

Bertherman,

Ray C.

136,390

Dup. X

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

~~XXXX~~
Corp.

Batty B, 103rd F.A.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Father

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

no

(Yes or no.)

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

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Robert E. Bertherman

366 Blackstone St - Providence

R.I.

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by Am

151-15

11-20

**REVIEWED
OSP SS.**

9.97.37: 11-27-20

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G.R.S. Form #114-B

BERTHERMIN, Ray C.

FULL NAME

Cpl.

136390

RANK

SERIAL

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION

103rd Field Artillery Bty. B.

26 Div.

DATE OF DEATH

Dec. 10 - 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

Pd.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED:

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION

18

4

A

Date

Grave

Row

Block

Suresnes American Cemetery 34

Cemetery

**REC'D WORLD WAR DIV.
1 AUG 29 1920**

23/306/ARK

No record

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

Bertheman

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bertheman (136390) *Ray*
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Corp. Bty. B. 103. F.A.
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *Dec. 11th. 1918.*

PLACE OF BURIAL *Limoges France.*

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

American Military Cemetery.

GRAVE NUMBER *203.*

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?
Headboard? *Yes.* Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

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

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

Robert Bertheman (Father)
366 Blackstone St.
Providence R. I.

REPORTED BY:

Percy M. Kendall 1st Lt B 14.28.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Reped. WPA sw. 11/1 c. 335

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bertheman 156390 Roy
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Corp., Bat. B., 103th F.A.
(Rank.) (Organization.)

Died Dec. 10, 1918
DATE OF BURIAL Dec. 11, 1918

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

American Military Cemetery,
Limoges, Haute-Vienne, France.

GRAVE NUMBER 203

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? Headboard? Yes Bottle? Yes

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: Was one buried with body? Yes Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker? Yes

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



Received
[Stamp]
H.A.E.F.

REPORTED BY: H.S. Dunmire, 1st Lt., Q.M.C.,
Q.M., Base Hospital #28.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

BERTHERMAN, RAY

Party "D" - Itinerary - Suresnes Group

Sailed May 21st on GEORGE WASHINGTON. Maj. F. D. Carlock in charge.
Arrived Cherbourg 11.30 pm. May 29th. General Cheatham accompanied
as observer.

May 30th. Debarked. Maj. Dailey, Capt. Hinderman, Lt. Freeman,
3 nurses and other personnel went out to ship on tender. Met at
dock by Col. Ellis. Arrived Gare des Invalides, Paris, at 2.05pm.
Met by Col. Bartlett and detail of officers, interpreters and
nurses. Taken to hotel in bus.

May 31st. Morning devoted to transaction of personal business.
Visited Arc de Triomphe in afternoon. Mrs. Eliza Wilson laid
official wreath for party. Reception at Restaurant Laurent.
Returned to hotel.

June 1st. Free - Church - Lunch d'Iena. Visited Suresnes Cemetery.

June 2nd. Visited Cemetery and Belle Cycliste.

June 3rd. Fontainebleau.

June 4th. Visited Cemetery, Belle Cycliste and Notre Dame at nite.

June 5th. Visited Chateau Thierry.

June 6th. Visited Sacre Coeur - d'Iena - Versailles - Belle Cycliste.

June 7th. Visited Louvre - Belle Cycliste - Cemetery.

June 8th. Free - Church - d'Iena - Napoleon's Tomb.

June 9th. Cemetery - Belle Cycliste - Free.

June 10th. Left hotel between 9 and 9.30am for Invalides Railway
Station - entrained for Cherbourg. Accompanied by 8 conducting
officers, Capt. Hinderman, 3 nurses, and 2 civilian employees.
Arrived Cherbourg 4.11 pm. Boarded PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT at 8.05pm.
Sailed at 6 pm. Arrived U. S. June 18th.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bertherman

WAR DEPARTMENT
 "PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"
 --- ROOM 901 ---
 225 West 34th St., New York, N.Y.

Party "D"
 Number 493

BERTHERMAN, RAY C. SUR.
REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

MRS. ELIZABETH BERTHERMAN
 Name of Traveler
CRANSTON, PROVIDENCE COUNTY
 Home Address
RHODE ISLAND

Estimate cost of through Pullman.
 New York, to PROVIDENCE R.I.
 \$ 1.50

New York, to PROVIDENCE R.I.
 Destination.

Via N Y N H & H to PROVIDENCE

JUN 19 1930
 Date of Departure

	Road	Tr. NO.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	car	U.S.G. Order NO.	Est. Cost
LV	<i>NY</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>900A</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>29</i>		<i>\$1.50</i>
AR	<i>Providence</i>			<i>126P</i>			<i>1020741</i>	
LV								
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TOTAL \$1.50

Remarks::

Escort - Capt Hanes

Name..... BERTHERMAN, Mrs. Elizabeth

Paris Hôtel..... HOTEL D'ÉNA

Home address..... AVENUE D'ÉNA
8 Bow St., Cranston, Providence County, Rhode Island

Party..... D..... Group..... 6..... Unit..... S/S. WASHINGTON

Date of arrival..... May 30, 1930..... Date of departure ~~SS~~. ROOSEVELT-June 10-1930

Relationship..... Mother

Name of deceased..... BERTHERMAN, Ray C.

Rank..... Cpl..... Organization Bty. B, 103d F. A.

Cemetery..... Suresnes

REMARKS



✓ 1:30 P.M. 5/20 493

NAME BERTHERMAN, MRS. ELIZABETH

S.S. ROOSEVELT JUN 19 1930

HOME CRANSTON, PROVIDENCE COUNTY, R. I.

R.R. N.Y. N.H. & H. to Prov.

STATION

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE

Am R.R.

Berth
#8 Bow 2A

#8 Bow 2A

Edgewood
Cranston R.R.

May 10th, 1930

Mrs. Elizabeth Bertherman
8 Bow Street
Cranston, R. I.

Dear Madam:

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

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

For the Officer in Charge

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

Enclosures:
2 tags

MEDICAL RECORD

Party D. Group 6.

Bertheman, Ray C.
Col. Bty B, 103 F.A.

Station:

Hotel de Senne

Date:

June 8 - 1930

Name Mrs Elizabeth Bertheman

Home address 8 Bow Street Cranston Rhode Island

Address of Nearest friend or relative Robert E Bertheman (husband)

8 Bow Street Cranston. R. I.

Religion protestant

Age 57

History of Present complaint:

fish bone in throat

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

(over)

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)

Treatment and Progress: (include dates)

removed by Mr Hinderman

Disposition: (include dates)

June 8 - 1930

Remarks:

No irritation.

6/10/30 To Cherbourg - Beach

Fahna Olsen.

RHODE ISLAND

Bertherman, Ray C.
Cpl.

✓ Bertherman, Mrs. Elizabeth
8 Bow St., Cranston, R.I.) Railroad Station, Providence

Route Going and Returning: NYNH&H RR

Itinerary:

May 20

Leave Providence	10.06 A.M. EST	Train No. 9
Arrive New York (GCT)	2.30 P.M. EST	" " 9

Parlor Car, Providence to New York

Elapsed time, 4 hrs. 24 min. $\frac{1}{4}$

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

WASHINGTON July 28, 1922.

FILE - JS

FILE: 293.8 C-R - #70603
SUBJECT: Permanent Grave Location of Corporal Ray C. Bertherman,
Bty B. 103rd Field Artillery.
TO: Mr. Robert E. Bertherman, 25 Sorrento St., Providence, R.I.

1. The permanent grave of this soldier is No. 18 Row 4
Block A, The American Cemetery of Suresnes, Department of Seine, France.

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

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

For the Quartermaster General:

MAILED

JUL 29 1922

G.R.S.

GEORGE H. PENROSE,
Assistant.

DATE October 21st 1921.

1. NAME Bertherman, Ray S. SERIAL No. 136390

RANK Cpl. ORGANIZATION Bat. B 103rd FA

GRAVE LOCATION Limoges - Haute Vienne 151
CTY. NAME NUMBER

203

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL ~~BATTLE AREA~~ GRAVE LOCATION 203 Limoges, (Hte. Vienne)
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES None.

CONCENTRATED TO Dec. 11, 1918. 203
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Limoges, (Hte. Vienne) 151
CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

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

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 10-21-21. 18. 4. Block A.
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

SURESNES AMERICAN CEMETERY #34 SURESNES (SEINE).
CEMETERY

AUDITED BY
C B/K 3/28/22

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Oct. 14th, 1921

1. REMAINS OF Bertherman, Ray SERIAL NUMBER 136390
RANK Cpl. ORGANIZATION Bat. B. 103rd P. A.

2. Disinterred (date): Oct. 14th, 1921 From (give complete location): Gr. 203, Cem. 151

By: Group 2 Unit Sec. 7

3. Reburied (date): October 21st, 1921. In (give complete location): Suresnes Cemetery. - Block A - Row 4 - Grave 18.

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

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: Wooden box and uniform. Badly decomposed, features not recognizable.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: Body tag checks.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Indiscernable due

(b) Weight (estimated) decomposition.

(c) Hair—Color None

Quantity all

Characteristics _____

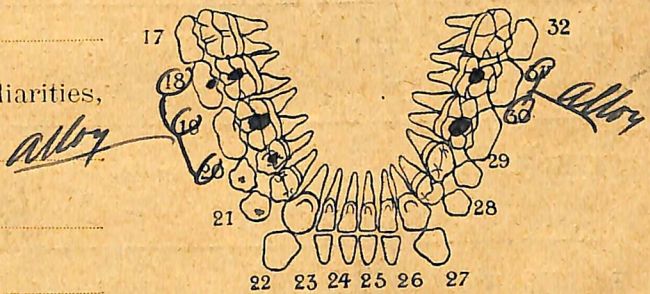
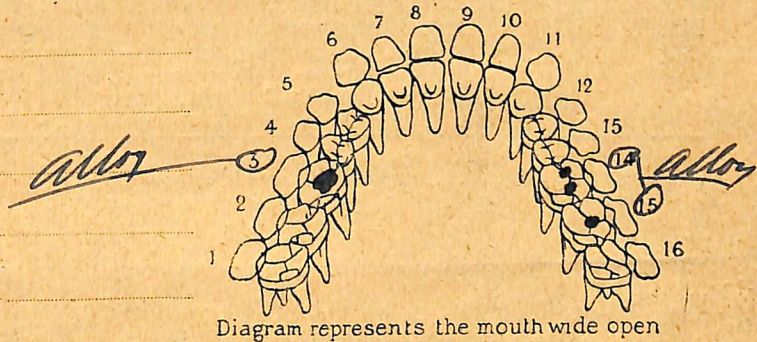
(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location _____

Quantity _____

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

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



Post-mortem on skull. Right femur at lower third amputated.

Geo. S. Parker, checker.

7. Disinterment supervised by A. J. Harvey Approved: [Signature]
A. J. Harvey, Sup. Sub. C. (Title) 1st Lt., CAC.

8. Reburial Supervised by [Signature] Approved: [Signature]
R. G. RICHARDS, 1st Lieut. Q.M.C. (Title) R. P. HARBOLD, Major, Q.M.C.

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To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Oct. 14th, 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

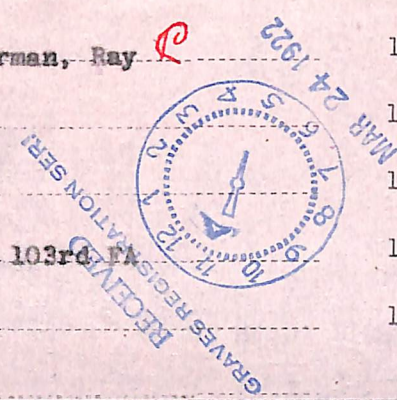
COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name Bertherman, Ray
 2. No. 136390
 3. Rank Cpl.
 4. Org. Bat. B. 103rd FA
 5. D.D. 12-10
 6. C.D. DDW

10. Name Ray Bertherman (On body tag)
 11. No. _____
 12. Rank _____
 13. Org. _____
 14. (a) D.D. _____
 (b) D.B. _____



Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 203 Sec. _____
 8. Plot _____ Row _____
 9. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 17. No discrep.

18. Cemetery Amer.
 20. Dept. or County Haute Vienne
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 151

19. Commune or town Limoges
 21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) Oct. 14th, 1921

By A. J. Harvey

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Ray Bertherman
 Rank Cpl.

Serial No. _____
 Organization Bat. B. 103rd FA

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes On body? Yes

G. J. Parker
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

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

Body discrepancies noted.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features not recognizable.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box and uniform.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? See item 10.

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Oct. 14th, 1921 By A. J. Harvey

31. Casket sealed by A. J. Harvey

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) A. J. Harvey

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-7664

32. Designation of body:

Name Bariberman, Ray Serial No. 136390

Rank Cpl. Organization Bat. B 103rd FA

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Suresnes Amer. Cem. 34.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Oct. 14th, 1921 By A. J. Harvey

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 [Signature]
C. S. Denny, 1st Lt., GAC.

36. Remarks _____

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Oct. 17th, 1921

To point of Concentration Paris Morgue (Seine) (Name)

Convoyer [Signature] Signature Shipping Officer [Signature]

38. Received ~~at Railhead~~ or Point of Concentration: Date Paris, Morgue, Octob. 19, 1921.

By G.R.S. Representative [Signature] H. L. WARD, Major Q.M.C.

39. Shipped from ~~Railhead~~ or Point of Concentration: Date Oct. 20th, 1921.

To Permanent Cemetery No. 34, Suresnes, (Seine)

(Name) [Signature]
Convoyer [Signature] Signature Shipping Officer H. L. WARD, Major, Q.M.C.

40. Received: Date October 21st, 1921.

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

41. Reinterred Suresnes Cemetery. October 21st, 1921.

(Date)

42. Grave No. 18. Section _____

43. ~~PIOT~~ Block A. Row 4.

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

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

1. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name Bertherman, Ray *C. (11-24)* Ser. No. 136390) TYP. ILH
 (b) Rank Corp. Organization Bty. B. 103rd F. A.) CKR. 211
 (c) Date of death 12-10-18 of death -W/A-)

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

(a) Grave No. 203 Row --- Plot --- Sect. ---) TYP. ILH
 (b) Emerg. Address Robert Bertherman, (Father), 366 Blackstone St., Providence, R. I.

111. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; No Card) CKR. 8. T.

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Robert E. Bertherman (b) Relationship Father
 (c) Address 366 Blackstone St, Providence, R. I.
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at no
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U.S. no

(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U.S. no

SEE SUSPENSION REMARKS

Examiner's Initials YB Date 5-6- 1920

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

dated no, confirmed request in Par. IV. item no, above, or requesting that

No Correspondence

Examiner's Initials JOB Date 5/6/ 1920

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes HW

Examiner's Initials HW Date 5/7/ 1920

*Exhibit
4-22
for Concentration
Surrender 34
att #23/22-8*

*Rechecked
9/21/21
HW*

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

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, _____ 1920

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by- (cable on _____, 1920
(letter on **MAY 13** _____, 1920

PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED

E.A.L. (12-1-20)

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

Form 120. 7/21-20. changes father's address to, 25 Sorrento St. Providence, Rhode Island.

7/15-20.

2.6-257

MAY 12 1920

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY 151-15
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
WASHINGTON

Rush Answer

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

TO: Robert E. Bertherman, ^{25 Sorevento St.} 366 Blackstone St., Providence, R.I.

SUBJECT: Remains of Cpl. Ray Bertherman,

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body be not returned to the United States.

note address
F

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow	<i>Not married</i>		
Soldier's Children	1. 2. 3. <i>no children</i>		
Father	<i>Robert E. Bertherman</i>		
Mother	<i>Elizabeth L. Bertherman</i>		
Brothers	1. 2. <i>none</i>		
Sisters	<i>Two</i>		

Date

Signature *Robert E. Bertherman*

Address Relationship *Father per C. L. B.*

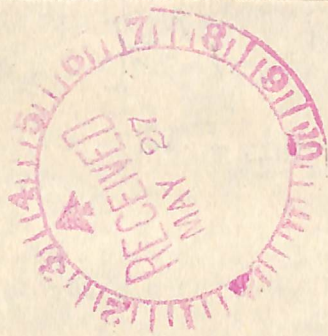
Note: - Instructions on the reverse side of this sheet should be carefully read before filling out this paper.

(OVER) EPP

entirely at government expense.

This record is correct as we do not
wish the remains of our son brought
to this country.

Present address, Robert E. Bertherman
25 Sarrento Street
Providence
Rhode Island
Per E. L. B.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT

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

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

Ser Form 115
Att 2/23/22

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File-----70603

(a) Name BERTHERMAN, Ray ^C Ser. No. 136390
 (b) Rank Corp. Organization Bty. B. 103rd F.A. } TYP ILH
 (c) Date of death 12-10-18 Cause of death W/A } DS

LM

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

(a) Grave No. 203 Row -- Plot -- Sect. -- TYP ILH
 (b) Emerg. Address Robert Bertherman (Father) 366 Blackstone St., Providence R.I.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases no card CKR MET E.A.L.

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

A.G.O. Card Robert E. Bertherman (Father)
366 Blackstone St. Providence, R.I.
requests body be not returned,
E.A.L. (12-2-20)

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 192)
 (Letter of transmittal on 5-13-1920)

Par. 2. Not to be returned EAL 12-1-20

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 France

CEMETERY NO. 151

SHEET NO. 15

G.R.S. FORM 115-A
August, 1920

Concentrated into P.A.C. 34

70603
GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bertherman (136390) Ray.
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Corp. Bty. B. 103. F.A.
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL Dec. 11th. 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL Limoges France.
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

American Military Cemetery.

GRAVE NUMBER 203.

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? Headboard? Yes. Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes.

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

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

157
Robert Bertherman (Father):

366 Blackstone St.
Providence R. I.

**REVIEWED
OSP SS.**

REPORTED BY:

Percy M. Kendall 1st Lt Chaplain
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.) D.H. 28

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

70603
GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bertherman 136390 Ray
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Corp., Bat.B., 103th F.A.
(Rank.) (Organization.)

Died Dec. 10, 1918

DATE OF BURIAL. Dec. 11, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL

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

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REPORTED BY: H.S. Dunmire, Q.M., Base Hospital #28.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

FROM: C. M. G.
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
Munitions Building
Room 1128

PLEASE
EXPEDITE

Adjustment Made

WAR. DEPARTMENT

Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

NOV 30 1920

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

Date 11/22/20.

File No. Requisition.

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

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

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

- a. Surname **Bertherman,** *OK*
- b. Christian name **Ray (C).** *OK*
- c. Serial Number **136390.** *OK*
- d. Organization **Bty. B, 103rd FA.** *OK*
- e. Rank **Cpl.** *OK*
- f. Date of death **12-10-18.** *OK*
- g. Cause of death **W/A.** *OK*
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- i. Emergency address
- j. Relationship

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

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

DENTAL CHARTS

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

- a. Strike out teeth missing
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E.P. 11-23-20

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

BY:

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

CEMETERY NO: **151.**

SHEET NO: **15.**
TYPED BY: **rln.**

S/713/LML

Rec'd World War Div.
Date: **11 23 20**

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Bertheman	3	258
BURIED	Ray C.		
	CEMETERY	1	6
	GRAVE	2	18
	ROW	2	04
	BLOCK	1	1
STATE	R.I.	2	45
RANK	Cpl.	1	2
DIVISION	26	2	26
ORGANIZATION	103	3	103
ARM	F.A.	1	3
MARTIAL	NO	1	2
NAME	Bertheman	3	258
RESIDENCE	Elizabeth L		
	STATE	2	45
	COUNTY	2	04
	CITY	3	006
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	Yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	good	1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	1930	1	
	Yes	1	
	Age	1	

Sold May 1930

AUDITED
SEP 24, 1931 L.P.B.

NAME

Bertheman, Mrs Elizabeth

ADDRESS

8 Bow St. Cranston, Rhode Island

DATE

June 20-1930

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)

Mrs Elizabeth Bertheman

Many Thanks

WAR DEPARTMENT

=====
OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300.



PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

STATE

..... **RHODE ISLAND** *Bertherman, Ray C.*

Mother
 NAME *Bertherman, Mrs. Elizabeth* HOME ADDRESS *8 Bow St., Cranston,
 Rhode Island,
 Providence County*

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN *Mr. R. Berthaman* *8 Bow St.
 Cranston, R.I.*

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE *5/19* HOTEL *Roosevelt* ROOM NO. *634*

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE *May 21st, 1930* VESSEL *S/S "WASHINGTON"* CABIN NO. *442-ALL*

DESTINATION *CHERBOURG, FRANCE* CEMETERY *SURESNES*

PARTY "D"

Bertherman, Mrs. Elizabeth

By Major Kenneth M. Halpine, Inf. (DOL),
New York City, May 22, 1930

A badge was issued to Mrs. Elizabeth Bertherman
of Cranston, R. I.

MEDICAL RECORD

Station: Hotel de'Iena

Date: June 8, 1930

Part "D"

Name Bertheman Mrs. Elizabeth

Home address #8 Bow Street Cranston R.I.

Address of Nearest friend or relative (Husband) Mr. Robert E Bertheman
S.A.

Religion Prot.

Age 57

History of Present complaint :

June 7, 1930 Patient caught fishbone in throat at dinner.

6/8/30 Seen this morning in room at hotel. Complains of scratching sensation in throat. Examination negative for F.B. Patient went on sightseeing trip during the afternoon but after returning complained of persistence of irritation in throat. (0 (over)

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

Diagnosis and complications: (*include dates*)

F.B. (fishbone) in left posterior tonsillar pillar

Treatment and Progress: (*include dates*)

~~Under xxi~~

Fishbone removed. Hot saline gargle.

Disposition: (*include dates*)

6/10 Throat comfortable. To Cherbourg

Remarks:

Beach.

RETURN NEW YORK

DATE JUN 18 1930

8 Dow St., Cranston
Providence County
Rhode Island

NAME Berthman, Mrs. Elizabeth HOME ADDRESS

RETURN ON S. S. S/S. ROOSEVELT HOTEL McALPIN ROOM NO. 829

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE 6/19

ROAD N.Y. + N.H. TRAIN 10 CAR 29 BERTH or SEAT 821

REMARKS

779 Washington 5/21/38

RETURN RECEIPT 34

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

Mrs. Bertha ...
DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE ONLY

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, 5/13, 1923

Form 3811

05-6116

Post Office Department

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TO AVOID PAYMENT OF
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REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 927324

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING
OFFICE



Return to _____

Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

*Street and Number,
or Post Office Box,* _____

MUNITION'S BUILDING

WASHINGTON,

D. C.

779-c Washington 3/21/30
RETURN RECEIPT 34

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

Elizabeth Berthman

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, 5/8, 1923

FORM 3811

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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D. C.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bertherman, Hay G. 34-M

May 5, 1930.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bertherman,
8 Bow St.,
Granston, R. I.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No 513,224 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.

QM 293 A-C
Bertherman, Ray C. 34 M

April 30, 1930

Mrs. Elizabeth Bertherman
8 Bow Street
Cranston, Rhode Island

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

The person to whom you should apply is the Clerk of the Superior Court at Providence, Providence County, Rhode Island.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

1 Encl.
Form Let.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bertherman, Ray C. 34-M

March 24, 1930

Mrs. Elizabeth Bertherman,
8 Bow Street,
Cranston, Rhode Island.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "Washington" on May 21, 1930.

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

In the event no reply is received from you before April 5, 1930, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

March 31, 1930.

Bertheman, Ray C. 34 H

Mrs. Elizabeth Bertheman,
8 Bow St.,
Cranston, R.I.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

✓ Washington
5-21-30

Bertherman, Ray C

I accept the invitation extended
(Accept or decline)

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

Mrs. Elizabeth Bertherman

(Name)

8 Bow Street, Cranston, Providence Co., R. I.

(Town or City)

(State)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE, 1929

Mrs Elizabeth Bertherman
& Bow Street Cranston R.I.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bertherman, Ray C 34 M

October 8, 1929.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bertherman,
8 Bow Street,
Cranston, R. I.

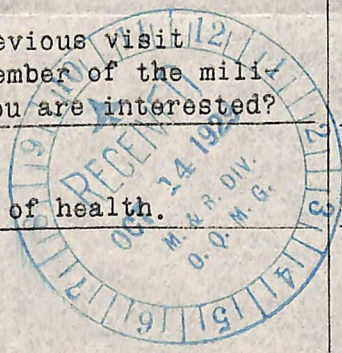
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MAY 21 1930

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes) <u>(yes)</u> (No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <u>1930</u> (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) <u>(No)</u>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <u>55</u> Health <u>Good</u> (Years) (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <u>Yes</u> (No) Other language <u>no</u> (Specify language spoken)



For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.
Act
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bertherman, Ray C.
34

August 9, 1929.

Mr. Robert E. Bertherman,
25 Sorrento Street,
Providence, R. I.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated **May 4, 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 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

*Mrs Elizabeth L. Bertherman
(Mother)
8 Bow Street Cranston R.I.
formerly 25 Sorrento St. Prov.
Yes.*

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 202 A-C
Bertherman, Ray C

May 4, 1929.

Mr. Robert E. Bertherman,
25 Sorrento Street,
Providence, R. I.

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 Corporal Ray C. Bertherman, Battery B, 103rd Field Artillery, whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, France.**

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother 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.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

LPH

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

QM 293 A-M

June 27, 1930.

Bertherman, Ray C. 34 M

Mrs. Elizabeth Bertherman,
8 Bow Street,
Cranton, Rhode Island.

Dear Madam:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of the letter of June 16, which you and the other mothers and widows of Group "D" of the Gold Star Pilgrimage were so kind to send me regarding your journey.

It is gratifying to know that your trip was entirely satisfactory and that the officers of the Army, nurses and other employees of the War Department, as well as the personnel of the railroads, steamship lines, and hotels were so courteous and rendered efficient service. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages and has expended every energy that those making the pilgrimage might have a comfortable and pleasant journey. It is also gratifying to receive such complimentary remarks as those contained in your letter, but I feel that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the mothers and widows who are making the pilgrimage.

I can assure you that the cemeteries in Europe will always be maintained in the same fine condition in which you found them, since it always has been and will be the constant effort of the Quartermaster Corps to make these cemeteries fitting resting places for the heroes who are buried there.

With sincere appreciation of the sentiments which you expressed, I am

Sincerely yours,

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

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PILGRIMAGE, GOLD STAR

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Bertherman, Ray C. 34 M

May 6, 1930

Mrs. Elizabeth Bertherman
8 Bow Street
Cranston, Rhode Island

Dear Madam:

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

Lv. Providence	NYNH&H No. 9	10:06 AM	May 20
Ar. New York	" " 9	2:30 PM	May 20

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours

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

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DISPATCHED

M. G. M. DIV.

QM 293 A-0

Bertherman, Ray C. 34 M

April 30, 1930

Mrs. Elizabeth Bertherman
8 Bow Street
Cranston, Rhode Island

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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The person to whom you should apply is the Clerk

of the Superior Court at Providence, Providence County, Rhode Island.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

March 31, 1930.

Bertherman, Ray C. 34 M

Mrs. Elizabeth Bertherman,
8 Bow St.,
Cranston, R.I.

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

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bertherman, Ray C. 34-M

March 24, 1930

Mrs. Elizabeth Bertherman,
8 Bow Street,
Cranston, Rhode Island.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "Washington" on May 21, 1930.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bertherman, Ray C. 34-M

March 21, 1930

Mrs. Elizabeth Bertherman,
8 Bow St.,
Cranston, Rhode Island

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 8 1929.

Bertherman, Ray C 34 M

Mrs. Elizabeth Bertherman,
8 Bow Street,
Cranston, R. I.

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.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bertherman, Ray C.
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August 9, 1929.

Mr. Robert E. Bertherman,
25 Sorrento Street,
Providence, R. I.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 4, 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
Bertherman, Ray C

May 4, 1929.

Mr. Robert E. Bertherman,
25 Sorrento Street,
Providence, R. I.

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 Corporal Ray C. Bertherman, Battery B, 103rd Field Artillery, whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, France.

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother 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.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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