July 3, 1919

Hill 142, Aisne, near Bussiares, Aisne

Coord. 262.54N - - 173.76E

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

July 3, 1919

American Cemetery at Belleau Woods, Aisne

Coord. 262.60N - - 176.04E

Plot-2, Sec. M, Grave 82.

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

Body in poor condition.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? yes

What other means of identification were found upon the body? none

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CONFIRMED N° D

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon the 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: _____

H.C. McCannell

C.O. Group _____ Unit _____

Prov. Unit B. G.R.S.

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Black

February 17th, 1919.

C & C
G - 2 D. HAMP.
Attention Stone.

Retel Feb 13th period. No burial information on record case of Lt Thomas Williams
Ashley USMC period

OFFICIAL

C.M. NORZEL
2nd Lieut. U.S.M.C.
ACL/wk.

CARSON

Copy to : T & C

G R S

Daly.

Reply.

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Signal Corps, United States Army. Telegram.

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Received at

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F GRAVES REGISTRATION BUREAU

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INFORMATION IS REQUESTED AS TO LOCATION OF GRAVE OF LIEUT THOMAS
WILLIAMS ASHLEY USMC REPORTED KILLED IN ACTION BELLEAU WOOD
JUNE SIXTH

STONE CHIEF G 2 D GHO AEF

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2-14-19
8:30
am

FEB 16 1919

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

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France, January 26, 1919.

FROM: Army Field Clerk George A. Viehmann, A. G. O.
TO: Officer in Charge, Graves Registration Service, A. P. O. 717.
SUBJECT: DEATH AND PLACE OF BURIAL OF LIEUT. THOMAS WILLIAMS ASHLEY,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, AMERICAN E. F.

It is respectfully requested that your office furnish, if possible, the actual date of death, where killed and location of place of burial of Lieutenant THOMAS WILLIAMS ASHLEY, U. S. M. C. This officer has been reported as killed in action on or about June 6, 1918 at Belleau Wood during the operations of the United States Marine Corps at that place. This information is sort as a matter of personal interest, as up to the present time have been unable to confirm same.

Army Field Clerk, A. G. O.
(Orders Division)

1st Ind.



From: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Am. E.F., March 7, 1919
To: Army Field Clerk George A. Viehmann, A.G.O.

Returned with information that Graves Registration Service has not as yet succeeded in obtaining burial location of Lieut. Thomas W. Ashley, 134th Co., 2nd Repl. Bn. M.C. Inquiry is being made, and immediately upon receipt of definite information, you will be advised.

By direction CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Lieut.-Colonel, Q.M.C., A.E.F.

(Enclosures-2) per MAURICE B. DIX,
Captain, American Red Cross,
Representative assigned to
Graves Registration Service.

MBD-dn

Handwritten in red ink: "10-12-1919" and "004.0"

U.S. Marine Corps Att.to 67th Co.5th Marines

ASHLEY Thomas W.

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" I saw Lieut. Ashley fall on the 6th of June at Belleau Woods. It happened between 6 and 7 o'clock in the morning. He was running forward between the 1st and 2nd wave. We were under heavy machine gun fire at the time. When he was hit he fell backward as if killed instantly. We knew him at Quantico, Va. His platoon was beside ours. "

Informant : Williams J.G. Pvt.
Aboard Ship.

Home : 902 So. 1st St. Louisville, Kent
December 26th 1918

Inquirers :

Am. University Union Sykes
J.P. Asheley 12 Rue d'Aguesseau
State Ho. Boston Mass S.S.

Maude Cleveland L Searcher .

C.F.

U.S. Marine Corps Att. to 67th Co. 5th Marines

ASHLEY Thomas W.

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" I did not see Lt. Ashley killed , but of course I knew of his case . He was killed in an open space between the woods . He was in a wheat field and was crossing the field alone when he was hit by a sniper . He was seriously wounded in the head . His dead body was later found where he fell . He was buried there , near his friend Lieut . Waterhouse . "

Informant : Sanderson R.O. Capt.
Aboard Ship .

Home : 4115 Keokuk St. Washington D.C.
(Has returned to U.S.A. now .)
December 26th 1918

Inquirers :

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Maude Cleveland - Searcher .

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U.S. Marine Corps Att. to 67th Co. 5th Marines

ASHLEY Thomas W.

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Informant said they were in Belleau Woods about 2 woods north of Lucy, June 6th.

" I was right down the line, a machine gun bullet hit Ashley, killing him instantly. The captain & 1st Sgt. were hit at the same time. They were all buried there. "

Informant : GRAVER John L. Pvt. II6334
Co. 67, 5th Marines
Home : 512 Prospect St. York, Pa.
December 23rd 1918

Inquirers :-

Am University Union Sykes
J.P. Ashley 12 Rue d'Aguesseau
State Ho. Boston Mass S.S.

Katharine K. Burton - Searcher

C.F.

U.S. Marine Corps, att. 67 Co. 5th Marines

ASHLEY Thomas W. Lieut.

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Lieut. Ashley was killed in action in Belleau Woods. He was at first reported missing but many days afterwards, his body was found in the terrain that had been No Man's Land. He was buried near the place he had fallen in Belleau Woods.

Informant: ROBINSON Ralph, Lieut.
Hosp. 65.
Co. H. 5th Marines.
Home: Los Angeles, Cal.
December 20, 1918

Stella M. Weyer, Searcher.

D.P.

US. Marine Corps Att. 67 C° 5 Marines.

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Ashley Thomas W. Lieut.

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"Lt. Ashley was knocked off by machine gun bullets about 4 A.M. on June 6th 1919. while advancing through the wheatfield in the Belleau Woods in the Bouresches Sector, near Chateau Thierry. I suppose he was killed instantly, for he had several machine gun bullets through the abdomen, Capt. Elliot Cook of CO.D.5th Marines (now of the 9th, Inf.) told me. I can't understand why Lt. Ashley is listed as missing because gunnery Sergeant told me several days ago later he had found Lt. Ashley's body and in the marine Corps Magazine his death was announced I dont know where he was buried."
Informant intelligent.

Informant: Hutton George J. Sgt. 304346.
Evac. Hosp. 9.
US. Marine Corps. Att. 67 C° 5 Marines.
Home Address: 154 W. 74th. St.
Feb. 8th, 1919.

Grace H. Turnbull, Searcher.

J.S. Mariv Corps; Att. 67 Co? 5th Marines.

ASHLEY Thomas W. Lieut.

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Li. Ashley was killed in action in Belleau Woods. His body received from No Man's Land many days afterwards and buried by the roadside.

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Headquarters U. S. Marine Corps

ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR'S DEPARTMENT

Washington, December 17, 1918.

From: The Adjutant and Inspector.
 To: Captain Stanley M. Muckleston, U. S. M. C.
 Chief, Graves Registration Service,
 First Field Army, American Expeditionary Forces.

Subject: Place of burial of Second Lieutenant Thomas
 William Ashley, M.C.

1. It is requested that this office be furnished all information available as to the place of burial and the markings of the grave in the case of Second Lieutenant Thomas William Ashley, Marine Corps, who was killed in action June 7, 1918, at Bois de Belleau.

J. C. [Signature]

By direction.

----- 1st Ind -----
 Referred to R. M. Overstreet *Q. M. C. J. R. S. etc. P. O. 702* for such
 action as he may see fit.

Stanley M. Muckleston

2nd Ind.

RMO.GD.

G.R.S. Inspector, District of Paris, 12 rue Gaillon, Paris. Feb 27, 1919.
To Chief G.R.S., Tours.

1. Forwarded for reply.

RMO.GD.

R. M. Overstreet
R. M. Overstreet
Capt., Q. M. C.

Hdqrs. Graves Registration Service,
Quartermaster Corps,
American Expeditionary Forces,

REFERENCE:
Enq. 9/A.

File No. 5126 29th November. 1918.

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service.

TO: Home Communication Section. A.R.C.

SUBJECT: 2nd Lieut. T.W. Ashley.

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1. Reference your enquiry dated October 18th:
it is regretted that burial information in respect of the above mentioned
soldier has not as yet been received here. Enquiry is being made, and
immediately information of a definite nature comes to hand, you will at once
be informed.

By direction:

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

per Maurice B. Dix.
Captain, American Red Cross
representative assigned to
Graves Registration Service.

MBD/mlj.

~~Red card~~

File

ENC 19/A.

AMERICAN RED CROSS

(CROIX-ROUGE AMÉRICAINE)

TELÉPHONE { ÉLYSÉE 43-82
 » 43-83
 » 43-88
 » 43-89



ADRESSE TÉLÉGRAPHIQUE :
"AMCROSS"

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4, PLACE DE LA CONCORDE

PARIS,

Oct. 18, 1918

From: Home Communication Section
To: Capt. Dix. ARC, c/o Graves Registration Bureau
Subject: 2nd. Lt. T. W. Ashley, 67th Div. 6th Marines.

We shall be glad to received from you the exact location of the grave of the above named officer.

MFR/EM

Home Communication Section
Bureau of Home & Hospital Service

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June 10/18

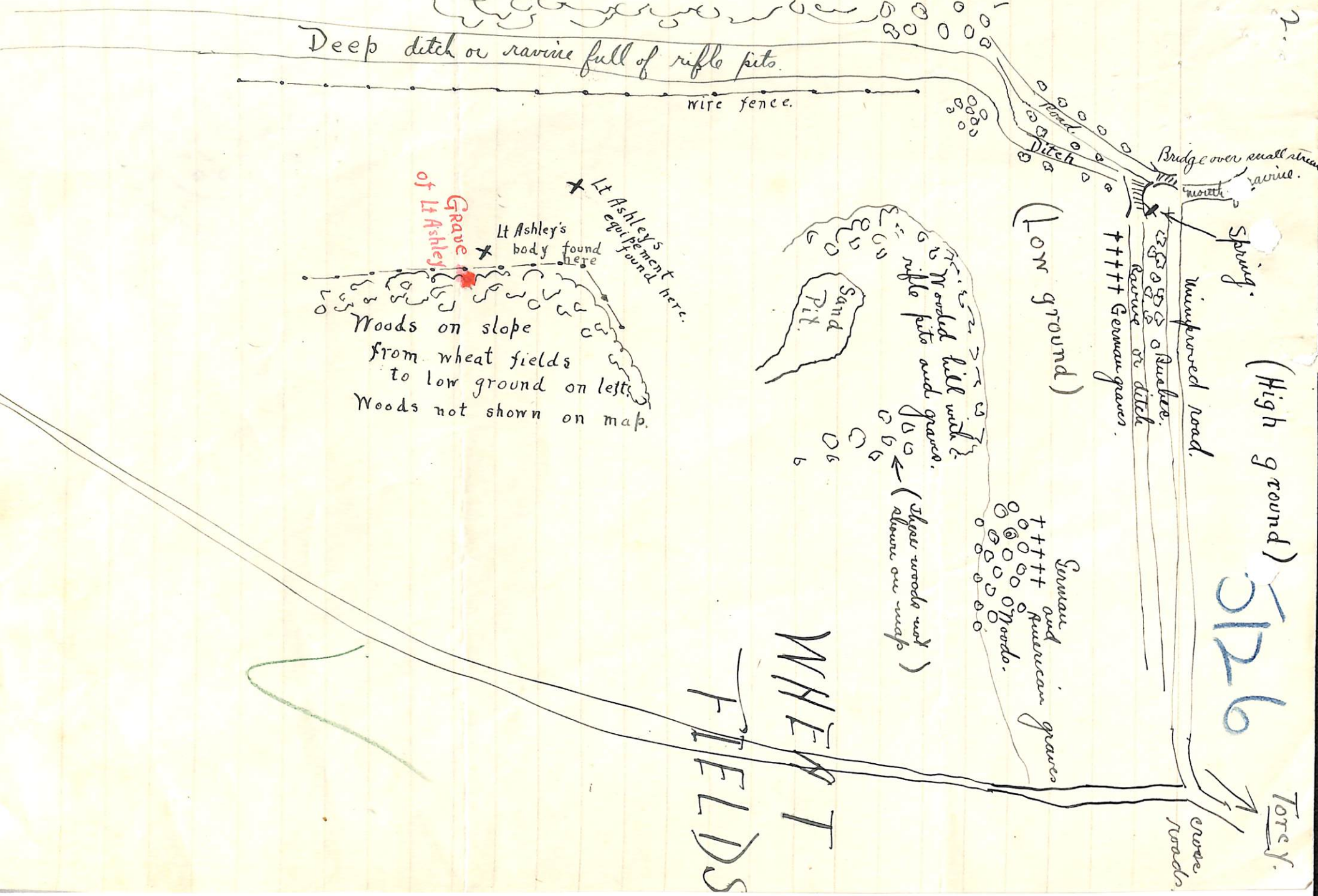
Rec'd from Lt. Cooke
personal effects of
Lt. J. W. Ashley, 2nd Lt.
including 500 frames.

Maj. 5th U.S.M.C.

Signed
W. J. Galliford
1st Lt. M.C.

I certify this to be a
true copy.
Elliott W. Cooke
Maj. 9th Inf.

Woods.



Deep ditch or ravine full of rifle pits.
Wire fence.

Bridge over small stream
ravine.

Spring.

Unimproved road.

(High ground)

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Trench.

Cross roads.

(Low ground)

Ravine or ditch
+++++ German graves.

+++++ German and American graves.

(These woods not shown on map)

Wheeled hill with rifle pits and graves.

WHEAT FIELDS

× Lt Ashley's equipment found here.

× Lt Ashley's body found here.

Grave of Lt Ashley.

Woods on slope from wheat fields to low ground on left. Woods not shown on map.

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O.K.

E.D. Cooke,
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E. D. Cooke
Capt. Inf.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

FROM : ADJUTANT GENERAL.

TO : C.O. 134th., Co. 2nd. Rpl. Bn. M.C.

SUBJECT : Information for Burial Register.

1. You are directed to transmit without delay to the Chief, Graves Registration Service, the information indicated on enclosed Grave Location Blank as necessary for the completion of official records.

By Command of General Pershing:

Robert C. Davis
Adjutant General.

Note:

In case this item is checked, you will note hereon:

Nearest relative of deceased:

Relationship: _____

Address: _____

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Rep KIA 6/7/18

cc. 194 S.P.A.

Am. 503

G.R.S. 275 Sh. 5



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QM 293 A-M

Ashley, Thomas Williams (son)
2nd Lt. 57th Co. 57th Regt. USMC.

July 17, 1931.

Mrs. Gertrude P. Ashley,
Deerfield, Mass.

Dear Madam:

In compliance with your recent request,
instructions have been issued to forward you a
flag in honor of the above named decedent, pro-
vided a flag has not previously been furnished
for him.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

COPY FOR: Commanding Officer, Washington Quartermaster Depot.
With request that flag be furnished as indicated above.

American Gold Star Mothers

OF THE WORLD WAR, INC.

NEW YORK STATE



Headquarters: Pennsylvania Hotel, Seventh Avenue and 33rd Street, New York City

Quarter Master General
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have been informed that I am entitled to an American flag from the Government in memory of

my beloved Son

SON OR DAUGHTER

Name of Mother Mrs. Gertrude P. Ashley

Address Dunfield Mass.

NUMBER STREET CITY STATE

Name of Deceased Thomas Williams Ashley

Army, Navy, Marine Marine 2nd Lt., 67th Co., 57th Reg USMC.

RANK REGIMENT COMPANY

Stationed at Quantico, Va.

Lost at Sea Among the Missing Or Unknown

Place and Date of Death Belleau Woods, France, June 6, 1918

Where Buried Belleau Woods Cemetery.

I will be very grateful if same will be forwarded to me.

Respectfully yours,

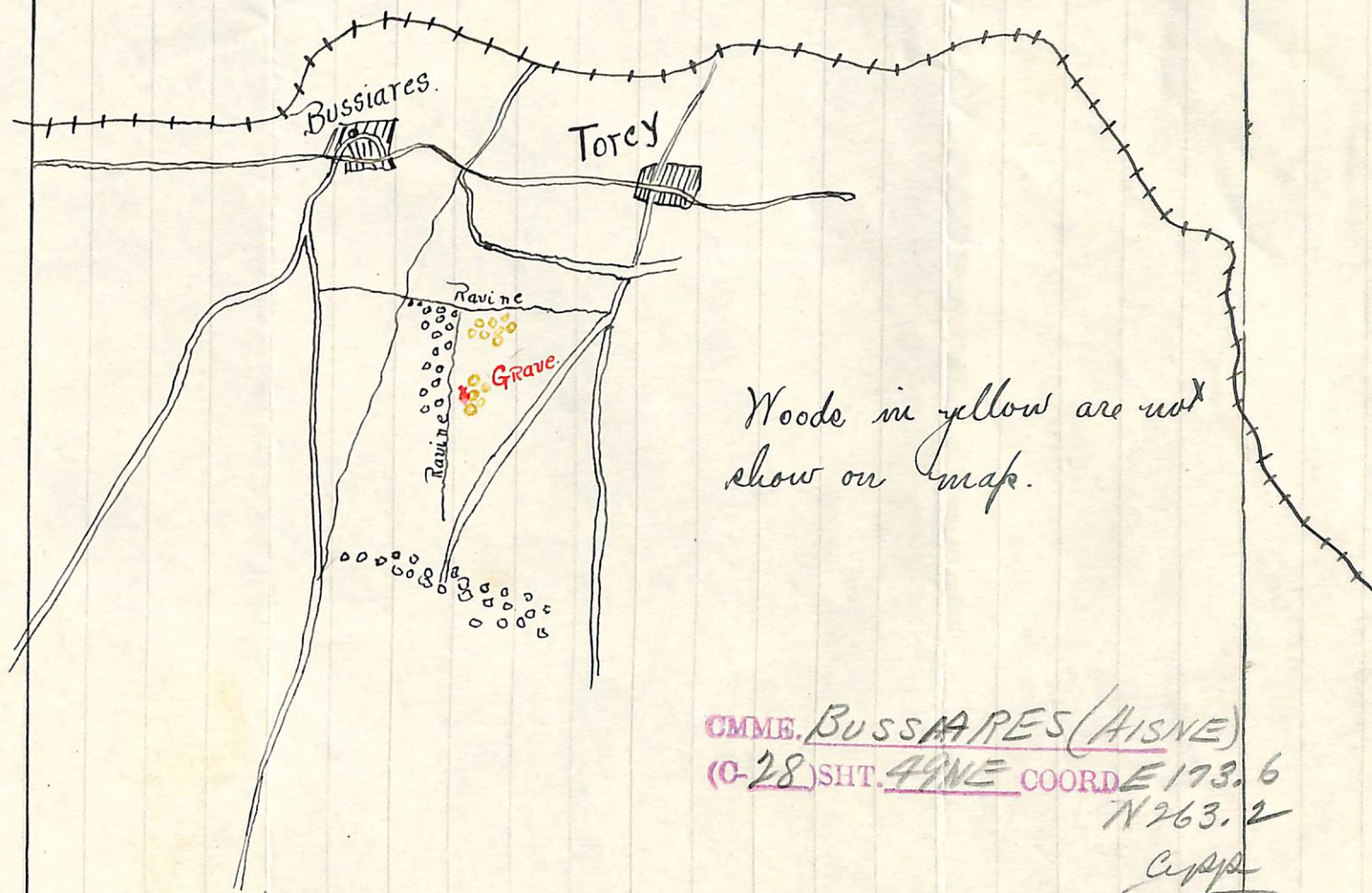
Mrs. Gertrude P. Ashley.

June 21, 1931.

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MEAU X

No 1.



CMME. BUSSAPRES (AISNE)
(C-28) SHT. 49NE COORD E 173.6
N 263.2
C. P. P.

QM 293 A-M
Ashley, T. W. 2nd Lt. (AM) M

June 30, 1931.

Mrs. Gertrude P. Ashley,
Deerfield, Massachusetts.

Dear Mrs. Ashley:

I have the letter of June 17th which you and the other mothers from Massachusetts who sailed May 20th were so kind as to send me in appreciation of the pilgrimage you made to Europe to visit the graves of your sons.

The pilgrimage was authorized by Congress in an endeavor to bring a measure of comfort and solace to the hearts of the mothers and widows whose loved ones made the supreme sacrifice for their country, and it would seem from the generous expressions contained in the letter that the effort has not been in vain.

I am delighted to know that you were pleased with the arrangements made for your comfort and welfare and that the personnel as a whole rendered such satisfactory and commendable service. I feel however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the mothers and widows.

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You are assured that the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery will be perpetually maintained in the same fine condition in which you found it as it will continue to be the constant effort of the Quartermaster Corps, which is charged with the upkeep of all National cemeteries, to make it a fitting resting place for the heroes who are buried there.

Sincerely yours,

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

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1931 MAY - 1 - PM 4:04

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON

April 30, 1931.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Ashley, T. W. A M M

Mrs. Gertrude P. Ashley,
Deerfield, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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Arr. Springfield	"	"	10:47 AM	"	" 18
Lv. Springfield	NYNH&H	51	10:55 AM	"	" 18
Arr. New York (GCT)	"	"	2:35 PM	"	" 18

Coach, South Deerfield to Springfield
Parlor Car, Springfield, Mass. to New York, N. Y.

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

1931 MAY - 1 - PM 4:06 April 30, 1931.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Ashley, T. W. A M M

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Deerfield, Mass.

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WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Ashley, T. W. (M-M) M

April 24, 1931

Mrs. Gertrude P. Ashley,
Deerfield,
Mass.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. ~~594,034~~ in the amount of \$ 2.50 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.

1931 APR - 23 AM 9:32

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QM 293 A-M

Ashley, Thomas W. 1764

February 14, 1931.

Mrs. Gertrude Porter Ashley,
Deerfield, Massachusetts.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 11, 1931, relative to your application for passport with enclosure from the State Department.

Please be advised that the State Department is in receipt of your application for passport, and when passports are issued by that office, yours, with others will be received by this office, and same will be delivered to you on board ship.

Letter from the State Department is enclosed herewith for such disposition as you desire to make.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

1 Encl.

Letter from State Department.

HJF

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Ashley, Thomas W. - 1764 M

July 28, 1930.

Mrs. Gertrude P. Ashley,
Deerfield, Mass.

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.	Age Condition of Health
4. Do you speak English?	
5. What other language do you speak?	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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-M

July 10, 1930

Ashley, Thomas W.

1764-M

Mrs. Gertrude P. Ashley
Deerfield, Mass.

Dear Madam:

The Act of March 2, 1929 excluded from its benefits those mothers and widows who had made former visits to the graves of their loved ones in Europe. On May 15, 1930 that Act was amended to remove this restriction. Therefore, you are now eligible to make the pilgrimage at the expense of the Government.

arrangements are being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, and to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation 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 have previously visited their sons' or husbands' graves, 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

Ashley, Thomas W.
1764

Aug. 21, 1929.

Mr. Charles H. Ashley,
Deerfield, Mass.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 11, 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

June 11, 1929.

Ashley, Thomas W.

Mr. Charles H. Ashley,
Deerfield, Mass.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Second Lieutenant Thomas W. Ashley, 67th Co., 57th Regt. U.S. Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, Belleau Wood, Aisne, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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O. O. M. G. M. & R. DIV.

B
QM 293 A-C
(Ashley, Thomas W.)

November 10, 1928.

Mr. Charles H. Ashley,
Deerfield,
Mass.

Dear Sir:

The inclosed card gives the permanent cemetery and grave location of the late ~~Thomas W. Ashley.~~

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that all American military cemeteries, both in Europe and in our own country, will be maintained by the Government forever, the graves permanently marked by headstones showing the ~~decedent's~~ name, rank, organization, State, and date of death, all of which will be done without the necessity of requests emanating from relatives.

Please understand that in effecting the final disposition of our heroic dead the utmost care and reverence is exercised.

Very truly yours,

J. McCLINTOCK,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

1 Incl.
Record card.

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DISPATCHED

SER-----

ASHLEY, THOMAS W. 2ND LIEUT. 67TH CO.,
5TH REG., MARINES.

DISPOSITION: REQUESTS THAT REMAINS BE INTERRED
IN A NATIONAL CEMETETERY IN
FRANCE.

NEXT OF KIN: CHARLES H. ASHLEY,
RELATION, FATHER.

ADDRESS: DEARFIELD, MASS.

CTY: 1764.

Drawn by E.S.
1764-64
2-19-21

Checked
2-19-21
BMB

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE October 21, 1922.

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 ASHLEY, Thomas W.

10. Name

2. No. --

11. No.

3. Rank 2nd Lieut.

12. Rank

4. Org. ~~US Marine Corps.att Co.D.5th Mar~~ ^{67th Co. 5th Marine}

13. Org.

5. D.D. June 7, 1918

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. KIA

(b) D.B. none

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 82 Sec. M

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot 2 Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. none

18. Cemetery Aisne-Marne Amer.

19. Commune or town Belleau

20. Dept. or County Aisne.

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No.

1764

23. Disinterred (Date) October 21, 1922

By G. P. Keating

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Thomas W. ASHLEY

Serial No.

Rank 2nd Lieut

Organization ~~5th Mar.~~ ^{US Marine Corps.att.Co.D.}

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? No On body? No

Signature W. D. Wall, Jr. 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).

Bottle record agrees.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Burlap and wooden box.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? none

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date October 21, 1922 By G.P.Keating

31. Casket sealed by G.P.Keating

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) G.P.Keating

RECEIVED
8/11/26
9/11/26

SHIPMENT (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-31146

32. Designation of body:

Name Thomas W. ASHLEY. Serial No.

Rank 2nd Lieut. Organization US Marine Cps.att.Co.D.5th Marines.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Aisne-Marne Amer.Cty.1764, Belleau, Aisne.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) October 21, 1922 By C. F. Keating

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector O.E. Davis, 1st Lieut Q.M.C.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) October 21, 1922.

To point of Concentration

(Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

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 Aisne Marne Amer. 1764 Belleau (Aisne).

(Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer O.E. Davis 1st Lieut Q.M.C.

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred Oct. 21, 1922, Aisne-Marne Cem. 1764, Belleau (Aisne)

(Date)

42. Grave No. 63 Section

43. BLOCK A Row 6

G.R.S. Representative W.D. Cleary Lt., Chaplain, USA.

Place BELLEAU, AISNE. 1764.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date 6.16.21

1. REMAINS OF ASHLEY, THOMAS W. SERIAL NUMBER.....
 RANK 2nd LT. ORGANIZATION U.S. MARINE CORPS. 5TH MARINES
 ATT. CO. D.

2. Disinterred (date): 6.16.21 From (give complete location): Gr 82 Sect M Plot 2
 By: Group AVERY Unit FIELD SECTION 47

3. Reburied (date): 6.16.21 In (give complete location): Gr 82 Sect M Plot 2
 By: Group AVERY Unit FIELD SECTION 47 Nature of reburial BOX AND BURLAP

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :
BADLY DECOMPOSED FEATURES UNRECOGNIZABLE
SERGE UNIFORM AND BOX.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :
MARINE CORPS BUTTONS ON UNIFORM

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 DARK BROWN

Quantity MEDIUM

Characteristics STRAIGHT

(d) Hair on face—Color IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

Location IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

Quantity IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts)

IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

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

FRACTURE OF RIGHT FEMUR AT HIP JOINT.

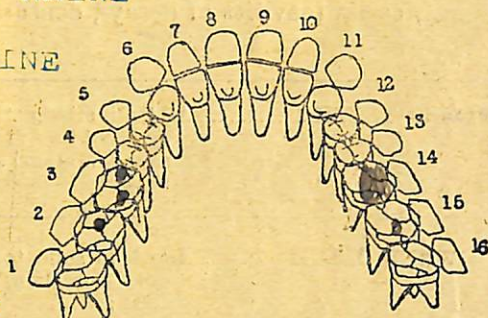
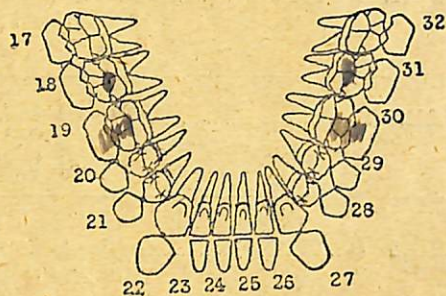


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



2, 3, 14, 15, 18, 19, 30, 31, met. fil.

7. Disinterment supervised by G. F. AVERY SUP. EMB. Approved R. S. WILLIAMS. 1st LT. QMC.
 (Title).....

8. Reburial supervised by G. F. AVERY SUP. EMB. Approved : R. S. WILLIAMS. 1st LT. QMC.
 (Title).....

cbc.fh

file
2/10/27

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

Marine

(2/25/21 med)

File #5126

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name ASHLEY, Thomas W. Ser. No. 67th Co., 5th Marines } TYP evs
 (b) Rank 2nd Lt. Organization ~~154th Co. 2 Repl. Bn. M.C.~~ } B.J.
 (c) Date of death 6/7/18 (d) Cause of death k/a

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

(a) Grave No. 82 Row _____ Plot 2 Sec. 11 TYP. evs
 (b) Emerg. Address C.H. Ashley (Father) Deerfield, Mass.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases _____ CKR. B.J.

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

Form 840, 2-23-21. Mrs. Charles H. Ashley, father, Deerfield, Mass. - requests body left in France

AP 3/18/21

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
 letter of transmittal on MAR 10 1921, 192

Par. 2 Not to be returned. (*Marine*) EW

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. _____

FRANCE

1764

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H.S. 3-18-21

1764

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #5126

(2/25/21 MEB)

Marine

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name ASHLEY, Thomas W. Ser. No. 67th Co. 5th Marine
(b) Rank 2nd Lt. Organization 134th Co. 2 Repl. Bn. M.C. TYP. evs
(c) Date of death 6/7/18 (d) Cause of death k/a CKR. 13-J

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

(a) Grave No. 82 Row - Plot 2 Sec. M TYP. evs
(b) Emerg. Address C.H.Ashley(Father) Deerfield, Mass.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases CKR. 13-J

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt

(a) Name Charles H. Ashley (b) Relationship father
(c) Address Deerfield Mass.
(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. To be interred in Nott. Cty. in France

Examiner's Initials E.S. Date 2-19-21, 1920.

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

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

no correspondence

Examiner's Initials E.S. Date 2-19-21, 1920.

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

no request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes E.S.

Examiner's Initials E.S. Date 2-19-21, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE

CEMETERY No. 1764

SHEET No. 64

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Handwritten notes and stamps at bottom right

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 **MAR 10 1921**, 1920

EW

Par. 2 Not to be returned.

(Marine)

IX.

CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE.

ACTION TAKEN.

Desires body be _____

Body to be shipped to _____

~~Form 124 to Marine Corps~~

Form 840 from Marine Corps

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: Date Sent 2/19/21 Date Rec'd 2/23/21

*Form #840. 2/23/21 - To be left in France, N. of K.
Mr. Charles H. Ashley (Father) Dearfield, Mass.*



Ashley, Thomas W. 2nd Lt.
Corres. - AB-25-hmm

Headquarters U. S. Marine Corps,

Washington, February 23, 1921.

From: The Major General Commandant.

To: The Chief, Cemeterial Division, Office of Quartermaster General of the Army.

Subject: A.E.F. dead: Confirmation or revision of G.R.S. record of disposition status.

Reference: Form No. 124, File No. 5126 dated 2-19-21
Case of ASHLEY, Thomas W. 2nd Lieutenant, 67th Co.
5th Marines, 1764-64.

1. It is requested that the remains of the above-named man be disposed of as follows:

DISPOSITION: To be left in France.

CONSIGNEE: Name: _____
Address: _____

NEXT OF KIN: Name: Mr. Charles H. Ashley,
Relationship: Father,
Address: Dearfield, Mass.

REMARKS: _____

H. Lay
H. LAY,
Lt. Col., U.S.M.C.
Asst. Adjutant & Inspector.

By _____
~~Special Assistant to the~~
~~Major General Commandant.~~

Per 3-22-21 C.M.

SCHOOL FOR BAKERS AND COOKS
DEPARTMENT OF COOKING

5126

2/25/21

Date

Organization

Mr. Wilson

INGREDIENTS

SUPPER

Ashley, Thomas W. 2nd Lt.

67th Co - 5th Marines

Cost of supper

FILE

Adjustment Made

APR 10 1922

File No. 5126

Cost of breakfast

Form 840 from Marine Corps

DINNER

Date Rec'd 2/23/21

Beverly,

J

CEMETERY DIVISION
REGISTRATION SECTION

FILE

April 10th, 1922

MEMO FOR:

Cards Department.

1.

CASE OF:

134th Co., 2nd Repl. Bn. M.C.

ORGANIZATION (Old)

ASHLEY, #----Thomas W. - 2nd Lieut.

(Name)

Correction or additional data changes as shown below have been made on the Registration Card of the above-mentioned soldier and a corresponding change will be necessary on the Organization Card:

ORGANIZATION (New) 67th Co., 5th Marines.

FILE NO.

SURNAME

SERIAL NUMBER

FIRST NAME AND INITIALS

RANK

DATE OF DEATH

CAUSE OF DEATH

	Date	Place	F-1A No.
Orig.			D-
1st. Reb.			D-
2nd Reb.			D-
3rd Reb.			D-

(Note: In the above spaces below double line fill in ONLY the new date and data correcting previous information)

BY: Helen Fleming.

Adjustment Branch.

(Department)

5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made
on Organization
File Card:

By TA
S/3324/LML

D

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE.

5126

July 18, 1919.

MEMORANDUM FOR LT. WALTERS.

1. Please have information, given in Lt. Cameron's letter of July 3, recorded and notification letter sent to nearest relative at the earliest possible date.

ACL/lac

L.A. SHIPMAN
Major, Q.M.C.
Acting Chief, G.R.S.

5126

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

July 18, 1919.

From: Acting Chief, Graves Registration Service
To: Hdqrs. U.S. Marine Corps, Washington, D.C.
Subject: Grave Location of Lt. T. W. Ashley.

1. At the time your letter of April 25, 1919, was received by this office, no grave location regarding this officer was on record in the office of the Graves Registration Service.

2. Information has this day been received to the effect that the body of Lt. T. W. Ashley has been removed from isolated grave and is buried in Grave #82, Section M, Plot 2, American Cemetery, Belleau Woods (Aisne).

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ACL/lac

L. A. SHEPMAN
Major, Q. M. C.
Acting Chief, G. R. S.



5126

1st Ind.

Hqrs. Gr. Reg. Unit 504, Soissons, (Aisne), July 9, 1919, to: Chief, Graves
Registration Service, Hqrs. SOS. APO. #717, American E.F.

1. Forwarded.

WILLIAM A. GRUBBING
Captain F.A. USA.



REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place Belleau (Aisne).
Date October 21, 1922.

1. REMAINS OF ASHLEY, Thomas W. SERIAL NUMBER _____
RANK 2nd Lieut. ORGANIZATION 67th Reg. U. S. Marine Corps, Att. Co. D. 5th Mar.

2. Disinterred (date) : October 21, 1922. From (give complete location) : Gr. 82 sec M Plot 2 Cem. 1764

By : Group 2 Unit Aisne Marne.

3. Reburied (date) Oct. 21, 1922 In (give complete location) : Gr. 63, Block A, Row 6, Aisne-Marne Cem. 1764, Belleau (Aisne)

By : Group re-burial group Unit _____ Nature of reburial Lined casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :
Burlap and wooden box. Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :
Bottle record agrees.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) impossible to estimate

(c) Hair—Color none visible.

Quantity _____
Characteristics _____

(d) Hair on face—Color none visible.

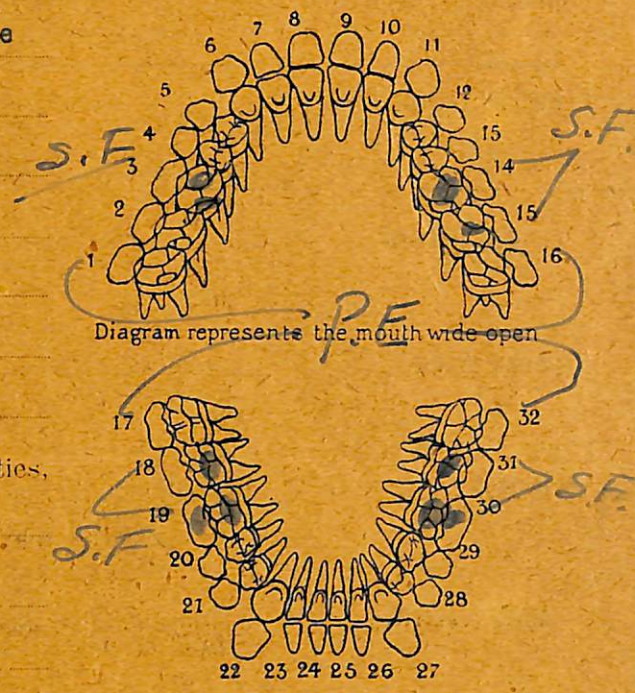
Location _____
Quantity _____

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) none discernible.

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

Fractures: right femur
missing parts: none visible.

W. D. Wall, Jr. checker.



7. Disinterment supervised by C. P. Keating S.E. Approved : O.E. Davis 1st Lt OMC
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by L.D. Hays Approved : W.D. Cleary Lt., Chaplain, USA.
(Title)

July 8th, 1919.

5126

MEMORANDUM TO LIEUT. NOETZEL:-

Attached find Red Cross Searcher Reports of Lieut. Thomas W. Ashley.

I have no record of any Unknowns buried in the locality of drawing, or in that commune.

Approximate coordinations are - COMME. Bussiaries (Aisne) (C 28) SHT 49 N.E.
COORD. - E 173.6 N 263.2

There is no record of any isolated burials (in Lt. Hutchison's Dept) or of any cemeteries in that commune.

I am unable to connect this case with any "Unknown's."

J. R. Price

JAMES R. PRICE.
2nd. Lieut. MC., USA.

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AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.
HEADQUARTERS, SERVICES OF SUPPLY.
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE.
A.P.O. #717. FRANCE.

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June 6, 1919.

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service
TO: Capt. Elliot D. Cooke, Co. "B", 9th Infantry, Germany.
SUBJECT: Location of grave of Lieut. Thomas W. Ashley.

1. It is requested that you forward to this office a detailed sketch and accurate information as to the location of the grave of Lieut. Thomas W. Ashley, U.S., M.C. 154th Company, 2nd Replacement Bn. whom you reported to be buried by you, according to your letter dated Feb. 25th, 1919, addressed to Mr. Charles Ashley, Deerfield, Mass. Copy of letter is enclosed for your information.

CHARLES C. PIERCE.
Colonel, QMC., U.S.A.
Chief, G.R.S.

CMV:MH

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1st Ind.

Dierdorf, Germany, June 13/18

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To : Chief, Graves Registration Service.

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Elliot D. Cooke
Major 9th Infantry



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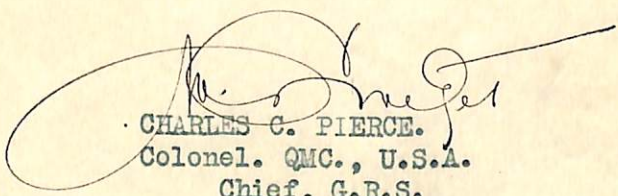
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Major 9th Infantry

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Graves Registration Bureau,
Yours, France.

Can you please tell me
where 2nd Lieutenant Thomas St
Ashley of the 6th(?) Marines who
was killed at Chateau Thierry on
Bellie Woods in June or July
1918, is buried?

The information is to be used
for the benefit of his parents.

Very truly,

Stephen R. Thompson
Y.M.C.A.

Quartier Henri IV
Fontainebleau
S et M.

June 17, 1919.

2nd Ind.

Hdqs. Gr. Reg. Unit "B", Torcy, Aisne, May 28, 1919. To: Gr. Reg. Unit 304, Soissons, Aisne.

1. Returned. Thoro search has been made of this territory for the grave of Lt. Ashley but with no success. According to information contained from informants this man is buried in two different places. Suggest that the Captain who buried him send us a rough sketch where he buried this Lieutenant which would give us some clew to work on.

CMC/JLS:

Clinton M. Cameron
CLINTON M. CAMERON,
1st Lt. QMC. Comdg.

3rd Ind.

Hq. Gr. Reg. Unit 304 QMC. Soissons (Aisne) May 31, 1919. - To: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Hqrs. SOS. APO 717, American M. F.

1. Returned, inviting attention to 2nd indorsement hereon in reference to the grave of Lieut. Thomas W. Ashley, U.S.M.C. If information requested in 2nd indorsement can be furnished by your office, another search will be made to locate this grave.

W. A. Grebing
WILLIAM A. GREBING,
Captain F.A. USA.

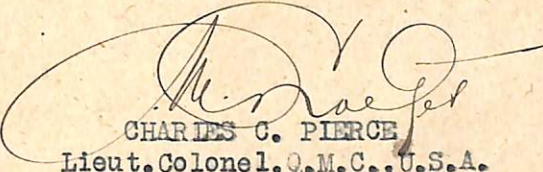


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AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE.

May 17, 1919.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E. F.
TO : Capt. Wm. A. Grebing, G.R.S., Soissons, Aisne.
SUBJECT : Case of Lieut. Thomas W. Ashley, U.S.M.C.

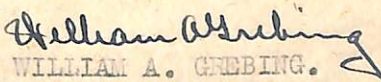
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CHARLES C. PIERCE
Lieut. Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.

CMN/pf.
3 encls.

1st Ind.
Hq. Gr. Reg. Unit 304 QMC. Soissons (Aisne) May 22, 1919. - To: Lieut.
C. M. Cameron, CO Unit "B".

1. Forwarded, inviting attention to letter from Chief dated May 17th hereon and also abstract from various source attached with request that you make a thorough search for the grave of Lieut. Thomas W. Ashley, U.S.M.C. Forwarding report and all papers to this office as soon as possible.


WILLIAM A. GREBING.
Captain F.A. USA.

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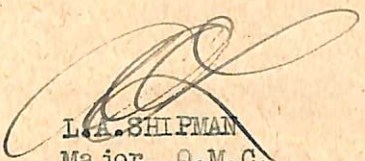
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AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE.

July 18, 1919.

MEMORANDUM FOR LT. WALTERS.

1. Please have information, given in Lt. Cameron's letter of July 3, recorded and notification letter sent to nearest relative at the earliest possible date.

ACL/lac



L.A. SHIPMAN
Major, Q.M.C.
Acting Chief, G.R.S.

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In replying
refer to No.

Ashley, T.W. Lt.
Record 444-ana.

HEADQUARTERS U.S. MARINES CORPS.

Washington April 25, 1919.

FROM : The Major General Commandant.
TO : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American Expeditionary Forces.
VIA : Commanding General, S.O.S.
SUBJECT : Burial Place of Lt. Thomas W. Ashley, U.S.M.C.

Enclosures: (3)

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L.P.

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George Bowart

L.P.

(2)

7/8/19 =

Sgt. Christiansen:-

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(1) Have we an ARC searcher rept?

(2) " " " Unknown in
locality as shown by sketch?

Ok

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

FILE NUMBER 5126

FROM:-

DATE: 7/24/19

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME ASHLEY THOMAS W.

NUMBER

RANK

ORGANIZATION

Serjeant

A.S.M.C. 5th - 6th Co

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	U. 134 th Co. 2 nd REPH. BN M.C.
2.	Date of Death.	2) 6-4-18
3.	Cause and place of Death.	3) K. I. A.
4.	Number of Casualty Cablogram	4) 194
5.	Date buried.	5) REBURIED 6/3/19.
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	6) GRAVE 82. SEC. 11. PHOT. AMER. CTY 1764 BELLEAU WOODS. AISNE
7.	Who reported burial.	7) [unclear]
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	8) YES. F. 16.
9.	Report as to grave marker.	9) CROSS
10.	Report as to Identification Tags. DEERFIELD MASS	10) Tag on Body
11.	Who is nearest relative?	11) C. H. ASHLEY. (Father) DEERFIELD MASS.
12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	12) no Record no 8-18-18
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the Photograph No. ?	

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

W.H.

FROM : G.R.S. OFFICER, Paris.

TO : Chief, G.R.S., (Registration Branch), Tours,

SUBJECT : Location, grave of:

FILE NUMBER 5126

DATE July 15th. 1919

NAME ASHLEY, Thomas W

SERIAL NUMBER

RANK Lieut

ORGANIZATION U.S.M.C. 5th or 6th

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with records?	1. 134th Co. 2nd Regt. In. M.C.
2.	Date of death.	2. 6/7/18 Interred 6/7/19
3.	Grave Location:	3. Grave #82, section M, Plot 2, American Cemetery, Belleme Woods, (Aisne)
4.	Who reported burial?	4.
5.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	5. Cross Yes
6.	How is grave marked?	6. Cross
7.	Identification tags:	7.
	(a) Buried with Body?	(a) Yes
	(b) Attached to grave Marker?	(b)
8.	Emergency address:	8. G.H. Ashley (Father) Deerfield, Mass.
9.	Has above been notified? (Give Date)	9. 8/10/18 . Nearest relative not furnished burial information.

REMARKS:

Requested by _____

European address _____

Relationship to deceased _____

Checked by _____

In replying
refer to No.
Ashley, T.W., Lt.
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Headquarters U. S. Marine Corps

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*CAW
for Y.P.S.*



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A.G.O.S.O.S.
2019- Ashley, Thomas W.

HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY
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GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

Reference-5126.

March 18, 1919.

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ington, D.C.

SUBJECT: Lieut. Thomas William Ashley, U.S.M.C.

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By direction CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Lieut.-Colonel, U.S.M.C., A.E.F.

/s/ M. B. Dix
per MAURICE B. DIX
Captain, American Red Cross,
Representative assigned to
Graves Registration Service.

Enclosures; G.R.S.:)
10-B, .004:5)

MBD-dn



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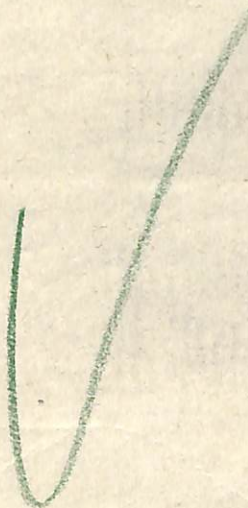
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(Enclosures-G.R.S.:)
(10-B, .004.5)

MBD-dn

per MAURICE B. DIX,
Captain, American Red Cross,
Representative assigned to
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 11, 1929.

Ashley, Thomas W.

Mr. Charles H. Ashley,
Deerfield, Mass.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Second Lieutenant Thomas W. Ashley, 67th Co., 57th Regt. U.S.M.C., whose remains are now interred in the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, Aisne, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 10, 1930

Ashley, Thomas W.

1764-M

Mrs. Gertrude P. Ashley
Deerfield, Mass.

Dear Madam:

The Act of March 2, 1929 excluded from its benefits those mothers and widows who had made former visits to the graves of their loved ones in Europe. On May 15, 1930 that Act was amended to remove this restriction. Therefore, you are now eligible to make the pilgrimage at the expense of the Government.

arrangements are being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, and to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation 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 have previously visited their sons' or husbands' graves, 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. Gertrude P. Ashley
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Ashley, Thomas W.
1764

Aug. 21, 1929.

Mr. Charles H. Ashley,
Deerfield, Mass.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 11, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

No

2. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 27 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite

Yes. I was fortunate enough to visit my sons grave at Belleau in 1920, so am not eligible to the Pilgrimage. A wonderful act for Congress to pass.

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

Mrs. Gertrude Porter Ashley

For The Quartermaster General,

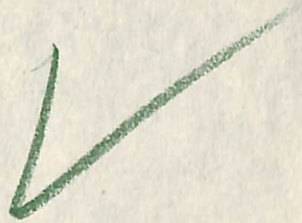
Aug. 25, 1929

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON



PLEASE FILL IN THE INFORMATION CALLED FOR BELOW,
AND MAIL THIS LETTER PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED
ENVELOPE WHICH REQUIRES NO POSTAGE.

Ashley, Mrs. Gertrude P.
Deerfield, Franklin Co., Mass.
Ashley, Thomas W. 2nd Lt. 1764 M

Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In the blank space below you will find
the name and address of the person in the United
States whom I desire to be notified in case I be-
come seriously ill or other emergency arises while
I am making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by
the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Name Jonathan P. Ashley
Address Deerfield, Mass

Very truly yours,



(Your name) Gertrude Pater Ashley
(Your address) Deerfield, Mass

Hardin
5-20-31
1764

Ashley, Thomas W.

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. Gertrude P. Ashley.

Mrs. Gertrude P. Ashley.
(Name)

Deerfield, Franklin Co. Mass.

(Town or City)

(State)

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Deerfield, Franklin Co. Mass.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Ashley, Thomas W. - 1764 M

July 28, 1930.

Mrs. Gertrude P. Ashley,
Deerfield, Mass.

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 *71*

Condition of Health *fine*

4. Do you speak English?

Yes

5. What other language do you speak?

No other.

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

Ashley, T. W. (M-M) M

April 24, 1931

Mrs. Gertrude P. Ashley,
Deerfield,
Mass.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. 594,034 in the
amount of \$ 2.80 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,

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

1 Incl.
Check No.

QM 293 A-M
Ashley, Thomas W. 1764

February 14, 1931.

Mrs. Gertrude Porter Ashley,
Deerfield, Massachusetts.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 11, 1931, relative to your application for passport with enclosure from the State Department.

Please be advised that the State Department is in receipt of your application for passport, and when passports are issued by that office, yours, with others will be received by this office, and same will be delivered to you on board ship.

Letter from the State Department is enclosed herewith for such disposition as you desire to make.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Letter from State Department.
HVF

QM 293 A-M
Ashley, T. W. 2nd Lt. (AM) M

June 30, 1931.

Mrs. Gertrude P. Ashley,
Dearfield, Massachusetts.

Dear Mrs. Ashley:

I have the letter of June 17th which you and the other mothers from Massachusetts who sailed May 20th were so kind as to send me in appreciation of the pilgrimage you made to Europe to visit the graves of your sons.

The pilgrimage was authorized by Congress in an endeavor to bring a measure of comfort and solace to the hearts of the mothers and widows whose loved ones made the supreme sacrifice for their country, and it would seem from the generous expressions contained in the letter that the effort has not been in vain.

I am delighted to know that you were pleased with the arrangements made for your comfort and welfare and that the personnel as a whole rendered such satisfactory and commendable service. I feel however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the mothers and widows.

You are assured that the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery will be perpetually maintained in the same fine condition in which you found it as it will continue to be the constant effort of the Quartermaster Corps, which is charged with the upkeep of all National cemeteries, to make it a fitting resting place for the heroes who are buried there.

Sincerely yours,

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

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Ashley, Thos. W.
2nd Lt. 67th Co.
57th Regt U.S.M.C.

THE INDIAN HOUSE
DEERFIELD, MASS.

Franklin Co.
(23)

Feb. 11 1931

acc. Harding
May 20, 31

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

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to
W

The documents sent from your Department re-
cently relating to the Pilgrimage to France
which sails on May 20, were duly received.

The Passport was filled out and mailed
about the last of Jan. About two days later
I found that I had carelessly placed it in an
envelope addressed to your Department instead
of to the Passport Div, Department of State,

Will it be possible to trace the Passport and
forward it to the State Department.

I greatly regret the extra burden my stu-
pidity has caused, but I do not dare to trust
to chance. I wrote at once to the Passport
Div, and have just received the enclosed reply.

Apparently they do not understand that I
have already sent my Passport.

Please let me know the result of your inves-
tigation as soon as possible.

Yours Truly

Mrs. Gertrude Porter Ashley

PARTY

EASTBOUND

GROUP

C

STATE

A.M.

71 M

MASSACHUSETTS

Mrs. Ashley, Gertrude P. Address Deerfield, (Name of Pilgrim) (Street & No.) (City or Town)

Mass. Franklin (State) (County)

Jonathan P. Ashley Address Deerfield (Name of Nearest Kin) (Street & No.) (City or Town)

Mass. Franklin (State) (County)

ARRIVAL NEW YORK

VIA. R.R. N. Y. N. H. & H. Train No. 51 Date May 18, 1931 - 2.35 P. M.

Hotel Commodore Room No. 716

Roomed with Mrs. W. H. Peabody

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

Date May 20th, 1931 Vessel SS. HARDING Cabin No. 122-A

In Cabin with Mrs Theresa Hoffman

(Over Westbound)

WESTBOUND
ARRIVAL NEW YORK

Date June 19, 1931 Vessel Roosevelt Cabin No. 122-A
In Cabin with ~~Mrs. Theresa Hoffman~~ Mrs. W. H. Peabody
Hotel Commodore Room No. 608
Roomed with Mrs. W. H. Peabody

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

VIA. R.R. N.H. Train No. 54 Space S. 6 Car No. 37 Date 6-20-31

REMARKS

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(Over Eastbound)

MEDICAL RECORD

COMMODORE
~~PENNSYLVANIA~~

Party: *C* Hotel *McAlpin* *Harding* *Eastbound*
S. S. Roosevelt *Westbound*

Name *Ashley, Mrs. Gertrude P.* (*2nd Lt. T.W.Ashley, 63, 6, A.*) *a.m.*

Home Address *Deerfield, Mass.*

Name and address of nearest relative or friend *Jonathan P. Ashley,*

..... *Deerfield, Mass.*

Religion Age *71* *M*

History of present complaint:

INSTRUCTIONS: This card will be prepared for each Pilgrim treated on ship, east or west bound. Cards to be included in report of Liaison Officer upon return to New York.

NAME Ashley, Mrs. Gertrude P.

ADDRESS Deerfield, Mass.

DATE

TO: Officer-In-Charge,
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

I beg to inform you that I have returned to my
home safely and in good health.

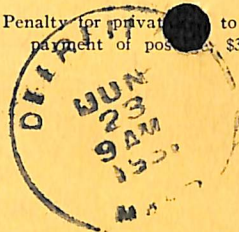
Sincerely,

(Signed)

Gertrude P. Ashley

WAR DEPARTMENT

Penalty for private use to avoid
payment of postage \$300.



OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS
225 WEST 34TH STREET,
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Shane Entered on list

A S H L E Y, Thomas W.

2nd Lt. U. S. Marine Corps attached
Co. D, 5th Marines

Died June 7, 1918, Killed in action.

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Ashley	3	198
	Thomas W	1	4
BURIED	CEMETERY 1764	2	63
	GRAVE 63	2	06
	ROW 6	1	1
	BLOCK 9	2	25
STATE	Mass	1	5
RANK	2nd Lt	2	02
DIVISION	2	3	005-
ORGANIZATION	5-	1	X
ARM	Marines	1	2
MARTIAL	no	3	198
NAME	Ashley	2	25-
	Mrs. Gertrude	2	06
RESIDENCE	Partur	3	037
	STATE Mass	1	1
	COUNTY Franklin	1	
	CITY Deerfield	1	
RELATION	Wife	1	
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Previous trip	1	
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Good	1	1
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR. 1931	1	2
ACCEPTANCE	yes	1	1
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**WAR DEPARTMENT
 PILGRIMAGE WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS
 225 West 34th. St. New York, N.Y.**

Party **C**

Number .. **257**

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATIONS.

.....
 Name of Pilgrim

 City Home Address County

 State

Actual cost of
 Through Pullman at the
 Lower Berth Rate.

New York, to **Deerfield, Mass.**

Destination of Ticket **Deerfield, Mass.**.....

\$ **113** ✓

via **NY NH & H to Springfield, Mass. - B&M to Deerfield, Mass.**

.....
 Date of Departure **June 20, 1931**.....

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 Expiration Date of Ticket **July 29, 1931**.....

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower Seat or Coach	Car	U.S.G. Order No.	Actual Cost
Lv. <i>New York</i>	<i>NH</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>6-20</i>	<i>1100AM</i>				
Ar. <i>Springfield</i>				<i>222 PM</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>1025569</i>	<i>113</i>
Lv. <i>Springfield</i>	<i>Bom</i>	<i>719</i>		<i>410 PM</i>				
Ar. <i>Deerfield</i>				<i>519 PM</i>	<i>Coach</i>			
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Excess Fare New York, to.

Cost \$

Total

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Stop Over

Through Rate

Excess

Capt. J.W. Carroll. To a K. hex to Train.

Ashley, Thomas W. A.D.

PARTY "C"
May 6th, 1931.

Mrs. Gertrude P. Ashley
Deerfield, Mass.

Dear Madam:

There are enclosed herewith two tags and four identification pasters which have been prepared for the purpose of protecting your baggage while in transit, and to insure its safe arrival at the hotel where you are to stop in New York City. Please attach the tags to the handle of each piece of your baggage and place a paster on each end of each piece of your baggage before leaving your home.

Upon your arrival in New York City, you will be met at the railroad station by an Army Officer who will be in uniform. During your sojourn in New York before sailing for Europe, and upon your return from Europe, you will stop at the Hotel Pennsylvania, 33rd Street and 7th Avenue, New York City.

All mail intended to reach you between May 20, 1931, the day you sail from the United States, and June 11, 1931, the day you leave Europe, should be addressed to you in care of American Pilgrimage, 146 Avenue des Champs Elysees, Paris, France; for example:

Mrs. Mary Smith,
c/o American Pilgrimage,
146 Avenue des Champs Elysees,
Paris, France.

Arrived NY 2:35 PM
May 18th - Capt JW
Carroll met her &
escorted her to
Hotel.

In making reservations for your journey home from New York City, it is necessary for this office to furnish the railroads with the exact time and date of your departure. The party you are to travel with will be disbanded in New York City on the day following your return from Europe and all arrangements for your accommodations will be made with the railroads by this office accordingly. Upon your return from Europe, it will therefore be necessary for you to remain in the hotel over night as a guest of the United States Government.

There is also enclosed herewith information relative to the cemeteries in Europe.

Very truly yours,

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

- 7 Incl:
2 Baggage Tags
4 Baggage Pastors
1 Copy Cemeterial Information

Name ASHLEY, Mrs Gertrude P

Paris Hôtel HOTEL D' IÉNA
..... AVENUE D' IÉNA

Home address Deerfield, Franklin County, Massachusetts.

Party C *Group* *Unit* SS. PRES. HARDING May 28

Date of arrival May 28 ,1931 *Date of departure* SS. PRES. ROOSEVELT, June 11

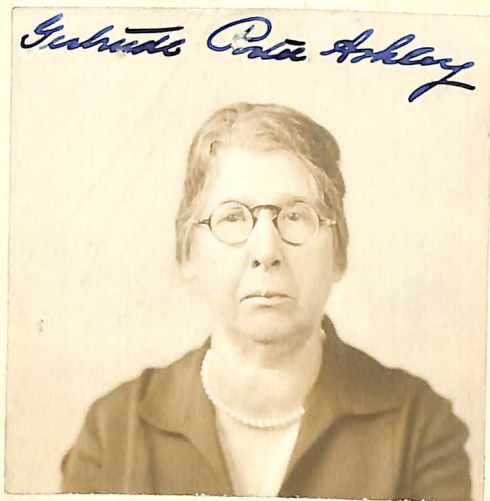
Relationship Mother (71)

Name of deceased ASHLEY, Thomas W

Rank 2nd Lt *Organization* 67th Co. 5th Regt USMC

Cemetery AISNE MARNE G. 63- A- 6

REMARKS



PARTY ^C FILE NO. 257

NAME Ashley, Mrs. Gertrude P.
Deerfield, Mass.

ROUTE OF TICKET

..... to Springfield
 B P M to Deerfield, Mass.
 to
 to
 to
 to
 to
 to
 to

Expiration date July - 29 - '31

The following stop overs are requested.

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(Signature of Pilgrim)

Ashley, T.W.
2nd Lt.

G O L D S T A R P I L G R I M A G E S

PARTY C SAILING MAY 20, 1931

Pilgrims should follow the itinerary exactly as shown because all transportation employees have been instructed to report if any passenger is missing at starting point, enroute, or at destination.

Ashley, Mrs. Gertrude P. (C-13)
Deerfield, Mass. (Railroad Station, South Deerfield, Mass.)

Route Going and Returning: B&M RR, Springfield; NYNH&H RR

Itinerary:

May 18	✓ Leave South Deerfield	9.50 AM	EST	Train B&M 712
	✓ Arrive Springfield	10.47 AM	EST	
	✓ Leave Springfield	10.55 AM	EST	Train NH 51
	✓ Arrive New York (GCT)	2.35 PM	EST	

Coach, South Deerfield to Springfield

↙ Parlor Car, Springfield, Mass. to New York, NY

Elapsed time, 4 hours, 45 min.

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ITINERARY OF AISNE-MARNE GROUP

Ashley, Thos. W

PARTY "C" 1931.

Sailed from New York on the PRESIDENT HARDING May 20, 1931, in charge of Captain C. R. McLennan and arrived Cherbourg harbor at 2 PM May 29th. Tender used for the regular passengers was employed for the use of Party "C". The following personnel met the boat: Major Francis M. Fitts, Captain John P. Lake, Captain Myron J. Conway, Lt. Wm. L. Barriger, Lt. Harry C. Mewshaw, Lt. Hugh F.T. Hoffman, Lt. Brendan M. Greeley, Miss Rulon, 4 other nurses and 2 civilian employees. Arrived at the Gare des Invalides in Paris at 9:53 P.M. and went to hotel for night.

May 29th - A.M. Free - conference with conducting officer. Lunch at hotel and departed at 3:30 p.m. for Ceremony at the Arc de Triomphe for placing of the wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier and then to Restaurant Laurent for tea and reception.

May 30th - Special Church Services in A. M. and Decoration Day services in P.M. at Suresnes.

May 31st - Free
June 1st - Departed at 4:40 P.M. for Soissons via La Ferte s/Jouarre

June 2nd - Visited cemetery

June 3rd - Visited Reims and cathedral - also visit to cemetery in P.M.

June 4th and 5th - Visited Cemetery.

June 6th - Departed Soissons at 10:00 A.M. via Pierrefonds and Carrefour de l'Armistice and Compiègne.

June 7th - Free and night sightseeing trip.

June 8th - Visited Colonial Exposition and Napoleon's tomb.

June 9th - Free in A. M. and visited Versailles in P.M.

June 10th - Free and visited Louvre

June 11th - entrained at 11:25 a.m. at the Gare des Invalides enroute to Cherbourg.

Mrs. Gertrude P. Ashley

FULL NAME... *✓* ASHLEY, Thomas W.

RANK... *✓* 2nd Lt.

SERIAL... *✓* None

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION... *✓* 67th Company, 5th ^{Regt.} Marines *2nd Div*

DATE OF DEATH... *✓* ~~6/7 / 1918~~ 6-6-18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME... *✓* Mass.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED... *✓* None

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION... *✓* 63 Date Grave 6 Row A Block

Cty 1764 Cemetery

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