

G.R.S. Form #114 B

To The A. G. O. 11950

MMB

AUG 31 1926

DATE Oct. 7th, 1921

1. NAME CHRISTIAN, Pleasant T. SERIAL No. 49226

RANK Sgt. ORGANIZATION MG Co. 23 rd Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne ROMAGNE/S/MONTFAUCON 1232 Sec. 87

CTY. NAME NUMBER

/ 82 Sec 87 4

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Somme-Py, Marne

GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES Verdun 35SW 280.5N 268.5 E

CONCENTRATED TO 6-18-19 182 ~~XXXXXX~~ 87 4

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse Argonne 1232.

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

GRS plaque on body. Collar ornaments " MG-23-Inf."

DATE OF DEATH Oct. 5, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME mo

Data form 1  
SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

Robert G. Davis,  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General,  
By *RVG*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SEP 3 1926

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

*M. B. Birdseye*  
M. B. BIRDSEYE  
1st Lt., Q. M. Corps, U. S. Army

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Oct. 7th, 1921 5 32 B1. G.

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucou, (Meuse).

CEMETERY



SEP 1 1926  
WORLD WAR DIV.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.
2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.
3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.
4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form I6, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.



M.G. C° 23rd Inf.  
2nd Div.

CHRISTIAN, Pleasant T. Sgt 49226

Killed in action. At Champagne Oct. 10/1918.

Informant : Kuhlmann, Anders, Pvt 49271  
M.G. C° 23rd Inf

HC

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name CHRISTIAN Pleasant T

Number: 49226

Rank Sgt

Organization: M G Co 23 Inf

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

18 June 1919

Isolated grave SOMEPY MARNE

35SW E268. N280.8

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

18 June 1919

Grave #182 Sec 87 Plot 4

Argonne Amer Cemetery #1232

ROMAGNE MEUSE

1232

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

Burial good, in uniform, slightly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon body? No

What other means of identification were found upon the body? None

Note:

CONFIRMED No. D/12/44

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

Supervised by Lt Gault

R. H. ROSENTHAL

2nd Lieut. O.M.C.U.S.A

C.O. Group

Unit

RECEIVED  
5-JUL-1919  
O. H.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

REPORT OF THE AGENT IN CHARGE OF THE DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
ON THE MATTER OF THE ALIEN SMUGGLING CASES  
IN CONNECTION WITH THE INVESTIGATION OF THE ALIEN SMUGGLING CASES  
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TO THE HONORABLE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

FROM THE AGENT IN CHARGE OF THE DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
AT NEW YORK, N. Y.

DATE: JULY 1, 1919

RE: ALIEN SMUGGLING CASES

TO THE HONORABLE ATTORNEY GENERAL

FROM THE AGENT IN CHARGE OF THE DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

DATE: JULY 1, 1919

RE: ALIEN SMUGGLING CASES

WESTERN MILITARY BUREAU

ROUTE AND SCHEDULE

*Christian, Pleasant T. Sgt.*

EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE SAILING FROM NEW YORK CITY July 23, 1930

*As well as account been received*

Dallas County, State of Texas.

Name Christian, Mrs. Etta (M-6)

Address 6023 Palo Pinto, Dallas, Texas.

Route going: STLSW Memphis, Sou.Ry. Bristol, N&W Lynchburg, Sou.Ry. Washington, Penna. ~~New York~~.

Return: Penn. ST. Louis, CB&Q Kansas City, AT&SF Arkansas City, AT&SF Purcell, GC&SF ~~Bush~~.

*OK money rec'd*

( Desires stop-over at Kansas City, Mo. and Arkansas City, Kans. at additional cost of \$7.93 )

Itinerary		ROAD	TRAIN	TIME	DATE
Lv	Dallas	STLSW	2	8:00 AM	July 19
Ar	Memphis	"	"	9:00 PM	" "
Lv	"	SOU RY	26	9:10 PM	" "
Ar	Bristol	"	"	1:05 PM (CT)	" 20
Lv	"	N&W	"	2:15 PM (ET)	" "
Ar	Lynchburg	"	"	7:50 PM	" "
Lv	"	SOU RY	"	7:55 PM	" "
Ar	Washington	"	"	1:00 AM	" 21
Lv	"	PENNA	108	1:50 AM	" "
Ar	New York	"	"	6:40 AM	" "
Lv	(Penna Sta.)				
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Accommodations: Seat in Standard sleeper Dallas Texas to Memphis, Tenn. and Standard Sleeper Memphis, Tenn. to New York, NY.

Elapsed Time: 45 Hrs:40 Min. *2*

Extra Fare:

*M. D. S. 6/21*

*HT*

Party M

# MEDICAL RECORD

Christian, Pleasant T.  
Sgt. M. I. Co 239 Inf.

Station : S.S. Washington

Date : -

Name Christian, Mrs. Etta

Home address 6023 Palo Pinto, Dallas Co. Texas

Address of Nearest friend or relative Husband  
-

Religion Prot.

Age 54

History of Present complaint :  
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**INSTRUCTIONS.** — This card will be started in all cases of Pilgrims requiring medical attention by the Medical Officer or Nurse first rendering such attention. Subsequently it will be carried by the nurse in attendance upon the group to which the Pilgrim is assigned. All Medical Officers rendering any assistance in the case will make an appropriate entry which will include date, time and signature. Upon final disposition of the case the Nurse in charge will deliver the card to the Office of the Chief Surgeon. Pilgrims sent to the American Hospital will be accompanied by this card properly completed, which will be authority for admission, in which case a duplicate card will be made and sent without delay to the Office of the Chief Surgeon.

(over)

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)---

Infected left heel from blister.

Treatment and Progress: (include dates)

7.27  $MgSO_4$  wet dressings, 7.28 treatment cont.

B.R.C.

Disposition: (include dates) 7/27 cabin

Remarks: Aug. 1st, Paris, healing dressed. A.W.K.

Christian, Pleasant T. (M-d)

Party "M" - Itinerary - Meuse-Argonne Group

Sailed July 23, 1930 on SS GEORGE WASHINGTON. Capt. J. A. Cistero and 1st Lt. H. R. Emery in charge. Arrived Cherbourg at day break on July 31st. Tender arrived 8.50 am, bearing Major Bailey and 9 other officers; 8 nurses and 3 civilian employees. Tender returned to dock at 7.30 am. Train left at 8.28 am. Arrived Invalides in Paris at 2.20 pm. Met by Col. Ellis, Members of his Staff and a detail of interpreters and nurses.

August 1st. Morning devoted to transaction of personal business. Exchange of money, preparation of laundry, etc. Left hotel by autobus in the afternoon for Arc de Triomphe where Mrs. Mary Baboo placed a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Mrs. Grace Forbes and Mrs. Martha Stewart each in turn also placed a wreath on the Tomb. After this ceremony, tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent. Returned to hotel for dinner.

August 2nd. Sightseeing - Paris Louvre and Notre Dame.

August 3rd. Left 7.15 am Via Porte de Pantin, Meaux, La Ferte-sous-Jouarre. Arrived Montmirail 10.00 am. Rest stop Hotel du Vert Gallant. Left 11.00 am and arrived Chalons s/ Marne 1.00 pm. Lunch Hotel Haute-Mere-Dieu. Left 3.00 pm and arrived Ste. Menchould 4.15 pm. Rest stop Modern Hotel. Left 4.45 pm and arrived Verdun 6.15 pm. Dinner and sleep at hotels.

August 4th, 5th, 6th. Daily trip from Verdun to Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery.

August 7th. Left Verdun 9.15 am. Lunch at Cemetery. Left 2.00 pm Via Charpentry, Argonne Forest, Four de Paris, Vienne-le-Chateau, Vienne-la-Ville, Somme-Bionne. Arrived Suippes 4.00 pm. Rest stop Hotel Champagne. Left 4.30 pm Via Jonchery, St. Hilaire-le-Grand. Arrived Reims 6.00 pm. Dinner and sleep Hotel Bristol Crystal.

August 8th. Visited Reims & Cathedral. Lunch Hotel Crystal. Left 1.30 pm Via Champfleury, Ay, Epornay, Dormans. Arrived Chateau Thierry 3.30 pm. Rest stop Hostellerie du Bonhomme. Left 4.00 pm Via Le Thiolet, Montreuil-aux-Lions, La Ferte-sous-Jouarre. Arrived Paris 6.45 pm. Dinner at Hotel.

August 9th. Fontainebleau Via Barbizon. Lunch Hotel Logris. Visit Chateau. Arrived Paris 6.30 pm. Dinner at Hotel.

August 10th. Morning free. Lunch at Hotel. Napoleon's Tomb. Dinner at Hotel. Sight-seeing Night Trip.

August 11th. Morning free. Lunch at Hotel. Afternoon free. Dinner at Hotel.

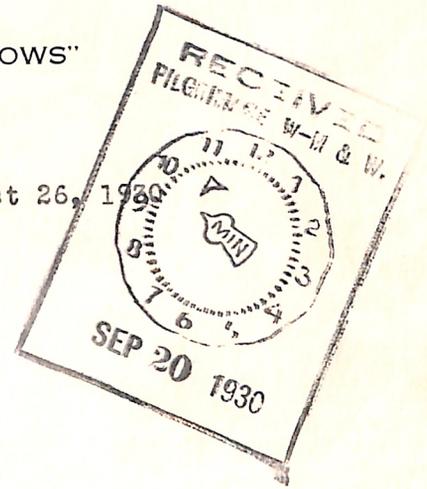
August 12th. Versailles. Lunch at Belle Cycliste. Afternoon free. Dinner at Hotel.

August 13th. Left Hotel between 8 & 8.30 am for Invalides Railway Station. Train left at 9.22 am and arrived Cherbourg 3.08 pm. The departure of the train was witnessed by Col. Ellis and Members of his Staff. Transferred to tender and arrived alongside the SS REPUBLIC at 6.00 pm and sailed shortly thereafter. Capt. Cistero and Lt. Emery in charge. Arrived New York August 22nd.

Mrs. Etta Christian

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

August 26, 1930



Mrs. Etta Christian  
Dalas, Dalas County  
Texas

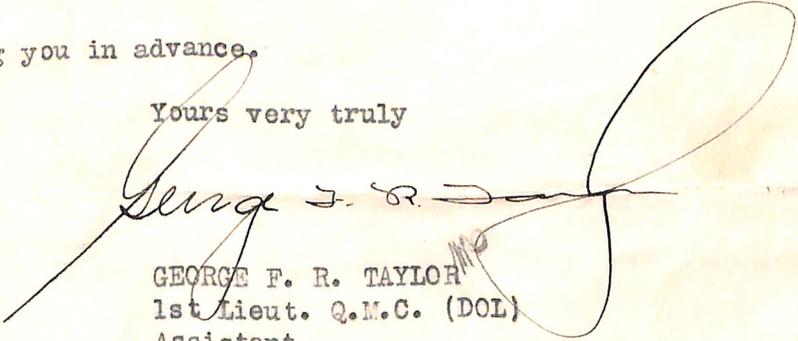
Dear Madam:

In making arrangements for your return journey home from New York, you asked for an additional stopover at St. Louis, Mo., in addition to Kansas City and Arkansas City for which we collected from you at the hotel McAlpin \$4.50.

Upon rechecking the cost of these stopovers against the actual allowance we find that there should have been collected from you \$6.38; this leaves a difference of \$1.88 which we would thank you to forward at your earliest convenience drawing check or money order to the order of "Finance Officer, U. S. Army" mailing same to this office.

Thanking you in advance.

Yours very truly

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS & WIDOWS  
225 WEST 34TH ST., N. Y., N. Y., ROOM 9

VIA WESTERN UNION

Mrs. James Cox  
862 Providence Ave.  
Webster Groves, Missouri

MORRILL ROSS  
Captain, F. A. (DOL)  
August 22, 1930

MRS ETTA CHRISTIAN WILL ARRIVE IN ST LOUIS AT FIVE FORTY PM SUNDAY AUGUST  
TWENTY FOURTH PLEASE MEET HER AT UNION STATION

COLONEL WILLIAMS

Mrs. Etta Christian, Party "M", Hotel McAlpin

2240

NAME CHRISTIAN, MRS. ETTA

S.S. AMERICA AUG 23 1930

HOME DALLAS, DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS

R.R. Penn to St Louis

STATION C Bell to Kansas

TRAIN # City - Santa Fe

CAR # BERTH OR SEAT dest

TIME

DATE Sept 17-30

Stopover - Kansas City Mo  
W. P. Christian Arkansas City Kan

6023 Palo Pinto

Dallas - Texas

Pass to return  
via Kansas City

WAR DEPARTMENT  
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS & WIDOWS  
225 WEST 34TH ST. N.Y., N.Y., ROOM 901

=====  
OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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



163 W. Christian

Mrs. Etta Christian  
Dalas, Dalas County  
Texas

RETURNED TO WRITER  
UNCLAIMED FROM  
DALLAS, TEXAS.

*Not for mistake  
SEP 27 11 1930  
Christian  
Birmingham*



*2629*



Name..... CHRISTIAN, Mrs. Etta

Paris Hôtel..... WILL AMBASSADOR  
BOULEVARD HAUSSMANN

Home address..... 6023 Palo:Pinto, Dallas, Dallas Co., Texas.

Party..... M..... Group..... I..... Unit SS. WASHINGTON

Date of arrival..... July-31-1930..... Date of departure..... SS. AMERICA-Aug-13-1930

Relationship..... Mother

Name of deceased..... CHRISTIAN, Pleasant T.

Rank..... Sgt..... Organization..... M.G. CO. 23rd Inf.

Cemetery..... Meuse-<sup>re</sup>rgonne..... Gr, 5, Row, 32, Bl, G.

REMARKS:

Desires stop-overs in Kansas City, Mo. and Arkansas City, Kans.



*Mrs Etta Christian*

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

CHRISTIAN, PLEASANT T.

M.A.

Party .....  
 Number 2249 .....

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

MRS. ETTA CHRISTIAN

Actual cost of through Pullman.

Name of Traveler

DALLAS, DALLAS COUNTY,

DALLAS, TEX.

New York, to

Home Address

TEXAS.

\$ 17.25

DALLAS, TEX.

New York, to

Destination

Via PENN TO ST. LOUIS - C B & Q TO KANSAS CITY - SANTA FE TO DEST.

LIMIT - SEPT 17-30

AUGUST 24th, 1930.

Date of Departure

1088  
 450  
 375  
 75  
 375  
 2363  
 1725  
 6138

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	Car	U. S. G. Order No.	Actual Cost
LV	PENN STA	PRR	21	8-24	145P	L-1	228	
* AR	ST-LOUIS	"	"	8-25	540P	L-8	18	1101
LV	"	C.B.2.	25	"	1155P			
* AR	KANSAS CITY	"	8-26	735A	L-5	26	1023173	1350
LV	"	AT&SFE	5	825A				1538
* AR	ARKANSAS CITY	"	"	615P			1023174	375
LV	"	"	5	645P				
NOTE	AROKLAHOMA CITY	"	"	1030P			1023175	75
LV	"	"	"	1045P				
* AR	DALLAS	"	"	740A			1023176	375
LV								
AR								

Remarks: *stop over St. Louis*  
 STOP OVER - KANSAS CITY, MO. - ARKANSAS CITY, KANS.

TOTAL 21.75  
 17.25  
 4.50

THRU CAR OPERATED FROM

*21.75 to St. Louis will from OKLAHOMA CITY - WA 1,023, 242 10.00  
 to Kansas City, WA 1,023, 841 4.50  
 Secured to train by Capt. Wm. Hesketh - 1538.*

Arrived 6:40 AM July 2nd. July 5, 1930  
Met by Capt. Merrill Ross

Mrs. Etta Christian,  
6023 Palo Pinto,  
Dallas, Texas.  
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.

Cabin 374-B  
St. Republic  
Will Mrs. C. B. Goodloe, Hotel McAlpin (Eastbound)  
" " " " " " " " (Westbound)



C O D E S L I P

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	<i>Christian</i>	3	388 <sup>0</sup>
BURIED	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	1
	GRAVE <i>5</i>	2	05
	ROW <i>32</i>	2	32
	BLOCK <i>G</i>	1	7
STATE	<i>Mo</i>	2	29
RANK	<i>Sgt</i>	1	2
DIVISION	<i>2</i>	2	02
ORGANIZATION	<i>23</i>	3	023
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	1
MARITAL	<i>Remarried</i>	1	3
NAME	<i>Harper</i>	3	
RESIDENCE <i>2037 Quincy Ave Kansas City Mo</i>	STATE	2	
	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	<i>Widow</i>	1	5
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>no</i>	1	2
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
<del>TRIP</del>	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

29/514

*Audited*  
OCT 21 1931  
**WMB**

QM 293 AM

Christian, Pleasant T. M A

March 1, 1932

Mrs. Etta Christian,  
6023 Palo Pinto,  
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Madam:

On your return from the pilgrimage to the American  
Cemeteries in Europe, you were furnished at New York with the  
following requests for use in obtaining parlor car seat or  
sleeping car berth on your way home:

WQ-1,023,841 for sleeping car berth from St. Louis, Mo.  
to Kansas City, Mo.

No Lost

The Pullman Company has never submitted a bill for  
the above and as it is desired to close these items will you  
please return this letter showing opposite the above by "Yes"  
or "No", whether you were furnished the accommodations shown.  
If they were not furnished and the requests are in your posses-  
sion, please return them, or if they have been lost or destroyed  
write "Lost" after the word "No", so they may be cancelled.

The inclosed envelope may be used for reply.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl.  
Env.

31/904

QM 203 A-M  
Christian, Pleasant T. 1222.

March 26, 1951.

Mrs. Nita Christian,  
6023 Palo Pinto,  
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Madam:

In the final settlement of accounts the Finance Officer advises that you are entitled to a refund in the amount of \$6.38 due to overcollection of pullman charges for stopovers on your return from the pilgrimage, sailing on the GEORGE WASHINGTON, July 23, 1950.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

1 Encl.  
Check.  
EJH

QM 293 A-M  
Christian, Pleasant T. - 1232 M

August 29, 1930.

Mrs. Etta Christian,  
6023 Palo Pinto,  
Dallas, Tex.

Dear Madam:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of the testimonial expressing your appreciation for the pilgrimage you have recently made to the cemeteries of Europe, which you and the other mothers and widows who sailed on the SS George Washington July 23rd, were so kind as to send me.

It is gratifying to know that your trip was entirely satisfactory and that the officers of the Army, the nurses, and the personnel connected with the pilgrimage rendered such courteous and efficient service. The Quartermaster Corps, which is charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages, has expended every effort that those making the pilgrimage might have a comfortable and pleasant journey. I feel, however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the mothers and widows.

I am indeed pleased to receive such complimentary remarks concerning the care and consideration shown the women making the journey by the officers and personnel connected with the pilgrimage.

Sincerely yours,

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

ADH  
JTH  
WRG

RS

ETK

NAME Christian, Mrs. Etta

M

ADDRESS 6023 Palo Pinto, Dallas, Texas

DATE Aug. 31, 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 Etta Christian

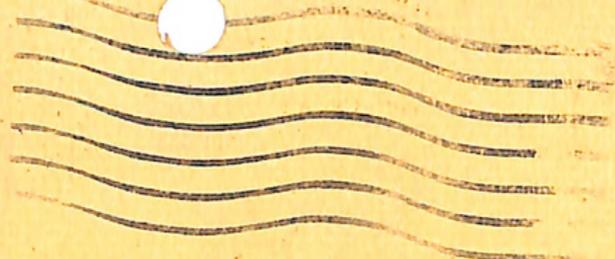
WAR DEPARTMENT



OFFICIAL BUSINESS



PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300.



PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

STATE

TEXAS

CHRISTIAN, PLEASANT T.

M

NAME Christian, Mrs. Etta HOME ADDRESS 6023 Palo Pinto, Dallas  
Dallas County

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN W. Christian same

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE July 21 HOTEL MCALPIN ROOM NO. 969

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE July 23 VESSEL Washington CABIN NO. 336A  
DESTINATION CHERBOURG CEMETERY M. A.

RETURN NEW YORK

AUG 22 1930

DATE .....

6023 Palo Pinta  
Dallas Cty.  
Dallas, Texas

M

Christian, Mrs. Etta

NAME ..... HOME ADDRESS .....

S/S REPUBLIC

MCALPIN

RETURN ON S. S. .... HOTEL ..... ROOM NO. 1277

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

AUG 23 1930

DATE .....

ROAD *Prun.* ..... TRAIN *21* ..... CAR *228* ..... BERTH or SEAT *L1* .....

REMARKS ..... *Kansas City, Mo - Arkansas City, Kas.*  
*St. Louis*

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## MEDICAL RECORD

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WASHINGTON

Party: "M".....

S. S. ~~REPUBLIC~~.....\* Eastbound  
Westbound

Name CHRISTIAN? Mrs. Etta.....

Home Address 6023 Palo Pinto, Dallas Dallas County, Texas.....

Name and address of nearest relative or friend.....

Husband same address

Religion Protestant.....

Age ~~50~~ 54.....

History of present complaint:

(OVER)

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

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)

Unfettered left heel (Blister)

Treatment and Progress: (include dates) 7/27 mg 504 wet dressings. 7/28 Treatment cont.

B.P.C.

Disposition: (include dates) 7/27 Cobia.

Remarks:

8/1/30 Healing Redressed  
own

ETH

2412-c

1232

RETURN RECEIPT

Washington 7-23-30

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

*Mrs. Otto Christian*

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, 6-27-30, 192

Form 3811

5-5116

DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE ONLY

**Post Office Department**

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 923184

INSURED PARCEL

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

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

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

**O. M. GENERAL**  
(NAME OF SENDER)

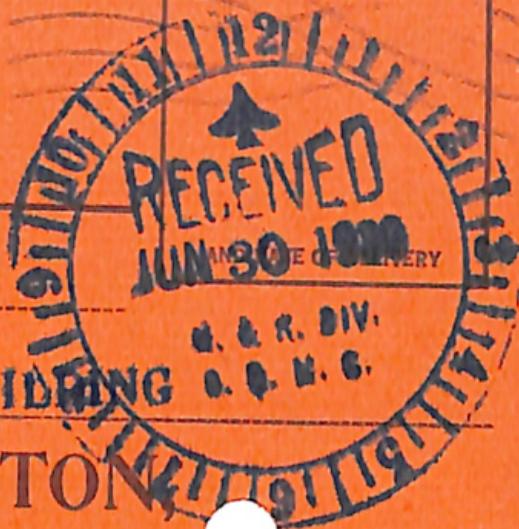
**MUNITIONS BUILDING**

**WASHINGTON**

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



POSTMARK OF DELIVERING  
OFFICE



**D. C.**

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2412

1232

RETURN RECEIPT

Washington 7-23-30

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

Mrs. Etta Christman

(Signature or name of addressee.)

Deliver to addressee

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, 7-7-30, 192

Post Office Department

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

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING OFFICE

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 72

INSURED PARCEL

No. 2

RECEIVED  
JUL 10 1930  
WASHINGTON D.C.  
MUNITIONS BUILDING

AMBL

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return

Q. M. GENERAL.

Street and Number, or Post Office Box,

MUNITIONS BUILDING

Post Office at

Washington, D. C.

Rev. 3-24

65-6116

State

# RETURN RECEIPT

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

*John E. Christman*  
-----  
(Signature or name of addressee)

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(Signature of addressee's agent)

*1232*  
*Christman, Pleasant*  
Date of delivery

*3-30-31*, 19

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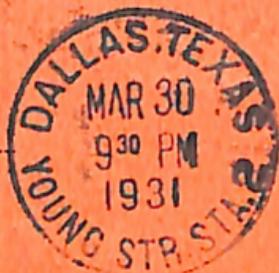
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Christian, Pleasant T. 1232-M

June 24, 1930.

Mrs. Etta Christian,  
6023 Palo Pinto,  
Dallas, Texas

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. <sup>342,588</sup> in the amount of \$<sup>20.00</sup>, 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.

June 21, 1930

XXXX A-M  
Christian, Pleasant T.-1232

Mrs. Etta Christian,  
6023 Palo Pinto,  
Dallas, Tex.

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. Dallas	STLSW	Train No. 2	8:00 AM	"	19
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Lv. "	N&W	"	2:15 PM(ET)	"	20
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Lv. "	Sou Ry	"	7:55 PM	"	20
Ar. Washington	"	"	1:00 AM	"	21
Lv. "	Penna	" 108	1:50 AM	"	21
Ar. New York (Penna Sta)	"	"	6:40 AM	"	21

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.

Washington, D. C.  
June 7, 1930

Mr. H. W. Siddall  
Room 428, New Union Station  
516 W. Jackson Blvd.  
Chicago, Illinois

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Quartermaster General

QM 293 A-C  
Christian, Pleasant T. 1232 M

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WASHINGTON DC

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*Washington  
July 23rd*

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QM 293 A-C  
Christian, Pleasant T. 1232 M

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June 4, 1930.

Mrs. Etta Christian,  
6023 Palo Pinto,  
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 18, 1930, enclosing money order in the amount of \$7.93 to cover additional charge for rail transportation due to stop-overs at Kansas City, Missouri and Arkansas City, Kansas on your return from the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, sailing on the S. S. George Washington, July 23, 1930.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C  
Christian, Pleasant T. 1232 M

May 21, 1930.

Mrs. Etta Christian,  
6023 Palo Pinto,  
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 13, 1930, relative to stop-overs at Kansas City, Missouri and Arkansas City, Kansas on your return from the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, sailing on the S. S. George Washington, July 23, 1930.

In connection therewith, you are advised that these stop-overs can be arranged, for which there will be an additional charge of \$7.93 for rail transportation. Under these conditions, if you still desire to make these stop-overs, please remit to this office, at once, money order in this amount, payable to the Finance Officer, Washington, D. C.

There will also be an additional charge for Pullman in the amount of \$4.00, which must be paid by you at the time you receive your return transportation in New York City.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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May 18, 1930

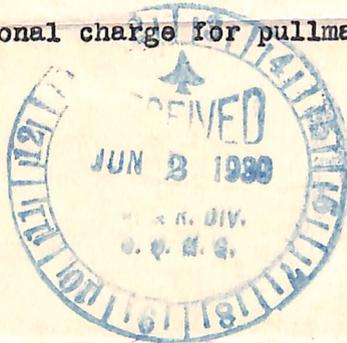
DIRECT REPLY TO  
W. P. CHRISTIAN  
DISTRICT MANAGER  
6023 PALO PINTO  
DALLAS, TEXAS

The Quartermaster General  
Washington, D.C.

RE: QM 293 Christian, Pleasant T.  
1232 M

Dear Sirs:

In reply to your advice of May 21, 1930, I am enclosing a money order for \$7.93, which will pay for my two stopovers. I will be willing to pay the additional charge for pullman when it is necessary.



Sincerely

*Mrs Etta Christian*

Q.M.G.  
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Christian

Pleasant T.



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MAY 13, 1930

DIRECT REPLY TO  
W. P. CHRISTIAN  
DISTRICT MANAGER  
6023 PALO PINTO  
DALLAS, TEXAS

Quartermaster General  
War Dept.  
Washington, D.C.

*Dallas Co.*  
Re: 293 A-C  
Christian, Pleasant T. 1232-M

Dear Sir:

I wish to request stop-overs as follows:

Kansas City, Mo. for two days.

Arkansas City, Kansas. for one day.

as per your instructions of May 7<sup>th</sup> 1930.

Please advise if there is any extra charge for this convenience.

Sincerely

acc.  
Wash. July 23<sup>rd</sup>  
stopovers noted  
on limit. list and  
card.



*W. P. Christian*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Christian, Pleasant T. 1232M  
Washington 7-23

May 13, 1930

Mrs. Etta Christian,  
6023 Palo Pinto,  
Dallas, Tex.

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.

W P Christian

Name

6023 Palo Pinto Dallas Texas.

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*

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

Encl.  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 18, 1930.

Christian, Pleasant T. 1232 M

Mrs. Etta Christian,  
6023 Palo Pinto,  
Dallas, Tex.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Washington

7/23/30

1232

Christian Pilgrimage

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. Etta Christian

(Name)

6023 Palo Pinto, Dallas, Dallas County, Texas.

(Town or City)

(State)



QM 293 A-C

Christian, Pleasant T.-1232

March 7, 1930.

Mrs. Etta Christian,  
6023 Palo Pinto,  
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 25, 1930, relative to your desire to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Sergeant Pleasant T. Christian, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

In this connection you are advised that communications were addressed to you to 2037 Quincy Ave., Kansas City, Missouri, which was your latest address on file in this office.

It is requested that you complete the enclosed questionnaire, specifying "yes" or "no" to the questions listed thereon, particular attention being paid to the third question.

Upon receipt of the questionnaire in this office, you will be further advised relative to the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Christian, Pleasant T.- 1232

March 7, 1930.

Mrs. Etta Christian,  
6023 Palo Pinto,  
Dallas, Texas.

*Sailed*  
JUL 23 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. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(No) <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <input type="checkbox"/>	(No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes) <input type="checkbox"/>	(No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age 54 (Years)	Health Good (Good) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Poor) <input type="checkbox"/>
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(No) <input type="checkbox"/>
	Other language (Specify language spoken)	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

RECEIVED  
MAR 17 1930  
U. S. Q. M. G.

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

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

Feb. 25-1920.

Dallas Texas.

The Quarter Master General  
Washington D.C. { D.M. 095-a-b.  
Christian, Etta.

Dear Sir

According to your request  
Feb. 20, 1920, I wish to advise  
that my sons name, rank, +  
organization, were as follows -

Pleasant T. Christian

Sgt M.G. Co. 23<sup>rd</sup> Inf.

He is buried in Cemetery in  
Commune of Somme Py. Marne  
France. I have not had  
his body returned, and have  
not been asked - as yet, if  
I wish to make the trip -  
But I do, + would prefer  
to go during school vacation.

Sincerely

Mrs Etta Christian

6023 Palo Pinto Dallas Tex.





WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Christian, Pleasant T.

August 31, 1929.

Mrs. Myrtle Harper,  
2037 Quincy Ave.,  
Kansas City, Mo.

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 widow of the late Sgt. Pleasant T. Christian, M. G. Co., 23rd Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, 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. Have you remarried since the death of the above named veteran?

yes.

2. If not, do you desire to make the pilgrimage?

3. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

yes.

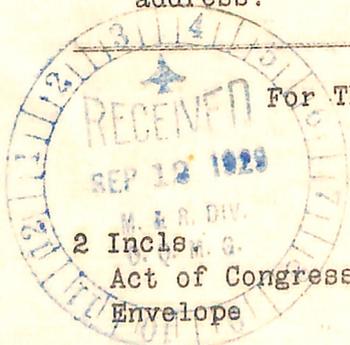
4. If so, give her name and complete address.

I do not know

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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*Done  
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JUL 6 - 1929

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Christian, Pleasant T.

Mrs. Wm. P. Christian,  
341 E. Main St.  
Fredonia, N. Y.

*re-married* June 29, 1929.  
*Mrs. Myrtle Harper*  
*2037 Quincy Ave.*  
*Kansas City*  
*Mo.*

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Sgt. Pleasant T. Christian, MG Co. 23rd Inf. whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*John Harris*

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

R.A.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 AM

Christian, Pleasant T. M A

March 1, 1932

Mrs. Etta Christian,  
6023 Palo Pinto,  
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Madam:

On your return from the pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe, you were furnished at New York with the following requests for use in obtaining parlor car seat or sleeping car berth on your way home:

WQ-1,023,841 for sleeping car berth from St. Louis, Mo.  
to Kansas City, Mo.

*No. Lost*

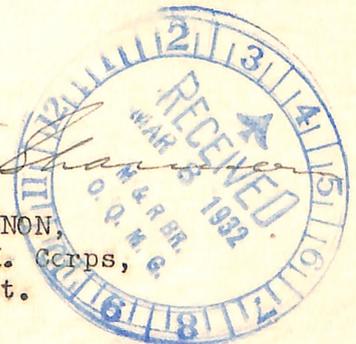
The Pullman Company has never submitted a bill for the above and as it is desired to close these items will you please return this letter showing opposite the above by "Yes" or "No", whether you were furnished the accommodations shown. If they were not furnished and the requests are in your possession, please return them, or if they have been lost or destroyed write "Lost" after the word "No", so they may be cancelled.

The inclosed envelope may be used for reply.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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



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QM 293 AM

Christian, Pleasant T. M A

March 1, 1932

Mrs. Etta Christian,  
6023 Palo Pinto,  
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Madam:

On your return from the pilgrimage to the American  
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sion, please return them, or if they have been lost or destroyed  
write "Lost" after the word "No", so they may be cancelled.

The inclosed envelope may be used for reply.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 203 A-M  
Christian, Pleasant T. 1232.

March 26, 1931.

Mrs. Etta Christian,  
6023 Palo Pinto,  
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Madam:

In the final settlement of accounts the Finance Officer advises that you are entitled to a refund in the amount of \$6.38 due to overcollection of pullman charges for stopovers on your return from the pilgrimage, sailing on the GEORGE WASHINGTON, July 23, 1930.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

1 Encl.  
Check.  
HJF



QM 293 A-M  
Christian, Pleasant T. - 1232 M

August 29, 1930.

Mrs. Etta Christian,  
6023 Pale Pinto,  
Dallas, Tex.

Dear Madam:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of the testimonial expressing your appreciation for the pilgrimage you have recently made to the cemeteries of Europe, which you and the other mothers and widows who sailed on the SS George Washington July 23rd, were so kind as to send me.

It is gratifying to know that your trip was entirely satisfactory and that the officers of the Army, the nurses, and the personnel connected with the pilgrimage rendered such courteous and efficient service. The Quartermaster Corps, which is charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages, has expended every effort that those making the pilgrimage might have a comfortable and pleasant journey. I feel, however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the mothers and widows.

I am indeed pleased to receive such complimentary remarks concerning the care and consideration shown the women making the journey by the officers and personnel connected with the pilgrimage.

Sincerely yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 12, 1930.

Christian, Pleasant T. - 1232 M

Mrs. Etta Christian,  
6023 Palo Pinto,  
Dallas, Texas.

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.

Washington, D. C.  
June 7, 1930

Mr. H. W. Siddall  
Room 428, New Union Station  
516 W. Jackson Blvd.  
Chicago, Illinois

YOUR B FORTY NINE STOPOVER KANSAS CITY MISSOURI ARKANSAS CITY KANSAS  
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DeWitt  
Quartermaster General

QM 295 A-C  
Christian, Pleasant T. 1232 M



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QM 293 A-C  
Christian, Pleasant T. 1232 M

June 4, 1930.

Mrs. Etta Christian,  
6023 Palo Pinto,  
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 18, 1930, enclosing money order in the amount of \$7.93 to cover additional charge for rail transportation due to stop-overs at Kansas City, Missouri and Arkansas City, Kansas on your return from the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, sailing on the S. S. George Washington, July 23, 1930.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OM 293 A-C  
Christian, Pleasant T. 1232 M

May 21, 1930.

Mrs. Etta Christian,  
6023 Palo Pinto,  
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 13, 1930, relative to stop-overs at Kansas City, Missouri and Arkansas City, Kansas on your return from the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, sailing on the S. S. George Washington, July 23, 1930.

In connection therewith, you are advised that these stop-overs can be arranged, for which there will be an additional charge of \$7.93 for rail transportation. Under these conditions, if you still desire to make these stop-overs, please remit to this office, at once, money order in this amount, payable to the Finance Officer, Washington, D. C.

There will also be an additional charge for Pullman in the amount of \$4.00, which must be paid by you at the time you receive your return transportation in New York City.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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MR. H. W. SIDDALL  
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WASHINGTON, D. C. May 19, 1930

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Christian, Pleasant G. 1252M  
Washington 7-23

May 13, 1930

Mrs. Etta Christian,  
6023 Palo Pinto,  
Dallas, Tex.

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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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Christian, Pleasant T. 1232-M  
7-23

May 7, 1930

Mrs. Etta Christian,  
6023 Palo Pinto,  
Dallas, Texas

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 18, 1930.

Christian, Pleasant T. 1232 M

Mrs. Etta Christian,  
6023 Palo Pinto,  
Dallas, Tex.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than  $2\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$  inches in size and such documentary

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

Christian, Pleasant T. 1232-M

April 4, 1930

Mrs. Etta Christian,  
Dear Madam: into,  
Dallas, Texas.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.  
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QM 293 A-C

Christian, Pleasant T.-1232

March 7, 1930.

Mrs. Etta Christian,  
6023 Palo Pinto,  
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 25, 1930, relative to your desire to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Sergeant Pleasant T. Christian, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

In this connection you are advised that communications were addressed to you to 2037 Quincy Ave., Kansas City, Missouri, which was your latest address on file in this office.

It is requested that you complete the enclosed questionnaire, specifying "yes" or "no" to the questions listed thereon, particular attention being paid to the third question.

Upon receipt of the questionnaire in this office, you will be further advised relative to the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

**Christian, Pleasant T.- 1232**

**March 7, 1930.**

**Mrs. Etta Christian,  
6023 Palo Pinto,  
Dallas, Texas.**

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. 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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Christian, ~~Mrs.~~ Pleasant T - 12 32

February 20, 1930.

Mrs. Etta Christian,  
6025 Palo Pinto,  
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of February 15, 1930, relative to your desire to make the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe as authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929, copy of which is herewith enclosed for your information.

It is requested that you furnish this office with the name, rank and organization of your son whose remains are now interred in a cemetery in France. Upon receipt of this information you will then be advised concerning your eligibility to make the pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the above mentioned Act.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Feb 15 1930.

War Dept. Washington W.C.

Being a Gold Star Mother  
with a son buried in France  
and not having a word  
from Headquarters in regard  
to the trip to France I  
am writing to add my  
name to the list if it  
is not there

Kindly let me hear from  
you.

Mrs. Etta Christian

Compensation 6023 Palo Pinto  
Dallas Texas,  
War Risk Dept no. 6.87999.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Christian, Pleasant T. —  
1232

September 12, 1929.

Mrs. Myrtle Harper,  
2037 Quincy Ave.,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated Aug. 31, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Christian, Pleasant T.

August 31, 1929.

Mrs. Myrtle Harper,  
2037 Quincy Ave.,  
Kansas City, Mo.

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 widow of the late Sgt. Pleasant T. Christian, M. G. Co., 25rd Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, 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. Have you remarried since the death of the above named veteran?
2. If not, do you desire to make the pilgrimage?
3. Is the deceased survived by a mother?
4. If so, give her name and complete address.

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

Christian, Pleasant T.

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June , 1929.

Mrs. Wm. P. Christian,  
341 E. Main St.  
Fredonia, N. Y.

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".

Sgt. Pleasant T. Christian, MG Co. 23rd Inf. whose remains are now interred in the ~~House-Argonne American Cemetery, Douaune-the-emb~~ <sup>the records of this office show that</sup> Douaune-the-emb of the House, France.  
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Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish her full name and address in order that action may be taken to extend an invitation to her to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

September 28, 1923.

Mr. Wm. P. Christian,  
341 East Main St.,  
Fredonia, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the permanent grave of Sergeant Pleasant T. Christian, Machine Gun Company, 23rd Infantry, is Grave 5, Row 32, Block G, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, 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.

You are assured in effecting removal of the remains, the utmost care and reverence were exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed this sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

*H. H. Cheal*  
H. H. CHEAL  
Assistant.

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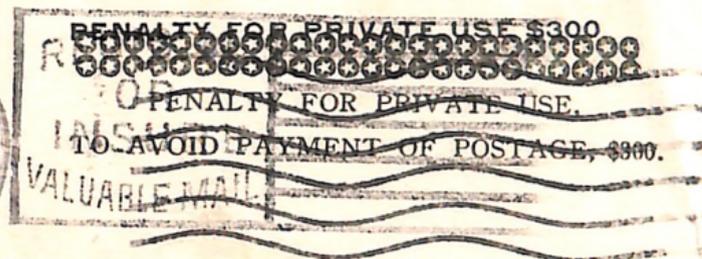
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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

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Mr. Wm. P. Christian,

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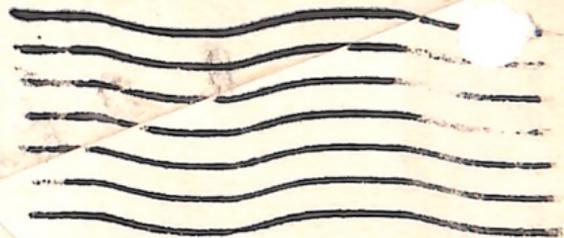
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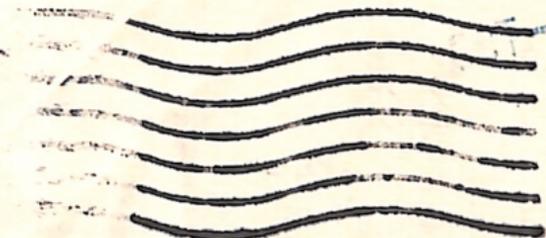
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(Christian name in full.)

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(Army serial number.)

Sgt

MG Co 23rd Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased:

*Mother*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

*no*

(Yes or no.)

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

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

*Mrs. W. P. Christian*

*341 E. Main St. Fredonia New York*

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by P.F.

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September 28, 1923.

Mr. Wm. P. Christian,  
341 East Main St.,  
Fredonia, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the permanent grave of Sergeant Pleasant T. Christian, Machine Gun Company, 25rd Infantry, is grave 5, row 32, Block C, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romigny-Boncourt-Faucou (Meuse), France.

This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, 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.

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Very truly yours,

H.H. CHESL  
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CENTRAL MAIL ROOM.  
Assistant.



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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

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I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name CHRISTIAN, Pleasant T. Ser. No. 49226
(b) Rank Sgt. Organization M.G. Co., 23rd Inf.
(c) Date of death 10-5-18 (d) Cause of death k/a
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II. REGISTRATION CARD.—(Check Reg., Card Inf. against Loc., Ind., Inf.):

(a) Grave No. 182 Row - Plot 4 Sec. 87 TYP. B

(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. W. P. Christian (mother) 708 Horne St.,

290 Wm. P. Christian (father) 341 East Main St. Toopka, Kansas.
III. Files of/soldiers/dying from contagious diseases Fredonia, N.Y. (4-20-21) CKR. Go

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt

(a) Name Mrs. W. P. Christian (b) Relationship Mother

(c) Address 341 E Main St, Fredonia, N.Y.

(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No

(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at

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

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

Examiner's Initials PF Date 4-15-1920

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

dated

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

Examiner's Initials PF Date 4-10-1920

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes PF

Examiner's Initials PF Date 4-10-1920

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232-Sec. 87 SHEET No. 31

Handwritten initials and date 4/26/21

Handwritten notes: checked, 4-20-21



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Oct. 7, 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters. Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

- 1. Name CHRISTIAN, Pleasant T. 10. Name Pleasant T Christan  
on tag on body.
- 2. No. 49226 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Rank Sgt. 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Org. MG Co.23rd Inf. 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. D.D. 10-5-18 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. C.D. K.I.A. (b) D.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- 7. Grave No. 182 Sec. 87 15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Plot 4 Row \_\_\_\_\_ 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_ 17. No desep.
- 18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne 19. Commune or town Romagne/s/Montfaucon
- 20. Dept. or County Meuse 21. Country France
- 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232 Sec.87
- 23. Disinterred (Date) 10-7-21 By Elza Holmes
- 24. Inscription on grave marker: \_\_\_\_\_

Name Pleasant T. Christian Serial No. 49226  
 Rank Sgt1 Organization M.G.Co. 23rd Inf.

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

*[Signature]*  
 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)  
Collar ornament "MG-23-Inf" GRS plac with body with name, rank and organization inscribed thereon (name spelt) "Christan"
- 27. Condition of body Badly decomposed features unrecognizable
- 28. Nature of burial US Uniform, burlap and pine box.
- 29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? see item 10.
- 30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date 10-7-21 By Elza Holmes
- 31. Casket sealed by Elza Holmes

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)



AUDITED BY

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **C-8442**

32. Designation of body:

Name **CHRISTIAN, Pleasant T.** Serial No. **49226**

Rank **Sgt.** Organization **MG Co. 23rd Inf.**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **Meuse-Argonne 1232 ~~212~~ Romagne/s/Montfaucon**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **10-7-21** By **Elza Holmes**

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

*H. H. Harpole*  
H. H. Harpole 1st Lt. CMC

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) **10-7-21**

To point of Concentration **Meuse Argonne Cem. #1232**

Convoyer **G. F. Spain, Capt. CMC** (Name)  
Signature Shipping Officer *G. F. Spain*

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery

Convoyer (Name)  
Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred **Meuse Argonne Cem. 1232, Oct. 7, 1921.**

42. Grave No. **Row 32, Pl. C, Gr. 5.** (Date)

Section

43. Plot Row

G.R.S. Representative

*James W. Younger*  
JAMES W. YOUNGER  
CAPT. CMC.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Oct. 7, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF CHRISTIAN, PLESASANTT. T. SERIAL NUMBER 49226

RANK Sgt. ORGANIZATION M. G. CO. 23 Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Oct. 7, 1921. From (give complete location): Gr. 182 sec 87 pt 4, Meuse-Argonne Cem., #1232.

By: Group Holmes Unit Sec. 1

3. Reburied (date): Oct. 7, 1921. Meuse Argonne Cem. 1232, Row 32 Bl. G. Gr. 5.

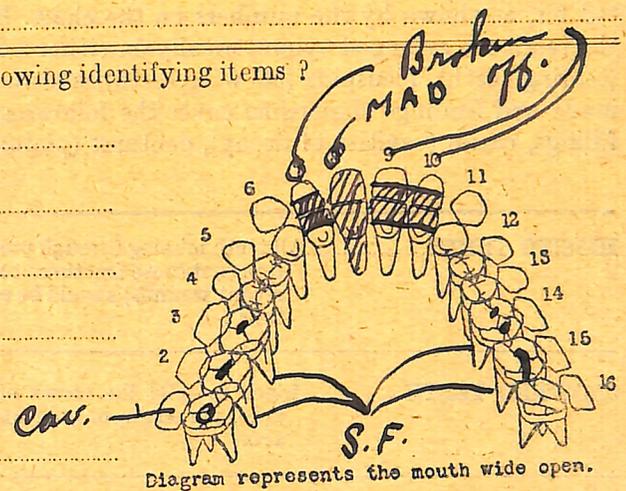
By: Group Reburial Sec. Unit Nature of reburial lined casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: IN U.S. uniform burlap and buried in a wooden box, body badly decomposed features unrecognizable.

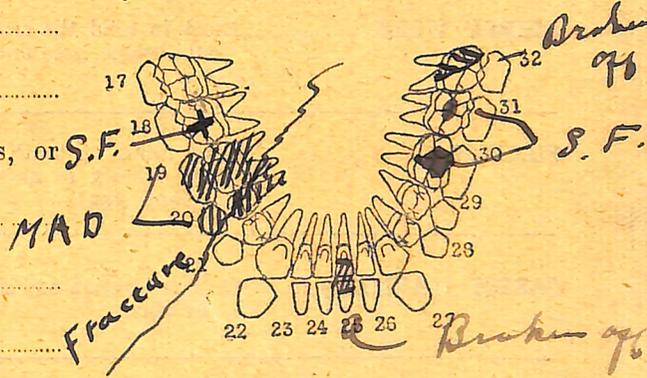
5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? No On grave marker? Yes (b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: col. Orn. M.G. 23 Inf. GRS. plaque with body with name Last spelt Christian rank and org.

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

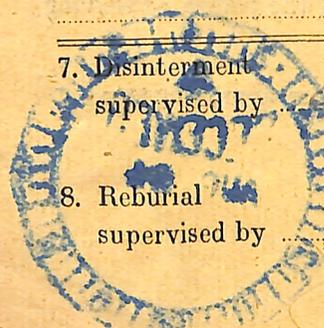
- (a) Height (actual measurement) Imp to det. (b) Weight (estimated) Imp to det. (c) Hair—Color None Quantity None Characteristics None (d) Hair on face—Color None Location None Quantity None



(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) Imp to det.



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) bones of body badly shattered.



7. Disinterment supervised by E. Holmes S. E. Approved: H. S. Harpole 1st Lt. OMC. (Title)

8. Reburial supervised by W. B. SHEILD concentration Approved: JAMES W. YOUNGER CAPT. OMC. (Title)

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

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

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

**MISSING TEETH**.....All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus:



**CROWNED TEETH**.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:



**BRIDGE WORK**.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus:



**FILLINGS**.....Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:



**CARIES (CAVITIES)**.....Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:



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

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



# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File 37726

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name CHRISTIAN, Pleasant T. Ser. No. 49226  
 (b) Rank Sgt. Organization M.G. Co., 23rd Inf. } TYP. B  
 (c) Date of death 10-5-18 (d) Cause of death k/a } 30

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

(a) Grave No. 182 Row - Plot 4 Sec. 87 TYP. B

(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. W. P. Christian (mother) 708 Horne St.,

630. Wm P. Christian (father), 341 East Main St., Topeka, Kansas.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases Frederica, N.Y. (4-20-21) e CKR. 30

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

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V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
Action - 87 { letter of transmittal on 4-22-, 1921

Car. 2 - Not to be returned (JEW)

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

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

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

VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., \_\_\_\_\_, 192

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

W.P. 4-21-21.

377220  
**GRAVE LOCATION** **ANK.**

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

CHRISTIAN 49276 PLEASANT T.

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

Sgt. M. G. C., 23rd Inf.

(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL Oct 11, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL E side of undeveloped

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

road about 267900

280.700 Tulline map

(Marrow) 1/20

GRAVE NUMBER - 0

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? - 53 Cross? yes

Headboard? - 7 Bottle? -

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? yes N

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

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

~~OR 62~~ SORTIER P (Marrow)

~~OR 62~~ SHT. 355W COORD { E 267.9  
N 280.7

8161  
27 OCT 1918

REPORTED BY:

Ovid R. Selden Chaplain 1st Lt  
17th FA

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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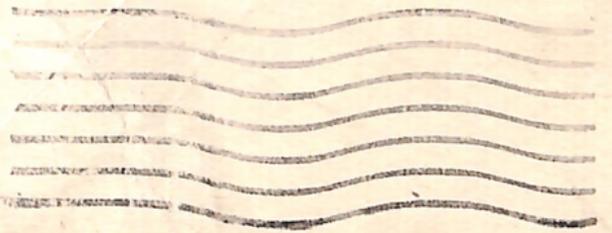
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FROM: O.Q.M.G.   
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
Munitions Building  
Room

PLEASE  
EXPEDITE

WAR DEPARTMENT  
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington

G.R.S. Form <sup>Adjustment Made</sup> A-H  
Information requested <sup>1921</sup> G.O.

Date 4/16/21.

File No. Requisition

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

(SPECIAL)

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.

NOTED FORM 15  
DATE 4/20/21

- a. Surname Christian ✓
- b. Christian name Pleasant T. ✓
- c. Serial Number 49226 ✓
- d. Organization M.G.Co., 23rd Inf. ✓
- e. Rank Sgt. ✓
- f. Date of death 10/5/18. ✓
- g. Cause of death K/A. ✓
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- i. Emergency address Wm P Christian  
341 East Main St., Fredonia, N.
- j. Relationship Father - over 2

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,  
1st. Lieut. Q.M.C.

CEMETERY NO: C.W.  
1232-Sec. 87.

SHEET NO: 31  
TYPED BY: I.W.

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*Donnelly SMC*  
*SPS-4/18/21*

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address on V Mapp.

Mrs Etta Christian (mother)

3820 Wayne Ave, Kansas City, Mo.

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Owner: Project Sub-Section

a. name

b. address

c. color of hair

d. color of eyes

e. age of subject

(Date when 25 of the relatives passed)  
BORN DESCRIPTION

a. name

b. date of birth

c. date of death

d. cause of death

e. place of burial

f. name of informant

g. name of informant

h. name of informant

i. name of informant

j. name of informant

k. name of informant

l. name of informant

m. name of informant

n. name of informant

o. name of informant

DATE RECEIVED

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