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Davis,

Oliver R.

38,774

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Sgt.

Co. D, 9th Inf

(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 J Davis

101 Oak St
(Number and street or rural route.)

Yonkers N.Y.
(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Φ drawn by - 68 R

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JH

DEC 17 1925

DATE

1. NAME DAVIS, Oliver R. SERIAL No. 38774
 RANK Sgt. ORGANIZATION Co.D 9th Inf.
 GRAVE LOCATION St.Mihiel Amer.Cty. Thiaucourt M&M 1233
 CTY. NAME NUMBER

9 Sec.3 1

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION #3. Near Thiaucourt (M et M) C-138
 GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.
 COORDINATES 242.25 363.4 52 NE
242.2 N 363.5 E

CONCENTRATED TO 4/18/19 9 Sec 3 1

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

St. Mihiel Cty. Thiaucourt (M et M) 1233

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on cross and body.

DATE OF DEATH Sept 13, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME N.Y.

Data form 1.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

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SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

WALTER F. BROWN

Captain, Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION August 7, 1922 23 11 Block D
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

St. Mihiel Cemetery #1233
CEMETERY



Handwritten notes and stamps: "BY DEC 23 1925 WORLD WAR DEPT." and other illegible markings.

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 I6, 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.

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Davis **38,774** **Oliver**
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Sergeant **Co. D 9th Inf.**
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL **September 13, 1918.**

PLACE OF BURIAL **On top of Hill**

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

Map: Thiaucourt 1/80,000 242.0 363.5

GRAVE NUMBER **1**

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

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? **Yes**

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

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

REPORTED BY:

Joseph A. McCaffrey, Chaplain
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Co. D. 9th Infantry.
2nd Division.

DAVIS Oliver R. Sgt. 38774.
Home: Yonkers, N.Y.
1010 Oake St.

Killed in action 9/13/18. Killed with shrapnel. Buried on the hill to the right of Thaucourt, just after we reached our first objective. September 12; 1918. Died instantly.

Informant: BROWN Anthony, Jr Sgt. 38798.
Co. D. 9th Infantry.
Home: 60 Scunders St. No. Andover, Mass.

Signed: T. W. DOUNES.
1st Lt. 9th Infantry.
March 19/19.

Emergency address:
Mrs. Kittie DAVIS, (mother)
as above.

I.C.

D

Davis, Oliver R.
Sgt.

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New York

GOLD STAR MOTHERS PILGRIMAGE

S.S.AMERICA, JULY 2, 1930

Westchester County

Name: Mrs. Kittie Davis (J-10)

Address: 345 Bellevue Ave., Yonkers, N.Y.

Route: New York Central R.R. to New York

Lv. Yonkers Train No. 228	2:04 P.M. July 1
Ar. New York (Grand Cent. Terminal)	2:37 P.M., July 1

Accommodations: Coach Service

Elapsed Time: 33 minutes $\frac{1}{4}$

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	<i>Lavis, Oliver R. Oli</i>	3	<i>5 29</i>
BURIED	CEMETERY <i>1233</i>	1	<i>3</i>
	GRAVE <i>23</i>	2	<i>23</i>
	ROW <i>11</i>	2	<i>11</i>
	BLOCK <i>D</i>	1	<i>4</i>
STATE	<i>n.y.</i>	2	<i>37</i>
RANK	<i>Sgt.</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>2</i>	2	<i>02</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>9</i>	3	<i>009</i>
ARM	<i>Inf.</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARITAL	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME	<i>Lavis, Mrs. Kittie</i>	3	<i>41 22</i>
RESIDENCE	STATE <i>n.y.</i>	2	<i>37</i>
	COUNTY <i>Westchester</i>	2	<i>60</i>
	CITY <i>Yonkers</i>	3	<i>169</i>
RELATION	<i>mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Good</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO. YR. <i>1930</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ACCEPTANCE	<i>Age yes 56</i>	1	<i>1 56</i>

Failed July 21, 1930

AUDITED
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Party "J" - Itinerary - St. Mihiel Group

Sailed July 2, 1930 on the AMERICA. Major Rolland Walsh in charge. Arrived Cherbourg 5.30am July 11th. Tender Arrived 5.40am bearing Maj. Dailey and Kinderman; Capt. Saulnier; Lts. Freeman, Gregory, Yarborough and Moroney; 3 nurses; 2 civilian employees. Train left 8.22am. Arrived Gare des Invalides, Paris, at 2.15pm. Met by Col. Ellis and members of his staff; a detail of interpreters; nurses.

July 12th. Morning devoted to transaction of personal business. Exchange of money, preparation of laundry, etc. Left hotel by bus at 3pm for Arc de Triomphe. Wreath laid by Mrs. J. M. Frosthalm for party. Other wreathes laid by Mrs. Comeau and Mrs. Greene. Tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent. Returned to hotel for dinner. Evening free.

July 13th. Morning free. Sightseeing in afternoon. Dinner at hotel.

July 14th. Left 8.30am for Bar-le-Duc via Rozoy-en-Brie. Sezanne, (Lunch at Hotel de France) Vitre-le-Francois. Arrived 6.30pm. Hotel de Metz.

July 15th. Left 9.30am for Nancy via Thiaucourt, lunch Hotel de Metz. St. Mihiel Cemetery. Arrived Nancy 6.15pm. Grand Hotel.

July 16th. Made daily trips from Nancy to the St. Mihiel American

17th, 18th. Cemetery. Also visited Monument on Mont Sec and Metz.

July 19th. Left Nancy 7.45am for Troyes via Toul, Neufchateau, lunch Hotel du Commerce at Bar-sur-Aube. Arrived 4.45pm. Grand Hotel.

July 20th. Left Troyes 8.30am for Paris via Sens, lunch Hotel Legris at Fontainebleau (visited Chateau). Arrived Paris 6. pm. Dinner at hotel.

July 21st. Sightseeing trip Paris-Notre Dame. Lunch at hotel. Napoleon's Tomb. Dinner at hotel. Nite sightseeing trip.

July 22nd. Free or shopping. Lunch at hotel. Versailles - Belle Cycliste - Suresnes. Dinner at hotel.

July 23rd. Louvre. Lunch at hotel. Afternoon free. Dinner at hotel.

July 24th. Boat train for Cherbourg. Lunch on train. Left 11.44am. Arrived Cherbourg 4pm. PRESIDENT HARDING sailed 5.40pm. Arrived New York August 1st.

Mrs. Kittie Davis

NAME DAVIS, MRS. KITTIE

16.

S.S. ~~WARDING~~ AUG 1 1930

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HOMEYONKERS, WESTCHESTER COUNTY, N.Y.

R.R. NYC to dest

STATION

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

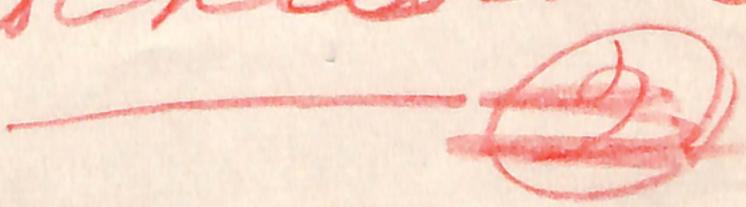
TIME

DATE

Aug. 30. 30

Mr. James F. Davis

345 Bellevue Ave.,
Yonkers, N.Y.

no enclosure


Mrs. **KITTIE DAVIS**

City **YONKERS** State **NEW YORK**

Your Berth Is Car Train **93**

Leave **GR. CENT. TERMIN** Via **N.Y.C.** At **9:10AM** E. S. T. **8/2/30**

Arrive At **YONKERS** At **9:39AM** **SAME DAY**

Leave Via At

Arrive At At

Leave Via At

Arrive At At

Leave Via At

Arrive At At

Leave At

Arrive At At

August 6, 1950

FILE NO. 201 (Mrs. Kittle Davis, Party "J")

SUBJECT: Unused Railroad Ticket.

TO: The Quartermaster General
Washington, D. C.

1. Enclosed herewith New York Central Railroad ticket E-29492 covering passage from New York to Yonkers, N. Y. for Mrs. Kittle Davis, Yonkers, N. Y., who did not require same due to her motoring home.

2. The above pilgrim was a member of party "J", page 10.

For the Officer in Charge:

GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR
1st Lieut. Q.M.C. (DOL.)
Assistant

JFM:GRR
Enc. RR Ticket

Name DAVIS, Mrs Kittie HOTEL LUTETIA
Paris Hôtel ~~HOTEL DE PARIS~~ BOULEVARD RASPAIL
..... ~~BOULEVARD DE LA~~ E
Home address 345 Bellevue Ave., Yonkers, Westchester County, New-York
Party J Group 3 Unit ~~§§~~.AMERICA.
Date of arrival July 11, 1930 Date of departure ~~§§~~.HARDING, July 24, 1930.
Relationship Mother
Name of deceased DAVIS, Oliver R.
Rank Sgt. Organization Co.D, 9th Inf.
Cemetery SAINT MIHIEL Grave 23, Row II, Block D

REMARKS



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

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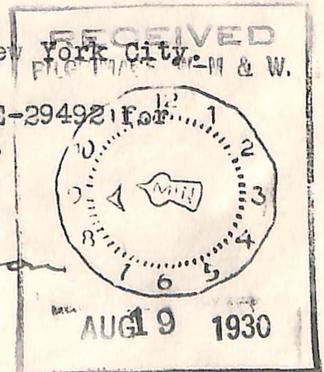
Enc. RR Ticket

QM 293 A-M Davis, Oliver R. 1233 1st Ind.
August 12, 1930
Officer in Charge, Pilgrimage Port of Embarkation, New York City.

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of ticket #E-29492 for Mrs. Kittie Davis from New York City to Yonkers, N.Y.

For The Quartermaster General,

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



June 25, 1930

Yonkers Herald
Warburton Avenue
Yonkers, N. Y.

Attention: Mr. Cummings

Gentlemen:

There is transmitted herewith information concerning the sailing of the Pilgrimage of the War Mothers and Widows to the cemeteries in Europe. This pilgrim will sail from Pier 4, Hoboken, N.J., on the S.S. America, July 2nd, 1930, to St. Mihiel Cemetery.

Mrs. Kittie Davis
345 Bellevue Avenue
Yonkers, New York

Yours very truly

GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR ⁴⁸¹³
1st Lieut.Q.MC. (DOL.)
Assistant


JFM:GER

201 Davis
Mrs. K.

June 12th, 1930.

Mrs. Kittie Davis,
345 Bellevue Avenue,
Yonkers, New York.

Dear Madam:

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

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

For The Officer in Charge:

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

Enclosures:
2 tags.

2 tags

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

Capt. J. J. [unclear]

RAIL SCHEDULE OF DEPARTURE OF PILGRIMS FROM HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA

PARTY "J"

PILGRIMS LEAVE HOTEL 8:30AM (E.S.T.)

TRAIN LEAVES 9:10AM (E.S.T.)

AUGUST 2, 1930 93
Date Train Number

NEW YORK CENTRAL
Name of Railroad

GRAND CENTRAL
Point of Departure

NAME	DESTINATION	ROOM NO.	PIECES OF BAGGAGE
MRS. KESSIE DAVIS	YONKERS N. Y.		3

Bags out 8:30 am D. D. S.

To go on Bus arranged for 9:00 am train

*Not listed by Hotel as having room
Probably left today (Aug 1st)*

Capt. Funds

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

ROOM NO.

PIECES OF BAGGAGE

MRS. KITTIE

DAVIS

mother

YONKERS N.Y.

not in hotel

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

DAVIS, OLIVER R. ST.M.

Party J
Number 1909

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

MRS. KITTIE DAVIS

..... Actual cost of through Pullman.
Name of Traveler

..... YONKERS, WESTCHESTER COUNTY, New York, to YONKERS, N.Y.
Home Address

..... NEW YORK \$

New York, to YONKERS, N.Y.
Destination

Via N. Y. CENT. TO DEST.

LIMIT - AUG 30-30 AUGUST 2, 1930
Date of Departure

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	Car	U. S. G. Order No.	Actual Cost
LV	GR CENT TERM NYC	93	8/2	9:10am	---	---		---
AR	Yonkers			9:39am				
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TOTAL

Remarks:

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QM 293 A-M
Davis, Oliver R. 1233 M

August 6, 1950.

Mrs. Kittie Davis,
345 Bellevue Avenue,
Yonkers, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of the testimonial expressing your appreciation to the United States Government, which you and the other mothers and widows returning on the SS Harding were so kind as to send me regarding your pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe.

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

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

Sincerely yours,

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

STATE

DAVIS, Oliver R.

NEW YORK

345 Bellevue Ave.,
Yonkers,NAME ^{M.} Davis, Mrs. Kittie HOME ADDRESS Westchester County..

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN

James F Davis same

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE

July 1

HOTEL

New Westton

ROOM NO.

1423

Quarters: Mrs. Mary A. Cook

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE

JUL 2 1930

VESSEL

S/S AMERICA

CABIN NO.

138-B

DESTINATION

Cherbourg, France

CEMETERY

St. Mihiel

RETURN NEW YORK

AUG 1 1930

DATE

M Davis, Mrs Kittie 345 Bellevue Ave.
NAME HOME ADDRESS
Yonkers, N.Y.

123-C S/S HARDING PENNSYLVANIA No room
RETURN ON S. S. HOTEL ROOM NO.

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

AUG 2 1930

DATE

ny b. 93
ROAD TRAIN CAR BERTH or SEAT

REMARKS
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NAME Davis, Mrs. Kittie

J

ADDRESS 345 Belleyue Ave., Yonkers, N.Y.

DATE

Aug 1st

TO:

OFFICER-IN-CHARGE,
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

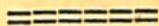
I BEG TO INFORM YOU THAT I HAVE RETURNED
TO MY HOME SAFELY AND IN GOOD HEALTH.

SINCERELY,

(SIGNED)

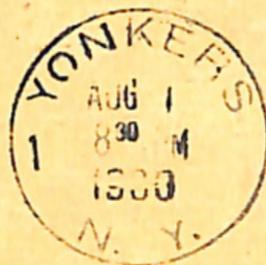
Mrs Kittie Davis

WAR DEPARTMENT



OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300.



PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

QM 293 A-M Davis, Oliver R. 1233 1st Ind.
August 12, 1930
Officer in Charge, Pilgrimage Port of Embarkation, New York City.

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of ticket #R-29492 for
Mrs. Kittie Davis from New York City to Yonkers, N.Y.

For The Quartermaster General,

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

Washington, D. C. June 25, 1930

MRS. KITTIE DAVIS,
545 BELLEVUE AVE.,
YONKERS, N. Y.

TELEGRAPH COLLECT WHETHER OR NOT YOU HAVE RECEIVED CHECK FOR SUBSISTENCE
WHILE MAKING PILGRIMAGE 1381GSM

DEWITT
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

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ADH

QM 293 A-C Davis, Oliver R. 1233



Signal Corps, United States Army

Received at War Department Message Center,
Room 3441, Munitions Building,
Washington, D. C.

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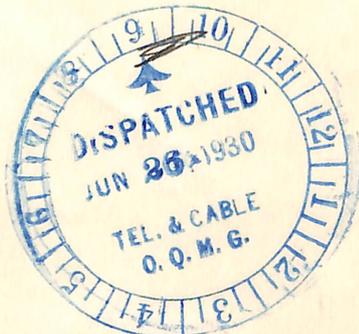
YONKERS NY 545P JUNE 25 1930

DEWITT QM GENERAL
WASHN DC

I HAVE RECEIVED CHECK THANK YOU

MRS KITTIE DAVIS

744P



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1233

RETURN RECEIPT.

Amurica 7-2-30

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

Mrs Pittie Davis wife

(Signature or name of addressee.)

receipt of check 6/26/30

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

M.W.P.

Date of delivery, -----, 192

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. _____

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____

Return to _____

Q. M. GENERAL

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

(NAME OF STREET)
MUNITIONS BUILDING

WASHINGTON,

D. C.

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

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING
OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

2022

1233

RETURN RECEIPT

Anniversary

7/2/30

Received from the Postmaster
number of which appears on the

Registered or Insured Article, the original
Card.

Miss H. Davis

Miss Lottie Davis

(Name of addressee.)

(Name of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery

6/17/30

6/17/30

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Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. _____

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____

Return to

Street and Number,
or Post Office Box,

Post Office at

Rev. 3-24

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



GENERAL

(OF SENDER)

STATES BUILDING

Washington, D.C.

XXXX A-M

June 23, 1930

Eggen, Richard-1283

Mrs. Bertha Eggen,
615 Allen Ave.,
E. Grand Forks, Minn.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements have been completed for your transportation to New York City on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe. One week before your departure the railroad ticket agent, of the first road shown below, will deliver your railroad and pullman ticket to you. Your route to New York will be as follows:

Lv. E. Grand Forks	WorPac	Train No. 14	12:15 PM	July 19
Ar. St. Paul	"	"	10:00 PM	" 19
Lv. " "	OSTPM&O	410	10:30 PM	" 19
Ar. Chicago	C&NW	"	9:45 AM	" 20
Lv. "	GT	8	12:45 PM	" 20
Ar. New York	LV	"	5:45 PM	" 21

(Penna. Sta.)

Lt Emery

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

May 13, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Davis, Oliver R. -1233 M
America 7-2

Mrs. Kittie Davis,
345 Bellevue Avenue,
Yonkers, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Name

James F. Davis

Address

345 Bellevue Ave Yonkers N. Y.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.
Env.



345 Bellevue Ave
Yonkers N.Y.

War Department
Office of the Quartermaster

May 10 - 1930

General Westchester Co.
1733
Oliver P. Davis

July 2, 1930

Dear Sir Amer.

In reply to your letter of May 6th for request for stop overs on return from the pilgrimage to American Cemeteries in Europe

I wish to say that I do not desire any stop overs at any point on return from the pilgrimage

Thanking you very kindly

I am Very Truly yours

Vets Name

Mrs Kittie Davis

345 Bellevue Ave
Yonkers

N.Y.
File



Accepts
America
July 2 - 1930

YONKER
2 MAY 10
8³⁰ PM
1930



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

Mrs Kittie Davis
345 Bellevue Ave
Yonkers
N.Y.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 8, 1930.

Davis, Oliver R. 1233 N

Mrs. Kittie Davis,
345 Bellevue Ave.,
Yonkers, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

America

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Davis, Oliver R

I Accept the invitation extended
(Accept or decline)

me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of the Government of the United States under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Kittie Davis

(Name)

345 Bellevue Ave., Yonkers, Westchester Co., N.Y.

(Town or City)

(State)

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Mrs Kittie Davis 345 Bellevue Ave
Yonkers N. Y.

QM 293 A-C
Davis, Oliver R.
1233 M

March 24, 1930.

Mrs. Kittie Davis,
345 Bellevue Ave.,
Yonkers, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 19, 1930, relative to your desire to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Sergeant Oliver R. Davis, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

The records of this office show that you are eligible to make the pilgrimage and desire to make the journey in 1930.

It is anticipated that a formal invitation to make the journey early in July will be forwarded you within a reasonable length of time.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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345 Bellevue Ave

Yonkers N.Y.

March 19-1930

going ^{early}
in July

Mr John T. Harris

Dear Sir

I would like to know if you received the blank I sent to you stating that I would like to take the pilgrimage to Europe to visit the cemetery where my son Sergeant Oliver R. Davis is buried. There were 17. Mothers names published in the Yonkers paper and my name was not there. When I sent the blank to you, I had to send a plain envelope, as you did not enclose an addressed envelope. That is the reason I thought

You did not receive it
Hoping I will receive a
reply.

Very Truly Yours

Mrs Kittie Davis
345 Bellevue Ave
Yorkers,
N. Y.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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

January 8, 1930.

Mrs. Kittie Davis,
345 Bellevue Avenue,
Yonkers, New York.

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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 13, 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 56 Health (Years) (Good)	(Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes)	(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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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Davis, Oliver R.
1233

September 16, 1929.

Mrs. Kittie Davis,
345 Bellevue Ave.,
Yonkers, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated July 31, 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:

Deceased
was never married

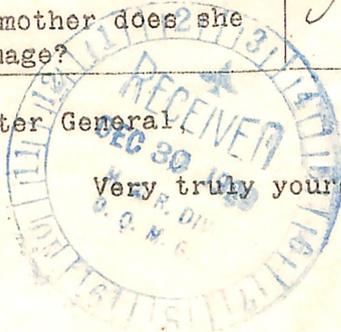
2. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

Mother
Mrs Kittie Davis
345 Bellevue Ave
Yes in Yonkers N. Y.
in 1930
Yonkers N. Y.

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

For The Quartermaster General

Very truly yours,


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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Davis, Oliver R.

July 31, 1929.

**Mrs. Kittie Davis,
345 Bellevue Ave.,
Yonkers, N. Y.**

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late **Sergeant Oliver R. Davis, Co. D, 9th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.**

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

Write answers in space below:

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

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
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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
Davis, Oliver R

May 29 , 1929.
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Mrs. Kitty Davis,
62 Morningside Ave.,
Yonkers, N. Y.

Mother:

Mrs. Kittie Davis
345 Bellevue Ave.,
Yonkers, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Sergeant Oliver R. Davis, Co. D, 9th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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





Mr. John. J. Harris
Major. Q. M. Corps
Washington
D. C.

Mrs Lottie Davis
345 Bellevue Ave
Yonkers
N.Y.

August 6, 1930

FILE NO. 201 (Mrs. Kittie Davis, Party "J")

SUBJECT: Unused Railroad Ticket.

TO: The Quartermaster General
Washington, D. C.

1. Enclosed herewith New York Central Railroad ticket E-29492 covering passage from New York to Yonkers, N. Y. for Mrs. Kittie Davis, Yonkers, N. Y., who did not require same due to her motoring home.

2. The above pilgrim was a member of party "J", page 10.

For the Officer in Charge:

GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR
1st Lieut. Q.M.C. (DOL.)
Assistant

JFM:GER
Enc. RR Ticket

QM 293 A-M Davis, Oliver R. 1233 1st Ind.
August 12, 1930
Officer in Charge, Pilgrimage Port of Embarkation, New York City.

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of ticket #E-29492 for Mrs. Kittie Davis from New York City to Yonkers, N.Y.

For The Quartermaster General,

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

QM 295 A-M
Davis, Oliver R. 1233 M

August 6, 1950.

Mrs. Mittie Davis,
345 Bellevue Avenue,
Yonkers, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of the testimonial expressing your appreciation to the United States Government, which you and the other mothers and widows returning on the SS Harding were so kind as to send me regarding your pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe.

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

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

Sincerely yours,

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

C. O. M. G. A. C. D. B. I.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Davis, Oliver R. 1233-M

June 12, 1930.

Mrs. Kittie Davis,
345 Bellevue Ave.,
Yonkers, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Davis, Oliver R. - 1233

June 10, 1930.

Mrs. Kittie Davis,
345 Bellevue Ave.,
Yonkers, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements have been completed for your transportation to New York City on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe. One week before your departure the railroad ticket agent, of the first road shown below, will deliver your railroad and pullman ticket to you. Your route to New York will be as follows:

Lv. Yonkers	NYC R.R.	Train No. 228	2:04 PM	July 1
Ar. New York(G.C.T.)	" "	" " "	2:37 "	" "

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

May 13, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Davis, Oliver R. -1233 M
America 7-2

Mrs. Kittie Davis,
346 Bellevue Avenue,
Yonkers, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

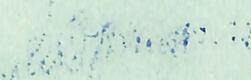
Name

Address

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 6 1930

Davis, Oliver R. 1233 H
America 7-2

Mrs. Kittie Davis,
345 Bellovue Ave.,
Yonkers, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 8, 1930.

Davis, Oliver R. 1233 M

Mrs. Kittie Davis,
345 Bellevue Ave.,
Yonkers, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

Davis, Oliver R. 1233-M

March 25, 1930.

Mrs. Kittie Davis,
345 Bellevue Ave.,
Dear Madam,
Yonkers, N. Y.

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.

QM 293 A-C
Davis, Oliver R.
1233 M

March 24, 1930.

Mrs. Kittie Davis,
345 Bellevue Ave.,
Yonkers, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 19, 1930, relative to your desire to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Sergeant Oliver R. Davis, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

The records of this office show that you are eligible to make the pilgrimage and desire to make the journey in 1930.

It is anticipated that a formal invitation to make the journey early in July will be forwarded you within a reasonable length of time.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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

~~October 1929~~
January 8, 1930.

Mrs. Kittie Davis,
345 Bellevue Avenue,
Yonkers, New York.

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,

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

Encl.
Act
Envelope

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Davis, Oliver R.
1273

September 16, 1929.

Mrs. Kittie Davis,
346 Bellevue Ave.,
Yonkers, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated **July 31, 1929**, making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Davis, Oliver R.

July 31, 1929.

Mrs. Kittie Davis,
345 Bellevue Ave.,
Yonkers, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Sergeant Oliver R. Davis, Co. D, 9th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May , 1929.
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Davis, Oliver R

Mrs. Kitty Davis,
62 Morningside Ave.,
Yonkers, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late
Sergeant Oliver R. Davis, Co. D, 9th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

DISPATCHED

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

DAVIS, Oliver R. - Sgt.

March 14, 1924

Mr. James Felix Davis,
62 Morningside Ave.,
Yonkers, N.Y.

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,

1-Incl.
Record card.

Assistant.

R. L. FOSTER

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Q.M.G.
Card M-1 & Files B.



MAR 14 1924
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FILE UNDER NO.

293 Davis, Oliver R.

Jan. 25, 1924

INDEX SHEET

SYNOPSIS

From : O.Q.M.G.

To: QMSO Washington GID

Authority to ship one flag at government expense to the mothers of the following soldiers: Pvt. Frank W Klepser, Sgt. Oliver R. Davis, & Sgt. Hubert B. Engel, and to sister of Pvt. Edwin G. Gladding.

DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO.

424 (Flags)

INSTRUCTIONS.—Under "Synopsis" make brief entry showing date of communication and from whom received and synopsis sufficient to identify the papers. When these index sheets become numerous under a subject they will be entered on the consolidated index sheet and then destroyed.

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24455

62 Thorningside Ave
Yonkers N. Y.

Jan 20 - 1924

Gt. M. Supply Officer

Dear Sir

Will you please send me
a service flag for my son
who was killed in the
World's War.

Sergt. Oliver R. Davis
Enlisted June 4th 1917.
Co. D. 9th Inf.

Killed Sept 13th 1918

293
Davis, Oliver R.

Buried in St. Michel
American Cemetery
Thiaucourt.

Meurthe-et-Moselle

Very Truly yours

Mrs. J. Davis

O.Q.M.C.
Central Mail & Files Co.



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JAN 22 1924

Office Q. M. Supply Officer
WASHINGTON, D. C.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 24455

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name DAVIS, Oliver R. Ser. No. 38774
(b) Rank Sgt. Organization Co.D, 9th Inf.
(c) Date of death 9/13/18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA
TYP. EK
CKR. [initials]

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

(a) Grave No. 9 Row -- Plot 1 Sec. 3 TYP. EK
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Kitty Davis (mother) 101 Oak St.,
Yonkers, N.Y.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases --- CKR. [initials]

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt ---

(a) Name Mrs. J. Davis (b) Relationship mother
(c) Address 101 Oak St, Yonkers, N.Y.
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at ---

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. ---

(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. ---

Examiner's Initials [initials] Date 2-2-, 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 [initials] Date 2-2-, 1920.

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

no request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? ---

Examiner's Initials [initials] Date 2-3, 1920.

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 1233 SHEET No. 845

CARDED

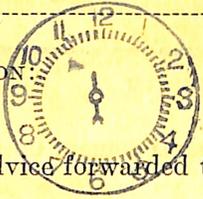
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VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made _____, 1920.

CEMETERY DIVISION

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION



Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 1920
letter on FEB 18 1921, 1920

MAR 4 1921

Par. 2 Not to be returned.

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Cemeterial Division
Overseas Project Sub-Section

JUN 24 1921

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IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*April 18, 1921 - 7#120, Mr. James Felix
David, 101 Oak St., Yonkers, N.Y. father, N.Y.
Desires body remain in Europe
N. 6-10-21 aw.*

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 24455

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name.....DAVIS, Oliver R.....Ser.No.....38774
(b) Rank...Sgt.....Organization...Co.D, 9th Inf. TYP...EK
Cause of
(c) Date of death...9/13/18 deathDWRIA

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

(a) Grave No.9...Row...Plot...1...Sect...3 TP...EK
(b) Emerg. Address.Mrs. Kitty Davis(mother) 101 Oak St.,
Yonkers, N.Y.

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

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

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V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (letter of transmittal on.....192.....
.....192.....
.....192.....

Par. 2 Not to be returned.

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J.....MAR 2 - 1921.....192.....

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of Relationship
and Source.....and name.....Desires.....Action taken.....

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VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J.....6-24-21.....192.....

COUNTRY G.R.S. FORM 115-A CEMETERY NO. SHEET NO.
August , 1920

S/666/LML France 1233 845

FEB 28 1921 - ap

PRIORITY 104

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Aug. 7, 1922

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name DAVIS, Oliver R.
 2. No. 38774
 3. Rank Sgt.
 4. Org. Co.D 9th Inf.
 5. D.D. 9-13-18
 6. C.D. D.O.W.

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

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

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

18. Cemetery St. Mihiel Amer.

19. Commune or town Thiaucourt

20. Dept. or County M&M

21. Country France

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

1233

23. Disinterred (Date) Aug. 7, 1922

By Edmo Maire

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name DAVIS, Oliver R.

Serial No. 38774

Rank Sgt.

Organization Co.D. 9th Inf.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? No On body? Yes

E. E. Cohn
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

E. E. Cohn

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 body reads: Oliver R. Davis, 38774 Cpl., Co.D. 9th Inf. Sgt. chevrons.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

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

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? See Par. 12

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Aug. 7, 1922 By Edmo Maire

31. Casket sealed by Edmo Maire

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

Edmo Maire

102 11-9-23

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C - 29626

32. Designation of body:

Name Oliver R. DAVIS Serial No. 38774

Rank Sgt. Organization Co. D 9th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel Amer. Cty. Thiaucourt M&M 1233

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Aug. 7, 1922 By Edmo Maire

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 *O.E. Davis*

O.E. Davis, 1st Lt., Q.M.C.

36. Remarks

None

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Aug. 7, 1922

To point of Concentration _____

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____ (Name)

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 St. Mihiel Amer. 1233, Thiaucourt, France.

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer *O.E. Davis* (Name)

40. Received: Date _____

O.E. Davis, 1st Lt., Q.M.C.

G.R.S. Representative _____

41. Reinterred August 7, 1922

42. Grave No. 23 (Date) _____

Section _____

43. Plot Block D Row 11

G.R.S. Representative *A.E. Dewey*

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

Place Thioncourt, France

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Aug 7, 1922.

DAVIS, Oliver R.

38774

1. REMAINS OF _____ SERIAL NUMBER _____
RANK Sgt ORGANIZATION Co. D 9th Inf

2. Disinterred (date) : _____ From (give complete location) : _____
Aug 7, 1922 Gr. 9 Sec 3 Plot 1 Cemetery 1233

By : Group 4 Unit Sec. 1

3. Reburied (date) _____ In (give complete location) : _____
August 7, 1922 Gr 23 Row 11 Blk D

By : Group _____ Unit _____ Nature of reburial _____
Reburial Casket & Shroud Case

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

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? yes On grave marker? no

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :
Tag on body reads "Oliver R. Davis 38774 Cpl Co D 9th Inf"
Sgt. chevrons

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

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

(b) Weight (estimated) -do

(c) Hair—Color -do

Quantity -do

Characteristics -do

(d) Hair on face—Color -do

Location -do

Quantity -do

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

none visible

or missing parts)

missing before death 30.
missing 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 cavity 31

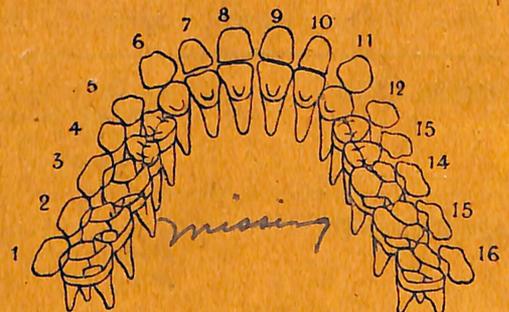
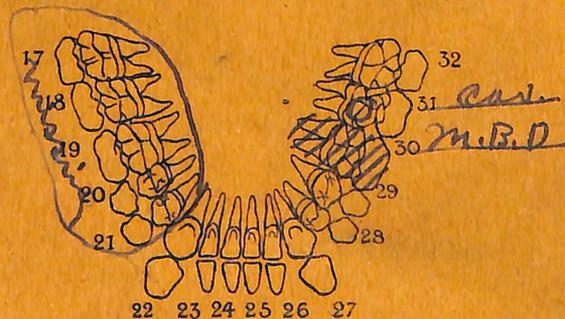


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



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

7. Disinterment supervised by Edmond Maire Approved: O. E. Davis
Edmond Maire (Title) 1st Lieu MC

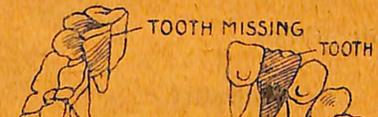
8. Reburial supervised by H. E. Kraus Approved: A. E. Dwyer
H. E. Kraus (Title) 1st Lieut., G.N.C.
concentration

20 31753

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.

Date 28th May 1919

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: DAVIS Oliver R.

Number: 38774

Rank: Sgt .

Organization: Co. D. 9th Inf.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

25th April 1919

B/ A Cemetery Grave No. 3

THIACOURT M et M. 52NE. 363.5E 242.2N

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

1233

25th April 1919

Grave No. 9 Sect. 3 Plot. 1

St. Mihiel American Cemetery #1233

THIACOURT M et M. 52NE. 362.03E 241.44N

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

Buried in uniform with roofing paper spread over the body. Body badly decomposed, Burial poor.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

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

10949

Note:

CONFIRMED N° D

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

Supervised by: Lt. Scott

FHH

R. H. ROSENTHAL

2nd Lieut. O. M. C. U. S. A.
C. O. Group Unit

24435

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Davis **38,774** **Oliver**
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initial)

Sergeant **Co. D 9th Inf.**
(Rank.) (Organization)

DATE OF BURIAL.. **September 13, 1918.**

PLACE OF BURIAL... **On top of Hill**

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

Map: **Thiaucourt 1/60,000** **242.0** **363.5**

GRAVE NUMBER..... **1**

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

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? **Yes**

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

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

CMME. Thiaucourt (M 7 M)
(C-138) HT. 52 M 6 COORD. 363.5
M. 242.0

REPORTED BY:
Joseph A. McCaffrey Chaplain
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

25 SEP 1918

Communal List No. 138-456
Daily Report No. _____

5201

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

file

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

September 2, 1922.

293.8 C-R #24455 (Davis, Oliver R., Sgt.) Cty. 1233 - Sht. 846.

XXXXXX

Mr. J. R. Mulvaney, 528 - 4th St., N.W., Washington, D.C.

Permanent burial in France.

1. Referring to the case of the late Sergeant Oliver R. Davis, Company D, 9th Infantry, you are advised that the remains of this soldier are buried in Grave #9, Section 3, Plot 1, St. Mihiel American Cemetery at Thiaucourt, Department of Meurthe-et-Moselle. This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by this Government in Europe. It is probable, however, that this grave number will be changed in connection with the improvements in progress, to convert this into a permanent cemetery and beautify it as befits the last resting place of our hero dead. If so, the father will be advised of the new number with the least practicable delay.

2. The remains of this soldier are being left permanently in France in compliance with the wishes of the father, Mr. James F. Davis, who is the legal next of kin of the deceased.

For the Quartermaster General:

*Delivered to
Mr. Mulvaney
in person 9/2/22*

E. E. DAVIS,
Executive Assistant, G.R.S.

DS
1412

Sergeant Oliver P. Davis -
Enlisted June 1917 in Syracuse
Brigade - 9th Infantry -
Felled in Battle of Metz and removed
to Thracort -

His address at time of enlistment
101 Oak St. - Yonkers N.Y.
Father's present address 62 Morningside
Ave Yonkers -

Where is he buried - His Father wants
to know -

Cty 1233

Thracort

M 7878
R Mulvaney
V 28-4 up.

Mr 9 Sec 3 pl 1

1100
800

as left

James P. ...

June 17, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div.Cor.Br.

Re: Davis, Oliver R., Sgt.,
Serial Number 38774,
Co. D, 9th Infantry.

Mr. James Felix Davis,
101 Oak Street,
Yonkers, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Your shipping inquiry dated April 18, 1921, requesting that the remains of the deceased soldier named above be left in France has been forwarded to the Cemeterial Division, Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C., for necessary action.

The Cemeterial Division, Washington, D. C., will furnish you the grave location in the permanent American cemetery as soon as possible after the body has been placed therein.

The Department desires to express its sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

MAILED

JUN 18 1921

BY:

COR. BR. G. R. S.

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

F. C. BELLAS, *mk S*
Executive Assistant.
Jerry

mkS/BR

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JUN 24 1921
Cemeterial Division
Overseas Project Sub-Section

101 100K 71
Date April 18 - 1921 192

I, the undersigned, am the Father 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.

RECEIVED
JUN 24 1921
Overseas Project Spt. Section
Cemeterial Division

Signature James Felix Davis

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.