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1. NAME DAFFERN, James A SERIAL No. 1454029

RANK Mech ORGANIZATION Co.M., 138th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION American Cty. Chaumont. Haute-Marne CTY. NAME 10 NUMBER

279 GRAVE ROW PLOT G

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 279 Chaumont (Haute-Marne)

COORDINATES E. 307.6 N.150.1

CONCENTRATED TO Mar.25,1921, 279 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT G

ABF. Cem. Chaumont (HM.) CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER 10

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

Tag found with body. (From data on form 16-A.) No other data.

DATE OF DEATH Oct 1, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Mo.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED _____

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS Not of record

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

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SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR WALTER F. BROWN, CAPT.QMC., Supervisor Area N° 4

NAL GRAVE LOCATION August 22nd, 1922. 13 8 B

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

St. Mihiel American Cemetery, THIAUCOURT, (M.-et-M.)

CEMETERY

Robert Blockavia, Major General, Adjutant General



NOV 8 1923

Co. M. 138th Infantry
35th Div

DAFFERN, James A. - MCch 1454029
Home: 5220 Kewington
St. Louis

Wounded in death Valley by high explosive shell Sept 27 1918
Died in hospital Oct. 1 1918.

Informant: MBLBRUKOTTER, Herman J Sgt
1453918

Home: Co. M. 138th Infantry
4202 Enright Ave. St Louis

Emergency address:
Mrs M. Daffern
5220 Kewington
St. Louis

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COI.S	CODE
NAME <i>Daffern</i>	<i>Daf</i>	3	416
<i>Jas. A.</i> BURIED	CEMETERY <i>1233</i>	1	3
	GRAVE <i>13</i>	2	13
	ROW <i>8</i>	2	8
	BLOCK <i>B</i>	1	2
STATE	<i>Mo.</i>	2	29
RANK	<i>mech</i>	1	2
DIVISION	<i>35</i>	2	35
ORGANIZATION	<i>138</i>	3	138
AFM	<i>Inf.</i>	1	1
MARITAL	<i>yes (Deaf)</i>	1	1
NAME <i>Klein, Mrs</i>	<i>Kla</i>	3	925
<i>Myrtle M. Daffern</i> RESIDENCE	STATE <i>Mo</i>	2	29
	COUNTY <i>St. Louis City</i>	2	97
	CITY <i>St. Louis</i>	3	052
RELATION	<i>mother</i>	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Good</i>	1	1
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	1
ACCEPTANCE	YR. <i>1930</i>	1	1
29/514	<i>yes</i>	1	1

*Sailed
Aug. 19, 1930*

AUDITED
OCT 7 1931
RS

Age 54

54



Party "R" - Itinerary - St. Mihiel Group

Sailed August 19th, 1930 on GEORGE WASHINGTON. Capt. Arnold J. Funk in Charge. Arrived Cherbourg August 27th. Special tender arrived 11:57 am, bearing Maj. Dailey and Kinderman; Capts. Ochs, Haley, Earnest, Lambert and Stark; Lts. Yarborough, Freeman and Binns; five nurses and three civilian employees. Train left 1:37 pm; arrived Gare des Invalides, Paris, 8:00 pm. Met by Col. Ellis and members of his staff, interpreters and nurses. Taken in bus to hotel.

August 28th: Morning devoted to transaction of personal business. Exchange of money, preparation of laundry, etc. Afternoon - Arc de Triomphe, Wreaths laid by Mrs. Seymour and Mrs. Cassels. Tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent. Dinner at hotel.

August 29th: Morning free. Lunch at hotels. Sightseeing trip Paris - Sacre Coeur. Dinner at hotels.

August 30th: Visited Notre Dame in morning. Lunch at hotels. Sightseeing trip Paris - Napoleon's Tomb. Dinner at hotels.

August 31st: Left for Rozoy-en-Brie via Porte de Vincennes (rest stop Hotel du Sauvage. Left for Sezanne. Lunch Hotel de France. Left 2:30 pm for Vitry-le-Francois (rest stop Cafe Modern) and on to Bar-le-Duc. Quarters Hotel de Paris.

September 1st: Left in morning for Thiaucourt. Lunch Hotel de Metz. Left 1:30 for St. Mihiel Cemetery and on to Nancy via St. Pierre Auberge, Pont-a-Mousson. Quarters Grand Hotel.

September 2nd;& 3rd: Trips to St. Mihiel Cemetery.

September 4th: Left Nancy for Troyes via Toul to Neufchateau (rest stop Hotel Modern) and Bar-sur-Aube where they lunched Hotel du Commerce. Quarters in Troyes at Grand Hotel.

September 5th: Left Troyes in morning for Paris via Sens (rest stop Hotel de Paris). Lunch at Hotel Legris in Fontainebleau. Dinner at hotel in Paris.

September 6th: Morning free. Lunch at hotel. Sightseeing trip Paris - Louvre. Dinner at hotel.

September 7th: Free or Church. Lunch at hotel. Afternoon free. Dinner at hotel. Sightseeing trip at night.

September 8th: Morning free. Lunch at hotel. Afternoon free. Dinner at hotel.

September 9th: Versailles in morning. Visited Chateau. Lunch at hotel in Paris. Afternoon free. Dinner at hotel.

September 10th: Boat train left for Cherbourg 9:44 am, arrived 3:56 pm.

AMERICA sailed 5:40 pm. Arrived New York September 19th.

* On Sept. 9th, about 50 Missouri members of this party participated in a ceremony in the Court of Honor of the Invalides when a gavel, in the possession of Mrs. Caylor, was presented to Marshal Joffre.

Mrs Myrthle M Daffern Klein

WAR DEPARTMENT

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PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

R

NAME .. Klein, Mrs. Myrtle ... M. Daffern ...
ADDRESS 5146 Wells Ave., St. Louis, Missouri

DATE Sept 23, 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. Myrtle M. Daffern Klein

RETURN NEW YORK

DATE SEP 19 1930

5146 Wells Ave.

NAME ^M Klein; Mrs. Myrtle M. Daffern HOME ADDRESS .. St. Louis, Missouri
St. Louis City County

RETURN ON S. S. S/S AMERICA HOTEL MCALPIN ROOM NO.

with Mrs. Katharine Rausch

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE 9/20

ROAD *BAO* TRAIN *25* CAR BERTH or SEAT

REMARKS

Washing Jangle

Name KLEIN, Mrs. Myrtle M. Daffern,

Paris Hôtel HOTEL DE PARIS
BOULEVARD DE LA MADELEINE

Home address 5146 Wells Ave., St. Louis, St. Louis County, Missouri,

Party R Group 3 Unit ~~SS~~ WASHINGTON

Date of arrival AUG. 27, 1930 Date of departure S/S AMERICA, Sept. 10, 1930

Relationship Mother,

Name of deceased DAFFERN, James A.

Rank Mech. Organization Co. M, 138th Inf.

Cemetery St. Mihiel.

REMARKS



STATE

DAFFERN, JAS. A.

MISSOURI

5146 Wells Ave.,
St. LouisM
NAME KLEIN, MRS. MYRTLE M. DAFFERN HOME ADDRESS St. Louis City County

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN

Mr. Chas. Moore parentARRIVAL IN NEW YORKDATE Aug 17 HOTEL McAlpin ROOM NO. 14933:00 PM
Met by Capt Wm Heskethwith Mrs. Irene Gildenhans
+ Mrs Rose N. StarkDEPARTURE NEW YORKDATE AUGUST 19, 1930 VESSEL WASHINGTON CABIN NO. 315 A2 Bagswith Mrs. Bessie S. StovrsDESTINATION CHERBOURG, FRANCE CEMETERY ST. M.

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NOTIFY
YOUR
CORRESPONDENTS
OF CHANGE
OF ADDRESS

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

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Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,
or Post Office Box, }

MUNITIONS BUILDING

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Washington, D. C.

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RETURN RECEIPT

Washington 8-19-30

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

ms. m. th. and d. k. Klein

(Signature or name of addressee)

(Signature of addressee's agent)

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RETURN RECEIPT

Washington 8-19-30

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

Mrs Myrtle M. Saffern Klein

(Signature or name of addressee)

Mrs Florence Moore

(Signature of addressee's agent)

JUL 30 1930

Date of delivery _____, 19____

Form 3811

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1929

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NAME KLEIN, MRS. MYRTHIE M. DAI PN

S.S. AMERICA SEP 19 1930 3147

HOME ST. LOUIS, ST. LOUIS CITY COUNTY

R.R. Bld to St. Louis MISSOURI

STATION

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE Oct - 15 - 30

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

DAFFERN, JAMES A.

ST.M. Party .."R".....
 Number 3147.....

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

Klein, Mrs. Myrthie M. Daffern .. Actual cost of through Pullman.
 Name of Traveler
St. Louis, St. Louis City County .. New York, to *St. Louis Mo.*
 Home Address
Missouri \$ *9.00*.....
 New York, to *St. Louis, Mo.*
 Destination
 Via *B & O to dest.*.....

Ticket Expires: *Sept. 20, 1930*
Oct. 15, 1930 Date of Departure

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	Car	U. S. G. Order No.	Actual Cost
LV	<i>Jersey City</i>	<i>B&O</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>9/20</i>	<i>8:17a</i>			
AR	<i>Washi. D.C.</i>	"	"	<i>1:20p.</i>				
LV	"	<i>H</i>	<i>9/22</i>	<i>4:33p.</i>				
AR	<i>St. Louis, Mo.</i>	"	<i>9/23</i>	<i>5pm.</i>	<i>50</i>		<i>log-1024256.</i>	<i>9.00</i>
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TOTAL *9.00*.....

Remarks:

Stopover - Washington, D.C.
Escorted to train by Capt. F. M. Child

August 1st, 1930

Mrs. Myrthie M. Daffern Klein
5146 Wells Ave.
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

Please attach the enclosed tags to each piece of baggage, thus to protect the safe arrival of same in New York.

Upon your arrival in this City, you will be met at the Railroad Station by a United States Army Officer, in uniform, who will wear on the left sleeve of his coat a blue cloth band, showing a Gold Star and the word "Pilgrimage". This officer will escort you and your baggage to your Hotel in New York City.

For The Officer in Charge:

George F. R. Taylor,
1st. Lieut. Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

Enclosures:
2 tags.

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Haffern, James A. 1233 H

July 28, 1930

Mrs. Myrtle M. D. Klein
5146 Wells Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

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:

REVISED SCHEDULE

Lv. St. Louis Penna	Special	10.15 AM	August 16
Ar. New York	"	3.00 PM	<u>17</u>

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Washington, D. C. June 30, 1930

Mr. J. A. Fox
Central Passenger Assn.
608 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois

WASHINGTON AUGUST NINETEENTH MRS M DAFFERN KLEIN ST LOUIS MISSOURI DESIRES STOPOVER
WASHINGTON D C ROUTE ACCORDINGLY

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Quartermaster General

QM 523.091 A-M
Central P.A.

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QM 293 A-M
Daffern, James A. 1233 M

June 30, 1930

Mrs. M. Daffern Klein,
5146 Wells Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your notation on letter from this office dated May 9, 1930, relative to your desire to stop over at Washington, D. C. on your return from the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, sailing on the S.S. Washington August 19, 1930.

Please be advised that arrangements will be made for this stop-over within the limit of your ticket. There will be no additional charge for rail transportation due to this stop-over but there will be an additional charge of approximately \$2.00 if you travel at night from New York to Washington and use a lower berth. This amount must be paid by you at the time you receive your return transportation in New York City. Should you travel during the day between these two points and use parlor car accommodations there will be no additional charge. However, any expenses incurred during your visit at Washington must be paid from your personal funds.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Deffen 145-4029 Jaws A.
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Mechanic Co. M., 438 Inf.
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL. Oct. 3 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL. 87763

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

A. M. C. Plot G.

Chambers

Hunterman

GRAVE NUMBER. 279

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

FILE

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:

10

11 OCT 1918

REPORTED BY:

Capt. S. Carlisle, Chaplain
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

HEADQUARTERS - BASE HOSPITAL 1 AEF.
A.P.O. 706

REPORT OF DEATH

Name: Daffern, James A. #1454029

Rank: Mechanic

Organization: Co. M, 138 Infantry

Date of death: Oct. 1st, 1918

Cause of death: GSW Multiple.

Autopsy findings: Multiple severe infected wounds of both upper extremities. Septicemia. Calcified and encapsulated tuberculosis of both apices. Obliterative fibrinous pleurisy, right. Localized fibrinous pleurisy, left. Moderate degree of secondary anemia. Cloudy swelling of the parenchymatous organs.

Place of burial: American Military Cemetery No. 10, Chaumont,
(Haute Marne), France.

No. & Location of grave: Grave No. #279, Plot G .

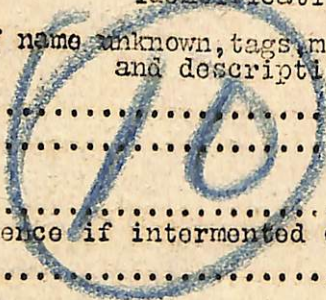
Disposal of effects: None

FILE

9 OCT 1918

Daffern, J. A.

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- ~~27985~~
1. G.R.S. Form No. 1. HQ. GRS File
1454029 27985
2. Soldier's No.
3. ~~MAFFERN~~ James A
Surname (block letters) 1st name & initials
4. Mech. Co. M. 138 INF
Rank Co. Rgt & Corps
5. Date of Death Cause if Known
6. Oct 3 1918 * 10
Date of Burial Cemetery
7. CHAUMONT HAUTE MARNE
Town-Commune (lock letter) Dept.
8. 279 6
Grave No. Plot No. or letter
9. Name peg? ... Cross? Hdboard? ... BTLE...
Check method of marking
10. Buried with body... Attached grave mark
Identification Tags *gr*
11. If name unknown, tags missing, give mark
and description
12. R. 
Reference if intermented outside cemetery
13. Give name of Chaplain-Burial Officer
- Signed *W. C. V. Russell*
- Group..... Unit..... GRS.



Stop-over noted on
trans. list, card and
inv. list.

QM 295 A-M
Daffern, James A. 1233 M

June 30, 1930

Mrs. M. Daffern Klein,
5146 Wells Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Mrs Daffern

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Daffern, James A. - 1233 M
Washington 8-19-30

May 15, 1930

Mrs. Myrthle M. Daffern Klein,
5146 Wells Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Mrs Charles Moore - Daughter
Name

5146th Wells ave St Louis Mo
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

Daffern, James A-1233 M
Washington 8-19

May 9, 1930

Mrs. M. Daffern Klein,
5146 Wells Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri.

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

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

I 30 advised. I would like to stop over at Washington D.C. on my return

*5146^a WELLS ave
St Louis Mo.*

Mrs M Daffern Klein

Washington
8-19-30
1233

Daffern, James E.

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. Myrthle M. Daffern Klein,

(Name)

5146 Wells Ave., St. Louis, St. Louis City Co., Mo.

(Town or City)

(State)



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M. & R. DIV.
9. P. M. G.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Daffern, James A. 1233 M.

Mrs. Myrtle M. Daffern Klein,
5146 Wells Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sailed
AUG 19 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)
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) 54	Health (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No)	Other language (Specify language spoken)

RECEIVED
OCT 18 1929
M. & R. DIV.
U. S. DEPT. OF WAR

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
Daffern, James A.

Sept. 23, 1929.

Mrs. Myrtle May Klein,
5312 Wells Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late James A. Daffern, Mechanic, Co. M, 138th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Miniel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried?

*Widow deceased
July 27, 1928*

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

yes

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope



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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

August 29, 1929.

Daffern, James A.
1233

Mrs. Ethel Owsley Daffern,
1716 North Grand Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 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,

John T. Harris

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

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

5146 Wells Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri.
June 11, 1929.

Re: QM 293 A-C
DAFFERN, James A.

Mr. John T. Harris,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
War Department,
Office of the Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of May 29, 1929 I wish to state that my son's widow, Ethel Daffern, died in July 1928.

For your information I wish to advise you that I desire to take advantage of Public 952 - 70th Congress which enables war mothers to make a pilgrimage to the cemetery.

I have remarried, my name is now Mrs. Myrtle M. Daffern Klein, the mother of the deceased veteran.

Very truly yours,

Mrs Myrtle M Daffern Klein

Mrs. Myrtle M. Daffern Klein,
5146 Wells Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 29, 1929.

Daffern, James A

Mrs. M. Daffern,
5220 Kensington Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

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The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late
James A. Daffern, Mechanic, Co. M, 138th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a 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.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Daffern, James A

May 29, 1929.

Mrs. Ethel Owsley Daffern,
1716 North Grand Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Died 7-27-28

m -
Mrs Myrtle May Klein X *C-62392*
5312 Wells Ave.

Dear Madam:

St-Louis-Mo-6428

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

The records of this office show that you are the widow of the late James A. Daffern, Mechanic, Co. M, 158th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother 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 husband was survived by a mother 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,

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Envelope.

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

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Haffern, James A. 1233 H

July 28, 1930

Mrs. Myrthie H. D. Klein
5146 Wells Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

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:

REVISED SCHEDULE

Lv. St. Louis	Penna Special	10.15 AM	August 16
Ar. New York	" "	3.00 PM	<u>17</u>

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.

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Daffern, James A. 1233 M

July 16, 1930

Mrs. Myrthle M. D. Klein
5146 Wells Ave.
St. Louis, Mo.

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. St. Louis	Penna Special	10.15 AM	August 17
Ar. New York	" "	3.00 PM	18

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
Daffern, James A. 1233 M

June 30, 1930

Mrs. M. Daffern Klein,
5146 Wells Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your notation on letter from this office dated May 9, 1930, relative to your desire to stop over at Washington, D. C. on your return from the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, sailing on the S.S. Washington August 19, 1930.

Please be advised that arrangements will be made for this stop-over within the limit of your ticket. There will be no additional charge for rail transportation due to this stop-over but there will be an additional charge of approximately \$2.00 if you travel at night from New York to Washington and use a lower berth. This amount must be paid by you at the time you receive your return transportation in New York City. Should you travel during the day between these two points and use parlor car accommodations there will be no additional charge. However, any expenses incurred during your visit at Washington must be paid from your personal funds.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,
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 12, 1930

Daffern, James A. 1233-M

Mrs. Myrtle M. Daffern Klein,
5146 Wells Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Daffern, James A. - 1233 M

Washington 8-19-30

May 15, 1930

Mrs. Myrthle M. Daffern Klein,
5146 Wells Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri.

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

Daffern, James A-1233 M
Washington 8-19

May 9, 1930

Mrs. M. Daffern Klein,
5146 Wells Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri.

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
Daffern, James A. 1233 M

May 8, 1930.

Mrs. Myrthel M. Daffern Klein,
5146 Webb Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

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

Daffern, James A. 1233-M

April 30, 1930

Mrs. Myrthle M. Daffern Klein,
5146 Wells Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.
Dear Madam:

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.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Daffern, James A. 1233 M.

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Myrtle M. Daffern Klein,
5146 Wells Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Daffern, James A.

Sept. 28, 1929.

Mrs. Myrtle May Klein,
5312 Wells Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late James A. Daffern, Mechanic, Co. M, 138th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Miniel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried?

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. Will you 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

August 29, 1929.

Daffern, James A.
1233

Mrs. Ethel Owsley Daffern,
1716 North Grand Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 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

May 29, 1929.

Daffern, James A

Mrs. Ethel Owsley Daffern,
1716 North Grand Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the widow of the late James A. Daffern, Mechanic, Co. M, 156th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother 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 husband was survived by a mother 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,

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Envelope.

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 29, 1929.

Daffern, James A

Mrs. M. Daffern,
5220 Kensington Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late James A. Daffern, Mechanic, Co. M, 138th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a 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,

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

QM 293 A-C

DAFFERN, James A. - Mechanic

January 26, 1924

Mrs. Ethel Owsley Daffern,
1716 North Grand Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

1-Incl.
Record card.

O. Q. M. G.
CENTRAL MAIL ROOM
Assistant



JAN 26 1924

B. O. C.

Dup.

Daffern,
(Surname.)

James A.
(Christian name in full.)

1,454,029
(Army serial number.)

Mech.

Co. M, 138th. Infantry.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

mother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

no
(Yes or no.)

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

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Myrtle M Daffern

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Mrs. Myrtle Daffern
5229 A. Kensington Ave.,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Checked
11/2/26
J. M. M.

10-28-20

10-11-14

Wasson Aug 25

Amer. Mils Cem No. 10
Place Chaumont, Hte. Marne
Date March 25, 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF DAFFERN, James A. SERIAL NUMBER 1454029
RANK Mech ORGANIZATION Co. M. 138th. Inf.

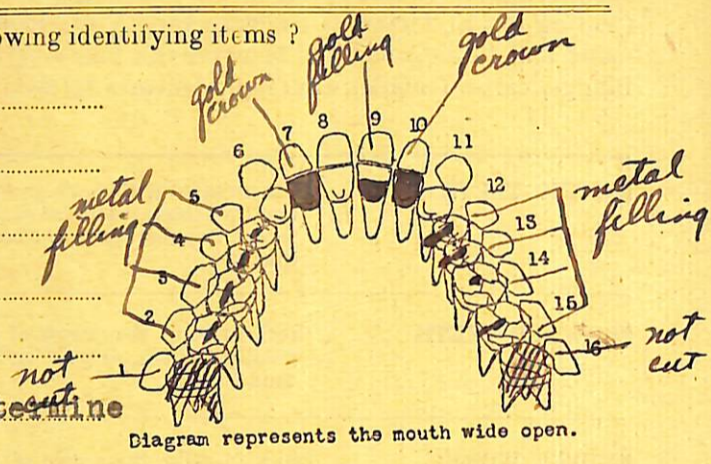
2. Disinterred (date): Mar. 25, 1921 From (give complete location): Grave 279, plot G, Amer. Cem. No. 10
By: Group 3 Unit 2

3. Reburied (date): Mar. 25, 1921 In (give complete location): Grave 279, plot G, Amer. Cem. No. 10
By: Group 3 Unit 2 Nature of reburial Burlap and wooden box

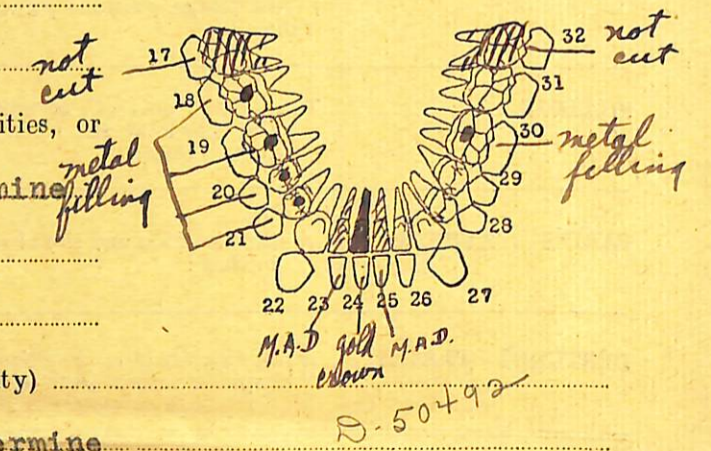
4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
Buried in a wooden box and U.S. uniform
Body badly decomposed, features unrecognizable

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? yes On grave marker? yes
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
none

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items?
(a) Height (estimated actual measurement) 5 Ft., 9 in.
(b) Weight (estimated) 160 lbs.
(c) Hair—Color Dark brown
Quantity full head
Characteristics long
(d) Hair on face—Color Impossible to determine
Location do
Quantity do



(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) Impossible to determine
(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Impossible to determine

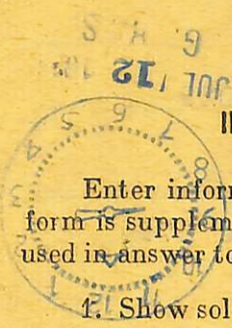


Checker: F.B. Lyon

7. Disinterment supervised by S.D. Archer Approved: R.L. Fain
S.D. Archer 1st. Lt. QMC (Title) Master of Section
Capt. QMC

8. Reburial supervised by S.D. Archer Approved: R.L. Fain
S.D. Archer 1st. Lt. QMC (Title) Master of Section
Capt. QMC

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

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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.

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FILLINGSDraw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :	
CARIES (CAVITIES)Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :	
DENTURES (PLATES)Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp."	

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

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File No. 27985

*Cy-Lumped for 5/12/22
Concentration
St. Michael # 1233
mactB. 6-5-22*

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name DAFFERN, James A. Ser. No. 1454029
 (b) Rank Mechanic Organization Co. M., 138th Infantry
 (c) Date of death 10-1-18 Cause of death W/A

TYP ESW
LS
AW

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

(a) Grave No. 279 Row - Plot G Sect. - TYP EML
 (b) Emerg. Address ---

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases No Card CKR FR

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

No case. Pending shipping instructions for wife 1-4-21. JB

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on _____ 192
 (Letter of transmittal on 1/27 192)

*Paragraph 2
Not to be returned JB*

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

G. R. S. Form No 115

COUNTRY FRANCE

Cemetery No. 10

Sheet No. 114

File No. 27985

COMPILATION N/R REQUESTS

*Exhumed - Lou 7/2/22
Concentration #1233
St. Michel. #1233
mac B. 6-5-22*

I. DATA COMPILATION

A. Location Index Card:-

(1) Name Daffern, James A. Ser. No. 1454029 TYP. ESW
 (2) Rank Mechanic Organization Co. M, 138th Infantry)
 (3) Date of death 10-1-18) CKR. OK

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

(4) Cause of death w/a TYP. EML
 (5) Grave No. 279 Row --- Plot G Sect. --- CKR. FR

II. FILES EXAMINATION

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

B. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD Date of receipt none

(6) Relationship mother
 (7) Name Myrtle M. Daffern
 (8) Address 5220 Kensington Ave, St. Louis, Mo
 (9) Desires remains brought to U. S.? no
 (10) Desires remains brought to U. S. and interred in National Cemetery at ---
 (11) If brought back, what shipping instructions? ---

SUSPENSION REMARKS

C. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE Checked Date of communication ---

(12) Does correspondence Change or qualify request as made on A.G.O. card? If so, specify such information.
no
 (13) A. G. O. Files EXAMINED by --- (Date) 5-6-20

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

No request for disposition from wife

(15) G. R. S. Files EXAMINED by --- (Date) 5-10-20

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rechecked by 7mm 11/2/20



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III. FINAL ACTION

- A. MEMORANDUM to D. M. O. in E. made (Date) _____
- (16) Removal of Remains (within custody of G.R.S.) to _____
- (17) Instructions that remains be left undisturbed _____
- (18) Typed by _____ Checked by _____ (Date) _____
- G. R. S. FORM NO. 114 made (Date) _____
- (19) Typed by _____ Checked by _____ (Date) _____

C. SUSPENSION REMARKS: *Mrs. Myrtle M. Daffens - 5220-
Kensington Ave. St. Louis, Mo.
From 120-417 - Mother's request that
body remain in France. (See note) - No response
to telegram sent wife - 6/5/20 B.O. 7/2*

D. Dispatched (Date) *12/21/20* (Let. Trans. No. _____)
Paragraph 5 not to be returned

Approved by _____
(Date) _____

47-13-20

II. OTHER INFORMATION

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

(4) _____

(5) _____

(6) _____

(7) _____

(8) _____

(9) _____

(10) _____

ONLY COMBINATION

COMBINATION FOR RECORDS

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Feb. 11th, 1922

gc 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 DAFFERN, James A
- 2. No. 1454029
- 3. Rank Mech.
- 4. Org. Co.M., 138th Inf.
- 5. D.D. Oct. 1st.
- 6. C.D. WRIA

- 10. Name J. A. Daffern (body tag read)
- 11. No. _____
- 12. Rank _____
- 13. Org. _____
- 14. (a) D.D. _____
- (b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- 7. Grave No. 279 Sec. _____
- 8. Plot G Row _____
- 9. _____

- 15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
- 16. Plot _____ Row _____
- 17. No discrep.

- 18. Cemetery American
- 20. Dept. or County Haute-Marne
- 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 10

- 19. Commune or town Chaumont
- 21. Country France.

23. Disinterred (Date) Feb. 11th, 1922

By J. E. Benson

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name James A. Daffern

Rank Mech.

Serial No. - - -

Organization Co. M. 138th Inf.

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

J. A. Annable
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant
J. A. Annable

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).

Reburial record found with body checks. No effects found.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, recognition impossible.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box, burlap and uniform.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? See item 10.

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Feb. 11th, 1922 By J. E. Benson

31. Casket sealed by J. E. Benson

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor J. E. Benson rs

AUTHENTICATED BY
7/23/22
FAB

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SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-26689

32. Designation of body:

Name James A. DAFFERN Serial No. 1454029

Rank Mech Organization Co.M., 138th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

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

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Feb. 11th, 1922 By J. E. Benson

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector R. L. Fain, Capt., QMC.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Feb. 11th, 1922

To point of Concentration St. Mihiel, Amer. Cty. #1233, Thiaucourt, M-et-M.

Convoyer Clinton E. ... Signature Shipping Officer Walter F. Brown, Capt., Q.M. Corps.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative C. J. Blake

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel, Amer. Cty. #1233, Thiaucourt, M-et-M.

Convoyer Michael Plotkin Signature Shipping Officer Walter F. Brown, Capt., QMC.

40. Received: Date 23 FEB 1922

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred, August 22nd 1922.

(Date)

42. Grave No. 13 Section

43. Plot Block B Row 8

G.R.S. Representative A.E. DEWEY, 1st Lt., QMC.

Place Chaumont, Hte. Marne,

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Feb. 11th, 1922

1. REMAINS OF DAFFERN, James A. SERIAL NUMBER 1454029

RANK Mech. ORGANIZATION Co. M. 138th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Feb. 11th, 1922 From (give complete location): Gr. 279, Pl. G. Amer. Cem. 10

By: Group 2 Unit Sec. 4

3. Reburied (date): August 22nd 1922. In (give complete location): Grave 13, Row 8, Block B, Cem. 1233.

By: Group Reburial Unit Casket & Shipping Case. Nature of reburial

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: Wooden box, burlap and uniform. Badly decomposed, recognition impossible.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker Yes

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

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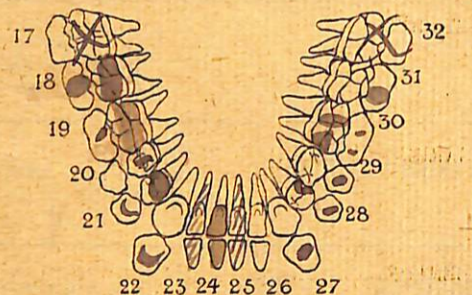
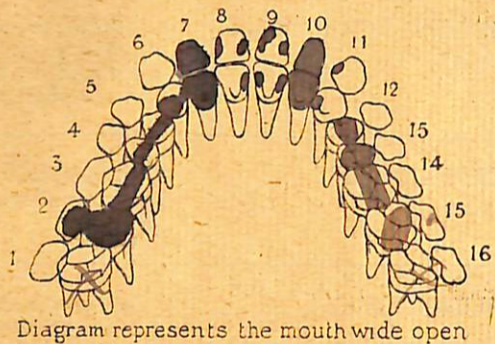
Characteristics None

(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location None

Quantity None

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



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) 1-16-17-32-NC. 2-3-4-5-6-12-

13-14-15-18-19-20-21-27-28-29-30-31-SI.

None 7-10-24-GC. 8-9-11-22-GI. 22 23-25-MAD.

7. Disinterment supervised by J. E. Jensen JAA. Approved: R. L. Fain, Capt., QMC. (Title)

8. Reburial supervised by H. L. Kramer H.L. KRAMER, Approved: A. B. Dewey, 1st Lt., QMC. (Title)

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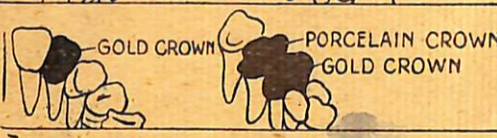



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WAR DEPARTMENT
CEMETERIAL DIVISION, GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
PIER 2, HOBOKEN, N. J.

January 29th, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Gen. Div. Cor. Br.
(Daffern, James A.)

Mrs. Ethel Owsley Daffern,
1716 North Grand Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Mrs. Myrtle M. Daffern has requested that the body of her son, the late James A. Daffern, Mechanic, Serial No. 1454029, Co. M, 138th Infantry, be left in France. It is therefore, requested that you advise this office whether or not you concur in her wishes, if you do not, kindly state whether you desire the remains returned to the United States and shipped to you, or interred in the National Cemetery, at Arlington, Virginia.

Your early reply will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

BY:

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

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GENERAL DIVISION, GRAVE REGISTRATION SERVICE
PIER 2, HOBOKEN, N. J.

January 28th, 1921

File No. 235.8 Gen. Div. Cor. Br.
(Decker, James A.)

Mrs. Ethel Owsley Decker,
1716 North Grand Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Mrs. Myrtle M. Decker has requested that the
body of her son, the late James A. Decker, Machine
Serial No. 1424022, Co. M, 138th Infantry, be left in
France. It is therefore requested that you advise this
office whether or not you concur in her wishes. If you
do not, kindly state whether you desire the remains
returned to the United States and shipped to you, or
interred in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia.

Your early reply will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. E. SHAWSON,
Captain, U.S. Corps,
Officer in charge.

BY:

J. W. HOLLER,
1st Lieut., Infantry.

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CHARGE TO
GOVERNMENT RATE

WAR DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

WASHINGTON

June 5, 1920.

Ethel Owsley Daffern

1716 North Grand Ave.,

St. Louis, Mo.

Necessary that you as widow of late Mechanic James A.

Daffern

state whether you desire body returned to United States and buried National Cemetery, shipped to you or remain in Europe. In this case

no other than your wish is desired. Telegram signed by you

necessary. Wire immediately, Government expense.

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ROGERS
Quartermaster General

NIGHT

OFFICIAL:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Colonel, U.S. Army,
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

BY:

C. D. ANNIS,
1st Lieut. Q.M. Corps,
Chief, Overseas Project Sub-Section.

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WAR DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM

CHARGE TO GOVERNMENT RATE

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

WASHINGTON

June 5, 1920

Level Emily Balfors
1714 North Grand Ave.
St. Louis, Mo.

Necessary that you as widow of late Mechanic James A. Balfors state whether you desire body returned to United States and buried National Cemetery, shipped to you or remain in Europe. In this case no other than your wish is desired. Telegram signed by you necessary. Wire immediately, Government expense. A-251-0

ROGERS
Quartermaster General

NIGHT

OFFICIAL:

CHARLES C. PIRCE,
Colonel, U.S. Army,
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

BY:
G. D. ANNIS,
1st Lieut. 9th M. Corps,
Chief, Overseas Projects Section.

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FILE NO. 223-3-1261 Gem Div. (Balfors, James A.)

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Handwritten initials or mark in red ink.

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

January 29th, 1921.

File No. 295.8 Cem. Div. Cor. Br.
(Daffern, James A.)

Mrs. Ethel Owsley Daffern,
1716 North Grand Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Mrs. Myrtle M. Daffern has requested that the body of her son, the late James A. Daffern, Mechanic, Serial No. 1454029, Co. M, 138th Infantry, be left in France. It is therefore, requested that you advise this office whether or not you concur in her wishes, if you do not, kindly state whether you desire the remains returned to the United States and shipped to you, or interred in the National Cemetery, at Arlington, Virginia.

Your early reply will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

BY:

J. P. BUTLER ¹⁷¹⁶
1st Lieut., Infantry.
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GENERAL DIVISION, OVERSEAS PROJECT
RICE & COMPANY, S.S.

January 23rd, 1921

This is to certify that the above
is a true and correct copy of the
original as shown to me.

Mrs. Mabel Owen Bellamy,
1718 North Grand Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Mrs. Mabel Owen Bellamy has requested that the
copy of her son, the late James A. Bellamy, Mechanic,
General Co. 1st Inf. Regt., be left in
your care. It is therefore, requested that you advise this
office whether or not you consent in her wishes, if you
do not, kindly state whether you desire the remains
returned to the United States and shipped to you, or
interred in the National Cemetery, at Arlington, Virginia.

Your early reply will be greatly appreciated.

In respect of the Administrator General:

E. E. SHANNON,
Captain, U.S. Corps,
Office in Charge.

BY

J. R. DUNN,
1st Lieut., Infantry.

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

MAY 14 1920

Trust Answer

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.
TO: Myrtle M. Daffern, 5220 A. Kensington Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
SUBJECT: Remains of Mechanic James A. Daffern

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body be not returned to United States

*no change!
(see note on book)*

If these are not the correct instructions, please change them. Make changes on reverse side of this sheet.

The nearest living relative may choose between, (1) return of the body to any address in the United States; (2) interment in Arlington, Va., National Cemetery; or (3) remain in France.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

NAME OF NO. & STREET TOWN STATE

Soldier's Widow *Ethel Dowsley Daffern* 1716 North Grand Ave. St. Louis Mo.

Soldier's Children (Name oldest first) 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

*Noted on Form No. 115
Date B.O. - 7/12*

Father _____

Mother *Myrtle Daffern* 5220^a Kensington St. Louis Mo.

Brothers (Name oldest first) 1. *Harry B. Daffern* 3214^a Ohio Ave. St. Louis Mo. 2. *Frank M. Daffern* 5220^a Kensington St. Louis Mo.

Sisters *Fluence C. Daffern* 5220 Kensington St. Louis Mo. *Mamie A. Daffern* 3742 S. Compton St. Louis Mo.

Date *May 17-1920* Signature *Myrtle M. Daffern*

Address *5220^a Kensington Ave* Relationship *Mother*

Note:- Instructions on the reverse side of this sheet should be carefully read before filling out this paper.

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*Let body stay in
France. J.H.P.
7/8/20*

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT

1. This paper MUST be signed by the person who is the NEXT of kin in the order shown in the square on other side of this sheet.
2. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
3. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the legally appointed guardian of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.
4. If YOU are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
5. If YOU are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.
6. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
7. Use the enclosed envelope - pay no postage.