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1. NAME DAVIS, Columbus ✓ DATE 6/12/22
 RANK Pvt. ✓ ORGANIZATION Co.C. 309th Labor Bn. QM.
 & DIVISION none ✓ SERIAL No. 2128295 ✓
 GRAVE LOCATION American E.F.Cty., Is-sur-Tille, Cote-D'Or. 58
 CTY. NAME NUMBER

GRAVE 33 ROW PLOT
 2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 33 IS-s-TILLE (Côte d'Or)
 GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.
 COORDINATES E.302.26 N.84.23

CONCENTRATED TO Not of record
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT
 CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

DATE OF DEATH Sept 15, 1918
 STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Miss
 MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS Not of record
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE AREA SUPERVISOR W.H. Quarterman
W.H. QUARTERMAN, CAPT. F.A., Supervisor Area N°4

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 6/12/22 3 16 A
 DATE GRAVE ROW Block PLOT

AUDITED BY m.k.g.
5/23/23

St Mihiel American Cty # 1233. Thiaucourt Meurthe et Moselle
 CEMETERY Robert G. Davis, Major General.
 Rec'd World War Div. 1 JUN 3 1925
 15 Received A. G. ... JUN 4 1925



INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.
2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.
3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.
4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form 16, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

..... Davis 2128295 Columbia
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

..... Pvt. Co. D 309 ~~Sb. B.~~
(Rank). (Organization).

Camp Hospt. 41

PLACE OF DEATH:.....

CAUSE OF DEATH:.....

DATE OF BURIAL:..... Sept. 15/18

PLACE OF BURIAL:..... Is-Sur-Tilla.....

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

..... Arr. Exp. Fore. Cemetery 58

Died 9/15/18
Camp Hospt. 41
Cause B. Pneum.
..... Map D-24

GRAVE NUMBER: 33

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

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Yes

Was one buried with body?.....

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

..... *Charlton Collins 309 lb. Lt.*
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

*Recd of Receipt 9/15/18 cc sub par. 270
1-1-18*

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

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LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF
Columbus, 2128295 Davis
(Surname) (Number) (First Name and Initials.)
Pvt. Co G-309th L. Bn.
(Rank) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL **Sept. 16th, 1918**

PLACE OF BURIAL **A.P.O. 712**

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

American Cemetery #58, Map D-24

Is-sur-Tille, France

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REPORTED BY:

Frank S. Cornell, Lt. Colonel
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Davis	3	41 ¹² ₂
	Columbus		
BURIED	CEMETERY 1233	1	3
	GRAVE 3	2	03
	ROW 16	2	16
	BLOCK a	1	1
STATE	Miss	2	28
RANK	Priv	1	2
DIVISION	IMC	2	57
ORGANIZATION	309	3	309
ARM	Lab. Bn	1	1
MARTIAL	No.	1	2
NAME		5	
RESIDENCE	STATE Miss	2	28
	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER	No loco	1	
ELIGIBILITY	no SM Dead (since 1929)	1	6
NATIVITY		1	
RACE	BLACK	1	2
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

Audited
MAR 18 1932
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IMMEDIATE ACTION

IN REPLY
REFER TO

QM 293 A-M

WAR DEPARTMENT

Oct. 13, 1932

Davis, Columbus StM-x

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

Miss
SPECIAL

Mrs. Martha Hinton,
Silcer City, Miss.

Dear Madam:

Your Government has provided an opportunity for all Mothers and Widows of deceased members of the American Forces who were lost, buried at sea, or whose remains are now interred in Europe, to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. This was done in the hope that all who may make the pilgrimage will derive a measure of comfort and solace from the visit.

You are numbered among those who are privileged to make this pilgrimage.

During July and September of this year, inquiries were addressed to you as to whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage to Europe. To these inquiries no reply has been received from you.

You probably do not realize how important it is that a reply be received from you. If we do not receive replies, it becomes very difficult to make the necessary and proper arrangements for those who are to make the trip, as everything must be arranged in advance. Consequently, it is just as important for the Government to know the names of those who do not desire to take advantage of its offer as it is to know the names of those who do.

Will you please devote a few moments of your time to write either the word "YES" or "NO" in the following space *maiden* thus indicating whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage during 1933 and sign your name here *Martha Hinton is Dead* Use the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage, and return this sheet.

This reply will assure your Government that no worthy Mother or Widow has failed to receive its offer in commemoration of a loved one departed, and will greatly assist in making the necessary preparations for those of them who wish to take advantage of the privilege.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

QM 293 A-M

WAR DEPARTMENT

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Davis, Columbus StM-x

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WASHINGTON

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Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Davis Columbus (StM) x

Sept 8, 1932

Mrs Martha Hinton,
Silver City
Miss

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

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

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 15, 1932

Davis, Columbus (STM) x

Mrs. Martha Hinton,
Silver City,
Miss.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Davis, Columbus (StH) Mx

October 1, 1931. gb

Mrs. Martha Hinton,
Silver City, Miss.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Davis, Columbus 1233 M

June 9, 1930

Mrs. Martha Hinton
Silver City, Miss.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Davis, Columbus 1233 M.

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Martha Hinton,
Silver City, Miss.

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)
		<i>no</i>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No)
		<i>no</i>
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)
		<i>no</i>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <i>60</i> (Years)	Health <i>poor</i> (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No)	Other language <i>none</i> (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General, & R. DIV.
Q. M. G.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

August 29, 1929.

Davis, Columbus
1233

Mrs. Martha Kinton,
Silver City,
Miss.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Write answers in space below

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

Was never married

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

Mother

*Martha Kinton
Silver City Miss*

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

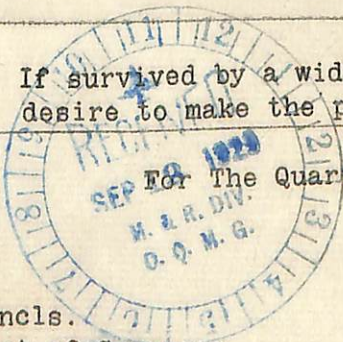
Mother. No

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 23 1929.

Davis, Columbus

Mrs. Martha Kinton,
Silver City,
Miss.

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 Columbus Davis, Co. C, 509th Inf. Reg. Q.M.C., whose remains are now interred in the St. Michel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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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-M

Davis Columbus (StM) x

Sept 8, 1932

Mrs Martha Hinton,
Silver City
Miss

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 13, 1932

Davis, Columbus (STM) x

Mrs. Martha Hinton,
Silver City,
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Dear Madam:

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Assistant.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Davis, Columbus (StM) Mx

October 1, 1931. gb

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Silver City, Miss.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Davis, Columbus 1233 M

June 9, 1930

Mrs. Martha Hinton
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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? _____
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7 , 1929.

Davis, Columbus 1233 M.

Mrs. Martha Hinton,
Silver City, Miss.

Dear Madam:

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

August 29, 1929.

Davis, Columbus
1233

Mrs. Martha Kinton,
Silver City,
Miss.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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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

May 29 1929.

Davis, Columbus

Mrs. Martha Kinton,
Silver City,
Miss.

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 Columbus Davis, Co. C, 309th Lab. Bn, Q.M.C., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

M.G.V. R.D.P.
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QM 293 A-C
DAVIS, Columbus - Pvt.

January 12, 1924

Mrs. Martha Kinton,
Silver City,
Miss.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

R.L. FOSTER

Assistant. RD

1-Incl.
Record card.

O. Q. M. G.
CENTRAL MAIL ROOM



JAN 12 1924

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

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.

TO: Mrs. Martha Honton, Silver City, Miss.

Rush Answer

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Columbus Davis.

The records of this office show that you have requested that his

body be Not Returned to United States

no change

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

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

Noted on Form No. 115

Date _____

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow			
Soldier's Children			
(Name oldest first)			
Father			
Mother			
Brothers			
(Name oldest first)			
Sisters			

None
None
Dead
Martha Honton
None
Horace Honton - 1/2 Brother

Date *5/11/20*

Signature *Martha Honton*

Address *Silver City Miss*

Relationship *Mother*

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

The transfer of bodies will be made entirely at government expense.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT

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

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Davis 2128295 Columbia
(Surname) (Number) (First Name and Initials):

Pvt. Co. D. 309 Sb. B. Lt. Bt.
(Rank) (Organization):

Camp Hospt. 41

PLACE OF DEATH:

CAUSE OF DEATH:

DATE OF BURIAL: Sept. 15/18

PLACE OF BURIAL: Is-Sur-Tille

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

Amr. Exp. Force Cemetery 58

Died 9/15/18

Camp Hospt. 41

Care - B. Brown.

Map D-24

GRAVE NUMBER: 33

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Yes Cross? Yes

Headboard?

Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Yes

Was one buried with body?

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

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



NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP: *Corrected Copy*

REPORTED BY:

Chaplain Collins 309 lb. Bt.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)



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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Surname

Columbus, 2128295

Davis

(Surname.)

(Number.)

(First Name and Initials.)

Pvt.

Co C-309th L. Bn.

(Rank.)

(Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL: Sept. 16th, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: A.P.O. 712

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

American Cemetery #58, Map D-24

Is-sur-Tille, France

GRAVE NUMBER: #33

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

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

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

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REPORTED BY:

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

27 SEP 1918

1. G S. Form No. 1.

Hq. G. File

2. Soldier's No.

2128295

3. ... Davis Columbia
Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials

4. Pvt C 309 ~~XXX~~ Lab. Bn
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. ... 9/15/18 R. Pneum.
Date of Death Cause, if known

6. ... Sept. 15/18 Is-sur-Tille
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. ... Is-sur-Tille Cote d'Or
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. ... 33
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

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

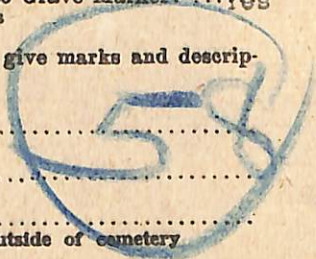
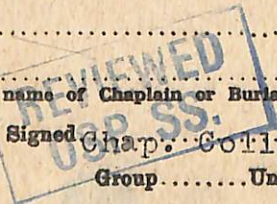
10. Buried with Body? Attached to Grave Marker? Yes
Identification Tags

11. If name unknown and tags missing, give marks and description.
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12.
Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery
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13.
Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed Chap: Collins 309 L.B.
Group Unit D G. B. S.





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9 AM 29 Dec 18 P.M.

O. C. O. M.
G. R. S.

7 MAR 1919
 G.R.S. Form No. 34 Central Records Division.
 Memo For: G.R.S. representative, C.R.O.
 SUBJECT: Information required for G.R.S.

1. Items checked and to be completed:

- 22350
- Surname: DAVIS (COLOMBUS)
 - Number: 2128295
 - First name: Columbus (Davis) g
 - Rank: Pvt.
 - Company: "C"
 - Organization: 309th. Labor Bn. Q.M.C.
 - Date of death: 9-15-18
 - Cause: Broncho-Pneumonia
 - Place:

Location of hospital:

Number " "
 Class " "

- Relative:
- Relationship:
- Address:

- Authority:
- Cablegram No:
- Telegram from:

dated: 11-2-18 (9-23-18)

- Reported to Washington:
- C.C. Nos: 267 (261)
 (Under-score the "official" C.C.)
- Remarks:
- Show present status on reverse side.

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

Initials of Reporter:

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Davis, (Surname.)

Columbus (Christian name in full.)

2,128,295

Pvt

Co C 309 Labor Bn

(Army serial number.)

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased. Mother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? no

(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery? (Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.) (Express office.) (Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.) (City or town.) (State.)

(Sign here) Mrs Martha Houston Silver City, N.M.

(Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by pm

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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Nov. 18, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF DAVIS, Columbus. SERIAL NUMBER 2128295

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. C, 309th Lab. Bn. QM.

2. Disinterred (date): Nov. 18, 1921. From (give complete location): Gr. 33.

Amer. Mil. Cem. # 58. Is-sur-Tille (Cote d'Or)

By: Group 2. Unit 4.

3. Reburied (date): June 12th 1922 In (give complete location): Gr. 3 Blk. A Row 16

By: Group Reburial Unit Nature of reburial shipping Case

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

Buried in uniform and wooden box. Badly decomposed, recognition impossible.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: No effects found.

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

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

(b) Weight (estimated) Unable to determine.

(c) Hair—Color Black and kinky. Quantity Unable to determine. Characteristics None.

(d) Hair on face—Color None. Location Unable to determine. Quantity -

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

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Even and regular.

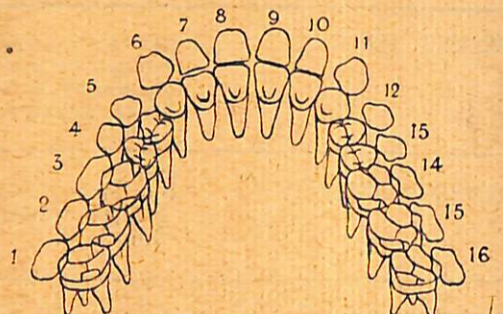
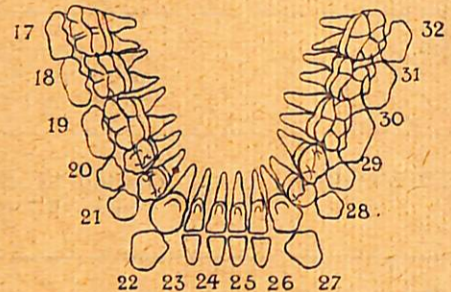


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



None.

7. Disinterment supervised by J. E. BENSON.

Approved: D. E. LOWRY, (Title) 1st. Lt., Q.M.C. bjm






8. Reburial supervised by H L Kramer

Approved: A E Dewey (Title) 1st. Lt. QMC

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

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

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

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

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



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Nov. 18, 1921.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT **FMG.** COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name DAVIS, Columbus
 2. No. 2125295
 3. Rank Pvt.
 4. Org. Co.C. 309th Labor Bn.Gn.
 5. D.D. 9-15-18
 6. C.D. Broncho Pneumonia

10. Name Columbis Davis.
 11. No. _____
 12. Rank _____
 13. Org. _____
 14. (a) D.D. _____
 (b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 33 Sec. _____
 8. Plot _____ Row _____
 9. _____

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

18. Cemetery Amer.E.F.Cty.
 20. Dept. or County Cote D'Or.
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 58

19. Commune or town Is-sur-Tille.
 21. Country France.

23. Disinterred (Date) Nov. 18, 1921.

By J. E. Benson.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Davis, Columbus.
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. _____
 Organization Co.C, 309th Lab. Bn. QM.
Gr. 33

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

Signature T. H. Chunn Junior Technical Assistant

T. H. CHUNN.

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).

No effects found, Form 16a accomplished. Disc on body reads (Columbis Davis.)

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, recognition impossible.

28. Nature of burial Buried in uniform, and in 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. 18, 1921. By J. E. Benson.

AUDITED BY

31. Casket sealed by M.H.S. J. E. Benson.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

J. E. BENSON.

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SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. U-17153.

32. Designation of body:

Name Columbus DAVIS Serial No. 2128295

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. C, 509th Labor Bn., M.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel Amer. Ctry. 1233, Thiencourt, M-et-M.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Nov. 18, 1921. By J. E. Benson.

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector [Signature]

36. Remarks D. E. LOWRY, 1st. Lt., Q.M.C. bjm

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Nov. 18, 1921.

To point of Concentration Dijon (Cote d'Or) (Name)

Convoyer [Signature] Signature Shipping Officer Capt. Q.M.C.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 30 NOV 1921

To Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel (1233) Thiencourt (M-et-M) (Name)

Convoyer Clinton J. Birtley Signature Shipping Office [Signature]

40. Received: Date 5-DEC 1921 W. R. BUCKLEY, CAPT. QMC.

G.R.S. Representative J. B. Daniel, Capt, 2 MC.

41. Reinterred

June 12th. 1922 (Date)

42. Grave No. 3 Section

43. Plot XXXXXX Blk. A Row 16

G.R.S. Representative [Signature]

A E Dewey Ist. Lt. QMC

G. R. S. Form No 115

COUNTRY FRANCE

Cemetery No. 58

Sheet No. 40

File No. 22350

*3/22/22 Examined
for Concentration
Det. Michiel 1233
att 7/12/22*

COMPILATION N/R REQUESTS

I. DATA COMPILATION

A. Location Index Card:-

(1) Name DAVIS, Columbus Ser. No. 2128295 TYP. MCH
(2) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. C, 309th Labor Bn. QMC CKR. JL
(3) Date of death 9/15/18

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

(4) Cause of death Broncho Pneumonia TYP. MCH
(5) Grave No. 33 Row --- Plot --- Sect. --- CKR. JL

II. FILES EXAMINATION

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

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

(6) Relationship Mother

(7) Name Mrs Martha Hinton att 8-31-20

(8) Address Silver City, Miss.

(9) Desires remains brought to U. S.? No

(10) Desires remains brought to U. S. and interred in National Cemetery at ---

(11) If brought back, what shipping instructions? ---

W.M. 4-13-20

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

(12) Does correspondence Change or qualify request as made on A.G.O. card? If so, specify such information.

No correspondence

(13) A. G. O Files EXAMINED by EWB (Date) 4/13/20

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

No request for disposition
Grave Registration Location Blank

(15) G. R. S. Files EXAMINED by M.H. (Date) 4-14-20

(over)

*Checked by
at 2-4-21*

III. FINAL ACTION

A. MEMORANDUM to D. M. O. in E. made (Date)

(16) Removal of Remains (within custody of G.R.S.) to

(17) Instructions that remains be left undisturbed

(18) Typed by Checked by (Date)

B. G. R. S. FORM NO. 114 made (Date)

(19) Typed by Checked by (Date)

C. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

Form 120 from mother w/r requests body remain in France

D. Dispatched (Date) (Let. Trans. no. *9/8*)

Par. #2 Not to be returned (PJR)

Approved by

(Date)

IV. OTHER EXAMINATION

(1) NAME	(2) GRADE	(3) POSITION	(4) DATE	(5) BY	(6) CHECKED	(7) DATE	(8) SIGNATURE

GENERAL NO. INDEX NO. DATE NO.