

To The A. C. O.

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G.R.S. Form #114-B

OCT 9 - 1926

FULL NAME *✓* DAVIS, Silas *✓*

RANK *✓* Pvt. *✓* SERIAL 2336560 *✓*

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION *✓* Co. H, 372nd Inf. *93rd Div*

DATE OF DEATH *✓* 8-21-18 *✓*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *Ohio*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED *none*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION.	9-19-21	18	39	H
	Date	Grave	Row	Block

1232 - Meuse-Argonne

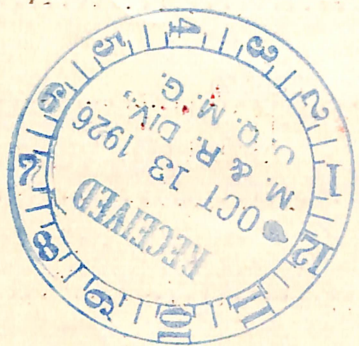
Cemetery *Robert O. Davis*
Major General,
The Adjutant General.

By *ASB*

OCT 12 1926

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OCT 11 1926
WORLD WAR DIV.

Division



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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

DAVIS

(2336560)

SILAS

(Surname.)

(Number.)

(First Name and Initials.)

Private

Co. "H"

372nd INFANTRY

(Rank.)

(Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL..... AUGUST 23, 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL..... AMERICAN CEMETERY

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

AMERICAN CEMETERY, PLOT # 64

FLUERY-SUR-AIRE, FRANCE.

GRAVE NUMBER..... 23

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

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS :

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

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 :

REPORTED BY :

G. S. Helen I. St. Chapman
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Received
A. G. O.

30 AUG 1918
G. H. O. A. B. P.

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GRAVE LOCATION

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE

Davis *3336560* *Silas*
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Prvt. *Co E* *372 Inf.*
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *Flow Aug 23d 1918.*

PLACE OF BURIAL *Fleurey (sir-aire) Meuse.*

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

Central Military Hospital (French

American Plot No 64.

GRAVE NUMBER *735.*

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

French Headboard? *Cross* Bottle? *No*

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: *Yes Two.*

Was one buried with body? *Yes.*

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker? *No.*

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

One tag sent to personal effects

depot thru French authorities.

REPORTED BY: *HW Koelling*
Chaplain 371 Inf
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

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

RECEIVED
10 SEP 1918

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10 SEP 1918
G.H.Q.A.E.F.

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RECEIVED
STATISTICAL DIVISION
10 SEP 1918

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name Davis Silas

Number: Unkn

Rank Unkn

Organization: Co Ec 372nd Inf

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

20th June 1919

Grave # 7 Fr.Mil.Cty

FLEURY SUR AIRE MEUSE 51NE 309.8E 250.25N

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

20th June 1919

Grave # 78 Sec 109 Plot 2

ARGONNEA ERCTY: # 1232

ROMAGNE MEUSE

1232

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

Burial good, buried in Blanket body decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? No

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

12368

Note:

CONFIRMED No. D

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

Supervised by Lt. Caswell.

r/s

C.O. Group

Unit

REPORT OF DISTRICT AND RESERVIST

Name of:

Thomas Davis alias

Number: Unknown

Organization: 60th Bn 37th Inf

Name: Unknown

District and Reservist made by Group Unit

Registered (Date): (Give complete location)

30th June 1919 Grave A V Pt. Mil. Coy

GRAVE A V PT. MIL. COY. 30th June 1919

Registered (Date): (Give complete location)

30th June 1919 Grave A 78 Sec 109 Lot 2

ARGONNES FOREST: 1918

ROMANIAN FRONT

For the nature of original burial and condition of body when discovered. Burial on 5, buried in blanket body decomposed.

For one identification tag found upon the body. None but other means of identification were found upon the body. None



By upon distribution, efforts are taken upon sent to the District Depot direct, as it required other body carefully examined for signs of identity. Report will be made and reported to District, Graves

Approved by: J. G. G. G.

1/8

Unit: O.C. G.R.S.

Lewis, Silas.
Not.
CENTRAL PASSENGER ASSOCIATION

TRANSPORTATION BUILDING
HARRISON AND DEARBORN STREETS

CHICAGO, ILL.

C. A. FOX, CHAIRMAN
R. E. PEPPER, SECRETARY

FILE NO.

SAILING FROM NEW YORK JULY 12, 1930

S. S. AMERICAN MERCHANT

No. 449

Name Mrs Lulu Davis (L4)
Address 9121 Baline Ave.
From Cleveland, Ohio To New York and return

Going Route

NYC to New York

Return same route

Train Schedule to New York

Lv. Cleveland 4:00 PM No. 44 July 10

Ar. New York 7:30 AM No. 44 July 11

→ Sleeping car from Cleveland to New York

Elapsed time 15 Hrs 30 Min *3/4*

→ \$1.20 excess fare Cleveland to New York

Alf.

ms

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	DAVIS	3	41
BURIED	Silas	1	1
	CEMETERY 1232	1	1
	GRAVE 18	2	18
	ROW 39	2	39
	BLOCK H	1	8
STATE	Ohio	2	3041
RANK	Pvt	1	2
DIVISION	93	2	93
ORGANIZATION	372	3	372
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARTIAL	no	1	2
NAME	L Davis	3	41
RESIDENCE	Mrs Lulu	2	41
	STATE Ohio	2	41
	COUNTY Cuyahoga	2	18
	CITY Cleveland	3	025
RELATION	Stepmother	1	3
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE	BLACK	1	2
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Good	1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO. YR. 1930	1	
ACCEPTANCE	yes	1	
	Age	1	

(Note: Lulu was listed incorrectly as "mother" on passenger list. She is SM)

AUDITED
 NOV 8 1931
 KPD

ITINERARY OF MEUNE ARGONNE GROUP -PARTY "L"

Left on the American Merchant July 12, 1930. Col. B.O. Davis, U.S. Cav. was in charge. Dr. Sam Brown and two nurses, Mrs. Mary Lewis and Miss H. Forrest also went with the party. Maj. Gen. B.F. Cheatham ret'd. went as observer.

July 21st - Arrived in Cherbourg harbor at daybreak. The tender for the transportation of the pilgrims arrived alongside of the ship at 6:25 a.m. with the following personnel connected with the Paris office to assist in debarkation

Major G.F.N. Dailey, Captain M.J. Conway, Captain T. N. Stark, Lt. Freeman, Lt. H. H. Zeicker, Lt. Morin, Major Kinderman, Miss Rulon, three nurses and 1 civilian employee.

Train left for Paris at 8:21 a.m. arriving at the Gare des Invalides at 2:15 P.M. where it was met by the Executive Officer and members of the Paris staff including interpreters and nurses. This being the first contingent of colored pilgrims its arrival aroused considerable interest in Paris. Mr. N. Sissle, orchestra leader of the "Ambassadeurs" Restaurant, requested permission on behalf of some of the colored residents of Paris, to have members of his orchestra present at the rr station. Authority was granted and there was present upon the arrival a large orchestra of negro musicians. As the party ascended the stairs to the street, this orchestra played "Onward Christian Soldiers." Upon arrival at the head of the stairway each pilgrim was presented with a purple aster by some member of the colored community of Paris. Upon arrival at the station entrance the party halted for a few minutes while the orchestra played the "Star Spangled Banner" and the "Marseillaise". Photographs and moving pictures were taken.

Conducted to the Hotel Imperator where the pilgrims were assigned to their rooms and the remainder of the day was spent in getting settled and in resting.

July 22nd - The morning was given over to the transaction of personal business for the pilgrims, including the exchange of money, preparation of laundry and orientation concerning the pilgrimage. In the afternoon the pilgrims left hotel by motorbus and proceeded to the Arc de Triomphe where a wreath was laid on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at 3:30 pm. There were present at this ceremony representing the French Government, General Gouraud, Military Governor of Paris, a group of about 100 colored residents of Paris. At the conclusion of the ceremony the party was conducted to the Restaurant Laurent where the usual tea and reception tendered by the US Government was held. Mr. Walter Edge, General Pershing and Canon Webber Thomson were present. At the conclusion the pilgrims returned to the hotel for dinner and made preparations for next day.

July 23rd and 24th - These 2 days were devoted to sightseeing and shopping. Boat trip.

July 25 - 29th - Left hotel at 7:15 am on 25th and proceeded to Verdun where quartered at the Hotel Nouvel - arriving there in the late afternoon. Mrs. R.T. Ellis was at the hostess house to meet the group and remained there throughout the entire stay. This group visited the cemetery daily and returned to Paris on the 29th. During the stay at the cemetery sightseeing trips were made to the battlefields and various other points.

July 30th - August 2nd.

This period was devoted to shopping and sightseeing in and about Paris. The colored residents of Paris arranged a small "show" for the pilgrims on the afternoon of July 30th. On August 1st the pilgrims were given a dinner at Morgan's Chicago Inn, a restaurant run

by a former Pullman dining car steward. Col. and Mrs. Ellis were present at the dinner.

August 3rd - Left Hotel Imperator at 9:30 and proceeded by autobus to the Invalides Railway Station where it was entrained with all baggage and left for Cherbourg at 10:30 a.m. The following personnel accompanied the party to Cherbourg; Captain Conway, Captain Stark, Lt. Zwicker, Lt. Morin, Major Kinderman, 2 nurses and 2 civilian employees.

The train arrived at Cherbourg at 4:10 p.m. and party was taken to the Casino Hotel in Cherbourg where provided with light refreshments. Embarked on the tender which left the dock at 7:10 p.m. for transfer on the American Merchant and sailed at 7:50 p.m. in charge of Colonel Davis.

Mrs. Lulu Davis

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

DAVIS, SILAS

M.A.

Party 1

Number 2208

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

MRS. LULU DAVIS

Actual cost of through Pullman.

Name of Traveler

CLEVELAND, CUYAHOGA COUNTY,

New York, to

CLEVELAND, OHIO.

Home Address

OHIO

\$ 5.63

New York, to CLEVELAND, OHIO.

Destination

Via NYCENT to DEST.

LIMIT - SEPT 10-30

AUGUST 13, 1930

Date of Departure

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	Car	U. S. G. Order No.	Actual Cost
LV	GR CNST TERM NYC	73	8/13	610P	Lo. 9	74	W.O. 1,023,046	5.63
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TOTAL

Remarks:

Mr. Geo E. Young escorted her to station.

Name..... DAVIS, Mrs. Lulu

Paris Hôtel..... IMPERATOR, 70 Rue Beautourg

Home address..... 9121 Baline Ave., Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Party..... L..... Group..... I..... Unit ~~SS~~ AMER. MERCHANT.

Date of arrival..... July 21, 1930..... Date of departure ~~SS~~ AMER. MERCHANT, Aug. 3, 1930.

Relationship..... Mother

Name of deceased..... Davis, Silas

Rank..... Pvt..... Organization..... Co. H, 372nd Inf.

Cemetery..... Meuse-Argonne

REMARKS

Iulu Davis



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NAME DAVIS, MRS. LULU

S.S. AMERICAN MER. AUG 12 1930

HOME CLEVELAND, CUYAHOGA COUNTY

R.R. *Ny Central* OHIO
STATION

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE *9/10*

Baggage; 2 bags

Room No; 11

*Emergency address:
McKinley
Rev. Mr. M. C. McKinley
Antioch Baptist Church
2400 Central Ave,
Cleveland, Ohio.*

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2203

NAME DUNN, MRS. FRANCES WALLACE

S.S. AMERICAN AUG 12 1930
MER.

HOME CHICAGO, COOK COUNTY, ILL.

R.R. Erie

STATION

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE 9/10

Baggage: 2 pieces

Room No: 33

Emergency address:

Miss Martha Johnson daughter
234 North Western Ave,
Chicago, Ill.

FVR

July 11, 1930

Stationmaster,
Grand Central Station.

Reference telephone conversation this morning, kindly deliver to bearer the lady's umbrella, property of Mrs. Lulu Davis, now at the Club Carolina, which you are holding in your office. Mrs. Davis arrived this morning from Cleveland over the New York Central R. R. in Car 478, lower berth 6. The name of the Porter - Stanley L. Cox.

GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR,
1st Lieut., Q.M. Corps (DOL).

Mrs Davis lost her mease while shopping
in 125th Street. It was recovered and
returned to her

Party "L"

201 Davis Mrs. Davis

June 30, 1930

Mrs. Lulu Davis,
9121 Baline Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

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.

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

A. C. Tipton,
Major, Infy. (DOL)

Rev. W. M. McKinney,
Antioch Baptist Church,
2400 Central Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio.

8/12/30

MRS. LULU DAVIS ARRIVED SAFE. WILL ARRIVE CLEVELAND ELEVEN FIFTY ONE.
PLEASE MEET HER.

Col. WILLIAMS

Mrs. Lulu Davis, Party "L", YWCA.

1 m claims she raised boy - ~~not~~ until end.

" " gets insurance

Lula gets compensation

XC 39 591 Silas Davis - Single

~~Date of Fathers death~~ deserted family

Natural Mother died June 1904

UB Foster Mother → 1 m raised boy, father deserted family

Grand Mother → Ella Mc Creary
2370 - E. 57th St. Cleveland Ohio

Step-m.
Lulu Davis sailed

R.P. 4

Chap 5 23771

10-31-31

Mrs. Rhodes says { Grandmother (foster M)
and Stepmother lived together
after desertion of father.

Grandmother gets Insurance
Stepmother gets compensation.

Grandmother apparently had no
desire to make pilgrimage
Stepmother sailed.

NAME Davis, Mrs. Lulu

ADDRESS 9129 Baline Ave., Cleveland, Ohio
9121 Blaine

DATE Aug 14th 1930

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

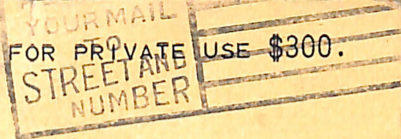
I BEG TO INFORM YOU THAT I HAVE RETURNED
TO MY HOME SAFELY AND IN GOOD HEALTH.

SINCERELY,

(SIGNED) Mrs. Lulu Davis

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICIAL BUSINESS



PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

SM
M

STATE

Davis, Silas

OHIO

NAME *Davis, Mrs. Lulu* HOME ADDRESS *9129 Baline Ave., Cleveland;*

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN *Rev. W. McKinney, 2400 Central Ave. Antioch Baptist Ch. Cleveland, Ohio.*

7:30 am

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE *July 11, 1930* HOTEL *Club Carolu* ROOM NO. *11*
Capt Funk met her

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE *JUL 12 1930* VESSEL *S/S AMERICAN MERCHANT* CABIN NO. *22-c*

DESTINATION *CHERBOURG* CEMETERY *M. A.*

RETURN NEW YORK

AUG 12 1930

DATE

SM

~~M~~

9129 Baline Ave.,
Cleveland

NAME *Davis, Mrs. Lulu* HOME ADDRESS *Cuyahoga County, Ohio*

RETURN ON S. S. *S/S AMERICAN MERCHANT* HOTEL *ywca* ROOM NO. *107*

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE AUG 13 1930

ROAD *myc* TRAIN *23* CAR *74* BERTH or SEAT *L9*

REMARKS
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2297

American Merchant

RETURN RECEIPT.

232

7-12-30

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

Lulu Davis

(Signature or name of addressee.)

Hedra 648

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, 6/19/30, 192

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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

REGISTERED ARTICLE



No. 927919

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number, }
or Post Office Box, }

MUNITIONS BUILDING

Post Office at _____

Rev. 3-24

65-8116

State Washington, D.C.

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7-12-30

1232

RETURN RECEIPT

American Merchant

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

Lulu Starnes

(Signature or name of addressee.)

Hedrick W/S

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, 6/19/30, 192

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 927589

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____



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

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING
OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,
or Post Office Box,

MUNITIONS BUILDING

WASHINGTON,

D. C.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Davis, Silas 1232-M
American Merchant 7-12

SM

May 14, 1930

Mrs. Lulu Davis,
9121 Baline Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

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.

Lulu Davis

Name

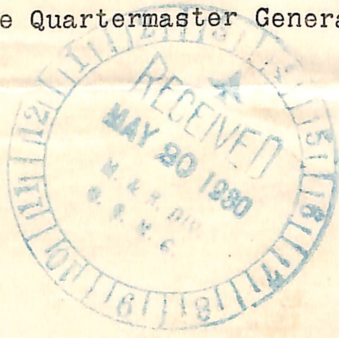
Notify Rev. W. McKinney, 2196 E 100th St

Address

noted

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

For The Quartermaster General,



Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes

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

Encl.
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Davis, Silas ~~1232 #~~

April 15, 1930.

SM

Mrs. Lulu Davis,
9121 Baline Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

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.

American Merchant

7-12-30

1232

Sales
Davis

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.

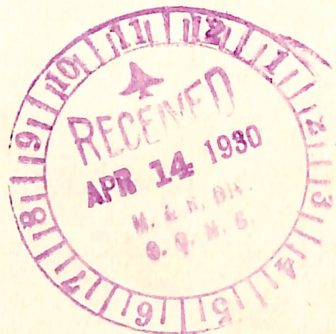
Lulu Davis
Mrs. Lulu Davis

(Name)

9121 Baline Ave., Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio

(Town or City)

(State)



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Davis, Silas 1232 M. SM

Mrs. Lulu Davis,
9121 Baline Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

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.

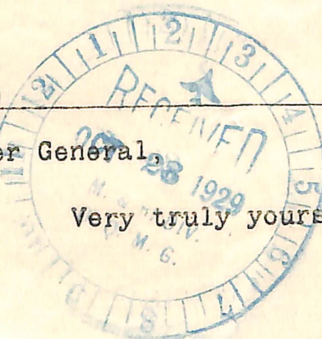
1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes) (No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) (No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes) (No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <u>63</u> 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.

Encl.
Act
Envelope



Sailed
JUL 12 1930

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Davis, Silas

Oct. 5, 1929.

Mrs. Ella McCreary,
2165 East 89 St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

No reply

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 foster-mother of the late Pvt. Silas Davis, Co. H, 372nd Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried?
2. If so, give her complete address.
3. 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.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

Foster-mother
 Ella M. Creary
 2165 East 89th St.
 Cleveland Ohio

WAR DEPARTMENT
 OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
 WASHINGTON

DATE 7-23-29

NAME Single RANK Pvt. SERIAL 2336560 ORGANIZATION Co. H, 372nd Inf. DATE OF DEATH 8-21-18
 Davis, Silas

STATE _____ CTY. NO. 1232 GRAVE 18 ROW 39 BLOCK H

NAME AND ADDRESS	Check relationship	Living - Deceased		
		Living	Deceased	
	MOTHER <i>Foster mother</i>	:	:	Xc- 3 95-96 A/W
	STEPMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:	
	MOTHER THRU ADOPTION (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:	
	MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:	
	WIDOW (Who has not remarried)	:	:	
		:	:	

Veterans Bureau Claim Number _____
 29/156

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Davis, Silas

August 7, 1929

Mrs. Lulu Davis,
9121 Blaine Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio

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 Step-mother of the late Private Silas Davis, Co. H, 372nd Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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

Single

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. 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.

*Mrs. Lulu Davis
9121 Blaine Ave*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

DATE 7-23-29

NAME	RANK	SERIAL	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
Davis, Silas	Pvt.	2336560	Co. H, 372nd Inf.	8-21-18

STATE	CTY. NO.	GRAVE	ROW	BLOCK
	1232	18	39	H

	<u>Check relationship</u>	<u>Living - Deceased</u>	
MOTHER	:	:	<i>Step mother</i> <i>Mrs Lulu Davis</i> <i>9121 Blaine Ave,</i> <i>Cleveland,</i> <i>Ohio</i>
STEPMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:	
MOTHER THRU ADOPTION (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:	
MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:	
WIDOW (Who has not remarried)	:	:	
	:	:	
	:	:	
	:	:	

Veterans Bureau Claim Number 39591

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Davis, Silas 1232

June 17, 1930

Mrs. Lulu Davis,
9121 Beline Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio

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. Cleveland	NYC	No. 44	4:00 PM	July 10
Ar. New York	"	No. 44	7:30 AM	July 11

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Davis, Silas 1232-M

June 12, 1930.

Mrs. Lulu Davis,
9121 Dalino Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio

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.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Davis, Silas -1232-H
American Merchant 7-12

May 14, 1930

Mrs. Lulu Davis,
9121 Baline Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

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.

Encl.
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Davis, Silas-1232 M
American Merchant 7-12

May 7, 1930

Mrs. Lulu Davis,
9121 Baline Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio.

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
Davis, Silas 1232 M

April 15, 1930.

Mrs. Lulu Davis,
9121 Baline Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

Davis, Silas 1232-M

April 10, 1930

Mrs. Lulu Davis,
5121 Belling Ave.,
Dear Madam:
Cleveland, Ohio.

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, Silas 1232 M.

Mrs. Lulu Davis,
9121 Baline Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

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.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Davis, Silas

Oct. 5, 1929.

Mrs. Ella McCreary,
2165 East 89 St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

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 foster-mother of the late Pvt. Silas Davis, Co. H, 372nd Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried?
2. If so, give her complete address.
3. 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.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Davis, Silas

August 7, 1929

Mrs. Lulu Davis,
9121 Blaine Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio

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 **Step-mother of the late Private Silas Davis, Co. H, 372nd Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.**

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

Write answers in space below:

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

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File No. 13093

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name DAVIS, Silas Ser. No. 2336560
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. H, 372nd Inf.
(c) Date of death 8/21/18 (d) Cause of death Tuberculosis
TYP. msc
CKR. B. J.

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

(a) Grave No. 78 Row -- Plot 2 Sec. 109 TYP. msc
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Ella McCoy (Grandmother), 2248 E. 40th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

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

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt No part in file. Ind. 5-27-21

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

Examiner's Initials Date, 1920.

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

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

Examiner's Initials Date, 1920.

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

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? No request for disposition
Yes, P. L.
Examiner's Initials Date 5-27-1920

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232, Sec. 109 SHEET No. 38

Handwritten notes: 5/27/21, 5-16-20

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

A.G.O. Card & Corr.

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

G. R. S. Corr

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

Checkers

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

gwa + WYB ea

Letter S-1783/MB to this address 3-18-20 returned unclaimed.

please see by 05-28-21

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept. 19, 1921.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name Davis, Silas.

10. Name

2. No. 2336560

11. No.

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank

4. Org. Co. H. 372nd Inf.

13. Org.

5. D.D. 8-21-18.

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. Tuberculosis.

(b) D.B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 78 Sec. 109

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot 2 Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. No discrepancy.

18. Cemetery Argonne American

19. Commune or town Romagne/Mont,

20. Dept. or County Meuse.

21. Country France.

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232 sec 109.

23. Disinterred (Date) Sept. 19, 1921.

By Edmo Maire.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Davis, Silas

Serial No. 2336560

Rank Pvt.

Organization Co. H, 372nd Inf.

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

E. J. Rasch.
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

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

G.R.S. plaque on box checks. Metal disc found on body shows number 735.

27. Condition of body Disarticulated; features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Pine box; body wrapped in burlap.

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 Sept. 19, 1921. By Edmo Maire.

31. Casket sealed by Edmo Maire.

AUDITED BY

M. J. S. 5/8/23

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

Edmo Maire

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-6243

32. Designation of Body: _____

Name Devils, Silas. Serial No. 2336560

Rank _____ Organization Co. H 372nd Inf.

33. Consigned to:
Name of Permanent Cemetery Argonne Amer./R/S/ Montfaucon 1232.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Sept. 19, 1921. 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 H.S. Harpole, 1st Lieut., U.S. M.C.

36. Remarks _____

Sept. 19, 1921.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) _____
To point of Concentration Morgue, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse).

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer J. Gerald Cole
(Name) J. GERALD COLE
Captain, C. A. C.

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 _____

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____
(Name)

40. Received: Date _____
G.R.S. Representative _____

41. Reinterred Home Argonne Cemetery # 1232 (Date) Sept. 19th 1921.

42. Grave No. 18 Section 100

43. Plot BLOCK 11 Row 39

G.R.S. Representative Wm. M. Gline

Wm. M. Gline.
Capt. M.C.

Place near Bois Mont Faucon

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Sept. 19, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF DAVIS, WILLIAM SERIAL NUMBER 2336560

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co., 11, 372nd Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : Sept. 19, 1921. From (give complete location) :

Gr. 73 Sec 109 pt 2, Meuse-Argonne Cem., 1233.

By : Group Maire Unit Sec 1

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

Sept. 19th 1921. Meuse Argonne Cemetery # 1233
Grave-18 Block-H Row-39

By : Group re-burial Unit Nature of reburial in lined casket

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

Box, wrapped in burlap.

disarticulated features unrecognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags : Buried with body ? Yes On grave marker ? No

- - - Davis, - - - 65 - - -

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

GRS plaque on box checked. Metal disc found on body shows No. 735.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to determine

(c) Hair—Color None visible

Quantity None

Characteristics None

(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location None

Quantity None

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

missing parts) None

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

None visible.

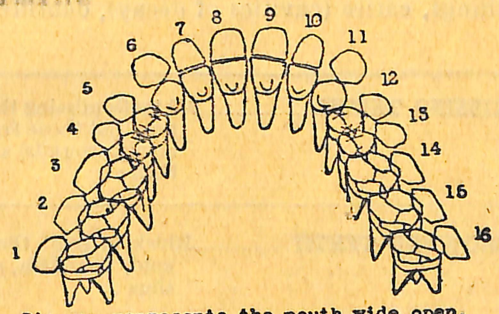
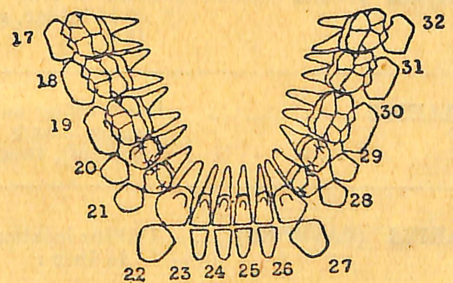


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



7. Disinterment supervised by Edmo Maire Approved : H. J. Harpole

E. Maire S.S.

H. (Title) Harpole, 1st Lt. G.O.

8. Reburial supervised by W. B. Shields Approved : W. B. Shields




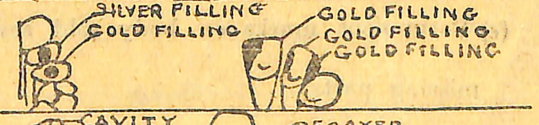

W. B. Shields

(Title) 1st Lt. G.O.
Capt. G.O.

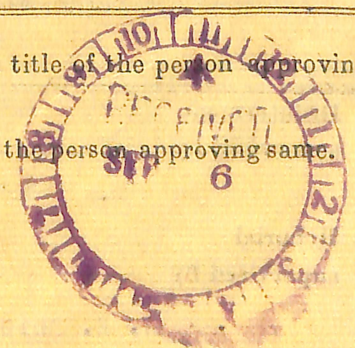
INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER COMPLETION OF G. R. S. FORM NO. 16-A

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

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

<p>MISSING TEETH.....All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :</p>	 <p>TOOTH MISSING TOOTH MISSING</p>
<p>CROWNED TEETH.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :</p>	 <p>GOLD CROWN PORCELAIN CROWN</p>
<p>BRIDGE WORK.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :</p>	 <p>GOLD AND PORCELAIN BRIDGE GOLD BRIDGE</p>
<p>FILLINGS.....Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :</p>	 <p>SILVER FILLING GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING</p>
<p>CARIES (CAVITIES).....Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :</p>	 <p>CAVITY DECAYED DECAYED DECAYED</p>
<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."</p>	

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



COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA
File No. 13093

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name DAVIS, Silas Ser. No. 2336560
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. H, 372nd Inf. } TYP. MSC
 (c) Date of death 8/21/18 (d) Cause of death Tuberculosis } B. J.

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

(a) Grave No. 78 Row -- Plot 2 Sec. 109 TYP. MSC
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Ella McCoy (Grandmother), 2248 E. 40th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

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

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

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
 { letter of transmittal on JUN 9 1921, 192
Sec. #109 **Par. 2 Not To Be Returned**
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VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., _____, 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.
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VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J. _____, 192

COUNTRY

CEMETERY No. _____

SHEET No. _____

13093

GRAVE LOCATION FORM.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Davis (2336560) Silas
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

FILE

Private Co. "H" 372nd Infantry
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL August 23, 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL American Cemetery

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

American Cemetery, Plot # 64

Fluery-Sur-Aire, France.

GRAVE NUMBER 23

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

Headboard? ----- Bottle? ---

IDENTIFICATION TAGS :

Was one buried with body? Yes

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker? ----- No

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

REPORTED BY :

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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MAR 10 1921
G. R. S.

Copy for chaplain 372 Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

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LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Davis 2336560 Silas
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Prvt. Co E. 372 Inf.
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL Aug 23d 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL Fleurey (sur-aire) Meuse.
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

FILE

Central Military Hospital (French)
American Plot No 64.

GRAVE NUMBER 735.

HOW MARKED: Metal Plate Name Peg Cross? Yes

French Headboard? Cross. Bottle? No.

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: Yes two.

Was one buried with body? Yes.

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker? No.

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

One tag sent to Personal Effects Depot thru French authorities.

REPORTED BY: H W Koelling
Chaplain 371 Inf.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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G.R.S. Form No. 8; Central Records Liaison.
 Memo For: G.R.S. representative, C.R.O.
 SUBJECT: Information required for G.R.S.

1. Items checked are to be completed:

- () Surname: Davis.
 () Number: 2336560
 () First name: Silas.
 () Rank: Pvt.
 () Company: Base Hosp. No. #. I.
 () Organization: B.S.I.
 () Date of death: 8/21/18
 () Cause: D.O. Tub.
 () Place:

Location of hospital:

- Number " "
 Class " "
 () Relative: Mrs Ella McCray.
 () Relationship: Grand-mother.
 () Address: 2248 E. 40th St.
 Cleveland Ohio.
 () Authority: 1st Lt. G. S. Helm.
 Cablegram No:
 Telegram from: Chap. 372 inf.

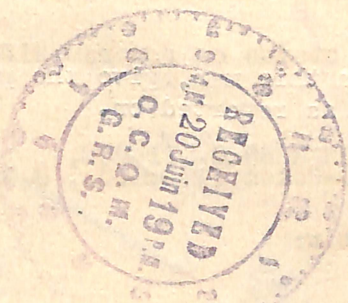
dated:

- () Reported to Washington:
 C.C. Nos: NONE GIVEN. 254
 (Under score the "official" C.C.)
 () Remarks:

() Show present status on reverse side.
 We have no card on this man, give the page
 and cablegram he was reported on.

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

Initials of Reporter:



Soldier's No. Unkn n

Name Davis, Silas (None)

Rank Unknown Co. E (Gerps) 372 Inf
Regt.)

Aug. 21st 1918 Unknown

Date of Death Unknown Cause

French Mil.

Unknown

Date of Burial Unknown Cemetery

Fleury-Sur-Aire Meuse

Town or Commune Unknown Dept. 2
Row

Grave No. 7 Plot Amer Sec. Unknown

Fr. Gr. 735

NO RECORD OF TAG buried with body

ALUM Plate attached to Cross

H.W. Koelling 371st Inf try

Chaplain - Burial Officer (which?)

E.W. Morrison 2nd Lt. Q.M.C.

Signature Unknown Rank

Group 6 Unit 310 G.R.S



GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Davis

Silas

(Surname.)

(Number.)

(First Name and Initials.)

Co. E, 372nd Infantry

(Rank.)

(Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL August 21, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL Fleury sur Aire, France

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

Cimetiere Militaire, commune

d'Autricourt, Dept. de Meuse

GRAVE NUMBER 735

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?..... 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:

Died, pneumonia right lung

REPORTED BY:

Jules Fontana

1st Lt, A G O

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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GRAVE LOCATION BOOK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Davis

Silas

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

Co. E, 372nd Infantry

(Rank.)

(Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL. August 21, 1918

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Davis 2336560 Silas
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Prvt. Co E 372 Inf.
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL Aug. 23d 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL Fleurey (sur-aire) Meuse
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Central Military Hospital (French)

American Plot No 64.

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French Headboard? Cross Bottle? No

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GRAVE LOCATION CARD.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

DAVIS (2336560) SILAS

(Surname.)

(Number.)

(First Name and Initials.)

Private Co. "H" 372nd INFANTRY

(Rank.)

(Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL... AUGUST 23, 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL... AMERICAN CEMETERY

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

AMERICAN CEMETERY, PLOT # 64

FLUERY-SUR-AIRE, FRANCE.

GRAVE NUMBER... 23

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?

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REPORTED BY:

G. S. H. Chaplain

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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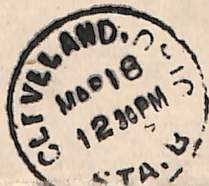


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