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To The A. G. O.

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G.R.S. Form #114-B

DEC 18 1925

DATE

1. NAME BOTTOM, Alvin L. SERIAL No. 2013575

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION 3rd Co., 1st Corps R. Bn.
& DIVISION 89

GRAVE LOCATION Amer. Cty., Toul, M-et-M CTY. NAME 91 NUMBER

311

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GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 311 Toul (M et M) DEPT.

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES 69 NE. E.361.4 N.209.15

CONCENTRATED TO Hospital Burial 311 3 A
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Toul (M et M)

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CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on cross. DATE OF DEATH Oct 4, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Ky

Data Form 1-A MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED no rec

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

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GRAVE

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CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR I.H. JOFFEE, 1st Lieut., G.M.C.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION July 29, 1922, 20 14 Block D
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

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GRAVE

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PLOT

St. Mihiel American Cemetery #1233, Thiaucourt, M et M

CEMETERY

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AUDITED BY
The Adjutant General
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DEC 29 1925

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK R

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BOTTOM (2013515) ALYNN
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt. 1ST Co. ^{RPS} REP. BATT.
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL. Oct. 6, 1918.

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

JUSTICE HOSPITAL
GROUP CEMETERY
TOUL

GRAVE NUMBER. 311

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? TO STAKE.

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

REPORTED BY: 
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>BOTTOM</i>	<i>BOT</i>	3	2 5 12 0
<i>Alvin L.</i>	CEMETERY <i>1233</i>	1	3
BURIED	GRAVE <i>20</i>	2	20
	ROW <i>14</i>	2	14
	BLOCK <i>D</i>	1	4
STATE	<i>Ky</i>	2	20
RANK	<i>Priv</i>	1	2
DIVISION	<i>Repl</i>	2	58
ORGANIZATION	<i>X</i>	3	X X X
ARM	<i>Batt'n</i>	1	2
MARITAL	<i>Remarried</i>	1	3
NAME <i>Bottom</i>	<i>Bot</i>	3	2 5 12 0
<i>Mrs. Bettie</i>	STATE <i>Ky.</i>	2	20
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Washington</i>	2	15
	CITY <i>Mackville</i>	3	X X X
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Yes</i>	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
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ACCEPTANCE 29/514/		1	

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bottom, Alvin B. (STM)

July 11, 1932

Mrs. Bettie Bottom,

Mackville, Ky.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

_____ (Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

QM 293 A-M
Bottom, Alvin L. (StM)

August 25, 1932

Mrs. Bettie Bottom,
Mackville, Kentucky.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 28th, advising that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Alvin L. Bottom in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery in France.

The pilgrimage was authorized in an endeavor to bring a measure of peace and comfort to the hearts of the mothers and widows whose loved ones rest in the cemeteries of Europe, and it is deeply regretted that your health prevents your receiving this comfort.

You are assured that the grave of your son will ever receive the care and honor befitting one who sacrificed his life for his Country.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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July 28 1932

In reply to ym 293 A-M
I cannot make the trip to
see my Dear boys graves on
account of heart trouble and
high blood pressure I would
die before I reached there as I
have come near dying with
smothering spells in the last
few weeks I know I ^{am} not
going to live but a short time
I will close
from Mrs Bettie Bottom



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bottom, Alvin E. (STM)

July 11, 1932

Mrs. Bettie Bottom,
Mackville, Ky.

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?

No
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Mrs Bettie Bottom

August 18, 1932.

QM 293 A-M
Bottom, Alvin L. (StM)

Mrs. Bettie Bottom,
Mackville, Ky.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date advising that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Alvin L. Bottom.

It is deeply regretted that your physical condition will prevent you from making the trip as it is believed you would derive great comfort and solace from a visit to your son's grave. However, your inability to make the journey in your present state of health is understood.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Bottom, Alvin L. (StM)

December 15, 1931

Mrs. Bettie Bottom,
Mackville,
Kentucky.

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 several months in advance. 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 or 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

Bettie Bottom

Sign here

Encl:
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QM 293 A-M
Bottom, Alvin L. (StM)

December 15, 1931

Mrs. Susan B. Lamb,
Brumfield, Kentucky.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to the pilgrimage of mothers and widows to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by Congress in the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

Section 4 (b) of the Act mentioned reads as follows:
"The term 'widow' means a widow who has not remarried since the death of the member of the military or naval forces."

The records of this office show that you have remarried since the death of the late Private Alvin L. Bottom. In view, thereof, it is regretted to advise that you are not eligible to visit the grave of this late soldier at the expense of the Government.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Bottom, Alvin L. (StM)

December 15, 1931

Mrs. Bettie Bottom,
Mackville,
Kentucky.

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 several months in advance. 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 or 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

Encl:
Env.

Sign here

QM 293 A-M
Bottom, Alvin L. (StM)

December 15, 1931

Mrs. Bettie Bottom,
Mackville,
Kentucky.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed, herewith, a copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, which provides for pilgrimages to be made to the cemeteries of Europe by the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces whose remains are interred in Europe or who were lost or buried at sea.

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Alvin L. Bottom, whose remains are interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery in France. You are therefore eligible to make a pilgrimage to the grave of this late soldier at the expense of the Government.

In view thereof, it is requested that you fill in the enclosed forms and return them to this office, in order that your desires may be properly recorded and arrangements made accordingly. A self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:
1932 Qn.
Form.
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 AM

Bottom, Alvin L. (StM)

December 15, 1931

Mrs. Bettie Bottom,
Mackville,
Kentucky.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you are the **mother** of the deceased veteran named above and have expressed your desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during 1932 in his honor.

In order to assure a satisfactory journey, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Please give your age and state your health.	Age Condition of Health
2. Do you speak English?	
3. What other language do you speak?	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

Bottom, Alvin L. 1233

Pvt., 3rd Co., Cps. Repl. Bn.

Serial 20135

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Mother -

Bettie Bottom - mackville Ky

Rem
Widow

Susan Bottom Lamb

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bottom, Alvin L. (STM) W/

September 29, 1931 ed

Mrs. Susan G. Bottom,
RFD #1, Box 2,
Brumfield, Ky.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Bottom, Alvin L. Pvt. (StM) W

July 9, 1931.

Mrs. Susan G. Bottom
R. F. D. #1, Box 2,
Brumfield, Ky.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

QM 293-A-M
Bottom, Alvin L. Pvt. 1233-71

April 4, 1931.

Mrs. Susan G. Bottom,
R. F. D. #1, Box #2,
Brunfield, Kentucky

Dear Madam:

In order that your desires may be properly recorded and arrangements made for you accordingly, it is requested that you complete and return the enclosed questionnaire at your earliest convenience.

Kindly advise as to whether or not the late Private Alvin L. Bottom was married and is survived by a widow and if so, her name and address.

For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed herewith a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Questionnaire
Act - Amendment
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 5, 1930.

Bottom, Alvin L. - 1233 W

Mrs. Susan G. Bottom,
RFD #1, Box 2,
Brunfield, Ky.

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

February 10, 1930

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bottom, Alvin L. *W*

Mrs. Susan G. Bottom,
RFD #1, Box 2,
Brunfield, Ky.

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 ^{widow} ~~mother~~ of the late Pvt. Alvin L. Bottom, 3rd Co., 1st Corps, Repl. Bn., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. 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.

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

Bottom, Alvin L. W

May , 1929.

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Mrs. Susan G. Bottom,
R.F.D. #1, Box 2,
Brunfield, Ky.

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 ^{widow} ~~mother~~ of the late Private Alvin L. Bottom, 3rd Co., 1st Corps, Repl. Bn., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

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QM 293 A-M
Bottom, Alvin L. (StM)

August 25, 1932

Mrs. Bettie Bottom,
Mackville, Kentucky.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 28th, advising that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Alvin L. Bottom in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery in France.

The pilgrimage was authorized in an endeavor to bring a measure of peace and comfort to the hearts of the mothers and widows whose loved ones rest in the cemeteries of Europe, and it is deeply regretted that your health prevents your receiving this comfort.

You are assured that the grave of your son will ever receive the care and honor befitting one who sacrificed his life for his Country.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bottom, Alvin E. (STM)

July 11, 1932

Mrs. Bettie Bottom,
Mackville, Ky.

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.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

QM 293 A-M
Bottom, Alvin L. (StM)

December 15, 1931

Mrs. Bettie Bottom,
Mackville,
Kentucky.

Dear Madam:

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DECEMBER 15 1931
O Q M G M S T R
There is enclosed, herewith, a copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, which provides for pilgrimages to be made to the cemeteries of Europe by the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces whose remains are interred in Europe or who were lost or buried at sea.

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Alvin L. Bottom, whose remains are interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery in France. You are therefore eligible to make a pilgrimage to the grave of this late soldier at the expense of the Government.

In view thereof, it is requested that you fill in the enclosed forms and return them to this office, in order that your desires may be properly recorded and arrangements made accordingly. A self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:
1932 Qn.
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QM 293 A-M
Bottom, Alvin L. (StM)

December 15, 1931

Mrs. Susan B. Lamb,
Brumfield, Kentucky.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to the pilgrimage of mothers and widows to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by Congress in the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

Section 4 (b) of the Act mentioned reads as follows:
"The term 'widow' means a widow who has not remarried since the death of the member of the military or naval forces."

The records of this office show that you have remarried since the death of the late Private Alvin L. Bottom. In view, thereof, it is regretted to advise that you are not eligible to visit the grave of this late soldier at the expense of the Government.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 AM

Bottom, Alvin L. (StM)

December 15, 1931

Mrs. Bettie Bottom,
Mackville,
Kentucky.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you are the ^{mother} of the deceased veteran named above and have expressed your desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during 1932 in his honor.

In order to assure a satisfactory journey, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Please give your age and state your health.

Age
Condition of Health

2. Do you speak English?

3. What other language do you speak?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

1931 DEC-15- PM 3:45
Q. M. G. M. & R. BR.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Bottom, Alvin L. (StM)

December 15, 1931

Mrs. Bettie Bottom,
Mackville,
Kentucky.

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 several months in advance. 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 or 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

Encl:
Env.

Sign here

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DEC 15 - PM 3:45

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bottom, Alvin L. (STM) M

September 29, 1931 ed

Mrs. Susan G. Bottom,
RFD #1, Box 2,
Bramfield, Ky.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Bottom, Alvin L. Pvt. (StM) M-

July 9, 1931.

Mrs. Susan G. Bottom
R. F. D. #1, Box 2,
Brumfield, Ky.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

QM 293-A-M
Bottom, Alvin L. Pvt. 1233-M

April 4, 1931.

Mrs. Susan G. Bottom,
R. F. D. #1, Box #2,
Brumfield, Kentucky

Dear Madam:

In order that your desires may be properly recorded and arrangements made for you accordingly, it is requested that you complete and return the enclosed questionnaire at your earliest convenience.

Kindly advise as to whether or not the late Private Alvin L. Bottom was married and is survived by a widow and if so, her name and address.

For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed herewith a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

O. D. M. C. M. & R. DIV.

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Questionnaire
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bottom, Alvin L. Pvt. 1233-M

April 4, 1931.

Mrs. Susan G. Bottom,
R. F. D. #1, Box #2,
Brumfield, Kentucky

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?

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

3. Please give your age and state your health.

Age
Condition of Health

4. Do you speak English?

5. What other language do you speak?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:
Envelope
Act
Amendment

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

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QM 293 A-M

October 10, 1930

Bottom, Alvin L. Pvt 1233 M

Mrs. Susan G. Bottom
R F D #1, Box 2
Brumfield, Kentucky

Dear Madam:

A reply has not been received to office letter of recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages in 1931, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age Condition of health
4. Do you speak English?	
5. What other language do you speak?	

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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Amendment
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 5, 1930.

Bottom, Alvin L. - 1233 M

Mrs. Susan G. Bottom,
RFD #1, Box 2,
Brunfield, Ky.

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

February 10, 1930

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bottom, Alvin L.

Mrs. Susan G. Bottom,
RFD #1, Box 2,
Brunfield, Ky.

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 Pvt. Alvin L. Bottom, 3rd Co., 1st Corps, Repl. Bn., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried?
2. If so, give her complete address.
3. 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.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Act of Congress
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

August 28, 1939.

Bottom, Alvin L.
1233

Mrs. Susan G. Bottom,
R.F.D. #1, Box 3,
Brunfield, Ky.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 27, 1939 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

May , 1929.

Bottom, Alvin L.

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Mrs. Susan G. Bottom,
R.F.D. #1, Box 2,
Brunfield, Ky.

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 Alvin L. Bottom, 3rd Co., 1st Corps, Repl. Bn., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

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

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

For the Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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BOTTOM, Alvin L., Pvt.

February 26, 1924

Mrs. Susan G. Bottom,
R.F.D. #1, Box 2,
Brumfield, Ky.

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

1-Incl.
Record card.

Assistant.
R. L. FOSTER

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O. Q. M. G.
CENTRAL MAIL ROOM



FEB 26 1924
B. O. C.

Bottom,
(Surname.)

Alvin L.
(Christian name in full.)

2,013,575
(Army serial number.)

Private

3rd Co. 1st Corps Repl. Bn

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

(Yes or no.)

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

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive rema'ns.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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OSP SS.

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To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE **Mar. 3, 1922.**

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name **BOTTOM, Alvin L.**

2. No. **2013575**

3. Rank **Pvt**

4. Org. **3rd Co. 1st Corps R.Bn.**

5. D.D. **Oct. 4/18**

6. C.D. **Broncho Pneumonia**

10. Name **No discrepancy**

11. No. _____

12. Rank _____

13. Org. _____

14. (a) D.D. _____

(b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. **311** Sec. _____

8. Plot **A** Row **3**

9. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____

16. Plot _____ Row _____

This cemetery is not divided into 17 rows or plots at present time

18. Cemetery **Amer**

20. Dept. or County **M-et-M**

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. **91**

19. Commune or town **Toul**

21. Country **France**

23. Disinterred (Date) **Mar. 3, 1922**

By **E.G.Howell**

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name **Alvin L. Bottom**

Rank **Pvt.**

Serial No. **----**

Organization **3rd Co., 1st Corps, R. Bn.**

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

Frank B. Farquhar
F. B. Farquhar, Checker.
 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).

None.

27. Condition of body **Disintegrated. Features unrecognizable.**

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? **None.**

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date **Mar. 3, 1922** By **E.G.Howell**

31. Casket sealed by **E.G.Howell**

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) *E.G. Howell*
E.G. Howell

AUDITED BY
B.W. 8-29-23

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **C-24557**

32. Designation of body:

Name **Alvin L. BOTTOM** Serial No. **2013575**

Rank **Pvt** Organization **3rd Co. 1st Corps R.Bn.**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **St. Mihiel Amer. #1233, Thiaucourt, M-et-M**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **Mar. 3, 1922** By **E.G. Howell**

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 *J. J. Powers*
J. J. Powers, 1st Lt. QMC

36. Remarks **None.**

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) **Mar. 3, 1922**

To point of Concentration **Toul (M&M)**

Convoyer **Frank Atwell** (Name)
Signature Shipping Officer *J. J. Powers*
J. J. Powers, 1st Lt. QMC

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date **Mar. 3, 1922**

By G.R.S. Representative **L. B. Massie, Capt. QMC**

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery **St. Mihiel Amer. Cem. 1233, Thiaucourt (M&M)**

Convoyer **Frank Atwell** (Name)
Signature Shipping Officer *L. B. Massie*
L. B. Massie, Capt. QMC

40. Received: Date **8 MAR 1922**

G.R.S. Representative *G. D. Gamble*
G. D. GAMBLE, Captain, Q.M.C.

41. Reinterred **July 29 1922** (Date)

42. Grave No. **20** Section

43. Plot ~~XXX~~ **Bk. D** Row **14**

G.R.S. Representative *A. E. Dewey*
A E Dewey 1st Lt. QMC

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place Toul (M&M)

Date Mar. 3, 1922.

1. REMAINS OF BOTTOM, Alvin L. SERIAL NUMBER 2013575
RANK _____ ORGANIZATION _____

2. Disinterred (date) Mar. 3, 1922, Gr. 211, Co. 91, Toul (M&M) From (give complete location): 3rd Co., 1st Corps, P. Bn.

By: Group Howell's Unit P.S. 8

3. Reburied (date) July 29 1922 In (give complete location): Gr. 20 BK. D Row 14
Cty. # 1233

By: Group Reburial Unit _____ Nature of reburial Casket & shipping case

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

Wooden box and uniform. Disintegrated. Features unrecognizable.

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

Yes.

Yes.

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

None.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to estimate

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to estimate

(c) Hair—Color None visible

Quantity _____

Characteristics _____

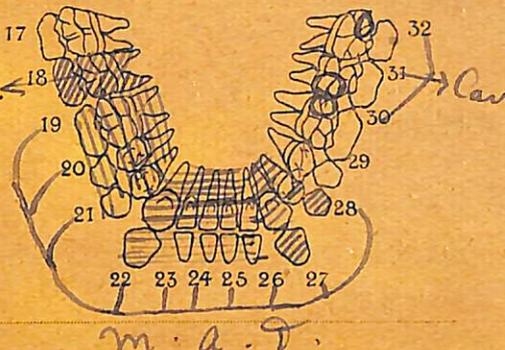
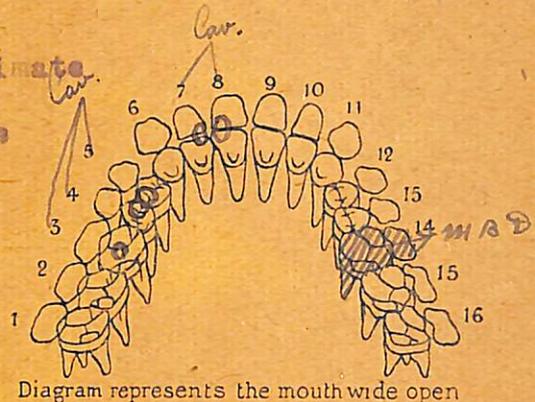
(d) Hair on face—Color _____

Location None visible

Quantity _____

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

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) None visible



7. Disinterment supervised by E. J. Howell Approved: F. B. Farquhar, Checker.

8. Reburial supervised by H. L. Kramer Approved: J. J. Powers, 1st Lt. QMC
A. E. Dewey, 1st Lt. QMC

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #30597

5/6 Examined
2/22
J. P. Conventration
St. Michael 1233
att 5/25/22

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BOTTOM, Alvin I. Ser. No. 2013575
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization 3rd Co. 1st Corps, Repl Bn.
(c) Date of death 10-4-18 (d) Cause of death Broncho pneumonia

TYP. DMA
CKR. [initials]

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

(a) Grave No. 311 Row --- Plot --- Sec. --- TYP. DMA
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Susan Bottom, Rosehill, Ky. RFD

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases NO CARD CKR. [initials]

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt _____

(a) Name Susan Godknigh Bottom Relationship Wife
(c) Address R # 10 - Box 2 - Crumfield - Ky
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at _____
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. _____
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. _____

Examiner's Initials mks Date 11-22, 1920.

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

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

no corresp

Examiner's Initials mks Date 11-22, 1920.

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes S.M.

Examiner's Initials S.M. Date 11-22, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 91 SHEET No. 97

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

CARDED

checked
all 11-23-20
[initials]

Reviewed 4/12/21-Ed

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

RECEIVED

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 1920.

FEB 26 1921

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 1920
letter on 12/17/, 1920

CEMETERY DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SEC.

Par. #2. Not to be returned (Ed) 12/28/20

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: 1/31/21 F. 120 - Widow Mrs Susan G. Bottom, R.F.D. #1 Box 2, Brumfield, Ky., requests body remain in France.

*2/25/21 Hoboken & Luce's Widow
her wish will be complied with.
H/12/21 EO.*

FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN-TO
TO REMAIN IN EUROPE.

2-26-21 md

February 25, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Gen.Div.Cor.Br.
(BOTTOM, Alvin L.)

Mrs. Susan G. Bottom,
R. F. D. #1, Box #2,
Bramfield, Kentucky.

Dear Madam:-

Receipt of shipping inquiry dated January 31st, 1921, relative to the remains of your husband, the late Private Alvin L. Bottom, serial number 2013575, 3rd Company 1st Corps, Replacement Battalion, is acknowledged.

Instructions have been issued that your request to have the remains left in France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery be complied with. You are assured that the grave site will always be maintained as a fitting memorial of the late soldier's sacrifice.

The Department desires to convey to you renewed assurance of its sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

BY:

F. C. FALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

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MAILED
FEB 26 1921
COR. BR. G. R. S.

Noted on Form No. 115
Date 4/12/21

WAR DEPARTMENT

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

CEMETERIAL DIVISION

WASHINGTON

JAN 27 1921
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FROM: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. G.

To: Mrs. Susan G. Bottom, R F 1 Box 2, Brumfield, Ky.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Alvin L. Bottom, Ser. No. 2013575, 3rd Co. 1 Corps Repl Bn.

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above-named remain in Europe.

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.

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

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? yes

*Noted #115
2/15/21 dep*

	NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow	<u>Susan G. Bottom</u>		<u>Brumfield</u>	<u>Ky</u>
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1 <u>Charley B. Bottom</u>		<u>Brumfield</u>	<u>Ky</u>
	2 <u>Margaret Bottom</u>		<u>Brumfield</u>	<u>Ky</u>
	3		<u>Rose Hill</u>	<u>Ky</u>
Father	<u>Luther R. Bottom</u>		<u>Rose Hill</u>	<u>Ky</u>
Mother	<u>Bettie Bottom</u>		<u>Rose Hill</u>	<u>Ky</u>
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1 <u>Leddie Bottom</u>		<u>Rose Hill</u>	<u>Ky</u>
	2 <u>Leo Bottom</u>			
	3		<u>Rose Hill</u>	<u>Ky</u>
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1 <u>Flossie B. Tyler</u>		<u>Rose Hill</u>	<u>Ky</u>
	2 <u>Mattie Bottom</u>			
	3			

Date Jan 31-1921

Signature Susan S. Bottom

Address Brumfield Ky

Relationship widow

Brucefield Ky Jan 31, 1921

I, the undersigned, am the widow 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 _____ (Name.)

(R. R. station.) _____ (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 Susan B. Bottom

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.

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
CORRESPONDENCE BRANCH

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.

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BOTTOM (2013575) ALVIN

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

PVT. 1ST CO. ^{RPS} REP. ^{L.} BATT.

(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL. OCT. 6, 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL.....

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

JUSTICE HOSPITAL
GROUP CEMETERY
TOUL

GRAVE NUMBER. 311 91

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? TO STAKE

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

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REPORTED BY:

R. P. Robert
Lt. Q. M. Corps, N. A.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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1. G.R.S. Form No. 1 Hq. G.R.S. File

2. Soldier's No. 2013575

3. Bottom Alvin L.
Surname First Name and Initials

4. Pvt. 1st *Coys.* Reg. Bn.
Rank *31* Company *4th* Regt. or Corps

5. Oct. 3, 1918. *Pl. Dan.*
Date of death Cause, if known

6. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~. M et M.
Town or commune Department

7. Oct. 6, 1918. Toul
Date of burial Cemetery

8. 311
Grave No. Plot No. or letter

9. Name peg? Cross? Headboard? Bottle?
Check method of marking

10. Buried with body? Attached to grave marker?
Identification tags

11. If name unknown and tags missing, give
marks and description

12. **REVIEWED**
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Map reference, if interment is outside of
cemetery

13. Give name of Chaplain or burial officer
Signed

15 OCT Rem
Group Hqrs Unit #01 G.R.S.

REPORT OF
DEATH AND DISPOSAL OF REMAINS

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BOTTOM (2013575) ALVIN

PRIVATE - 1ST CORPS - REPLACE.
BTLN.

Date of Death Oct 4 - '18 1:0 P.M.

Place of Death U.S.A. Base Hosp.
82 A.E.F.

Cause of Death Broncho
Pneumonia

Date and place of burial, with no.
and locality of grave (If not interred
at post, state disposition made
of remains. Oct 6 - 1918 - Justice

Hosp. Group Cemetery - Toul - Grave #311

Married or single? If married,
name and address of widow.

Single

Remarks:

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J. C. Dumbaum

Lt. Col. M.C. Commanding

Station B. H. 82. A. E. F.

Date Oct 8 - 1918

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201. Bottom, Alvin

1st Ind.

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Central Records Office, A.G.D., A.P.O.#902, A.E.F., December 21, 1918. To:- Chief, G.R.S., S.O.S., A.P.O.#717, A.E.F.

1. Request information as to place and date of burial of Private Alvin J. Bottom, #2013575, School for Sanitary Troops, who died of disease October 4, 1918.

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G.R.S.

EARLE BOOTH
ADJUTANT GENERAL

By:

2nd Ind. CAPTAIN, A.G.D., U.S.A.

Am. Ex. Forces, Hq. S.O.S., O.G.R.S., France, December 31st, 1918.
To: Central Records Office, A.P.O. 902, A.E.F.

1. Returned. The records of this office show Pvt. Alvin B. Bottom, #2013575, 3rd Co. 1st Corps Repl. Bn., to have been buried October 16th, 1918, in Grave #311, American Cemetery, (Cemetery #91) Toul (Meurthe-et-Moselle).

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

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

File Number

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From:--

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Date:

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME BOTTOM, ALVIN - L

NUMBER 2012575

RANK PIV

ORGANIZATION

Sgt 3rd Co - 1st Corp Repl Bn

No.	Question	Reply
1	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	N.B. All Proper names to be printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS
2	Date of Death	10-4-18
3	Cause and place of death	Broncho Pneumonia
4	Number of Casualty Cablegram	277
5	Date buried	10-6-18.
6	Grave Location (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	Grave # 311 - City 91 (amer) Joul (Meutgenet-Moselle)
7	Who reported burial	—
8	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	✓
9	Report as to Grave Marker	} Not shown
10	Report as to Identification Tags	
11	Who is nearest relative?	Do
12	Has M/R 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.?	

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