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G.R.S. Form #114-B

To The A. C. C.

JAN 21 1926

DATE

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1. NAME CASON, Ed. SERIAL No. 4009269

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co.A. 539th Engrs.

GRAVE LOCATION Amer. Plot. Grand Cty. LE MANS (Sarthe) #419 sec D.

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

147 sec D.

Amer.

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 147 LeMans Sarthe

As shown by cemetery directory AGRS GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.  
Nov. 26, 1919.

COORDINATES Not given

CONCENTRATED TO Nothing of record.

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

DATE OF DEATH Oct 11, 1918 Nothing of record

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Ga

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS None of record.

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

Stanley J. Grogan  
STANLEY J. GROGAN, CAPT. INF. USA.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 7/28/22 24 28 Blk. D

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

Oise Aisne American Cemetery #608, Seringes-& Mesles,

CEMETERY

Major G. Davis,  
Adjutant General.  
By H

AUDITED BY

8 A. G. O.  
JAN 23 1926  
WORLD WAR DIV.

Rec'd World War Div.  
3 JAN 6 1926

JAN 27 1926

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

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

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

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

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



DIVISION

## GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF *OX*

*Cason* *4009269* *Ed*  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

*Private* *Co. A, 539th Engineers*  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *October 13, 1918.*

PLACE OF BURIAL *Grande Cimetiere,  
Lafayette, Sartre.*

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

*Plot #20*

*Section B*

GRAVE NUMBER *#147*

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

Headboard? *No* Bottle? *No*

### IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? *Yes*

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

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

REPORTED BY:

*A. A. Keller Chaplain*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Cason, Ed.  
Post.

New Jersey

GOLD STAR MOTHERS PILGRIMAGE

S.S.AMERICAN MERCHANT, AUGUST 16, 1930

Essex County

Name: Mrs. Arelia Hester Cason (Q-3)

Address: 188 Spruce St., Newark, N.J.

Route: Pennsylvania R.R. to New York

Lv. Newark Train No. 208	11.36 A.M., August 15
Ar. New York (Penna. Station)	12.00 Noon August 15

Accommodations: Coach Service

Elapsed Time: 24 minutes 14

H67.

MAA

Party "Q" - Itinerary - Oise-Aisne Group

Sailed August 16th on AMERICAN MERCHANT. Col. B. O. Davis in charge. Accompanied by Mrs. B. J. Runner, and Miss N. Bost, nurses, and Mrs. N. Brown, hostess. Arrived Cherbourg August 25th. Met by Col. Ellis, Maj. Dailey and Kinderman, Capt. Conway, Lts. Moroney and Freeman, Miss Blanche Rulon, 2 nurses, 2 civilian employees. Train left 8.24 am. Arrived Gare des Invalides 2.15pm. Met at station by executive officer and his staff, nurses, interpreters and Noble Sissle and his band. Quarters Hotel Imperator.

- Aug. 26th. Morning devoted to transaction of personal business. Exchange of money, preparation of laundry, etc. Wreath laid on tomb of Unknown Soldier in afternoon by Mrs. Kimbro for party. Tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent. Dinner at hotel. Evening free.
- Aug. 27th. Free.
- Aug. 28th. Visited Fontainebleau.
- Aug. 29th. Left 8am for Soissons via La Ferte (rest stop Hotel de la Terrasse) Chateau Thierry (lunch Hostellerie du Bonhomme) Oise-Aisne Cemetery. Arrived Soissons 6pm. Quarters Hotel du Lion Rouge. Dinner at hotel.
- Aug. 30th. Breakfast at hotel. Visited cemetery and Chateau Thierry in morning. Lunch Hostellerie du Bonhomme. Visited Belleau Wood, Aisne Marne Cemetery, Monument Hill 204, Quentin Roosevelt's grave in afternoon. Tea at Oise Aisne Cemetery. Returned to Soissons. Dinner at hotel.
- Aug. 31st. Breakfast at hotel. Visited cemetery in morning. Returned to Soissons for lunch. Pierrefonds in afternoon. Dinner at hotel in Soissons.
- Sept. 1st. Free or visit cemetery. Lunch at hotel. Left 1.30pm for Reims via Chemin des Dames. Arrived 5pm. Quarters at Hotel Bristol Crystal. Dinner at hotel.
- Sept. 2nd. Visited Fort de la Pompelle and Cathedral. Lunch at hotel. Left 2pm for Compiègne via Fismes, Soissons. Arrived 4.30pm. Quarters Hotel Rond Royal. Dinner at hotel.
- Sept. 3rd. Visited Carrefours de l'Armistice. Lunch at Hotel Rond Royal. Left Compiègne 2pm for Paris via La Croix, St. Quentin, Senlis, Chantilly (tea at Hotel du Parc). Arrived Paris 5.45pm. Dinner at hotel.
- Sept. 4th. Visited Louvre and Versailles.
- Sept. 5th. Morning free. Sacre Coeur, Morgan's for dinner. Sightseeing trip at nite.
- Sept. 6th. Notre Dame. Lunch at hotel. Napoleon's Tomb. Dinner at hotel.
- Sept. 7th. Sailed for home on AMERICAN MERCHANT. Arrived New York September 16th.

Mrs. Arelia Hester Cason

*Cason, Ed. - da*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
 "PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"  
 ROOM 901  
 225 WEST 34TH ST., NEW YORK, N. Y.

CASON, ED

O.A.

Party .....  
 Number **3062** .....

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

Mrs. Arelia Hester Cason ..... Actual cost of through Pullman.  
 Name of Traveler

Newark, Essex County ..... New York, to Newark, N.J. .....  
 Home Address

..... N.J. ..... \$ .....

New York, to ..... Newark, N.J. .....  
 Destination

Via PENN. to dest. ....

..... Sept. 17, 1930 .....

Date of Departure

Limit-Oct. 14/30

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	Car	U. S. G. Order No.	Actual Cost
LV <u>Penn. sta.</u>	<u>Penn.</u>	<u>207</u>	<u>9/17</u>	<u>9.00 A</u>				
X AR <u>NEWARK</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>9.21 A</u>				
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TOTAL .....

Remarks:

..... Entered to sta. by St. Emery .....

Name..... CASON, Mrs. Arelia Hester,

Paris Hôtel..... HOTEL IMPERATOR , 70 Rue Beaubourg

Home address..... 188 Spruce St., Newark, Essex County, New Jersey.

Party..... Q..... Group..... 2..... Unit ~~SS~~ AMER. MERCHANT

Date of arrival..... AUG. 25. 1930..... Date of departure S/S AMER. MERCH? SEPT. 7. 1930

Relationship..... Widow

Name of deceased..... CASON, Ed

Rank..... Pvt..... Organization..... Co. A, 539th Engrs.

Cemetery..... Oise-Aisne

REMARKS



1. Suitcase

2 Dumas

3062

NAME: ASON, MRS. ARELIA HUBBARD

S.S. AMERICAN MERCHANT SEP 16 1930

HOME: NEWARK, ESSEX COUNTY, N. J.

R.R. Penn to dest

STATION

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE Oct 14 - 30

Mrs Jamie Barlow,  
236 Halstead St  
E. Orange, N.J.

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no line

RPB-3-26-30-15M

**MOTHERS AND WIDOWS PILGRIMAGE**

NAME ..Cason, Mrs. Arelia Hester.....

DESTINATION ....Newark, New Jersey.....

STATION Penn. Sta. .... RR Penn. ....

TRAIN NO. ...307..... DATE ..9/17/30.....

CAR NUMBER ..... BERTH or SEAT .....

RPB-3-26-30-15M

**MOTHERS AND WIDOWS PILGRIMAGE**

NAME ..... Cason, Mrs. Arelia Hester .....

DESTINATION Newark, New Jersey .....

STATION Penn. Sta. .... RR Penn. ....

TRAIN NO. 307 ..... DATE 9/17/30 .....

CAR NUMBER ..... BERTH or SEAT .....

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July 25th, 1930.

Mrs. Arelia Hester Cason,  
188 Spruce Street,  
Newark, N.J.  
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 band, 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.

Arr. N.Y. 12:00 noon - escorted by W.C.A. by Lt. Moore.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS & WIDOWS  
225 WEST 84TH ST., N. Y., N. Y., ROOM 901

VIA WESTERN UNION  
Mrs. Janie Barlow,  
236 Halstead St.,  
East Orange, N.J.

August 15, 1930  
A. C. Tipton,  
Major, Infy (DOL)

MRS ARELIA HESTER CASON ARRIVED SAFE FEELING FINE SAILS SATURDAY SIXTEEN.

*Per A. Hester*

COLONEL WILLIAMS

*Cason*  
Mrs. Arelia Hester Cason, Party "Q", YWCA.

Via Western Union

Mr. Wm. T. Thomas,  
188 Spruce Street,  
Newark, N. J.

*W. Williams*  
Major, Inf. (DOL)

Mrs. Arelia Hester Cason arrived safely. Feeling fine. Sails Saturday  
sixteenth Pier 4 Hoboken.

COLONEL WILLIAMS.

For Mrs. Arelia Hester Cason, Party Q

QM 293 A-M  
Cason, Ed (OA) x

January 9, 1933.

Mrs. A. Cason,  
188 Spruce Street,  
Newark, N. J.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence from this office in which you were requested to furnish the present address of Mrs. Ann Cason, mother of your husband, the late Private Ed Cason.

In November 1931 you very kindly furnished RFD 4, Box 24, Thomaston, Georgia, as Mrs. Cason's address. However, mail sent to her there has been returned unclaimed.

Inasmuch as 1933 is the last year the pilgrimages will be made this office is especially eager to get in touch with all women eligible to make the journey. It is therefore requested you advise whether or not you have a better address for Mrs. Cason in order that she may be communicated with relative to the trip.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M  
Cason, Ed (CA)x

December 16, 1932

Mrs. Ann Cason,  
RFD #4, Box 24,  
Thomaston, Ga.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, which authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries of Europe for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces who were lost or buried at sea during the late war, or whose remains are interred in Europe.

Under the provisions of this law, you are eligible to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Ed Cason, in the Oise Aisne American Cemetery in France.

In order that your desires may be recorded, it is requested you complete and return the enclosed questionnaire. A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:  
Qn.  
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Act.

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DEC 13 - PM 2:15  
OQMC M & R BR

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Cason, Ed (OA) x

December 12, 1932.

Mrs. Ann Corson  
RFD 4 Box 24  
Thomason, Ga.

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) \_\_\_\_\_

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE	
NAME	Cason	3	3109	
BURIED	CEMETERY	608	2	
	GRAVE	24	24	
	ROW	28	28	
	BLOCK	20	4	
STATE	Ga.	2	10	
RANK	Pvt	1	2	
DIVISION	Congr.	2	49	
ORGANIZATION	#39	3	539	
ARM	Congr. Regt	1	1	
MARITAL	yes	1	1	
NAME	Cason	3	319	
Mrs Anne	STATE	Ga.	2	11
RESIDENCE	COUNTY	Wheeler	2	47
No Active Address Available	CITY	Thomasboro	3	050
RELATION	Mother	1	1	
OTHER		1		
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1	
NATIVITY		1		
RACE	Black	1	2	
ENGLISH		1		
ATTENDANT		1		
HEALTH		1		
NO. OF SONS		1		
DATE OF	MO.	1		
TRIP	YR.	1		
ACCEPTANCE		1		

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Post Office Department  
OF GENERAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 925458

INSURED PARCEL

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

Q. M. GENERAL

Return to MUNITIONS BUILDING  
(NAME OF SENDER)

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

CASON, ED (OA) x

WASHINGTON,

D. C.

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

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING  
OFFICE



1933

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

# RETURN RECEIPT

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

*Mrs. Ann Carson*

(Signature or name of addressee)

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery **JAN 1 1 1933**, 19

Form 38

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

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File No.

OUT-CHARGE SHEET

Date charged out

Charged to

Remarks: *Cason, Ed.*

*See "Pilgrimage Completed"  
File for Widow.*

INSTRUCTIONS.—If a document is taken from the files, charge it to the person to whom delivered. Make charge sheet in duplicate. Place one in record file and one in suspended file used for follow up on "charge out sheets."

Q. M. C. Form 355 (Old No. 492)  
Revised July 26, 1918

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 3-6787

Q.M 293 A-M  
Cason,Ed/(oA)x

Thomson, Georgia  
Jan. 18th. 1933

The Quartermaster General,  
Memorial Branch,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear sir;,

Registered letter #925458 mailed at Washington, D.C. on Jan. 6, 1933 and addressed to Mrs. Ann Cason, R.F.D. # 4, Box 24, Thomason, Ga. is returned to you for the following reasons.

This office does not have any record of Mrs. Ann Cason on R.F.D. #4 but as there was a Mrs. Anne Cason on R.F.D. # 1 the letter was delivered to her. Mrs. Anne Cason R.F.D. # 1 signed for the letter and the return receipt was mailed back to you and in the meantime she gave the letter back to the carrier and stated that it did not belong to her.

As no one seems to know Mrs. Ann Cason and ~~as~~ <sup>address</sup> this office has no record of her, the letter is returned to you for your disposal.

Sincerely Yours,

L. G. DOZIER, P. M.

Postmaster

By Julian M. Shields Clerk

Cason, Ed  
608

n.a.g.

IMMEDIATE ACTION

IN REPLY  
REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Cason, Ed. (OA) x

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

Mrs. Ann Cason,  
R.F.D. #4, Box 24,  
Thomason, Ga.

January 6, 1933.

Dear Madam:

During the past three years, numerous communications have been forwarded you relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

Under the law, 1933 is the last year you may make the pilgrimage at the expense of the Government, and it is imperative that this office have an expression from you as to whether or not you desire to take advantage of the opportunity afforded you.

It is requested therefore you answer the following inquiry, sign your name, and return this letter to this office.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE IN 1933?

\_\_\_\_\_ (Yes) or (No)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sign here

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

Encl.:  
Env.

QM 293 A-M  
Cason, Ed (QA) x

January 9, 1933.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Cason, Ed (OA)x

December 16, 1932

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Thomaston, Ga.

Dear Madam:

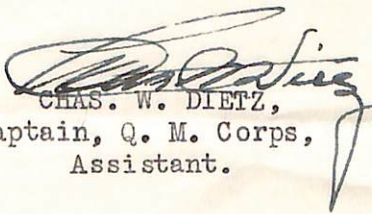
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

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Cason, Ed (OA) x

December 15, 1932.

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Assistant.

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

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

## GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE PILGRIMAGE

The entire cost of the Pilgrimage from the time you leave your home until you return thereto will be borne by the United States Government. You will need money only for the purchase of any small articles of a personal nature you may desire to obtain as souvenirs.

Should you decide to make the trip, a formal invitation will be extended you, setting orth the name of the vessel and the date of sailing. If you accept the invitation, an identification badge will be forwarded you shortly before you leave home to wear while on the journey. The wearing of this badge assures you every attention, the railroad personnel rendering special care and assistance to the wearers of this emblem. Your local railroad agent will deliver your Pullman and railroad tickets to you about a week before you leave home, and you will be furnished a detailed schedule of your trip to New York. A check to cover the cost of your meals and incidental expenses to New York will be sent you about two weeks prior to leaving.

Upon arrival in New York you will be met at the station by an officer of the United States Army who will escort you to the hotel at which reservation has been made for you. From that time on you will be under the personal supervision of Army officers and any expenditures that are necessary will be taken care of by them. Competent personnel to care for your comfort and welfare throughout the trip will be provided and doctors and nurses will be available. When you return to New York from Europe, you will be given railroad and Pullman tickets to your home, together with a check to pay for meals and other expenses on the journey, and you will be escorted to the train by an officer.

Somewhat heavier clothing is required in Europe during the summer than is necessary in the United States, and the pilgrims are requested to provide themselves with slightly heavier and warmer clothing than they ordinarily wear at home. That is, at least two pairs of comfortable shoes to provide a change in the event your feet become wet, a pair of rubbers, an umbrella, a full length coat for general wear, and a sweater or some warm wrap to be used should the weather become uncomfortably cool.

The pilgrimage was authorized by Congress in an endeavor to bring a measure of solace and peace to the hearts of the mothers and widows whose loved ones gave their lives in their Country's cause, and it is evident from the many letters received from women who have made the journey that the effort has not been in vain. Approximately six thousand mothers and widows, many of whom were in very poor health and of advanced age, successfully made the pilgrimage during the summers of 1930, 1931 and 1932. The pilgrimages of 1930 and 1931 have been completed, that of 1932 is under way, and arrangements are now being made for conducting the last of these pilgrimages during the summer months of 1933.

QM 293 A-M  
Cason, Ed (QA)x

December 16, 1932

Mrs. Ann Cason,  
RFD #4, Box 24,  
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Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Encl:  
Qn.  
Env.  
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Widow sailed - Arelia - 188 Spruce st. Newark  
n. j.

Natural Mother Mrs Ann Corson

(John) ad. unknown

~~SM~~  
Parents were living in Thompson  
Ga. in 1918 - no later  
information.

ORGANIZATION

FILE NO.

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(O-a)  
Cason, Ed  
Mc Huffie Co. Va.

188 Spruce Street  
Newark, N.J.

To whom it may concern.

I have written to Mrs. Ann  
Cason about two months ago, and I really  
have not heard from her and I am not  
sure she got the letter but I sent it  
to her address at Thomason, Va. R.F.D. 4,  
Box 24. That is the last and only address  
I have of her.

I am writing again and I will  
notify you as soon as I get a reply.

Sincerely yours  
Mrs. A. Cason,  
widow



QM 293 A-M  
Cason, Ed (OA) *ax*

October 16, 1931

Mrs. Arelia H. Cason,  
188 Spruce Street,  
Newark, New Jersey.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it will be appreciated if you will advise the address of Mrs. Ann Corson, mother of the late Private Ed Cason.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:  
Envelope.

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CODE SLIP

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<i>Mrs. Arlean Hester</i>	STATE <i>New Jersey</i>	2	<i>35</i>
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	CITY <i>Newark</i>	3	<i>071</i>
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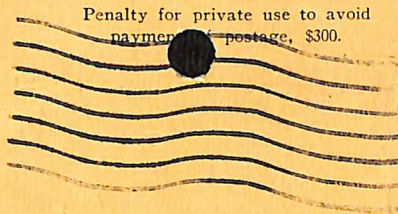
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**225 WEST 34TH STREET,**  
**NEW YORK, N. Y.**

Q.  
NAME CASON, MRS. ARELIA HEST

ADDRESS 188 Spruce St., Newark, N. J.

DATE Sept 16 1930

TO: Officer-In-Charge,  
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

I beg to inform you that I have returned to my  
home safely and in good health.

Sincerely,

(Signed)

Mrs. Arelia H. Cason

STATE

... NEW JERSEY .....

CASON, Ed.

ESSEX COUNTY

<sup>M</sup>  
 NAME CASON, MRS. ADELIA HESTER ..... HOME ADDRESS 188 SPRUCE ST., NEWARK .....

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*Mrs. S. Moses, 94 Barclay St.  
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DATE *Aug 15, 1930* ..... HOTEL *Dumas* ..... ROOM NO. *2* .....

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REGISTERED ADDRESSEE ONLY

QM 293 A M  
Cason, Ed 606 F

October 9, 1950

Mrs. Hester Cason,  
188 Spruce Street,  
Newark, New Jersey.

Dear Madam:

The testimonial addressed by you and the other mothers and widows of Party "Q" to The Adjutant General has been referred to me for notation of your expressions of appreciation for the pilgrimage you have recently made to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

It is gratifying to know that you were pleased with the accommodations and arrangements made by the Quartermaster Corps for your comfort and welfare and that the Officers of the Army and other personnel in connection with the pilgrimage rendered such thoughtful and considerate service throughout the journey. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages and has expended every effort that those making the journey might have a pleasant trip. It is pleasing to receive such complimentary remarks as those contained in the testimonial, but I feel that the task during the past summer was materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation shown by the mothers and widows taking advantage of the offer of the Government.

With sincere appreciation of the sentiments expressed by the mothers and widows of Party "Q," I am,

Sincerely yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M  
Cason, Ed 608-W

Mrs. Arelia Hester Cason,  
188 Spruce St.,  
Newark, N. J.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 29, 1930, expressing your appreciation for the pilgrimage you have recently made to the grave of your husband, the late Private Ed Cason, in the Oise-Aisne Cemetery, France, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

It is gratifying to know that your trip was entirely satisfactory and that you have returned to your home in good health. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages and has expended every effort that those making the journey might have a comfortable and pleasant trip. I feel, however, that the task was materially lightened during the past summer by the wonderful spirit of cooperation shown by the mothers and widows taking advantage of the offer of the Government.

An order has this day been issued that an American flag be forwarded to you in memory of your husband in the event that one has not been previously furnished.

Sincerely yours,

J. L. DOWITT,  
Major General,

The Quartermaster General.

To:

The Quartermaster Supply Officer, Washington General Depot, Wash.D.C.  
Authorization for a flag to be sent to Mrs. Cason in memory of her husband in the event that one has not been previously furnished.

ADH  
JTH  
WRG

Pvt. Ed. Caam 608W

American merchant Essex County

Aug. 16



Newark N. J.

188 Spruce St.

Sept. 29, 1930,

Quartmaster General

Dear Sir: I am writing

to let you hear from me

I arrived home from France

OK and in good health. I

must say I primed to and

from France OK and

Wish to thank you very

much as I enjoyed it to

the higher part I must

acknowledge it being the

greatest inspiring trip

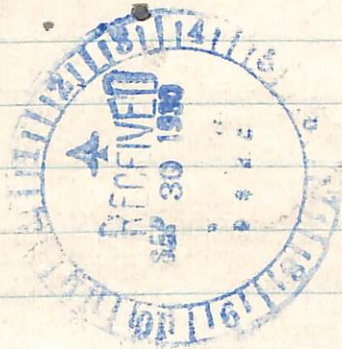
of my life. I am writing

293 Caam 608W

also, for a flag which  
is due to me, which my  
captain told me I would  
receive and I am writing  
just to remind him.

Yours very truly.

Mrs. Arclia Hester Lason  
188 Spruce St.  
Newark N.J.



CM 293 A-M  
Cason, Ed. 608-W

July 26, 1930.

Miss Sara J. Higgins,  
Postal Savings Dept., Post Office,  
Newark, New Jersey.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 25, 1930, written on behalf of Mrs. Arrelia Hester Cason, who is to make the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act approved March 2, 1929.

You may assure Mrs. Cason that there will be other colored mothers and widows sailing on August 16th, some of whom also are scheduled to visit the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, France, in which Mrs. Cason's husband, the late Ed Cason, is buried, and under the circumstances it is believed that Mrs. Cason will find congenial and pleasant companionship throughout the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Cason Ed. 608

Newark, New Jersey, July 25, 1930.  
Postal Savings Dept., Post Office.

Captain A. D. Hughes,  
Quarter Master Corps,  
War Department,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Arelia Hester Cason, of 188 Spruce Street, Newark, New Jersey, one of the widows of the World War, expects to sail from New York City on August 15, 1930, with other widows and mothers, to visit the grave of her husband, Ed Cason. On your letters to her appears the identification "Q M 293 A-C Cason, Ed 608 W".

Arelia is a colored woman, and a depositor of the Postal Savings Bank, and seems like a very neat, good and respectful young woman. She has asked me to write you to inquire whether there are any other colored women sailing on August 16, as she would feel much more comfortable to have some of her own race to associate with on the voyage.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Sara J. Higgins

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Newark, New Jersey, July 25, 1930.  
Postal Savings Dept., Post Office.

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Quarter Master Corps,  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cason, Ed ← 608 W

July 22, 1930.

Mrs. Arelia Hester Cason,  
188 Spruce St.,  
Newark, New Jersey.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. 367892 in the  
amount of \$ 2.50, 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.

XXX A-M

Cason, Bl 608 W

July 15, 1950

Mrs. Aralia Hoster Cason  
188 Spruce St.,  
Newark, New Jersey

Dear Madam:

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

Lv. Newark Penna.	No. 208	11.36 AM	August 15
Ar. New York	"	"	12.00 Noon 15

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 4, 1930.

Cason, Ed 608 W  
American Merchant 8-16

Mrs. Arelia Hester Cason,  
188 Spruce St.,  
Newark, N.J.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Mrs. Sallie Moore  
Name

94 Barclay st  
Address

*noted*

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,  
*A. D. Hughes*

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

Encl.  
Env.



QM 293 A-C  
Cason, Ed 508 W

May 28, 1930.

Mrs. Arelia Nester Cason  
185 Spruce St.  
Newark, N. J.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 20, 1930, relative to the desire of your friend to accompany you on the pilgrimage to the grave of your husband, the late Ed Cason, in Europe.

Under the law providing for this pilgrimage, the Government cannot bear any part of the expense of relative or friend accompanying you nor can it make any arrangements for him. This must be entirely a personal matter.

It may be possible for your friend to secure accommodations on the same ship and possibly at the same hotels in New York and Paris, but in view of the limited accommodations you could not travel to the cemetery together and it is doubtful if she could secure accommodations in the same town near the cemetery. The Government can assume no responsibility for relatives or friends accompanying pilgrims and they must not expect medical or other assistance from the Government or to be included in official tours paid for by the Government.

If your friend desires to accompany you under these conditions, it is suggested she write for further information to the United States Lines, 1027 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D. C., which company will no doubt be able to give her complete information as to cost of transportation. This company is a commercial line which owns and operates the vessels upon which reservations have been made for all mothers and widows making the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

May 20, 1930. War Department  
184 Spruce St. Office of Quartermaster General  
Newark N.J. Essex Co. Ed Cason 6089W  
Washington.

Dear Sir,

I received your letter which contained the General information regarding the Pilgrimage to the Cemeteries of Europe. Which was appreciated to the highest. Truly <sup>hope</sup> that I will be able to take voyage. In your letter you asked if there was a friend or a relative that would like to go. I have a friend that would like very much to go. Will she have to pay half fair or will she go free? I am very sorry that I waited so late to answer a reply to your letter.

Very Truly Yours  
Mrs Aralia Hester Cason.

Invitation  
issued Amer. March.  
Aug. 16.



~~American Merchant~~

~~8-16-30~~

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Cason, Ed

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.

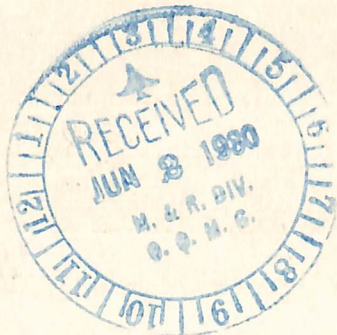
Mrs. Arelia Hester Cason,

(Name)

188 Spruce St., Newark, Essex County, N. J.

(Town or City)

(State)



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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Cason, Ed 608 W

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Arelia H. Cason, (Colored)  
188 Spruce St.,  
Newark, N. J.

*Sailed*  
AUG 16 1930

Dear Madam:

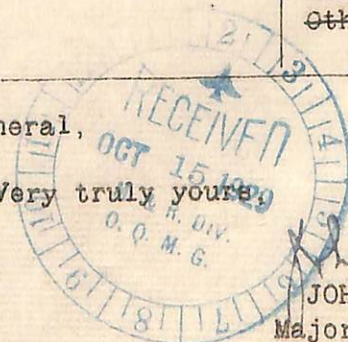
The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, 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)	<del>(No)</del>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	<del>(No)</del>
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?	<del>(Yes)</del>	(No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <u>38</u> Health (Years) (Good) <del>(Poor)</del>	
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <del>(No)</del> Other language (Specify language spoken)	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

Arrelia Hester Oason

188 Spruce St Aug 28<sup>th</sup> 29

Newark, N.J.

To the Quartermaster General  
Cemeterial Division

Washington, D. C.

I am replying to your letter of Aug 20<sup>th</sup> 1929  
I would like to call your attention to this  
letter of the above date in reference of error  
in the same you refer me to as his sister <sup>widow</sup>  
I am not his <sup>widow</sup> but the widow of the said  
deceased Ed Oason hoping that you  
will correct the same

Very truly yours

Arrelia Hester Oason



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cason, Ed

Aug. 20, 1929.

Miss Arelia Hester Cason,  
188 Spruce St.,  
Newark, N. J.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the sister of the late Pvt. Ed Cason, Co. A, 539th Engrs., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, 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?

*widow*

2. If so, give her complete address.

*Arelia Hester Cason  
widow of the said  
deceased: Cason Ed*

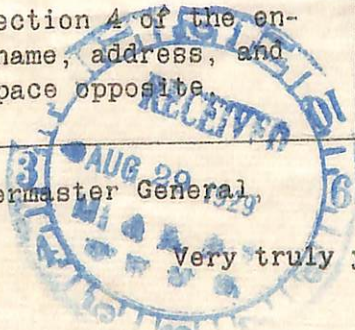
3. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

DATE 7-20-29

NAME	RANK	SERIAL	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
CASON, Ed	Pvt.	4009269	Co. A, 539th Engrs.	10-11-18

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ADDRESS	MOTHER THRU ADOPTION (For the year prior to commencement of service)	: : :	
	MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS (For the year prior to commencement of service)	: : :	
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			- <u>Orilia Hester Cason,</u> 188 Spruce St., Newark, N.J.

Veterans Bureau Claim Number \_\_\_\_\_  
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QM 293 A-M  
Cason, Ed (OA) X a

October 16, 1931

Mrs. Arelia H. Cason,  
188 Spruce Street,  
Newark, New Jersey.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it will be appreciated if you will advise the address of Mrs. Ann Corson, mother of the late Private Ed Cason.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 295 A N  
Cason, Ed 608 W

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Dear Madam:

The testimonial addressed by you and the other mothers and widows of Party "Q" to The Adjutant General has been referred to me for notation of your expressions of appreciation for the pilgrimage you have recently made to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

It is gratifying to know that you were pleased with the accommodations and arrangements made by the Quartermaster Corps for your comfort and welfare and that the Officers of the Army and other personnel in connection with the pilgrimage rendered such thoughtful and considerate service throughout the journey. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages and has expended every effort that those making the journey might have a pleasant trip. It is pleasing to receive such complimentary remarks as those contained in the testimonial, but I feel that the task during the past summer was materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation shown by the mothers and widows taking advantage of the offer of the Government.

With sincere appreciation of the sentiments expressed by the mothers and widows of Party "Q," I am,

Sincerely yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M  
Cason, Ed 608-W

October 2, 1930.

Mrs. Arelia Hester Cason,  
198 Spruce St.,  
Newark, N. J.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 29, 1930, expressing your appreciation for the pilgrimage you have recently made to the grave of your husband, the late Private Ed Cason, in the Oise-Aisne Cemetery, France, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

It is gratifying to know that your trip was entirely satisfactory and that you have returned to your home in good health. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages and has expended every effort that those making the journey might have a comfortable and pleasant trip. I feel, however, that the task was materially lightened during the past summer by the wonderful spirit of cooperation shown by the mothers and widows taking advantage of the offer of the Government.

An order has this day been issued that an American flag be forwarded to you in memory of your husband in the event that one has not been previously furnished.

Sincerely yours,

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

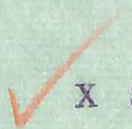
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QM 293 A-M  
Cason, Ed. 608-W

July 28, 1930.

Miss Sara J. Higgins,  
Postal Savings Dept., Post Office,  
Newark, New Jersey.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 25, 1930, written on behalf of Mrs. Arelia Hester Cason, who is to make the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act approved March 2, 1929.

You may assure Mrs. Cason that there will be other colored mothers and widows sailing on August 18th, some of whom also are scheduled to visit the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, France, in which Mrs. Cason's husband, the late Ed Cason, is buried, and under the circumstances it is believed that Mrs. Cason will find congenial and pleasant companionship throughout the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Cason, Ml 608 W

July 15, 1930

Mrs. Aralia Hester Cason  
188 Spruce St.,  
Newark, New Jersey

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:

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cason, Ed 608-W

June 13, 1930

Mrs. Arelia Hester Cason,  
188 Spruce Street,  
Newark, New Jersey.

Dear Madam:

Somewhat heavier clothing is required to be worn in Europe than is necessary in the United States, in order to be comfortable. During the summer in Europe it is cool during the day and the nights are frequently chilly. Considerable rain is usually encountered during this time.

In order that you may be comfortable at all times, regardless of the condition of the weather, and may avoid missing any of the sights or any part of the itinerary which has been planned for you, the following suggestions are made.

The clothing which you will take with you should be slightly heavier and warmer than you would normally wear in the United States during the summer and should be strong and durable. It is essential that you take with you the necessary equipment to afford protection from the cold and dampness. Be sure to take at least two pairs of comfortable shoes to provide a change in the event your feet become wet, a pair of rubbers, an umbrella, and a sweater or some warm wrap to be used should the weather become uncomfortably cool. It is very desirable that, in addition to the sweater, you have with you a full length coat of medium weight for general wear.

The shortages of suitable facilities for laundry and the frequency of the moves you will make while in Europe will make it impracticable to secure as frequent service of this nature as may be desired. You should therefore provide yourself with sufficient Underwear, nightgowns, stockings and handkerchiefs to meet your requirements should it be impossible to have your washing done more frequently than once in two weeks.

If you will read carefully the suggestions made above, and comply with them, it will add greatly to your comfort throughout the trip and will assist the Government in carrying out successfully its plans for conducting the pilgrimage. This letter is being sent to every mother and widow who has accepted the invitation sent to her by the Government to visit the grave of her son or husband.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 4, 1930.

Cason, Ed 608 W

Mrs. Irelia Hester Cason,  
186 Spruce St.,  
Newark, N.J.

Dear Madam:

The following instructions prepared by the Secretary of State contain the necessary instructions to be followed by you in obtaining the passport or travel document to be utilized in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. Please read the directions carefully and call in person upon the nearest Passport Agent or clerk of a Federal or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. In large cities there are usually two or more courts and at each county-seat a state court authorized to accept these passport applications.

When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

The instructions prepared by the Secretary of State are as follows:

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than 2½x2½ inches in size and such documentary

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evidence of her American citizenship as she may have in her possession. In the absence of evidence of citizenship, her application should be witnessed by a credible person residing in the same community who is an American citizen, has known her for a long period of time and is able to swear to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that she is a citizen of the United States.

"A mother or widow who does not owe allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Pilgrimage Travel Document through a clerk of a Federal court or a State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens or through a Passport Agent upon the form of application prescribed for that purpose, entitled APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL DOCUMENT, issued under the Act of March 2, 1929, submitting therewith four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches in size and not less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size. When making application she should be accompanied by a credible witness who has known her for a period of two years or more.

"The Act of March 2, 1929, provides that no fee shall be charged for the execution of an application for a passport or travel document or for the issue of a passport or travel document to a mother or widow making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces are now interred.

"Special Pilgrimage Passports and Pilgrimage Travel Documents when issued by the Department of State will be forwarded to the War Department.

"Applicants resident in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle should execute applications at the Passport Agencies in those cities."

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 4, 1930.

Cason, Ed 608 W  
American Merchant 8-16

Mrs. Arelia Hester Cason,  
186 Spruce St.,  
Newark, N. J.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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Name

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Address

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C

Cason, Ed 608 W

May 26, 1930.

Mrs. Arelia Hester Cason  
186 Spruce St.  
Newark, N. J.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 20, 1930, relative to the desire of your friend to accompany you on the pilgrimage to the grave of your husband, the late Ed Cason, in Europe.

Under the law providing for this pilgrimage, the Government cannot bear any part of the expense of relative or friend accompanying you nor can it make any arrangements for him. This must be entirely a personal matter.

It may be possible for your friend to secure accommodations on the same ship and possibly at the same hotels in New York and Paris, but in view of the limited accommodations you could not travel to the cemetery together and it is doubtful if she could secure accommodations in the same town near the cemetery. The Government can assume no responsibility for relatives or friends accompanying pilgrims and they must not expect medical or other assistance from the Government or to be included in official tours paid for by the Government.

If your friend desires to accompany you under these conditions, it is suggested she write for further information to the United States Lines, 1027 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D. C., which company will no doubt be able to give her complete information as to cost of transportation. This company is a commercial line which owns and operates the vessels upon which reservations have been made for all mothers and widows making the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

Cason, Ed 608-W

May 2, 1930.

Mrs. Arelia Hester Cason,  
Dear Madam St.,  
Newark, N. J.

This letter, which contains general information regarding the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, is being sent to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during the calendar year 1930. The general plan for the conduct of the pilgrimage is shown in the Pilgrimage Regulations, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. In addition to the information shown in the regulations, the following explains in detail some of the most important things connected with the pilgrimage.

Formal invitations are being extended to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during 1930. In so far as practicable, these invitations are being extended with a view to keeping the women from each state together and the order in which the invitations to the women from the several states are issued is based on a drawing by lot which was held about one month ago. Inclosed with each invitation is a card for acknowledgment and it is quite important that you accept or decline this invitation promptly in order that the necessary railroad, steamship and hotel reservations may be arranged. The government will defray all the necessary expenses of the pilgrimage, including railroad fare, hotel accommodations, steamship fare and all other incidental expenses. It will not provide anything other than the necessary expenses so that you should bring with you such funds as you may desire to use for making small purchases and for other uses distinctly of a personal nature.

Arrangements have been made with the American Railroad Association which assures us the united support and cooperation of all of the railroads in the United States in handling the movement to and from New York City. The local ticket agent will secure your railroad and sleeper ticket and will make the necessary pullman reservations. Before your departure from your home we will mail you a check, sufficient to pay for your meals and other travelling expenses while enroute to New York. Your railroad ticket will provide for a round trip from your home to New York and upon arrival in New York the army officer in charge of the New York office will collect the return trip stub and hold it until your return to New York from Europe.

Upon arrival in New York, you will be met by an army officer

and escorted to a first class hotel where reservations have been made. The duration of your stay in New York will be from 24 to 48 hours. At the proper time, you will be escorted to the steamship upon which passage has been engaged for Europe. All of the women making this trip will be provided with cabin class accommodations aboard steamers which means that from two to four will be quartered in the same stateroom. If you have any friend that you would like to be quartered with we will endeavor to arrange it if you will communicate with this office.

The ocean voyage will last about 8 days and when the ship docks at Cherbourg, France, each party will be met by officers especially detailed for the purpose and taken in a special train to Paris where first class hotel accommodations have been reserved. The first day in Paris will be a day of rest. On the 2d day, the women of each party will place a wreath on the tomb of the French unknown soldier. In the afternoon there will be a reception in which the French war mothers, government officials, and prominent civilians will participate. The following morning the groups going to the different cemeteries will leave Paris, travelling in motor busses, and proceed to the cemeteries where they will remain for about 7 days. Twenty-five women will be assigned to each bus and an army officer will have charge of the bus. The itineraries to and from the cemeteries and the daily itineraries while at the cemeteries have been varied so as to take in points of historical interest as well as some parts of the battlefields where American troops were engaged. Upon return to Paris, each party will remain for about 5 days and during this time an opportunity will be given to see the points of historical interest in Paris and vicinity. The entire duration of your stay in Europe will be 14 days, and the itineraries have been so arranged that each day will be provided for. Except in case of illness or other unavoidable cause it will not be possible for any woman making the pilgrimage to remain in Europe for a longer period than 14 days nor to leave the party with which she is travelling unless she is prepared to pay all of her expenses after leaving the party since the Act of Congress authorizing the pilgrimage specifically states that the government shall not pay the expenses of any woman who willfully leaves her party.

Upon return to the United States each ship will be met in New York City by army officers who will escort the mothers and widows to the trains which will take them home. Before leaving New York each woman will be provided with her return railroad ticket, a sleeping car ticket and funds to cover the cost of meals and other travelling expenses.

Army officers are being used as guides and escorts throughout this entire movement and care has been taken to select officers who will see that proper care is taken of the women who are entrusted to their charge. Arrangements have been made for taking care of women who may be taken sick during the pilgrimage and also to care for the remains of any who may die and provision has been made for returning the remains of any who may die to their homes. It is essential that each woman making the pilgrimage furnish The Quartermaster General with an emergency address of some relative or friend to be notified in the event of an emergency. Medical care will be provided by civilian agencies. If such care is needed in New York City it will be furnished by the hotel physicians or

by local hospitals. Aboard ship, medical care will be provided by the ship's doctors and in Paris arrangements have been made with the American Hospital for the hospitalization and treatment of any women who may need it. In addition to this, six doctors of the regular army will be on duty throughout the pilgrimage.

Baggage will be limited to not to exceed two pieces of hand baggage and the articles taken should be such as will be required for a trip of about one month. Laundry service can be obtained in New York and Paris. Since the climate of Europe is much colder than that of the United States, each woman should provide herself with sufficient warm clothing to stand the motor bus trip and the visit to the cemeteries.

Since it is necessary for this office to make all reservations for your accommodations throughout this pilgrimage, it will be greatly appreciated if you will make prompt reply to any communications received from this office.

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.  
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to QM 293 A-C  
Cason, Ed.

March 31, 1930.

Mrs. Aurelia H. Cason,  
188 Spruce Street,  
Newark, New Jersey.

Dear Madam:

Further reference is made to your letter of  
March 3, 1930, in which you request to be advised of the  
location of the grave of your son, the late Private Ed  
Cason, Company A, 539th Engineers.

In accordance therewith, I am enclosing a card  
setting forth his name, rank, serial number and grave  
location.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Treasury Department  
Washington D.C. Dear

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War Dept., A.G.O., March 25, 1930.-To The Quartermaster General, Wash-  
ington, D. C.

For consideration of so much of basic communication as refers to  
request to be advised of the place of burial of Ed Cason, Serial No.  
4,009,269, private, Co. A, 539th Engineers, who died October 11, 1918,  
of bronchopneumonia, while serving with the American Expeditionary  
Forces.

By order of the Secretary of War:



*W. E. Chickering*  
Adjutant General.

A.G. 201 Cason, Ed. (3-8-30)WW

March 18, 1930.

Place of burial.

The Quartermaster General,  
U. S. Army,  
Washington, D. C.

The records of this office show that Ed Cason, army serial number 4,009,269, Private, Company A, 539th Engineers, was buried October 13, 1918, grave 147, Section D, Plot 20, Cemetery 419, G. R. S. 318, Page 71. It is desired that this information be verified and that this office be furnished correct information relative to the place of burial of this deceased soldier.

By order of the Secretary of War:

F. C. Reilly,  
Adjutant General.



QM 293 A-C Cason, Ed. 1st Ind.  
March 22, 1930. To: The Adjutant General, War Department,  
Washington, D. C.

1. The records indicate that the grave location above noted was the original place of burial of the late Private Ed. Cason, Company A, 539th Engineers. The remains of this soldier were later removed to the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France, and permanently interred in Grave 24, Row 28, Block D.

For The Quartermaster General:

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Gason, Ed 608 W

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Arelia H. Gason,  
188 Spruce St.,  
Newark, N. J.

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,

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-C

Cason, Ed

Aug. 20, 1929.

Miss Arelia Hester Cason,  
188 Spruce St.,  
Newark, N. J.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the sister of the  
late Pvt. Ed Cason, Co. A, 539th Engrs., whose remains are now interred  
in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, 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:

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| 1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried?  |  |
| 2. If so, give her complete address.   |  |
| 3. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite. |  |

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
CASON, Ed Pvt.

May 1, 1924

Mrs. Arelia Hester Cason,  
R.F.D. #3,  
Metter, Ga.

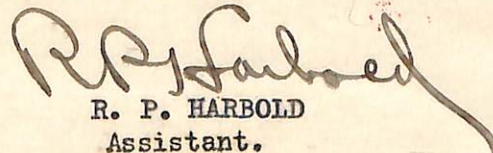
Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

  
R. P. HARBOLD  
Assistant.

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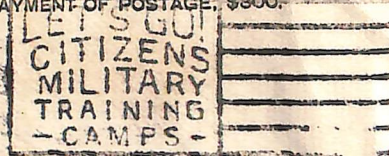
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Mrs. Arelia Hester Cason,

R.F.D. #3,

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Soldier's  Overseas  
Grave

Name Ed Cason

Rank Private

Organization Company A, 539th Engineers

Grave No. 24 Row 28 Block D

Cemetery Oise-Aisne American

Location Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France

QM 293 A-C

May 1, 1924

CASON, Ed Pvt.

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Very truly yours,

R. P. HARBOLD  
Assistant.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION

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*Please Rush*

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER CASON, Ed. CEMETERY NO. 419-98- DATE 11-24-20

SERIAL NUMBER #4009269 ORGANIZATION Co. A, 539 Engrs. DATE OF DEATH: 10-11-18

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WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE Dec. 3rd, 1920

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

Arrelia-Hester. Cason

RELATIONSHIP

Widow

Address

Metter, Ga.

Cor. Sec.

*Noted on Form No. 115  
Date*

*Postmaster at Metter, Ga., states widow  
has left city and no forwarding address*

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CEMETERY DIVISION  
CORRESPONDENCE BR.



HOBOKEN, N. J.

DEC 10 1920

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ADDRESS

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

REGISTRATION

DATE DEC 24 1920

ANY OTHER INFORMATION

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Co. V. 338 8th St.

DATE OF DEATH

REGIMENT NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

REGIMENT NO.

11-31-20

HOBOKEN, N. J.

RECEIVED  
CEMETERY DIVISION  
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

WAR DEPARTMENT  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION - GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE,  
PIER #3, HOBOKEN, N.J.

419-98

November 15, 1920.

FILE NO. 293.8 Cem.Div.Cor.Branch.  
(CASON, Ed.)

Postmaster,  
Metter,  
Georgia.

Dear Sir:

It is requested that you secure a signed statement from Mrs. Arelia Hester Cason, widow of the late Private Ed Cason, Serial No.4009269, Company A, 539th Engineers, as to whether she desires the remains of her husband left in France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery, or returned to the United States and shipped to her, or interred in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia.

Your early attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. M. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q.M. Corps,  
Officer in charge.

By:

LLK CLAY S. WORICK,  
Capt. A.G.D.

FF:LK

Mailed - O.P.D.  
RTB  
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*Sampled  
Dec 5*

Hoboken, N. J.

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

C-111545

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER		CEMETERY NO.	DATE
CASON, Ed	Pvt.	419 - 98	10/19/20
SERIAL NUMBER	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH	
4009269-	Co.A, 539th Engrs.	10/11/18	

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE 11/6/20.

NAME OF BENEFICIARY Mrs. Arelia Hester Cason. RELATIONSHIP (Widow)

Address

Metter, Georgia.

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Noted on Form No. 115  
Date

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NAME OF RELEVANT DIVISION



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OFFICE OF THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

G. R. S. Form #120  
Shipping Inquiry.

419-51<sup>98</sup>

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

tvh

APR 20 1920

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.G.  
TO: Mrs. Arelia Cason, R.F.D. #3, Metter, Ga.  
SUBJECT: Disposition of remains of Pvt. Ed Cason

Records of this office show your request to be as follows:

Remains to be wishes not expressed ~~In~~.....

~~shipped to~~.....

If any modifications of the foregoing are desired please write same fully on the other side of this sheet.

The nearest living relative may choose between, (1) return of remains to homes for burial; (2) interment in Arlington, Va., National Cemetery; or (3) remain in France.

You are requested to fill out the following without delay and return in enclosed penalty envelope, which does not require postage.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Widow			
Children(Name oldest first)			
Father			
Mother			
Brothers			
Sisters			

Date.....

Signature.....

Address.....

Relationship.....

G. R. S. Form #120  
Shipping Inquiry.

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

APR 20 1920

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.G.  
TO: Mrs. Arelia Cason, R.F.D. #3, Metter, Ga.  
SUBJECT: Disposition of remains of Pvt. Ed Cason

*Correct*

Records of this office show your request to be as follows:

Remains to be ~~wishes not expressed~~ ~~Interment~~ .....

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ .....

If any modifications of the foregoing are desired please write same fully on the other side of this sheet.

The nearest living relative may choose between, (1) return of remains to home for burial; (2) interment in Arlington, Va., National Cemetery; or (3) remain in France.

You are requested to fill out the following without delay and return in enclosed penalty envelope, which does not require postage.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Widow			
Children (Name oldest first)			
Father			
Mother			
Brothers			
Sisters			

*unclaimed*

Date .....

Signature .....

Address .....

Relationship .....

NS/7154/LML FGB

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

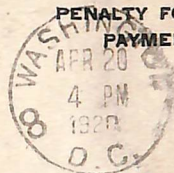
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Cemeterial Division

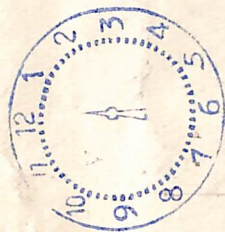
Washington, D.C.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

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



RECEIVED



JAN 18 1921

G. H. Sr.



*Returned to sender, left no forwarding address.*



Mrs. Arelia Cason,  
R.F.D. #3, ~~Metter~~, Ga.

O.D.P. & S.M. & P.B.R.  
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Miss Greenberg

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

C-111545

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

Cason, Ed., Pvt.

419 - 98

July 14, 1920

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

4009269

Co. A, 539 Engrs.

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE July 19, 1920

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

Mrs. Arelia Hester Cason

RELATIONSHIP

Widow

Metter, Georgia

Address:

NS-8438/JC

Noted on Form No. 115  
1-19-21

Hoboken, N.J.

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

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER		CEMETERY NO.	DATE
CASON, Ed	Pvt.	419 - 98	10/19/20
SERIAL NUMBER	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH	
4009269-	Co.A, 539th Engrs.	10/11/18	

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERY DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION

HOBOKEN, N.J.

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CASON, Ed.

CEMETERY NO.

419- 98-

DATE  
11-24-20

SERIAL NUMBER

#A009269

ORGANIZATION

Co. A, 539 Engrs.

DATE OF DEATH:

10-11-18

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Address

Cor. Sec.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION - GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE,  
PIER #3, HOBOKEN, N.J.

419-98

November 15, 1920.

FILE NO. 293.8 Cem.Div.Cor.Branch.  
(CASON, Ed.)

Postmaster,  
Metter,  
Georgia.

Dear Sir:

It is requested that you secure a signed statement from Mrs. Arelia Hester Cason, widow of the late Private Ed Cason, Serial No.4009269, Company A, 539th Engineers, as to whether she desires the remains of her husband left in France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery, or returned to the United States and shipped to her, or interred in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia.

Your early attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q.M. Corps,  
Officer in charge.

BY:

*Clay S. Worick*  
CLAY S. WORICK,  
Capt. A.G.D.

Mrs Arelia Hester Cason has gone and left no forwarding address.

Postmaster

*Noted on 11/15  
11-23-20*

CEMETERY DIVISION



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THE STATE OF NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE  
STATE ENGINEER

RE:

OFFICE OF THE  
STATE ENGINEER  
STATE OF NEW YORK

BY AND FOR THE STATE ENGINEER:

ORDER

That the following certificate be issued:

That the following certificate be issued to the State Engineer of New York for the purpose of certifying to the fact that the following certificate is true and correct as shown by the records of the State Engineer of New York.

DEED NO.:

BOOK NO.  
PAGE NO.  
COUNTY:

(OPTIONAL)

FILE NO. 502-8

NOVEMBER 19 1920

WAR DEPARTMENT  
CIMITERIAL DIVISION - GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE,  
PIER #3, HOBOKEN, N.J.

419-98

November 15, 1920.

FILE NO. 293.8 Gen.Div.Cor.Branch.  
(GASON, Ed.)

Postmaster,  
Metter,  
Georgia.

Dear Sir:

It is requested that you secure a signed statement from Mrs. Arelia Hester Gason, widow of the late Private Ed Gason, Serial No. 4009269, Company A, 539th Engineers, as to whether she desires the remains of her husband left in France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery, or returned to the United States and shipped to her, or interred in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia.

Your early attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

H. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q.M. Corps,  
Officer in charge.

By:

CLAY S. WORICK,  
Capt. A.G.D.

EF:LK

*Suspended  
until Dec 1*

*LK*

*[Signature]*

*[Signature]*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION, GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE,  
PIER 2, HOBOKEN, N. J.

January 13, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div.Cor.Branch.  
(CASON, Ed)

MEMORANDUM FOR: Cemeterial Division, O.Q.M.G., Overseas Project  
Sub-section, Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT: Return of Records - Cemetery #419.  
Transmittal Memorandum Number H - 789.

1. The enclosed records covering the following case are returned herewith, it having been definitely determined that the body is to remain in Europe:

REFERENCE NO:

98 ✓ Cason, Ed Pvt., Co. A, 539th Engineers.

*Revised  
1/19/21 (HW)*

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,  
Officer in Charge.

By:

*J. F. Butler*  
J. F. BUTLER,  
1st Lieut. Infantry.

1 Incl.

Verify given name

Cason, 4009269, Ed

Pvt. Co. A, 539th Engrs.

Cty # 419

*Soldier's signature  
just "Ed"*

D-61133

*Case OK*

*auth 9 9 0*

*2/9/24*

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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Cason 4009269 Ed  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Private Co., A., 539th Engineers  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

October 13, 1918.

DATE OF BURIAL.....

Grande Cimetiere,  
PLACE OF BURIAL. Lemans, Sarthe.....

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

Plot #20

Section D

GRAVE NUMBER... #147

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Yes Cross? Yes  
Headboard? No Bottle? No

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes

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

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

419

418 OCT 1918

REPORTED BY:

A. A. Nellis Chaplain.  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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CASON., Ed.

PVT.

4009269

Co.A. 539th Eng.

D.D. 10/<sup>11</sup>~~12~~/18

D.B. 10/13/18

Grave #147      Sect.D.

American Cemetery Le Mans (Sarthe)

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CASON, ED #4009269

Pvt. Co A, 539th Eng

DD: 10/12/18

Gr #147 Sec D

Amer Cem at Le Mans

419

B 593

✓

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERY DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION

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Hoboken, N. J.

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER  
CASON, Ed.  
CEMETERY NO. 419 - 98  
DATE 11-24-20

SERIAL NUMBER

4009269

Adjustment Made  
DEC 27 1920

ORGANIZATION  
Co. 4. 559. Infrs.

Date of death - 10-11-18

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE Dec. 3rd, 1920

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

Arelia Hester Cason

RELATIONSHIP

Widow

Address

Metter, Ga.

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Original  
to Hoboken filed 12-4

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OCT 1 - 1920

FROM: O. Q. M. G.  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
Ammunitions Building  
Room 1128

WAR DEPARTMENT  
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington.

PLEASE  
EXPEDITE

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

Date Sept. \_\_\_\_\_

*Special*

File No. *32981* Registration.  
From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)  
To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N. W., Washington, D. C.  
Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed. Request confirmation of all information shown.

- a. Surname *Cason* ✓
- b. Christian name *Ed* ✓
- c. Serial Number *4009269* ✓
- d. Organization *Co. A. 539th Engrs.* ✓
- e. Rank *Pvt.* ✓
- f. Date of death *10/11/18* or *10/12/18* ✓
- g. Cause of death *Broncho Pneumonia* ✓
- h. Authority (C.C.#) *285*
- i. Emergency address *Ardia Cason, P.O. #3, Metton, La.*
- j. Relationship *Wife*

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age of enlistment
- b. Color of eyes
- c. Color of hair
- d. Height
- e. Weight
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

DENTAL CHARTS

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

- a. Strike out teeth missing
- 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
upper right upper left
- 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
lower right lower left

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

BY: *H. J. Conner*  
H. J. CONNER,  
Capt. in Charge,  
1st Lieut. Q. M. G.

CEMETERY NO: 419  
SHEET NO: 98  
TYPED BY: FFD

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*10/11/20 Donnelly, M.C.K., Linnell, 41343*

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington.

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-0  
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date Sept. 30, 1920

File No. *3298* Registration.

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed. Request confirmation of all information shown.

- a. Surname *Cason* ✓
- b. Christian name *Ed* ✓
- c. Serial Number *4009269* ✓
- d. Organization *Co. A. 539th Engrs.*
- e. Rank *Pvt.* ✓
- f. Date of death *10/11/18* or *10/12/18*
- g. Cause of death *Broncho Pneumonia* ✓
- h. Authority (C.C.#) *285*
- i. Emergency address *Ardelia Cason, P.O. #3, Metter, Ga.*
- j. Relationship *Wife*

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age of enlistment
- b. Color of eyes
- c. Color of hair
- d. Height
- e. Weight
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

DENTAL CHARTS

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

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lower right lower left

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

BY:

*H. J. Conner*  
H. J. CONNER,  
Captain, Q.M.G.,  
1st Lieut. Q. M. G.

CEMETERY NO: 419

SHEET NO: 98

TYPED BY: FFD

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*10/11/20 Donnelly, M.C., Service, #343 per 30*

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army

Date sent, 20, 1920

Information requested of A.G.O.

File No. ...  
From: The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army, (Quartermaster Division)  
To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 4th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.  
Subject: Information requested for G.R.S.

It is requested that the items checked below be completed and returned to this office as soon as possible.



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- 1. Date of death
- 2. Cause of death
- 3. Authority
- 4. Emergency address
- 5. Relationship

- a. Burial location
- b. Christian name
- c. Serial Number
- d. Organization
- e. Rank

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

MENTAL CHARACTERS  
(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

a. Strike out when missing

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
upper right

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
lower right

- 1. Age of enlistment
- 2. Color of eyes
- 3. Color of hair
- 4. Height
- 5. Weight

Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

OCT 1 1920  
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CHIEF OF BUREAU  
ADJUTANT GENERAL  
U.S. ARMY

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE November 21, 1921.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

ml DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name CASON, Ed.

10. Name \_\_\_\_\_

2. No. 4009269

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

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_

4. Org. Co A 539th Engrs.

13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_

5. D.D. Oct 11/18

14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_

6. C.D. Broncho-Pneumonia.

(b) D.B. No discrepancies.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 147 Sec. D

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_

8. Plot Amer. Row \_\_\_\_\_

16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_

9. \_\_\_\_\_

17. No discrepancies.

18. Cemetery Amer. Plot. Grand Cty

19. Commune or town LE MANS

20. Dept. or County Sarthe

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. #419

23. Disinterred (Date) Nov. 21, 1921

By C. O. Handy

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Ed. Cason.

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

Rank Pvt.

Organization Co. A. 539th Engrs.

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

L. D. Handy  
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).

No effects found.

27. Condition of body 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 Nov 21, 1921 By C. O. Handy

31. Casket sealed by C. O Handy.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor C. O. Handy)

AUDITED BY  
\$100  
2/18/24

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Fox No. C-17394

32. Designation of body:

Name Ed CASON Serial No. 4009269

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. A. 539th Engrs.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne, Amer. Cty #608, SERINGES-et-NESLES (Aisne)

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Nov 21, 1921. By C. O. Handy.

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 Walter F. Brown, Capt. QMC.

36. Remarks Tag found on body partly corroded, reads "Cason, 4009269 USA"

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Nov. 21, 1921.

To point of Concentration Le Mans Morgue.

Convoyer A. DeWash Signature Shipping Officer Walter F. Brown, Captain, QMC.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Nov 21, 1921.

By G.R.S. Representative Walter F. Brown, Capt. QMC.

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39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne Amer Cty #608, Seringes-et-Nesles.

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer Walter F. Brown, Captain, Q. M. C.

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred July 28, 1922, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes-et-Nesles, (Aisne)

(Date)

42. Grave No. 24, Blk. D Section

43. Plot Row 28

G.R.S. Representative C. J. Blake, Capt. Q.M.C.

G. R. S. Form No 115

COUNTRY FRANCE

Cemetery No. 419

Sheet No.

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File No.

32981

COMPILATION N/R REQUESTS

I. DATA COMPILATION

A. Location Index Card:-

(1) Name CASON, Ed Ser. No. 4009269 TYP. MCH  
 (2) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. A, 539 Engrs. CKR. OK  
 (3) Date of death 10/11/18

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

(4) Cause of death Bronche Pneumonia TYP. HDP  
 (5) Grave No. 147 Row - - Plot Amer Sect. D. CKR. F.P.

II. FILES EXAMINATION

A. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; No Card

B. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD

Date of receipt

(6) Relationship no card in file no card in file  
 (7) Name  
 (8) Address  
 (9) Desires remains brought to U. S.?  
 (10) Desires remains brought to U. S. and interred in National Cemetery at  
 (11) If brought back, what shipping instructions?

C. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE

Date of communication

(12) Does correspondence Change or qualify request as made on A.G.O. card? If so, specify such information.

(13) A. G. O. Files EXAMINED by T.L. (Date) 4-15-20

D. (14) G. R. S. Files - Correspondence. (Has reference been made to File No. Cancellation memos. Yes - AA) Does such correspondence, if containing request for disposition, reconcile with that of A. G. O.? AA  
 (Specify "Yes or "No".) If "No", give date of communication, the name, address, and relationship and substance of request.

No request for disposition

(15) G. R. S. Files EXAMINED by AA (Date)

Checked by (over) on MS 9/29/20

*4/27 Examined  
1/22  
for Concentration  
Caisse - Aisne "608  
att 5/18/22*



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JAN 18 1921

CEMETERY DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT

III. FINAL ACTION

A. MEMORANDUM to D. M. O. in E. made (Date) .....

(16) Removal of Remains (within custody of G.R.S.) to .....

(17) Instructions that remains be left undisturbed .....

(18) Typed by ..... Checked by ..... (Date) .....

B. G. R. S. FORM NO. 114 made (Date) .....

(19) Typed by ..... Checked by ..... (Date) .....

C. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

Letter 1/15/20 to Postmaster, Metter, Ga.  
requesting signed statement from Mrs. A. H. Cason,  
widow as to her wishes re disposition.  
11/22/20 - Rec'd - Letter from Postmaster states widow  
has gone, and left no forwarding address (L)

APR 17 1920

D. Dispatched (Date) ..... (Let. Trans. No. ....)

Part 2 not to be returned

Approved by

(Date) .....

FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN, N.J.  
TO REMAIN IN EUROPE. JAN 13 1921

E. A. Mrs. Arrelia Cason (wife)  
P. F. D. # 3 Metter, Isa.

was Risk C/A 11/6/20

Mrs. Arrelia Hester Cason (wife)  
Metter, Ga.

W.R. L. gives E.A., 1/19/20 -

Mrs. Arrelia Hester Cason (wife)  
Metter, Isa.

Letter

W.R. L., E.A. 12/3/20 Arrelia Hester Cason, Metter,  
Ga., (Widow) 1/3/21 L E

Place Le Mans, (Sarthe).

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date November 21, 1921.

CASON, Ed.

SERIAL NUMBER 4009269

1. REMAINS OF Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. A. 539th Engrs.

2. Disinterred (date): Nov 21, 1921. From (give complete location): Grave 147 Amer Plot Cty #419. Sect D  
By: Group 1 Unit Fld Sect 6

3. Reburied (date): July 28, 1922. In (give complete location): Gr. 24, Blk. D. Row 28, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes-et-Nesles (Aisne)  
By: Group \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial Blanket and metallic casket.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: Wooden box and uniform, Decomposed features unrecognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? Yes  
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: Tag found on body partly corroded reads "Cason 4009269 USA"

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items?  
(a) Height (actual measurement): Est. Impossible to determine see item 4.  
(b) Weigh, (estimated): Impossible to estimate see item 4  
(c) Hair—Color App. dark brown,  
Quantity Medium head.  
Characteristics Kinky  
(d) Hair on face—Color None visible  
Location None visible  
Quantity None visible  
(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) None visible

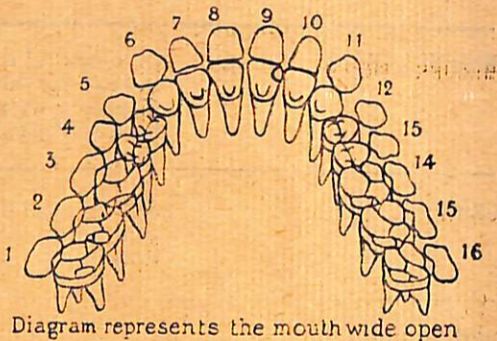
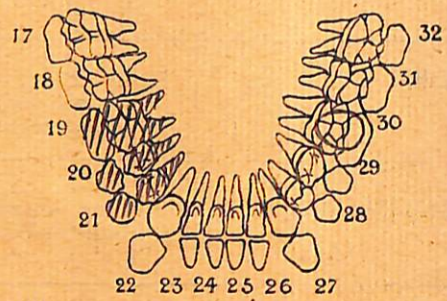


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



None visible.

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) None visible.  
TOOTH CHART:---Cavities 9 and 30. MBD 19, 20, and 21.

7. Disinterment supervised by [Signature] Approved: [Signature]  
Walter P. Brown  
Captain, G. M. C.  
(Title)






8. Reburial supervised by [Signature] Approved: [Signature]  
L.D. Hays C.J. Blake  
Checker (Title) Capt. G.M.C.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

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

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

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".  
(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No 6.
6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaw found.

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

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File-32981

see Form 115  
att 5/18/22

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name Cason, Ed Ser. No. 4009269 TYP. MCH  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. A, 539, Engrs AW  
 Cause of death Broncho-Pneumonia  
 (c) Date of death 10-11-18 death

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

(a) Grave No. 147 Row -- Plot Amer. Sect. D TYP. HDP  
 (b) Emerg. Address ---

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III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases no card CKR

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

*no request as to disposition 10/11/20 aen*

*Murriak Mrs Arrelia Hester Cason (widow) Metter Georgia*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by - (cable on 192)  
 (letter of transmittal on 4-17-1920)

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VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. OCT 13 1920 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. JAN 18 1921 192

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 G.R.S. FORM 115-A  
 August, 1920

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