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### GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

**DALTON**, **FRANCIS**.  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

**Pvt. 78th. Co. 6th. Marines.**  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL... **October 5th. 1918.**

PLACE OF BURIAL **Miomandre Military**  
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

**Cemetery at Miomandre Central Hospital**  
**No. 101 Department of the Marne, France.**

GRAVE NUMBER... **78.**

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? **Yes.** Cross? .....  
Headboard? ..... Bottle? .....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?..... **Yes.**

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

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

REPORTED BY: *J. P. Doherty*  
**CHAPLAIN, U. S. A.**  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

1297

G.R.S. Form #114-B

CAUSE OF DEATH *Died of wounds*

FULL NAME..... **DALTON, Francis** .....

RANK..... **Pvt.** ..... SERIAL..... **87387** .....

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION..... *18<sup>th</sup> Co. 1<sup>st</sup> Regt. 2<sup>nd</sup> Div* **Co. 1. 6th Marines** .....

DATE OF DEATH..... **10-4-18** .....

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME..... *new york* .....

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED..... *None* .....

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION..... **12-11-1922** ..... **53** ..... **2** ..... **B** .....

Date Grave Row Block

**1764**

Cemetery

24/292/EYS

ADDED BY



Place \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: DALTON. F rancis

Number: 87387

Rank: Pvt.

Organization: Co.E, 6th Marines

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date) Nov.11, 1919

From: (Give complete location)

Cemetery de Miomandre, Commune de Suippes, Marne, Grave 26

Reburied (Date) Nov.15, 1919

in: (Give complete location)

Grave 85, Section W, Plot 2, Belleau No.1764

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

Complete body

Was one identification tag found upon the body?

No

What other means of identification were found on the body?

Crossover grave with American and French tag. French tag had name and number only

Note:

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

Supervised by: F.M. Van Natter

Capt., Inf.

C.O. Group Unit

CONFIRMED No. D

20041

*File 15/27*

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT AND SERVICE

Location

Branch

Number

Rank

Organization

Age

Department and Service

Date

Assignment (Date) Nov. 13, 1919

General or Special

Assignment (Date) Nov. 15, 1919

Post Office

Report as to the nature of official duties and conditions of duty over the period



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# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF DALTON, FRANCIS SERIAL NUMBER 87387

RANK PVT. ORGANIZATION CO.E. 6th. MARINES.

2. Disinterred (date) : 6.9.21 From (give complete location) :

GR. 85 SEC. W. PT. 2.

By : Group Avery Unit FIELD SECTION # 7

3. Reburied (date) : 6.9.21 In (give complete location) :

GR. 85 SEC. W. PT. 2.

By : Group AVERY Unit FIELD SECTION # 7 Nature of reburial Burlap & box.

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

BADLY DECOMPOSED FEATURES UNRECOGNIZABLE

Blanket, burlap and box. //

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

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

Body tag reads: "FRANCIS DALTON, 2-24-18, USMC, SEND FOR PRIEST."

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

(b) Weight (estimated) IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

(c) Hair—Color Light brown

Quantity Small

Characteristics IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

(d) Hair on face—Color IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

Location IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

Quantity IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) 4, 18, 31 ~~not fill~~; 16 mts. ad;

17 undev.

IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

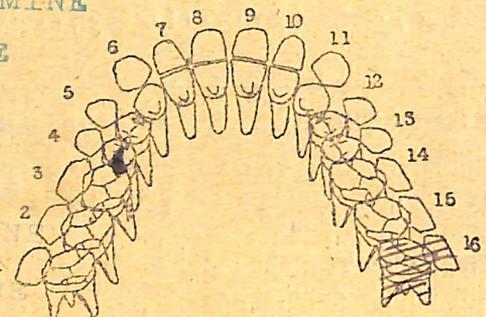
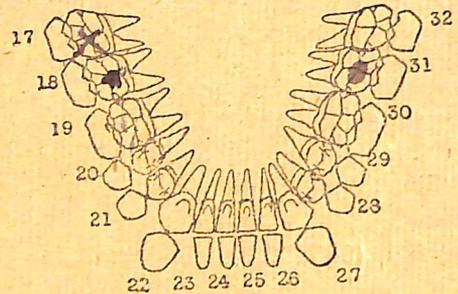


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



7. Disinterment supervised by G. F. Avery Approved : R. S. Williams  
G. F. AVERY, SUP. EMB. (Title) R. S. WILLIAMS, 1st. LT. QMC.

8. Reburial supervised by G. F. Avery Approved : R. S. Williams  
G. F. AVERY, SUP. EMB. (Title) R. S. WILLIAMS, 1st. LT. QMC.

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

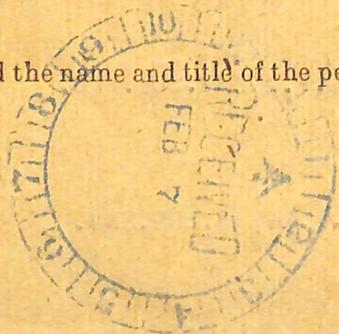
Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Question 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

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

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|---|--|
| <p><b>MISSING TEETH</b>.....All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :</p>                   |  |
| <p><b>CROWNED TEETH</b>.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :</p>  |  |
| <p><b>BRIDGE WORK</b>.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :</p>  |  |
| <p><b>FILLINGS</b>.....Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :</p>   |  |
| <p><b>CARIES (CAVITIES)</b>.....Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :</p>  |  |
| <p><b>DENTURES (PLATES)</b>.....Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp."</p> |  |

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.



New YorkGOLD STAR MOTHERS PILGRIMAGES.S. REPUBLIC, JUNE 25, 1930Livingstone CountyName: Mrs. Mary Lancer Dalton (I-18)Address: Lima, N.Y.Route: Lehigh Valley R.R. to New York

|                                    |                    |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Lv. Lima Train No. 643             | 7.01 A.M., June 23 |
| Ar. Rochester Junction             | 7.21 A.M., June 23 |
| Lv. Rochester Junction Train No. 8 | 7.19 A.M., June 23 |
| Ar. New York (Penna. Station)      | 5.40 P.M., June 23 |

Accommodations: → Coach service Lima to Rochester Junction  
 Pullman Car Seat Rochester Junction to New York

Elapsed Time: 10 hours 39 minutes  $\frac{1}{2}$  ✓

Lehigh Valley R.R. will protect connection with Train No. 8  
 at Rochester Junction.

293.3-Geneterial.

January 9, 1919.

Office, Quartermaster General of the Army.

Mrs. Mary Lancer Dalton, Lima, N.Y.

Disposition of remains of Private Francis Dalton, 78th Co. 6th Regt  
Marine Corps.

1. This office is in receipt of your letter of the 7th instant, requesting information as to the place of burial of your son, Private Francis Dalton, 78th Co., 6th Regt. Marine Corps. In reply you are informed that your letter has been forwarded this date to Lt. Col. Chas. C. Pierce, Chief of the Graves Registration Service, A.E.F. for consideration and action.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General.

H.R. Lowly,  
Major, Q.M. Corps.

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MAILED  
JAN 9 - 1919

293.3 Dalton, Francis

Lima, N.Y. January 7, 1919.

Army Graves Registration Service.

Gentelmen:

Private Francis Dalton 78th Co., 6th rg. U.S. Marine Corps was killed in action October 4, 1918, so we were informed by telegram from Washington Nov. 4th his name has never appeared in the Casualty list and we have had no word from his officers or comrades we have written but have been unable to give us any information would you kindly locate his grave if possible and give us any information possible you may learn relative to him? Thanking you I am very truly,

Mrs. Mary Lancer Dalton, mother.

293.3 Dalton, Francis

1st Ind.

In answer refer to file No. 293.3-Gensterial.  
Office, Quartermaster General, January 9, 1919. -- To Lt. Col. Chas. C. Pierce,  
Chief of the Graves Registration Service, A.E.F. France.

1. Forwarded for your consideration and action.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General of the Army.

H.R. Jenly,  
Major, C.M. Corps.

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A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, possibly reading 'R. Jenly', is written across the bottom right of the page.

Miss Hoover (nurse)

# MEDICAL RECORD

Dalton, Francis.

Regt, 78 Co, 6 Reg, USMC

Station:

Hotel Carlton, Party 2.  
group 4.

Date:

July, 8-30.

Name Mrs. Mary L. Dalton.

Home address Lima, New York.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Mr. Matthew Dalton (husband)  
same address.

Religion Catholic.

Age 68

History of Present complaint: complaining of slight sore throat.  
and slightly irritated and watering eye -

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

(over)

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)

Treatment and Progress: (include dates)  
7/8/30. salt water gargle - Boric acid solution to eyes.  
7/9/30. throat lozenges.

Disposition: (include dates)

Remarks:

July 17-30 To Cherbourg - Beach

CODE SLIP

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| HEADING                       | SUB HEADING              | NO. OF COLS | CODE       |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|------------|
| NAME <i>Dalton Francis</i>    | <i>D.A.L.</i>            | 3           | <i>415</i> |
|                               | CEMETERY <i>1764</i>     | 1           | <i>4</i>   |
| BURIED                        | GRAVE <i>53</i>          | 2           | <i>53</i>  |
|                               | ROW <i>2</i>             | 2           | <i>02</i>  |
|                               | BLOCK <i>3</i>           | 1           | <i>2</i>   |
| STATE                         | <i>New York</i>          | 2           | <i>37</i>  |
| RANK                          | <i>Prst</i>              | 1           | <i>4</i>   |
| DIVISION                      | <i>2nd</i>               | 2           | <i>02</i>  |
| ORGANIZATION                  | <i>6</i>                 | 3           | <i>006</i> |
| ARM                           | <i>W.S.M.C.</i>          | 1           | <i>X</i>   |
| MARITAL                       | <i>no</i>                | 1           | <i>2</i>   |
| NAME <i>Mrs Mary L Dalton</i> | <i>D.A.L.</i>            | 3           | <i>415</i> |
|                               | STATE <i>N. York</i>     | 2           | <i>37</i>  |
| RESIDENCE                     | COUNTY <i>Livingston</i> | 2           | <i>26</i>  |
|                               | CITY <i>Lima</i>         | 3           | <i>XXX</i> |
| RELATION                      | <i>mother</i>            | 1           | <i>1</i>   |
| OTHER                         |                          | 1           |            |
| ELIGIBILITY                   | <i>yes</i>               | 1           |            |
| NATIVITY                      |                          | 1           |            |
| RACE                          |                          | 1           |            |
| ENGLISH                       | <i>yes</i>               | 1           |            |
| ATTENDANT                     |                          | 1           |            |
| HEALTH                        | <i>Good</i>              | 1           | <i>1</i>   |
| NO. OF SONS                   |                          | 1           |            |
| DATE OF TRIP                  | NO.                      | 1           |            |
|                               | YR. <i>1930</i>          | 1           | <i>1</i>   |
| ACCEPTANCE                    | <i>yes</i>               | 1           |            |
| <i>29/514/EAB</i>             | <i>are</i>               |             | <i>68</i>  |

*Dalton*

*25-1930*

**AUDITED**  
SEP 28 1931

Party "I" - Itinerary - Aisne-Marne Group

Sailed June 25, 1930 on SS REPUBLIC. Capt. F. M. Child and Lt. G. E. Young in charge. Arrived Cherbourg 10.30 pm July 5th. Tender arrived 5.35 am July 6th, bearing Major Dailey and 8 other officers; 4 nurses and 2 civilian employees. Train left at 8.21 am. Arrived Gare des Invalides 2.15 pm. Met by Col. Ellis, members of his staff and a detail of interpreters and nurses.

July 7th. Morning devoted to transaction of personal business. Exchange of money, preparation of laundry, etc. Left hotel by bus at 3 pm for Arc de Triomphe where Mrs. Emmeline Neubert placed a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent after ceremony. Returned to hotel for dinner. Evening free.

July 8th. Morning free. Lunch at Hotel. Left at 2.15 pm from Rendez-vous Hotel Via Porte de Pantin. Arrived La Ferte s/s Jouarre 4.30 pm. Rest stop Hotel de la Terrasse. Left at 5.00 pm and arrived Chateau Thierry 6.00 pm. Dinner and sleep Hostellerie du Bonhomme.

July 9th, 10th. Daily trips from Chateau Thierry to Aisne-Marne American Cemetery.

July 11th. Visit to Cemetery in morning. Lunch Hostellerie du Bonhomme. Left Chateau Thierry 3.30 pm and arrived Reims 5.30 pm. Dinner and sleep Hotel Crystal.

July 12th. Left Reims 8.30 am Via Berry-au-Bac, Corbeny, Craonne, Chemin-des-Dames, Vaurains Ferme. Arrived Soissons 10.45 am. Rest stop Hotel Lion Rouge. Left 11.15 am and arrived Compiègne 12.45 pm. Lunch Hotel Rond Royal. Left 2.30 pm and arrived Carrefour De L'Armistice 2.45 pm. Left 3.15 pm Via Compiègne, La Croix St. Ouen, Senlis. Arrived Chantilly 5.15 pm. Rest stop Hotel du Parc. Left 5.45 pm and arrived in Paris 7.00 pm. Dinner at hotel.

July 13th. Morning free. Lunch at hotel. Sightseeing trip Paris Sacre Coeur. Dinner at hotel.

July 14th. Fontainebleau Via Melun. Lunch at Hotel Legris. Visit Chateau. Arrived in Paris 6.30 pm. Dinner at hotel.

July 15th. Morning free. Lunch at Hotel. Sightseeing trip Paris Louvre. Dinner at hotel. Sightseeing Night Trip.

July 16th. Versailles. Lunch Belle Cycliste. Afternoon free. Dinner at hotel.

July 17th. Boat train for Cherbourg 10.30 am. Arrived Cherbourg 4.15 pm. SS AMERICA sailed shortly after 6.10 pm. Capt. Child and Lt. Young in charge. Arrived New York July 26th.

Mrs. Mary Lancer Dalton

*Cancelled*

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NAME DALTON, MRS. MARY LAUCER

S.S. AMERICA

JUL 25 1930

HOME LIMA, LIVINGSTONE COUNTY, N. Y.

R.R. *L.V.K. Lima N.Y.*  
STATION

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE *ny 26-30*

*Mr Matt Dalton  
Lima, N.Y.  
Livingstone Co*

380-c

Name DALTON, Mrs Mary Lancer  
Paris Hôtel HOTEL CARLTON  
AV. DES CHAMPS-ÉLYSÉES  
Home address Lima, Livingston County, New York  
Party I Group 4 Unit ~~SS~~.REPUBLIC.  
Date of arrival July 6, 1930. Date of departure ~~SS~~. AMERICA. July 17 1930.  
Relationship Mother  
Name of deceased DALTON, Francis  
Rank Pvt Organization 78th Co, 6th Rgt, U.S.M.C  
Cemetery Aisne-Marne

REMARKS

Mary Lanier Dalton



WAR DEPARTMENT  
 "PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"  
 -- ROOM 901 --

*DALTON, FRANCIS*

225 West 34th St., New York, N.Y.

Party I  
 Number 1731

A.M.

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

Mrs. Mary Lauer Dalton  
 Name of Traveler

Estimate cost of through Pullman.

Lime, Livingstone County  
 Home Address

New York, to Lima, N.Y.

N.Y.

\$ 3.75

New York, to Lima, N.Y.  
 Destination.

Via L.V. to Dest.

July 27, 1930  
 Date of Departure

Ticket Expires - Aug. 26, '30

|    | Road      | Tr. NO. | Date | Time   | Lower<br>or<br>Seat | car | U.S.G. Order NO. | Est. Cost |
|----|-----------|---------|------|--------|---------------------|-----|------------------|-----------|
| LV | Penn Sta. | 2011    | 7/27 | 11.40P | R 6                 | 23  |                  | 3.75      |
| AR | Rochester | "       | "    | 9.17A  |                     |     |                  |           |
| LV | "         | 646     | "    | 9.18A  | Coach               |     |                  |           |
| AR | Lima      | "       | "    | 9.36A  |                     |     |                  |           |
| LV |           |         |      |        |                     |     |                  |           |
| AR |           |         |      |        |                     |     |                  |           |
| LV |           |         |      |        |                     |     |                  |           |
| AR |           |         |      |        |                     |     |                  |           |
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| LV |           |         |      |        |                     |     |                  |           |
| AR |           |         |      |        |                     |     |                  |           |

TOTAL 3.75

Remarks:

*Sleeper open for occupancy at  
 9<sup>00</sup>pm - Penna Sta report.*

*Escorted to train by Capt Merrill Ross*

IMB

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

VIA POSTAL

A.C. TIPTON  
MAJOR INF (DOL)

JULY 26 1930.

MR MATTHEW DALTON  
LIMA NEW YORK

YOUR WIFE ARRIVES JUNCTION ABOUT NINE MONDAY INQUIRE TIME PLEASE  
MEET HER

COLONEL WILLIAMS

MRS DALTON PARTY "I" HOTEL MCALPIN

June 10th, 1930

Mrs. Mary Lancer Delton,  
Lima,  
New York.

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

Enclosures:  
2 tags.

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RETURN RECEIPT

*Perjurtic* 2530

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

*Mary Lancer Dalton*  
(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, **JUN 10 1930**, 192

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

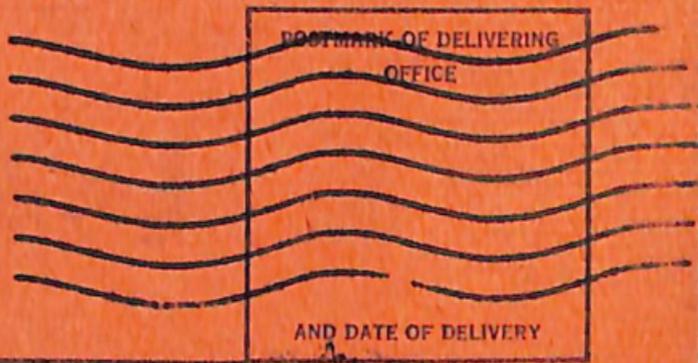
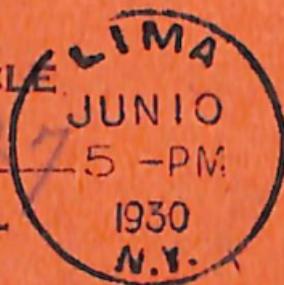
REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 927427

INSURED PARCEL

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

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



Return to Q. M. GENERAL

Street and Number, }  
or Post Office Box, }

MILLER'S BUILDING (NAME OF BUILDING)

Post Office at \_\_\_\_\_

Rev. 3-24



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State \_\_\_\_\_

Washington



D. C.

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RETURN RECEIPT

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Republic 6/25/30

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

Never to address only

Mary Lancer Dalton

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

JUN 5 1930

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**Post Office Department**

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REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 926961

INSURED PARCEL

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

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

**O. M. GENERAL**

(NAME OF SENDER)

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

**MUNITIONS BUILDING**

**WASHINGTON,**

**D. C.**

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

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING  
OFFICE

**L. I. M. 2**  
**JUN**  
**5**  
**5 PM**  
**1930**  
**N. Y.**

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

I.

NAME Dalton, M. Mary Lancer

ADDRESS Lima, Livingstone County, N. Y.

DATE July 29-1980

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.

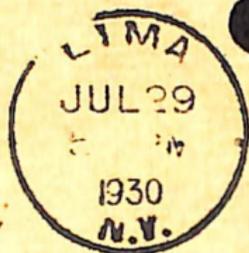
SINCERELY,

(SIGNED) Mary Lancer Dalton

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300.



PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

*Party C.*

File 004-041.

JUNE 21st., 1930.

1. Requesting that, upon arrival of Mrs. Mary Dalton, due on L.V.R.R. at 5:45 P.M., June 23, 1930, she be quartered at the Commodore Hotel instead of the Pennsylvania Hotel, as this lady desires to be quartered with Mrs. Eliz Savage and Mrs. Minnie Simpson.

STATE

New York

DALTON, FRANCIS

NAME M. Dalton, Mrs. Mary J. HOME ADDRESS Lima

Livingstone County

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN Mr. M. Dalton Same

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE June 23 HOTEL Commodore ROOM NO. 1022-24  
*with Mrs. Alice Savage & Mrs. M. C. Simpson*

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE June 25 VESSEL Republic CABIN NO. 300-C  
DESTINATION Cherbourg CEMETERY Assne Marne

RETURN NEW YORK

JUL 26 1930

DATE .....

M

NAME Dalton, Mrs. Mary Lancer ..... HOME ADDRESS Lima, Livingstone, Co.,  
New York

RETURN ON S. S. S/S AMERICA ..... HOTEL McALPIN ..... ROOM NO. 661

*Mrs. W. K. Kellner*

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE 7/27 .....

ROAD L.V. TRAIN 11 CAR 23 BERTH or SEAT 26 .....

REMARKS .....  
.....  
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.....

Party I

# MEDICAL RECORD

A. Hoover, R.N.

Station: Carlton,

Date: July 8, 1930

Name Dalton, Mrs. Mary L.

Home address Lima, N.Y.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Husband, Mr. Matthew Dalton

Religion Catholic

Age 68

History of Present complaint: Complaining of slight sore throat and slightly irritated and watering eye.

(over)

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

Diagnosis and complications : (*include dates*)

Treatment and Progress : (*include dates*)

July 8, 1930, salt water gargle, boric acid solution to eyes.  
9th, throat lozenges.

Disposition : (*include dates*)

Remarks : 7/17/30 to Cherbourg, Beach.

QM 293 A-M  
Dalton, Francis 1764 M

October 1, 1930.

Mrs. Mary Lancer Dalton,  
Lima, New York.

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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:  
2 Plates  
14 Prints

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QM 293 A-M  
Dalton, Francis 1764-M

August 19, 1930.

Mrs. Mary Lancer Dalton,  
Lima, New York.

Dear Madam:

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Your request for photographs has been forwarded to the European office, and as soon as reply has been received in this office, you will be communicated with relative thereto.

With sincere appreciation of the sentiments which you expressed, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M  
Dalton, Francis 1764-M

August 19, 1930.

**SUBJECT:** Photographs for Mrs. Mary Lancer Dalton, New York, who has recently visited the grave of her son, the late Private Francis Dalton, in the Aisne-Marne Cemetery.

**TO:** Colonel Richard T. Ellis, Chief, American Graves Registration Service, 20 Rue Molitor, Paris, France.

1. There is enclosed herewith copy of a portion of a letter, dated August 12, 1930, from Mrs. Mary Lancer Dalton, Lima, New York, requesting 2 photographs of herself standing beside the grave of her son, the late Private Francis Dalton, together with the proof; also a dozen pictures of the grave or cross.

2. If these photographs can be procured, it is requested that they be forwarded to this office at an early date, so that they may be furnished Mrs. Dalton.

For The Quartermaster General.

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

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Inclosure:  
c/let.8/12/30

Lima New York

Aug 12-1930-

To the Quarter Master General.

Dear Sir. I want to thank you for all the kindness and care extended me on my trip to France everything was so generously done for us and I also want to ask another favor

My Son <sup>78</sup> Private Francis Dalton

78 co of Marines. is buried in

the Aisne Marne Cemetery at Belleau Wood.

When I was there I got 2 Photographs of the Grave with me standing by it. The Caretaker said by writing you I might get 2 more and the Proof also that I might get a Doz Pictures of just the Grave or Cross. Hoping I am not asking too much

I remain Resply

Marly Lancer Dalton

Lima New York



QM 293 A-M 1764  
Dalton, Francis 656 M

August 11, 1930.

Mrs. Mary L. Dalton,  
Lima, New York.

Dear Madam:

The testimonial dated July 25th to the Secretary of War, which you and the other mothers and widows returning on the SS America were so kind as to send regarding the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, has been referred to me for reply.

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

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

Sincerely yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C

Dalton, Francis 1764 M

June 12, 1930.

Mrs. Mary Lanser Dalton  
Lima, New York

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 4, 1930, advising that it will be impossible to change your sailing date from June 25th to August 30th, to visit the grave of the late Francis Dalton, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

In compliance with your request, your name has been retained on the list of mothers and widows scheduled to sail on the SS "Republic," on June 25, 1930, and arrangements are being made accordingly.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-C  
Dalton, Francis 1764

June 9, 1930

Mrs. Mary Lancer Dalton,  
Lima,  
New York.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of June 2, 1930, relative to your transportation to New York City to make the pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe, sailing on the S.S. REPUBLIC, June 25, 1930.

In reply thereto you are advised that your local railroad agent will personally deliver your ticket about one week prior to the date you are scheduled to depart from your home. You have, no doubt, by this time received a letter from this office giving your complete itinerary from your home to New York, showing date of departure, time and train.

Your passport has been received in this office and will be delivered you aboard ship.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Dalton, Francis 1764 M

June 7, 1930

Mrs. Mary Lancer Dalton  
Lima, New York

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. Lima      | L V     | No. 643 | 7:01 AM | June 23      |
| Ar. Rochester |         |         |         |              |
|               | Junctn. | "       | "       | "            |
| Lv. "         | "       | "       | 7:21 AM | " 23         |
| Lv. "         | "       | "       | 8       | 7:19 AM " 23 |
| Ar. New York  | "       | "       | 5:40 PM | " 23         |

Lehigh Valley R. R. Will protect connection with Train  
No. 8 at Rochester Junction.

*Met by Capt. Wm Hesketh*  
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

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Dalton, Francis - 1764 M

June 6, 1930.

Mrs. Mary Lancer Dalton,  
Lima, New York.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. **358397** in the amount of \$ **5.00**, to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST THIS CHECK BE CASHED AND USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED.

If for any reason, you are not able to sail on the date mentioned in your invitation, the check must be returned to this office immediately.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl.  
Check No.

L. M. 293 AC

Dalton - Francis 1784

June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1930

Mrs Mary Lancer Dalton

Dear Sis. I do not just-  
understand about my Rail road  
ticket - to New York. will it - be  
sent - to me. or will I get - it -  
from the ticket - Agent - here  
the Lehigh runs through here  
and I would much rather  
Travel in the daytime  
M. L. D.



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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO ~~QM~~ 293-A-C

Dalton, Francis, 1764-M

June 2, 1930

Mrs. Mary Lancer Dalton,  
Lima, New York.

Dear Madam:

The acceptances from the mothers and widows who are to make the pilgrimage to France, sailing on the SS REPUBLIC, June 25, 1930, are far in excess of the number anticipated, and due to this fact this boat will be somewhat crowded and the accommodations will not be as satisfactory as The War Department desires to furnish. Over 300 women have accepted invitations to sail on this boat and it is desired if possible to reduce this number to around 200 by voluntary transfers of women who are booked to sail.

Much more comfortable accommodations can be furnished on the SS REPUBLIC, sailing August 30, 1930, and should you change your sailing date to August 30th, a more comfortable trip can be assured.

If you desire to change from June 25th to August 30th, please notify this office at once, in order that the necessary adjustments can be made.

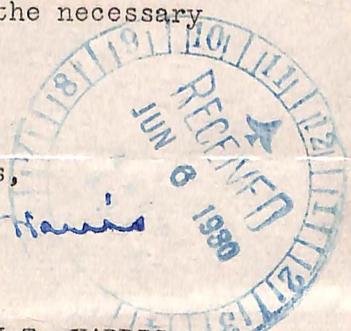
For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

*June 4th - 1930*  
*am very sorry but my plans are all made. My Daughter has made arrangements to leave her position and keep house for me while I am away and she is taking up another position August 1st. if I had been notified of this a month or 6 weeks ago I could have made different arrangements as it is I must ask to be sent on June 25 as planned*  
*Mary Lancer Dalton*  
*Lima N Y.*

*Francis*



QM 293 A-C  
Dalton, Francis - 1764

May 20, 1930.

Mrs. Mary Lancer Dalton,  
Lima, New York.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 12, 1930 relative to your desire to make a stop-over in New York City on your return from the pilgrimage, sailing on the SS REPUBLIC June 23, 1930.

In accordance with your request, return transportation may be issued you which will enable you to stop over in New York City without any extra charge. However, all expenses incurred by you while in New York City incident to the stop-over must be paid by you from personal funds.

In issuing return transportation, arrangements will be made whereby you may make this stop-over.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Dalton, Francis 1764-M  
Republic 6/25

May 12, 1930

Mrs. Mary Lancer Dalton  
Lima, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Name

Matthew Dalton

Address

Lima N. Y.

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.  
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Lima P. G. Livingston Co.

May 12 - 1930

LM 293 A-C

Dalton Francis 784 M

Republic 6-25-

Rec'd  
Republic  
June 25

To The Quartermaster General

Dear Sir,

Sloponer noted  
on insert, list, trans. list  
and card.

I have a Daughter in  
New York City. would like  
to make a stop of 2 days  
on my way home if there would  
not-cost-the Government any  
thing for my board or lodging  
while I am there. if I should  
not-be feeling well would want  
to go right-through home

Mrs Mary Lancer Dalton



QM 293 A-C

April 29, 1930

Savage, Murray L. 1232

Simpson, James L. 608

X Dalton, Francis 1764

Mrs. Mary Lancer Dalton,  
Lima,  
New York.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 7 relative to your desire to be quartered with Mrs. Elisa Murry Savage and Mrs. Minnie Simpson when you make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the SS "Republic" June 25, 1930.

Notation has been made of your desire and it is believed that your wishes can be complied with and that you can be placed in the same cabin aboard ship and in the same hotel rooms in New York and Paris.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Lima Apr 7<sup>th</sup> 1938

as I am the only OVER  
Gold Star Mother from the  
Town of Lima. and have no  
one to Travel with.

would it be possible to Assign  
me a Berth in the same room  
with: <sup>Ontario Co</sup> Mrs Eliza Murry L. Savage <sup>12 B.D.</sup>  
and <sup>Ontario Co</sup> Mrs Minnie Simpson <sup>608</sup>  
both from Bristol, Ontario Co  
as they are both going on June 25<sup>th</sup>  
on the "Republic" as I am  
it would be a great Comfort  
to me if this could be arranged

Mrs Mary Lancer Dalton

Lima N. Y. Francis Dalton  
Livingston Co. 1764

~~three~~  
All have accepted  
for Republic June 25<sup>4</sup>

Notations made  
~~they~~ desire quarters together



notes on cards.



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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Dalton, Francis 1764 M

April 7, 1930.

Mrs. Mary Lancer Dalton,  
Lima, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Republic

~~6-25-30~~

1764

Dalton, Francis

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. Mary Lancer Dalton,

(Name)

Lima, Livingston County, New York.

(Town or City)

(State)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Dalton, Francis 1764-M

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Lancer Dalton,  
Lima, N.Y.

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*JUN 25 1930*

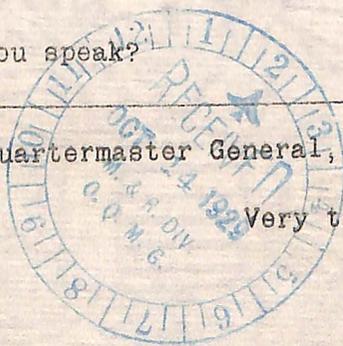
Dear Madam:

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) <i>yes</i> (No) <del>(No)</del>   |
| 2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?  | (Yes) <i>yes</i> (No) <del>(No)</del>   |
| 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) <del>(Yes)</del> <i>Na</i> (No)   |
| 4. Please give your age and state of health.  | Age Health <i>not very good</i><br>(Years) <i>68</i> (Good) (Poor)  |
| 5. What language do you speak?  | English - (Yes) (No) <del>(No)</del><br>Other language <i>English no other</i><br>(Specify language spoken) |

For The Quartermaster General,



Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

Lima N. Y.

July 15<sup>th</sup> 1922.

to Quartermaster General  
as the Mother of Private Francis  
Dalton I am the only one  
entitled to make the Pilgrimage  
as Francis Dalton was never  
Married.

From Mary Lancer Dalton  
Lima New York



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June , 1929.

Dalton, Francis

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Mrs. Mary L. Dalton,  
Elm Street,  
Iowa, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Francis Dalton, 79th Co., 5th Regt., U.S.M.C., whose remains are now interred in the Aisne Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, Aisne, 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 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.

October 1, 1930.

QM 293 A-M  
Dalton, Francis 1764 M

Mrs. Mary Lancer Dalton,  
Lima, New York.

Dear Madam:

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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,  
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Enclosures:  
2 Plates  
14 Prints

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File: QM 293 A-M  
Dalton, Francis 1764-M

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Headquarters in Europe, American Pilgrimage Gold Star Mothers and Widows,  
Paris, France. September 10, 1930. - To: The Quartermaster General,  
Washington. D.C.

1. Desired photographs, together with two negatives are being  
forwarded this date under separate cover.

For and in the absence of Colonel Ellis:



G. G. Bartlett,  
Lt-Col., U.S. Army,  
Executive.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Dalton, Francis 1764-M

August 19, 1930.

SUBJECT: Photographs for Mrs. Mary Lancer Dalton, New York, who has recently visited the grave of her son, the late Private Francis Dalton, in the Aisne-Marne Cemetery.

TO: Colonel Richard T. Ellis, Chief, American Graves Registration Service, 20 Rue Molitor, Paris, France.

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For The Quartermaster General.

*R. E. Shannon*

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

Inclosure:  
c/let.8/12/30



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Lima, New York,

August 12, 1930.

To the Quartermaster General:

Dear Sir:

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My son, Private Francis Dalton, 78 Co. Marines is buried in the Aisne Marne Cemetery at Belleau Wood.

When I was there I got 2 photographs of the grave with me standing by it. The caretaker said by writing you I might get 2 more and the Proof, also that I might get a Doz. Pictures of just the grave or cross.

Hoping I am not asking too much, I remain

Respectfully

Mary Lancer Dalton

Lima, New York.



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QM 293 A-M  
Dalton, Francis 1764-M

August 19, 1930.

**SUBJECT:** Photographs for Mrs. Mary Lancer Dalton, New York, who has recently visited the grave of her son, the late Private Francis Dalton, in the Aisne-Marne Cemetery.

**TO:** Colonel Richard T. Ellis, Chief, American Graves Registration Service, 20 Rue Molitor, Paris, France.

1. There is enclosed herewith copy of a portion of a letter, dated August 12, 1930, from Mrs. Mary Lancer Dalton, Lima, New York, requesting 2 photographs of herself standing beside the grave of her son, the late Private Francis Dalton, together with the proof; also a dozen pictures of the grave or cross.

2. If these photographs can be procured, it is requested that they be forwarded to this office at an early date, so that they may be furnished Mrs. Dalton.

For The Quartermaster General.

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

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QM 293 A-M 1764  
Dalton, Francis 636 H

August 11, 1930.

Mrs. Mary L. Dalton,  
Lima, New York.

Dear Madam:

The testimonial dated July 25th to the Secretary of War, which you and the other mothers and widows returning on the SS America were so kind as to send regarding the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, has been referred to me for reply.

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

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

Sincerely yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Dalton, Francis 1764-M carefully the su June 13, 1930e above,  
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Lima, New York, ther 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,

Dear Madam:

Very truly yours,

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.

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

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.

Plus, Mes Jours  
Mrs. Mary Tucker  
Dillon, Kansas  
REELS TO ON 502 A-C

QM 295 A-C

Dalton, Francis 1764 M

June 12, 1930.

Mrs. Mary Lancer Dalton  
Lima, New York

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 4, 1930, advising that it will be impossible to change your sailing date from June 25th to August 30th, to visit the grave of the late Francis Dalton, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

In compliance with your request, your name has been retained on the list of mothers and widows scheduled to sail on the SS "Republic," on June 25, 1930, and arrangements are being made accordingly.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C  
Dalton, Francis 1764

June 9, 1930

Mrs. Mary Lancer Dalton,  
Lima,  
New York.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of June 2, 1930, relative to your transportation to New York City to make the pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe, sailing on the S.S. REPUBLIC, June 25, 1930.

In reply thereto you are advised that your local railroad agent will personally deliver your ticket about one week prior to the date you are scheduled to depart from your home. You have, no doubt, by this time received a letter from this office giving your complete itinerary from your home to New York, showing date of departure, time and train.

Your passport has been received in this office and will be delivered you aboard ship.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Dalton, Francis 1764 M

June 7, 1930

Mrs. Mary Lancer Dalton  
Lima, New York

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. Lima      | L V   | No. 643 | 7:01 AM | June 23 |
| Ar. Rochester |       |         |         |         |
|               | Jctn. | "       | 7:21 AM | " 23    |
| Lv. " "       | "     | 8       | 7:19 AM | " 23    |
| Ar. New York  | "     | "       | 5:40 PM | " 23    |

Lehigh Valley R. R. Will protect connection with Train No. 8 at Rochester Junction.

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-C  
Dalton, Francis, 1764-M

June 2, 1930

Mrs. Mary Lancer Dalton,  
Lima, New York.

Dear Madam:

The acceptances from the mothers and widows who are to make the pilgrimage to France, sailing on the SS REPUBLIC, June 25, 1930, are far in excess of the number anticipated, and due to this fact this boat will be somewhat crowded and the accommodations will not be as satisfactory as The War Department desires to furnish. Over 300 women have accepted invitations to sail on this boat and it is desired if possible to reduce this number to around 200 by voluntary transfers of women who are booked to sail.

Much more comfortable accommodations can be furnished on the SS REPUBLIC, sailing August 30, 1930, and should you change your sailing date to August 30th, a more comfortable trip can be assured.

If you desire to change from June 25th to August 30th, please notify this office at once, in order that the necessary adjustments can be made.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

✓ QM 293 A-C  
Dalton, Francis - 1764

May 20, 1930.

Mrs. Mary Langer Dalton,  
Lima, New York.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 12, 1930 relative to your desire to make a stop-over in New York City on your return from the pilgrimage, sailing on the SS REPUBLIC June 25, 1930.

In accordance with your request, return transportation may be issued you which will enable you to stop over in New York City without any extra charge. However, all expenses incurred by you while in New York City incident to the stop-over must be paid by you from personal funds.

In issuing return transportation, arrangements will be made whereby you may make this stop-over.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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*Handwritten note:* ✓ Mrs. Langer Dalton

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Dalton, Francis 1764-M  
Republic 6/25

May 12, 1930

Mrs. Mary Lancer Dalton  
Lima, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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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

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Dalton, Francis ~~1764-1~~  
Republic 6-25

May 9 1930

Mrs. Mary Lancer Dalton,  
Lima, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C

Savage, Murray L. 1252  
Simpson, James L. 600  
Dalton, Francis 1704

April 29, 1930

Mrs. Mary Lancer Dalton,  
Lima,  
New York.

Dear Madam:

*See letter list*

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 7 relative to your desire to be quartered with Mrs. Eliza Hurry Savage and Mrs. Minnie Simpson when you make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the SS "Republic" June 26, 1930.

Notation has been made of your desire and it is believed that your wishes can be complied with and that you can be placed in the same cabin aboard ship and in the same hotel rooms in New York and Paris.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. B. SHANNON,  
Captain, 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

April 7, 1930.

Dalton, Francis 1764 M

Mrs. Mary Lancer Dalton,  
Lima, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

April 7, 1930.

Dalton, Francis 1764 N

Mrs. Mary Lancer Dalton,  
Ilma, N.Y.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
~~Dalton, Francis 1764-M~~

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Lancer Dalton,  
Lima, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Dalton, Francis

June 12, 1929.

Mrs. Mary L. Dalton,  
Elm Street,  
Lima, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late **Private Francis Dalton, 78th Co., 6th Regt., U.S.M.C., whose remains are now interred in the Aisne Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, Aisne, 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 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  
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JOHN T. HARRIS,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Nov.30,1922

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

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Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name DALTON, Francis
2. No. 87387
3. Rank Pvt.
4. Org. 78 Reg. U.S. M.C. Co. E. 6th Marines
5. D.D. Oct. 4th. 1918
6. C.D. KIA

10. Name
11. No.
12. Rank
13. Org.
14. (a) D.D.
(b) D.B. no discrepancy

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 85 Sec. W
8. Plot 2 Row
9.

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

18. Cemetery Aisne-Marne Amer.Cty.
20. Dept. or County Aisne.
22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1764

19. Commune or town Belleau
21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) Nov.30,1922

By J.T.White

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Francis Dalton
Rank Pvt.

Serial No. 87387
Organization Co.E,6th Marines.

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

Signature Junior Technical Assistant W.D.Wall Jr.

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).

Bottle record agrees.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Burlap and wooden box.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? no

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Nov.30,1922 By J.T.White

31. Casket sealed by J.T.White

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

J.T.White

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-31334

32. Designation of body:

Name Francis DALTON

Serial No. 87387

Rank Pvt.

Organization Co. E. 6th Marines

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Aisne-Marne Amer. Cty. #1764 Belleau, Aisne.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Nov. 30, 1922

By J. T. White

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector

A. E. Dewey, 1st Lt., OMC.

36. Remarks

None

Disc on body partially corroded reads: "Francis -----, 2-24-18, USMC".

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Nov. 30, 1922

To point of Concentration

(Name)

Convoyer

Signature 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 Aisne-Marne Cem. 1764, Belleau (Aisne)

(Name)

Convoyer

Signature Shipping Officer

A. E. Dewey, 1st Lt., OMC.

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred Dec. 11, 1922.

Aisne-Marne Cem. 1764.

(Date)

42. Grave No. 53

Section

43. Plot Block B

Row

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G.R.S. Representative

W. D. Cleary  
W. D. Cleary, Lt. Chaplain USA.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place Belleau (Aisne)

Date Nov. 30, 1922.

1. REMAINS OF DALTON, Francis SERIAL NUMBER 87387  
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION 78 Co. E, 6th Marines Reg. U.S.M.C.

2. Disinterred (date): Nov. 30, 1922. From (give complete location): Grave 85, Sec. W, Plot 2, Cem. 1764.  
By: Group 1 Unit F.S.1, Aisne-Marne Cem.

3. Reburied (date): Dec. 11, 1922. In (give complete location): Grave 53, Row 2, Block B, Cem. 1764.  
By: Group re-burial group Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of Reburial lined casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Wooden box and burlap  
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:  
Bottle record agrees.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) "

(c) Hair—Color "

Quantity "

Characteristics "

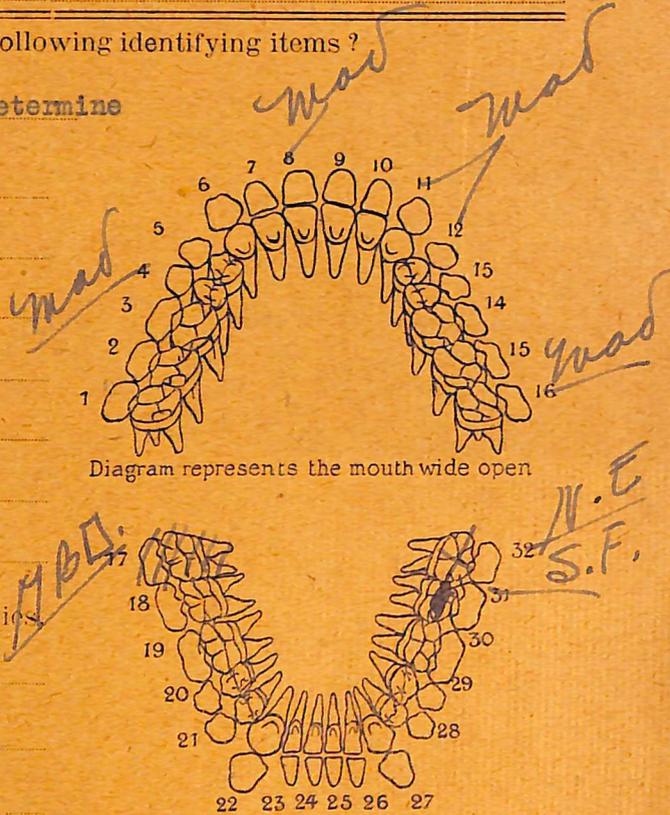
(d) Hair on face—Color "

Location "

Quantity "

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

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) None visible.



W.D. Wall Jr. Checker.

7. Disinterment supervised by J.T. White  
J.T. WHITE, S.E.

Approved: A.E. Dewey  
A.E. DEWEY, 1st Lt. M.C.  
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by L.D. Hays  
L.D. HAYS

Approved: W.D. Cleary  
W.D. CLEARY, Lt. Chaplain USA.  
(Title)

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

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

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.

2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.

3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.

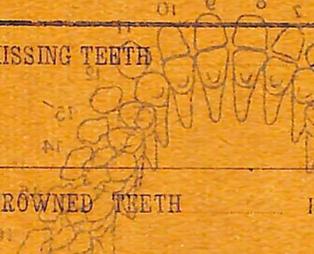
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.

5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".

(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No 6.

6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

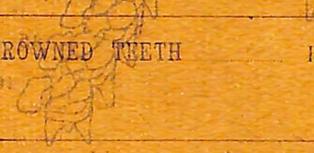
### MISSING TEETH



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



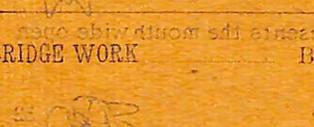
### CROWNED TEETH



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



### BRIDGE WORK



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



### FILLINGS



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



### CARIES (CAVITIES)



Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :



### DENTURES (PLATES)

Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp"

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

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

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

marine

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File # 31704

(3/1/21 mers)  
(a) Name DALTON, Francis Ser. No. 87387  
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization 78th Co. E. 6th Marines Reg USMC  
(c) Date of death 10-4-18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. VH  
CKR. B.J.

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

(a) Grave No. 85 Row - Plot 2 Sec. W TYP. VH  
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Mary Lancer Dalton, (Mother) Lima, N.Y.

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

marine  
IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt -

(a) Name Mrs. Mary Lancer Dalton (b) Relationship mother  
(c) Address Lima, N.Y.  
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? yes  
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at no  
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. Mrs. Mary Lancer Dalton, Lima, N.Y.  
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. -

Examiner's Initials bER Date 2-21-, 1920.

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

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

Examiner's Initials bER Date 2-21-, 1920.

VI. G. R. S. FILES, CORRESPONDENCE—shows as follows: Mrs. Mary Lancer Dalton

(mother) Lima, N.Y. - 1-7-19.  
no request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes bER

Examiner's Initials bER Date 2-21-, 1920.

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 1764 SHEET No. 502

checked  
3/1/21  
mers

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on 3/10/21, 1920

*Par # 2 - Not to be returned - Marine - Ato*

IX.

**CORRECTIONS**

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

Date Sent 2/23/21 Date Rec'd 2/26/21

*Form #840. Return of remains not desired.  
W. of K. Mrs. Mary Lancer Dalton, (mother)  
Elm St., Lima, N. Y., 3/1/21 M.E.B.*

Location Index.....

..... Discrepancies.....

Name

Location Index.....

..... Discrepancies .....

Name .....

Rank .....

Serial No. ....

Org. ....

Remarks

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

..... Discrepancies .....

Name .....

Rank .....

Serial No. ....

Org. ....

Remarks

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G. R. S. Corr. ....

..... Discrepancies .....

Name .....

Rank .....

Serial No. ....

Org. ....

Remarks

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Checkers .....

..... Discrepancies .....

Name .....

Rank .....

Serial No. ....

Org. ....

Remarks

*checked MW.*

*2-21-21*



109406-AB-25-mvd

# Headquarters U. S. Marine Corps,

Washington, February 26, 1921.

From: The Major General Commandant.

To: The Chief, Cemeterial Division, Office of Quartermaster General of the Army.

Subject: A.E.F. dead: Confirmation or revision of G.R.S. record of disposition status.

Reference: Form No. 124, File No. 31704 dated \_\_\_\_\_  
 Case of DALTON, Francis Private #87387  
 78th Co., -6th Marines. 1764-502

1. It is requested that the remains of the above-named man be disposed of as follows:

DISPOSITION: Return of remains not desired.

CONSIGNEE: Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_

NEXT OF KIN: Name: Mrs. Mary Lancer Dalton,  
 Relationship: Mother  
 Address: Elm Street, Lima, New York.

REMARKS: \_\_\_\_\_

*H. Lay*

H. LAY  
 Lt. Col., U.S.M.C.  
 Asst. Adjutant & Inspector.  
 Special Assistant to the  
 Major General Commandant.

By \_\_\_\_\_

*Red, 3-22-21 m*

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

Marine

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File # 31704

(a) Name DALTON, Francis Ser. No. 87387  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization 78th Co. B. 6th Marines } TYP. VH  
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(a) Grave No. 85 Row - Plot 2 Sec. W TYP. VH  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Mary Lancer Dalton, (Mother) Lima, N.Y.

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

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

Form 840, 2/26/21. Mrs. Mary Lancer Dalton, mother, Elm St., Lima, New York, requests remains left in France. a.p. 3/18/21.

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
 letter of transmittal on 3/10/21, 192

Par #2 - Not to be returned - Marine - AH

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

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

3/1/21  
SCHOOL FOR BAKING AND COOKING  
DEPARTMENT OF COOKING

Mr. Wilson

Dalton, Francis

Priv., # 87387

78th Co, 6th Marine

Adjustment Made  
MAR 5 1921

Form 440 Iron Marine Service  
Date Rec'd 2/26/21

File No. 31704

Beverly.

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SCHOOL FOR BAKERS AND COOKS  
DEPARTMENT OF COOKING

Date \_\_\_\_\_

BILL OF FARE

INGREDIENTS

COST

Cost of supper \_\_\_\_\_

Cost of breakfast \_\_\_\_\_

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

Hq. R. S. File

2. Soldier's No.

3. DALTON, FRANCIS. (catlock)  
Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials

4. Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. Date of Death Cause, if known

6. Date of Burial French Military  
Cemetery

7. SUIPPES  
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. # 48 Baird Sketch # 27  
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

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

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

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

12. Map 50 N.E., 262.5 N, 264.8 E  
Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

13. Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed Ch. Clyde T. Shinnings

Group 11 Unit B G. R. S.  
RBS 120

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

**DALTON,**

**FRANCIS**

(Surname.)

(Number.)

(First Name and Initials.)

**Pvt. 78th Co. 6th Marines.**

(Rank.)

(Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL... October 5th, 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL... Miomandre Military

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

Cemetery at Miomandre Central

Hospital No. 101. Department of

the Marne. France.

GRAVE NUMBER... 78

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

Headboard? Yes Bottle? .....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes .....

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

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

422

17 OCT 1918

REPORTED BY:

*J. S. Soley*

**Chaplain USA.**

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Aug. 21, 1920.

*R*  
*McP*

FILE

No: 293.8-Cem.#31704-(Dalton, Francis A. Pvt.)  
From: The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)  
To: Mrs. Mary Lancer Dalton, Lima, N.Y.  
Subject: Permanent burial in France.

1. Your letter of August 13th 1920, addressed to The Adjutant General of the Army and referred to this office, with reference to the permanent burial of the remains of your son, Pvt. Francis A. Dalton, has been referred to the Marine Corps, for reply to you.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Major, Q.M.C., U.S. Army,  
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

By:

CHARLES J. WYNNE,  
Captain, Q.M.C.

LN

HW

*McP*

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*mail*  
AUG 23 1920

NAME DALTON, Francis

Ser. NO. 87,387

RANK & ORGANIZATION Pvt. 78th Co., 6th Reg. Marines

DISPOSITION Return of remains requested to address  
below

NEXT OF KIN Mrs. Mary Lancer Dalton RELATION  
Mother

ADDRESS Lima, New York.

10-10-8

ONE  
Pencil

Drawn by - BER

1764-502

2-21-21

Should you verify  
all  
Marine Corps  
records  
show Francis Dalton

a Cousin refers  
to name as  
Francis F. Dalton

Q 61641

31704

FROM: G. R. S. Officer, Paris.  
 TO: Chief, G. R. S., (Registration Branch), Tours,  
 SUBJECT: Location, grave of:

FILE NO. 31704

DATE May 21, 1919.

NAME DALTON, Francis.

SERIAL NUMBER 87387

RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION 78th. Co., 6th. Marines.

| NO. | QUESTION  | REPLY  |
|-----|---|--|
| 1.  | Do particulars of soldier given above agree with records? | 1. Co.E.   |
| 2.  | Date of death:  | 2. 10/4/18   |
| 3.  | Grave location:   | 3. Grave #78, Miomandre Hospital Cemetery Siappes (Marne). |
| 4.  | Who reported burial?                                      | 4. Chaplain J.E. Doherty                                   |
| 5.  | Confirmed by G. R. S.?                                    | 5. Yes   |
| 6.  | How is grave marked?                                      | 6. Name-post   |
| 7.  | Identification tags:                                      | 7.   |
|     | (a) Buried with Body?                                     | (a) Yes  |
|     | (b) Attached to grave Marker?                             | (b) Yes  |
| 8.  | Emergency address:  | 8. Mrs. Mary Lancer Dalton (Mother)<br>Lima, New York.     |
| 9.  | Has above been notified? (Give Date)                      | 9. 1/30/19   |

## REMARKS:

Forwarded to Chief, G.R.S., May 22nd. 1919.

Requested by... DONNELLY, Philip H.

European address... Z. of C. Hdqrs., 16, Place de la Madeleine, Paris.

Relationship to deceased... Friend.

Checked by .....

Inquirer informs: Mrs. Mary L. Dalton, (Mother)  
 Lima, N.Y.



31704

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE,

4. 18. 1919.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.  
TO : Corporal Francis A. Mc Gran, Battery F., 304 Field Artillery,  
American E.F., A.P.O. 739.  
SUBJECT : Private A. Dawson, U.S. Marines, American E.F.  
*Francis A. Dalton*

In reply to your letter of inquiry, with reference to the regretted death of this soldier, according to the records at these headquarters he is buried in the Miomandre Hospital Cemetery of SIUPPES, department of the MEUSE. The grave which is number 78 is marked with a name plate with one identification tag attached to body and one to marker.

By direction

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Lieut.-Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.

Per MAURICE B. DIX,  
Captain, American Red Cross  
Representative assigned to  
Graves Registration Service.

( Enclosures - G.R.S.: )  
( 10 - B, . 004.5 )

MBD/GC.

TO:- REGISTRATION BRANCH G.R.S.

FILE NUMBER

FROM:-

A. R. e

DATE:

31 704  
3/15/19

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME

DALTON, FRANCIS, A.

NUMBER

873817

RANK

PVT

ORGANIZATION

U.S. MARINES,

| NO. | QUESTION  | REPLY  |
|-----|---|--|
| 1.  | Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?   | (1) Yes  |
| 2.  | Date of Death.  | (2) 10-4-18  |
| 3.  | Cause and place of death.   | (3) K/a  |
| 4.  | Number of Casualty Cablegram.   | (4) CC-288   |
| 5.  | Date buried.  | (5) 10-5-18  |
| 6.  | Grave Location.<br>(a) Complete record required.<br>(b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.          | (6) Gr. 78 City 422<br>Micomandre Hosp. Snippes<br>Marne |
| 7.  | Who reported burial?  |  |
| 8.  | Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.?  | (8) yes  |
| 9.  | Report as to Grave Marker.  | (9) Name plate   |
| 10. | Report as to Identification Tags.   | (10) Tag buried with body one attached to Gr. marker.    |
| 11. | Who is nearest relative?  | (11) Mrs. Mary Lancer Dalton (mat)                       |
| 12. | Has N/R been notified?<br>(Give Date)   | (12) Lima New York.<br>yes 11-9-18                       |
| 13. | Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case.<br>(Reply in all cases if no information on record) |  |
| 14. | What is the Photograph No.?   |  |

N.B. All Proper names to be printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

JM

304  
F. A.



Ferce, France.  
March 6, 1919.

To the Commanding Officer,  
Graves Registration Service  
Tours, France.

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Dear Sir:-

On or about October third (3) 1918, Pat.  
Francis A. Dalton of the U. S. Marines gave up his  
life for his country.

His parents, who are relatives of mine, have  
asked me to obtain any information I could as to  
where he is buried. I am under the impression that  
he was killed in the Argonne Forest.

In their letter however, they failed to give me  
his Company number, but at one time he was in  
the 11th Co. His home was at Lima, Livingston  
County, New York.

Thanking you for any information which may  
be given me, I am  
Very respectfully yours.

Francis A. Mc Graw.

Corporal Francis A. Mc Graw.  
Battery 4, 304 Field Artillery  
American Exp. Force A.P.O. # 739.

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AM. 12 Mar 1971  
O. C. O. P.  
O. C. S.

Bulletin G. R. S. 004.5  
Sent April 28th 1919

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Lima N. Y. Feb 19, 1919,  
To the Grace Registration Service

Dear Sir, we would like  
a Photograph of the Grave  
of our Son Pvt. Francis Dalton  
78 Co. 8th Marine Corps,  
Grave 78, Cemetery #422.

Shippes, Marine.

We would also like to know at  
what place and Battle he was  
killed, and if it would be  
possible to find any of his Comrades  
to whom we could write.

Thanking you,

Mrs Mary Lancer Dalton  
Lima N. Y.

RECEIVED  
MAR 12 1909  
O. C. O. H.  
C. R. S.

TO:- REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.

FILE NUMBER 31704

FROM:-

DATE: 1-27-19

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME: DANTON, FRANCIS

NUMBER:

RANK

Pvt.

ORGANIZATION

786. 6 MARINES

| NO. | QUESTION  | REPLY   |
|-----|---|---|
| 1.  | Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?   | ① n/yo  |
| 2.  | Date of Death   | ② 10-4-18   |
| 3.  | Cause and place of death  | ③ K/A   |
| 4.  | Number of Casualty Cablegram  | ④ #288  |
| 5.  | Date buried   | ⑤ -10-5-18  |
| 6.  | Grave Location<br>(a) Complete record required<br>(b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required             | ⑥ Grave # 78 CTY #422<br>SUIPPES (MARNE)          |
| 7.  | Who reported burial   | ⑦ T. W. DOHERTY - CHAPLAIN.                       |
| 8.  | Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.   | ⑧ yes   |
| 9.  | Report as to Grave Marker   | ⑨ Name Req.                                       |
| 10. | Report as to Identification Tags  | ⑩ 1 Tag buried with body<br>1 Tag on grave marker |
| 11. | Who is nearest relative?  |   |
| 12. | Has N/R been notified?<br>(Give Date)   | ⑪ None Given                                      |
| 13. | Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case.<br>(Reply in all cases if no information on record) | ⑫ <del>No</del> YES 1/28/19                       |
| 14. | What is the Photograph No.?   |   |

N.B. All Proper names to be Printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS

*[Handwritten signature]*  
1/27/19

31704

1st Ind.

answer refer to file No. 293.3-Cemeterial.  
Office, Quartermaster General, January 9, 1919. -- To Lt. Col. Chas. C. Pierce  
Chief of the Graves Registration Service, A.E.F. France.

1. Forwarded for your consideration and action.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General of the Army.

*H. R. Lemly*  
H. R. Lemly,  
Major, Q. M. Corps.

PCW

|   |
|---|
| GRAVES REGISTRATION<br>SERVICE<br>OFFICE OF THE CHIEF |
| No.   |
| DATE: <i>1/25</i>                                     |
| ACTION: <i>Reg-</i>                                   |

*For report*

*[Handwritten signature]*

Registration:

1/28/19.

Note address of nearest relative, and  
also that notification letter has been sent.

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*[Handwritten signature]*

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PCW

31704

Lima N. Y.

Jan-7-'19.

Army Graves registration service  
Gentlemen - Pvt. Francis

Dalton 18 Co. 6th reg. U.S. Marine C.

was killed in action Oct. 4th '18 so  
we were informed by telegram from  
Washington Nov. 4th. His name has  
never appeared in the casualty list  
and we have had no word from his  
officers or comrades we have written  
to different branches of the service  
but they have been unable to give  
us any information would you

Kindly locate his grave if possible  
and give us any information possible  
you may learn relative to him  
Thanking you I am very truly

(Mrs) Mary Lancer Dalton (Mother)

