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G.R.S. Form #114-B

FULL NAME ..... **BROSS, James H.** ✓

RANK ..... **Pvt.** ✓ SERIAL ..... **20836** ✓

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION ..... **101st Aero Squad.** ✓ *not Dir.*

DATE OF DEATH ..... *Jan 18/19*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME ..... *Idaho*

**MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED** ✓

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION ..... **11** **3** **A**  
Date Grave Row Block

**Suresnes American Cemetery 34**

Cemetery

REC'D WORLD WAR DIV  
SEP 3 24  
15 Received A. G. O. SEP 3 1974

**WESTERN MILITARY BUREAU**

ROUTE AND SCHEDULE

*Bross, James H.  
Lot.*

EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE SAILING FROM NEW YORK CITY June 3, 1931, 1930

Los Angeles County, State of California

Name Smith, Mrs Rosetta (P-21)

Address 2516 Bedford St. Los Angeles, Calif.

Route going: So Pac Santa Rosa, CRI&P Chicago, NYC&StL Buffalo, DL&W New York

Return: Same Route

Itinerary going			ROAD	TRAIN	TIME	DATE	
	✓ Lv	Los Angeles	So Pac	4	6:15 PM	May	28
✓ Ar	Chicago	CRI&P	"	9:30 AM	"	31	
✓ Lv	"	NYC&StL	2	11:00 AM	"	31	
✓ Ar	New York	DL&W	"	3:30 PM	June	1	
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Accommodations: Standard sleeper Los Angeles, Calif. to Chicago, Ill. and Chicago, Ill. to New York, NY.

Elapsed Time: 90 hrs: 15 min.

Extra Fare: 4

*H.H. [Signature]*

**GRAVE LOCATION BLANK**

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Brown*  
Grass, *20838* (Surname). *JAMES H.* (Number). *JAMES H.* (First Name and Initials).

Private (Rank). *101st Aero (Organized)*

PLACE OF DEATH: *Camp Hospital No. 68, S.O.S.*

CAUSE OF DEATH: *Intermittent nephritis*

DATE OF BURIAL: *January 20th 1919*

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

*Libourne, Gironde, France. (Opposite French Military Hospital).*

GRAVE NUMBER: *325*

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?  Cross?

Headboard?  Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

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

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

Tag shows proper name and Serial Number but 30th A.S. instead of 101st A.S.

NEAREST RELATIVE: *Mrs. Rosetta Smith*

ADDRESS: *1411 W. 16th St., Boise, Idaho.*

RELATIONSHIP: *Mother*

REPORTED BY:

*George J. Walden*

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

This portion to be forwarded to Central Records Office, A. G. O., A. E. F.

*man*

*ring*

*1,*

*W*

Death of this man  
may have been  
reported. There being  
some confusion  
about the matter,

26 FEB 1919

CL

H. Ellis  
Chaplain

A.P.O. 705

Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, '19

Place Libourne, Cem. 528,

**REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL**

Date Sept. 30, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF BROSS, James H. SERIAL NUMBER 20838

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION 101st Aero Sqdn.

2. Disinterred (date): Sept. 30, 1921. From (give complete location): Grave 125. Libourne Cem. 528.

By: Group 4 Unit Sect. 7.

3. Reburied (date): October 18th, 1921, In (give complete location): Suresnes Cemetery. -Block A - Row 3 - Grave 11.

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

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: Badly decomposed; Features not recognizable.

Wooden box. Uniform.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: Body tag corroded, read, " --- Bross- 20838 " , which checks.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Indiscernable due to

(b) Weight (estimated) decomposition.

(c) Hair—Color Light brown.

Quantity Very little.

Characteristics Straight.

(d) Hair on face—Color None appearing.

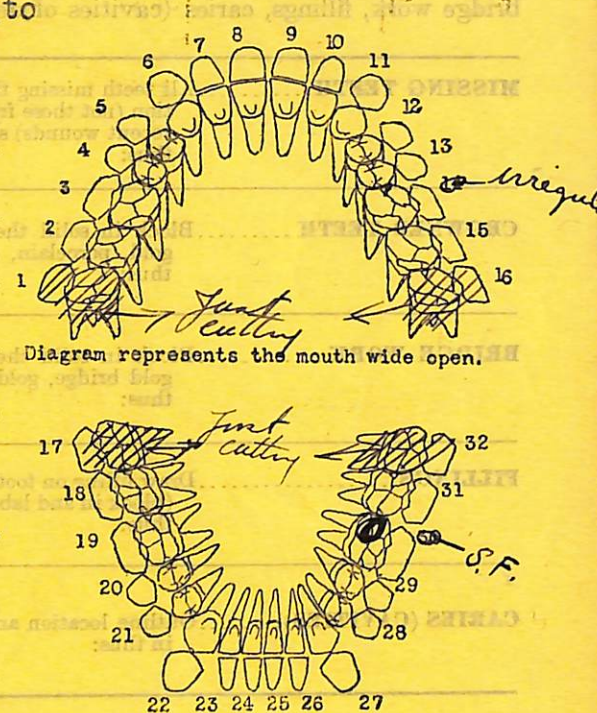
Location None

Quantity None.

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) Indiscernable due to decomposition.

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

None visible.



F.C. Stark, Checker.

7. Disinterment supervised by Aut Owen H. Morrissey Approved: O E Davis  
OWEN H. MORRISSEY, Acting. (Title) O. E. DAVIS, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

8. Reburial supervised by R. G. Richards Approved: R. P. Harbold  
R. G. RICHARDS, 1st Lieut. Q.M.C. (Title) R. P. HARBOLD, Major, Q.M.C.

*10-60149*






**INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER COMPLETION OF G. R. S. FORM NO. 16-A**

Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Question 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No."

(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No. 6.

6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

<p><b>MISSING TEETH</b>.....All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus:</p>	 <p>TOOTH MISSING TOOTH MISSING</p>
<p><b>CROWNED TEETH</b>.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:</p>	 <p>GOLD CROWN PORCELAIN CROWN GOLD CROWN</p>
<p><b>BRIDGE WORK</b>.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus:</p>	 <p>GOLD AND PORCELAIN BRIDGE GOLD BRIDGE</p>
<p><b>FILLINGS</b>.....Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:</p>	 <p>SILVER FILLING GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING</p>
<p><b>CARIES (CAVITIES)</b>.....Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:</p>	 <p>CAVITY DECAYED DECAYED DECAYED</p>

**DENTURES (PLATES)**.....Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp."

7. Show name of person supervising the disinterment and the name and title of the person approving same.
8. Show name of person supervising the reburial and the name and title of the person approving same.

Bross James H.


Party "F" - Itinerary - Suresnes Group

Sailed June 3, 1931, on REPUBLIC. Capt. Edward Busch in charge. Arrived Cherbourg June 13th, 1:15 pm. Special tender arrived 2:00 pm, bearing Maj. F.M.Fitts; Capts. W.C.Louisell, M.J.Conway and J.P.Lake; Lts. W.L.Barriger and H.C.Mewshaw; 2nd Lt. B.M.Greeley; five nurses and one civilian employee. Train left Cherbourg 3:45 pm, arrived Gare des Invalides, Paris, 9:50 pm. Met by Col. Bartlett and members of the staff of the Paris Office.

- June 14th: Church or rest. Lunch at hotel. Paris sightseeing trip - Sacre Coeur. Dinner at hotel.
- June 15th: Conference with Conducting Officer. Lunch at hotel. Afternoon - Arc de Triomphe - wreath laid by Mrs. Mary Jane Grimesey. Tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent. Dinner at hotel.
- June 16th: Visited Suresnes Cemetery in morning. Lunch at Belle Cycliste. Cemetery in afternoon. Dinner at hotel.
- June 17th: Cemetery in morning. Lunch at hotel. Afternoon free. Dinner at hotel.
- June 18th: Left Paris via Porte de Pantin to La Ferte s/s Jouarre (rest stop Hotel de la Terrasse. Lunched at Chateau-Thierry - Hostellerie du Bonhomme. In afternoon visited Aisne-Marne Cemetery and Belleau Woods. Dinner at hotel, Paris.
- June 19th: Morning free or Louvre. Lunch at hotel. Suresnes Cty.in afternoon. Dinner at hotel.
- June 20th: Left Paris via Porte de la Chapelle for Chantilly (rest stop Hotel du Parc) and Compiègne (lunch Hotel du Palais). In afternoon visited Carrefour de l'Armistice. Dinner at hotel, Paris.
- June 21st: Church or free in morning. Lunch at hotel. Cemetery in afternoon. Dinner at hotel.
- June 22nd: Notre Dame in morning. Lunch at hotel. Cemetery in afternoon. Dinner at hotel. Night sightseeing trip.
- June 23rd: Visited Colonial Exposition. Lunch at hotel. Afternoon - Napoleon's Tomb. Dinner at hotel.
- June 24th: Morning free or shopping. Lunch at hotel. Visited Versailles in afternoon. Dinner at hotel.
- June 25th: Visit to cemetery. Lunch at hotel. Afternoon free. Dinner at hotel.
- June 26th: Boat train for Cherbourg left 10:25 am, arrived 4:13 pm.  
PRESIDENT HARDING sailed 6:00 pm. Arrived New York July 3, 1931.

Mrs Rosetta Smith

2 Bags  
Met by Capt Harris



Name ..... SMITH, Mrs. Rosetta .....

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

Home address ..... 2518 Bedford St., Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., California .....

Party ..... F ..... Group ..... Unit SS. REPUBLIC .....

Date of arrival ..... June 13, 1931 ..... Date of departure ..... SS. HARDING, June 26, 1931 .....

Relationship ..... Mother, age 50 .....

Name of deceased ..... BROSS, James H. .....

Rank ..... Pvt., ..... Organization 101st Aero Sqdn.  
Grave 11, Block A, Row 3 .....

Cemetery ..... Suresnes .....

REMARKS

*Rosetta Smith*



**WAR DEPARTMENT**  
**PILGRIMAGE WAR MOTHERS AND WIVES**  
 225 West 34th. St. New York, N.Y.

Party ..... **F**  
 Number **767** .....

**REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATIONS.**

**Smith, Mrs. Rosetta** .....  
 Name of Pilgrim  
**2518 Bedford St.** .....  
 City Home Address County  
**Los Angeles, Cal.** .....  
 State

Actual cost of  
 Through Pullman at the  
 Lower Berth Rate.  
 New York, to **Los Angeles, Cal.** .....

Destination of Ticket **Los Angeles, Cal.** ..... **\$32.63** .....  
 via **DL&W to Buffalo - WAB to Chicago - CRI&P to Santa Rosa - SP to Los Angeles** .....

**July 5, 1931**  
 Date of Departure

**October 31, 1931**  
 Expiration Date of Ticket

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower Seat or Coach	Car	U.S.G. Order No.	Actual Cost
Lv.	Hoboken	DL&W	5	July 5	2:20 P.M.			
Ar.	Chicago	Wab	1-11	" 5	4:50 P.M.	Lower 8	L 16	9.00
Lv.	Chicago	CRI&P	3	" 5	8:45 PM			
Ar.	Los Angeles	SoPac	3	" 9	7:45 A.M.	Lower 6	wired 32 1026356	23.63
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*released in new york city to friend who will take her to Park church for some time and some space.*

Excess Fare New York, to. Cost \$ Total **\$32.63**

Stop Over *new york city* ..... Through Rate **32.63**  
 Excess

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767

PARTY **F**..... FILE NO. ....

NAME **Smith, Mrs. Rosetta**  
**2518 Bedford St. Los Angeles,**  
**Cal.**

**ROUTE OF TICKET**

*D L W* to *Buffalo*

*W ab.* to *Chicago*

*CR DOP* to *Santa Rosa*

*S. P.* to *Los Angeles*

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Expiration date *Oct 31-31*

The following stop overs are requested.

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*T. M.*

(Signature of Pilgrim)

PILGRIMAGE OF WAR MOTHERS & WIDOWS

GENERAL RELEASE

File F 767

Mrs. TC Smith

Address Los Angeles

Released in New York.

To Mr. E.C. Wood

Address 31 - Luff Ave  
E. Orange

T.M.

RECEIVED RAILROAD AND PULLMAN TICKET

x Mrs. Rosette Smith

10 30 Am 7/4

VIA WESTERN UNION

*Smith*

Mrs. S. L. Halverson  
2518 Bedford St  
Los Angeles, California

July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1931

MRS. ROSETTA SMITH WILL ARRIVE SEVEN FORTY FIVE A M  
VIA S P RAILROAD JULY EIGHTH PLEASE MEET HER.

COLONEL POPE

FF-51

PARTY "F"  
May 20th, 1931

Mrs. Rosetta Smith,  
2518 Bedford Street,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

Upon your arrival in New York City, you will be met at the railroad station by an Army Officer who will be in uniform. During your sojourn in New York before sailing for Europe, and upon your return from Europe, you will stop at the Hotel McAlpin, Broadway and 34th Street, New York City.

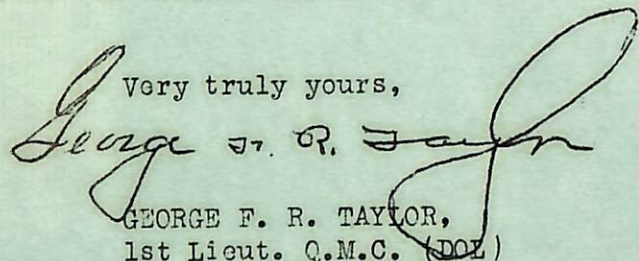
All mail intended to reach you between June 4th, 1931, the day you sail from the United States, and June 26th, 1931, the day you leave Europe, should be addressed to you in care of American Pilgrimage, 146 Avenue des Champs Elysees, Paris, France; for example:

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

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

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

Very truly yours,



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

7 Incl:

- 2 Baggage Tags
- 4 Baggage Pastors
- 1 Copy Cemeterial Information

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

FILE  
HCH  
June 7, 1922.

FILE: 293.8 C-R - #85425 (Bross, James H., Private)  
FROM: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army.  
TO: Mrs. Rossetta Smith, 1411 No. 18th St., Boise, Idaho.  
SUBJECT: Permanent Grave Location of Private James H. Bross,  
101st Aero Squadron Signal Corps.

1. The permanent grave of this soldier is No. 11 Row 3  
Block A, The American Cemetery of the Suresnes, Department of Seine,  
France.

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

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

MAILED  
JUN 7 1922  
G.R.S.  
ew  
By authority of the Quartermaster General:

GEORGE H. PENROSE,  
Colonel, Q. M. Corps,  
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

1. NAME BROSS, James H SERIAL No. 20838

RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION 101st Aero Sqdn

GRAVE LOCATION American E. F. Libourne, Gironde CTY. NAME 528 NUMBER

125

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 125 Libourne, (Gironde)  
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES \_\_\_\_\_

CONCENTRATED TO Jan. 20, 1919. 125 - -  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT  
Libourne, (Gironde) 528  
CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

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

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 10/18/21 11 3 A  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT Block

Suresnes American Cemetery #34, Suresnes (Seine).  
CEMETERY

AUDITED BY

*R.L.A.  
2/23/22*

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.

2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.

3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.

4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form I6, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept. 30, 1921.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BROSS, James H

10. Name

2. No. 20838

11. No.

3. Rank Pvt

12. Rank

4. Org. 101st Aero Sqdn

13. Org.

5. D.D. Jan. 18/19

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. Nephritis

(b) D.B. No discrepancy.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 125 Sec.

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. No discrepancy.

18. Cemetery American E. F.

19. Commune or town Libourne

20. Dept. or County Gironde

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 528

23. Disinterred (Date) Sept. 30, 1921.

By OWEN H. MORRISSEY

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name BROSS, James H.

Serial No. 20838

Rank Pvt.

Organization 101st Aero Sqdn.

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

F.C. Stark  
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

F.C. STARK

PREPARATION

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

Body tag corroded reads; - Bross, 20838, which checks.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features not recognizable.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box. Uniform.

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Sept. 30, 1921. By OWEN H. MORRISSEY

31. Casket sealed by OWEN H. MORRISSEY.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) Act. Owen H. Morrissey

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **C-2483**

32. Designation of body:

Name **BROSS, James H** Serial No. **20838**

Rank **Pvt** Organization **101st Aero Sqdn**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **SURESNES AMERICAN CEMETERY #34**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **Sept. 30, 1921** By **OWEN H. MORRISSEY**

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector **O. E. Davis**

36. Remarks **O.E.DAVIS, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.**

**None.**

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) **Sept. 30, 1921.**

To point of Concentration **Bassens, (Gironde).**

Convoyer **Pierre de Montozon** Signature Shipping Officer **[Signature]**

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date **30 SEP 1921**  
**W. R. NICHOLS**

39 (a) Received at Paris Morgue, October 17, 1921. **[Signature]**  
**H. L. WARD,**  
Major, Q.M.C.

39 (b) Shipped from Paris Morgue, **Oct. 18th** 1921. To Permanent Cemetery No. 34, American, Suresnes (Seine) by Shipping Officer, **[Signature]**  
Convoyed by: **H. L. WARD,**  
Major, Q.M.C.

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred **Suresnes Cemetery.** **October 18th, 1921.**  
(Date)

42. Grave No. **11.** Section

43. ~~Flax~~ Block **A.** Row **3.**

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

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **C-2483**

32. Designation of body:

Name **BROSS, James H** Serial No. **20838**

Rank **Pvt** Organization **101st Aero Sqdn**

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector **O.E. DAVIS, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.**

36. Remarks **None.**

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) **Sept. 30, 1921.**

To point of Concentration **Bassens, (Gironde).**

Convoyer **Pierre de Montozon** Signature Shipping Officer **[Signature]**

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date **30 SEP 1921**

Representative **W. R. NICHOLS Major C. A. C.**

from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date **Oct 14 1921**

Permanent Cemetery **Paris Morgue**

(Name) **Jack Roberts** Signature Shipping Officer **[Signature]**

Date **October 18th, 1921.**

G.R.S. representative **R. G. RICHARDS, 1st Lieut. Q.M.C.**

41. Reinterred **Suresnes Cemetery.** **October 18th, 1921.**

42. Grave No. **11.** (Date) Section

43. ~~Platz~~ Block **A.** Row **3.**

G.R.S. Representative **R. G. RICHARDS, 1st Lieut. Q.M.C.**

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COMPILED LIST OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #85425

1. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

*Confirmed (And. Rept 5/12/21)*

(a) Name Bross, James H. Ser. No. 20838 ) TYP. ILH  
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization 101st Aero Squad. )  
(c) Date of death 1-18-19 of death Nephritis ) CKR. NOT

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

(a) Grave No. 125 Row -- Plot -- Sect. -- ) TYP. HDP  
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. R. Smith, (Mother) Gen. Del. Boise, Idaho.

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

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Rosette Smith (b) Relationship Mother  
(c) Address 1411 N. 18th St, Boise, Idaho.  
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no  
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at \_\_\_\_\_

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U.S. \_\_\_\_\_

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

Examiner's Initials FRB Date 4-29-1920

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

dated \_\_\_\_\_, confirmed request in Par. IV. item \_\_\_\_\_, above, or requesting that

No Correspondence

Examiner's Initials JOB Date 4/29/1920

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes - HW

Examiner's Initials HW Date 4/30/1920

COUNTRY France  
G.R.S. Form #115  
Amended April 6, 1920.

CEMETERY NO. 528 SHEET NO. 13

Make Form #114 Rechecked by S.

**CONCENTRATED INTO PAC #34**

*11-2-21  
aes  
10/13/21  
In Bean #34  
to Bureau*

VII. G. R. FORM No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 1920

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by \_\_\_\_\_, 1920



VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by- ( cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920 )  
( letter on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920 )

*Par 2 - not to be returned - Lurk*

IX.

CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE

Desires body be

Body to be shipped to

GENERAL DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SECTION



X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*L.T.*

*Form 120 5-21-20 Rosette  
Smith, mother, 1411 N. 16th St. Boise, Idaho.  
requests body remain in France.  
Letter 7-10-20 mother submits statement  
that she is unable to locate father.  
ec. 19-1-20*

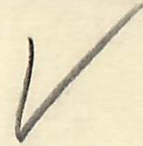
**FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN - BODY  
TO REMAIN IN EUROPE.**

**DEC 15 1920**

*C.M.*

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

*Rush Answer*



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

528-13

TO: Rosette Smith, 1411 N. 18th St., Boise, Idaho.

MAY 6 1920

SUBJECT: Remains of Private James H. Bross.

The records of this office show that you have requested that his  
body ~~be~~ Not returned to United States

*Letter 7/10/20  
Mother submits  
statement that she is  
unable to locate father*

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

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

Noted on Form No. 115  
Date 9-1-20 JSC

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
→ Soldier's Widow	<i>None</i>		
→ Soldier's Children	1. <i>None</i> 2. <i>None</i> 3. <i>None</i>		
→ Father	<i>Largest Bross</i>		
Mother	<i>present address unknown</i> <i>same as War Risk Ea</i>		
Brothers	1. <i>Joseph Bross, age 22</i> (Name oldest first) 2.		
Sisters	<i>Laura Mann, - M<sup>rs</sup> Call, Idaho - age 24</i> <i>1/2 " Theresa Smith, Boise, Idaho - age 13</i>		
Date	<i>May 21 - 1920</i>	Signature	<i>Macker</i>
Address	<i>1411 N. 18th St. Boise Idaho</i>	Relationship	<i>Mother</i>

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

The transfer of bodies will be made entirely at government expense.

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION  
WASHINGTON

TO: Chief, Graves Registration Service, U.S.C.  
Arlington, Hall B. 15th St., Arlington, Va.

SUBJECT: Remains of Private James H. Jones

The records of this office show that you have requested that his

body be returned to United States

If there are not the correct data written, please change them. Make  
changes on reverse side of this sheet.  
The nearest living relative in France between (1) return of the body  
to any address in the United States; (2) interment in Arlington, Va., National  
Cemetery; or (3) remain in France

By authority of the Department General:



CHARLES O. WALKER  
Colonel, U.S. Army

TOWN

NAME OF  
Soldier's Widow

Soldier's Children  
1.  
2.  
3.

Father

Mother

Brothers  
1.  
(Name of first) 2.

Sisters

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

When all lines required are returned out  
of service instructions for filling out

30 East 61st Street,  
Portland, Oregon. July 10, 1920

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

Sir:

Enclosed is affidavit as to  
inability to locate Ernest H. Bross, father  
of James H. Bross, deceased soldier, as re-  
quested in yours of June 29th.

Respectfully,

*Rosetta Smith.*

Encl

528-13

Noted on Form No. 115  
Date..... 9-1-20 J.C.

Portland, Oregon.

I hereby certify that I have no knowledge of the whereabouts of Ernest H. Bross, father of James H. Bross, deceased; that he deserted his family when James was a small child, and at the time divorce proceedings were started against him, approximately sixteen years ago, every effort was made to locate him. I have had no word from him during this time.

Rosetta Smith.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 12th day of July, 1920.



Mary J. Smyth  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires  
Feb. 16, 1921

Noted on Form No. 115  
Date 9-1-20 H.C.

Portland, Oregon.

I hereby certify that I have no knowledge of the whereabouts of Ernest H. Brown, father of James H. Brown, deceased; that he deserted his family when James was a small child, and at the time divorce proceedings were started against him, approximately sixteen years ago, every effort was made to locate him. I have had no word from him during this time.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 18th day of July, 1920.

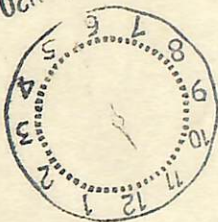


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JUL 19 1920  
G. H. S.

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DEC 17 1920



GENERAL DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SECTION

528-13

June 29th, 1920.

File No. 293.3 Reg. Sec., Cem. Div.  
( Bross, James H.)

Mrs. Rosette Smith,  
111 N. 18th St.,  
Boise, Idaho.

Dear Madam:-

In order that the action of the Department in respecting your request in the matter of disposition of remains of the late Private James H. Bross, may be justified, it is requested that you submit a statement properly sworn to before an officer authorized to administer oaths, to the effect that you have made reasonable effort to ascertain the whereabouts of the late soldier's father, and have been unable to do so.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Colonel, U. S. Army,  
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

BY: *CDP*  
*m. m. m.* C. D. ARNIS,  
1st-Lieut. Q.M. Corps.

RC/Emm

1 Inclosure  
OSP:SS  
Cor.Stat.Unit.

MAILED  
JUN 29 1920  
OVERSEAS PROJ. SEC.  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION.

Noted on Form No. 115  
Date

# 85425  
**GRAVE LOCATION BLANK**

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

**Bross,** 20838 James H.  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

**Private** 101st Aero Squadron  
(Rank). (Organization).

**PLACE OF DEATH:** Camp Hospital No. 66, S.O.S.

**CAUSE OF DEATH:** Interstitial nephritis

**DATE OF BURIAL:** January 20th 1919

**PLACE OF BURIAL:** American Cemetery

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

Libourne, Gironde, France. (Opposite  
French Military Hospital).

**GRAVE NUMBER:** 125

**HOW MARKED:** Name Peg?  Cross?

Headboard?  Bottle?

**IDENTIFICATION TAGS:**

Was one buried with body?  Yes

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

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

Tag shows proper name and Serial Number but 30th A.S. instead of 101st A.S.

**NEAREST RELATIVE:** Mrs. Rosetta Smith

**ADDRESS:** 1411 N. 18th St., Boise, Idaho.

**RELATIONSHIP:** Mother

**REPORTED BY:**

*George S. Walden*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

George S. Walden, 1st Lt., A.S.

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

REVIEWED  
OSP SS.



15425

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

## LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

..... BROSS, 20838 James H .....  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

..... Pvt. 101st Aero Squad .....  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Camp Hospital No. 66, S.O.S. ....

CAUSE OF DEATH: Interstitial Nephritis .....

DATE OF BURIAL: January 20th 1919. ....

PLACE OF BURIAL: American Cemetery .....

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

Labourne, Gironde, France. (Opposite  
French Military Hospital) .....

GRAVE NUMBER: 125 .....

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

### IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes .....

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

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

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Tag shows proper name and serial number, but 30th A.S. instead of 101st A.S.

NEAREST RELATIVE: Mrs. Rosetta Smith .....

ADDRESS: 1411 N. 18th St., Boise, Idaho .....

RELATIONSHIP: Mother .....

REPORTED BY: *George S. Walden* .....

George S. Walden, 1st Lt., A.S.  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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OSP SS.



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#85425

G.R.S. Form #8- ; A.G.O. Liaison.

Date 4/7/20

Memo. For: G.R.S. Representative, A.G.O.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

1. Items checked are to be completed.

Surname *Bross*

Number *20838*

First name *James H.*

Rank *Pvt.*

Company *101 aero Sqd.*

Organization *Signal corps*

Date of death *1-18-19*

Cause *disease*

Emergency address. *Mrs. R. Smith*  
*1411, no 18<sup>th</sup> st, Boise Idaho.*

Relationship. *Mother*

Authority (C.C.#) *429*

Note: If this man is not dead show present status, and in case of discharge, show date and place. If case is under investigation, make notation to that effect.

**REVIEWED**  
**OSP SS.**

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

Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Cty. 528

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G.R.S. Form #8-W; A.G.O. Liaison.

Date 4/5/20

Memo. For: G.R.S. Representative; A.G.O.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

1. Items checked are to be completed.

Surname Bross ✓

Number 20838 ✓

First name James H. ✓

Rank Pvt ✓

Company 101st ✓

Organization Aero Sqdr. ✓

Date of death 1-18-19 ✓

Cause Nephritis

Emergency address, Mrs. R. Smith  
Gen. Del. Boise, Idaho

Relationship. Mother

Authority (C.C.#) 429

Note: If this man is not dead show present status, and in case of discharge, show date and place. If case is under investigation, make notation to that effect.

Rec'd World War Div.  
Date 4/5/20 REVIEWED

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

Chief, Graves Registration Service.

CEMETERY DIVISION  
REGISTRATION SECTION

**FILE**

February 19 192 2

MEMO FOR:

Cards Department.

1.

CASE OF:

~~101st Aero Sqn S. C.~~  
ORGANIZATION (Old)

BROSS 20838 James H., Pvt.,  
(Name)

**FILE**

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

ORGANIZATION (New)

FILE NO.

SURNAME

SERIAL NUMBER

FIRST NAME AND INITIALS

RANK

DATE OF DEATH

CAUSE OF DEATH

	Date	Place	F-1A No.
Orig.	1/20/18	528	D- 50304
1st Reb.			D-
2nd Reb.			D-
3rd Reb.			D-

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

BY: Miss Lannon

Card..  
(Department)

5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made  
on Organization  
File Card:

By A.B.  
S/3324/LML



E.C.

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION.

C-151270

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

James H. Brass (Pvt)

528-13

6/7 '20

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

20838

FILE

10124 Aero Squad

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE June 15, 1920

NAME OF BENEFICIARY Mrs. Rosetta Smith

RELATIONSHIP

Mother

1411 N. 18th St., Boise, Idaho.

Address:

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OSP SS.

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS.	CODE
NAME	Bross, James H	3	2 8 5
	Bros		
BURIED	CEMETERY 34	1	6
	GRAVE 11	2	11
	ROW 3	2	03
	BLOCK a	1	1
STATE	Idaho	2	12
RANK	Pvt	1	2
DIVISION	Air Service	2	44
ORGANIZATION	101	3	101
ARM	Aero Squad	1	2
MARITAL	No	1	2
NAME	Mrs Rosetta Smith Smri	3	9 3 9
	STATE Calif	2	04
RESIDENCE	COUNTY Los Angeles	2	19
	CITY Los Angeles	3	036
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	Yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	good	1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	NO. 1931	1	
ACCEPTANCE	YR. 1931	1	
29/514/EAB	Yes Agz	1	

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QM 293 A-M  
Bross, James H. Pvt (Sur) M

July 17, 1931.

Mrs. Rosetta Smith,  
2516 Bedford Street,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mrs. Smith:

The letter of recent date addressed to the Officer in Charge, Mothers and Widows Pilgrimage in New York, which you and other pilgrims sent in appreciation of the journey you recently made to the cemeteries of Europe, has been forwarded to me for reply.

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

It is gratifying to know that the mothers and widows were pleased with the arrangements made for their welfare throughout the trip and that the personnel as a whole rendered such satisfactory and commendable service. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages and has expended every effort that those making the trip might have a comfortable and pleasant time. I feel however that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the mothers and widows.

You may rest assured that the American cemeteries in Europe will be forever maintained in the fine condition in which you found them, as it will continue to be the constant endeavor of the Quartermaster Corps to make them fitting resting places for the heroes buried there.

Sincerely yours,

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

ADH  
WRG

MS  
*[Handwritten initials]*

F

NAME SMITH..MRS..ROSETTA.....

ADDRESS 2518 BEDFORD ST., LOS ANGELES, CALIF

DATE July 9, 1936

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. Rosetta Smith

WAR DEPARTMENT

Q. M. CORPS PILGRIMAGE,

WAR MOTHERS & WIDOWS, N. Y. C.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS



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

**PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS**

**225 WEST 34TH STREET,**

**NEW YORK, N. Y.**

PARTY

EASTBOUND

GROUP

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STATE

SUR

50 M

CALIFORNIA

Mrs. ~~Smith, Rosetta~~ ..... Address ~~2518 Bedford St.~~ Los Angeles .....  
(Name of Pilgrim) (Street & No.) (City or Town)

Calif. Los Angeles .....  
(State) (County)

Mrs. Theresa Halverson ..... Address 2518 Bedford St. Los Angeles .....  
(Name of Nearest Kin) (Street & No.) (City or Town)

California Los Angeles .....  
(State) (County)

ARRIVAL NEW YORK

VIA. R.R. ... D.I. & W. .... Train No. ... 2 ..... Date .. June 1, 1931 ... 3:30 P. M.

Hotel Mc Alpin ..... Room No. 1793

Roomed with Mrs. M. I. Burrows

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

Date ... JUNE 3, 1931 ..... Vessel ..... REPUBLIC ..... Cabin No. ... 107-A

In Cabin with Mrs. Louise Vunderink

(Over Westbound)

WESTBOUND

ARRIVAL NEW YORK

132 E - At Sea -

Date <sup>3</sup> July 4, 1931 Vessel HARDING Cabin No. ~~102 C~~

In Cabin with ~~Mrs. Mary I. Burrows, Mrs. Elizabeth G. Roper & Mrs. Annie~~  
*Mrs. Frances Paroling, Mrs. George B. Moore, Mrs. Helen M. Nelson & Mrs. Bertrude M. Wertz*

Hotel **Mc Alpin** Room No. **1635** ~~Nelson~~

Roomed with **Mrs. F. Rawlings**

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

VIA. R.R. **DL&W** Train No. **5** Space **L 8** Car No. **L 16** Date **7-4-31**

REMARKS

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(Cover Eastbound)

Sur

# MEDICAL RECORD

Party: F ..... Hotel MCALPIN ..... S. S. REPUBLIC HARDING ..... Eastbound Westbound

Name Smith, Mrs. Rosetta, (Pvt. James H. Bross, 11, 3, A.)

Home Address 2518 Bedford St., Los Angeles, California.

Name and address of nearest relative or friend Mrs. Theresa Halverson,  
2518 Bedford St., Los Angeles, Calif.

Religion ..... Age 50-M

History of present complaint:

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

*Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)*

*Treatment and Progress: (include dates)*

*Disposition: (include dates)*

*Remarks:*

*R. W. Kinsland M.D.*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bross, James H. SUR

May 11, 1931

Mrs. Rosetta Smith,  
2518 Bedford St.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

Lv. Los Angeles	SoPac	Train	No.4	6.15 P.M.	May 28
Ar. Chicago	CRISP	"	" "	9.30 A.M.	May 31
Lv. Chicago	NYC&StL	"	" 2	11.00 A.M.	May 31
Ar. New York (Hoboken)	D&W	"	" "	3.30 P.M.	June 1

Accommodations: Standard sleeper Los Angeles, Calif. to Chicago, Ill. and Chicago, Ill. to New York, N.Y.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bross, James H. (Sur.) M

May 8, 1951

Mrs. Rosetta Smith,  
2518 Bedford St.,  
Dear Madam, Los Angeles, Calif.

There is enclosed herewith Check No. in the amount of \$ , to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST THIS CHECK BE CASHED AND USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED.

If for any reason, you are not able to sail on the date mentioned in your invitation, the check must be returned to this office immediately.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl.  
• Check No.

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RETURN RECEIPT

S. S. Puritic to - 3-31

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

~~Mr. Poetta Smith~~

(Signature or name of addressee)

Mr. S. S. Delveron

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery 5/13, 1931

Form 3811

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1929

c 5-6116

Bross James H

**Post Office Department**

**OFFICIAL BUSINESS**

**REGISTERED ARTICLE**

No. 927694

**INSURED PARCEL**

No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Q. M. GENERAL**

Return to \_\_\_\_\_

Street and Number,  
or Post Office Box, \_\_\_\_\_

**MUNITIONS BUILDING**  
(NAME OF SENDER)

**WASHINGTON,**

**D. C.**

**PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE  
TO AVOID PAYMENT OF  
POSTAGE, \$300.**

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING  
OFFICE



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RETURN RECEIPT

S.S. ~~Republic~~ 3-31

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

Mrs Rosetta Smith  
(Signature or name of addressee)

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery 5/12, 1931

Form 3811

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1929

c 5-6116

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE  
TO AVOID PAYMENT OF  
POSTAGE, \$300.

REGISTERED



No. 927

INSURED

PARCEL

No.



AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Q. M. GENERAL

Return to

(NAME OF SENDER)  
MUNITIONS BUILDING

Street and Number,  
or Post Office Box,

WASHINGTON,

D. C.

QM 293 A-4  
Bross, James H. 34

March 2, 1931.

Mrs. Rosetta Smith,  
2518 Bedford Street,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 23rd, 1931, apprising this office that you do not desire to incur the additional expense for the stopover at Salt Lake City, Utah, on your return from the pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe, sailing on the S. S. REPUBLIC, June 3, 1931.

In compliance with your request, notation has been made of your desire, and upon your return, you will be routed to your home direct, without stopover.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

BJF

2518 Bedford street  
Los Angeles, Calif.  
February 23, 1931.

War department,  
Quartermaster General.  
Dear Sir:

In reply to enclosed  
letter, will state I do not  
desire to incur this  
additional expense. and  
will not make any stop-  
overs.

Sincerely  
Mrs. Rosetta Smith



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bross, James H. 34 February 14, 1931.

Mrs. Rosetta Smith,  
2518 Bedford Street,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your request for a stopover at Salt Lake City, Utah on your return from the pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe, sailing on the S. S. REPUBLIC, June 3, 1931.

There will be no additional cost in rail transportation, however an additional amount of four dollars and thirteen cents (\$4.13) is required for pullman fare.

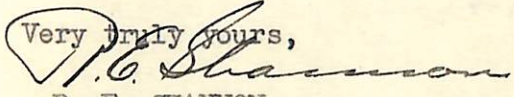
As you no doubt understand all transportation arrangements must be completed two months before your departure, and any cost in excess of that by direct route must be paid by the traveler. Will you, therefore, please forward to this office, money order in the amount of four dollars and thirteen cents (\$4.13), payable to the Finance Officer, U.S. Army, Washington, D.C.? If you do not desire to incur this additional expense, advise this office accordingly.

All expenses incurred by you, due to the additional time in Salt Lake City, Utah, must, of course, be paid from personal funds.

A self addressed envelope, which requires no postage, is enclosed herewith for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

1 Encl.  
Envelope.

IF YOU DESIRE A STOPOVER ON YOUR RETURN FROM EUROPE PLEASE READ CAREFULLY THE PARAGRAPH, "STOPOVERS IN THE UNITED STATES", ON PAGE 3 OF THE ENCLOSED LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS, FILL IN THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN IT TO THIS OFFICE.

*accept Ref. June 3*

Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

Smith, Mrs. Rosetta 2518 Bedford St.  
Los Angeles, L.A.Co.,  
Bross, James H. 34 Calif.

Sir:

On my return from the pilgrimage to American Cemeteries in Europe, I desire to stop over at the point, or points, listed below, for the number of days shown after the name of the town. If these stopovers will cause me any expense I am to be advised of the amount and may then withdraw this request if I so desire.

Cities where I desire to stopover:	No. of days
<i>Salt Lake City, Utah</i>	<i>14</i>
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Very truly yours,

*Mrs Rosetta Smith*  
(Your name)

*2518 Bedford St. Los Angeles*  
(Your address)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

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

Smith, Mrs. Rosetta 2518 Bedford St.  
Los Angeles, L.A.Co.,  
Bross, James H. 34 Calif.

Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

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

Mrs. Theresa Halverson  
Name

2518 Bedford St. Los Angeles, Calif.  
Address

Very truly yours,

*Mrs. Rosella Smith*

(Your name)

(Your address)

*2518 Bedford St.  
Los Angeles  
California*



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I accept the invitation extended  
(Accept or decline)

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

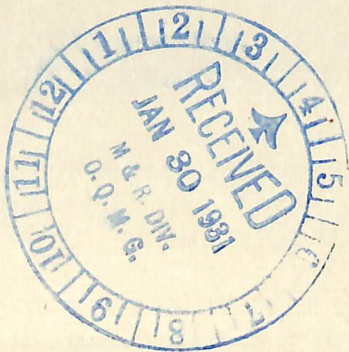
Mrs. Rosetta Smith

(Name)

2518 Bedford St., Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co.,

(Town or City)

(State) California



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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

July 2, 1930.

Bross, James H. - 34 M

Mrs. Rosetta Smith,  
2518 Bedford St.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	<i>yes</i>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	<i>yes</i>
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age <i>50</i> Condition of Health <i>Fair</i>
4. Do you speak English?	<i>yes</i>
5. What other language do you speak?	<i>none</i>

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

June 5, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bross, James H. -34 M

Mrs. Rosetta Smith,  
2518 Bedford Street,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

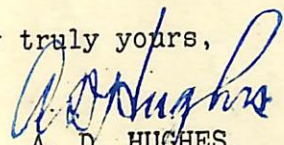
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank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

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

This letter is being sent to all mothers and widows who are not making the pilgrimage in 1930, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? Yes ✓  
(Write answer here)

(Mrs.) Rosetta Smith  
(Sign here)

2518 Bedford St.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.  
Nov. 12, 1929.

War Department,  
Quartermaster General.  
Dear Sir:

The information for the correct filing of my letter of Oct 22, 1929, regarding the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act of March 2, 1929, is as follows:

Private James H. Brass.

~~101st Aero Squadron Signal Corps.~~

Permanent grave is No. 11, Row 3, Block A.

The American Cemetery of the  
Suresness, Department of Seine,  
France.

Yours very truly  
Mrs. Rosetta Smith



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QM 295 Smith, Rosetta

October 31, 1929.

Mrs. Rosetta Smith,  
2518 Bedford Street,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 22, 1929,  
relative to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act of March  
2, 1929.

In order that your letter may be correctly filed, it will be  
appreciated if you will advise the name, rank, and organization of your  
late son, and the name of the cemetery in which he is buried.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Los Angeles, California,  
October 22, 1929.

War Department

Office of the Quartermaster General  
Washington D. C.

Official Business.

Cemeterial Division.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of investigation to determine the number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe was accidentally destroyed.

The answer to questions are as follows -

1. I would like to make the pilgrimage.
2. I can not make pilgrimage in the year 1930.
3. I have never made a visit to my sons' grave.
4. age 55 years.
5. health good.

Respectfully

Mrs. Rosette Smith

2518 Bedford street, L. A. California.



Los Angeles California  
May 21, 1929.

War Department  
Office of the Quartermaster General  
Washington.

Dear Sir: Letter May <sup>6</sup> 19<sup>th</sup>  
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My son Private James H. Cross, 101st Aero -  
Squadron, was never married.

My former address, 1411 N. 18 street,  
Boise, Idaho, has been changed to -  
2518 Bedford street, Los Angeles, California.

Very Respectfully  
Rosetta Smith



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO \_\_\_\_\_

QM 293 A-C  
Bross, James H.

May 6, 1929.

Mrs. Rossetta Smith,  
1411 -18th Street,  
Boise, Idaho.

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother

of the  
late Private James H. Bross, 101st Aero Squadron, whose remains are now in-  
terred in the Surcouf American Cemetery, Suvresnes, Seine, France.  
Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish her full name and address in order that action may be taken to extend an invitation to her to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M  
Bross, James H. Pvt (Sur) M

July 17, 1931.

Mrs. Rosetta Smith,  
2518 Bedford Street,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mrs. Smith:

The letter of recent date addressed to the Officer in Charge, Mothers and Widows Pilgrimage in New York, which you and other pilgrims sent in appreciation of the journey you recently made to the cemeteries of Europe, has been forwarded to me for reply.

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

It is gratifying to know that the mothers and widows were pleased with the arrangements made for their welfare throughout the trip and that the personnel as a whole rendered such satisfactory and commendable service. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages and has expended every effort that those making the trip might have a comfortable and pleasant time. I feel however that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the mothers and widows.

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You may rest assured that the American cemeteries in Europe will be forever maintained in the fine condition in which you found them, as it will continue to be the constant endeavor of the Quartermaster Corps to make them fitting resting places for the heroes buried there.

Sincerely yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bross, James H.      Sur

May 11, 1931

Mrs. Rosetta Smith,  
2518 Bedford St.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

Lv. Los Angeles	SoPac	Train No.4	6.15 P.M.	May 28
Ar. Chicago	CR&P	" " "	9.30 A.M.	May 31
Lv. Chicago	NYC&StL	" " 2	11.00 A.M.	May 31
Ar. New York (Hoboken)	DL&W	" " "	3.30 P.M.	June 1

Accommodations: Standard sleeper Los Angeles, Calif. to Chicago, Ill. and Chicago, Ill. to New York, N.Y.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bross, James H. (Sur.) M

May 8, 1931

Mrs. Rosetta Smith,  
2518 Bedford St.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.  
Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the  
amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, to pay for your meals and incidental  
expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage  
authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST THIS CHECK BE CASHED  
AND USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED.

If for any reason, you are not able to sail on  
the date mentioned in your invitation, the check must be  
returned to this office immediately.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Cross, James H. 34

March 2, 1951.

Mrs. Rosetta Smith,  
2513 Bedford Street,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 23rd, 1951, apprising this office that you do not desire to incur the additional expense for the stopover at Salt Lake City, Utah, on your return from the pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe, sailing on the S. S. REPUBLIC, June 3, 1951.

In compliance with your request, notation has been made of your desire, and upon your return, you will be routed to your home direct, without stopover.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M

Bross, James H. 34

February 14, 1931.

Mrs. Rosetta Smith,  
2518 Bedford Street,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your request for a stopover at Salt Lake City, Utah on your return from the pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe, sailing on the S. S. REPUBLIC, June 3, 1931.

There will be no additional cost in rail transportation, however an additional amount of four dollars and thirteen cents (\$4.13) is required for pullman fare.

As you no doubt understand all transportation arrangements must be completed two months before your departure, and any cost in excess of that by direct route must be paid by the traveler. Will you, therefore, please forward to this office, money order in the amount of four dollars and thirteen cents (\$4.13), payable to the Finance Officer, U.S. Army, Washington, D.C.? If you do not desire to incur this additional expense, advise this office accordingly.

All expenses incurred by you, due to the additional time in Salt Lake City, Utah, must, of course, be paid from personal funds.

A self addressed envelope, which requires no postage, is enclosed herewith for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bross, James H. - 34 M

July 2, 1930.

Mrs. Rosetta Smith,  
2518 Bedford St.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?

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

3. Please give your age and state your health.

Age  
Condition of Health

4. Do you speak English?

5. What other language do you speak?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 5, 1930.

Bross, James H. -34 M

Mrs. Rosetta Smith,  
2518 Bedford Street,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

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

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

This letter is being sent to all mothers and widows who are not making the pilgrimage in 1930, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Write answer here)

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(Sign here)

293- *Bross, James H.*

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October 31, 1929.

Mrs. Rosetta Smith,  
2518 Bedford Street,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 22, 1929, relative to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act of March 2, 1929.

In order that your letter may be correctly filed, it will be appreciated if you will advise the name, rank, and organization of your late son, and the name of the cemetery in which he is buried.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 8, 1929.

**Bross, James H. 34 M**

Mrs. Rosetta Smith,  
2518 Bedford St.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bross, James H

May 6, 1929.

Mrs. Rossetta Smith,  
1411 -18th Street,  
Boise, Idaho.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private James H. Bross, 101st Aero Squadron, whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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May 6, 1929.

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

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JOHN T. HARRIS,  
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