

Davis, Zack

4,298,387 ✓

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt

Co D 814th Pion Inf

(Rank and organization)

State your relationship to the deceased

*Aunt*

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*

(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)

*Julia Robinson*  
*Cary*

*Miss*

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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drawn by ~~MH~~  
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12-28-20

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OSP SS.

AKL 12-29-20

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G.R.S. Form #114-B

~~✓~~ FULL NAME ..... DAVIS, Zack ✓

~~✓~~ RANK ..... Pvt. ✓ ..... SERIAL ..... 4298387 ✓

~~✓~~ DIVISION & ORGANIZATION ..... Co.D, 814th Pion. Inf. ✓ *not Dir.*

~~✓~~ DATE OF DEATH ..... *Nov 10/18*

~~✓~~ STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME ..... *Miss*

~~✓~~ MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED. ✓

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION.....	17	19	A
Date	Grave	Row	Block
	Suresnes, #34		
.....			
Cemetery			

REC'D W. ST. LU ST IV

23/306/ARK

*Dead French 11/10/18 Cur 20349 CC 338*  
*12/10/18*

**GRAVE LOCATION BLANK**

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Davis* *4298* *Zack*  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

*Pvt., C° D, 81th Pioneer Infantry*  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

*Nov. 10, 1918*

DATE OF BURIAL.....

PLACE OF BURIAL... *Miramas (Bouches-du-Rhone)*  
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

*Miramas (Bouches-du-Rhone)*

*French Cemetery*

GRAVE NUMBER.....

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?..... *yes*

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

*J. J. Kernan*  
*John J. Kernan, 2nd Lt., C.A.C.*

REPORTED BY:

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place *Quindlan B. du Rhone*  
Date *3/22/21*

1. REMAINS OF *Zack Davis* SERIAL NUMBER *4298887*  
RANK *2nd* ORGANIZATION *814th Pion. Inf. Co. D.*

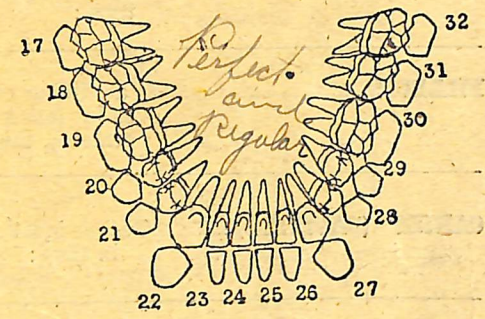
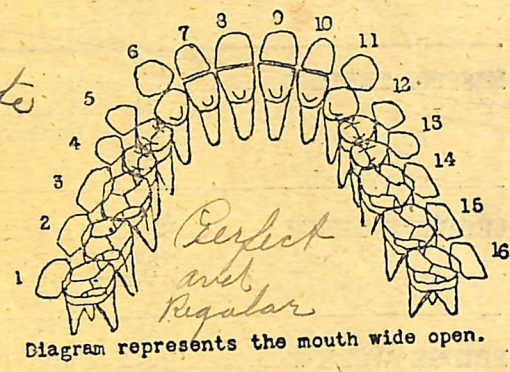
2. Disinterred (date): *3/22/21* From (give complete location): *Co. #36 am 539*  
By: Group *5* Unit *Section 5*

3. Reburied (date): *October 13th, 1921.* In (give complete location): *Suresnes Cemetery. - Block A - Row 19 - Grave 17.*  
By: Group *Field Operations Branch* Nature of reburial *Metal Casket and Blanket.*

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
*Uniform, Wood box.*  
*Body badly decomposed*

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? *no* On grave marker? *yes #7*  
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:  
*Caretaker's list of burial dates only means of identification.*

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items?  
(a) Height (actual measurement) *Impossible to estimate*  
(b) Weight (estimated) *Impossible to estimate*  
(c) Hair—Color *Black*  
Quantity *Unknown*  
Characteristics *Wavy*  
(d) Hair on face—Color  
Location *None discernible*  
Quantity  
(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) *None discernible*  
(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) *None discernible*



*10-60173*

7. Disinterment supervised by *Perry F. Nangle* Approved: *C. Rojas*  
(Title) *Major, Q.M.C.*  
8. Reburial supervised by *R. G. Richards* Approved: *R. P. Harbold*  
(Title) *Major, Q.M.C.*

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

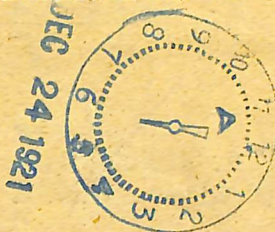
Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Question 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

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.

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

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.



GENERAL DIVISION

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Davis, Zack (Sur)

December 17, 1932

Mrs. Margaret Ellis,  
9 Prentiss St.,  
Natchez, Miss.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) \_\_\_\_\_

November 28, 1932.

QM 295 A-M  
Davis, Zack (Sur) x

SUBJECT: Status of Mrs. Margaret Ellis (C 122 509)  
TO: Director, Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C.

1. Information has recently been received that Mrs. Margaret Ellis has submitted affidavits which were acceptable to your office in establishing her claim as having stood in loco parentis to the late Private Zack Davis.

2. It will therefore be appreciated if you will furnish this office with copies of these affidavits and any other data of record which will aid in the determination of Mrs. Ellis' eligibility to make a pilgrimage to the grave of this veteran under the provisions of the loco parentis clause of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly :

CHAS. W. DIETZ,  
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, Zack  
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September 13, 1929.

Mrs. Margaret Ellis,  
9 Prentiss St.,  
Natchez, Miss.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated Aug. 5, 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, Zack

Aug. 5, 1929.

Mrs. Margaret Ellis,  
9 Prentiss St.,  
Natchez, Miss.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the foster mother of the late Private Zack Davis, Co. D, 814th Pioneer Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, 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.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

May 6, 1929.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Davis, Zack,

Mrs. Julia Robinson,  
Cary,  
Miss.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the aunt of the late Private Zack Davis, Company D, 814th Pioneer Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, France.

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

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relative is a stepmother, mother through adoption, or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. If he was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is also 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.

5-19-29

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

cj ✓

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

May 8th, 1922.

FILE: 293.8 C-R - #63412 (Davis, Zack, Pvt.)  
FROM: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army.  
TO: Julia Robinson, Cary, Miss.  
SUBJECT: Permanent Grave Location of Private Zack Davis, Company D,  
814th Pioneer Infantry.

1. The permanent grave of this soldier is No. 17, Row 19,  
Block A, The American Cemetery of Suresnes, (near Paris) Department  
of the Seine, France.

2. This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries  
to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be  
marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name,  
rank, organization and date of soldier's death. The 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.

3. In effecting removal, the utmost care and reverence were  
exacted and more than willingly accorded by those performing this  
sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually main-  
tained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting  
place of our heroes.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

MAILED  
MAY - 8 1922  
G.R.S.

GEORGE H. PENROSE,  
Colonel, Q. M. Corps,  
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

PH

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5-8-22



STATION Marseille, B du R

DATE March 22nd, 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, Zack  
 2. No. 4298387  
 3. Rank Pvt.  
 4. Org. Co. D, 814th Pion. Inf.  
 5. D.D. 11-10-18  
 6. C.D. Pneumonia

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

7. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sect. \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

*3 per 16-a and Board of Review letter attached to D to 20*

15. Grave No. 3 Sect. \_\_\_\_\_  
 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 17. (See remarks on reverse of Form)

DISCREPANCY FOUND UPON DISINTERMENT

French Civilian

18. Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_  
 19. Commune or town Miramas  
 20. Dept. or County Bouches-du-Rhone  
 21. Country France  
 22. G.R.S. Hdqs. Code No. 539

23. Disinterred Date March 22nd, 1921. By Perry F. Nangle.

24. Inscription on Grave Marker:

Name DAVIS, Zack Serial No. 4298387

Rank Pvt. Organization Co D, 814th Pion. Inf.

Signature of Junior Tec. Assistant Paul Hockett

PREPARATION

25. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date 3-22-21. By Perry F. Nangle.

26. Casket sealed by Perry F. Nangle.

Signature of Embalmer Super. Preparations Perry F. Nangle

Gen. Ref. 46

AUDITED BY  
SEB  
3/15/22

*114-B not received in this office*

SHIPMENT (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. G-30

32. Designation of body:

Name DAVIS, Zack Serial No. 4299387  
Rank Svt. Organization Co. D, 814th Pion. Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Suresnes American Cemetery #34.

34. Casket boxed and marked: Date 3-22-21, By Perry F. Nangle,

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 C. R. Ozias  
*C. R. Ozias*  
Capt., M. C.

36. Remarks:

Identified by list of dates of burials kept by Caretaker.

Body found in Grave #3.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: Date March 25/21  
to point of Concentration Toulon, (Var).

Convoyer J. Ferretti NAME

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 3-26-21  
by G.R.S. Representative [Signature]

39 (a) RECEIVED AT POINT OF CONCENTRATION A.G.R.S., PARIS MORGUE,  
AUBERVILLIERS, APRIL 29TH, 1921, BY G.R.S. REPRESENTATIVE:

*Edw. J. Turgeon*  
Edw. J. TURGEON  
Captain Q.M.C.

39 (b) SHIPPED FROM PARIS MORGUE, OCTOBER 13th 1921, TO PERMANENT  
CEMETERY No. 34, AMERICAN, SURESNES (SEINE) BY SHIPPING OFFICER H.L. WARD  
CONVOYED BY: H. H. [Signature] Major, Q.M.C.

42. Grave No. 17. DATE \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot Block A. Row 19

G.R.S. Representative R. G. RICHARDS, 1st Lieut. Q.M.C.

TO BE PREPARED IN TRIPLICATE.

SHIPMENT (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-90

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by G.R.S. Representative S. D. CAMPBELL, CAPT. O.M.C.  
*S. D. Campbell*

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 4-26-21

to Permanent Cemetery Suresnes #34

Convoyer Serge Paulange in charge NAME

40. Received: Date October 13th, 1921.

G.R.S. Representative R. G. RICHARDS, 1st Lieut. Q.M.C.  
*R. G. Richards*

41. Reinterred Suresnes Cemetery. October 13th, 1921.

42. Grave No. 17. Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot Block A, Row 19  
G.R.S. Representative R. G. RICHARDS, 1st Lieut. Q.M.C.  
*R. G. Richards*

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #63412

(a) Name DAVIS, Zack Ser. No. 4298387
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. D, 814th Pion. Inf.
(c) Date of death 11/10/18 (d) Cause of death Pneumonia

TYP. DMA
CKR. acc

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

(a) Grave No. 7 Row --- Plot --- Sec. --- TYP. DMA
(b) Emerg. Address Julia Robinson (Aunt) 733 M. Cemetery St., Natchez, Miss.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases NO CARD

CKR. acc

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt

(a) Name Julia Robinson (b) Relationship Aunt
(c) Address Care, Miss.
(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 M.H. Date 12-28, 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 M.H. Date 12-28, 1920.

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to?

Examiner's Initials Date 12-29, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 539 SHEET No. 6

Handwritten notes: Demo, Success, 10-6-21, C.R.Y.

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Checked acc 12-29-20



JAN 17 1921

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
HOBOKEN, N. J.

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.G.  
TO: Julia Robinson, Cary, Miss.  
SUBJECT: Remains of... ~~Pvt.~~ <sup>Fvt.</sup> Zack Davis, Ser. No. 4298387, Co. D, 814th Pion. Inf.

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body  
... ~~Remain in Europe.~~ ...

If these are not the correct instructions, please correct them. Make corrections on second page.

The nearest relative may choose between, (1) return of the body to any address in the United States; (2) interment in Arlington, Va., or any other National Cemetery; or ~~to~~ remain in Europe. All removals are at Government expense.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Lt. Col., Major, U.S.A.

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

NAME OF	NO. AND STREET	TOWN	STATE
Was soldier married?			
Soldier's Widow			
Soldier's children (name oldest first)	{ 1		
	{ 2		
	{ 3		
Father			
Mother			
Brothers (name oldest first)	{ 1		
	{ 2		
	{ 3		
Sisters (name oldest first)	{ 1		
	{ 2		
	{ 3		

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Important.-- CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.

RECEIVED

AUG 5 1921

Internal Division  
Clyde's Project Sub-Section

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

TO: THE DIRECTOR

FROM: [Illegible]

SUBJECT: [Illegible]

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

5-10-6-21  
S.B.H.

File #63412

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 (b) Emerg. Address Julia Robinson (Aunt) 733 N. Cemetery St., Natchez, Miss.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases NO CARD OKR AEU

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

*Who card - Julia Robinson (Aunt) Carey, Miss. requests body ~~not~~ to remain in Europe. mch 4/4/21*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by - (cable on 4/4 1921 (letter of transmittal on 4/4 1921)

*Par. # 2 not to be returned (mch)*

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. JAN 8 1921 1921

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken

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

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

CEMETERY NO.

SHEET NO.

S-666/MB

FRANCE

539

6

Concentrated into P. A. C. 34

*MB1-7-21*

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

63412

Davis 4298387 Zack  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt., 8° D, 814th Pioneer Infantry  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

Nov. 10, 1918

DATE OF BURIAL.....

PLACE OF BURIAL... Miramas (Bouches-du-Rhone)

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

Miramas (Bouches-du-Rhone)

French Cemetery

GRAVE NUMBER.....

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? ..... Cross? <sup>Yes</sup>

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? <sup>Yes</sup>

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker? <sup>yes</sup>

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

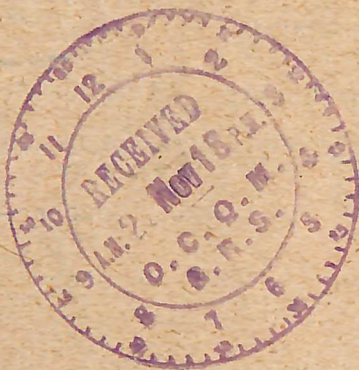
REVIEWED  
OSP SS.

John J. Kernan, 2nd Lt., C.A.C.

REPORTED BY:

J. J. Kernan. C.A.C.  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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



Davis, Zack,

Pvt Co D 814 Pion Inf

Buried 11-10-18

French Cemetery Miramas,  
No Grave Number given

Reported by Chaplain BS #6.

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Davis, Zack,

Private, Co. D, 814th Pioneer Infantry,

DB. 11/10/18. DD: 11/10/18

Buried in Cemetery at  
Miramas, Bouches-du-Rhone.

PD: Miramas (Bouches-du-Rhône)

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REVIEWED  
CSP SS.

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CODE SLIP

**LOCO PARENTIS**

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	<i>Davis, Zack</i>		
	<i>DAV</i>	3	<i>412</i> <sup>12</sup>
	CEMETERY <i>34</i>	1	<i>6</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>17</i>	2	<i>17</i>
	ROW <i>19</i>	2	<i>19</i>
	BLOCK <i>a</i>	1	<i>1</i>
STATE	<i>Miss</i>	2	<i>28</i>
RANK	<i>Priv</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>Inf</i>	2	<i>51</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>814</i>	3	<i>814</i>
ARM	<i>Pion Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>No</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME	<i>Ellis, Mrs</i>		
	<i>ELL</i>	3	<i>522</i> <sup>00</sup>
	STATE <i>Miss</i>	2	<i>28</i>
RESIDENCE	<i>Margaret 9 Prentiss St.</i>		
	COUNTY <i>Adams</i>	2	<i>01</i>
	CITY <i>Natchez</i>	3	<i>022</i>
RELATION	<i>Loco Parentis</i>	1	<i>4</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE	<i>BLACK</i>	1	<i>2</i>
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>No</i>	1	<i>2</i>

**AUDITED**

SEP 28 1932

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Return to Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

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MUNITIONS BUILDING

DAVIS, ZACK (SUR) X

WASHINGTON,

D. C.

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# RETURN RECEIPT

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

*Margaret Ellison*  
-----  
(Signature or name of addressee)

*McBay - Carrier*  
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(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery *1/9/33*, 19  
Form **11**

IMMEDIATE ACTION

IN REPLY  
REFER TO

QM 293 A-M

Davis, Zack (Sur) x

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

Mrs. Margaret Ellis,  
9 Prentiss St.,  
Natchez, Mississippi.

January 6, 1933.

Dear Madam:

During the past three years, numerous communications have been forwarded you relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

Under the law, 1933 is the last year you may make the pilgrimage at the expense of the Government, and it is imperative that this office have an expression from you as to whether or not you desire to take advantage of the opportunity afforded you.

It is requested therefore you answer the following inquiry, sign your name, and return this letter to this office.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE IN 1933?

NO.

(Yes) or (No)

*Yes*  
Margaret Ellis  
Sign here

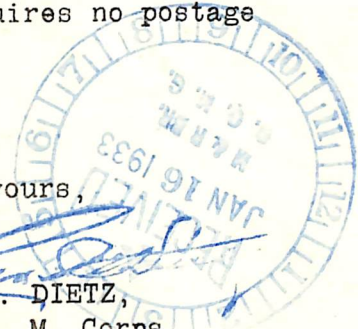
A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.:  
Env.



IMMEDIATE ACTION

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Davis, Zack (Sur)

December 17, 1932

Mrs. Margaret Ellis,  
9 Prentiss St.,  
Natchez, Miss.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Write answer here)

(Sign here) \_\_\_\_\_



VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON

December 9, 1932.

YOUR FILE REFERENCE: QM 293 A-M

*297* IN REPLY REFER TO: MCC-Bb  
DAVIS, Zack  
XC-122,509. *34*

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

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the request contained in your memorandum dated November 28, 1932, there is forwarded herewith a photostatic copy of affidavit of record on file in this case which aided in determining the relationship of Mrs. Margaret Ellis as foster mother, to the deceased veteran.

Respectfully,

*George E. Brown*  
GEORGE E. BROWN,  
Director of Compensation.



*O.K.*  
*OK*  
*PLS*

State of Mississippi.  
County of Adams.  
City of Natchez.

Iss.

Refer |

322  
C-122 509  
Zack Davis  
Co. D. Am. Ex. Tr.

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned au-  
thority and for said City, County and State - Sophie Fairbanks a res-  
ident of Natchez, Mississippi, who on oath deposes and says as follows: -

That she has been well acquainted with the above  
soldier and his family for all her life and since the birth of said soldier  
until his death in service.

That she personally knows Margaret Ellis and is  
distantly related to her and has known her all her life.

That to her knowledge, which knowledge she obtained  
by personal association, having lived with and near said Margaret Ellis and  
said deceased soldier for practically all her life up until said soldier left  
for service, whence she shortly thereafter moved to Natchez, Miss., she  
states that said Zack Davis was reared, cared for, supported, schooled, and  
maintained by Margaret Ellis, who was considered by all friends and neighbors  
as his forster mother. That said Margaret Ellis treated said soldier as  
her son in his young life, from infancy until he grew up, and that when  
said Davis grew old enough to work and earn money, he then contributed  
toward the support of said Margaret Ellis, the same as tho' she were his  
real mother. That at the time said soldier entered the service he was, and  
had been assisting and contributing to the support of said Ellis, his foster  
mother, for some years past, and that said Margaret Ellis was and is now  
dependent for support for a living being without property or means, except  
such as she may earn by odd jobs from time to time, and that she materially  
misses the support she received from said soldier before he entered the  
army and when living with her. That said Margaret Ellis is now a widow, her  
husband having died last year, and is dependent for her support upon such  
means as she can earn from time to time. That her relationship as above  
stated is that of foster-parent. And that if said soldier were now living  
he would be the means of taking care of her and maintaining her in compara-  
tive comfort.

SWORN to and subscribed before me, this the 1st. day of  
August, A.D. 1923.

*A. Byrnes*  
Notary Public.

*Sophie Fairbanks*  
Deponent.

EX. 23

AUG 7 1923

" Affidavit in support of compensation for Margaret Ellis made by Sophie  
Fairbanks". Kindly refer same to proper authority, and please give  
any further suggestions necessary to prove up compensation if this  
is insufficient in above case. Address communication to Marton and  
Byrnes, Attorneys - Natchez, Miss.

QM 293 A-M

November 28, 1952.

Davis, Zack (Sur) x

SUBJECT: Status of Mrs. Margaret Ellis (C 122 509)

TO: Director, Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C.

1. Information has recently been received that Mrs. Margaret Ellis has submitted affidavits which were acceptable to your office in establishing her claim as having stood in loco parentis to the late Private Zack Davis.

2. It will therefore be appreciated if you will furnish this office with copies of these affidavits and any other data of record which will aid in the determination of Mrs. Ellis' eligibility to make a pilgrimage to the grave of this veteran under the provisions of the loco parentis clause of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly

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

Encl

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(Sur)

Set free  
1-17-95.

Davis, Zack (Negro) C 122 509 Pvt. Co. D, 814th Pion. Inf. Miss.

Date of mother's death 1907 - to 1897 (?)

Date of father's death

? illegitimate child

Single

Is Mrs. Margaret Ellis a proven Foster Mother?

Born 1869

yes

RS

from infancy until age 12 is  
being paid camp + ins.

ad. camp 1907-2

C. FERRIDAY BYRNES  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

NOTARY IN OFFICE

KELLY BU  
MAIN STR

NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI.

September 21st, 1929

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

*23 1/2 yrs  
enl 8-22-18*

In Re: QM 293 A-C  
Zack Davis - 34

Gentlemen:-

This is to advise that Margaret Ellis  
will be unable to take advantage of the trip offered  
by the Government as outlined in letter dated Sept.  
13th sent to her from the War Department with  
reference mark QM 293 A-C Zack Davis 34.

Yours very truly,

C. F. Byrnes



CFB/MO

*Do not follow up  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Davis, Zack  
34

September 13, 1929.

Mrs. Margaret Ellis,  
9 Prentiss St.,  
Natchez, Miss.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated Aug. 5, 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:

No

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.

Foster Mother -  
Margaret Ellis,  
Natchez Miss

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

No -

For The Quartermaster General,



Very truly yours,

*John T. Harris*

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

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Davis, Zack

Aug. 5, 1929.

Mrs. Margaret Ellis,  
9 Prentiss St.,  
Natchez, Miss.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the foster mother of the late Private Zack Davis, Co. D, 814th Pioneer Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, 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.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

May 6, 1929.

C-122 509

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Davis, Zack,

Foster Mother -  
Mrs. Margaret Ellis,  
9 Prentiss St.,  
Natchez, Miss. 11-2-27

Mrs. Julia Robinson,  
Cary,  
Miss.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the aunt of the late Private Zack Davis, Company D, 814th Pioneer Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, France.

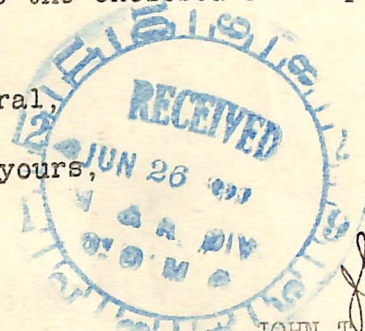
Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother or widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish the full names and addresses of the mother and widow in order that action may be taken to extend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

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relative is a stepmother, mother through adoption, or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. If he was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is also 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,

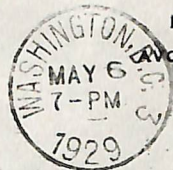


*John T. Harris*  
JOHN T. HARRIS,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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TRAINING  
- CAMPS -

Mrs. Julia Robinson  
Miss



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P.M.  
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VISS.

