

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Abegg, Alfred

June 28, 1929.

Mrs. Mattie Abegg,
678 - 24th St.,
Des Moines, Ia.

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 Alfred Abegg, Co. B, 168th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty., Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Mense, France.

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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since 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.

Des Moines Iowa
John J. Harris May 9. M. Corps Post
Sir.

Pvt Alfred Abegg Co B, 168 Inf
was not survived by widow
He was a single man.
Yours truly
Mrs METTIE
Abegg

P.S.

My address is 646 W 25th St
Des Moines Iowa instead of
678 W 24th St
PLEASE SEE CORRECT NAME
METTIE - instead of Mattie

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Abegg, Alfred 1232-M

May 28, 1930.

Mrs. Mettie Abegg Doud,
646 W. 25th St.,
Des Moines, Iowa

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.

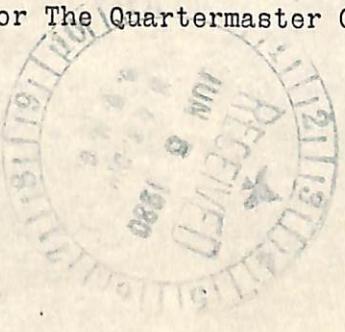
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank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

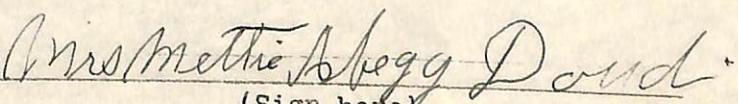
For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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

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

No 
(Write answer here)


(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Abegg, Alfred Pvt. (M-A) M

June 9, 1931.

Mrs. Mettie Abegg Doud,
646 W. 25th St.,
Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



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

No
Write answer here

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Abegg, Alfred (MA)

July 7, 1932.

Mrs. Mettie Abegg Doud,
646 W 25th St.,
Des Moines, Iowa.

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,



2 Encls.

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

Co No
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Mrs. Mettie Abegg Doud

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	ABEGG	3	125
	alfred		1
BURIED	CEMETERY 1232	1	
	GRAVE 24	2	24
	ROW 28	2	28
	BLOCK C	1	3
STATE	Iowa	2	16
RANK	Prb.	1	2
DIVISION	H2	2	42
ORGANIZATION	168	3	168
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARTIAL	Mo.	1	2
NAME	Donald	3	431
Mrs. Mettie Abegg	STATE Iowa	2	16
RESIDENCE	COUNTY Polk	2	17
	CITY Des Moines	3	027
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	1
NATIVITY			
RACE			
ENGLISH			
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	no	1	2
29/514/PJ			

AUDITED
DEC 10 1931
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G.H.S. Form

O. O. M. G. Serial No. 828
Vols. VIII & IX

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O. O. M. G.

CROSS INDEX

ORIGINAL PAPER FILED

Co. B., 168th, Inf.
42nd. Div.

ABEGG, Alfred - Pvt. 100215
Home: Des Moines, Ia.

Pvt. Abegg was wounded by shrapnel on the road near Montfaucon,
and died in hospital, Oct. 11, 1918.

Informant: Voeglin, Clyde E. - Cpl; 100213.
Co. B., 168th, Inf.
Home: 420 Grand Ave., Des Moines, Ia.

Signed: L. B. Clarke

Emergency address:
Mrs. Mattie Abegg
Des Moines, Ia.

SJ

To The A. C. C.

14-B

4784

Apr 27 1926

DATE 12/16/21

100215

SERIAL NO.

NAME ABEGG, Alfred

RANK Pvt

ORGANIZATION Co B 168th Inf

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne-s-Montfaucon 1232 Sec.40

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

83 Sec. 40

2

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

Plot 9

120 BAC

Montfaucon

Meuse

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

Verdun 35SE

275.8N

309.5E

COORDINATES

CONCENTRATED TO

1/27/19

80

Sec 40

2

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.

None

data f-1/pfb

DATE OF DEATH

Oct. 11, '18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Iowa

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED None of record

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

M. B. Birdseye

M. B. BIRDSEYE
1st Lt., Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 12/16/21

DATE

24

28

Block G.

PLOT

Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery #1232. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

CEMETERY

41 A.G.O.
APR 30 1926
RECORDED APR 30 1926
K.M. 8/13

France NEUFCHATEAU

Date June 10 1919

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Number:

Name: ABEGG Alfred

Unkn

Rank: Pvt.

Organization: Co.B. 168 Inf.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

5/7/19

Grave #120 B/A Cemetery

MONTFAUCON MEUSE

35, Se 309.5 E 275.8 N

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

5/7/19

Grave #83 Sec #40 Plot #2

1232

ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY #1232

ROMAGNE MEUSE

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

Burial good; buried in blanket; badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

What other means of identification were found on the body? None

11041

Note:

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

Supervised by: Lt Peters.

R. H. ROSENTHAL

2nd Lieut. O.M.C.U.S.A

C.O. Group Unit

Photo
Ref'd
Chas 38852

Des Moines

Als

Jan 5 1918

Gentlemen Sir:- I wish
to thank you for the
care you have taken
of my Soldier Songrave
and if it is possible
I would like very much
for his body sent back
and if there is any of
his personal effect that
we could get we would be
very glad to get them.

If you have any
photographs of him or
his grave we would
like very much to
have them also.

Thanking you

for the information
you have already given
me

I close

His Mother Mrs Methie Abegg,
678-24 St. S.

Des Moines

Iowa.

Abegg, Alfred

Port Co B 168th by

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

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

ABEGG, Alfred

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

NAME Co. B 168th Inf. Serial Number

RANK ORGANIZATION

1. Pvt. # 100215

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	2. 10/11/18
2.	Date of Death.	3/ DWRIA
3.	Cause and place of death	
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	
5.	Date buried	
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	6. Original burial : Grave #120 American B/A Cty. #912 Montfaucon Meus * Disinterred and Reburied in : Grave #83 Section #40, Plot #2 Argonne American Cemetery #1232 Romagne 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?	
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	
12.	Has above been notified? (Give date)	
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	
15.	Inquiry made by?	
N.B. All Proper names to be typewritten, or printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.		
Released by Information Control Dept. Directory		
Form #16x 8 Cards 4 x 6 bb- 2/3/20		

Req. No. 3069

U.S.

File 38852

Abegg Alfred
Pvt. Co.B. 168 th Inf.

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Req by : Mrs Mettie Abegg (Mother)
678 24 Street.
Des Moines
Iowa

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Sketch 31 80306

8057

A E F Cemetery # 1

Soldier's No 1 No Tag found

Soldier's Name- Ablegg Alfred

Rank, Pvt Co B 168 Infantry

Oct 11, 18. Date of Death-

Date of Burial, Oct 11, 18

Cause of Death, Killed in Action

Town or commune, Montfaucon, State, Meuse

Cemetery A E F # 1

Grave # 100, Plot 2, Row 3, Cross

Grave located in cemetery, cemetery located about 1/2 kilo off the Cheppy
~~Very~~ Road to the left going to Cheppy
fr Montfaucon and at the East edge of
the Bois Chehemin. 275.5N by 309.5 E
Map Verdun S E 35

Burial Officer, Chaplain J O Williams

Signed. Cpl Frank Wisniewski, Group 1
GRS 306

R.B. 1520

G.R.S. FORM 129
Transmittal Supplementary Advice
Hoboken to Washington

Form 120 and Records held in
Hoboken for ack. letter to **WAR DEPARTMENT**
QUARTERMASTER CORPS
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
HOBOKEN, N. J.

Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. Q. M. G.
File # 243.8. File # 38852

May 5th-1921 1921.

From: Graves Registration Officer, Hoboken, New Jersey.
To: Quartermaster General, Cemeterial Division, Washington, D. C.
Subject: Supplementary Advice concerning:

Name Abegg, Alfred. Ser. No. 100215

Rank Private Organization Company B, 168th Infantry

Cemetery No. 1232-Sec. 40 Cable Reference No. (Sheet No.) 1-208

Request shown below dated May 1st; is latest in this case:

Name of Relative	Return	Remain	Special
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to in

FRANCE.

Widow _____

Children _____

Guardian _____

Father _____

Mother Mrs. Nettie Abegg, 678 - 24th Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

Brother _____

Sister _____

Others _____

Body to be shipped to, or for interment in: France, in a permanent

American Cemetery.

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Cable Letter May 13, 1921 forwarding advice to Europe dispatched 1921.

S-744 EB 2nd

File O. S. P.
MAB 6/4/21

June 1, 1921.

293.8 Com. #38852 (Abegg, Alfred, Pvt.)

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

Mrs. Mattie Abegg, 678 - W. 24th St., Des Moines, Iowa.

FILE

Disposition of Remains.

1. Receipt is hereby acknowledged of G.R.S. Form #120, addressed to our branch office at Hoboken, New Jersey and forwarded to this office for action and reply.

2. In compliance with your request instructions have been issued that the body of your son, Private Alfred Abegg, Company B, 168th Infantry, remain permanently interred in the Argonne American Cemetery at Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse. In this connection your attention is invited to paragraph #9 of the enclosed Cemeterial Division, No. 10-G-W.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES J. WINNE,
MR Captain, Q. M. C.

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NOTE
MAB 6/4/21

MAILED

JUN - 2 1921 RECEIVED BY
MAIL UNIT

G.R.S.

JUN 2 1921

FILED O. S. P.

Form 120 & yellow copy
18 reply filed in O.S.P. Overseas Project
MAB 6/4/21

Cemeterial Division
Overseas Project

SYNOPSIS OF COMMUNICATION RECEIVED AND INDORSED OUT.

DATED

DATE RECEIVED IN

FROM:

TO:

38857
GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

A Begg, 100215 Alfred
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)Private "o B. 168th Infantry
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL October 11/19

PLACE OF BURIAL American Cemetery

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

Just east of Bois Che-hemine Muese.

(Coord. 09.8, 75.8)

GRAVE NUMBER 100

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes

Was one fastened to name peg or
stake used as a grave marker? YesIf name unknown and tags missing, description and marks
should be given here:

CMME. Montfacon (muese)
238 (C) SHT 35 S.E. COORD { E-309.8
{ N-275.8 }

REPORTED BY C 238

Jerome O. Williams, Chaplain, 32 Biv. Hqrs.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

This portion to be sent to Chief of Graves Registration Service

N. P. *RR* 12/7
RAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

R *RR*
Bagg, 100215 Alfred
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Private Co. B. 168th Infantry
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL..... October 11/18.....

PLACE OF BURIAL..... American Cemetery.....

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

Just east of Bois Che-hemine Muese.
(Co=or. 09.8, 75.8)

GRAVE NUMBER..... 100.....

W MARKED: Name Peg?..... Cross?.....

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?..... Yes..... *3P852*

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

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

REPORTED BY:

Jerome O. Williams, Chaplain, 32 Div. Hqrs.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

ion to be forwarded to Adj. Gen'l., G. H. Q., A.

Telegram	
Day Letter	Blue
Night Message	Nite
Night Letter	N L

If none of these three symbols appears after the check (number of words) this is a telegram. Otherwise its character is indicated by the symbol appearing after the check.



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GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

PIER NO TWO HOBOKEN NJ

LEAVE BODY OF PRIVATE ALFRED ABEGG IN FRANCE

NETTIE ABEGG.

WED 115 2/1.
MAY 3 1921
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5/13/21 PROPOSED CABLEGRAM NO. 296 TO EUROPE-BODY TO REMAIN

3/14/21 928

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
WASHINGTON

APR 26 1921
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FROM: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. G.

To: Mrs. Nettie Abegg, 678- 24th St., Des Moines, Iowa.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt., Alfred Abegg, Ser. No. 100215, Co. B, 168th Inf.

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above-named
soldier be returned to the United States and shipped to D. E. Holmes, Truro, Iowa.

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

GEORGE H. PENROSE,
Colonel, Q. M. C.

5/13/21 PROPOSED CABLEGRAM NO. 296 TO EUROPE-BODY TO REMAIN 5/14/21 92

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

Was soldier married? _____

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

Date _____

Signature _____

Address _____

Relationship _____

G.R.S. FORM 129

Transmittal Supplementary Advice
Hoboken to Washington

Form 120 and Records held in **WAR DEPARTMENT**
Hoboken for ack. letter to **QUARTERMASTER CORPS**
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
Mother.
HOBOKEN, N. J.

May 5th 1921 1921.

From: Graves Registration Officer, Hoboken, New Jersey.
To: Quartermaster General, Cemeterial Division, Washington, D. C.
Subject: Supplementary Advice concerning:

Name Abege, Alfred. Ser. No. 100215

Rank Private Organization Company B, 168th Infantry

Cemetery No. 1232-Sec. 40 Cable Reference No. (Sheet No.) 1-208

Request shown below dated May 1st; is latest in this case:

Name of Relative	Return	Remain	Special
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to	in
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Widow FRANCE.

Children (Initials - Q.P.D.)

Guardian MAY 6 1921

Father

Mother Mrs. Nettie Abege, 678 - 24th Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

Brother

Sister

Others

Body to be shipped to, or for interment in: France, in a permanent

American Cemetery

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Cable

Letter May 13, 1921 forwarding advice to Europe dispatched 1921.

S-744 EB

Gras

P- 5-10-21 M.W.

May 7, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Gem.Div.Cor.Br.

Re: Abegg, Alfred, Private,
 Serial Number 100215,
 Co. B, 168th Infantry.

Mrs. Nettie Abegg,
 678-24th Street,
 Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

Your telegram dated May 1st, 1921, requesting that the remains of the deceased soldier named above be left in France for burial in a permanent American cemetery has been forwarded to the Cemeteryal Division, Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C., for necessary action.

The Cemeteryal Division, Washington, D. C., will furnish you the grave location in the permanent American cemetery as soon as possible after the body has been placed therein.

The Department desires to renew its previous expression of sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. E. SHANNON,
 Captain, Q. M. Corps,
 Officer in Charge.

MAILED
 MAY 9, 1921
 COR. BR. G. R. S.

BY:

P. C. PALLAS,
 Executive Assistant.

MAY 10 1921

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
WASHINGTON

Put to Wash
5-9-21

APR 26 1921

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By authority of the Quartermaster General.

GEORGE H. PENROSE,
Colonel, Q. M. C.

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

Was soldier married? *No.*

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow		MAY 3 1921	
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)			
1			
2			
3			
Father	Decreased	Des Moines	Iowa
Mother	678 W. 24 th	Valley Jet	Iowa
Brothers. (Name old- est first.)	1512 N. Quincy St.	Topeka	Kansas
1	1514 N. Quincy St.	Topeka	Kansas
2			
3			
Sisters. (Name old- est first.)	123 W. 19 th	Acadia	Iowa
1	678 W. 24 th	Des Moines	Iowa
2			
3			

Date April 30 - 1921

Signature *Mrs. Nettie Abegg*

Address 678- 24th St.

Relationship *Mother*

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

Apr. 30, 1921

RECEIVED BY
MAIL UNIT

I, the undersigned, am the Mother (Relationship.) and nearest living next of kin of the within-named

soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz: (Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to

Iowa, Iowa
(R. R. station.) (State)

1 Holmes
(Name.)

MAY 19 1921

Cemeterial Division

Oversaw Dept. Sub. Section

Iowa
(State.)

3. To be returned to the U. S. and buried in National Cemetery.

4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Signature

Mrs. Matie Hegg

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instructions for the disposition of a body are not received from the next of kin within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.
2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.
3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT of kin IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.
4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest next of kin in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.
6. If YOU are not the nearest next of kin, please ask the nearest next of kin, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
7. If YOU are not the nearest living next of kin and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.
8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

NOTE.—INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DISPOSITION OF REMAINS will be issued by this office upon the properly executed authority of the legal next of kin in each case. The widow is the first person having disposition of the remains of her husband. Should there be no widow or children, the father and, in turn (upon his decease), the mother, is the proper authority. The brothers, in order of seniority, and then the sisters in order of seniority, if there are no brothers, rank next in authority to decide. Under an opinion rendered by the Judge Advocate General of the Army, if a widow has remarried she forfeits her right, and the next of kin as given above will make decision.

als REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, AND SHIPMENT OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records Office Chief G. R. S.

Discrepancy found upon examination of body.

1. Name	ABEGG, Alfred	10. Name	
2. No.	100215	11. No.	
3. Rank	Pvt.	12. Rank	
4. Org	Co. B, 168th Inf.	13. Org	
5. D. D.	10-11-18	14. (a) D. D.	
6. C. D.	DWRIA.	15. (b) D. B.	

Discrepancy found upon disinterment.

7. Grave No.	85	Sec.	40	15. Grave No.		Sec.	
8. Plot	2	Row	--	16. Plot		Row	
9.	-----			17.			

Argonne Amer.

18. Cemetery	Argonne Amer.	19. Commune or town	Romagne-sous-Montfaucon	20. Department or county	Meuse	21. Country	France	22. G. R. S. Headquarters Code No.	1232-Sec.40
23. Disinterred	(Date.)	By		24. Inscription on grave marker	Name _____ Rank _____	Organization		Serial No.	
25. Was identification disk found on grave marker?		On body?							

Signature of Junior Technical Assistant.

(The following space is reserved for notations to be made by office Chief Graves Registration Service.)

3-7727

Sec.40. Cable ref. no. 1

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PREPARATION

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

RECEIVED

27. Condition of body _____

28. Nature of burial _____

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G. R. S. records quoted above? _____

30. Body prepared and placed in casket _____ By _____
(Date.)

31. Casket sealed by _____

Signature of Embalmer (Supervisor) _____

SHIPMENT (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. _____

32. Designation of body { Name **Alfred Abegg** Serial No. **100215**
Rank **Pvt.** Organization **Co. B, 168th Inf.**

33. CONSIGNEE—Name **D. B. Holmes,**

Address **Truro, Iowa. (Exp. & Telog., Truro, Iowa.)**

34. Casket boxed and marked _____ By _____
(Date.)

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 _____

36. Remarks _____

37. Shipped from cemetery _____ To _____
(Date.) (Point of concentration.)

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____

38. Received at point of concentration _____
(Date.)

Signature Receiving Officer _____

39. Shipped from point of concentration _____
(Date.)

To _____ Convoyer _____
(Port.)

Signature Shipping Officer _____

40. Received European port _____
(Date.)

Signature of G. R. S. Representative _____

41. Shipped to _____ On _____
(U. S. port.) (Boat.)

Date _____ Convoyer _____
(Signature of Shipping Officer.)

42. Received _____ By G. R. S. Representative _____
(Date.) (Signature.)

43. Shipped to destination _____ { B/L or Express Order No. _____
(Date.) Shipping Officer _____

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Dec. 15, 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	<u>ABEGG, Alfred</u>	10. Name	
2. No.	<u>100215</u>	11. No.	
3. Rank	<u>Pvt</u>	12. Rank	
4. Org.	<u>Co. B 168th Inf</u>	13. Org.	
5. D.D.	<u>10-11</u>	14. (a) D.D.	
6. C.D.	<u>DOW</u>	(b) D.B.	<u>None.</u>

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No.	<u>83</u>	Sec.	<u>40</u>	15. Grave No.		Sec.
8. Plot	<u>2</u>	Row		16. Plot		Row
9.				17.	<u>None.</u>	
18. Cemetery	<u>Meuse-Argonne Amer.</u>			19. Commune or town	<u>Renegny-s-Montfaucon</u>	
20. Dept. or County	<u>Meuse</u>			21. Country	<u>France</u>	
22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No.	<u>1232 Sec. 40</u>			23. Disinterred (Date)	<u>Dec. 15, 1921.</u>	By <u>C.V. Russell</u>
24. Inscription on grave marker:						

Name	<u>Alfred Abegg</u>	Serial No.	<u>100215</u>
Rank	<u>Pvt.</u>	Organization	<u>Co. B, 168 Inf.</u>

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? No On body? NoC. J. Ranch.Signature Junior Technical Assistant
C. J. Ranch.

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).

Plaque on body entirely corroded. Grave 84 identified by plaque on body.27. Condition of body Badly decomposed; features unrecognizable.28. Nature of burial Box, US uniform and burlap.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 Dec. 15, 1921. By C.V. Russell

31. Casket sealed by

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

C. V. Russell

HT

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.)

Box No.

Q-18423

32. Designation of body:

Name Alfred Abegg

Serial No. 100215

Rank Pvt

Organization

Co. B 168th Inf

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne-s-Montfaucon 1232

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Dec. 15, 1921. By G.V. Russell

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

F.B. Daniel

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector F. B. Daniel, Captain, Q.M.C.

36. Remarks

None

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Dec. 15, 1921.

To point of Concentration Morgue, Romagne.

(Name)

Convoyer W. J. Royed. 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 Argonne Cemetery 1232, Dec. 16th, 1921.

(Date)

42. Grave No. 24

Section

43. block

Plot 2

Row 28

G.R.S. Representative

James W. Younger
James W. Younger,
Captain, C. A. C.

JWL

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Dec 15, 1921.

100215

1. REMAINS OF ABEGG, Alfred.

SERIAL NUMBER

RANK

Pvt.

ORGANIZATION Co. B, 168th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) :

From (give complete location) :

Dec 15, 1921

gr. 83, sec. 40, plot 2, Cty. 1232.

By : Group

6

Unit sec 1

3. Reburied (date) :

In (give complete location) :

Dec. 16th, 1921. Grave 24, Row 28, Block C, Cemetery 1232.

By : Group

Reburial S

Unit

Unlined Casket

Nature of reburial

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

wooden box and burlap and uniform, badly decomposed, features not recognizable.

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

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

Plaque on body entirely corroded, Grave 84, identified by plaque on body.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) impossible to determine.

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(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

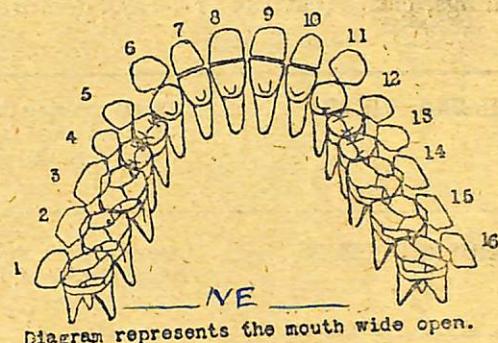
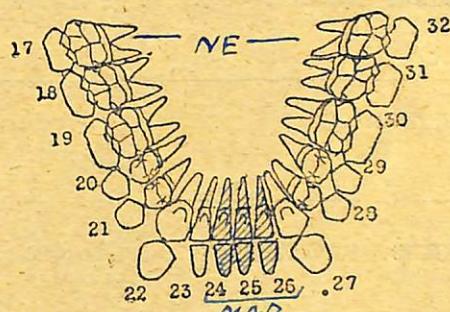


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



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

none visible.

7. Disinterment
supervised by

C.V. Russell

Approved:

F.B. Daniel, Capt. Q.M.C.

(Title)

8. Reburial

supervised by

A.U. Dufault

Approved:

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

(Title)

COMPILED OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File 38852

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name	ABEGG, Alfred	Ser. No.	100215	TYP. B <i>30</i>
(b) Rank	Pvt.	Organization	Co. B, 168th Inf.	
(c) Date of death	10-11-18	(d) Cause of death	duria	

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

(a) Grave No.	83	Row	2	Plot	2	Sec.	40	TYP. B
(4-11-21) <i>xc</i>								
(b) Emerg. Address								Mrs. Nettie Abegg (mother) 678 - 24th St., Des Moines, Iowa.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases / / / / / / / / / / / / CKR. *30*

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

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by *Section 40* cable on *4-19-*, 1921
Par. 1. To be returned J 8/21 letter of transmittal on *4-19-*, 1921

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., *APR 22 1921*, 1921

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.
<i>May 5, 1921</i>	<i>Mother (5/11/21)</i>	<i>To remain 5/13/21 Europe advised</i>	<i>296- To remain 5/14/21 USA</i>
<i>Form 122</i>	<i>Mrs. Nettie Abegg</i>	<i>in France by proposed cable</i>	

*Let from Europe 6/20/21 states return cancelled
 as per cable 11/3/21*

VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., 1921

COUNTRY

CEMETERY No. _____

SHEET No. _____

8216

COMPILED OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File 38852

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name	ABEGG, Alfred	Ser. No.	100215	TYP. B CKR. 30
(b) Rank	Pvt.	Organization	Co. B, 168th Inf.	
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(b) Emerg. Address	Mrs. Mettie Abegg (mother) 678 - 24th St., Des Moines, Iowa.							

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases / / / / / / / / / / CKR. 30

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

MK 4-11-18

Date of receipt

none

(a) Name	Miss Mettie Abegg	(b) Relationship	mother
(c) Address	Des Moines, Iowa		
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.?	yes		
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at	no		
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S.	S. D. C. Holmes		
Des Moines, Iowa			
Ad. & Tele. - Iowa, Iowa			
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S.			

Examiner's Initials HR Date 11-9, 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 HR Date 4-9, 1920

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

678-24th St, Des Moines, Iowa 1-5-18
requests body returned, photo of grave

(a) Cancellation memos referred to?

Examiner's Initials HR Date 4-9, 1920

COUNTRY FRANCE

CEMETERY No. 1232-Sec. 40

SHEET No. 1-208

G. R. S. Form No. 115
Amended Apr. 16, 1920

3-7729

Make Form No. 114

CARRED

AP. 4-21-21.

RECEIVED

Typed by

Checked by

4-19-21, 1920.

MAY 10 1921

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by

cable on
letter onCemeterial Division
Overseas Project S. L. Section
1920

4-19-, 1920

Section - 40
Par. 1- To be returned (JES)

IX.

CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE.

ACTION TAKEN.

Desires body be

Body to be shipped to

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

5-1-21 Telegram, mother, Nettie Abegg
Des Moines, Iowa requests Body
remain in France. 4-3-21 W.R.
Form 129 (hold body, not wash) 5-6-21 B.T.

5/13/21 PROPOSED CABLEGRAM NO. 296 TO EUROPE-BODY TO REMAIN 5/14/21
Form 120- 4/30/21. Mother, Mrs. Nettie Abegg
678-24th St. Des Moines, Iowa. Requests body ashamed
to C. Holmes, Tracy, Iowa. 7/16/21
Letter 6/1/21 - Sup. advises mother - in compliance
with her request on Form 120, body will remain
permanently interred in Argonne Forest, City of
Bar-le-Duc, France 6/20/21 states return cancelled
as per cable 6/13/21

Rank

Serial No.

Name
Rank
Serial No.
Org.
Remarks
.....
.....

A. G. O. Card & Corr.

Discrepancies
Name
Rank
Serial No.
Org.
Remarks
.....
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G. R. S. Corr.

Discrepancies
Name
Rank
Serial No.
Org.
Remarks
.....

1MK NO 8 WANT 4-11-21 XPC

Checkers
.....

Discrepancies
Name
Rank
Serial No.
Org.
Remarks *6 AM*
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check & H.H.
S-1783/MB 4-9-21

Abegg, Alfred

100,215

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number)

Pvt

Co B 168th Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Mother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

Yes

(Yes or no.)

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

No

(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:

95 Holmes Truro Iowa

(Name of person addressed)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

gph
(Sign here)

Mrs Mittie Abegg

(Number and street or rural route.)

Diamond Iowa

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Miss. Matthe Abegg

628-24 Lt

DeMolies I.

4-9-2

checke d.m.

18-6-7

10th off 8881
11th forward

In reply refer to:

QM - 293 C-R

July 21, 1923.

Mrs. Mattie Abegg,
678 24th St.,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of

Private Alfred Abegg, Company B, 168th Infantry, is Grave 24, Row 28, Block C, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

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

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.

Very truly yours,

H. J. Conn.,
Assistant.



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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTONIN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Abegg, Alfred

June 28, 1929.

Mrs. Mattie Abegg,
678 - 24th St.,
Des Moines, Ia.

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 Alfred Abegg, Co. B, 168th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty., Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Mense, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.

Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Abegg, Alfred 1232 M

Mrs. Mettie Abegg Doud,
646 W 25th St.,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.
Act
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Abegg, Alfred 1232-1

May 20, 1930.

Mrs. Mettie Abegg Doud,
646 W. 25th St.,
Des Moines, Iowa

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-M
Abegg, Alfred Pvt. (M-A) M

June 9, 1931.

Mrs. Mettie Abeg Doud,
646 W. 25th St.,
Des Moines, Iowa.

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

0314
JUN 9 PM 1:48
OQMC M&R BR

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Abegg, Alfred (MA)

July 7, 1932.

Mrs. Nettie Abegg Doud,
646 W 25th St.,
Des Moines, Iowa.

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)