

G.R.S. Form #114-B

To The A. G. O.

AUG 16 1926

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FULL NAME DAVENPORT, William

RANK Pvt. SERIAL 75933

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION Co. C, 9th Inf. *1st Div.*

DATE OF DEATH 11-3-18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *Idaho*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED.

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION. *none*
Date Grave Row Block

1232 - Meuse-Argonne

Cemetery

23/306/ARK

A.G.O.
AUG 16 1926
WORLD WAR DIV.

Rec'd World War Div.
2 APR 4 1928

Robert O. Davis,
Major General,
The Adjutant General.
By *as*

AUG 18 1926

ABC 4-13-28

Rpt WDA not 300351/12/28/18

Grave Location Blank.

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Davenport 75933 William E.

Private 9th Infantry.

November 5, 1918.

Location Junction of two roads
at Ferme Fontaine au Brong.
northwest of Nouart, Dept of
Ardennes, France.

Grave No. 1.

Grave marked by name peg.
tag buried with body.
tag nailed to grave marker

W. B. P. Chaplain
usary.

Place NEUFCHATEAUDate 1st., July, 1919REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name DAVENPORT, Wm. E.Number: 75933Rank Pvt. 1/cOrganization: Co. B. 9th., Inf.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

28th., June, 1919Not given. Crime. Mount, Ard.305.1 / 299.42 to 21 Rpts 1255

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

28th., June, 1919:Grave 3 S.c. 115 Plot 1ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY, #1232ROMAGNE, MEUSE1232

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

Burial good. Buried in uniform Badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body?

YesWhat other means of identification were found upon the body? None11973

Note:

CONFIRMED No. D.....

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon the bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct, as is required by C.O. 170, G.H.Q. 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. Caswell.

C.O. Group

Unit



CONFIRMED NO. 1

Received from the Government of the United States of America

the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars

for the purchase of the following property

to wit: one hundred and fifty dollars

Received (Date)

for (State complete location)

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for (State complete location)

Received from the Government of the United States of America

the sum of

one hundred and fifty dollars

for the purchase of the following property

to wit: one hundred and fifty dollars

for the purchase of the following property

the sum of

one hundred and fifty dollars

Received from:

DEPARTMENT OF DISTRICTS AND TERRITORIES

Date: July 1, 1919

Place: Washington, D.C.

WESTERN MILITARY BUREAU

ROUTE AND SCHEDULE

*Davenport, Wm E.
Pot.*

EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE SAILING FROM NEW YORK CITY July 9, 1930

ADA

County, State of


IDAHO

Name Davenport, Mrs Albatena (K-2)

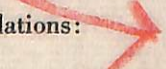
Address Kuna, Idaho (RR Station Nampa)

Route going: Un Pac-Omaha, C&NW-Chicago, NYC&StL-Buffalo, DL&W-New York.

Return: Same route.

 Stage Kuna, Ida. to Nampa, Ida. fare one dollar(\$1.00) each direction, separate transportation request drawn on Un Pac RR for this part of journey.

			ROAD	TRAIN	TIME	DATE
Itinerary going	✓ Lv	Nampa	Un Pac	18	10:15AM	July 4
	Ar	Omaha	" "	"	8:45PM	July 5
	Lv	Omaha	C&NW	18	9:10PM	July 5
	✓ Ar	Chicago	C&NW	18	9:25AM	July 6
	✓ Lv	Chicago	NYC&StL	2	11:00AM	July 6
	✓ Ar	New York	DL&W	2	3:30PM	July 7
	Lv	(Hoboken)				
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Accommodations:  Standard sleeper Nampa, Idaho to Chicago and Chicago to New York.

Elapsed Time: 75 hours - 15 minutes.

Extra Fare:

3 1/4

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB- HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME DAVENPORT	<i>Dav</i>	3	41 ² ₂
<i>William E.</i>	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	1
BURIED	GRAVE <i>18</i>	2	18
	ROW <i>20</i>	2	20
	BLOCK <i>3</i>	1	306
STATE	<i>Idaho</i>	2	12
RANK	<i>Priv</i>	1	2
DIVISION	<i>1</i>	2	01
ORGANIZATION	<i>9</i>	3	009
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	1
MARTIAL	<i>no</i>	1	2
NAME <i>Davenport,</i>	<i>Dav</i>	3	41 ² ₂
<i>Mrs. Albatena</i>	STATE <i>Idaho</i>	2	12
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Idaho</i>	2	01
	CITY <i>Lincoln</i>	3	XXX
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	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR. <i>1930</i>	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>yes</i>	1	
	<i>ase</i>		

AUDITED
OCT 14 1931
KPS

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Party "K" - Itinerary - Meuse-Argonne Group

Sailed July 9, 1930 on PRESIDENT HARDING. Captain William Hesketh in charge. Arrived Cherbourg 12.20am July 17th. Special tender arrived 5.25am bearing Maj. Dailey and Kinderman; Capt. Mitchell, Haley, Earnest, Dalton, Conway, and Stark; Lts. Freeman and Binns, 3 nurses; 3 civilian employees. Train left 8.29am; arrived Gare des Invalides, Paris, 2.21pm. Met by Col. Ellis and members of his staff, interpreters and nurses. Taken in bus to hotel.

July 18th. Morning devoted to transaction of personal business. Exchange of money, preparation of laundry, etc. Arc de Triomphe in afternoon. Wreath laid for party by Mrs. Fitzsimmons. Tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent. Dinner at hotel.

July 19th. Departed 7.15am for Verdun via Montmirail, Chalons s/Marne (lunch Hotel Maute-Mere-Dieu), Ste. Menchould (rest stop Modern Hotel). Arrived 6.15pm.

July 20th, 21st, 22nd. Daily trips made from Verdun to the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery.

July 23rd. Left Verdun 9.15am for Reims. Lunch at Cemetery. Left 2pm via Charpentry, Argonne Forest, Four-de-Paris, Vienne-le-Chateau, Vienne-la-Ville, Somme-Bionne. Rest stop Hotel Champagne at Suippes. Jonchery, St. Hilaire-le-Grand. Arrived Reims 6pm. Quarters Hotel Bristol Crystal.

July 24th. Visited Cathedral and Reims. Lunch Hotel Crystal. Departed 1.30pm for Paris via Champfleury, Ay, Epernay, Dormans, Chateau Thierry (rest stop Hostellerie du Bonhomme) Belleau Woods, Le Thiolet, Montreuil-aux-Lions, La Ferte-sous-Jouarre. Arrived Paris 6.45pm. Dinner at hotel.

July 25th. Free or shopping. Lunch at hotel. Sightseeing trip Paris - Notre Dame. Dinner at hotel.

July 26th. Visited Louvre. Lunch at hotel. Sightseeing trip - Napoleon's Tomb. Dinner at hotel.

July 27th. Free or Church. Lunch at hotel. Sacre Coeur. Dinner at hotel. Sightseeing trip at nite.

July 28th. Fontainebleau via Barbizon. Lunch Hotel Legris. Visited Chateau. Departed 4pm via Melun for Paris. Arrived 6.30pm. Dinner at hotel.

July 29th. Boat train for Cherbourg. Left 9.22am. Arrived 3.32pm. PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT sailed about 6.25pm. Arrived New York August 6th.

Mrs. Albatena Davenport

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NAME DAVENPORT, MRS. ALBATENA

ROOSEVELT

HOME KUNA, ADA COUNTY, IDAHO

R.R. DL & W to Buffalo

STATION NKP to Chicago - G & NW

TRAIN # to Omaha - U.P. to

CAR # Nampa Idaho.

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE oct 31-30
AUG 6 1930

Mr. John Davenport
223 Diamond St
Nampa
Idaho

Name DAVENPORT, Mrs. Albatena

Paris Hôtel HOTEL AMBASSADOR

Home address BOULEVARD HAUSSMANN
Kuna, Ada County, Idaho

Party K Group I Unit ~~SS~~.HARDING.

Date of arrival July 17, 1930. Date of departure ~~SS~~. ROOSEVELT, July 29. 1930.

Relationship Mother

Name of deceased DAVENPORT, William E.

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. C, 9th Inf.

Cemetery Meuse-Argonne

REMARKS

Mrs. Davenport Albatona



June 19th, 1930.

Mrs. Albetena Davenport,
Kuna,
Idaho.

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. H. Taylor,
1st. Lieut., Q.M. Corps,
Assistant.

Enclosures:
2 tags.

VIA POSTAL TELEGRAPH

Mr. J. E. Davenport
223 Diamond St.,
Nampa, Idaho

A. J. FUNK
Captain, Inf. (DOL)

August 7, 1930

YOUR MOTHER ARRIVED SAFE IN NEW YORK YESTERDAY AND WILL BE HOME AT FIVE
THIRTY FIVE P. M. SUNDAY PLEASE MEET HER

COLONEL WILLIAMS

MRS. ALBATENA DAVENPORT PARTY K HOTEL ASTOR

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

DAVENPORT, William E. M.A.

Party K
 Number 2122

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

MRS. ALBATENA DAVENPORT Actual cost of through Pullman.
 Name of Traveler

KUNA, ADA COUNTY, New York, to NAMPA, IDAHO.
 Home Address

IDAHO. \$ 28.13

New York, to NAMPA, IDAHO.
 Destination

Via D L & W TO BUFFALO - N K P TO CHICAGO - C & N W TO OMAHA -
U P TO NAMPA

LIMIT - OCT 31-30 AUGUST 7, 1930
 Date of Departure

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	Car	U. S. G. Order No.	Actual Cost
LV HOBOKEN	DL&W	5	8/7	220P	L2	L14		900
AR Chicago	NKP	1	8/8	450P				
LV "	C&NW	17	8/8	915P	L	W		1913
AR Nampa	UP	17	8/10	535P			WD-1,022,875	
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TOTAL 28.13

Remarks:

QM 293 A-M
Davenport, Wm. E. 1232-M

August 15, 1930.

Mrs. Albatena Davenport,
Kuna, Idaho.

Dear Madam:

The testimonial dated August 2nd to the Officer in Charge, Gold Star Pilgrimage, New York City, which you and the other mothers and widows returning on the SS "President Roosevelt" were so kind as to send regarding your pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, has been forwarded to me.

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

With sincere appreciation of the sentiments expressed by you,

Sincerely yours,

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

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WRG

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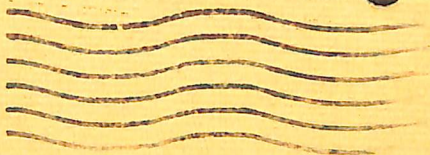
WAR DEPARTMENT

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS



PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300.



PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

NAME Davenport, Mrs. Albatena

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ADDRESS Kuna, Ada County, Idaho

DATE Aug 10 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 A Davenport

STATE

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IDAHO

Davenport, Wm E.

NAME Davenport, Mrs. Albatena HOME ADDRESS Kuna, Ada County

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN

John Davenport 223 Diamond St.
maupa, IdahoARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE July 7, 1930 HOTEL New Yorker ROOM NO. 965

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

JUL 9 1930

S/S HARDING

DATE VESSEL CABIN NO. 7395

DESTINATION CHERBOURG CEMETERY M A

RETURN NEW YORK

DATE AUG 6 1930

NAME DAVENPORT, MRS. ALBATENA HOME ADDRESS KUNA, ADA COUNTY, IDAHO.

RETURN ON S. S. S/S ROOSEVELT HOTEL ASTOR ROOM NO. 214

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE AUG 7 1930

ROAD L.L.W. TRAIN 5 CAR L.4 BERTH or SEAT L.2

REMARKS

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 923118

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____

Return to _____

Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

MUNITIONS BUILDING

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

Post Office at _____

State _____

Washington, D. C.

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING
OFFICE

JUN 20 1930

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

2027

1232

RETURN RECEIPT

Harding 7-9-30

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

Alberta Thompson

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, 6-28-30, 1930

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. _____

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____

Return to _____

Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,
or Post Office Box, _____

MUNITIONS BUILDING

WASHINGTON,

D. C.

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING
OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

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RETURN RECEIPT.

1232

Handing 7/9-30

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

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, _____, 192

Form 3811

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

May 12, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Davenport, William E. -1232 M
Harding 7-9

Mrs. Albatena Davenport,
Kuna, Idaho.

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

John E Davenport

Address

223 Diamond Stampa Box 25

noted

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

May 12, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO GW 293 A-C

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Harding 7-9

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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 John E. Davenport
Address 223 Richmond St. Chicago, Ill.

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,
W. D. Hughes
W. D. HUGHES
Captain, U. S. Corps,
Assistant

Encl.
Enc.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Davenport, William E. 1232 H

April 17, 1930.

Mrs. Albatena Davenport,
Kuna, Idaho.

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.

QM 293 A-G
Davenport, William E. - 1232 M

April 23, 1930

Mrs. Albatena Davenport,
Kuna,
Idaho.

Dear Madam:

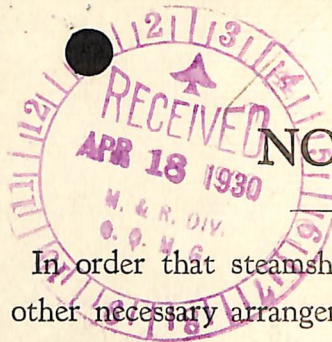
Receipt is acknowledged of your recent communication, relative to your desire to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private William E. Davenport, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

Notation has been made of your acceptance to sail on the SS "Harding" July 9, 1930, and arrangements are being made accordingly.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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



NOTICE

In order that steamship and hotel reservations and all other necessary arrangements for this pilgrimage may be made, it is requested that you accept or decline the inclosed invitation without delay. Please complete the inclosed card by writing the word "accept" or "decline" in the blank space, sign your name and address, and mail it promptly to the Quartermaster General in the inclosed addressed envelope, which requires no postage.

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On my Invitation acceptance card
I think I omitted my name and
address

I accept the Invitation with
pleasure please advise if this is
sufficient

yours Truly.

Albatina Davenport

Davenport - Wm. E. - 123 ✓

Q.M. 293 - A - C Kuna Solaho

Ada County - Accepts - Harding - 7-9-30
Received O. K.

Postmark removed

~~Harding~~

7/9/30

1232



Davenport, William 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. Albatena Davenport

(Name)

Kuna, Ada Co., Idaho.

(Town or City)

(State)

Postmark, Tampa, Idaho



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7 , 1929.

Davenport, William E. 1232 M

Mrs. Albatena Davenport,
Kuna, Idaho

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) <input checked="" type="radio"/> (No) <input type="radio"/>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <input checked="" type="radio"/> (No) <input type="radio"/>
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes) <input checked="" type="radio"/> (No) <input type="radio"/>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <u>55</u> Health <u>Fair</u> (Years) (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <input checked="" type="radio"/> (No) <input type="radio"/> Other language <u>Danish</u> (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.
Act
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

DATE 10-24-29

NAME Davenport, Wm E. - Pvt. RANK Co. C. 99th Inf. ORGANIZATION DATE OF DEATH

STATE CTY. NO. 1232 GRAVE ROW BLOCK

	<u>Check relationship</u>	<u>Living - Deceased</u>	<u>C-135327</u>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>11/3/4</u>
	MOTHER	<u>Mrs Albatena Davenport</u>	
	STEPMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)	<u>Kuna, Idaho</u>	
NAME			
AND	MOTHER THRU ADOPTION (For the year prior to commencement of service)		
ADDRESS			
	MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS (For the year prior to commencement of service)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WIDOW (Who has not remarried)		
	<u>Veteran was a widower</u>		

Veterans Bureau Claim Number 135327
29/156/

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Davenport, Wm.

August 24, 1929

Mrs. Albatena Davenport,
Kima, Idaho

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 Pvt. Wm. Davenport, Co. C. 9th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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

no.

2. If so, give her complete address.

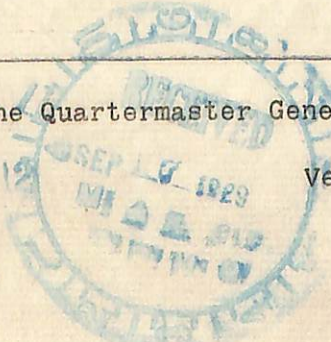
3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

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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

June 29 , 1929.

Davenport, William

Mr. John Davenport,
Parker, Idaho.

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Mrs. Albateña Davenport
Kim, Idaho

Dear Sir:

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

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John T. Harris
JOHN T. HARRIS,
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DAVENPORT, William E.

QM 293 A-M
Davenport, Wm. E. 1232-M

August 15, 1930.

Mrs. Albatona Davenport,
Kuna, Idaho.

Dear Madam:

The testimonial dated August 2nd to the Officer in Charge, Gold Star Pilgrimage, New York City, which you and the other mothers and widows returning on the SS "President Roosevelt" were so kind as to send regarding your pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, has been forwarded to me.

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

With sincere appreciation of the sentiments expressed by you,

Sincerely yours,

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

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Read carefully the suggestions made above.

Davenport, Wm. E. 1232-M

June 12, 1930

Mrs. Albatena Davenport,
Kuna, Idaho

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.

Davenport, Wm. E. 1232 M

June 11, 1930.

Mrs. Albatena Davenport,
Kuna, Idaho.

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:

Leave Nampa	UnPac	Train No. 18	10:15 AM	July 4
Arrive Chicago			9:25 AM	July 6
Leave Chicago	NYC&StL	Train No. 2	11:00 AM	July 6
Arrive New York (Hoboken)			3:30 PM	July 7

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

May 12, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Davenport, William E. -1232 M
Harding 7-9

Mrs. Albatena Davenport,
Kuna, Idaho.

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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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Davenport, William E.-1232 M
Harding 7-9

May 6, 1930

Mrs. Albatena Davenport,
Kuna, Idaho.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C
Davenport, William E. - 1232 M

Att
April 23, 1930

Mrs. Albatena Davenport,
Kuna,
Idaho.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your recent communication, relative to your desire to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private William E. Davenport, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

Notation has been made of your acceptance to sail on the SS "Harding" July 9, 1930, and arrangements are being made accordingly.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 17, 1930.

Davenport, William E. 1232 M

Mrs. Albatena Davenport,
Tuna, Idaho.

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

Davenport, William E. 1232-M

March 29, 1930

Mrs. Albatena Davenport,
Kuna, Idaho
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.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Davenport, William E. 1232 M

Mrs. Albatena Davenport,
Rama, Idaho

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,
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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Davenport, Wm.

August 24, 1929

Mrs. Albatena Davenport,
Kima, Idaho

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 Pvt. Wm. Davenport, Co. C, 9th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

1. 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,

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Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June , 1929. 29

Davenport, William

Mr. John Davenport,
Parker, Idaho.

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

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

November 19, 1923.

Mr. John Davenport,
Parker,
Idaho.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the permanent grave of Private William Davenport, Company C, 9th Infantry, is Grave 18, Row 20, Block F, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagnous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

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

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

Very truly yours,

R. L. FOSTER

Assistant.

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Name DAVENPORT, WILLIAM E.

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Rank Pvt Co. C (Corps) 9th Inf.

Nov 5, 1918
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E. W. Morrison 2nd Lt. C.M.C.

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Private, 9th Infantry.

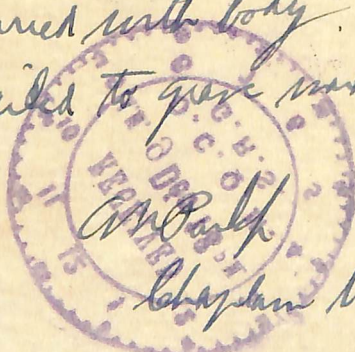
November 5, 1918.

Location: - Junction of two roads
at Ferme Fontaine au bronze,
northwest of Houart, Dept of
Ardennes France.
Grave no 1

Grave marked by newspaper.

1 tag buried with body.

1 tag mailed to grave marker.



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9 AM 9 Dec 1891
O.C.O.N.
G.R.S.

6-4-21
(Date)

FORM 115 has been compiled on the following case:-

CEMETERY NO. 1232 SECTION 115

FORM 115 Sheet No. 41

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(Initials)

OSP-SS
Form No. 1011.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 65612

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name DAVENPORT, William. Ser. No. 75933

(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. C. 9th Inf.

(c) Date of death 11-3-18 (d) Cause of death k/a

TYP. hmp

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

(a) Grave No. 3 Row - Plot 1 Sec. 115 TYP. hmp

(b) Emerg. Address John Davenport. Father Parker, Idaho.

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IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

no card in file RR 6-4-21
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 Date, 192

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

, dated

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

Examiner's Initials Date, 192

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

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes

Examiner's Initials HR Date 6-4, 192

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SL 7/18/20
6-4-20

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

Typed by -----, Checked by -----, 192

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on -----, 192
letter on JUN 16 1921, 192

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IX.

REMARKS

WRITE NOTHING BELOW THIS LINE.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept. 7, 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name DAVENPORT, William
 2. No. 75933
 3. Rank Pvt.
 4. Org. Co. C, 9th Inf.
 5. D.D. 11/3/18
 6. C.D. KIA

10. Name W.E. Davenport
 11. No. _____
 12. Rank _____
 13. Org. _____
 14. (a) D.D. _____
 (b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 3 Sec. 115
 8. Plot 1 Row _____
 9. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 17. no discrepancy

18. Cemetery Argonne American19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon20. Dept. or County Meuse21. Country France22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232 - Sec. 11523. Disinterred (Date) Sept 7, 1921By J.L. Haky

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name William DavenportSerial No. ----Rank Pvt.Organization VCo. C, 9th. Inf.25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? yes On body? yes 2Signature L.B. Ayers Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

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

Tag on cross reads "William E. Davenport, Pvt., 75933, Co. C, 9th. Inf."27. Condition of body badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.28. Nature of burial Pine box, uniform and burlap29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? yes30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Sept. 7, 1921 By J.L. Haky31. Casket sealed by J.L. Haky

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

AUDITED BY

M. M. E.
5/12/23

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-4013

32. Designation of body:

Name DAVENPORT, William

Serial No. 75933

Rank Pvt.

Organization Co.C, 9th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Argonne American #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) sept 7, 1921 By J.L. Haky

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

G.B. Kidwell, 1st Lt. QMC

36. Remarks none

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Sept. 7, 1921

To point of Concentration Morgue at Romagne

(Name)

Convoyer W.J. Royed

Signature Shipping Officer

A.B. Proctor, Capt. QMC
Shipping Officer

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 Oct. 20, 1921 Meuse-Argonne ty. 1232

(Date)

42. Grave No. 18

Section

43. Plot F

Row

20

G.R.S. Representative Tom Ward, Capt. Q.M.C.

Place Romagne #1232.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Sept. 7, 1921.1. REMAINS OF DAVENPORT, WilliamSERIAL NUMBER 75933RANK Pvt.ORGANIZATION Co. C. 9th Inf.75933

2. Disinterred (date) :

From (give complete location) :

Sept. 7, 1921Gr 3, Sec 115 Plot 1

By : Group

5Unit 2

3. Reburied (date) :

In (give complete location) :

Oct. 20, 1921. Meuse-Argonne Cty. 1232 Grave 18 Block F Row 20

By : Group

Reburial S.

Unit

Nature of reburial Unlinedcasket

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

wooden box and burlap and uniform.badly decomposed, features not recognizable.5. (a) Identification tags : Buried with body ? yes (2) On grave marker ? yes.

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

Tag s on body reads ".W.E.Davenport, 75933, Pvt. Co. C. 9th Inf"Tag on cross read William E. Davenport, 75933, Pvt. Co. C. 9th Inf/"6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items ? 14 S.F.(a) Height (actual measurement) impossible to determine.(b) Weight (estimated) do(c) Hair—Color doQuantity doCharacteristics do(d) Hair on face—Color doLocation doQuantity do

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

missing parts) on 14 teeth in upper jaw.unable to determine which two are missing.

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

none.7. Disinterment
supervised byJ.L.Haky

Approved :

G.B.Kidwell 1st Lt. Q.M.C

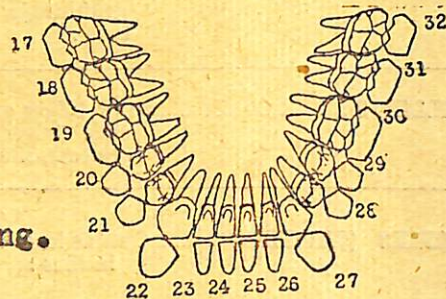
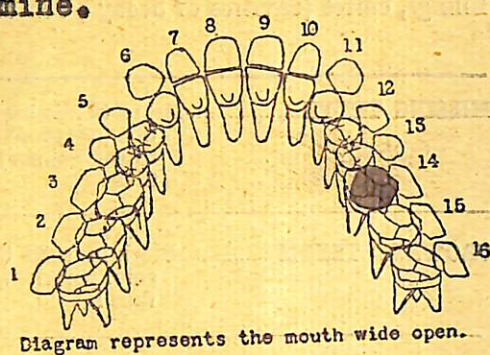
(Title)

8. Reburial

supervised by

Approved :

(Title)



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

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

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

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



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



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



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



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



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

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

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

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III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases //////////////////// CKR. yo

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

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V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on, 192
Section 115 { letter of transmittal on JUN 16 1921, 192

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

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