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*Bush, Alden*

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bush, Aldon S., N. 261832  
Cpl., Co. C, 126th Inf.  
Son

August 8, 1934

Mrs. Vinna Pyno,  
2512 $\frac{1}{2}$  Trinity St.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Madam:

In compliance with your recent request,  
instructions have been issued to forward you a  
flag in honor of the above named decedent, pro-  
vided a flag has not previously been furnished  
for him.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JAS. H. LAUBACH,  
Lt. Colonel, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Copy to Commanding Officer, Washington, Q. M. Depot.  
With instructions to furnish a flag.

334 M<sup>H</sup>  
O QMG M & R B F

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Quartermaster-General  
U.S.A.  
Washington, D.C.



As Mother of Wm Alden Bush who  
died in service Aug. 1, 1918 while at-  
tached to Co C. 125<sup>th</sup> Inf I would respect-  
fully request a memorial flag to com-  
memorate his patriotic service and here  
state that he left neither widow nor  
child and that I have not heretofore  
had such a flag

Mrs Virginia Pyne  
25 1/2<sup>th</sup> Trinity St  
Los Angeles, Calif

G.R.S. Form #114-B CAUSE OF DEATH

*W. P. J.*

FULL NAME... *BUSH, Alden O.K.*

RANK... *Cpl. O.K.* SERIAL... *261832 O.K.*

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION... *Co. C, 125th Infantry O.K. 32nd Div.*

DATE OF DEATH... *8/1/1918 O.K.*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME... *Mich. with gift star*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED... *D.S.C. Croix de Guerre Citation Certificate*

Date	Grave	Row	Block
<i>11-13-22</i>	<i>86</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>A</i>

**A. G. O.**  
**MAY 9 1927**  
**WORLD WAR DIV.**

*Aisne-Marne American Cemetery # 1764 Cemetery*

266

*c.e.c. 5/17/27*

are/see/40

JUN 1 A. G. O.  
1927  
WAR DIV.

are/see/40

**GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.**

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bush                      No tag                      Alden  
(Surname.)                      (Number.)                      (First Name and Initials.)  
Carp.                      Co. C. 128th Inf.  
(Rank.)                      (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL..... August 2, 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL..... Chateau-Thierry, France.

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

A.M.P. cemetery in open field situated on road which is extension of Ave. Bourrains Latour, beyond intersection with Rue de la Barre and small pleasure park.

GRAVE NUMBER..... 37

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

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Is one buried with body?.....  
Is 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:

No tags

REPORTED BY: *John S. Gelber*  
*Chaplain*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

**BUSH ,Alden.Cpl.261832.**

at aid station.Died in 128th.Field Hosp. 1918 near Clerges,France.(Chateau- light kidney by machine gun bullet.

**Denison,Harry W.Pvt.Icl.-261680. Co.C.125th.Infantry.**

**James.M.Surtzer,<sup>2</sup>2nd.Lt. 125th.Inf.U.S.Inf.**

Co."C".125th.Infantry.  
32nd.Division.

BUSH ,Alden.Cpl.261832.

Carried him to the first aid station.Died in 128th.Field Hosp.  
Died of wounds received August 1,1918 near Cierges,France.(Chateau-  
Thierry engagement.)Wounded in right kidney by machine gun bullet.

Informant: Denison,Harry W.Pvt.Icl.-261680.  
Co.C.125th.Infantry.

Signed: <sup>2</sup>  
K James.M.Surtzer,2nd.Lt.  
125th.Inf.U.S.Inf.

P.S.

*Bush, Alden  
Cpl.*

WESTERN MILITARY BUREAU

ROUTE AND SCHEDULE

EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE SAILING FROM NEW YORK CITY May 21, 1930

Los Angeles County, State of California

Name Pyne, Mrs Vinna

Address 2512 1/2 Trinity St., Los Angeles, Calif

Route going: Un Pac-Omaha, C&NW-Chicago, NYC-New York

Return: Same route.

		ROAD	TRAIN	TIME	DATE	
Itinerary going	Lv ✓	Los Angeles	Un Pac	8	6:05 pm	May 15
	Ar ✓	Omaha	Un Pac	8	8:35 pm	May 17
	Lv ✓	Omaha	C&NW	8	9:00 PM	May 17
	Ar ✓	Chicago	C&NW	8	9:20 AM	May 18
	Lv ✓	Chicago	NYC	10	10:35 AM	May 18
	Ar ✓	New York	NYC	142	3:45 PM	May 19
	Lv	(Grand Cent Term)				
	Ar					
	Lv					
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Accommodations: Standard Sleeper, Los Angeles to Chicago and Chicago to New York.

Elapsed Time: 92 hours-15 minutes. 4

Extra Fare:

*B-15*

# Bush, Alder

## Party "D" - Itinerary - Aisne-Marne Group

<sup>1930</sup>  
Sailed May 21st on GEORGE WASHINGTON. Maj. F. D. Carlock in charge.  
General Cheatham accompanied as observer.

Arrived Cherbourg 11.30 pm, May 29th.

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

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

June 1st. Morning free. Left 2.15 pm for La Ferte - Cheateau  
Thierry.

June 2,3. Visited Aisne-Marne Cemetery.

June 4th. Visited Cemetery and Reims.

June 5th. Visited Reims Cathedral - Chemin des Dames - Soissons -  
Compiègne.

June 6th. Visited Carrefour de l'Armistice - Compiègne - Chantilly -  
Returned to Paris.

June 7th. Notre Dame in morning - Versailles - Belle Cycliste in  
afternoon.

June 8th. Free in morning (Church). Sacre Coeur at nite.

June 9th. Free in morning. Napoleon's Tomb in afternoon.

June 10th. Left hotel between 9 and 9.30 for Invalides Railway  
Station - entrained for Cherbourg. Accompanied by 8 conducting  
officers, Capt. Kinderman, 3 nurses, and 2 civilian employees.  
Arrived Cherbourg 4.11 pm. Boarded PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT at 5.05pm.  
Sailed at 6. Arrived U. S. June 18th.

Mrs. Vinna Pyne

WAR DEPARTMENT  
 "PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"  
 -- ROOM 901 --

225 West 34th St., New York, N.Y.

*BUSH, ALDEN*

Party "D"  
 Number 615

*A.M.*

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

MRS. VINNA PYNE  
 Name of Traveler  
LOS ANGELES, LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
 Home Address

Estimate cost of through Pullman.

New York, to LOS ANGELES

CALIF.

\$ 32.63

New York, to LOS ANGELES  
 Destination.

Via NYC TO CHICAGO - C & NW TO COUNCIL BLUFFS - U.P. to dest.

JUNE 19th  
 Date of Departure

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	car	U.S.G. Order NO.	Est. Cost
LV	<i>NYC</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>6/19</i>	<i>20:10 P.</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>196</i>	<i>9.00</i>
AR	<i>Chicago</i>		<i>6/20</i>	<i>4:58 P.</i>				
LV	<i>U.P.</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>6/20</i>	<i>7:30 P.</i>	<i>To</i>			<i>23.63</i>
AR	<i>Los Angeles</i>			<i>8:20 P.</i>			<i>NY 2-1,020,650</i>	<i>32.63</i>
LV	<i>U.P.</i>							
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TOTAL

Remarks::

May 10th, 1930.

Mrs. Vinna Pyne,  
2512 $\frac{1}{2}$  Trinity St.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

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

For The Officer in Charge:

George F. R. Taylor,  
1st Lieut., Q.M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Enclosures:  
2 tags.

quarters:  
Mrs B Cliff

Name PYNE, Mrs Vinna  
Paris Hôtel HOTEL CARLTON  
AV. DES CHAMPS-ÉLYSÉES  
Home address 2512 1/2 Trinity St., Los Angeles, California  
Party D Group 4 Unit 88. WASHINGTON  
Date of arrival May 30 1930 Date of departure 88. ROOSEVELT - June 10 - 1930  
Relationship Mother  
Name of deceased BUSH, Alden  
Rank Cpl Organization Co. C, 125th Inf.  
Cemetery Aisne-Marne

quarters on G.W. - cabin 335 - Mrs E. Enright - Mrs. A. Jess

REMARKS



Validate

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NAME PYNE, MRS. VINNA

S.S. ROOSEVELT JUN 19 1930

HOME LOS ANGELES, LOS ANGELES COUNTY,  
CALIFORNIA.

R.R. *nyc to chic - c + n w to*  
*Council Bluffs - U. P. to dest,*  
STATION

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE

~~James Pyne~~  
~~25 12 1/2~~  
~~Trinity~~  
~~Los Angeles Cal.~~

James Pyne

25 12 1/2

Trinity

Los Angeles Cal.

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Bush	3	219
	Alden		
BURIED	CEMETERY 1764	1	4
	GRAVE 86	2	86
	ROW 3	2	03
	BLOCK a	1	1
STATE	mich	2	26
RANK	cpl	1	2
DIVISION	32	2	32
ORGANIZATION	125	3	125
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARITAL	no	1	2
NAME	Pyne Mrs.	3	020
	Venice		654
RESIDENCE	STATE Calif	2	04
	COUNTY Los Angeles	2	19
	CITY Los Angeles	3	035
RELATION	mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Good	1	1
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO. May	2	05
	YR. 1930	1	1
ACCEPTANCE	yes	1	1
29/514/EAB	case		5-1.

**AUDITED**  
 SEP 26 1941  
 RM/

*Audited*

*May 21-1930*



WAR DEPARTMENT

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

NAME

*Pyne, Mrs. Virginia*

ADDRESS

*2512 1/2 Trinity St. Los Angeles, Cali.*

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)

*Mrs Virginia Pyne*

STATE

CALIFORNIA

*Bush, Alden*

Mother

2512 $\frac{1}{2}$  Trinity St.,

NAME *Pyne, Mrs. Vinna* ..... HOME ADDRESS *Los Angeles County, Los Angeles.* .....

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN *Mr. Jarvis Pyne 2512 $\frac{1}{2}$  Trinity St. Los Angeles, Cali.* .....

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE *5/19* ..... HOTEL *Roosevelt* ..... ROOM NO. *421* .....

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE *May 21st, 1930* ..... VESSEL *S/S "WASHINGTON"* ..... CABIN NO. *335-B* .....

DESTINATION *CHERBOURG, FRANCE* ..... CEMETERY *AISNE\*MARNE* .....

D

RETURN NEW YORK

JUN 18 1920

DATE .....

NAME *Pyne Mrs. Vonia* ..... HOME ADDRESS *2512 1/2 Trinity St.  
Los Angeles Cal.* .....

RETURN ON S. S. *S/S. ROOSEVELT* ..... HOTEL *MCALPIN* ..... ROOM NO. *127*

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE *6/19* .....

ROAD *nyc* ..... TRAIN *7* ..... CAR *196* ..... BERTH or SEAT *24* .....

REMARKS .....

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**Post Office Department**

**OFFICIAL BUSINESS**

**REGISTERED ARTICLE**

No. -----

**INSURED PARCEL**

No. -----

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*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  
POSTAGE, \$300.**

**POSTMARK OF DELIVERING  
OFFICE**

**AND DATE OF DELIVERY**

718

RETURN RECEIPT

1764

Washington 5/21/30

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

Virginia Pyne

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, \_\_\_\_\_, 192

Form 3811

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# Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 925 8:30 PM

INSURED PARCEL 1930

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

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

ADDRESS YOUR MAIL TO STREET AND NUMBER	POST MARK OF DELIVERING OFFICE
	_____
	_____
	_____
	_____
AND DATE OF DELIVERY	

Return to **Q. M. GENERAL**

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number, }  
or Post Office Box, } **MUNITIONS BUILDING**

Post Office at **Washington, D. C.**

State \_\_\_\_\_

718-c. Washington 5/21/30

RETURN RECEIPT

1764

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

~~X~~ Mrs. Minnie Payne

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, **MAY 12 1930**, 192

2512 1/2 Trinity St. Los Angeles.  
Calif.  
July 3-30

Dear Sirs-

I feel that I cant just sign the card saying I returned in good health. The least I can do to show my appreciation of the wonderful privilege given me is to say we were treated splendidly every bit of the journey. Every officer + other person in charge seemed to do everything possible for our comfort. Wonderful thoughtfulness has been shown in the selection of all whom I met in connection with the <sup>trip</sup> ~~work~~ on both sides of the ocean.

We will always be very grateful + I feel it has done me a great deal of good.

Very gratefully

Mrs Nina Payne  
2512 1/2 Trinity St.  
Los Angeles, Calif.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bush, Alden 1764-M

May 5, 1930.

Mrs. Vinna Pyne,  
2512 $\frac{1}{2}$  Trinity St.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. 313166 in the amount of \$ 40.00 to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl.  
Check No.

QM 293 A-C  
Bush, Alden 1764

April 12, 1930

Mrs. Vinna Pyne,  
2512 1/2 Trinity Street,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Madam:

This office is in receipt of a letter from the  
Clark, United States District Court, Grand Rapids, Michigan,  
asking as to whether or not your railroad fare will be paid  
from California to New York, on your way to make the  
pilgrimage to European Cemeteries, sailing on the S. S.  
George Washington, May 21, 1930.

In reply I take pleasure in advising you that  
railroad and pullman tickets will be delivered to you by  
the Railroad Agent, about one week prior to the time  
scheduled for your departure from Los Angeles.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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In reply refer to  
130 - Pyne, Vinna

*Alder Bush  
1764  
Wash. May 21*

April 10, 1930.

Mrs. Vinna Pyne,  
2512 1/2 Trinity Street,  
Los Angeles, California.

Madam:

The Department has received your recent application for a Special Pilgrimage Passport and a letter from the Clerk of the United States District Court at Grand Rapids, Michigan, in which the question is raised regarding your railroad fare and with reference thereto you are informed that the letter from the Clerk of the United States District has been forwarded to the War Department for consideration and reply.

Very truly yours,

John J. Scanlan,  
Acting Chief, Passport Division.

PD:GTH:HM DS

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

Grand Rapids, Mich.

March 31, 1930.

*Wm. Ross*  
Hon. Secretary of State,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Enclosed please find application for passport of Mrs. Vinna Pyne, a gold star mother, with the additional photos and the invitation from the government. This invitation is being sent as a further identification of Mrs. Pyne and it is her request that this invitation be returned to her, together with passport and any other instructions she may need, at her California address, 2512 $\frac{1}{2}$  Trinity Street, Los Angeles, California. Mrs. Pyne is a resident of California but is visiting her mother here. The question was propounded by her as to whether or not her railroad fare would be paid from California to New York, and inasmuch as I could not answer this question she would appreciate information relative thereto.

Respectfully,

*Orrie J. Sluiter*  
Orrie J. Sluiter,  
Clerk.

OJS:AD.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bush, Alden 1764 M

March 20, 1930.

Mrs. Verna Pyne,  
2512 $\frac{1}{2}$  Trinity St.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

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 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ x2 $\frac{1}{2}$  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.

1764 ✓

Washington  
21-30

Bush, Alden

I accept the invitation extended  
(Accept or decline)

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

Mrs. Vinna Pyne

(Name)

2512 1/2 Trinity St., Los Angeles, California

(Town or City)

(State)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1929

Mrs Vinna Pyne:  
2512 1/2 Trinity St. Los Angeles

Calif.



RECEIVED

MAR 17 1930

N. & S. DIV.

O. Q. M. G.

25 1/2 Trinity St. Los Angeles  
Calif.  
Jan 31-30.

Quarter-Master General.

Cemeterial Div.

(Ref. Q.M. 293 A-C) Answered 2/6/30

(1764)

Dear Sir. Several weeks ago I answered the letter notifying me I was eligible to make the Pilgrimage to France to visit the grave of my son (Alden Bush) & filled out the accompanying blank. I have never received any information as to when we could go or as to the order in which we may be allowed to go.

I am a member of the Los Angeles Chapter of Gold Star Mothers & my name was sent in by the President of that order. How can I find out Particulars I would have liked very much to have gone this coming summer preferably in July or August but of course expect to wait my turn. Will be pleased to get any information.

Respectfully, Mrs Virginia Payne

25 1/2 Trinity St. Los Angeles.

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RECEIVED  
FEB 4 1900  
U. S. P. M. S.  
12 11 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bush, Alden 1764-M

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Vinna Pyne,  
2512 $\frac{1}{2}$  Trinity St.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

*Sailed*  
MAY 21 1930

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes) <i>yes</i>	(No) <i>no</i>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <i>yes</i>	(No) <i>no</i>
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) <i>no</i>	(No) <i>no</i>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <i>57</i> Health <i>very good</i>	(Years) (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - <i>yes</i>	(Yes) (No)
	Other language <i>none</i>	(Specify language spoken)

RECEIVED  
OCT 19 1929  
Q. M. G. DIV.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bush, Alden

July 30th, 1929

Mrs. Vinna Pyne  
444 E. 20th Street,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

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".

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

Write answers in space below:

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

*No*

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

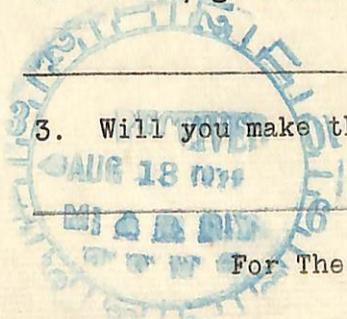
*Yes.*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Envelope



I wish to request that  
I be allowed to go in one of  
the first parties who make  
the Pilgrimage to France  
as I have a very good reason  
for wishing it.

Respectfully

Mrs Emma Pyne  
2572  $\frac{1}{2}$  Trinity St  
Los Angeles  
Calif

Former address  
444 E. 20<sup>th</sup> St

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 13, 1929.

Bush, Alden.

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Mrs Vinna Bush,  
123 Scribner Ave., Grand Rapids, Mich.

M. Mrs. Vinna Pyne,  
444 E. 20 St.  
Los Angeles, Calif.

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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.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Envelope.

*J. T. Harris*  
JOHN T. HARRIS,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.



May 13, 1930, Washington, D. C.

MRS VERA PYNE  
2512<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> TRINITY STREET  
LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA

IDENTIFICATION BADGE TO BE WORN ON PILGRIMAGE WILL BE DELIVERED  
TO YOU BY RAILROAD REPRESENTATIVE AT CHICAGO.

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

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QM 293 A-C

*Bush, Alden - 1764*

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Bush, Alden 1764 - M

May 5, 1930.

Mrs. Vinna Pyne,  
2512 1/2 Trinity Street,  
Los Angeles, Cal.

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:

Leave Los Angeles	Un.Pac.	Train No. 8	8:05 PM	May 15
Arrive Omaha			8:35 PM	May 17
Leave Omaha	C&NW	Train No. 8	9:00 PM	May 17
Arrive Chicago			9:20 AM	May 18
Leave Chicago	NYC	Train No. 10	10:35 AM	May 18
Arrive New York (Grand Central Terminal)			3:45 PM	May 19

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours

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

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QM 293 A-C  
Bush, Alden 1764

April 12, 1930

Mrs. Vinna Pyno,  
2512 1/2 Trinity Street,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Madam:

This office is in receipt of a letter from the Clerk, United States District Court, Grand Rapids, Michigan, asking as to whether or not your railroad fare will be paid from California to New York, on your way to make the pilgrimage to European Cemeteries, sailing on the S. S. George Washington, May 21, 1930.

In reply I take pleasure in advising you that railroad and pullman tickets will be delivered to you by the Railroad Agent, about one week prior to the time scheduled for your departure from Los Angeles.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bush, Alden 1764-M

March 21, 1930.

Mrs. Vinna Pyne,  
2512½ Trinity St.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

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 cab in 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.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bush, Alden 1764 M

March 20, 1930.

Mrs. Vina Pyne,  
2512 $\frac{1}{2}$  Trinity St.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

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 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ x2 $\frac{1}{2}$  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.

QM 293 A-C  
Bush, Alden

February 6, 1930

Mrs. Vinna Pyne,  
2512<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Trinity Street,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of January 31, 1930, in further reference to your desire to make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Corporal Alden Bush, in the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery in France, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

In reply you are advised that in accordance with information furnished by you in form letter of this office dated October 7, 1929, your name has been placed on the list of mothers and widows eligible to make the pilgrimage. Your wish to make the journey during the year of 1930, preferably in July or August, has been noted, and will be given every consideration and granted if possible.

As soon as detailed plans for the pilgrimage have been completed, full instructions concerning the journey and a formal invitation setting forth the name of the vessel and the date of sailing, will be furnished you.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bush, Alden 1764-M

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Vinna Pyne,  
2512 $\frac{1}{2}$  Trinity 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.

*080 American Legion*

Mother: Mrs. Hallie Lucia  
94 W. Peoria Street, Pasadena, Cal.

Son: Raymond Poore, Corp. Co. C. 103 Infantry  
Cemetery: Meuse Argonne - American.

1232

Mother: Ella S. Noel  
2019 Norwalk Avenue, Eagle Rock, Cal.

Son: Paul T. Noel, Private 1st cl. Co. H. 168th Inf.

Cemetery: Aisne - Marne - American  
Bellevue - Cusin, Grave No. 13, Row 10, Blk. A.

1764

Mother: Mary O'Leary,  
1515 E. 101st Street, Los Angeles, Cal.

Son: Thomas C. O'Leary, Co. C. 33rd Eng.

Cemetery: Oise - Aisne, Row 5, Blk. D.  
Location: Seringes et Nesles - Aisne, France

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Mother: Mrs. Elizabeth T. Gutekewast

Son: Fred C. Shultz, Private Co. T. 361st Inf.

Cemetery: Oise Aisne - American  
Location: Seringes et Nesles - Aisne, France

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Mother: Venna Pyne  
2512 1/2 Trinity Street, Los Angeles, Cal.

Son: Alden Bush, Corp. Co. C., 125th Inf.

Cemetery: American Battle Area, Brasles Aisne, France

1764

*Ref*  
*copy*

Mother: Benapfls.

Son: Roscoe George Benapfls, Sarg. Co. A, 316 Eng.

Cemetery: Meuse Argonne, Grave 6, Row 55, Blk. 6.  
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Mother: Grace Kitt,  
1527 Orange Avenue, Los Angeles, Cal.

Son: Don H. Kitt, Corp. Co. T, 117 Eng.  
Div. Rainbow

Cemetery: Oise Aisne  
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Mother: Lena J. Stine,  
3512 Madera Avenue, Los Angeles, Cal.

Son: George Clarence Stine, Sarg. U. S. Marine Corps  
Co. 6, 79th reg.

Cemetery: Aisne Marne - Grave 1764  
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Mother: Mrs. Mary Bean,  
2409 Carmona Street, Los Angeles, Cal.

Son: Harry Bean - Waggoner Co. D. 52nd Ammunition train

Cemetery: Aisne - American - Grave 5, row 8, blk. C.  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bush, Alden

July 30th, 1929

Mrs. Vinna Fyne  
444 E. 20th Street,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

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The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Corporal Alden Bush, Co. C. 125th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, Aisne, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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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

June 13, 1929.

Bush, Alden.

Mrs Vinna Bush,  
123 Scribner Ave., Grand Rapids, Mich.

Dear Madam:

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-C

(Bush, Alden)

October 20, 1928.

Mrs. Vinna Bush,  
125 Scribner Ave.,  
Grand Rapids, Mich.

Dear Madam:

The inclosed card gives the permanent cemetery and grave location of the late Alden Bush.

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that all American military cemeteries, both in Europe and in our own country, will be maintained by the Government forever, the graves permanently marked by headstones showing the decedent's name, rank, organization, State, and date of death, all of which will be done without the necessity of requests emanating from relatives.

Please understand that in effecting the final disposition of our heroic dead the utmost care and reverence is exercised.

Very truly yours,

J. McCLINTOCK,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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Record card.

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Bush,

Alden

261,832

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Corp.

Co. C. 125 Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased *Mother*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? *no*

(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery? } (Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here) *B*

*Vinna Bush. (Mother)*

*121 Scribner Ave. Grand Rapids Mich*

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by H. R.  
1764 - 271  
2-19-21

Handwritten signature or name in green ink, oriented vertically.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: Bush, Alden

Number: 261832

Rank: Cpl

Organization: @ 125 Coy

Unit "B"

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

June 9, 1919

Plot-73 Myers, at Chateau-Thierry, Aisne

Coord. 256.70N - - 184.04E

Grave 61.

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location) 1764

June 9, 1919

National Cemetery at Belleau Woods, Aisne

Coord. 262.60N - - 176.04E

Plot-2, Sec. F, Grave 78

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

Body in poor condition.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? no

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

Note:

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

Supervised by: Sgt. J. A. Turner

V. J. Manned  
C.O. Group

Unit 7/1/50



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GRAVE LOCATION BLAN

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BUSH

(Surname.)

ALDEN

(Number.)

(First Name and Initials.)

COY P

(Rank.)

COC. 125 Inf.

(Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL

Aug 2, 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL

Chateau Thierry

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

a.e.f. Cemetery on road which continues on Goussanne Latour beyond its intersection with Rue de la Bane & small pleasure park.

GRAVE NUMBER

37

HOW MARKED:

Name Peg?

yes

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:

no tags.  
Cume. Chateau Thierry (aone)  
C-65-49 N.E.

REPORTED BY:

J. S. Zelia, Chaplain A.R.C.

Home address 815 Park Ave.  
Plainfield, N. J.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

1 R. S. Form No. 1. 17857 Hq. G. R. S. File

2. Soldier's No.

3. Bush, Alden  
Surname (In Block Letters) First Name and Initials

4. ....  
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. ....  
Date of Death Cause, if known

6. ....  
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. ....  
Town or Commune (In Block Letters) Department

8. 61 75- I. G. MYERS  
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

9. Name Peg?..... Cross?..... Headboard?..... Bottle?.....  
Check Method of Marking

10. Buried with Body?..... Attached to Grave Marker?.....  
Identification Tags

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

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12. ....  
Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

13. ....  
Give name of Chaplin or Burial Officer

Signed..... **GROUP N° 1**

Group..... **Unit 303. G. R. S.**  
Unit..... G. R. S.

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17857  
Grand Rapids, Mich

2-13-19.

R.E.:-

Corp. W. Alden Bush, Co C 125th Infantry.

Died Aug 1, 1918.

American Battle Area Cemetery of Brasles, France

FILE

Graves Registration Service

Dear Sirs:

Having received notice of  
the burial place of my son (given above)  
will you please send me a photo  
of the grave as soon as it is  
possible.

Yours very truly  
Vienna Bush.

(Soldiers Mother)

123 Scribner Ave.

Grand Rapids-  
Mich.

April 24 1919.

Enclosure-G.R.S.004.5.

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27 FÖV 1919  
D. C. O. M.  
S. S. S.

V. Bush.  
123 Scribner Ave.

Grand Rapids  
MICH.



Chief Graves Registration Service.  
Headquarters Services of Supply  
A.P.O. 717.  
American E. F.  
France



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

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■ CLAIM NUMBER NOT KNOWN  
BUSH, 261 832, Alden  
Corp. Co. C, 125th Inf.

29997  
Ans Vienna Burd Scribner  
123 ~~Stad~~ NW  
Grand Rapids  
Mich.

Place Belle Aisne

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date July 12/21.

1. REMAINS OF BUSH, ALDEN SERIAL NUMBER 261832

RANK Cpl. ORGANIZATION Co., C. 125th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): July 12/21. From (give complete location):

Amer. Cty., # 1764, Belleau Aisne G.r 78-F-2.

By: Group Kierce Unit Sec. 6

3. Reburied (date): July 12/21. In (give complete location):

Amer. Cty., #1764, Belleau Aisne, Gr. 78-F-2.

By: Group Kierce Unit Sec. 6 Nature of reburial Box&burlap

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

5ft. earthen grave, : Nude; wooden box.

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

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

None

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) undeterminable

(b) Weight (estimated) undeterminable

(c) Hair—Color undeterminable

Quantity undeterminable

Characteristics undeterminable

(d) Hair on face—Color undeterminable

Location undeterminable

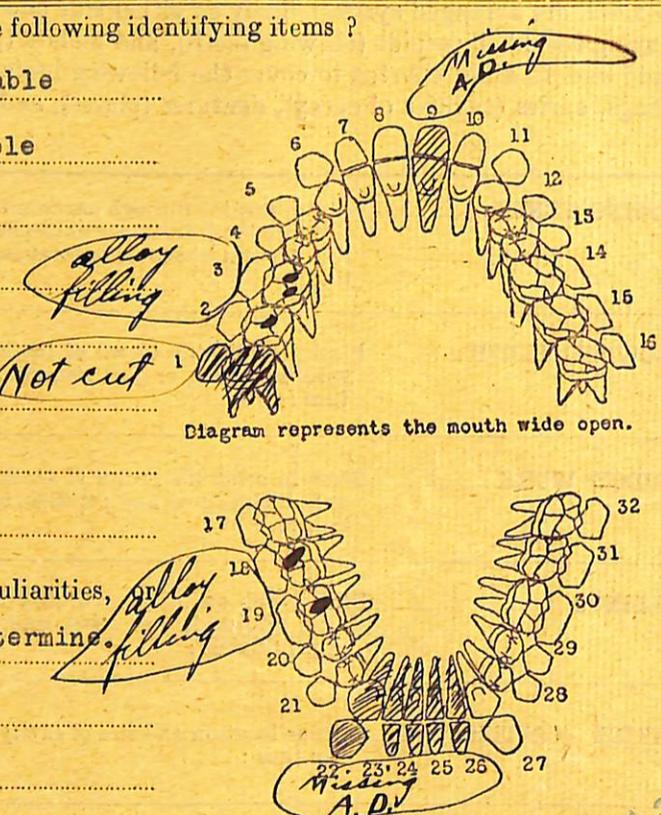
Quantity undeterminable

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities,

missing parts) Impossible to determine

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

Undeterminable



7. Disinterment supervised by P. P. Kierce Approved: J. J. Powers

P. P. Kierce S. E. J. J. Powers 1st. Lt. QMC.

(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by P. P. Kierce Approved: J. J. Powers

P. P. Kierce S. E. J. J. Powers 1st. Lt. QMC.

(Title)

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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.

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



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE November 10, 1922.

## REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

## DISINTERMENT

## COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BUSH, Alden

10. Name

2. No. 261832

11. No.

3. Rank Cpl.

12. Rank

4. Org. Co. C. 125th Inf.

13. Org.

5. D.D. 8-1-18

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. KIA

(b) D.B. no discrepancy

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 78 Sec. F

15. Grave No.

Sec.

8. Plot 2 Row

16. Plot

Row

9.

17. no discrepancy

18. Cemetery Aisne-Marne Amer.

19. Commune or town

Belleau

20. Dept. or County Aisne.

21. Country

France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1764

23. Disinterred (Date) November 10, 1922.

By C.P. Keating

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Alden Bush

Serial No.

Rank Cpl.

Organization Co. C, 125th Inf.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? No On body? No

Signature Junior Technical Assistant

W.D. Wall Jr.

## 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).

Bottle record agrees.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box and burlap

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Nov. 10, 1922. By C.P. Keating

31. Casket sealed by C.P. Keating

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

C.P. KEATING

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-31223

32. Designation of body:

Name Alden BUSH. Serial No. 261832

Rank Cpl. Organization Co. C. 125th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Aisne-Marne Amer. Cty. 1764, Belleau, Aisne.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) November 10, 1922. By C.P. Keating

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   
A.E. DEWEY, 1st Lt. QMC.

36. Remarks

none

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) November 10, 1922.

To point of Concentration \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_

By G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_

To Permanent Cemetery Aisne-Marne Amer. Cem. 1764, Belleau (Aisne)  
(Name)

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer   
A.E. DEWEY, 1st Lt. QMC.

40. Received: Date \_\_\_\_\_

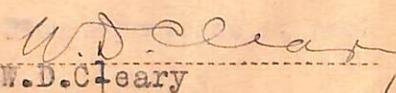
G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

41. Reinterred Nov. 13, 1922, Aisne-Marne Cem. 1764, Belleau (Aisne)

(Date)

42. Grave No. 86 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. ~~File~~ BLOCK A Row 3

G.R.S. Representative   
W.D. Cleary  
Lt., Chaplain, USA.

Place Belleau (Aisne)

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 By : Group 2 Unit F.S.I, Aisne-Marne Cem.

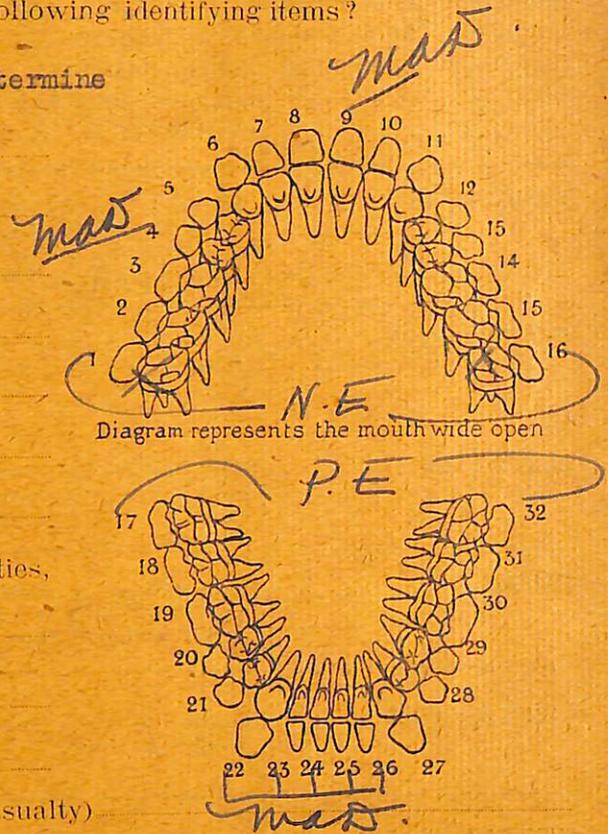
3. Reburied (date) Nov. 13, 1922 In (give complete location) : Gr. 86, Block A, Row 3, Aisne-Marne Cem. 1764, Belleau (Aisne)  
 By : Group re-burial group Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial Lined casket

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W.D. Wall Jr. Checker.

7. Disinterment supervised by C.P. Keating Approved: A.E.D.  
C.P. KEATING, S.E. (Title) A.E. DEWEY, 1st Lt. CMC.

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 (Title) Lt., Chaplain, USA.

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #17857

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(a) Name BUSH, Alden Ser. No. 261832
(b) Rank Epl. Organization Co. C, 125th Inf.
(c) Date of death 8-1-18 (d) Cause of death K/A
TYP. aew
CKR. [Signature]

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

(a) Grave No. 78 Row - Plot 2 Sec. F TYP. aew
(b) Emerg. Address R. E. Bush, Father, Rockford, Mich.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases - CKR [Signature]

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Vinna Bush (b) Relationship mother
(c) Address 121 Scribner Ave, Grand Rapids, Mich
(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 H.P. Date 2-19, 1920

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

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

Examiner's Initials H.P. Date 2-19, 1920

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

from Vinna Bush (mother)
123 Scribner Ave, Grand Rapids, Mich
dated Feb. 13, 1919 photo of grave
W. A. R.

(a) Cancellation memos referred to?

Examiner's Initials H.P. Date 2-19, 1920

COUNTRY CEMETERY No. 1764 SHEET No. 281

G. R. S. Form No. 115

Make Form No. 114

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

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MAR 18 1921

5-29-21



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

*Made "No" case pending advice from nearest of kin*  
*ABR 3/18/21*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
 letter of transmittal on MAR 10 1921, 192

*Par. # 2 Not To Be Returned*  
*mcW* MAR 22 1921

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., \_\_\_\_\_, 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.

VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J. APR 28 1921, 192

COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_ CEMETERY No. \_\_\_\_\_ SHEET No. \_\_\_\_\_