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CERTIFIED JEWISH BY
J. W. ...

G.R.S. Form #114-B

FULL NAME..... UNKNOWN-U-3989 Ident. as BOTVINIK, Hillel *Sol. Sig.*

RANK..... Pvt. ✓ SERIAL# 240958 ✓

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION..... Co. B, 2nd Engrs. - 2 Div. ✓

DATE OF DEATH..... October 13³, 1918 ✓

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME..... *New York* ✓

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED..... *none* ✓

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION.....
Date Grave Row Block

..... Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery# 1232
..... Cemetery

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Rec'd World War Div.
2 OCT 14 1927

BOTVINIK HILLEN

ITINERARY OF MRS LEAH BOTVINIK
MAKING A PILGRIMAGE TO THE MEUSE-ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY IN FRANCE.

~~Arrived in New York at~~ on . ~~Met by~~ and
~~escorted to the~~ *Roosevelt hotel* where she occupied Room with

Sailed on the SS PRESIDENT HARDING from Pier #4 Hoboken, N. J. on June 14th.

Occupied cabin # 125 with

This party in charge of Captain Funk.

Arrived at Cherbourg sometime during the night of June 21st. Met by Major Dailey, Captain Saulnier, Captain Ochs, Captain Mallett, Captain Reynolds, Lieut. Paquet, Lt. Freeman, Lt. Morin, Captain Kinderman, Miss Rulon and 5 other nurses and 2 civilians. Left Cherbourg at 8:25 A.M. arriving at Gare des Invalides station in Paris at 2:30 P.M. Met by Colonel Ellis and members of Paris staff- also interpreters and nurses. Taken to hotel.

June 23rd - Transaction of personal affairs. Left hotel by motor bus at 3 P.M. and proceeded to the Arc de Triomphe where a wreath was laid on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier by Mrs. E. R. Pennill of Virginia who had been selected for this purpose. Then conducted to the Restaurant Laurent where the usual tea and reception tendered by the U.S. Government was held. Prominent persons, including Ambassador Edge, were present and spoke to the pilgrims. To hotel for dinner and to pack for the trip to the cemetery.

June 24th - Departed at 7:15 for Montmirail Chalons -sur- Marne - St. Menchould Verdun.

June 25th - Visited Cemetery

June 26th - 27th - 28th - Visited Cemetery

June 29th - Visited Cemetery - Sightseeing -Suippes - Reims

June 30th - Sightseeing -Reims Cathedral - Lunch at Reims - then to Chat. Th. and on to Paris.

July 1st - Visited Fontainbleau and taken on night trip.

July 2nd - A. M. free or shopping - visited Napoleon's Tomb.

July 3rd Visited Notre Dame- tea at Versailles.

July 4th - Visited Sacre Coeur and Louvre

July 5th - Train left Station for Cherbourg at 2:12 P. M. Sailed on the PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT at 11:30 P.M. Captain R. H. Darrell in Charge. Occupied Cabin with

Arrived New York 9:15 A.M. July 18th - Taken to the McAlpin Hotel - Those who desired went on a sightseeing trip to Coney Island.

Left for home on at Escorted to station by

went home same day

Botvinik, Hillel. MA

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WAR DEPARTMENT
"PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"

----- ROOM 901 -----
225 WEST 34TH ST., NEW YORK, N.Y.

May 29, 1930

Mrs. Leah Botvinik
770 Tremont Avenue
Bronx, N. Y. C.

Dear Madam:

From advice received from the Quarter-
master General's Office, Washington, D. C.,
your name shows as a passenger scheduled to
sail for Europe on the S. S. Harding
sailing June 14, 1930.

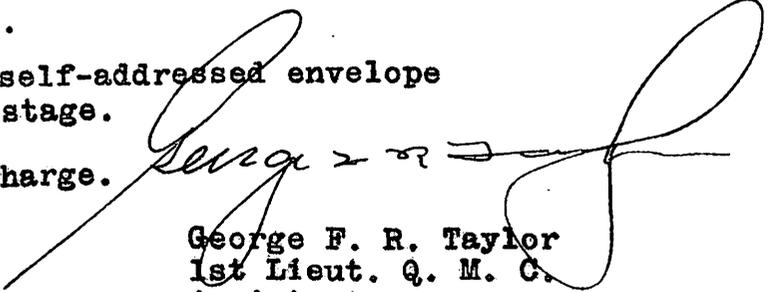
Enclosed herewith please find two baggage
tags which should be attached to your baggage
for identification.

Reservations have been made for you to stop
at the Hotel Roosevelt, the night of June 13th.
Necessary transportation will be provided for
you from your home to the hotel, unless you
desire to travel by your own transportation.

Please advise what your desires are in this
respect, using the lower portion of this
letter for your reply.

There is enclosed a self-addressed envelope
which requires no postage.

For the Officer in Charge.


George F. R. Taylor
1st Lieut. Q. M. C.
Assistant

~~I will~~ require transportation from my home to hotel.
will not

Mrs Leah Botvinik

Name..... **BOTVINIK, Mrs Lippe (Leah)**

HOTEL COMMODORE

Paris Hôtel.....

BOULEVARD HAUSSMANN

Home address..... **770 Tremont Ave ., Bronx, Bronx County, New-York**

Party..... **G** Group..... **I** Unit..... **S/S HARDING**

Date of arrival..... **JUNE 22. 1930** Date of departure..... **JULY 5. 1930 S/S ROOSEVELT**

Relationship..... **Mother**

Name of deceased..... **BOTVINIK, Hillel**

Rank..... **Pvt** Organization..... **Co. B, 2d Engrs**

Cemetery..... **Meuse-Argonne**

NAME Batvinik, Mrs Leah

ADDRESS 770 Tremont Ave, Bronx New York

DATE _____

TO:

OFFICER-IN-CHARGE,
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

I BEG TO INFORM YOU THAT I HAVE RETURNED
TO MY HOME SAFELY AND IN GOOD HEALTH.

SINCERELY,

(SIGNED) _____

REMARKS

Desires quarters with Mrs. Ida Resnick, 702 E.176th St., New York,



WAR DEPARTMENT



OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300.

PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

MOTHERS AND WIDOWS PILGRIMAGE

NAME Botvinik, Mrs. LeahDESTINATION 770 Tremont Ave.
Bronx, New York

STATION RR

TRAIN NO. DATE

CAR NUMBER BERTH or SEAT

MOTHERS AND WIDOWS PILGRIMAGE

NAME Botvinik, Mrs. LeahDESTINATION 770 Tremont Ave.,
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THE MANAGEMENT OF THE HOTEL MCALPIN
EXTENDS TO YOU A CORDIAL WELCOME.

PLEASE WEAR YOUR GOLD STAR BADGE.

WE HAVE RESERVED THE BLUE ROOM ON THE FIRST MEZZ.
FLOOR AS HEADQUARTERS.

MAJOR F. D. CARLOCK IS IN CHARGE

MEALS WILL BE SERVED IN MAIN DINING ROOM.
FIRST MEZZANINE FLOOR

BREAKFAST	7:30 TO 9:00 A. M.
LUNCHEON	12:00 TO 1:30 NOON
DINNER	6:00 TO 8:00 P. M.

PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

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DATE ... **JUNE 13, 1930**

Received from Mrs. ... **BOTVINIK, LEAH**
Bronx, N. Y. C.

Her Railroad return ticket, which will be delivered to her on arrival from Europe

W. H. Baker

Signed *A. G. Tipton*

A. G. TIPTON,
Officer-in-charge **MAJOR, INF. (DOL)**

Hotel ... **ROOSEVELT**

Botvink, Hillel MA *40* 1934

NAME BOTVINIK, MRS. LEAH

S.S. ROOSEVELT JUL 13 1930

HOME Bronx, N. Y.C.
Bronx County

R.R.

STATION

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE

Mr. J. Botvnick
770 E Tremont Ave
Bronx
125 A N.Y.

June 10, 1930

Mrs. Leah Botvinik
770 Tremont Avenue
Bronx, New York

Dear Madam:

In reply to letter from this office dated May 29th asking whether or not you desired transportation from your home to the Hotel Roosevelt on June 13th, the day prior to your sailing on the S. S. Harding, June 14th, you replied that it would not be necessary to furnish transportation.

Please be advised that it is the wish of the War Department at Washington, D. C., that all pilgrims check-in at the hotel the day previous to sailing, in order that proper record can be made and full instructions issued.

It is therefore requested that you arrange to report to the United States Army Officer who will be in uniform on duty in the lobby of the Hotel Roosevelt, 45th Street and Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y., the afternoon of June 13th, between the hours of 2:00 and 4:00 P.M.

Yours very truly

GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR
1st Lieut. Q.M.C. (DOL.)
Assistant

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February 27, 1919

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Pvt. Hillel Botvinik,
Serial Number 240958,
Co. B, 2nd Engineers,
A. E. F.
Died Oct, 3, 1918.

Father, Lippe Botvinik
770 Tremont Ave
New York City

Mr. R. E. Wood,
Director of Purchase & Storage,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Botvinik wishes to inform you that he desires to have the remains of his boy brought to the United States, when this work is undertaken by the Government.

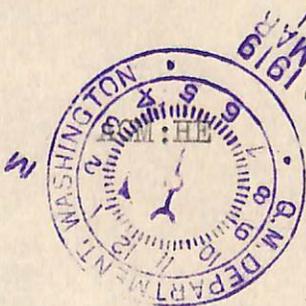
He desires the remains to be brought to his home at 770 Tremont Avenue, New York City.

Very truly yours,

INFORMATION BUREAU

PER:

(Mrs.) Amy G. Munker



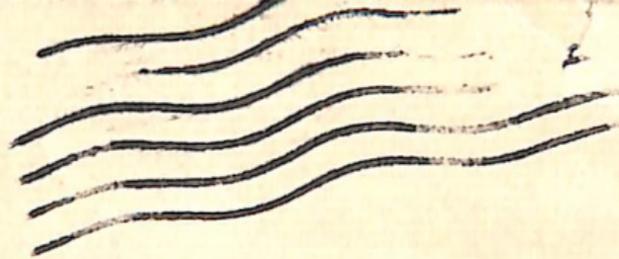
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MAR 1 1919

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Hillel Botvinik

NEW YORK BRANCH
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U. S. Army and Navy
89 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK



Mr. R. E. Woods,
Director of Purchase & Storage
War Department
Washington, D.C.

Address reply to
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL,
Washington, D. C.

3-3650

WAR DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY,
WASHINGTON.

In Answer Refer to File No. 293.3-Cometerial

No. 293.3-Cometerial. March 4, 1919.
From: Office, Quartermaster General of the Army.
To: Mr. Lippe Botvinik, 770 Tremont Ave., New York City.

Subject: Shipment home of the remains of Pvt Hillel Botvinik, Co. B, 2nd Ingra.

1. This office is in receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo, requesting shipment to you at 770 Tremont Ave., New York City -- of the remains of your son, ----- deceased.

2. In reply I regret to inform you that it will be impracticable to comply with your request immediately in view of the difficulties of transportation in France and overseas.

3. You are advised, however, that whenever it is found to be practicable to ship the remains home in accordance with your request, it will be done. If your address as indicated above is not correct, or you should desire that your request for shipment home of the remains be canceled, this office should be advised accordingly.

4. Under existing regulations the necessary steps are being taken by the military authorities in France to mark the grave of each soldier who has died or been killed in battle, and to register the number and location of the grave so as to establish beyond a doubt their identity when it becomes practicable to disinter the remains for removal to the United States.

Copy to Zone S.O.,
New York City.

H.L. Rogers,
Quartermaster General,
Director of Purchase and Storage.

By:

H.R. Lemly,
Major, Quartermaster Corps.

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MAR 4 1919

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Botwinik</i>	<i>B O J</i>	3	<i>2 3 12</i> <i>0</i>
	CEMETERY <i>12 32</i>	1	<i>1</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>4 0</i>	2	<i>4 0</i>
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	BLOCK <i>9</i>	1	<i>7</i>
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RANK	<i>Pvt.</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>2</i>	2	<i>0 2</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>2</i>	3	<i>0 0 2</i>
ARM	<i>Engrs.</i>	1	<i>4</i>
MARTIAL	<i>No</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Botwinik,</i>	<i>B O J</i>	5	<i>2 3 12</i> <i>0</i>
	STATE <i>N. Y.</i>	2	<i>3 7</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Bronx</i>	2	<i>0 3</i>
	CITY <i>Bronx, ny</i>	3	<i>1 0 1</i>
RELATION	<i>mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER	<i>Father</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>Yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Good</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO. <i>19 30</i>	1	
	YR. <i>19 30</i>	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>Yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>

Sailed
 June 14
 1930

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Botvinik , Hillel. Pvt. Co B. 2nd Eng. N.Y.

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~~Widow ?~~

Single

NAME

Mrs Leah Botwinik

G.

ADDRESS

770 Fremont Ave, N.Y.

DATE

Aug 23rd 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 Leah Botwinik
per. May Botwinick

1215

RETURN RECEIPT

1232

~~Handing 6/14/30~~

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

Geo. Potrusk

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, _____

5-21st, 1923

Post Office Department

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No. _____

Return to Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,
or Post Office Box,

MUNITIONS BUILDING

WASHINGTON,

D. C.

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE
TO AVOID PAYMENT OF
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POSTMARK OF DELIVERING
OFFICE

WEST FARMS STA.

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

STATE

Botvinik, Hillel.

NEW YORK

Mother

770 Tremont Ave.,
Bronx
Bronx County

NAME **BOTVINIK, MRS. LEAH** HOME ADDRESS

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN **Mr. L. Botvinick 770 E Tremont Ave. Bronx, N. Y.**

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE **June 13** HOTEL **Roosevelt** ROOM NO. **403**

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE **June 14** VESSEL **Harding** CABIN NO. **125-A**

DESTINATION **CHERBOURG, FRANCE** CEMETERY **MEUSE-ARGONNE**

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Botvinik, Hillel 1232M
Harding 6-14

May 10, 1930

Mrs. Leah Botvinik,
770 Tremont Ave.,
Bronx, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not furnished the name of your Emergency Addressee as requested in letter of instructions from this office.

It is requested that in the blank space below you write the name and address of the person in the United States whom you desire to be notified in case you become seriously ill or other emergency arises while you are making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Name

Lippe Botvinik

Address

470 Tremont Ave

Bronx N.Y. City,

Please fill in the above and mail it TODAY in the self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.
Env.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Botvinik, Hillel-1233 M
Harding 6-14

May 5, 1930

Mrs. Leah Botvinik,
770 Tremont Avenue,
Bronx, New York City.

Dear Madam:

Requests for stop-overs on return from the pilgrimage to the American cemeteries in Europe are being received by this office, in some cases, too late to take action.

Transportation arrangements for the round-trip are made a month before departure and requests for stop-overs on return must be in this office at that time.

Stop-overs can not be allowed on the trip to New York or in Europe, but may be allowed at any point on return from New York provided there is no additional cost or, if there is, that it is paid in advance by the pilgrim.

If you desire stop-overs at any point on return, please advise this office AT ONCE as to the cities where you desire to stop and we will be glad to arrange accordingly, or advise you if there is any additional cost to be paid by you. Send your request direct to this office and do NOT include it with your passport application.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

G. J. Hughes
C/o War Dept.
Washington D.C.

Refer to Q M 293 A.C
Private Hillel Botwinick
Brook Co
April 16/30

Dear Sir - Hillel Botwinick - 1232
This is to inform you that

I have been receiving my checks
from the Government on my full
name ^{Mrs.} Leah Botwinick for the
death of my son. I find that
all the letters and my invitation
for the Pilgrimage trip are
under Mrs Lippa Botwinick and
that is my husband's full
name. Being I am going
to make this trip, I would
over

QM 255 A-C

Reanick, Morris 1282-M
X Botvinik, Hillel 1832-M

for letter
May 8, 1930

Mrs. Ida Reanick,
702 East 176th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date relative to your desire to be quartered with Mrs. Lippe Botvinik, when you make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the SS "Harding" June 14, 1930.

Notation has been made of your desire and it is believed that your wishes can be complied with and you can be placed in the same cabin aboard ship and in the same hotel rooms in New York and Paris.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

CB

Q 72 211

like to have my name correct.
I am getting all ready to go
down to Federal State Court
for my passport. My friends all
know me by my name as
Leah Potvinik

Kindly inform me what
I should do with my invitation
also my passport.

Hoping to get an early reply

Yours truly

Mrs. Leah Potvinik

accepts
reaching
6/14/30.

470 E. Tremont St.
Bronx N.Y.

QM 293 A-C
Botvinik, Hallel - 1232

April 22, 1950.

Mrs. Leah Botvinik,
770 Tremont Ave.,
Bronx, New York City, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 16, 1950 requesting that your name be changed on your invitation.

A new invitation, giving your name as Mrs. Leah Botvinik, is enclosed and it is requested that you destroy the old invitation. The records of this office have been changed accordingly.

The enclosed invitation should be retained by you as a means of identification. Your application for a passport will be forwarded to the State Department and your passport will be held at New York City until your arrival there.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.
Invitation.
/em

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 5, 1930.

Botvink, Hillel 1232 M

Mrs. Lippe Botvink,
770 Tremont Ave.,
Bronx, New York, N.Y.

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.

Harding

6/14/30

1232

Botvinik, Hessel

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.

Leah

Mrs. ~~Lippe~~ Botvinik

(Name)

770 Tremont Ave., Bronx, Bronx Co., New York.

(Town or City)

(State)

*new ins mailed
4-19-30*

QM 295 A-C
Botvinik, Hillel - 1232

February 25, 1930

Mrs. Lippe Botvinik,
77 E. Tremont Ave.,
Bronx, New York.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of February 14, 1930, addressed to Lieutenant Colonel K. J. Hampton, has been referred to this office for reply to your inquiry relative to the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Hillel Botvinik, which you desire to make under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

The plans for the pilgrimage provide that the mothers and widows will make the journey in groups by State. It is anticipated that the mothers and widows in New York who will make the pilgrimage under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, will sail from New York about the middle of the summer. A formal invitation, setting forth the name of the vessel upon which reservation has been made for you and the date of sailing, together with detailed information relative thereto, will be forwarded you within a reasonable length of time.

It may be stated in this connection that all communications relative to this pilgrimage should be addressed to this office. Mr. Childress has no connection with the pilgrimage of mothers and widows to the cemeteries of Europe under the provisions of the Act mentioned above.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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K. J. Sampson
U. S. War Department
Washington D. C.

Feb. 11/30

Dear Sir -

Kindly advise me
regarding my special
invitation for my trip to
Europe for the Mother of
the pilgrimage. I have sent
a letter to the United States
Line of John W. Childers
General Agent 1027 Connecticut
Washington D. C. telling him ^{an}
that I would be ready to ^{over}
take my trip around July 1930.

3
on Jan 15/30 sent to
Mr. Childers of American
Merchant Line.

Hoping I will get an early
reply regarding same

Yours truly
Wm. Lippe Botvink

(P.S.)
refers to D M 93 A.C.
Botvink HILLET-PT.
Co. B, 2nd ENGRS.

I have noticed that in
the Jewish Morning Journal
you had the names of all
the Jewish mothers going on this
trip, but did not find my
name among them.

I would like to make this
trip on the first ship going
with all the pilgrimage
instead of July. if possible
kindly let me know
if I am included in
this trip, as I did not
get any reply to my letter

War Department
Washington D.C.

Jan 15/30

770th Vermont Co
Provt Regt

Gentlemen - This is to inform you
that we have decided to
let Hillel Botnick-Private
Co B. 2nd Engrs. rest in place
on the other side.

Hoping you will do just
as your letter called for
dated Oct. 3/27.

Yours truly

Mr. Lippe Botnick

QM 293 A C



file
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1-29-30

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Botvinik, Hillel 1232 M

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Mrs. ~~Tippe~~ Botvinik,
770 Tremont Ave.,
Bronx, New York City.

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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(No) <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(No) <input type="checkbox"/>
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) <input type="checkbox"/>	(No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age (Years) 55	Health (Good) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Poor) <input type="checkbox"/>
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (No) <input type="checkbox"/>	Other language <i>Jewish</i> (Specify language spoken) <i>English</i>

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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October 7, 1929



QH 223 A-C
Botvink, Hillel

August 13, 1929.

Mrs. Lippe Botvink,
770 Tremont Avenue,
Bronx, New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 2, 1929, relative to the pilgrimage of the Gold Star Mothers and Widows to Europe.

You are advised that the Act of March 2, 1929, provides that the pilgrimage shall be extended in the name of the United States to the mothers and widows for whom the pilgrimage is authorized, and it does not contain any provision for any member of the family to make the trip except the mother or unmarried widow, nor does it permit of the mother or widow being accompanied by any member of the family. The War Department has been charged with the execution of this Act and its efforts therefore must be restricted to making the arrangements necessary for the transportation, entertainment, etc. of those named as eligible under the Act.

Any arrangements which are desired to be made by relatives or friends of such eligibles to visit the cemeteries in Europe must be made by them personally. The limited accommodations available in small towns in the neighborhood of the cemeteries in Europe, and the fact that it is contemplated that the War Department will utilize these accommodations to the limit for those mothers and widows eligible under the above mentioned Act make it necessary for those ineligible under the Act to make their own arrangements.

If your son is survived by a widow, this office will appreciate your advising her name and address as she will be eligible to make this pilgrimage if she has not remarried.

You are assured that competent personnel will be assigned by the War Department to provide for the needs and comfort

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of these mothers and widows making the pilgrimage.

Within a reasonable time prior to the beginning of the pilgrimage (May 1930), blanks will be furnished you upon which to make application for the journey. Space will be provided thereon for you to indicate the time you desire to go.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes,
Captain, G. H. Corps,
Assistant.

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Aug 2 - 1929

My dear Mr. John T. Harris

In reply to your letter I can say that Jan Hibel - Botwinik's mother, and I want to thank you for the extended trip to Europe to visit our boys. I also want you to please tell me if its possible to arrange for my husband to come along and if so please advise how it can be arranged

I am very truly

Mrs. Leah Botwinik

770 Fremont Ave
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Botvink, Hillel

June 29, 1929.

Mr. Lippe Botvink,
770 Tremont Avenue,
Bronx, New York, N.Y.

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 Private Hillel Botvink, Co.B, 2nd Engrs. whose remains are now interred in the Meuse Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress.
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JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Botvinik, Hillel 1232M
Harding 6-14

May 10, 1930

Mrs. Leah Botvinik,
770 Tremont Ave.,
Bronx, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not furnished the name of your Emergency Addressee as requested in letter of instructions from this office.

It is requested that in the blank space below you write the name and address of the person in the United States whom you desire to be notified in case you become seriously ill or other emergency arises while you are making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Name

Address

Please fill in the above and mail it TODAY in the self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.
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QM 295 A-C

~~Reenick, Morris 1232-M~~

~~Botvinik, Hillel 1232-M~~

May 3, 1930

Mrs. Ida Reenick,
702 East 176th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date relative to your desire to be quartered with Mrs. Lippe Botvinik, when you make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the SS "Harding" June 14, 1930.

Notation has been made of your desire and it is believed that your wishes can be complied with and you can be placed in the same cabin aboard ship and in the same hotel rooms in New York and Paris.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

R. B. SHANNON,
Captal U. S. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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Copy filed under each name

QM 293 A-C
Botvinik, Hillel - 1232

April 22, 1930.

Mrs. Leah Botvinik,
770 Tremont Ave.,
Bronx, New York City, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 16, 1930 requesting that your name be changed on your invitation.

A new invitation, giving your name as Mrs. Leah Botvinik, is enclosed and it is requested that you destroy the old invitation. The records of this office have been changed accordingly.

The enclosed invitation should be retained by you as a means of identification. Your application for a passport will be forwarded to the State Department and your passport will be held at New York City until your arrival there.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 5, 1930.

Botvinik, Hillel 1232 M

Mrs. Lippe Botvinik,
770 Tremont Ave.,
Bronx, New York, N.Y.

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.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C
Botvinik, Hilder 13334

March 26, 1930

Mrs. Lippe Botvinik,
770 Tremont Ave.,
Bronx, New York City, N.Y.

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.
Regulation.

QM 293 A-0
Botvink, Hillel - 1232

February 25, 1930

Mrs. Lippe Botvink,
77 E. Tremont Ave.,
Bronx, New York.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of February 14, 1930, addressed to Lieutenant Colonel K. J. Hampton, has been referred to this office for reply to your inquiry relative to the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Hillel Botvink, which you desire to make under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

The plans for the pilgrimage provide that the mothers and widows will make the journey in groups by State. It is anticipated that the mothers and widows in New York who will make the pilgrimage under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, will sail from New York about the middle of the summer. A formal invitation, setting forth the name of the vessel upon which reservation has been made for you and the date of sailing, together with detailed information relative thereto, will be forwarded you within a reasonable length of time.

It may be stated in this connection that all communications relative to this pilgrimage should be addressed to this office. Mr. Childress has no connection with the pilgrimage of mothers and widows to the cemeteries of Europe under the provisions of the Act mentioned above.

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 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Botvinik, Hillel 1232 N

**Mrs. Lippe Botvinik,
 770 Tremont Ave.,
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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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QI 293 A-C
Botvinik, Hillel

August 13, 1929.

Mrs. Lippe Botvinik,
770 Tremont Avenue,
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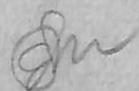
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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

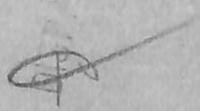


A. D. Hughes,
Captain, U. S. Corps,
Assistant.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Botvinik, Hillel

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

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE Q.M.C. IN EUROPE
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PLEASE ADDRESS
CHIEF, AMERICAN GRAVES
REGISTRATION SERVICE

FILE NO. 293 Botvinik, Hillel.
X-293 U-3989.

PARIS FRANCE
September 11, 1928.

Subject: Burial Information.

To: The Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D.C.

1. Further to paragraph 2, 4th Indorsement this office, dated March 1, 1928 (file as above), there are inclosed herewith copies (translations) of letters from the French Authorities advising that no information is available concerning date of burial of this casualty in the French and German Military Cemetery, nor location from which body was originally recovered.

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c/let/Aug.10/28
Sept. 6/28.



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F.W. Van Duyn,
Colonel, Q.M.C.,
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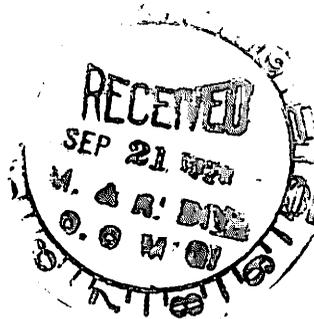
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Sept. 6/28.



F. G. Van Dyne,
Colonel, Q.M.G.,
Chief.

(Translation)

MINISTERE DES PENSIONS.

B.I. 153 A.

Paris ,September 6, 1928.

concerning an American
soldier formerly buried
in SOUAIN.

To: Colonel Van Duynne,
20, rue Molitor,
Paris.

Further to my letter dated August 10, 1928, concerning
an American soldier originally buried in the cemetery of
SOUAIN, Grave #887, please be advised that the "Chef du
Secteur d'Etat-Civil Militaire de la Marne" advises
that no information is available concerning this soldier.

By order.....

(signed) illegible.

293 Botvinik, Hillel
X-293 Unknown U-3989

4th Ind.

Hdqrs. American G.R.S., Q.M.C., in E., 20 rue Molitor, Paris, France, March 1, 1928.
To: The Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D.C.

1. Reference Par. 1 preceding indorsement notification of identification of Unknown U.S. Soldier U-3989 was furnished this office by your letter dated October 26, 1927 (file QM 293 A-C Botvinik, Hillel), Subject: Organization Directories, and replied to by 1st Ind dated December 8, 1927, (File 293 Botvinik, Hillel).

2. Immediately following receipt of your communication the French Graves Registration Service, was requested to furnish information relative to the original date of burial of this soldier and location from which this body was recovered originally, and in acknowledgement dated January 7, 1928, they stated an investigation had been instituted and that advice of results would be forwarded later. Under date of February 7th the French Authorities again wrote saying the inquiry had been turned over to the Officer in charge of the Marne Sector, and upon completing his investigation this office would be advised.

3. Nothing further having been received, another communication respecting the matter was sent February 25, 1928. If within a reasonable time no answer arrives, that Service will again be requested to furnish information desired.

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F.W. Van Duzee,
Colonel, Q.M.C.,
Chief.

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(Translation)

MINISTERE DES PENSIONS

Paris, August 10, 1928.

B. I. 153 A.

re: an American soldier
originally buried in
SOUAIN.

To: Colonel Van Dwyne,
20, rue Molitor,
Paris.

Reference letter your office of July 23, 1928,
I beg to inform you that upon receipt of your request of February
25th., I ordered that a search be made in the records of the
Marne Sector for information concerning an American soldier
originally buried in the Cemetery of SOUAIN, grave #887.

No reply having been received to date, I am
confirming my request , results of which will be forwarded your
office as soon as received.

By Order.....

(sgd) illegible.

QM 293 A-C (Botvinik, Hillel)

X 293 U3632

3rd Ind.

X 293 U3989

War Department O.Q.M.G., Washington, D.C., December 5, 1927 - To; The Chief American Graves Registration Service, in Europe.

1. Unknown U 3989 now in Grave 40, Row 6, Block G, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, has been identified as the late Private Hillel BOTVINIK - #240958 - Company B, 2nd Engrs., killed in action October 3, 1918. Born in Minsk, Russia, inducted in New York City, N.Y.

2. Disposition advice will be forwarded your office later.

3.. The remains now in Grave 40, Row 6, Block G, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery were recovered July 8, 1921 from Grave #887, French and German Military Cemetery, Souain, Marne and interred in Grave 208, Sec. 113, Pl. 4, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery. Cross over original grave read "No. 887, Soldat Americain Inconnu, Mort pour la France. It is desired that you communicate with the French War Commission requesting information as to what their records relative to the date of burial of this soldier in the French and German Military Cemetery, and the location from which he was recovered originally.

4. For your information you are advised that the records of the AGO. show -

Local Board dental chart 1;17;19;21 as missing

Mobilization chart 21 missing.

Dentist reports- "one stationary bridge of two crowns and one facing, on the right lower side (crown on 2nd Mol. & 2nd Bisc.)

5. Identification of U 3632 has not been established.

By order of the Quartermaster General;



[Signature]
K. J. HAMPTON
Lt. Colt., Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

293 Botvinik, Hillel
X-293 Unknown U-3989

4th Ind.

Hqrs. American G.R.S., Q.M.C., in E., 20 rue Melitor, Paris, France, March 1, 1928.
To: The Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D.C.

1. Reference Par.1 preceding indorsement notification of identification of Unknown U.S.Soldier U-3989 was furnished this office by your letter dated October 26, 1927 (file QM 293 A-G Botvinik, Hillel), Subject: Organization Directories, and replied to by 1st Ind dated December 8, 1927, (File 293 Botvinik, Hillel).
2. Immediately following receipt of your communication the French Graves Registration Service, was requested to furnish information relative to the original date of burial of this soldier and location from which this body was recovered originally, and in acknowledgement dated January 7, 1928, they stated an investigation had been instituted and that advice of results would be forwarded later. Under date of February 7th the French Authorities again wrote saying the inquiry had been turned over to the Officer in charge of the Marne Sector, and upon completing his investigation this office would be advised.
3. Nothing further having been received, another communication respecting the matter was sent February 25, 1928. If within a reasonable time no answer arrives, that Service will again be requested to furnish information desired.

M.G.M. & R DIV.

3 MAR 19 PM 2 50

RECEIVED

F.W. Van Dyne,
Colonel, Q.M.C.,
Chief.

293 Botvinik, Hillel.
X-293 Unknown U-3632.

2nd Ind.

Hqrs. American G.R.S., Q.M.C., in E., 20 rue Molitor, Paris, France, July 26, 1926, To: The Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.

1. Basic letter is erroneous in stating reburial of U-3632 was made in Grave 203; it should have read Grave 204. Copy of Form 16-A of August 20, 1921, on file here reads Grave 204, not 203 as given in 1st Ind. The body in Grave 203 was formerly designated as U-3631, but later it was identified as Watson, John C., Cpl., Co. F, 167th Inf., and shipped to the United States. The body previously carried as Watson, John C., is now U-4067.

2. On March 19, 1924, there were recovered from an isolated grave, Map Coords. Verdun 35 S.W., E 267.6, N 272.56, unidentified parts consisting of finger bones (15), clavicle, rib (1), vertebrae (7), and part of radius, and in the soil where exhumation was made, a tag was found reading Botvinik, Hillel, 240958. The Grave Location Blank for the soldier with same serial number gives spelling of surname as Botvinik, and coordinates of burial E 267.65, N 272.68.

3. G.R.S. Form #1 does not give original grave location of U-3632, nor list any coordinates. If the dental chart on the Form 16-A dated Aug. 20, 1921, after the comparison suggested in paragraph 3 of foregoing letter, indicates U-3632 is Pvt. Botvinik, it might be the unidentified parts hereinabove mentioned belong to the remains buried as U-3632 and are part of the body of that soldier, as would seem very probable inasmuch as the tag with his serial number was found in the grave soil where the unidentified parts were recovered.



Wm. O. Smith
Wm. O. Smith,
Lieut. Col., Q.M. Corps,
Chief.

AUG 11 1926



293 Botvinik, Hillel

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE Q.M.C. IN EUROPE
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE SERVICE
20 RUE MOLITOR

SDC/RHR/r

File No. 293 BOTVINIK, Hillel

PARIS, FRANCE April 30, 1924

SUBJECT: Case of Pvt. Hillel BOTVINIK #204958, Co. B, 2nd Engineers

TO : Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.

1. Grave Location Blank furnished by your office shows Pvt. Hillel BOTVINIK buried at the coordinates map 35 S.W., East 267.65, North 272.68.

2. The records of this office show Unknown U. S. Soldier U-3632 exhumed from map 35 S.W., East 267, North 269.6 June 17th, 1919 and reburied in Grave 203, Section 89, Plot 4, Cemetery #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse. This body is now buried in Grave 18, Block G, Row 9, same cemetery.

3. In view of the proximity of the location from which these remains were exhumed with the reported burial place of Pvt. Botvinik, it is suggested that a comparison of dental chart on Form 16-A with dental description for Pvt. Botvinik might result in the identification of these remains.

4. It is requested that this office be advised of your decision in the above.



Robert Sterrett
ROBT. STERRETT
Chief

QM 293 A-C

Botvinik, Hillel

1st Ind.

War Dept., OQMG, Washington, D.C., May 28, 1924--To the Chief, AGRS, QMC., in Europe.

1. Form 114-B dated Nov. 18, 1921 pertaining to U-3632 shows reburial from Grave 204, instead of Grave 203, referred to above. Form also states that original coordinations are not of record. The Form 16-A of Aug. 20, 1921, shows Grave 203.

2. Further efforts will be made by this office to identify Private Botvinik and U-3632.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

R. P. Harbold
R. P. HARBOLD,
Assistant.



293
Botvinik, Hillel

QM 295.7 A-C.

December 28, 1927

(Meuse-Argonne)

Subject: Changes in inscriptions for permanent headstones.

To: The Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe, 20 rue Molitor, Paris, France.

1. You are advised that the remains in Grave 14, Row 5, Block G have been identified as those of the late Joseph F. O'Rorke, Sergeant, Company H, 165th Infantry; Grave 40, Row 5, Block G identified as Hillel Botvinik, Private, Company B, 2nd Engineers; Grave 27, Row 14, Block G identified as Michael A. Quinn, Private 1 cl., Company B, 165th Infantry. In this connection, the following should be added to Headstone Listings, Organization List for Cemetery 1232 and Combined Organization Directory:

Joseph F. O'Rorke - Sgt. - 165 Inf. - 42 Div. - New York - July 16, 1918

Star of David- Hillel Botvinik - Pvt. - 2 Engrs. - 2 Div. - New York-
Oct. 3, 1918

Michael A. Quinn- Pvt. 1 cl. - 165 Inf. - 42 Div. - New York - July 16, 1918

2. The following should be added to List of Inscriptions for Permanent Headstones in the Meuse-Argonne Cemetery:

Page 541 Grave 9, Row 1, Block G Unknown Inscription

Page 542 Grave 26, Row 1, Block G Unknown Inscription

3. The remains in Grave 4, Row 8, Block G have been identified as Willie M. Westbrook, Private, Company F, 38th Infantry. Disposition advice forwarded December 22, 1927 requests return of body to the United States- Case will be removed from Headstone Listings;

By Order of The Quartermaster General:

R. J. HAMPTON,
Lt. Colonel, Q.M.C.,
Assistant

GR

x293

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO GM 293 A-C

(Botvinik, Hillel)

October 26, 1927.

Subject: Organization Directories

To: The Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.G., in Europe, 20 rue Molitor, Paris, France.

1. You are advised that the Unknown buried in Grave 40, Row 6, Block G, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery has been identified as Hillel Botvinik, Private, 240958, Company B, 2nd Engineers.

2. This man is of the Hebrew faith, the Star of David marker should be erected at grave. Headstone listings will be furnished later.

3. All records will be adjusted accordingly, and name added to Cemetery Organization and Combined Directories.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

[Signature]
Lt. Colonel, Q.M.G.,
Assistant

293 Botvinik, Hillel.

1st Ind.

Hdqs., American G.R.S., Q.M.G., in Europe, 20, rue Molitor, Paris, France, December 8, 1927. To: The Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D.C.

1. Above instructions have been complied with.



[Signature]
F.W. Van Duzee,
Colonel, Q.M.G.,
Chief.

293 - Botvinik, Hillel

noted 8/27

QM 293 A-C (Botvinik, Hillel)

X 293 U3632

3rd Ind.

X 293 U3989

War Department O.Q.M.G., Washington, D.C., December 31, 1927 - To; The Chief American Graves Registration Service, in Europe.

1. Unknown U 3989 now in Grave 40, Row 6, Block G, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, has been identified as the late Private Hillel BOTVINIK - #240958 - Company B, 2nd Engrs., killed in action October 3, 1918. Born in Minsk, Russia, inducted in New York City, N.Y.

2. Disposition advice will be forwarded your office later.

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By order of the Quartermaster General;

K.J.HAMPTON
Lt. Col., Q.M.G.,
Assistant.

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4/20/27

Noted by Statistical Clerk.
Date *sub 1/12/27*

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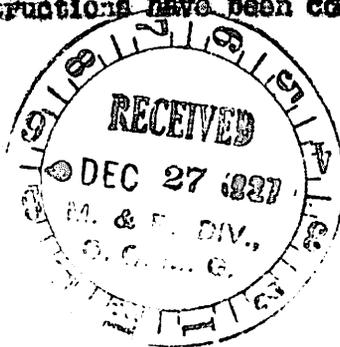
293 - Botvink, Hillel

293 Botvink, Hillel.

1st Ind.

Hdgrs., American G.R.S., Q.M.G., in Europe, 20, rue Molitor, Paris, France, December 6, 1927. To: The Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D.C.

- 1. Above instructions have been complied with.



F. W. Van Duzend,
Colonel, G.M.G.,
Chief.

Q1 293 A-C

(Botvinik, Hillel)

October 26, 1927.

Subject: Organization Directories

To: The Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in
Europe, 20 rue Molitor, Paris, France.

1. You are advised that the Unknown buried in Grave 40, Row 6, Block G, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery has been identified as Hillel Botvinik, Private, 240958, Company B, 2nd Engineers.
2. This man is of the Hebrew faith, the Star of David marker should be erected at grave. Headstone listings will be furnished later.
3. All records will be adjusted accordingly, and name added to Cemetery Organization and Combined Directories.

By order of The Quartermaster General:



GR *SK*

293 Botvinik, Hillel.
X-293 Unknown U-3632.

2nd Ind.

Hqrs. American G.R.S., Q.M.C., in E., 20 rue Molitor, Paris, France, July 26, 1926. To: The Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.

1. Basic letter is erroneous in stating reburial of U-3632 was made in Grave 203; it should have read Grave 204. Copy of Form 16-A of August 20, 1921, on file here reads Grave 204, not 203 as given in 1st Ind. The body in Grave 203 was formerly designated as U-3631, but later it was identified as Watson, John C., Cpl., Co. F, 167th Inf., and shipped to the United States. The body previously carried as Watson, John C., is now U-4067.

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Wm. O. Smith,
Lieut. Col., Q. M. Corps,
Chief.

AUG 11 1926



293 Botvinik, Hillel

October 22, 1921.

1252, Section 113, Reg. Br., Gen. Div.

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

Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.G., in Europe.

Additional advice on the American Cemetery of Meuse-Argonne, #1252,
Section 113.

1. The following American Dead are buried in the American
Cemetery of Meuse-Argonne, #1252, Section 113.

Cable

Ref. No.

119.	Unknown Soldier, --	U-3986	---	Grave #199, Plot 4, Section 113.
120.	Unknown U.S. Soldier,	U-3987	---	Grave #200, Plot 4, Section 113.
121.	Unknown U.S. Soldier,	U-3989	---	Grave #208, Plot 4, Section 113.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

CHARLES J. WYNN,
Captain, Q.M. Corps.

C O P Y

File # 293 BOTVINIK, Hillel

PARIS, France April 30, 1924

SUBJECT: Case of Pvt. Hillel BOTVINIK, #204958, Co. B, 2nd Engineers.

TO: Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.

1. Grave location Blank furnished by your office shows Pvt. Hillel BOTVINIK buried at the coordinates Map 35SW East 267.65 North 272.68.

2/ The records of this office show Unknown U.S. Soldier U-3632 exhumed from map 35 S.W. East 267., North 269.6 June 17th, 1919 and reburied in Grave 203, Section 89, Plot 4, Cemetery #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse. This body is now buried in Grave 18, Block G, Row 9, same cemetery.

3. In view of the proximity of the location from which these remains were exhumed with the reported burial place of Pvt. Botvinik, it is suggested that a comparison of dental chart on Form 16-A with dental description for Pvt. Botvinik might result in the identification of these remains.

4. It is requested that this office be advised of your decision in the above.

signed

Rob't STERRETT
Chief.

QM 293 A-C

Botvinik, Hillel

1st Ind.

War Dept. ~~QMCG~~ Washington, D.C. May 28, 1924- To the Chief, AGRS., QMC., in Europe.

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2. Further efforts will be made by this office to identify Private Botvinik and U-3632.

By order of the Quartermaster General

signed

R.P.HARBOLD
Assistant.

QM 293 Ap C
Botvinik; Hillel- Pvt.
Co. B, 2nd Engrs.

October 3, 1927

Mr. Lippe Botvinik
770 Tremont Ave.,
Bronx, New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir;

The Quartermaster General desires that you be advised the the investigation in the case of your son, the late Private Hillel Botvinik- #240958-Company B, 2nd Engineers, has proved successful. The remains were recovered from a French and German Military Cemetery, Souain, Marne, and have been interred in Grave 40, Row 6, Block G, the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Remagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

The records contain a request from you for the return of the body to this country. As some time has elapsed since you made this request, this letter is to inquire whether you still desire to have the remains returned or whether you wish them to remain in the beautiful Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, where many of your son's comrades now lie, and where the grave, will be marked with a white marble headstone, inscribed with name, rank, regiment, division, date of death and the state from which he came, and which will be cared for as long as this Government endures.

The Department does not wish to influence relatives regarding the disposition of their dead, but is honored when they entrust their loved ones to its care, and will administer that trust in a manner befitting the supreme sacrifice which they made. If agreeable to you, the Department will be glad to receive your permission to permanently inter the remains of your son overseas. Kindly reply as soon as possible, using the enclosed official envelope, which requires no postage.

Very truly yours,



EKV *EKV*

QM 293 A-C
Botvink, Hillel Pvt.
#240968, Co. B, 2nd Engrs.

October 3, 1927

SUBJECT: Identification of body.

TO: The Adjutant General, Washington, D.C.

1. You are informed that the investigation in the case of the soldier named above has been successful. His body has been identified in Grave #40, Row 6, Block G, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

2. For your information you are advised the remains were recovered from Grave #887, French and German Military Cemetery, Souain, Marne, July 8, 1921 and reburied in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery as that of an Unidentified U.S. Soldier, as the tags found on body were illegible.

For the Quartermaster General;

K.J. HAMPTON
Lt. Col. Q.M.C.
Assistant.

g/w

(3)



re. par 2 2nd ind. of 7/26/26
File 293 Hillel Botvinik
X293 U 3632

Col. Hampton advises verb.
that upon a reply from Europe as
~~into~~ original burial of U 3989
exhumed from Grave 887 Fr. & Ger.
Military Cty Souain, Marne with
date of burial into this Fr & Ger. Cty.

If reply advises the body was orig.
exh. from near where these parts
were found, that the remains listed
as U 3989 and now identified as
Hillel Botvinik, be exhumed and
these parts be compared with the
remains in Gr. 40-S-G, and if found
to compare be all buried together,
this due to the fact that near these
X parts (15 finger bones, 1 rib,
7 vertebrae, and clavicle) was found
this soldiers identification tag.

The investigator is of the opinion that
that the parts recovered were from the
trench in which Pvt Botvinik was carried
after being wounded and the report is
that he died as was being carried to
the trench.

Whinn
E. K. Vail
10/3/27

*16 a could not be
located in the X
as of par 2 2 now enc.
RWB*

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File -----

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD: UNKNOWN SOLDIER

(a) Name Botvink, Hubel 240958
~~UNKNOWN U.S. SOLDIER~~ Ser. No. U-3989

(b) Rank priv Organization Co B 2nd Engrs } TYP. db
 (c) Date of death 17/3/18 (d) Cause of death K/A } CKR. B

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

(a) Grave No. 208 Row -- Plot 4 Sec. 113 TYP. db

(b) Emerg. Address Sippe Botvink (father)
770 Tremont Ave. Bronx, New York City

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases ----- CKR. B

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD: Date of receipt -----

(a) Name Sippe Botvink (b) Relationship (father)

(c) Address 770 Tremont Ave. N.Y. N.Y.

(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? yes

(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at no

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. Elias Weenna
1400 5th Ave New York City, N.Y.

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

Examiner's Initials ----- Date -----, 192

V. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from Red Cross 10/4/21 writes
for mother Mrs. Leah Botvnick, dated asking the long delay in
 confirming request in Par. IV., item -----, above, or requesting that the return of
her son's body from France

Examiner's Initials ----- Date -----, 192

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

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? -----

Examiner's Initials ----- Date -----, 192

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 1232-Sec. 113 SHEET No. 121

checked
 Met 9/29/21

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made _____, 192

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 192

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
letter on _____, 192

*10/22/21 Adv. advice Unknown U.S. Soldiers.
10/22/21 III 9.*

IX.

REMARKS

Multiple horizontal dashed lines for writing remarks.

WRITE NOTHING BELOW THIS LINE.

Botvinick, Hillel

240,958

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number)

Pvt

Co B 2 Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Father

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

Yes

(Yes or no.)

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

no

(Yes or no.)

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

Elias Wiener

1400-5th Ave.

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

1400-5th Ave

N.Y. City

N.J.

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Sippe Botwinick

770 Tremont Ave. N.J.

N.J.

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

30598

no city no

Winc 396 - J.P. 4-15-21

Oct 1, 1927

FROM: Investigation Section.

TO: Cemetery Audit Section.

Cty 1252

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

Fl.	Sec.	Gr.	Previously reported	Identified as
4	115	208	U-5989 exhumed from Grave #887 French and German Mil. Cty. Souain, Marne as Unknown American Soldier who died for France	Pvt. Hillel Botvink -240988 240958 Co. B 2nd Engrs.

D/C shows request for return
of remains to U.S.

Forms and cards adj.

3/5/not made up for original burf
as this Cty not coded.

E. K. Vail
E. Kenneth Vail
Investigator.

CASE OF Botvinik, Hillel, Pvt. Co. B 3rd Engrs. 240988 KIA 10/3/18GRAVE Grave 887 French and German Military Cty. reb. 208 Sec. 113 Pl. 4 Cty 1232DECISION Remains recovered 7/13/21 from the above French and German Mil. Cty ARE THOSE of the Pvt. Hillel Botvinik, Co. B 2nd Engrs.

DENTAL CHARTS AND PHYSICAL DESCRIPTIONS

CAMP	LOCAL BOARD	FROM RELATIVES	OF BODY	A.D.
21 marked out		one stationary	1;16;17 not cut. crown gold 18 & 20	
	1	bridge and two gold crowns		
	17;18;21	and one facing on right lower side (crowns on 2nd mol. and 2nd Bisc.) i.e. (gold crown 18 & 20 gold & por bridge 19)	gold and porcelain bridge 19 (i.e. 19 gold back por. front)	6;9;10;13
HEIGHT	not given 5' 6"		Impossible to determine	
WEIGHT	not given 134 1/2 lbs		Impossible to determine	
HAIR	not given Brown.		Impossible to determine	
SHOE SIZE	not given no shown on on AGO records.			

REMARKS soldier 23 yrs 1 mo when inducted therefore probably had not erupted his wisdom teeth.

IDENTIFICATION TAGS

Found on Body

Found on Marker

~~NBS illegible parts of O.D. uniform~~

NO

OTHER IDENTIFYING MARKS

Parts of O.D. uniform Shoes size about #8 US issue. Cross over original grave reads #886 SOLDAT AMERICAIN INCONNU MORT POUR LA FRANCE.

ORIGINAL BURIAL DATA

Original burial of body Killed onOriginal burial of man ON ROAD BETWEEN Suain-Somme Py near Nevarin Fmc.

E. Kensett Vail

Investigator

Concur: *[Signature]*

APPROVED:

[Signature]
Officer in Charge.

GLB not signed.-- Killed On road between Suain -Somme Py. buried 10/3/18,
Buried On road between Suain-Somme Py coordiantes 267.65
272.68 50-yds east of road.

R.C.S. report "Pvt. Botvinik was a member of a relief just going on duty. The road was being shelled heavily and one shell struck in the relief. Pvt. Botvinik was hit in several places among which were both legs, and the left temple. He was being lowered unconscious into a trench along the road when he died (October 3, 1918) about 6.00 p.m. near Navatin Farm on road between Souain and /Somme-Py. (informant Andrew F. Cullen)

In 1924, March 19 there was recovered from an isolated grave coord. 267.6 272.56 unidentified parts consisting of 15 finger bones, clavicle, 1 rib, 7 vertebrae and part of radius and in the soil ~~was exhumed~~ where exhumation was ~~made~~ a tag was found ~~with the name of the soldier~~ reading Botvinick, Hillel, #240958

It would seem that after this soldier was left in the trench dead, the French buried or rather reburied him in the French -German Military Cty. and parts of the body was left in the original grave, and the tag that originally marked the Grave marker was lost in the ground.

16-A for the parts listed as recovered March 1924 not located.

16-A for U 3689 lists Fractures of left humerus, left radius and ulna. upper fourth left femur fractured and missing, left clavical missing.

E. Kensett Vail
E. Kensett Vail
Investigator.

D/C shows request for return of remains.

The investigator is of the opinion that Unidentified American Soldier U 3989 exhumed from Grave #887 French and German Military Cemetery, Souaine, Marne is in reality Private Hillel Botvinik- 2409 88 Co. B, 2nd Engrs. killed in action 10/3/18

E. Kensett Vail
E. Kensett Vail
Inv.

Born in Minsk, Russia
Inducted Sept. 23, 1917, New York, City, N.Y.
Assigned to Co. G 7th Inf.
Left for overseas Feb. 17, 1918
KIA 10/3/18 as Pvt. Company B, 2nd Engineers.
23 yrs 1 mo at induction.

Brown hair.

L/B u.r. §

l.r. §;§;#

from AGO.

Size of shoe not shown

Mob. l.r. #

per phone adv. 10/3/27

E.K.Vail

Place Romagne, 1282.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date August 25th 1921.

1. REMAINS OF Botvinnik, Hillel SERIAL NUMBER 240958
~~Unknown U.S. Soldier No. U-3989~~

RANK Pat. ORGANIZATION Co. B, 2nd Regt

2. Disinterred (date): August 25th 1921 From (give complete location): Gr. 208, Sec. 113, Pl. 4, Cem. 1282

By: Group Two Unit Field Section Three

3. Reburied (date): _____ In (give complete location): _____

By: Group _____ Unit _____ Nature of reburial _____

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

Burlap and wooden box. Skeleton disarticulated.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes-corroded On grave marker? No (Metal Plaque)

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: Metal plaque on grave marker reads "Unknown U-3989 Gr. 208 Sec 113" Corroded tag found in bottle on body enclosed in envelope for transmission to Paris office. Bottle record reads in part "Body brought from grave 887 French and German cemetery Souain Warne" Dress over original grave read "No 887 soldier American in-"

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

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

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to estimate.

(c) Hair 5-0 Color Impossible to determine.

Quantity Impossible to determine.

Characteristics Impossible to determine.

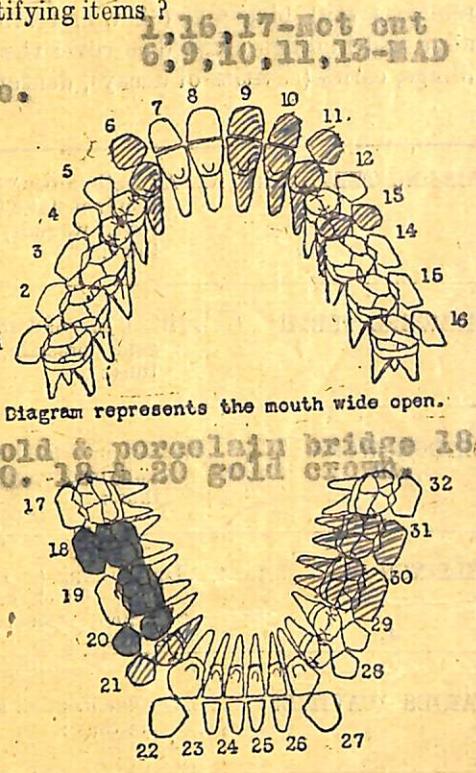
(d) Hair on face—Color None visible.

Location None visible.

Quantity None.

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

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Right humerus, radius and ulna and left femur broken.



See case of Malinowski, Gubernia, Dec. 4 1918 of D.D. from Europe.

7. Disinterment supervised by Lewis H. Messart

Approved: W.H. Roach
(Title) W.H. Roach 1st Lt USG

8. Reburial supervised by _____

Approved: _____
(Title) _____

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date July 14, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF Unknown U. S. Soldier, No. U. 3989. SERIAL NUMBER None. *240988*
RANK None. *1st.* ORGANIZATION None. *lea. B 2 Eugio.*

2. Disinterred (date): July 8, 1921. From (give complete location): Grave #887, French and German Military Cemetery, Souain, Marne. *2nd 11/27*

By: Group J. F. Richards, Unit Area #1.

3. Reburied (date): July 13, 1921. In (give complete location): Grave #208, section 113, plot 4, Argonne American Cemetery #1232.

By: Group G. T. Parker, Unit Cem. 1232, Area Nature of reburial Regulation.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: Body was buried in a box, in remnants of uniform. Grave 1 meter deep, marked by cross. Body badly decomposed - Unrecognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes (1). On grave marker? None (0).
(Corroded and illegible).

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: Parts of O. D. US uniform. Cross over original grave reads "NO. 887 SOLDAT AMERICAIN INCOONU MORT POUR LA FRANCE. Shoes about size #8, US issue.

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.

Quantity None.

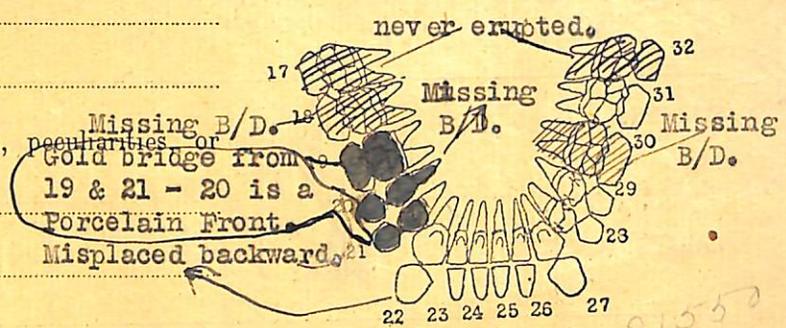
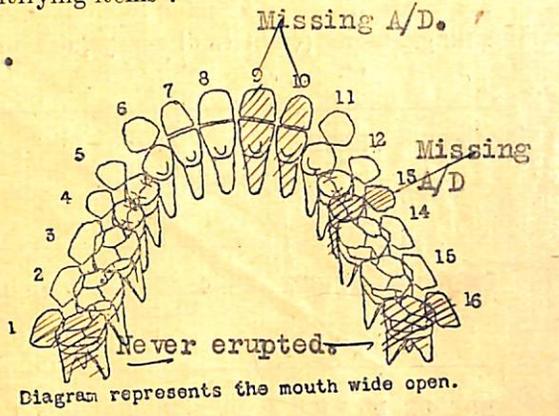
Characteristics None.

(d) Hair on face—Color None.

Location None.

Quantity None.

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities or Gold bridge from missing parts) None.



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Fractures of left humerus, left radius and ulna, upper fourth left femur fractured and missing. Left clavical missing.

Body examined by Major Val E. Miltenberger, M. C.

7. Disinterment supervised by J. F. RICHARDS, Civ. Empl., AGRS, QMC., in E.

Approved: L. O. MATHEWS, Major, Q.M.C.

8. Reburial supervised by Val E. Miltenberger, Major, M. C.

Approved: L. O. MATHEWS, Major, Q.M.C.

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~~Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, F~~

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE

August 25th 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

see
17/27

- 1. Name ~~UNKNOWN~~ *Botomik, Hallel* 10. Name _____
- 2. No. ~~U-3989~~ *240988* 11. No. _____
- 3. Rank _____ *Pvt* 12. Rank _____
- 4. Org. _____ *Co. B, 2nd Regt* 13. Org. _____
- 5. D.D. _____ *10/2/18* 14. (a) D.D. _____
- 6. C.D. _____ *KIA* (b) D.B. _____

no discrep

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- 7. Grave No. *208* Sec. *113* 15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
- 8. Plot *4* Row _____ 16. Plot _____ Row _____
- 9. _____ 17. _____

- 18. Cemetery *Argonne American* 19. Commune or town *Romagne-sous-Montfaucon*
- 20. Dept. or County *Meuse* 21. Country *France*
- 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. *1232 - Sect. 113.*

- 23. Disinterred (Date) *August 5th 1921* By *Lewis H Massart*
- 24. Inscription on grave marker: _____
- Name ~~UNKNOWN~~ Serial No. *U-3989*
- Rank _____ Organization _____

- 25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? *yes corroded* On body? *no*

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).

~~see remarks (over)~~

- 27. Condition of body *Skeleton disarticulated.*
- 28. Nature of burial *burlap and wooden box*
- 29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? *none*

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date *August 25th 1921* By *Lewis H Massart*

AUDITED BY

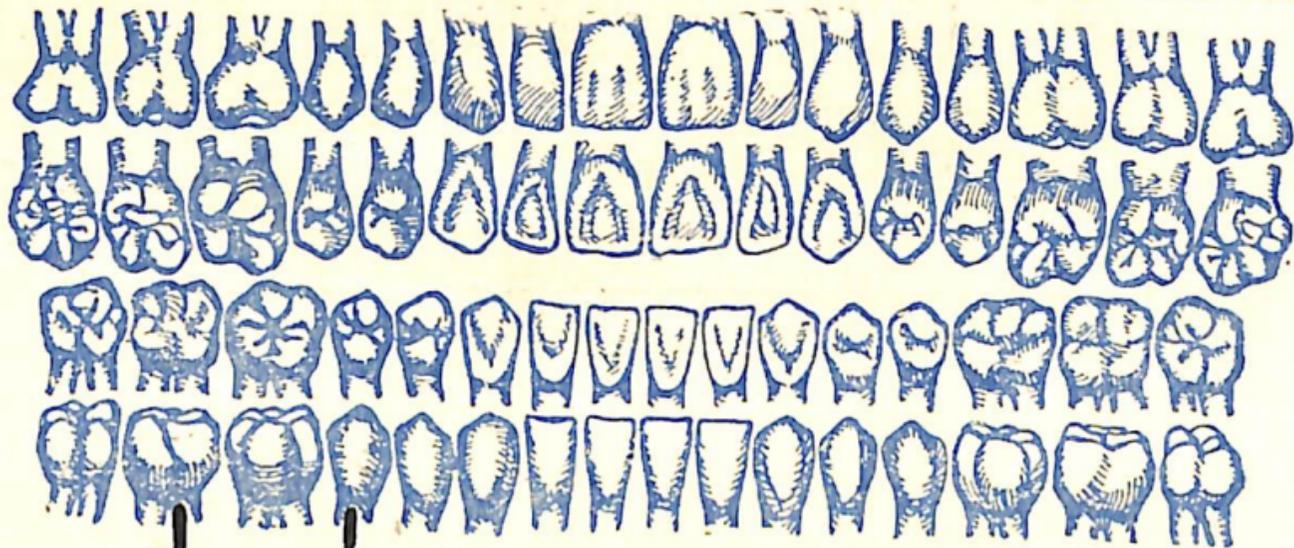
31. Casket sealed by *Lewis H. Massart*

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) *Lewis H. Massart.*

MRLS
5-10-23

Mr. Hillel Botwinik

Address



stationery
Remarks. one Bridge of two crowns and one facium
on the right lower side (crowns on 2^d mol. + 2^d bicent)

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date August 25th 1921

1. REMAINS OF Botovniks, Hillel ~~UNKNOWN U. S. Soldier, U-3989~~ SERIAL NUMBER 240988

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Sec. B, 2nd Regt.

2. Disinterred (date): August 25th 1921 From (give complete location): Gr 208 Sec 113 Pl 4 Cemetery # 1232

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100
11/27*

By: Group 2 Unit Field Section # 3

3. Reburied (date): Nov. 16, 1921 In (give complete location): Meuse-Argonne Cty. #1232 Gr. 40, Block G, row 6.

By: Group Reburial S Unit Nature of reburial Unlined casket.

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

Burial in wooden box, skeleton disarticulated.

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

Metal plaque on grave marker reads Unknown U-3989 Gr 208 Sec 113 Corroded tag found in
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:

bottle on body enclosed in envelope for transmission to Paris Office. Bottle record reads in part Body brought from grave no 887 French and German Cty Souain Marne, Cross over original grave read No. 887 Soldat Americain Inconnu, Mort pour La France.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) impossible to determine

(c) Hair—Color impossible to determine

Quantity impossible to determine

Characteristics impossible to determine

(d) Hair on face—Color impossible to determine

Location impossible to determine

none visible

Quantity impossible to determine

none

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

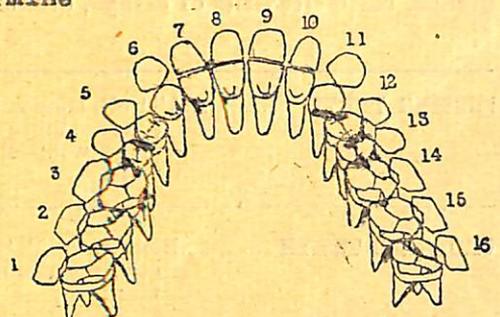
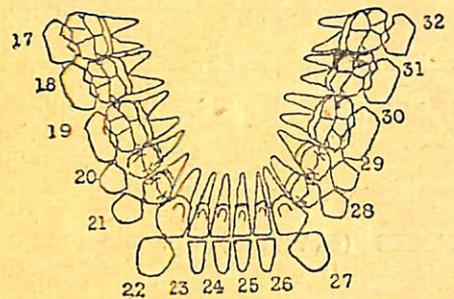


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



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

Right humerus radius and ulna and left femur broken.

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7. Disinterment supervised by Lewis H Massart Approved: W. H. Roach, 1st Lt. QMC

8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Dufault Approved: James W. Younger

A. U. DUFALT
A. TRUE COPY
M. B. Birdseye
1st. Lt. QMC.

JAMES W. YOUNGER
CAPT., Q.M.C.

RETURN ALL PAPERS TO *The Court*

COM. DIV. AFTER LETTER IS MAILED.

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GM 293 A-C

Botvinik, Hillel

June 13, 1924.

Mr. Lippe Botvinik,
770 Tremont Ave.,
Bronx, New York City,
N. Y.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires to thank you for the dental chart of work performed for your son, the late Private Hillel Botvinik, Company B, 2nd Engineers.

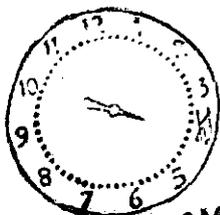
Please know that your efforts in the investigation are appreciated. You will be promptly informed of any favorable developments.

Very truly yours,

R. L. FOSTER,
Assistant.

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J. Q. M. G.
MAIL & RECORD SECT.



JUN 18 1924

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Botvinik, Hillel

May 28, 1924.

Mr. Lippe Botvinik,
770 Tremont Ave.,
Bronx, New York City,
N. Y.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that an investigation is being conducted with a view towards locating the grave of your son, the late Private Hillel Botvinik, Company B, 2nd Engineers.

To assist in the matter, it will be appreciated if you will secure a chart from your local dentist, who may have performed dental work for the soldier prior to enlistment. The chart should include crowns, fillings, bridges, and extractions, if any. Should you be unable to obtain a chart, please furnish a report of any dental work you recall having been performed. It is especially desired that you advise whether your son's two lower front teeth were crowded sidewise.

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

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envelope



Very truly yours,

R. P. Harbold
R. P. HARBOLD,
Assistant.



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QM 293 A-C

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Very truly yours,

CENTRAL MAIL ROOM



R. P. HARBOLD,
Assistant.

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QM 293 A-C

Botvinik, Hillel

War Dept., OQMG, Washington, D.C., May 28, 1924--To the Chief, AGRS, GMC., in Europe

1st Ind.

1. Form 114-B dated Nov. 18, 1921 pertaining to U-3632 shows reburial from Grave 204, instead of Grave 203, referred to above. Form also states that original coordinations are not of record. The Form 16-A of Aug. 20, 1921, shows Grave 203.

2. Further efforts will be made by this office to identify Private Botvinik and U-3632.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

R. P. HARBOLD,
Assistant.

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File No.

April 30, 1924

SUBJECT: Case of Pvt. Hillel BOTVINIK #204958, Co.B, 2nd Engineers

TO : Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.

1. Grave Location Blank furnished by your office shows Pvt. Hillel BOTVINIK buried at the coordinates map 35 S.W., East 267.65, North 272.68.

2. The records of this office show Unknown U. S. Soldier U-3632 exhumed from map 35 S.W., East 267, North 269.6 June 17th, 1919 and reburied in Grave 203, Section 89, Plot 4, Cemetery #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse. This body is now buried in Grave 18, Block G, Row 9, same cemetery.

3. In view of the proximity of the location from which these remains were exhumed with the reported burial place of Pvt. Botvinik, it is suggested that a comparison of dental chart on Form 16-A with dental description for Pvt. Botvinik might result in the identification of these remains.

4. It is requested that this office be advised of your decision in the above.

293 Botvinik, Hillel

MAY 16 1924
GRAVES SERVICE

RECEIVED
MAY 14 1924
M. & R. BRANCH
O. O. M. O.

ROBT. STENHOTT
Chief

May 16 1921.

Mrs. Mullen

1. Letter to Europe

That 114 B dated 11/18/21 pertaining to U 3632 shows reburial from grave 204 instead of grave 203 and states that the original coordinations are not of record

That 16A of August 20 1921 shows grave 203.

That further efforts will be made to identify Botvink and U 3632

2. Write the MA for dental chart and ask particularly if lower front two teeth were crowded sidewise.

CS

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

FILE

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

Date June 20, 1922

File No. 30598 Registration.

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 ~~Botvinik~~ Botvinik ✓
b. Christian name Hillel Hillel ✓
c. Serial Number 240958 ✓
d. Organization Co. B, 2nd Engrs. ✓
e. Rank Pvt. ✓
f. Date of death 10-3-18 ✓
g. Cause of death K/A ✓
h. Authority (C.O.#) 284 ✓
i. Emergency address Lippe Hillel
770 Fremont Ave., Bronx, New York City ✓
j. Relationship Father ✓

BODY DESCRIPTION
(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- ✓ 3632 in
made 1232
- 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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D.S. attached to file papers

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

CEMETERY NO:

SHEET NO:
TYPED BY:

M. G. Knight
REC'D ARCHIVES BR.

BY:

Charles J. Wynne
Captain, Q.M.C., U.S.A.

S/3310/LML

6/21/22 F.M.

JUN 21 1922

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BOTVINIK 240958 Hillel Hillel

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

Pvt. Co. B. 2nd Engineers

(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: on road between Suian-Somme
Py. near Nevarinferme.

CAUSE OF DEATH: enemy shell fire.

DATE OF BURIAL: October 3rd, 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL: on road between Suian-Somme
Py. co-ordinates (267.65-
272.68) 50yds east of road.
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department). Map references must
specify clearly what map is used.

Department of the Marne (scale 1-120,000)

GRAVE NUMBER: Not known

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? Yes.

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes.

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: Lippe Botvinik (father)

ADDRESS: 770 Tremont Ave. Bronx, N. Y. City

RELATIONSHIP: Father

REPORTED BY:

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

Co B 2nd Engrs
2nd Division

BOTVINIK, Hillel, Pvt. 240958
Home address:
770 Tremont Ave.
N.Y. City, Bronx

Private BOTVINIK was a member of a relief just going on duty. The road was being shelled heavily and one shell struck in the relief. Pvt. BOTVINIK was hit in several places among which were both legs and the left temple. He was being lowered unconscious into a trench along the road when he died (October 3, 1918) about 6:00 p.m. near Navarin Farm on road between Souain and Somme Py.

Informant: CULLEN, Andrew F Pvt. 652911
Co B. 2nd Engrs.
Home: 175 E. 112 St. N.Y.
112 St.

Not signed.

Emergency address:
Lippe BOTVINIK (Father)
770 Tremont Ave.
Bronx, N.Y. City

INVESTIGATION SECTION

MASTER CARD DIVISION

NAME Batwinik, Hillel
FORMER ORGANIZATION P.V.T.
#240958
INFORMATION REQUESTED Co B 3rd Eng

The sources of information checked below have been consulted in connection with the attached correspondences.

Locator Files... K.I.A 10/4/18
Sailing Lists.....
Master Cards.....
Suspense Files.....
Miscellaneous.....
Rosters..... no Bureau Report
Sub-Casuals.....
Hospital Files.....
Casualty... K.I.A 10/3/18 Per CC 284
Missing Files.....
Prisoner of War Files.....
Service Record.....
Post Office Files..... gpl
Civilians.....
Returned to U. S.....

Enclosed 0/13

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Botvink, Hillel.

Graves Registration Service, Office of the Quartermaster General,
18th St. & Virginia Ave., Washington, D. C. November 26, 1919. TO-
Adjutant General's Office, War Department, Washington, D. C.

1. The records of this office fail to show any grave location
registered in the case of Pvt. Hillel Botvink, Co. E, 2nd Engineers,
Serial No. 240958.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Major, Q.M.C.,
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

By:

CHARLES J. WYNN,
Captain, Q.M.C.,
Graves Registration Service.

A. G. 201(Botvinick, Hillel)CD
War Department, January 30th, 1919.

1st Ind.

To Commanding General, American Expeditionary Force, for report by courier.

By order of the Secretary of State:

Received

18 FEB. 1919

P. C. HARRIS

H MAM

G. H. Q. A. E. F.

The Adjutant General

C O P Y

770 Tremont Ave.,
Bronx, N. Y.
Jan. 20 - 1919.

Harris

The Adjutant General
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

On December 9, 1918, I have received a Cable from you,
stating that my son Private Hillel Botvinik, (#240958) has
been killed in Action on Oct. 3 - 1918.

I would greatly appreciate your Kindness by notifying
me, all the particulars
me, all the particulars in regarding his death: As Battle, Etc.

Hoping to get your reply shortly.

Respectfully Yours

Lippe Botvinik.

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

Date Sept. 20, 1919.

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME Botvinik, Hiliel

Serial Number 240958

RANK Pvt..

ORGANIZATION Co.E, 2nd. Engineers

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier: given above agree with Records?	No record Yes
2.	Date of Death.	2-10-3-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	3-K/a -
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	
5.	Date buried.	
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	No burial record on unconfirmed cards. 2nd Search 11/22/19 - M. U. M.
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	
12.	Has above been notified? (Give date)	
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	11-Lippe Botvinik 770 Fremont Ave Brooklyn New York City
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	
15.	Inquiry made by?	

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

FILE NUMBER 30598

FROM:-

DATE: 6/19/19

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME Botwinik, Hillel

NUMBER 240958

RANK Pot.

ORGANIZATION Co B 2nd Engrs.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	Botwinik, Hillel 240958
2.	Date of Death.	10-3-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	K/a
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	C.C 284
5.	Date buried.	
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	No Burial Info.
7.	Who reported burial.	
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	
11.	Who is nearest relative?	Lippe Botwinik
12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	770 Tremont - Av. Bronx New York
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the Photograph No. ?	

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

201. Botrinik, Hillel

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Central Records Office, A.G.D., A.P.O.#902, A.E.F., May 24, 1919 -
To Chief, Graves Registration Service, A.P.O.#717.

It is requested that this office be furnished with
burial information regarding Pvt. Hillel Botrinik, #240958.
This soldier was killed in action Oct. 3, 1918.

H. M. NELLY,
Adjutant General.

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2nd Ind.

ACL/lde

American E.F., HQ. S.O.S., O.C.C.M., Chief, G.R.S. France. June 24, 1919.
To: Central Records Office, A.G.D., A.P.O.#902, AM.E.F. Returned.

1. There is no burial information on record in this office regarding
Pvt. Hillel Botrinik, #240958, Co. B., 2nd Engrs.

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

30598

770 Tremont Ave. .
Bronx N.Y.

4/18/19.

Gentlemen.

I am writting to you in reference to my son, that has been killed over there in Oct. 3/18. And I have been trying to find out something about him since he was killed but I have found it very impossible to get any information.

Now I would be very much thankful to you , if you could write to me how my son has been killed, and where he is buried? And also if there is anything been found, belonging to him,if it could be possible to return them to me.

We know it was for a good cause, but as I am his mother I cannot feel just right, unless I have some word knowing that he is well taking care.

My dear son belonged to Private Hillel Botrinik
Co. B 2nd Engineers.

A.E.F.
his serial number is 240958.

Thanking you for your trouble in advance. Hoping to hear an early reply.

I remain,

Respectfully yours.

Mrs. L. Botrinik

October 7, 1921.

10/7/21
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293.8-Cem. #30598 (Botvinik, Hiliel, Pvt.)

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

Mrs. Frances B. Smieton, Secretary, Home Service Section, Bronx County, A.R.C., 681 East Tremont Ave., New York City, N. Y.

Private Hiliel Botvinik.

1. In reply to your letter of October 4, 1921, you are advised that the records of this office do not show the grave location of the late Private Hiliel Botvinik, Company B, 2nd Engineers. An investigation has been instituted in this case. The investigation consists of a conscientious search of reports, maps and sketches and if necessary careful search on the ground will be made in an effort to definitely determine the grave location. As soon as further information is received, the legal next of kin of this soldier will be duly advised.

2. Notation will be made on the records of this office that it is the desire of the mother that the remains of her son be returned to this country for final interment and should the grave location be registered in this office, instructions will be issued that her wishes be complied with.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

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CHARLES *C.* WYNNE,
Captain, U. S. A.

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War Department, Botvinick, Hillen, Pvt.
Washington, D.C. Co. B, 2nd Infy.

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