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G.R.S. Form #114-B

DEC 1 - 1925

DATE

1. NAME CAIDWELL, Ellis

SERIAL No. 3231568

RANK Pvt

ORGANIZATION Co. K 350th Inf.

DIVISION 88

GRAVE LOCATION Amer.Cty., Toul, M-et-M

91

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

1005

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D

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

1005

Toul

M. et M.

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES

69-N.E., E-361-4, N-209.15.

CONCENTRATED TO

Hospital Burial

1005

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D

DATE

GRAVE

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PLOT

Toul, (M. et M.)

91

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

None

DATE OF DEATH

Dec 7, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

Missouri

Data Form 1-A.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

none

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY



DATE

GRAVE

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PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

I. H. JOFFE, 1st Lt., Q.M.C.

[Signature]

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION July 29, 1922

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Block C

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

St. Mihiel American Cty. #1233, Thiaucourt, M et M.C.O.

CEMETERY

Robert O. Davis,

Major General,

The Adjutant General

By 118

DEC 5 1925

DEC 3 1925

WORLD WAR DIV.

AUDITED BY

Co. "K" 350th. Infantry.  
88th. Division.

CALDWELL, Ellis., Pvt. 3231568  
HOME: FRUITLAND, Mo.,

Private Caldwell became sick on November 26th 1918. We were quartered in a large farmhouse near Sanzey (Meuse), France. His condition did not improve and on the night of November 28th. 1918 the ambulance called and took him to Hospital at Toul, France. Surgeon pronouncing the case as meningitis. Pvt. Caldwell died in Contagious Ward, Justice group, Base Hospital #82 Toul. December 7th. 1918.

He was buried in Justice Group Cemetery, Toul, France. December 8th. 1918 by Chaplain C.H. Van Motre. Grave # 1005.

INFORMANT: JOHNSON, Grover C., Corpl. 3231424  
Co. "K" 350th. Infantry

HOME: POYNOR, Mo.,

SEARCHER: Charles P. Lyssel, 1st. Lieutenant  
350th. Infantry.

/MJM/

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME Caldwell	CAL	3	312
BURIED	CEMETERY 1233	1	3
	GRAVE 35	2	35
	ROW 10	2	10
	BLOCK C	1	3
STATE	mo	2	29
RANK	Prvt	1	2
DIVISION	88	2	88
ORGANIZATION	350	3	350
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARTIAL	Mr	1	2
NAME Caldwell	CAL	3	312
RESIDENCE Mrs. Robt A.	STATE mo	2	29
	COUNTY Cape Girardeau	2	16
	CITY Fruitland	3	XXX
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER	Father	1	1
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Bad	1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	No	1	

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IMMEDIATE ACTION

IN REPLY  
REFER TO

QM 293 A-M

WAR DEPARTMENT

Oct. 12, 1932.

Caldwell, Ellis (StM)

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

SPECIAL

Mrs. Robt. A. Caldwell,  
Fruitland, Mo.

Dear Madam:

Your Government has provided an opportunity for all Mothers and Widows of deceased members of the American Forces who were lost, buried at sea, or whose remains are now interred in Europe, to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. This was done in the hope that all who may make the pilgrimage will derive a measure of comfort and solace from the visit.

You are numbered among those who are privileged to make this pilgrimage.

During July and September of this year, inquiries were addressed to you as to whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage to Europe. To these inquiries no reply has been received from you.

You probably do not realize how important it is that a reply be received from you. If we do not receive replies, it becomes very difficult to make the necessary and proper arrangements for those who are to make the trip, as everything must be arranged in advance. Consequently, it is just as important for the Government to know the names of those who do not desire to take advantage of its offer as it is to know the names of those who do.

Will you please devote a few moments of your time to write either the word "YES" or "NO" in the following space NO, thus indicating whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage during 1933 and sign your name here Mrs Robt A Caldwell. Use the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage, and return this sheet.

This reply will assure your Government that no worthy Mother or Widow has failed to receive its offer in commemoration of a loved one departed, and will greatly assist in making the necessary preparations for those of them who wish to take advantage of the privilege.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*[Handwritten signature]*  
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OCT 12 1932  
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Caldwell, Ellis (StM)

Sept. 7, 1932.

Mrs. Robt. A. Caldwell,  
Fruitland, Mo.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

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

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:  
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Caldwell, Ellis (STM)

July 11, 1932

Mrs. Robert A. Caldwell,

Fruitland, Mo.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) \_\_\_\_\_

QM 293 A-M  
Caldwell, Ellis (StM)

December 23, 1931.

Mrs. Robert A. Caldwell,  
Fruitland,  
Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence with this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Ellis Caldwell. In reply to a questionnaire you advised that you did not desire to visit your son's grave next summer.

It is noted you previously stated your health was poor and in this connection you are advised that personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided, and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years a number of mothers and widows in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

It is believed you should feel no hesitancy in making the journey, and should you later decide to visit your son's grave next summer, it is requested you so notify this office. Should you make the trip, you are assured that the pilgrimage will not only be made at the expense of the United States but that everything possible for your comfort and needs will be provided.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM  
Caldwell, Ellis Pvt. (StM) M

June 13, 1931.

Mrs. Robert A. Caldwell,  
Fruitland,  
Missouri.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



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

no

Write answer here

Mrs. Robert A. Caldwell

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Caldwell, Ellis, Pvt. (StM) M

May 8, 1931.

Mrs. Robert A. Caldwell,  
Fruitland,  
Missouri.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested that you advise whether or not your son, the late Private Ellis Caldwell, was married and is survived by a widow, and if so, please furnish her name and address.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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



Encl:  
Envelope

No, Ellis Caldwell was not  
married.

Mrs. Robert A. Caldwell,  
Fruitland,  
Mo.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 7, 1930.

Caldwell, Willis 1233 M  
Ellis

Mrs. Robt. A. Caldwell,  
Fruitland, Mo.

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,

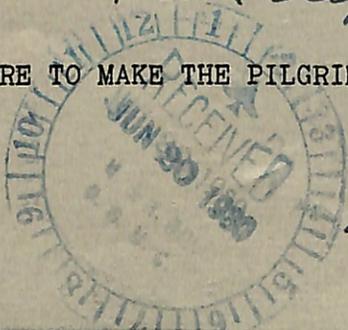
*A. D. Hughes*  
A. D. HUGHES,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

*Thanks for the offer,  
but, I am not physically  
able to stand the trip.*

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? No

(Write answer here)

*Mrs. Robt. A. Caldwell*  
(Sign here)  
Fruitland Mo.



The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 28, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

2. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

3. If survived by a widow or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage?

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His Mother.

Mrs. Robert A. Caldwell.  
Fruitland,

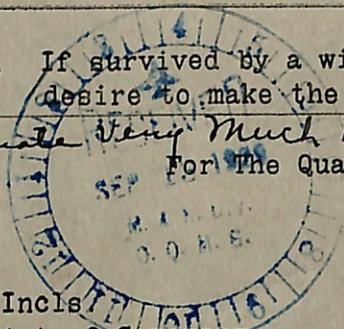
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*We appreciate very much the offer, but conditions are so, that she cannot go.*  
For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Incls  
Act of Congress  
Envelope



*117-3509*  
*Oct. 1 1929 -*  
*Caldwell, F. J. Ellis*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Caldwell, Ellis

May 28, 1929.

Mr. Robert A. Caldwell,  
Fruitland,  
Mo.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Private Ellis Caldwell, Co. K, 350th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Caldwell, Ellis (StM)

Sept. 7, 1932.

Mrs. Robt. A. Caldwell,  
Fruitland, Mo.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

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

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

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Sign here

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,  
Very truly yours,

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

Encl:  
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Caldwell, Ellis (STM)

July 11, 1932

Mrs. Robert A. Caldwell,

Fruitland, Mo.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ (Write answer here)

(Sign here) \_\_\_\_\_

QM 293 A-M  
Caldwell, Ellis (StM)

December 23, 1931.

Mrs. Robert A. Caldwell,  
Fruitland,  
Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence with this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Ellis Caldwell. In reply to a questionnaire you advised that you did not desire to visit your son's grave next summer.

It is noted you previously stated your health was poor and in this connection you are advised that personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided, and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years a number of mothers and widows in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

It is believed you should feel no hesitancy in making the journey, and should you later decide to visit your son's grave next summer, it is requested you so notify this office. Should you make the trip, you are assured that the pilgrimage will not only be made at the expense of the United States but that everything possible for your comfort and needs will be provided.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM  
Caldwell, Ellis Pvt. (StM) M

June 13, 1931.

Mrs. Robert A. Caldwell,  
Fruitland,  
Missouri.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? \_\_\_\_\_  
Write answer here

Sign \_\_\_\_\_ e

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QM 293 A-M

Caldwell, Ellis, Pvt. (StM) M

May 8, 1931.

Mrs. Robert A. Caldwell,  
Fruitland,  
Missouri.

Dear Madam:

1931 MAY 8 - AM 10:04  
In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested that you advise whether or not your son, the late Private Ellis Caldwell, was married and is survived by a widow, and if so, please furnish her name and address.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Encl:  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 7, 1930.

Caldwell, Ellis 1233 M

Mrs. Robt. A. Caldwell,  
Fruitland, Mo.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Caldwell, Ellis 1233 N.

October 9, 1929.

Mrs. Robt. A. Caldwell,  
Fruitland, Mo.

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.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

August 29, 1929.

Caldwell, Ellis  
1233

Mr. Robert A. Caldwell,  
Fruitland,  
Mo.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 28, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

2. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

3. If survived by a widow or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Caldwell, Ellis

May 28, 1929.

Mr. Robert A. Caldwell,  
Fruitland,  
Mo.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Private Ellis Caldwell, Co. K, 350th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C

CALDWELL, Ellis - Pvt.

February 18, 1924.

Mr. Robert A. Caldwell,  
Fruitland,  
Mo.

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

1-Incl.  
Record card.

Assistant,  
H. L. FOSTER

RD

O. Q. M. G.  
CENTRAL MAIL ROOM



FEB 18 1924  
R. O. C.

4174  
**COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA**

File #69009

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name CALDWELL, Ellis Ser. No. 3231568  
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. K, 350th Infantry  
Cerebro Spinal  
(c) Date of death 12/7/18 (d) Cause of death Meningitis

5 1/2 Exhumed  
1/22  
for Concentration  
St. Michiel 1233  
att 5/25/22  
DMA  
CKR

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

(a) Grave No. 1005 Row --- Plot --- Sec. --- TYP. DMA  
(b) Emerg. Address Robert A. Caldwell (father) Fruitland, Mo.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases CARD AGREES CKR. 1.

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

no card in file D. G. H. 11-22-20  
Date of receipt \_\_\_\_\_

(a) Name \_\_\_\_\_ (b) Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
(c) Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? \_\_\_\_\_  
(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. \_\_\_\_\_

**SEE SUSPENSION REMARKS**

*See suspension*

*Reviewed 3/9/21 G.P.*

Examiner's Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

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

\_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_

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

*no corres*

Examiner's Initials P. G. B. Date 11-22-, 1920.

VI. G. R. S. FILES, CORRESPONDENCE—shows as follows: Mr. R. A. Caldwell, father,

Fruitland, Mo., 1-23-19, desires photograph of son's  
grave, also one of cemetery. Any information would be  
greatly appreciated.

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

Examiner's Initials S.H. Date 11-23-, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 91 SHEET No. 163

*checked  
are 11-22-20*

RECEIVED.

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

FEB 24 1921

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

CEMETERY DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SEC.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

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

*Par. # 2. not to be returned (EGL) 12/28/20*

IX. CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE.	ACTION TAKEN.
Desires body be _____	
Body to be shipped to _____	
<b>FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN - PCBY TO REMAIN IN EUROPE. FEB 18 1921</b>	

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: 1/26/21. F.#120- Mr. Robert Caldwell, wishes  
remains left in Europe. H-2/3/21. VL.  
*father R. L.*  
*Fruitland, Mo.*

*1-27-21 Letter attached to above F#120 states that unless all other bodies are moved and no care taken of <sup>the</sup> cemetery ~~in France~~ at Toul he prefers remains left ~~in Europe~~ (H. 2-5-21 ECL) there, and if the Toul Cemetery is not a permanent cemetery he wants remains put in one "of our permanent cemeteries." (EP)*

*3/17/21 - Hoboken advice Father his wish will be complied with. Body be left in France for burial in a permanent American cemetery. 3/19/21 - EP (wash)*

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

*Form 115  
see att 5/25/22*

File #69009

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name **CALDWELL, Ellis** Ser. No. **3231568**  
 (b) Rank **Pvt.** Organization **Co. K, 350th Infantry**  
**Cerebro-Spinal**  
 (c) Date of death **12/7/18** Cause of death **Meningitis**

} TYP DMA

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

(a) Grave No. **1005** Row **---** Plot **---** Sect. **---** TYP DMA  
 (b) Emerg. Address **Robert A. Caldwell (father) Fruitland, Mo.**

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases **CARD AGREES** CKR *1*

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

*A.P.O. Card: no card in file.*  
*G.R.S. Files: no request for disposition (E.S.) 12/28/20*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on **192**)  
 (Letter of transmittal on **12/17/1920**)

*Par. # 2. Not to be returned (E.S.) 12/28/20.*  
**JAN 8 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. **FEB 24 1921** **192**

COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_ CEMETERY NO. \_\_\_\_\_ SHEET NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
 G.R.S. FORM 115-A August, 1920

Place Toul (M&M)

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Mar. 3, 1922

1. REMAINS OF CALDWELL, Ellis SERIAL NUMBER 3231568  
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co.K, 350 Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Mar. 3, 1922, Gr. 1005, Com. 91, Toul (M&M)  
From (give complete location):

By: Group Osgood's Unit F.S. 8

3. Reburied (date): July 29 1922 In (give complete location): Gr. 35 Bk. C Row 10 Cty 1233

By: Group Reburial Unit Nature of reburial asket & shipping case

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Wooden box and uniform. Badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes. 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) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to estimate

(c) Hair—Color None visible

Quantity

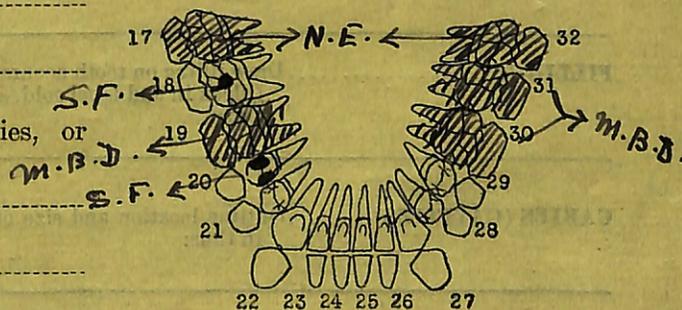
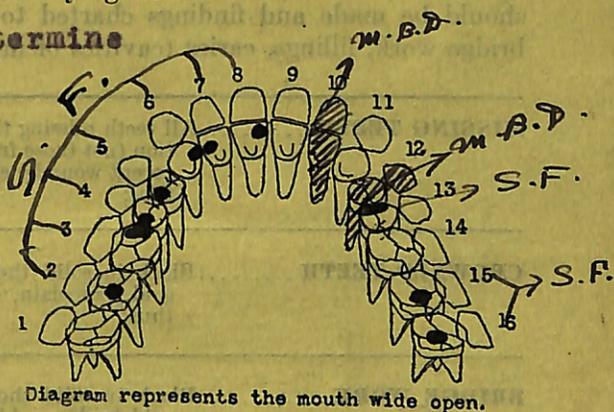
Characteristics

(d) Hair on face—Color None visible

Location

Quantity

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



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

B. J. Black, Checker.

7. Disinterment supervised by C. J. Osgood

Approved: R. (D) Dewey, 1st Lt. QMC

8. Reburial supervised by H. L. Kremer

Approved: A. E. Dewey 1st. Lt. QMC  
(Title)

To be prepared in triplicate.

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 **CALDWELL, Ellis**  
 2. No. **3231568**  
 3. Rank **Pvt**  
 4. Org. **Co. K 350th Inf.**  
 5. D.D. **Dec. 7, 1918**  
 6. C.D. **Cerebro Spinal Meningitis**

10. Name **No discrepancy**  
 11. No. **\**  
 12. Rank  
 13. Org.  
 14. (a) D.D.  
 (b) D.B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. **1005** Sec.  
 8. Plot **D** Row **B**  
 9.

15. Grave No. Sec.  
 16. Plot Row  
**This cemetery is not divided into 17 rows or plots at present time**

18. Cemetery **Amer**  
 20. Dept. or County **M-et-M**  
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. **91**

19. Commune or town **Toul**  
 21. Country **France**

23. Disinterred (Date) **Mar. 3, 1922**  
 24. Inscription on grave marker:

By **C. J. Osgood**

Name **Ellis Caldwell**  
 Rank **Pvt.**

Serial No. **----**  
 Organization **Co.K, 350 Inf.**

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

**B. J. Black, Checker.**  
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

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

**None**

27. Condition of body **Badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable**

28. Nature of burial **Wooden box and uniform.**

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date **Mar. 3, 1922** By **C.J.Osgood**

31. Casket sealed by **C.J.Osgood**

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

*C.J. Osgood*  
**C.J.Osgood**

AUDITED  
 8/27/23

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-24572

32. Designation of body:

Name Ellis CAIDWELL Serial No. 3231568

Rank Pvt Organization Co. K 350th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

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

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Mar. 3, 1922 By C.J. Osgood

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 R. O'Leary, 1st Lt. QMC

36. Remarks

None.

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

To point of Concentration Toul (M&M)

(Name)

Convoyer Frank Atwell Signature Shipping Officer

R. O'Leary, 1st Lt. QMC

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

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

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

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

(Name)

Convoyer Frank Atwell Signature Shipping Officer

L. B. Massie, Capt. QMC

40. Received: Date 8 MAR 1922

G.R.S. Representative

G. D. GAMBLE, Captain, Q. M. C.,

41. Reinterred: July 29 1922

(Date)

42. Grave No. 35 Section

43. ~~Plot~~ Br. C Row 10

G.R.S. Representative

A E Dewey 1st. Lt. QMC

*my*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

JAN 20 1921

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, W.M.C.  
TO: Mr. Robert A. Caldwell, Fruitland, Mo.  
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Ellis Caldwell, Ser. No. 3231568, Co. K., 350th Inf.

The records of this office show that no request has been made as to disposition of remains. *Remain Europe (See letter)*

If these are not the correct instructions, please correct them. Make corrections on second page.

The nearest relative may choose between (1) return of the body to any address in the United States; (2) interment in Arlington, Va., or any other National Cemetery; or (3) remain in Europe. All removals are at Government expense.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Lt. Col., U.S.A.

If all blank spaces below are not filled out, it will necessitate a return of this paper and a SERIOUS DELAY in the shipment of this body. State in each case WEATHER these relatives are STILL LIVING.

NAME OF	NO. AND STREET	TOWN	STATE
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Was soldier married?..... *no*

Soldier's Widow..... *noted 3/15*

Soldier's children (Name oldest first) {  
 (1)..... *3/21-22*  
 (2).....  
 (3).....

Father..... *Robert A. Caldwell*

Mother..... *Elizabeth B. Caldwell*

Brothers (Name oldest first) {  
 (1)..... *George E. Caldwell*  
 (2).....  
 (3).....

Sisters (Name oldest first) {  
 (1)..... *Eula May Caldwell*  
 (2)..... *Carril M. Caldwell, Annan Caldwell*  
 (3)..... *Maud M. Caldwell, Mabel E. Caldwell*

Date *Jan 26 1921* Signature *Robert A. Caldwell*  
Address *Fruitland Mo.* Relationship *Father*

Important: - CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.

I, the undersigned, am the ..... *Father* ..... and nearest living relative of the within-named soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:

(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

2. To be returned to the U.S. and shipped to.....  
..... (Name)

.....  
(R.R. station)

.....  
(state)

3. To be returned to the U.S. and buried in .....  
National Cemetery.

4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Signature *R. Robert A. Caldwell*

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#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instructions as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.
2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.
3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT OF KIN IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.
4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.
6. If YOU are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
7. If YOU are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.
8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
9. Use the inclosed envelope--pay no postage.

February 17, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div.Cor.Br.  
(CALDWELL, Ellis)

Mr. Robert A. Caldwell,  
Fruitland, Missouri.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt of your communication dated January 27th, 1921, relative to the remains of your son, the late Private Ellis Caldwell, serial number 3231568, Company K., 350th Infantry, is acknowledged.

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

Upon the transfer of the remains to a permanent American Cemetery you will be advised of the grave location.

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

BY:

F. G. PALLAS,  
Executive Assistant.

ff/cmw

MAILED

FEB 23 1921

CO. Q. M. G. S.

Parisittand, Mo. Jan 27<sup>th</sup> 1891

Dear Sir

Concerning the remains of our  
Boy Pvt. Ellis Caldwell, who  
is buried at Toul would  
say unless the others are  
all moved so that there  
will be no care taken of  
the Cemetery we would  
rather his remains be left  
there if the Toul Cemetery  
is not a Permanent Cemetery  
Put his remains in a  
cemetery that is one of our  
Permanent Cemeteries

and Oblige yours  
Truly

Robert A. Caldwell  
Parisittand  
MO.

Noted on Form No. 115  
Date 2-2-95 - 21 - G.C.S.  
Per GP (wash)

69009  
Caldwell & Ellis #3315

Pvt. Co K. 350th Inf

Died Dec 7/18

Buried Dec 8/18

Military Cemetery

Justice Hosp Group.

Gr #1005

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OSP SS.

File # 69009

Fruitland, Mo. 1231/19

Form. 004.5 forwarded April, 29, 1919

Chief Grave Registration Service.

Sir, I had a son who died in France and was Buried in the American Cemetery at Toul neuve-et-moselle. France.

We would like to have a Photograph of Cemetery and grave of Ellis Caldwell. Co K

350th Inf and all information you can give Hoping to hear from you soon I remain yours truly. R. G. Caldwell.

Fruitland Mo. Over.

Can you give the  
name and address  
of the nurse who  
nursed our Boy  
Ellis Caldwell.

and Oblige yours  
truly R. D. Caldwell  
Fruitland

Mo.



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OSP SS.