

MMB

OCT 9 - 1926

DATE Oct. 11, 1921

1. NAME CORTES, Harold T.

SERIAL No. 2337940

RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION Co. A 4th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne/s/Montfaucon 1232 Sec. 63

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

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Sec. 63

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GRAVE

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PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Clery-le-lGrand Meuse.

GRAVE

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COORDINATES Verdun 35 NE. 286.55 N 311.4E

CONCENTRATED TO 5-20-19 4 63 1

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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.

DATE OF DEATH Oct 21-18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME N.Y.

Data form 1
SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none

DATE

GRAVE

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CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

M. B. BIRDSEY
Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Oct. 11, 1921 10 28 Block H

DATE

GRAVE

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BLOCK

AUDITED BY

M.M.E.
4-18-23

Meuse-Argonne American Cty 1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse)

CEMETERY

OCT 11 1926
WORLD WAR DIV.

Robert G. Davis,
Major General,
The Adjutant General.
By M

OCT 19 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 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.



Name taken from letter

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

MIA 10/21/18 Cur 18 715 CC 326 - # 2337940

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Cortes

Harold J

(Surname.)

(Number.)

(First Name and Initials.)

(Rank.)

Co. A. 4th U.S. Inf.

(Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL... Nov. 8 '18

PLACE OF BURIAL... About 85.9-

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

11.1 / 50000 Montfaucon Map, 1918
(Printed at Base Printing Plant, 29th
Eng.) (10 graves together)

GRAVE NUMBER... 5

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? Yes

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: no tags

Was one buried with body?

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

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

Name found on letter

REPORTED BY:

G. J. Carr, 1st Lt. Chapl. 5th Div. Hqs.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Cortes, Harold T., S. N. 2337940
Pvt., Co. A, 4th Inf.
Son

February 19, 1932.

Mrs. Eliza C. Cortes,
1684 - 43rd Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Madam:

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Copy to Commanding Officer, Wash. QM Depot.

With instructions to furnish flag.

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American Gold Star Mothers

OF THE WORLD WAR, INC.

NEW YORK STATE



Headquarters: Pennsylvania Hotel, Seventh Avenue and 33rd Street, New York City

Quarter Master General
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

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I have been informed that I am entitled to an American flag from the Government in memory of

my beloved Son Name of Deceased Harold J. Cortes
SON OR DAUGHTER

Address of Deceased 1684-43rd Street Brooklyn, N.Y.
NUMBER STREET CITY STATE

X Army, Navy, Marine Private 4th Inf. 3rd Div. A
RANK REGIMENT COMPANY

Stationed at Meuse Argonne

Lost at Sea Among the Missing X Or Unknown

Place and Date of Death Oct. 21, 1918

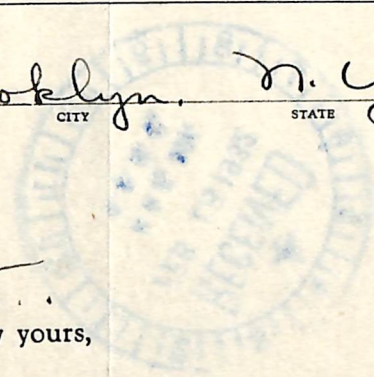
Where Buried Grave 10 - Row 28 - Block H
Meuse Argonne Romagne-Sous-Montfaucon, France

Name of Mother Mrs. Eliza C. Cortes

Address 1684-43rd Street Brooklyn, N.Y.
NUMBER STREET CITY STATE

I will be very grateful if same will be forwarded to me.

Mrs. Eliza Cortes
Respectfully yours,





I will be very pleased to receive the return of the 1

Address of Recipient

Name of Mother

Where Billed

Please send Disc of Disc

Post No.

To be billed

Name of Recipient

Address of Recipient

Disc No.

Name of Recipient

I have been informed that I am entitled to an American Red Cross Certificate of Appreciation for my service in the United States Army during the World War.

Disc No.

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U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

NEW YORK STATE
OF THE UNIVERSITY INC.

AMERICAN RED CROSS

QM 293 AM
Cortes, Harold T. Pvt. 1232 M

August 28, 1930.

Mrs. Eliza Cortes,
1654 43rd St.,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of the testimonial dated July 9th, which you and the other mothers and widows who sailed on the SS Roosevelt, June 21st were so kind as to send regarding your pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe.

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

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

Sincerely yours,

J. L. POWITT,
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.

Cortes, Harold T. 1232 M

Mrs. Eliza Cortes,
1684 43rd St.,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

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.

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OFFICE
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
RECEIVED MAY 19 1918

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

Cortes, Harold P. - 1232

June 12, 1930.

Mrs. Eliza C. Cortes,
1664 43rd St.,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

With reference to previous correspondence on this subject, you are informed that your passport has been received and will be delivered to you aboard ship.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Charles A. Harold T. - 1232

May 26, 1930.

Mrs. Eliza Cortes,
1684 43rd St.,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

This office has not yet received your passport for use in connection with your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe.

It is imperative that every mother or widow making this pilgrimage, whether an American citizen or not, have a passport issued and in the hands of this office before she begins her trip.

Please comply as early as possible with the instructions shown in form letter attached, or if you have heretofore taken this action advise this office to that effect.

Should the clerk of the court not have been furnished with "Special Pilgrimage Passport" applications, please request him to take the matter up at once with the Passport Bureau, Room 170, State, War and Navy Building, Washington, D. C., and he will be furnished with these forms.

The person to whom you should apply is the Clerk of the Supreme Court at Brooklyn, Kings Co., New York.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Cortes, Harold T. 1232-M
Roosevelt 6-21

May 10, 1930

Mrs. Eliza Cortes,
1684 43rd Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

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.

Name

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
Cortes, Harold T. 1232M
Roosevelt 6-21

May 8 1930

Mrs. Eliza Cortes,
1604 43rd St.,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

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.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Cortes, Harold T. 1232 N

April 10, 1930.

Mrs. Eliza Cortes,
1684 43rd St.,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

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.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

Cortes, Harold T. 1232-M

March 25, 1930

Mrs. Eliza Cortes,
1684 43rd Street,
Dear Madam, New York.

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.
Regulation.

QM 295 A-C
Cortes, Harold T.

January 25, 1930

Miss Minnie I. Cortes,
1684 - 43rd Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 20, 1930, relative to the desire of your mother, Mrs. Eliza S. Cortes, to have her name reinstated on the list of mothers and widows eligible to make the pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

In this connection we are returning the questionnaire filled out by your mother under date of October 7, 1929, with the request that she specify "Yes" or "No" in answer to the questions listed thereon, particular attention being paid to the third question. Upon completion it is requested that your mother return the questionnaire in the enclosed self-addressed envelope which requires no postage, and she will then be advised further relative to the pilgrimage.

For the Acting The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

2 Enclosures:
Questionnaire
Envelope

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→ Mrs. Eliza S. Cortes

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Cortes, Harold T. 1232 N.

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Eliza Cortes,
1684 43rd St.,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO ~~QM 293 A-C~~
~~Cortes, Harold T.~~

June 29, 1929.

Mrs. Eliza Cortes,
1684 - 43rd Street,
Brooklyn, 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".

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late **Private Harold T. Cortes, Co. A, 4th 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,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

Cortes,

(Surname.)

Harold T.

(Christian name in full.)

2,337,940

(Army serial number)

Pvt.

Co. A, 4th Infantry

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased Sister

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)

Minnie T. Cortes

1684-43rd Street
(Number and street or rural route.)

Brooklyn,
(City, town, or post office.)

N.Y.
(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by HR

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QM 293 C-R

Sept. 12, 1923.

Mrs. Elisa Cortes,
1684-43rd St.,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the permanent grave of Private Harold T. Cortes, Company A, 4th Infantry, is Grave 10, Row 28, Block H, 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,

Assistant.

In



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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA



I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File # 84178

(a) Name CORTES, Harold T. Ser. No. 2337940
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. A. 4th Inf.
 (c) Date of death 10-21-18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. hmp
 CKR. BB

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

(a) Grave No. 4 Row --- Plot 1 Sec. 63 TYP. hmp

(b) Emerg. Address Eliza Cortes (mother) 1684 43rd. St., Brooklyn, N.Y.

III. Files of soldiers ~~dying from contagious diseases~~ /

CKR. BB

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

*ok card
PF-4-4-21*

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Minnie J. Cortes (b) Relationship sister

(c) Address 1674-43rd St., Brooklyn, 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 HR Date 5-6, 1921

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

_____, dated _____

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

Examiner's Initials _____ Date _____, 192

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

no request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes

Examiner's Initials HR Date 5-6, 1921

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232 Sec. 63 SHEET No. 32

*JUN 6 1921
#5*

*checked
6-4-21*

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made _____, 192

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 192

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
letter on **MAY 28 1921**, 192

Sub 63

Par. 2 Not to be returned. *LPW*

IX.

REMARKS

WRITE NOTHING BELOW THIS LINE.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Oct 11th 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	<u>CORTES, Harold T.</u>	10. Name	.....
2. No.	<u>2337940</u>	11. No.	.....
3. Rank	<u>Pvt.</u>	12. Rank	.....
4. Org.	<u>Co. A 4th Inf.</u>	13. Org.	.....
5. D.D.	<u>10-21-16</u>	14. (a) D.D.	.....
6. C.D.	<u>K.I.A.</u>	(b) D.B.	<u>No discrepancy.</u>

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No.	<u>4</u>	Sec.	<u>63</u>	15. Grave No.	.....	Sec.	.....
8. Plot	<u>1</u>	Row	.....	16. Plot	.....	Row	.....
9.	.....			17.	<u>No discrepancy.</u>		

18. Cemetery	<u>Meuse-Argonne Amer.Cty.</u>	19. Commune or town	<u>Romagne/s/Montfaucon</u>
20. Dept. or County	<u>Meuse</u>	21. Country	<u>France</u>
22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No.	<u>1232 Sec.63</u>		

23. Disinterred (Date) Oct. 11th 1921 By MARTIN STYLES.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name	<u>Harold T. Cortes</u>	Serial No.	<u>None.</u>
Rank	<u>Pvt.</u>	Organization	<u>Co. A. 4 Inf.</u>

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

Clarence J. Hughes.

Clarence J. Hughes
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). Two G.R.S. plaques on body reading, "Cortes, Harold T. Co. A. 4 Inf."

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Uniform burlap and wooden box.

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 Oct. 11th 21 By MARTIN STYLES.

31. Casket sealed by MARTIN STYLES.

AUDITED BY

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

Martin Styles
MARTIN STYLES.



SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-9692

32. Designation of body: _____

Name CORTES, Harold T. Serial No. 2337940

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. A 4th Inf.

33. Consigned to: _____

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne/s/Montfaucn 1232

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Oct. 11th 1921 By _____

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 Geo. G. Bland

Geo. G. Bland, 1st Lieut. U.S.A.

36. Remarks _____

None.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Oct. 11th 1921

To point of Concentration Mozgus Romagne.

(Name)

Convoyer J. ROYED Signature Shipping Officer Albert M. Jackson

Albert M. Jackson, Capt. U.S.A. ewr

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 _____

(Name)

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____

40. Received: Date _____

G.R.S. Representative _____

41. Reinterred Meuse-Argonne Cemetery #1232. Oct. 11, 1921.

(Date)

42. Grave No. Row 28, Block H, Grave 10 Section _____

43. Plot _____ Row _____

G.R.S. Representative James W. Younger
hed James W. Younger, Captain, U.S.A.

Concentration,

Place Comagne 1232.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Oct. 11, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF CORTES, Harold T SERIAL NUMBER 2337940

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. A. 4th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): From (give complete location):

Oct. 11, 1921 Gr. 4, Sec 63, Plot 1

By: Group 3 Unit Sec 2.

3. Reburied (date): In (give complete location):

Meuse-Argonne Cemetery #1232.

Oct. 11, 1921. Row 28, Block H, Grave 10.

By: Group Reburial S. Unit _____ Nature of reburial Unlined casket.

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

wooden box and burlap and uniform. badly decomposed, features not recognizable.

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

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

Two G.R.S. plaque on body reading "Cortes Harold T Co. A. 4th Inf" no effects

2,3,14,15,30, met. fill

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items? 4 cavity.

(a) Height (actual measurement) impossible to determine.

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

Quantity do

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

missing parts) do

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

none.

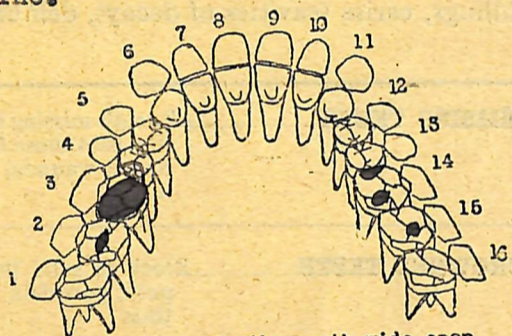
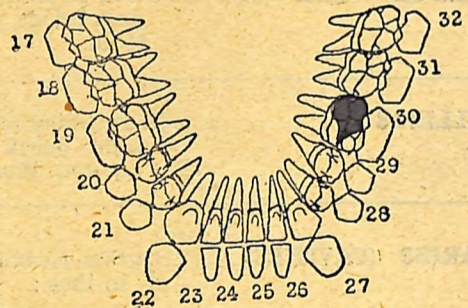


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



7. Disinterment supervised by Martin Styles
Martin Styles.

Approved: Geo. C. Bland
Geo. C. Bland 1st Lt. Q.M.C.
(Title)






8. Reburial supervised by W. B. Shields

Approved: James W. Younger
James W. Younger,
Captain, QMC.
(Title)

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

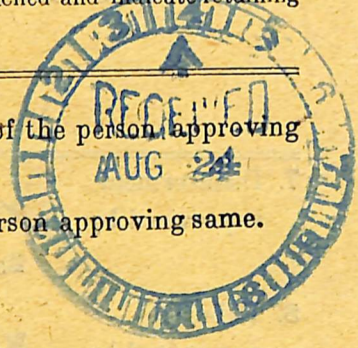
Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Question 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

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), bicuspid (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

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

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

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



COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 84178

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name CORTES, Harold T. Ser. No. 2337940
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. A. 4th Inf. } TYP. hmp
 (c) Date of death 10-21-18 (d) Cause of death K/A } CB

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

(a) Grave No. 4 Row --- Plot 1 Sec. 63 TYP. hmp
 (b) Emerg. Address Eliza Cortes(mother) 1684 43rd. St., Brooklyn, N.Y.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases _____ CKR. CB

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

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
 { letter of transmittal on MAY 28 1921, 192
Sub 3
Par. 2 Not to be returned. LPW

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. _____

Name taken from letter
GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Cortes

Harold J.

(Surname.)

(Number.)

(First Name and Initials.)

(Rank.)

Co. A. 4th U.S. Inf.

(Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL

Nov. 8, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL

About 85.9

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

11.1 1/50000 Montfaucon
Map, 1918 (Printed at Base
Printing Plant, 29th Eng. (10 groups
together))

GRAVE NUMBER

5

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?

Cross?

Yes

Headboard?

Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

No tags

Was one buried with body?

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

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

Name found on letter

Captain (Nurse)
249 35th W.C. E. 311110
N. 28519

REPORTED BY:

G. J. Carr, 2nd Lt. Chapl. 5th Div

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

249-761

Inventory List No. _____
Daily Report No. _____

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

2. Soldier's No.

3. **Cortes** **Harold T.**
Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials

4. **Pvt.** **A** **4th. Inf.**
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. Date of Death Cause, if known

6. Date of Burial Cemetery
Search
B.A.C.

7. **Cunel** **Meuse**
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. **5** **A**
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

9. Name Peg? **1** Cross? Headboard? Bottle? Check Method of Marking

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

C-349

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

CMME. Chry-le-Grand (MEUSE)
(C-349) SPT. 35 NE COORD { E-311.5
N-286.1

12. **"A" sketch 79**
Map reference, if interment is outside of cemetery
Sketch
2267

13. Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

GROUP No. **4** Signed **Lt. Caswell**

PROV. UNIT "A" Group G.R.S. Unit G. R. S.



Date 16th., June, 1919

84178

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Remains of:

Name: CORTES, Harold T.

Number

Rank: (Cortez)

Organization Co. A. 4th., Inf.

Rank: Unkn

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group:

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From (Give complete location)

20th., May, 1919

Grave ISOLATED. CLERY LE GRAND MEUSE

Map. 35 N. E. E. 311.4 N. 286.55

Reburied (Date)

In: (Give complete location)

20th., May, 1919

Grave # 4 Sec. #63 Plot #1

ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY, #1232

ROMAGNE, MEUSE

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

Burial good. Buried in uniform. Badly decomposed.

Was an identification tag found upon the body? No

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

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Note:

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

CONFIRMED 10229

Supervised by: Lt. Jordan.

R. H. ROSENTHAL
2nd Lieut. O.M.C.U.S.A.

G.O. Group Unit

CODE SLIP

✓

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Cortez, Harold J.	3	3 5-8
BURIED	CEMETERY	1232	1
	GRAVE	10	2
	ROW	28	2
	BLOCK	N	1
STATE	N.Y.	2	37
RANK	Priv.	1	2
DIVISION	3	2	03
ORGANIZATION	4	3	004
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARTIAL	no	1	2
NAME	Mrs. Eliza Cortez	3	3 5-8
RESIDENCE	STATE	N.Y.	2
	COUNTY	Kings	2
	CITY	Brooklyn	3
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	Yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Good	1	1
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR. 1930	1	
ACCEPTANCE	Yes	1	
	Pg 2		

Sealed
 JUN 27 1930

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Audited
 OCT 26 1931
 MB

Party "A" - Itinerary - Meuse-Argonne Group

Sailed June 21, 1930 on SS ROOSEVELT. Major J. P. Cottrell in charge.

Arrived Cherbourg 5 a.m. June 22th. Met by Major Bailey, Capt. Mitchell, Capt. Dalton, Lieut. Gregory, Lieut. Freeman, Major Hinderman, three nurses and two civilian employees. Train left at 8.21 a.m. for Paris. Arrived Gare des Invalides at 2.33 p.m. Met by Lt. Col. Bartlett and members of the staff, with interpreters and nurses. Escorted to hotel. Remainder of day devoted to rest.

June 30th. Morning devoted to personal business; changing money, preparing laundry, etc. Left hotel at 3 p.m. for Arc de Triomphe. Wreath placed on tomb of the Unknown Soldier by Mrs. Wilhelmina Ohlson, who was selected by party for this duty. A wreath was also laid by Mrs. Anna Johnson on behalf of the N.Y. Fire Department. Proceeded to restaurant Laurent after ceremony where tea and reception tendered by U.S. Government was held. Returned to hotel. Evening free.

July 1st. 7.15 a.m. depart Montmirail, Chalons s/s, Haras, St. Hensould, Verdun.

July 2nd. Visited Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery. Returned to 3-4. Verdun.

July 5th. Visited Cemetery, Suippes and Reims.

July 6th. Visited Reims Cathedral, Lunch at Reims. Chateau Thierry.
Returned to Paris.

July 7th. Notre-Dame - Sacre-Coeur.

July 8th. Morning free. Napoleon's Tomb. Sightseeing Night Trip.

July 9th. Visit to Louvre - Versailles. Prepared for return trip.

July 10th. Due to the fact that the date of return was changed from July 10th to July 11th, this day was free and was devoted to shopping, etc.

July 11th. Left Hotel between 1 and 1.30 p.m. for Invalides Railway Station. Train left at 2.15 p.m. Accompanied by 5 officers, 1 doctor, 3 nurses and 1 civilian employee. Arrived Cherbourg 5.33 p.m. Sailed 7.25 p.m. on SS REPUBLIC. Major Cottrell in charge. Arrived Hoboken, N.J. 3 p.m. July 20th.

Mrs. Eliza Cortes

(Handwritten scribble)

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1684 - 43 Lt.

NAME CORTES, MRS. ELIZA

S.S. REPUBLIC JUL 19 1930

HOME BROOKLYN, KINGS COUNTY, N. Y.

R.R.

STATION

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE

Victim in cases

1171 2 19th

Brooklyn

Name..... **CORTES, Mrs. Eliza**

Paris Hôtel..... **HOTEL AMBASSADOR**

Home address..... **BOULEVARD HAUSSMANN
1684 43rd St., Brooklyn, Kings Co., New York.**

Party..... **H** Group **I** Unit **~~SS~~. ROOSEVELT.**

Date of arrival..... **June 29, 1930** Date of departure **~~SS~~. REPUBLIC. July 11, 1930.**

Relationship..... **Mother**

Name of deceased..... **CORTES, Harold ^T.**

Rank..... **Pvt.** Organization..... **Co.A. 4 th Inf.**

Cemetery..... **Meuse-^{re}rgonne**

REMARKS Miss Minnie I Cortes daughter age 44 accompanying Mrs Eliza Cortes



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

CORTES, HAROLD T. M.A.

Party **H**
 Number **1507**

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

MRS. ELIZA CORTES Actual cost of through Pullman.
 Name of Traveler
BROOKLYN, KINGS COUNTY, New York, to
 Home Address
N. Y. \$

New York, to
 Destination

Via

.....
 Date of Departure

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	Car	U. S. G. Order No.	Actual Cost
LV								
AR								
LV	<i>Motor Transportation to Home</i>							
AR								
LV								
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AR								
LV								
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LV								
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TOTAL

Remarks:

.....

June 14, 1930

Mrs. Eliza Cortes
1684 43rd Street
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Madam:

In response to your letter of June 13th, this office will furnish you transportation from your home to the Hotel Astor.

Please be ready with your baggage at 2:00 P.M., Friday, June 20th, as arrangements have been made for a taxicab of the Terminal Taxi Company to call for you at that time.

You should not pay the driver any money, as payment will be made by this office.

Yours very truly

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


JFM:GER

June 13, 1930

George F. R. Taylor, 1st Lieut,
War Dept.

225 W. 34th St.

New York City

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 12th received and contents noted.

Mrs. Eliza Cortes will be ready on Friday, June 20th and as I am going to make the same trip, will accompany her. Understand that transportation will be provided, so will not travel direct, and await same.

Yours truly

M. J. Cortes

1684-43rd St
Brooklyn, N. Y.

June 12, 1930

Mrs. Eliza Cortes
1684 43rd Street
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

In reply to letter from this office dated June 5th, asking whether or not you desired transportation from your home to the Hotel Astor on June 20th, the day prior to your sailing on the S.S. Roosevelt, June 21st, you replied that it would not be necessary to furnish transportation as you would travel direct from your home to the boat.

Please be advised that it is the wish of the War Department at Washington, D.C., that all pilgrims check-in at the hotel the day previous to sailing, in order that proper record can be made and full instructions issued.

It is therefore requested that you arrange to report to the United States Army Officer who will be in uniform on duty in the lobby of the Hotel Astor, 44th Street and Broadway, New York, N.Y., the afternoon of June 20th, between the hours of 2:00 and 4:00 P.M.

Regretting that we cannot comply with your wish in this respect.

Yours very truly

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

JFM: CER

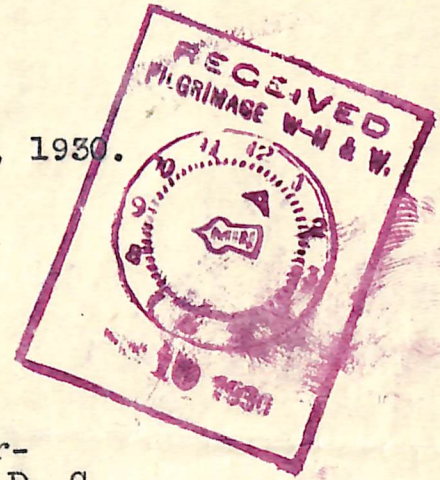
WAR DEPARTMENT
"PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"

----- ROOM 901 -----

225 WEST 34TH ST., NEW YORK, N.Y.

June 5, 1930.

Mrs. Eliza Cortes,
1684 43rd Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.



Dear Madam:

From advice received from the Quarter-
master General's Office, Washington, D. C.,
your name shows as a passenger scheduled to
sail for Europe on the S. S. "ROOSEVELT"
sailing June 21st, 1930.

Enclosed herewith please find two baggage
tags which should be attached to your baggage
for identification.

Reservations have been made for you to stop
at the Hotel "ASTOR" , the night of June 20.
Necessary transportation will be provided for
you from your home to the hotel, unless you
desire to travel by your own transportation.

Please advise what your desires are in this
respect, using the lower portion of this
letter for your reply.

There is enclosed a self-addressed envelope
which requires no postage.

For the Officer in Charge.

George F. R. Taylor
George F. R. Taylor
1st Lieut. Q. M. C.
Assistant

I ~~will~~ require transportation from my home to hotel.
will not

Mrs. Eliza Cortes

Over.

2 Hand Bag

Handwritten scribbles at the top of the page.

As I live in Brooklyn, a half hour's trip to New York, I will not stop at the Hotel Astor, as my son will see me safely to the steamer right from my home.

Vertical handwritten note on the left side of the page.

Mrs. Eliza C. Cortes

Per M. Cortes

For identification
tags which should be attached to your baggage
enclosed herewith please find two packages

setting your name
and for envelope on the S. S. "ALBANY"
your name should be a passenger according to
master General, a Office, Washington, D. C.
from advice received from the consular-

Dear Madam:

Brooklyn, N. Y.
1887 42nd Street,
Mrs. Eliza Cortes

June 2, 1888



552 West 74th St. New York, N.Y.

Room 201

"BIRTHPLACE" WORKMANS AND WIDOWS,
LABOR DEPARTMENT

QM 293 AM
Cortes, Harold T. Pvt. 1232 M

August 26, 1930.

Mrs. Eliza Cortes,
1884 43rd St.,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of the testimonial dated July 9th, which you and the other mothers and widows who sailed on the SS Roosevelt, June 21st were so kind as to send regarding your pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe.

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

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

Sincerely yours,

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

ADH
JTH
WRG

MDT

ETK

H.
NAME Cortes, Mrs Elisa

ADDRESS 1684-434 St., Brooklyn, N.Y.

DATE July 21, 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 Elisa Cortes,

WAR DEPARTMENT

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Cortes, HAROLD T.

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NAME ... **Cortes, Mrs. Eliza** HOME ADDRESS **1684 43rd St.,
Brooklyn, Kings County**

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Brooklyn, nyc.*

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DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE ... **June 21, 1930** VESSEL ... **S. S. ROOSEVELT** CABIN NO. ... *247 C*

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cortes, Harold T. - 1252

June 12, 1950.

Mrs. Eliza C. Cortes,
1604 43rd St.,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

With reference to previous correspondence on this subject, you are informed that your passport has been received and will be delivered to you aboard ship.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

May 28, 1930

Capt 3
His note

War Department
Washington D.C.

Gentlemen: -

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Yours of the 26th inst
re 2. M. 293 A. C., Harold T.
Cortes - 1232, beg to advise
I secured and executed my
passport papers - on May 19th
and trust they are in your
possession by now.

Mrs. Eliza C. Cortes

Per. M. Cortes

Handwritten initials or signature

1684 - 43rd St
Brooklyn, N. Y.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cortes, Harold T. 1232-M
Roosevelt 6-21

May 10, 1930

Mrs. Eliza Cortes,
1684 43rd Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Noted

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.

Victor M. CORTES
Name
1171 East 19th Street
Brooklyn, N. Y.
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.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 10, 1930.

Cortes, Harold T. 1252 H

Mrs. Eliza Cortes,
1684 43rd St.,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

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.

Roosevelt
6/21/30
1232

Cortes, Harold J

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. Eliza Cortes

(Name)

1684 43rd St., Brooklyn, Kings County, New York.

(Town or City)

(State)



QM 293 A-C
Cortes, Harold T.

January 25, 1930

Miss Minnie I. Cortes,
1684 - 43rd Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 20, 1930, relative to the desire of your mother, Mrs. Eliza S. Cortes, to have her name reinstated on the list of mothers and widows eligible to make the pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

In this connection we are returning the questionnaire filled out by your mother under date of October 7, 1929, with the request that she specify "Yes" or "No" in answer to the questions listed thereon, particular attention being paid to the third question. Upon completion it is requested that your mother return the questionnaire in the enclosed self-addressed envelope which requires no postage, and she will then be advised further relative to the pilgrimage.

For the Acting The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

2 Enclosures:
Questionnaire
Envelope

January 20, 1930

U. S. War Department,
Cemeterial Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

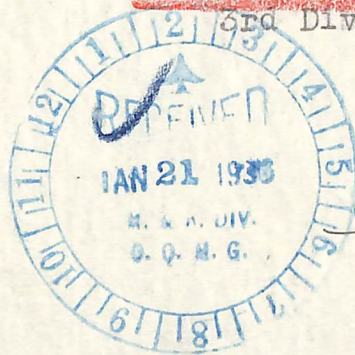
Sometime ago you were kind enough to offer to my mother, who is a Gold Star Mother, an opportunity to make a pilgrimage to the grave of her son. At the time she did not think she would take advantage of this opportunity, but has since changed her mind, and if it is possible to re-instate her name, I would be glad to hear from you.

My mother's name is:

Mrs. Eliza C. Cortes,
1684 - 43rd Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

and the name of her son, who was killed in the war:

~~Harold T. Cortes, Private,~~
~~3rd Division, A.E.F.~~



Yours very truly,

Minnie I. Cortes

(Miss) Minnie I. Cortes

1684 - 43rd St.,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

October 7, 1929.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Cortes, Harold T. 1232 M.

Mrs. Eliza Cortes,
1684 43rd St.,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

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JUN 21 1930

Dear Madam:

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

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

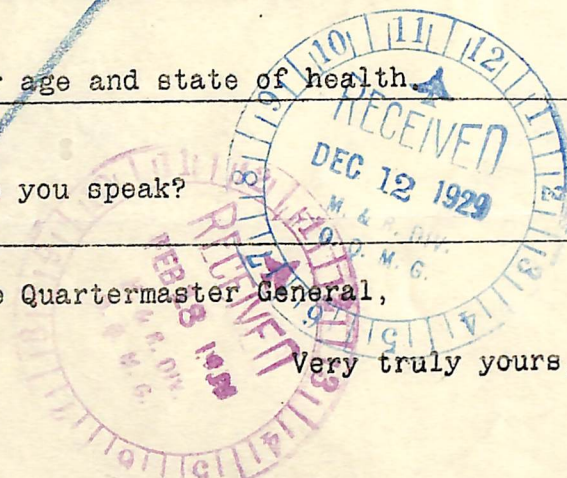
1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No) <input type="checkbox"/>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(No) <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	(No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <u>78</u> Health <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for her age. (Years) (Good) (Poor)	
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (No) Other language (Specify language spoken)	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

John T. Harris
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
Cortes, Harold T.

June 29 , 1929.

Mrs. Eliza Cortes,
1684 - 43rd Street,
Brooklyn, 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".

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Harold T. Cortes, Co. A, 4th 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.

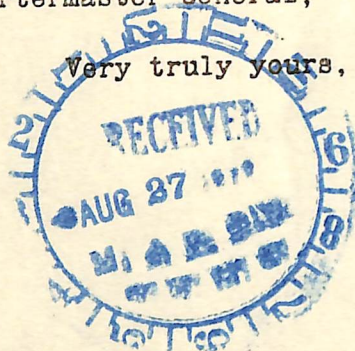
In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since re-married it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.



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

*Harold T. Cortes did not
leave a widow. His mother, Mrs. Eliza Cortes, who
survives, is interested in the pilgrimage. m. S. Cortes*