

To The A. G. O.

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G.R.S. Form #114-B

JAN 15 1926

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Sol. Lieg.

FULL NAME.....DAVIS, Ephraim J. ✓ ✓

RANK.....Private, First Class ✓ ✓ SERIAL.....1422913 ✓

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION.....Company F, 307th Infantry ✓

DATE OF DEATH.....*Div-77* ✓
Sept 6, 1918 ✓

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME.....*Missouri* ✓ ✓

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED.....*none* ✓

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION.....

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Date	Grave	Row	Block
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..... Cemetery			

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 WORLD WAR DIV.

Robert C. Davis,
 Major General,
 The Adjutant General,
R.C.
 JAN 18 1926



Co F 307th Inf.
77th Division

DAVIS, Ephriam J.- Pvt 1st cl.1422913
Home : Ripley, Oklahoma.

On Sept.5th 1918, S.E. of Merval and So. of Ravine Marion, on the plateau No. of the Vesle River, No. of Pismes, while advancing on Merval was caught in machine gun and snipers fire, being killed instantly. Several unsuccessful events were made to recover bodies. The advance pushed on that evening preventing us from burying bodies. The bodies were removed later.

Informant : Goggin, Robert E.- 1st Lieut.
Co F 307th Inf.
Home : 67 Glenton St, Bloomfield, N.Y. *J*

Emergency address :
Jess Richard Davis
Ripley, Oklahoma.

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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Davis, Ephraim	3	41 ^x ₂
	CEMETERY	1	2
BURIED	GRAVE	2	30
	ROW	2	05
	BLOCK	1	3
STATE	Minn	2	27
RANK	Pvt 1 cl	1	2
DIVISION	77	2	77
ORGANIZATION	307	3	307
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARITAL	No	1	2
NAME	Davis, Mrs. Jamie May	3	41 ^x ₂
	STATE	2	29
RESIDENCE	COUNTY	2	34
	CITY	3	XXX
	Route #3		
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Bad	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	NO.	1	
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ACCEPTANCE	No age	1	2
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Davis, Ephraim J. OA

September 6, 1932.

Mrs. Jamie Mary Davis,
Rt. #3,
Ava, Missouri.

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.

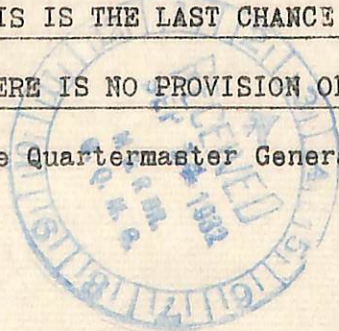

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	No
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: 70 Health: <i>quite good</i>
3. Do you speak English?	<i>yes</i>
4. What other language do you speak?	

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.

Encl:
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Davis, Ephraim J. (OA)

July 11, 1932.

Mrs. Jamie Mary Davis,
Route #3,
Ava, Mo.

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.

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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, Ephraim J. OA M

December 17, 1931.

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Mrs. Jamie Mary Davis,
Route #3,
Ava, Missouri

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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to mak the pilgrimage
i have stomach trouble
and also have diabetics
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Mrs Jamie Mary Davis



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Davis, Ephraim J. OA M

November 2, 1931

Mrs. Jamie Mary Davis
Route #3
Ava, Missouri

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. In your reply to the recent inquiry as to whether or not you desired to make a pilgrimage in 1932, you advised you were undecided.

In view of the fact that steamship reservations must be made several months in advance, it is essential that this office know how many mothers and widows must be arranged for. It is possible that you may have made your decision by this time. It is therefore requested that 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. In the event you state you desire to make the journey in 1932 and circumstances prevent your making the pilgrimage, it is requested you notify this office as promptly as possible.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	<i>no</i>
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: <i>69</i> Health: <i>poor</i>
3. Do you speak English?	<i>yes</i>
4. What other language do you speak?	<i>no</i>

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes

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

Encl:
Env.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Davis, Ephraim J. OA M

November 2, 1931

Mrs. Janie Mary Davis
Route #3
Ava, Missouri

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Dear Madam:

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2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
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4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM
Davis, Ephraim J. PFC (OA) M

June 22, 1931

Mrs. Jamie Mary Davis,
Rt #3,
Ava, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932?

Undecided
Write answer here

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Davis, Ephraim J. 608M

June 19, 1930

Mrs. Jamie Mary Davis,
Route No. 3,
Ava, Missouri

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,



Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? no

(Write answer here) ✓

(Sign here)

QM 293 A-C
Davis, Ephraim J. 608-M

May 21, 1930

Mrs. Jamie Mary Davis,
R. R. #3,
Ava, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 8th, declining the invitation to sail on the SS "America" August 27, 1930, to visit the grave of your son, the late Private, first class, Ephraim J. Davis, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

Your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the journey in 1931, and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages are being arranged for that year.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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May 19

1930

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dearest sis i am very sorry
that i can't go i have
been sick all winter
and not able to make
the pilgrimage i sent
the card back i
suppose i will have to
go to the hospital
yours truly

Mrs Jamil Mary
Mrs Jamie Mary Davis Davis
Ephraim J. Davis Vets name

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American
Army



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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Davis, Ephraim J. 608-M.

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Jamie Mary Davis,
RR 3,
Ava, Mo.

Dear Madam:

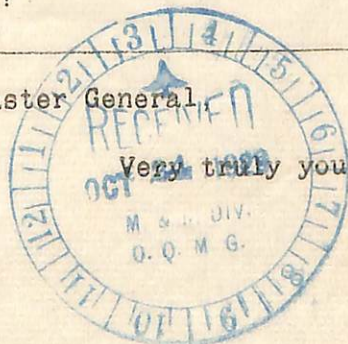
The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries,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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes) <i>yes</i>	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <i>yes</i>	(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) yes	(No) <i>no</i>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <i>66</i> Health <i>medium</i>	(Years) (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <i>yes</i> (No)	Other language (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General

Very truly yours,



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

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Envelope

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June 29, 1929

War Department
Office of Quartermaster
General

My dear Sir:

In regard to
Ephraim J. Davis leav-
ing a widow. He was
not married.

yours truly

Mrs Jamie Mary Davis

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Davis, Ephraim J.

June 24, 1929.

Mrs. Jammie Mary Davis,
Goodhope, Mo.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Pvt. 1st Cl. Ephraim J. Davis, Co. F, 307th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, 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 an invitation to her to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Davis, Ephraim J. OA

September 6, 1932.

Mrs. Jamie Mary Davis,
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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Davis, Ephraim J. (OA)

July 11, 1932.

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Route #8,
Ava, Mo.

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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, Ephraim J. OA M

December 17, 1931.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Davis, Ephraim J. OA M

November 2, 1931

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For The Quartermaster General,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

June 22, 1931

Davis, Ephraim J. PFC (OA) M

Mrs. Janie Mary Davis,
Rt #3,
Ava, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

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For The Quartermaster General,

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Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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

Write answer here

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Davis, Ephraim J. 608M

June 19, 1930

Mrs. Janie Mary Davis,
Route No. 3,
Ava, Missouri

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A. D. HUGHES,
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Assistant.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

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QM 293 A-C
Davis, Ephraim J. 608-M

May 21, 1930

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R. R. #3,
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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
APR 11 30, 1930.

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C
Davis, Ephraim A.-608 M

Mrs. Jennie Mary Davis,
RR 3,
Ava, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

This letter, which contains general information regarding the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, is being sent to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during the calendar year 1930. The general plan for the conduct of the pilgrimage is shown in the Pilgrimage Regulations, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. In addition to the information shown in the regulations, the following explains in detail some of the most important things connected with the pilgrimage.

Formal invitations are being extended to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during 1930. In so far as practicable, these invitations are being extended with a view to keeping the women from each state together and the order in which the invitations to the women from the several states are issued is based on a drawing by lot which was held about one month ago. Inclosed with each invitation is a card for acknowledgment and it is quite important that you accept or decline this invitation promptly in order that the necessary railroad, steamship and hotel reservations may be arranged. The government will defray all the necessary expenses of the pilgrimage, including railroad fare, hotel accommodations, steamship fare and all other incidental expenses. It will not provide anything other than the necessary expenses so that you should bring with you such funds as you may desire to use for making small purchases and for other uses distinctly of a personal nature.

Arrangements have been made with the American Railroad Association which assures us the united support and cooperation of all of the railroads in the United States in handling the movement to and from New York City. The local ticket agent will secure your railroad and sleeper ticket and will make the necessary pullman reservations. Before your departure from your home we will mail you a check, sufficient to pay for your meals and other travelling expenses while enroute to New York. Your railroad ticket will provide for a round trip from your home to New York and upon arrival in New York the army officer in charge of the New York office will collect the return trip stub and hold it until your return to New York from Europe.

Upon arrival in New York, you will be met by an army officer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.
Regulation.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Davis, Ephraim J. 608-M.

Mrs. Jamie Mary Davis,
RR 3,
Ava, Mo.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Davis, Ephraim J.

June 24, 1929.

**Mrs. Jammie Mary Davis,
Goodhope, Mo.**

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Pvt. 1st Cl. Ephraim J. Davis, Co. F, 307th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, 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 an invitation to her to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

Date 1-17-24

SUBJECT: Information required for Cemeterial Division.

TO: The Adjutant General of the Army, World War Division, Washington, D.C.

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed:

- a. Surname DAVIS ✓
- b. Christian name Ephraim J. John E.
- c. Serial number 1422913 ✓
- d. Organization 307th Inf. Co. F. ✓
- e. Rank Pvt 1/c ✓
- f. Date of death 9-5 ✓
- g. Cause of death K/A ✓
- h. Authority C.C. 261
- i. Emergency Address J. R. Davis, Ripley, Okla.
- j. Relationship Father

BODY DESCRIPTION:

- a. Date of enlistment Apr. 1/17
- b. Age at enlistment 19
- c. Color of hair red
- d. Height 5" 7"
- e. Weight 150
- f. Fractures or breaks None

DENTAL CHARTS:

Mobilization.		Local Board.	
<u>None missing</u>		<u>(Enlisted)</u>	
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Lower right	Lower left	Lower right	Lower left

WAS HE DISCHARGED? No

Robert C. Davis,
The Adjutant General.

For the Quartermaster General: *per FCB*

Gene Ruth
Room 2111



RECORDED WORLD WAR DIV.
8 JAN 21 1924

R.L. Foster,
Assistant.

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1/22/24

Date May 13/19

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of: Davis, Ephraim J.

Name: Ephraim J. Davis

Number: 1422913

Rank: None

Organization: None

F, 307th

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group 1 Unit 304

Disinterred (Date) May 13/19 From: (Give complete location)

From Grave #4 Sketch 162-Forsberg. 34NW E207.55 N290.40

Reburied (Date) May 13/19 in: (Give complete location)

Grave #117 Section C. Cemetery #18 Fismes (Marne)

Map #34 Reism. SW. 286.25N-205.75E

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

Buried in shallow grave--- Body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes and one on cross.

What other means of identification were found on the body? None

CONFIRMED No. 20601

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, E.H. 2, 1918., after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Sgt. F.B. Callahan

1st. Lt. Oscar W. Forsberg.

C.O. Group 1 Unit 304

Date May 18/19

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Remains of:

Number: 123456
Name: Thomas J. Davis

Rank: Private
Home: [Redacted]

Organization: [Redacted]

Home: [Redacted]

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group: [Redacted]

Unit: 304

Disinterred (Date) May 18/19 From: (Give complete location) [Redacted]

Reburied (Date) May 18/19 In: (Give complete location) [Redacted]

Reburied (Date) May 18/19 In: (Give complete location) [Redacted]

Grave #11 Section G Cemetery #12 [Redacted]

Grave #11 Section G Cemetery #12 [Redacted]

Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
Buried in shallow grave--- body badly decomposed.

Was the identification tag found upon the body? Yes and one on cross.

What other means of identification were found on the body? None

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon bodies, they will be promptly sent to the [Redacted] for [Redacted] as required by G.O. 170. After being carefully examined, they will be returned to the [Redacted] where they will be made and reported to [Redacted]



Supervised by: Sgt. W.H. Galahan

Let Lt. Oscar W. [Redacted] [Redacted]

QM 293 A-C

DAVIS, Ephraim J. - Pvt. 1/c

October 7, 1924

Mr. Jess R. Davis,
Goodhope,
Mo.

Dear Sir:

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. P. HARBOLD,
Major, Quartermaster.

1-Incl.
Record card.

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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

CEMETERIAL DIVISION

WASHINGTON

Hoboken, N. J.

13.7.

JAN 27 1921

FROM: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. G.

To: Mr. J. R. Davis, Good Hope Mo.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. l/c Ephraim J. Davis, Ser. No. 1422913, Co. F, 307th Inf

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above-named
no request has been made for the disposition of his remains.

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

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

If all blank spaces below are not filled out, it will necessitate a return of this paper and a SERIOUS DELAY in the shipment of this body. State in each case WHETHER or not these relatives are STILL LIVING.

Was soldier married? _____

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Father			
Mother			
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		

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unclaimed

Date _____

Signature _____

Address _____

Relationship _____

IMPORTANT.—CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.

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Cemeterial Division
Overseas Project Sub-Section

I, the undersigned, am the _____ and nearest living next of kin of the within-named
(Relationship.)
soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:
(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to _____

(Name.)

(R. R. station.)

(State.)

3. To be returned to the U. S. and buried in _____ National Cemetery.

4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Signature _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instructions for the disposition of a body are not received from the next of kin within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.

2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.

3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT OF KIN IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.

4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest next of kin in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.

5. 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.

6. If YOU are not the nearest next of kin, please ask the nearest next of kin, if living near you, to fill out this paper.

7. If YOU are not the nearest living next of kin and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.

8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.

9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

NOTE.—INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DISPOSITION OF REMAINS will be issued by this office upon the properly executed authority of the legal next of kin in each case. The widow is the first person having disposition of the remains of her husband. Should there be no widow or children, the father and, in turn (upon his decease), the mother, is the proper authority. The brothers, in order of seniority, and then the sisters in order of seniority, if there are no brothers, rank next in authority to decide. Under an opinion rendered by the Judge Advocate General of the Army, if a widow has remarried she forfeits her right, and the next of kin as given above will make decision.

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Lewis Ephraim J.

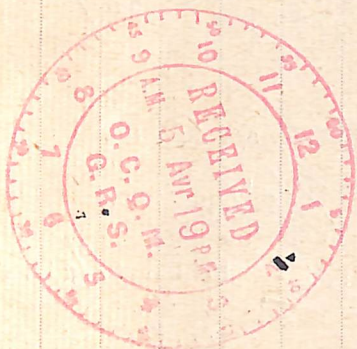
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Priv 1/2 Co F 307

Killed in Action

9/5/18

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

DAVIS, Ephraim J. 1422913

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

Pvt.1/c Co F. 307th Infantry

(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: S. E. of Mewal

CAUSE OF DEATH:

DATE OF BURIAL: Sept. 5, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL:

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

GRAVE NUMBER:

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?

Headboard?

Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Mewal (aisne)

Was one fastened to name peg or stake as a grave marker? NO

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: Gen Richard Davis

ADDRESS: Ripley, Oklahoma

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

Chaplain Cleveland 307th Inf.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

Communal List No. 106-7358
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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

FROM : ADJUTANT GENERAL.
TO : C.O. Co "F" 307th Infantr
SUBJECT : Information for burial Register.

1. You are directed to transmit without delay to the Chief, Graves Registration Service, the information indicated on enclosed Graves Location Blank as necessary for the completion of official records.

By Command of General Pershing:

Robert C. Davis
Adjutant General.

Note:

In case this item is checked, you will note hereon:

Nearest relative of deceased:

Jess Richard Davis

Relationship: _____

Address: Ripley, Okla.

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WASHINGTON

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

DAVIS, 1422913 John E.

(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).
Pvt. 1st cl. Co F. 307th Infantry
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH:

CAUSE OF DEATH:

DATE OF BURIAL:

PLACE OF BURIAL:

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

GRAVE NUMBER:

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?

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

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DAVIS, Ephraim J.

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

1422913

Co.F, 307th inf.

9-6-18

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

DATE OF DEATH

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

Original Forwarded
to Hoboken

DATE

Date 6-24-21 g.c.

PERSON NAMED BY SOLDIER TO BE BENEFICIARY OF INSURANCE

RELATIONSHIP

Mrs. Jammie Mary Davis

Mot her

ADDRESS

Goodhope, Mo.

PERSON RECEIVING DEATH COMPENSATION

RELATIONSHIP

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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON

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IN REPLY
REFER TO

201 (Davis, Ephraim J.) WW

March 15, 1920.

From: The Adjutant General of the Army.
To: Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D. C.
Subject: Date of death of Ephraim J. Davis, #1422913, Pvt. 1st cl.,
Co. F, 307th Inf.

1. Upon investigation it has been ascertained that the date of death of the above man heretofore communicated to you, is erroneous, and that this soldier was killed in action Sept. 6, 1918.

2. For purposes of identification you are advised that the records show that the deceased was enlisted April 1, 1917, and the name of the person to be notified in case of emergency was given as J. R. Davis, Father, Ripley, Okla.

By order of the Secretary of War.

P.C.Harris,
The Adjutant General.

Per: W.E.N.



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WAR DEPARTMENT

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

WASHINGTON

March 18, 1918

March 18, 1918

Major (David) Sprain, U.S. Army

IN REPLY
TO ORDER

The Adjutant General of the Army

Washington, D. C.

Subject: Date of death of Captain W. Lewis, 5142218, 1st Inf.,
Co. 2, 307th Inf.

1. Upon investigation it has been ascertained that the
date of death of the above-named officer communicated to you
is erroneous, and that he was killed in action Sept.
8, 1918.

2. For your information you are advised that
the records show the record was entered April 1, 1917,
and the name of the officer notified in case of emergency
was given as W. L. Lewis, 5142218, 1st Inf., Co. 2,
307th Inf., Ohio.

By Order of the Secretary of War.

F. C. Morris,
The Adjutant General.

Genl. M. K.



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P.C.Harris. Per

P.C.Harris,
The Adjutant General.

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March 15, 1920.

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From: The Adjutant General of the Army.
 To: Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D. C.
 Subject: Date of death of Ephraim J. Davis, #1422913, Pvt. 1st of Co. F, 207th Inf.

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By order of the Secretary of War.

F. G. Harris, Per

F. G. Harris,
The Adjutant General.



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Davis John E.
1422913

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was never a member
of this organization
Co F - 307 Inf.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

FROM : ADJUTANT GENERAL.
TO : C.O. Co "F" 307th Infantry
SUBJECT : Information for burial Register.

1. You are directed to transmit without delay to the Chief, Graves Registration Service, the information indicated on enclosed Graves Location Blank as necessary for the completion of official records.

By Command of General Pershing:

Robert C. Davis
Adjutant General.

Note:

In case this item is checked, you will note hereon:

Nearest relative of deceased:

Relationship: _____

Address: _____

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

Reference - 22353.

April 12th, 1919.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.
TO : Mrs. Jess R. Davis, Good Hope, Mo.
SUBJECT : Pvt. Ephran J. Davis, Co. L, 307th Infantry, American E.F.

1. In reply to your letter of inquiry, I am very sorry to have to inform you that my field force has not as yet succeeded in obtaining any definite burial information regarding this soldier. You may rest assured that every possible effort will be made to locate the grave, and, if necessary, a special search will be made of the area where he died and is, no doubt, buried.
2. Careful note is being made of your name and address, and immediately the burial information is received, you will be informed.

By direction

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

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

Per

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

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

August 28, 1919.

Mr. John R. Davis,
Cushing, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:-

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

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

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

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

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

In the case of an unmarried man—

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

In the case of a married man—

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

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

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

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

Very respectfully,

P. C. HARRIS,
The Adjutant General.

File 2293

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY
REFER TO

293.8 (Davis, Ephriam J.) DRD
Burial Records Section, 7th & B Sts.

EJ

August 28, 1919.

Mr. John R. Davis,
Cushing, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed herewith find card and letter relative to the final disposition of the remains of your son, Ephriam J. Davis. It is requested that you carefully fill out the card and return it to this office in the enclosed addressed envelope, which requires no postage. Same will then be placed on file for such reference as may be found necessary.

I take this opportunity to express to you the deep and sincere sympathy of the Department on account of the great loss sustained in the death of your son, and to commend you for the contribution you have made to the cause for which this soldier gave his life.

Very respectfully,

P. C. Harris
The Adjutant General

Per *M. J. A.*

2 Encls.

AGO
RETURN
UNFILED

Dup.

Davis,

Ephriam J.

1,422,913

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt. 1/c

Co. F, 307th Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased.

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

(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)

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

R-TURNED U.C.I.A.

America
~~8/27/30~~
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Davis, Ephraim J

I decline the invitation extended
(Accept or decline)
me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of the
Government of the United States under the provisions of
the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Jamie Mary Davis

(Name)

R. R. 3, Ava, Douglas Co., Mo.

(Town or City)

(State)



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M. & R. DIV.

C. O. M. G.

1/30/19

Good hope Mo.

Jan 5, 1919

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Graves Regulation Bureau:

A. E. F.

as I have a statement that my son
Ephraim J. Davis, Ripley Okla. of the
 Co. 307 infantry A. E. F. had been killed
 in action Sept 5 between the ~~Veteris~~
 Veale, and Ainsne Rivers, and would
 like to get a location of his grave.
 And how he was buried. We recieved
 a letter from the Capt of the 307
 infantry telling us where our
 boy met his death. and we will
 be glad to get a location of his
 grave. and Hoping to receive an
 Early reply.

Mrs. Jess R. Davis.

Good hope Mo.
U.S.A.

P.S.

We have moved from Ripley Okla
 Since our sons. Entestment in the
 Army. our present address is
 Good hope Mo.



WAR DEPARTMENT,
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.
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Mr. John R. Davis,
Cushing, Oklahoma.

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Received A. G. O. SEP 20 1919

CUSHING
SEP 20 1919
6161
OKLA.

REC'D RECORDS BR, A. G. O. SEP 29 1919

See correspondence

THRIVE by THRIFT
Buy War Savings Stamps.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 22353

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name DAVIS, Ephraim J. Ser. No. 1422913
(b) Rank Pvt 1/c Organization Co. F, 307th Inf.
(c) Date of death 9-6-18 (d) Cause of death K/A
TYP. DB
CKR. E.M.

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

(a) Grave No. 117 Row - Plot 3 Sec. C TYP. DB
(b) Emerg. Address J. R. Davis, (Father) Ripley, Okla.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases -- CKR. E.M.

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

no card in file - Est. 12-2-20
Date of receipt

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

Suspension

Examiner's Initials Date, 1920.

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

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

no correspondence

Examiner's Initials Date, 1920.

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

Mother Mrs Jess R Davis
Goodhope, Mo. (new address) old address Ripley, Okla.
Asks grave location

(a) Cancellation memos referred to?

yes. H.P.
Examiner's Initials Date, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 617 SHEET No. 283

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

891-17-21

checked 12/13/20

CARDED

RECEIVED BY
MAIL UNIT

JUN 1 1921, 1920.

Cemeterial Division
Overseas Project Sub-Section

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

Typed by _____, Checked by _____

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by

{ cable on _____, 1920

{ letter on *ppr* _____, 1920

Paragraph - Not to be returned

IX.

CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE.

ACTION TAKEN.

Desires body be _____

Body to be shipped to _____

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*Form 100 sent to Mr. J. R. Davis,
Good Hope Mo., Returned unclaimed
H. 3-16-21aw.*

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Jan. 28, 1922.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT Jo.

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name DAVIS, Ephraim J.
 2. No. 1422913
 3. Rank EFC.
 4. Org. Co. F. 307th Inf.
 5. D.D. 9-5-18
 6. C.D. KIA.

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment.

7. Grave No. 117 Sec. C
 8. Plot 3 Row _____
 9. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 17. No disc.

18. Cemetery American Cty.

19. Commune or town FISMES

20. Dept. or County Marne

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 617

23. Disinterred (Date) Jan. 28, 1922.

By H.H. Foster

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Davis, Ephraim J.
 Rank Pvt. 1/c

Serial No. 1422913
 Organization Co. F. 307th Inf.

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

Fred C. Lemont
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant
Fred C. Lemont

PREPARATION

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

Tag on cross agrees with Form 114-A

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial In burlap and uniform

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Jan. 28, 1922 By H.H. Foster

31. Casket sealed by H.H. Foster

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

H.H. Foster
H.H. Foster

AUDITED
 2025-20-24

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-22846

32. Designation of body:

Name Ephraim J. DAVIS Serial No. 1422913

Rank EPC. Organization Co. F. 307th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne Amer. Cty. 608 SERINGES-et-NELES(Aisne)

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Jan. 28, 1922. By H.H. Foster

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector *R. Richards*

R. Richards, 1st Lieut. OMC

36. Remarks None

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) _____

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 Oise-Aisne Amer. Cty. 608. SERINGES-et-NELES, Aisne

(Name)

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer *R. Richards*

R. Richards, 1st Lieut. OMC.

40. Received: Date JAN 30 1922

G.R.S. Representative *R. M. Woods*

41. Reinterred Aug. 22, 1922, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes et Nesles (Aisne)

(Date)

42. Grave No. 30 Section _____

43. Plot BLOCK 0 Row 5

G.R.S. Representative

W.D. Cleary

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

tab

Place Fismes Cty. 617.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Jan. 28, 1922.

1. REMAINS OF Davis, Ephraim J. SERIAL NUMBER 1422913

RANK Pvt. 1/c ORGANIZATION Co. F. 307th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Jan. 28, 1922. From (give complete location): Gr. 117. Sec. C. Plot. 3. Cty. 617.

By: Group 6 Unit F.S. #7.

3. Reburied (date): Aug. 22, 1922 In (give complete location): Gr. 30, Block C, Row 5, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes et Nesles (Aisne)

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:
In burlap and uniform. Body badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable.

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

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

Tag on cross agrees with Form 114-A

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

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

(b) Weight (estimated).....

(c) Hair—Color

Quantity

Characteristics

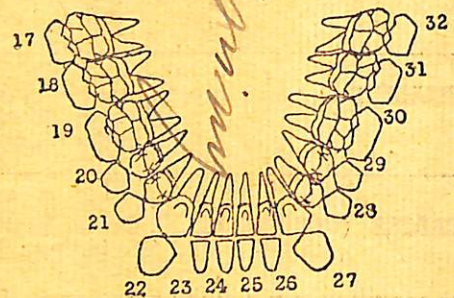
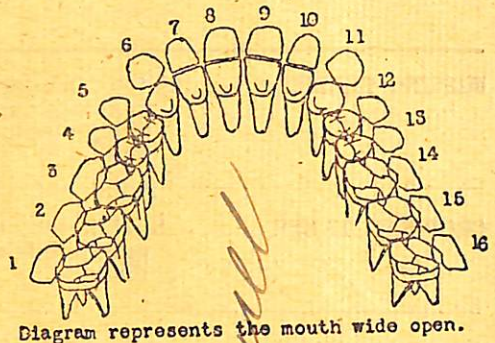
(d) Hair on face—Color

Location.....

Quantity

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

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Head missing. Extra right pelvic bone found with body. Bones present: Left foot, left tibia and fibia, part of right tibia, right and left femur, two pelvic bones, left scapula.



7. Disinterment supervised by N. N. Foster
H. H. Foster

Approved: R. Richards
(Title) 1st Lieut. QMC

8. Reburial supervised by L. D. Hays






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

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 :	 <p>TOOTH MISSING TOOTH MISSING</p>
CROWNED TEETH	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :	 <p>GOLD CROWN PORCELAIN CROWN GOLD CROWN</p>
BRIDGE WORK	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :	 <p>GOLD AND PORCELAIN BRIDGE GOLD BRIDGE</p>
FILLINGS	Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :	 <p>SILVER FILLING GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING</p>
CARIES (CAVITIES)	Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :	 <p>CAVITY DECAYED DECAYED DECAYED</p>
DENTURES (PLATES)	Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp."	

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

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 22353

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name DAVIS, Ephraim J. Ser. No. 1422913 } TYP
 (b) Rank Pvt 1/c Organization Co. F, 307th Inf. } DB *E.M.*
 (c) Date of death 9-6-18 Cause of death K/A

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

(a) Grave No. 117 Row - Plot 3 Sect. C TYP DB
 (b) Emerg. Address J. R. Davis, (Father) Ripley, Okla. CKR *E.M.*

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

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

None - No Card
None - No Request for disposition

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 1/22/1921) (Letter of transmittal on 1/22/1921)

Paragraph 2
Not to be returned

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. JAN 18 1921 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken

VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. FEB 15 1921 192

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 G.R.S. FORM 115-A
 August, 1920

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