

Covert,

Ralph G

3,157,912

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Sgt

Co M 61st Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

(Ye 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)

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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To The A. G. O.

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G.R.S. Form #114-B

MAY 14 1923

DATE Jan. 7th 1922.

1. NAME COVERT, Ralph G. SERIAL No. 3157912

RANK Sgt. ORGANIZATION Co. M 61st Inf.

8 DIVISION

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne Amer., Romagne/s/Montfaucon, Meuse 1232, Sec. 18

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

50

Sec. 18

1

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 7 Bac, Bethincourt, Meuse *Plot A* *DEPT #646*

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT

COORDINATES Verdun 35 SE 274.65 N 317.75 E

CONCENTRATED TO 5/1/19 50 Sec 18 1

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.

Tag on body and cross.

DATE OF DEATH Oct 12, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Pa

data F-1.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none

ccg.

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

Robert O. Davis,

Major General,

The Adjutant General.

By

RVB

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

M. B. BIRDSON
1st Lt., Q.M. Corps, U.S.A.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Jan. 7th 1922. 9 1 D

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT
Block

Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

CEMETERY

AUDITED BY
P.A. 3-21-23

MAY 15 1923

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

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

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

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

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



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Pennsylvania

GOLD STAR MOTHERS PILGRIMAGE

S.S. PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, JULY 26, 1933

Luzerne County

Name: Mrs. Elmira Covert (E-11)

Address: RD No. 2, Dallas, Pa.

Route: Lehigh Valley R.R. to New York

✓ Lv. Dallas Train No. 506	8.16 P.M., July 24
✓ Ar. Wilkes Barre	9.20 P.M., July 24
✓ Lv. Wilkes Barre Train No. 4	1.50 A.M., July 25
✓ Ar. New York (Penna. Sta.)	7.20 A.M., July 25

Accommodations: Coach service from Dallas, Pa. to Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
Pullman berth from Wilkes-Barre, Pa. to New York, N.Y.

Elapsed Time: 11 hours 4 minutes

NOTE: Sleeper open at 9:30 P.M. at Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Put on itinerary

RK

Ralph H. Covert

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

DATE July 7, 1933

MEMORANDUM

To All Concerned:

Please make the following changes in
passenger list for:

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT - July 26, 1933

PARTY

Change #
25

DELETE Mrs. Elmira Covert

PENNSYLVANIA Page E - 11

DELETE Mrs. Florence Chenoweth

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Page E - 18

For The Quartermaster General,

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

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Lowent</i>	<i>Low.</i>	3	3 5 12
<i>Ralph B</i>	Cemetery <i>1232</i>	1	1
BURIED	GRAVE <i>9</i>	2	09
	ROW <i>1</i>	2	01
	BLOCK <i>10</i>	1	4
STATE	<i>Pa.</i>	2	44
RANK	<i>Sgt.</i>	1	2
DIVISION	<i>5-</i>	2	05
ORGANIZATION	<i>61</i>	3	061
ARM	<i>Inf.</i>	1	1
MARITAL		1	
NAME <i>Lowent</i>	<i>Low.</i>	3	3 5 12
<i>Mrs. Elmira</i>	STATE <i>Pa.</i>	2	44
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Luzerne</i>	2	40
<i>R 7 12 #V</i>	CITY <i>Dallas</i>	3	X 8 15
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Yes</i>	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
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TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>No</i>	1	2
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AUDITED

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Declined Pre Personnel 7-16-63

Pres. Roosevelt

Sgt. Ralph G. Covert

7-26-33

MA

Declined by letter'd 7-6-33-

if i am able to go at that time

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 pro-
visions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

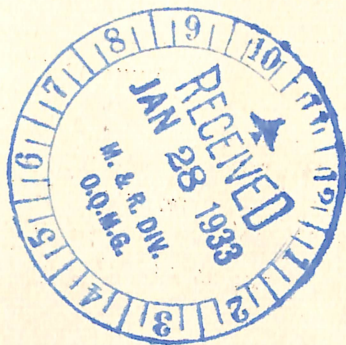
Mrs. Elmira Covert

Name

RD #2, Dallas, Luzerne Co., Pa.

Town or City

State



6967
Cover, Ralph G.
RETURN RECEIPT 26

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

Mrs Elmina Cover

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Delivered
Deliver to addressee only.
Date of delivery, *July 5 / 1933*

Form 3811

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Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 937466

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____



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

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING
OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Q. M. GENERAL

Return to _____

(NAME OF SENDER)

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

MUNITIONS BUILDING

WASHINGTON,

D. C.

69672
RETURN RECEIPT

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

Delivered 7-7-33
Mrs. Christina E. Corcoran

(Signature or name of addressee)

(Signature of addressee's agent)

July 11/33
Date of delivery _____

Form 3811

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

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Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 927677

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____

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Q. M. GENERAL

*Street and Number,
or Post Office Box,* _____

(NAME OF SENDER)
MUNITIONS BUILDING

WASHINGTON,

D. C.

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

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING
OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

QM 293 A-M
Covert, Ralph G.

July 17, 1933

Mrs. Elmira Covert,
RFD #2,
Dallas, Penna.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of Check #295073, forwarded
in connection with the pilgrimage you were scheduled to make
to the grave of your son, the late Sergeant Ralph G. Covert.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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War Department
Office of the Quartermaster General
Washington D. C.

From;
Mrs. W. Covert
Dallas Pa

ck 295073-#375
Rec'd 10/3/33
C.R. Gas BB



Elmira Covert

QM 293 A-M
Covert, Ralph G. (MA)

July 7, 1933

Mrs. Elmira Covert
RFD #2,
Dallas, Penna.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date, advising that your health will not permit your making a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Sergeant Ralph G. Covert.

It is sincerely regretted you are not able to accept this last opportunity to visit the grave of your son in the beautiful Meuse Argonne American Cemetery. The reservation made for you to sail on the President Roosevelt, July 26th, has accordingly been cancelled.

It is requested you return the check forwarded in connection with the pilgrimage upon its receipt by you. The identification badge may be retained if desired.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Conest, Ralph G.
Md
L-11

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To the Quartermaster General
Dear Sir

I regret very much that
i have to inform you i am
unable to make the trip to France
i am unable to go on account
of my health i have waited
as long as i dare before i informed
you thinking i would be able
to go but i will have to give
it up much to my sorrow
for i would like so much to
visit my Son Ralph's grave

Very Truly Yours

Mrs Elmira Conest

Dallas R. D. 2. Pa



[Faint, illegible handwriting, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Covert, Ralph G. (MA)

July 10, 1933

Mrs. Elmira Covert,
R. D. #2,
Dallas, Pennsylvania.

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	LVR	Train 506	8:15 PM	July 24
Ar. Wilkes Barre	"	" "	9:20 PM	July 24
Lv. Wilkes Barre	"	" 4	1:50 AM	July 25
Ar. New York (Penna Sta)	"	" 4	7:20 AM	July 25

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.

QM 293 A-M

July 6, 1933.

Covert, Ralph G.

Mrs. Elmira Covert,
RD #2,
Dallas, Pa.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed Check No. 295,073 in the
amount of \$ 3.75 , 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, as amended.

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,

Encl:
Check No.

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

QM 293 A-M
Covert, Ralph G. (MA)

June 12, 1933.

Mrs. Elmira Covert,
R. D. #2,
Dallas, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

Immediately following receipt of your acceptance of the invitation to make a pilgrimage to Europe, sailing July 26th, 1933, a letter containing general information of importance was mailed to you. In this letter you were told how to proceed to obtain a passport which you must have before you can visit Europe. Your passport has not yet been received in this office.

If it is your intention to make the pilgrimage, you should go at once to the Clerk of the Common Pleas Court, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, taking with you:

1. Four (4) photographs of yourself on thin paper (unmounted) not more than 3 x 3 inches or less than 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches in size;
2. Your invitation and any evidence of citizenship you may have;
3. Someone who has known you at least two years to identify you.

The Clerk will help you fill out the application and HE will forward it to the proper office. The passport will be delivered to you aboard ship. No charge will be made for the application or the passport.

If you have changed your mind and do not intend to make the trip please so inform this office at once. It is necessary to know at this time whether or not you intend to make the pilgrimage in order that reservations and other arrangements may be made for you.

It is requested you advise whether you are making application for passport or whether you have decided not to make the pilgrimage. A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosure:
Envelope
mf *ETK*

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

QM 293 A-M
Covert, Ralph G. (MA)

November 23, 1932

Mrs. Elmira Covert,
R. F. D. #2,
Dallas, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

In order that the best available accommodations may be secured for the mothers and widows who are to visit the cemeteries of Europe next year it is necessary that steamship and hotel reservations be made several months in advance.

It is therefore requested that you advise at this time whether or not you believe you will be able to visit the grave of your son, the late Sergeant Ralph G. Covert, during the summer of 1933, in order that arrangements may be made accordingly.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:
Envelope.
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QM 293 A-M
Covert, Ralph G. (MA)

August 27, 1932

Mrs. Elmira Covert,
R. P. D. #2,
Dallas, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date advising that you are undecided about making a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Sergeant Ralph G. Covert, during the summer of 1933.

The pilgrimage was authorized by Congress in an endeavor to assuage to some extent the great loss sustained by the mothers and widows whose loved ones made the supreme sacrifice for their country during the late war, and it would seem from the many letters received from women who have made the journey that this effort has not been in vain. It is believed that you too would derive great comfort and consolation from visiting the cemetery wherein rest the remains of your son.

Properly qualified personnel will be provided to care for the comfort and needs of the mothers and widows making the pilgrimage, and doctors and nurses will be available. Should you make the journey you are assured that everything possible will be done for your welfare.

You will be communicated with at a later date relative to your desire to visit the grave of your son, and it is sincerely hoped you will decide to make the trip.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Covert Ralph G (MA)

July 9 1932

Mrs Elmira Covert
R F D #2
Dallas Pa

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

undecided
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Mrs Elmira Covert

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

September 29, 1931. AL

Covert, Ralph G. (M-A) M

Mrs. Elmira Covert,
R. D. #2,
Dallas, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

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

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

July 22, 1931.

Covert, Ralph G. Sgt. (M-A) M+

Mrs. Elmira Covert,
R.D. #2,
Dallas, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Sign here

George Washington

7-29-31

1232

Covert, Ralph G., Sgt.

I Decline 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 pro-
visions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Elmira Covert

(Name)

R. D. #2, Dallas, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania

(Town or City)

(State)



Washington, D. C., May 15, 1931

MRS. ELMIRA COVERT,
RD #2,
DALLAS, PA.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL JULY TWENTY NINE NOT RECEIVED

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DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER 2941GSM

Dewitt
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

QM 293 A-M Covert, Ralph G. (M-A) M

QM 293 A-M
Covert, Ralph G. (M-A)

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April 6, 1931

Mrs. Elmira Covert
R D #2
Dallas, Pennsylvania

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "George Washington" on July 29, 1931.

In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you complete the card enclosed with the invitation signifying whether or not you accept the invitation and return the same to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before May 12, 1931, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

Should you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you advise this office to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 27, 1930.

Covert, Ralph G. - 1232 M

Mrs. Elmira Covert,
R F D # 2,
Dallas, Penna.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the **Mother** of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?

2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage
in the calendar year 1931?

3. Please give your age and state your
health.

Age
Condition of Health

4. Do you speak English?

5. What other language do you speak?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:

Envelope

Act

Amendment

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 4, 1930.

Covert, Ralph G. -1232 M

Mrs. Elmira Covert,
105 ~~Gordon Lane,~~
~~Berranceton, Pa.~~

Dallas R. 122.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931?

If I am able
(Write answer here)

I cannot give a definite answer

(Sign here)

Elmira E Covert
Dallas R. 122.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Covert, Ralph G.

June 29, 1929.

**Mrs. Elmira Covert
105 Gordon Lane,
Dorrancton, Pa.**

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. Ralph G. Covert, Co. H. 68th 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 remarried it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

QM 293 A-M
Covert, Ralph G.

July 17, 1933

Mrs. Elmira Covert,
RFD #2,
Dallas, Penna.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of Check #295073, forwarded
in connection with the pilgrimage you were scheduled to make
to the grave of your son, the late Sergeant Ralph G. Covert.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Covert, Ralph G. (MA)

July 7, 1933

Mrs. Elmira Covert
RFD #2,
Dallas, Penna.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date, advising that your health will not permit your making a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Sergeant Ralph G. Covert.

It is sincerely regretted you are not able to accept this last opportunity to visit the grave of your son in the beautiful Meuse Argonne American Cemetery. The reservation made for you to sail on the President Roosevelt, July 26th, has accordingly been cancelled.

It is requested you return the check forwarded in connection with the pilgrimage upon its receipt by you. The identification badge may be retained if desired.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Covert, Ralph G. (MA)

June 12, 1933.

Mrs. Elmira Covert,
R. D. #2,
Dallas, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

Immediately following receipt of your acceptance of the invitation to make a pilgrimage to Europe, sailing July 26th, 1933, a letter containing general information of importance was mailed to you. In this letter you were told how to proceed to obtain a passport which you must have before you can visit Europe. Your passport has not yet been received in this office.

If it is your intention to make the pilgrimage, you should go at once to the Clerk of the Common Pleas Court, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, taking with you:

1. Four (4) photographs of yourself on thin paper (unmounted) not more than 3 x 3 inches or less than 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches in size;
2. Your invitation and any evidence of citizenship you may have;
3. Someone who has known you at least two years to identify you.

The Clerk will help you fill out the application and HE will forward it to the proper office. The passport will be delivered to you aboard ship. No charge will be made for the application or the passport.

If you have changed your mind and do not intend to make the trip please so inform this office at once. It is necessary to know at this time whether or not you intend to make the pilgrimage in order that reservations and other arrangements may be made for you.

It is requested you advise whether you are making application for passport or whether you have decided not to make the pilgrimage. A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JAS. H. LAURACH,
Lt. Col., Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

Enclosure:
Envelope
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QM 293 A-M
Covert, Ralph G. (MA)

November 23, 1932

Mrs. Elmira Covert,
R. F. D. #2,
Dallas, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

In order that the best available accommodations may be secured for the mothers and widows who are to visit the cemeteries of Europe next year it is necessary that steamship and hotel reservations be made several months in advance.

It is therefore requested that you advise at this time whether or not you believe you will be able to visit the grave of your son, the late Sergeant Ralph G. Covert, during the summer of 1933, in order that arrangements may be made accordingly.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:
Envelope.
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QM 293 A-M
Covert, Ralph G. (MA)

August 27, 1932

Mrs. Elmira Covert,
R. F. D. #2,
Dallas, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date advising that you are undecided about making a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Sergeant Ralph G. Covert, during the summer of 1933.

The pilgrimage was authorized by Congress in an endeavor to assuage to some extent the great loss sustained by the mothers and widows whose loved ones made the supreme sacrifice for their country during the late war, and it would seem from the many letters received from women who have made the journey that this effort has not been in vain. It is believed that you too would derive great comfort and consolation from visiting the cemetery wherein rest the remains of your son.

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Properly qualified personnel will be provided to care for the comfort and needs of the mothers and widows making the pilgrimage, and doctors and nurses will be available. Should you make the journey you are assured that everything possible will be done for your welfare.

You will be communicated with at a later date relative to your desire to visit the grave of your son, and it is sincerely hoped you will decide to make the trip.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Covert Ralph G (MA)

July 9 1932

Mrs Elmira Covert
R F D #2
Dallas Pa

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Covert, Ralph G. (M-A) M

September 29, 1931. AL

Mrs. Elmira Covert,
R. D. #2,
Dallas, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

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

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage
in 1932?

2. Please state your age and condition
of health:

Age:
Health:

3. Do you speak English?

4. What other language do you speak?

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

July 22, 1931.

Covert, Ralph G. Sgt. (M-A) M*

Mrs. Elmira Covert,
R.D. #2,
Dallas, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Sign here

Washington, D. C., May 15, 1931

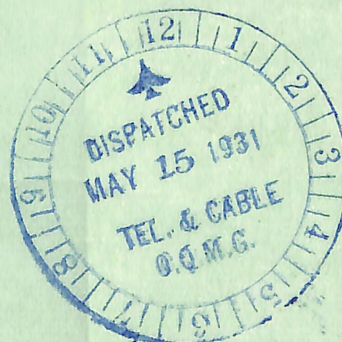
MRS. ELMIRA COVERT,
RD #2,
DALLAS, PA.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL JULY TWENTY NINE NOT RECEIVED
DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER 2941GSM

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

QM 293 A-M Covert, Ralph G. (M-A) M

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QM 293 A-M
Covert, Ralph G. (M-A)

April 6, 1931

Mrs. Elmira Covert
R D #2
Dallas, Pennsylvania

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "George Washington" on July 29, 1931.

In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you complete the card enclosed with the invitation signifying whether or not you accept the invitation and return the same to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before May 12, 1931, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

Should you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you advise this office to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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A. H. 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

June 4, 1930.

Covert, Ralph G. -1232 M

Mrs. Elmira Covert,
105 Gordon Lane,
Dorrancton, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? _____

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Covert, Ralph G. - 1232 M

June 27, 1930.

Mrs. Elmira Covert,
R F D # 2,
Dallas, Penna.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the **Mother** of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?

2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage
in the calendar year 1931?

3. Please give your age and state your
health.

4. Do you speak English?

5. What other language do you speak?

Age
Condition of Health

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:

Envelope

Act

Amendment

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Covert, Ralph G.
1232.

Sept. 6, 1929

Mrs. Elmira Covert,
105 Gordon Lane,
Dorranceton, Pa.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 29, 1929, making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Covert, Ralph G.

June 29, 1929.

Mrs. Elmira Covert
105 Gordon Lane,
Dorrancton, Pa.

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. Ralph G. Covert, Co. H. 61st 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 remarried it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

In reply refer to:
293 C-R

June 11, 1923.

Mrs. Elmira Covert,
105 Gordons Lane,
Dorranceton, Pa.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that
the permanent grave of ~~Sergeant Ralph G. Covert, Company M, 61st~~
Infantry, is Grave 9, Row 1, Block D, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery,
Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

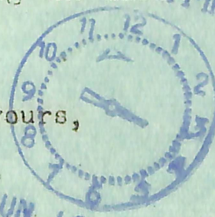
This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries
to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be
marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with
name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State
from which he came. The headstones will be 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.

In effecting removal, the utmost care and reverence were
exacted and more than willingly accorded by those performing this
sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually main-
tained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting
place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

H. J. Conner,
Assistant.

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Place Romagne Sous Montfaucon

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Jan, 7, 1922.

1. REMAINS OF COVERT RALPH G. SERIAL NUMBER 3157912
 RANK Sgt. ORGANIZATION Co., M. 61st Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Jan, 7, 1922. From (give complete location):
Gr. 50 sec 18 pt 1 Cem., #1232.

By: Group Russell Unit Sec. 1

3. Reburied (date): Jan 7th, 1922, Grave 9, Block D, Row 1, Cemetery 1232.
 In (give complete location):

By: Group Reburial S Unit Unlined Casket,
 Nature of reburial Nature of reburial

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
US uniform, burlap and pine box. body badly decomposed features
unrecognizable.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
body tag checks with records.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Imp to det.

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

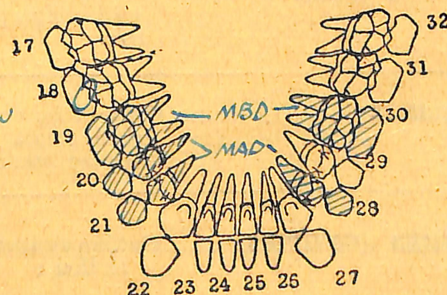
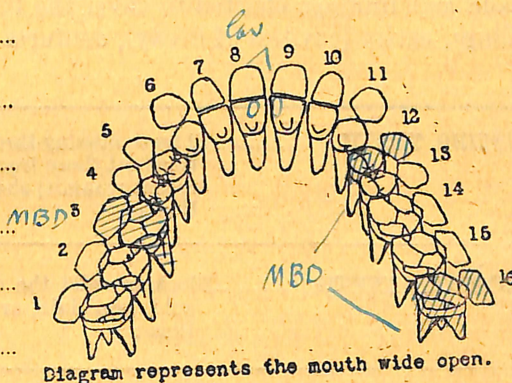
(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

Quantity do

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

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Imp to det.



7. Disinterment supervised by C. V. Russell Approved: [Signature]

C. V. Russell

(Title) 1st Lt. QMC

8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Dufault Approved: [Signature]
 JEL concentration (Title) Captain G.M.C.

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

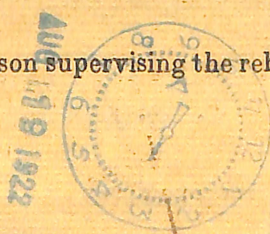
Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Question 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

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.



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Jan 7 1922

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name COVERT, Ralph G
 2. No. 3157912
 3. Rank Sgt
 4. Org. Co. M 61st Inf.
 5. D.D. Oct. 12
 6. C.D. DOW

10. Name _____
 11. No. _____
 12. Rank _____
 13. Org. _____
 14. (a) D.D. _____
 (b) D.B. None

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 50 Sec. 18
 8. Plot 1 Row _____
 9. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 17. None

18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer.
 20. Dept. or County Meuse
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232, Sec. 18

19. Commune or town Romagne/s/Montfaucon
 21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) Jan 7 1922
 24. Inscription on grave marker:

By C V Russell

Name Ralph G Covert
 Rank Sgt.

Serial No. 3157912
 Organization Co M 61st Inf

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

Signature Junior Technical Assistant

J L White

PREPARATION

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

None

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed features unrecognizable

28. Nature of burial US Uniform, burlap pine 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 Jan 7 1922 By C V Russell

31. Casket sealed by C V Russell

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

C V R

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-22532

32. Designation of body:

Name **Ralph G. COVERT**

Serial No. 3157912

Rank **Sgt.**

Organization **Co.M 61st Inf.**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **Meuse-Argonne Amer.#1232,Romagne/s/Montfaucon,Meuse**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **Jan 7 1922** By **C V Russell**

35. I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector

A E Dewey 1st Lt. QMC

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) **Jan 7 1922** cc

To point of Concentration **Morgue Romagne 1232**

(Name)

Convoyer **W J Royed**

Signature Shipping Officer

G F Spann, Capt. QMC

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, Jan 7th, 1922,**

(Date)

42. Grave No. **9**

Section

43. ~~Flax~~ Block **D**

Row **1**

G.R.S. Representative

James W. Younger
Captain Q.M.C.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #62323

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name COVERT, Ralph G. Ser. No. 3157912
 (b) Rank Sgt. Organization Co. M, 61st Inf.
 (c) Date of death 10-12-18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA

TYP. aeu
 CKR. B. J.

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

(a) Grave No. 50 Row - Plot 1 Sec. 18 TYP. aeu
 (b) Emerg. Address Elmira Covert, Mother, 105 Gordons Lane, Dorranceton, Pa.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases _____ CKR. B. J.

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt _____

(a) Name _____ (b) Relationship _____
 (c) Address _____
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? _____
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at _____
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. _____
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. _____

Examiner's Initials JD Date 3-29, 1920.

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

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

No correspondence

Examiner's Initials JD Date 3-29, 1920.

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

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes

Examiner's Initials JD Date 3-29, 1920.

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 1232, Sec. 18 SHEET No. 27

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made _____, 1920.

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 1920
letter on 4-7-, 1920

Section # 18
Par. 2 - Not to be returned (JES)

IX.

CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE.	ACTION TAKEN.
Desires body be _____	
Body to be shipped to _____	

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

D. A. N. R. Mrs. Elmira E. Covert (Mother)
105 Gordon Lane, Dorrancton, Pa.
(4-18-21)
E. M.

Rank

Serial No.

Org.
Remarks

Rank.....
Serial No.....
Org.....
Remarks

.....
A.G.O. Card & Corr.
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Checkers.....

.....Discrepancies.....

Name.....
Rank.....
Serial No. 48W sent
Org. 3-30-21
Remarks H.R. & A

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checked LHM

S/1783/LML

3-30-21

OSP-SS
Form No. 1009

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

*Please
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C. 120877*

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER	CEMETERY NO.	DATE
<u>Harlow C.W.</u>		
<u>Covert, Ralph G., Sgt.</u>	<u>1232-Sec.18 - 27</u>	<u>3/30/21.</u>
SERIAL NUMBER	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
<u>3157912</u>	<u>Co. M, 61st Inf.</u>	<u>10/12/18.</u>

Copy forwarded to
Adjustment Department

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

Date 4-18-21 E.M. DATE April 12, 1921.

PERSON NAMED BY SOLDIER TO BE BENEFICIARY OF INSURANCE	RELATIONSHIP
<u>Mrs. Elmira E. Covert,</u>	<u>Mother</u>
<u>105 Gordon Lane, Dorranceton, Pa.</u>	
ADDRESS	

PERSON RECEIVING DEATH COMPENSATION	RELATIONSHIP
ADDRESS	

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA File #62323

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name COVERT, Ralph G. Ser. No. 3157912
 (b) Rank Sgt. Organization Co. M, 61st Inf. } TYP new
 (c) Date of death 10-12-18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA } B. J.

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

(a) Grave No. 50 Row - Plot 1 Sec. 18 TYP. Aew
 (b) Emerg. Address Elmira Covert, Mother, 105 Gordons Lane, Dorranceton, Pa.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases CKR. B. J.

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

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
Section - 18 letter of transmittal on 4-7-, 192 /
Par. 2 - Not to be returned (JEN)

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.

Not Rep 12/10/18

*Covert - Ralph H.
Europe*

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Covert 3187012 Ralph

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

Sgt. CO.L. 329th Inf. (C.M. 61st)

(Rank.)

(Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL. Bethincourt, France.

PLACE OF BURIAL. Oct, 13th 1918.

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

One half kilometer south east of Bethincourt, France.

GRAVE NUMBER. 53.

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? Yes.

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Yes.

Was one buried with body?

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

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

REPORTED BY:

Gifford Ernest
Chaplain, Fifth Sanitary Train.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Date 3rd., June, 1919REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: COVERT, Ralph C.Number: 3167912Rank: Sgt.Organization: Co. L. 329th., Inf.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

1st., May, 1919Grave #7 B. A.C., Bethincourt, Meuse.Map 35 S.E. E. 317.75 N. 274.65

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

1st., May, 1919Grave #50 Section #18 Plot #1ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY, #1232ROMAGNE, MEUSE.

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

BURIED IN UNIFORM. BADLY DECOMPOSED. BURIAL GOOD.Was one identification tag found upon the body? YES.What other means of identification were found on the body? NONE.

Note:

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

Supervised by: LT. GRANT.R. H. ROSENTHAL

HS.

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

REPORT OF IDENTIFICATION AND REBURIAL

Remains of:

Name: GOVERN, Ralph G.

Number: 5167012

Rank: Sgt.

Organization: Co. D. 889th Inf.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

1st. May 1918

Grave 47, N. A. C. Reinterment, Kansas.

Reburied (Date)

In:

(Give complete location)

1st. May 1918

Grave 480 Section 418 1st Lt.

ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY, FRANCE.

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

BURIED IN UNKNOWN. BODY WELL PRESERVED. NO TAIL BONE.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? YES.

What other means of identification were found on the body?



Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct as is required by G.O. 170, H.M. 2, 1918, after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, no action whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: LT. G. H. ROBERTSON

Group: 1st. G. H. ROBERTSON

Unit: 1st. G. H. ROBERTSON

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GRAVE LOCATION CARD

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Covert 3167912 Ralph

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

Sgt. CO.L. 329th Inf.

(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL... Bethincourt, France.....

PLACE OF BURIAL... Oct., 13th 1918.....

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

One half kilometer south east of Bethincourt, France.

GRAVE NUMBER... 53.....

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

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Yes.

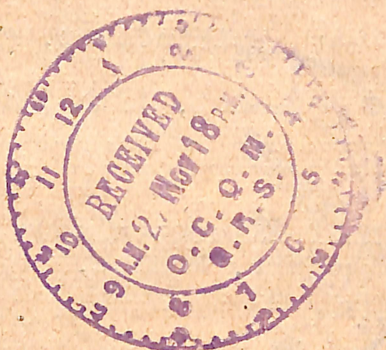
Was one buried with body?.....

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

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

REPORTED BY: Gifford Ernest
Chaplain, Fifth Sanitary Train.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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



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2. Soldier's No. 3167912

3. Covert Ralph
Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials4. Pvt. I 329th. Inf.
Rank Company Regt. or Corps5.
Date of Death Cause, if known6. A.E.F..
Date of Burial Cemetery7. Bethincourt Meuse
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department8. 7
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter9. Name Peg? 1 Cross? Headboard? Bottle?
Check Method of Marking10. Buried with Body? Attached to Grave Marker? 1
Identification Tags

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

12. "A" sketch #10
Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery13.
Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer
J.M. Aninsman, Sgt. 1/c
Signed.

Group 2 Unit A G. R. S.



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1. G. R. S. Form No. 1.

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2. Soldier's No. 3167912.

3. Covert, Ralph C.
Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials

4. Sgt. L. 329th Inf.
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

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

6. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Battle Area
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. Bethincourt, Meuse.
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. 7. ~~XXXXXX~~
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

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

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

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

Sketch No. 22

12. Verdun SE 35 E317.64-N274.84
Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

13. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ 00020
Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed. Edwin F. Fiene.

Group... 1. Unit. 311. G. R. S.

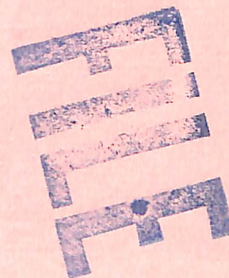
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Sec 18 case no 27

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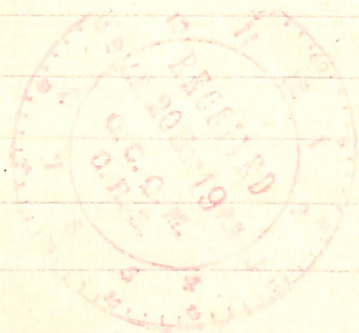
62-323
March 4th 1919

Worrancton Pa

Dear Sir

Will you please send
me a photograph of the grave
of ~~Sergeant~~ Sergeant Ralph G Levert
Company M. 61st Infantry
who we were informed by the
war Department died of wounds
Oct 12th recieved in action

Mrs Elmira Levert
105- Gordon Lane
Worrancton Pa



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 8-W-A-H
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 3/30/21.

File No. Requisition

(SPECIAL)

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

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

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

a. Surname Covert O.K. f. Date of death 10/12/18. O.K.
b. Christian name Ralph G. O.K. g. Cause of death DWRIA. O.K.
c. Serial Number 3157912 O.K. h. Authority (C.O.#)
d. Organization Co. M, 61st Inf. O.K. i. ~~Emergency address~~
e. Rank Sgt. O.K. j. ~~Relationship~~ Elmira Covert
105 Gordon Lane, Donaneston Pa.

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)
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

Adjustment Made

APR 13 1921

File No.

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

BY:

H. J. CONNER,
1st. Lieut. Q.M.C.

CEMETERY NO:

C.W.
1232-Sec.18.

SHEET NO:

27

TYPED BY:

I.W.

713/LML

Good World War Div

Date

APR 1 - 1921

Rec'd S & S Div, A.G.O.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

Date 8/30/21.

W.R. Form 8-2-21
Information requested at A.G.O.

File No. Requestion

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

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

Subject: Information requested for G.A.S.

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

a. Surname **Conroy** 1. Date of death 10/12/18.

b. Christian name **Reign G.** 2. Cause of death **DWARF.**

c. Serial Number **315312** 3. Authority (G.O.#)

d. Organization Co. M, 61st Inf. 4. Agency address

e. Rank **Sgt.** 5. Relationship

DEATH CHARTS

(See physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

6. Description
(See page 42 of the Service Record)

a. Age of enlistment

b. Color of eyes

c. Color of hair

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e. Weight

f. Permanent marks and

physical defects at

enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

g. Strike out teeth missing

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

Upper right Upper left

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Lower right Lower left

H. A. ROBERTS,
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.

BY:

H. J. COOPER,
1st Lt., Col. G. M. C.

C.W.
1222-200-12.

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WAR DEPARTMENT.
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON.

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AGO CARD
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MAR 29 1919

Mrs. Elmira Covert,
105 Gordon Lane,
Dorranceton, Pa.

Dear Madam:

The War Department desires to ascertain the wishes of the families of officers, enlisted men, and civilian employees regarding the permanent disposition of the bodies of those who have died overseas.

The original plan of the Department was to deliver the body in every case at the home address of the deceased to the person legally entitled to dispose of the remains. A desire has been expressed, however, in numerous instances to have the body remain abroad, and General Pershing is likely soon to enter into negotiations with the French and Allied Governments with the view of establishing permanent cemeteries for members of the American Expeditionary Forces. Marshal Petain in a most courteous letter has informed General Pershing that "France would be happy and proud to retain the bodies of the American victims who have fallen upon her soil."

A bill is now before Congress for the establishment of "Fields of Honor" abroad, which will insure future care by the United States Government as national cemeteries are now cared for. Burials have been made heretofore in cemeteries of the Allied nations or at or near the battle field in land set apart for this purpose as a cemetery, and religious services in accordance with the rites of the Protestant, Catholic, or Hebrew faith have been held at the grave.

In case the remains of a deceased soldier are returned to the United States they will be interred either at the former home of the deceased or at a national cemetery, according to the wishes of the one authorized to direct the disposition of the remains, and all expenses, including transportation, casket, shipping case, flag, and the preparation of the remains for shipment, will be paid by the United States. Hire of a hearse and other burial expenses incurred at the home of the deceased may be paid, on application by the relatives, by the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, Treasury Department.

In order that the proper disposition of the remains may be made, and that such disposition be directed by the person entitled to do so, the War Department will recognize the right to direct the disposition of remains in the following order:

In the case of an unmarried man—

- (1) Father; (2) mother, if father is dead; (3) brother, if both parents are dead; (4) sister, if both parents are dead and there are no brothers.

In the case of a married man—

- (1) Wife; (2) parents or children and other relatives in order set forth above.

It is desired that the information indicated on the inclosed card be furnished concerning the person named thereon at the earliest practicable date. If the card is received by some one not authorized to direct the disposition to be made of the remains, please deliver this circular and the card to the person who is entitled to do so.

The Department is unable to state when it will be possible to begin the removal of the remains of the soldiers, but the information requested is being collected at this time in order that there may be no delay when the time comes for such removal.

In returning the card please use the inclosed addressed penalty envelope, which requires no postage.

Very respectfully,

P. C. HARRIS,
The Adjutant General.

PS

3-7, 912

Covert, Ralph H.
Sgt. Co. M. 61 Inf.
E.G.

1. On letter ret'd.

Mrs. Elmira Covert.
105 Gordon Lane,
Harranctown, Pa.
No such P.O.

2. Case File
Elmira Covert.
105 Gordon Lane
Harranctown, Pa

3. P.O. - gives
no such P.O.

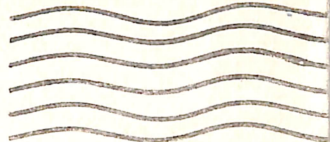
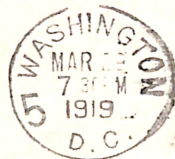
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