

FULL NAME DAYTON, John

RANK Private

SERIAL 1969252

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION Co. D, 520th Engrs.

*not Div.*

DATE OF DEATH Oct 3/8

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Tenn

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION	16,	1	A/
	Date	Grave	Row
	Cty. 34 Suresnes, Seine.		
	Cemetery		

REC'D WORLD WAR DIV.  
SEP 28 34

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF R

Dayton, 1969252, John  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt. Co. D, 520th Engrs.  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL..... October 5, 1918.

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

American Expeditionary Forces

Cemetery No. 25, Balonne, France

Section B

GRAVE NUMBER..... 224

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

Headboard? *yes*..... 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:  
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REPORTED BY:

*G. W. Everberg*  
2nd Lieut. G. W. Everberg, Q. M., U. S.  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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

5 DEC 1918

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.  
TO: Miss Stella Kelso, Knoxville, Tenn.  
SUBJECT: Place of Burial;  
Dayton, John, Pvt. 520th Engineers.  
Died October 3rd, 1918  
American Cemetery of Talence, Gironde.

I am sure that you will pardon the use of a form letter such as we are sending to-day, when you try to realize under what great stress this office is working in order to give as prompt advice as possible concerning facts which are of such very vital importance to our sorrowing friends, whose brave men have suffered martyrdom on battle-fields within our sphere of European operations.

It is with great sorrow that I am writing you, and only the urgency of your desire to know, prompts me to push forward this notification when my note is required to be so formal because of the great number to which my name has to be signed.

You have probably already received official advice concerning the death of the one whom you gave to your country and the world for the saving of civilization.

You will be comforted to know that his body has been recovered, and that it lies buried in a place, which, for military reasons cannot, at this moment, be disclosed.

You need have no fear, however, that there will be any danger of the loss of this location, or the record of interment.

We are sending you, herewith, a note which gives general answers to a number of questions which our bereaved friends are often asking, and it will probably give information concerning some of the things you are anxious to understand.

Please be sure of our earnest desire to guard your interests in every possible way, and our satisfaction in being able to care for the resting places of our dead.

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

CCP-

293-3-*Dayton, John*

American Expeditionary Forces  
Headquarters Services of Supply  
Office of the Chief Quartermaster, A. E. F.  
Graves Registration Service  
France

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**G. R. S.**  
**Bulletin**  
**N° 10.**

Information for the Friends of our dead

THE GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, a branch of the Quartermaster Corps, is the official organization of the War Department, charged with the acquisition of cemeteries in every country embraced within the Field of Operations. It likewise has the care and control of these cemeteries and is responsible for the marking and preservation of all graves. No other organization shares this authority, or has power to effect arrangements or make promises concerning this work.

OUR FIELD FORCE operates within all troubled areas, and every effort is made to perfect identifications and to guard the resting places of our dead. The government has undertaken to do everything which is humanly possible, in view of the extreme difficulties involved in the stress of war.

THE EXACT LOCATION OF A GRAVE is communicated, whenever possible, to the person whom the soldier had previously registered as the proper one to be addressed in case of casualty. The interests of the military service frequently demand that the name of the town in which burial was made shall be withheld. When this becomes necessary, the burial place is referred to by a number, which is duly registered in this office, and by which the cemetery is officially known. Friends of the dead need not fear that any danger of losing a grave is involved in the temporary withholding of these names.

FLOWERS, FLAGS, ETC. We are frequently asked to accept commissions to place flowers, flags and other gifts on separate graves, but such requests must necessarily be denied because of the wide extent of our territory, the exhausting nature of the work, and the impossibility of reaching so many hundreds of places under the difficult conditions which obtain in a country ravaged by war. Such requests are also discouraged for the reason that there should be no inequality in the treatment of the nation's dead.

MONUMENTS. For the same reason it is not permitted to erect any permanent monument during the continuance of war; all graves being temporarily marked with a cross or the regulation headboard, such as is used in National Cemeteries in the United States.

PERSONAL EFFECTS. Disposition of personal effects is not a matter pertinent to this Service. Inquiries concerning the same should be addressed to the Adjutant General of the Army, Washington, D. C. If such inquiries are received by the Graves Registration Service, they will be promptly referred to the proper office.

DISINTERMENTS. The exhumation of bodies is absolutely prohibited during the continuance of hostilities, by the laws of the countries in which we are operating. No exception can be made so long as war exists.

PHOTOGRAPHY OF GRAVES, is entirely controlled by the Chief of the Graves Registration Service. No photographs can be taken within two miles of the battle-front, nor can such photographs be made elsewhere except by the special photographers of this Service, who, under the operation of military orders, are assigned to the Staff of its Chief, by the American Red Cross.

An officer of the American Red Cross, designated as Director of Photography, is assigned to the Staff of the Chief of the G. R. S., for this work, under military censorship, and funds are provided through the War Chest contributed to the Red Cross by the American people. No funds should be sent to the Graves Registration Service, the Red Cross, or individual officers for this purpose from any private source.

Applications for photographs will be filled as soon as possible, but owing to extreme difficulty of operation in the field, it will often happen that months will elapse before favorable action can be taken. This work, already instituted in France and Belgium, will be extended to Great Britain and Italy when it becomes practicable.

While some of these restrictions may seem unreasonable to friends in the first outburst of their sorrow, experience has shown the same to be necessary, and our people are asked to accept the sacrifice which they impose, in the same spirit in which our men on the world's battle-field are offering up their lives, viz., for the good of a great cause.

By authority :

CHARLES C. PIERCE,

Lieut.-Colonel, *Q. M. C., U. S. A*  
Chief, *G. R. S.*

Any enquiries with regard to Photographs and Grave Location should be addressed to:

Chief, Graves Registration Service,  
Headquarters Services of Supply,  
A. P. O. 717,  
American E.F. FRANCE.

and not to any other Department of the Service.

WAR DEPARTMENT

Hdqrs. Graves Registration Service,

Quartermaster Corps,

American Expeditionary Forces,

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID

PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$ 300

KNOXVILLE, TENN.  
JAN 6 1919  
GEN. DEL.

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Miss Stella Kelso,

Returned to writer  
Knoxville, Tenn. from  
KNOXVILLE, TENN.  
Tennessee

JAN 11 1919

U.S.A.



*A.R.C.*

Captain A.R.C.

ayton, John.  
Pot.

PARTY L, S.S. AMERICAN MERCHANT  
SCHEDULES FOR GOLD STAR PILGRIMS LEAVING NEW YORK  
JULY 12, 1930

TENNESSEE


Knox County

Gray, Mrs. Mary, (L-7)  
329 McKee St.,  
Knoxville, Tenn.

Lv. Knoxville SoRy #42 2:35 PM (CT) July 10  
Arr. New York PennRR #124 12:30 PM (ET) July 11

Route Going: SoRy Bristol, N&W Lynchburg, SoRy Washington,  
PennRR New York.

Return: ~~PennRR Washington, SoRy Lynchburg, N&W Bristol,~~  
~~SoRy Knoxville~~

 Sleeper Knoxville to New York.

Elapsed time 20 hours, 55 minutes. /

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H.K.

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Dayton</i>	<i>DAY</i>	3	<i>4 1 12</i> <i>5</i>
BURIED	<i>CEMETERY 34</i>	1	<i>6</i>
	<i>GRAVE 16</i>	2	<i>16</i>
	<i>ROW 1</i>	2	<i>01</i>
	<i>BLOCK A</i>	1	<i>1</i>
STATE	<i>Tenn.</i>	2	<i>48</i>
RANK	<i>Priv.</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>Engineers</i>	2	<i>49</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>520</i>	3	<i>520</i>
ARM	<i>Engn. Regt.</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>No</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Gray</i>	<i>G R A</i>	3	<i>7 8 1</i>
RESIDENCE	<i>STATE Tenn.</i>	2	<i>48</i>
	<i>COUNTY Knox</i>	2	<i>47</i>
	<i>CITY Knoxville</i>	3	<i>025</i>
RELATION	<i>mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY	<i>Yes</i>	1	
RACE	<i>BLACK</i>	1	<i>2</i>
ENGLISH	<i>Yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>good</i>	1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	<i>MO. 1930</i>	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>yes</i>	1	
	<i>yes</i>	1	

**AUDITED**

SEP 26 1931 *Lvab*

*Audited 1930*

*RM*

*29/514/PJ*

*52*



~~August 1st~~ - 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 steward. Col. and Mrs. Ellis were present at the dinner.

August 3rd - Left Hotel Imperator at 9:30 am and proceeded by autobus to the Invalides station where 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 for light refreshments furnished by the U.S. Lines. Embarked on the tender which left the dock at 7:10 p.m. for transfer on the American Merchant and sailed at 7:30 p.m. in charge of Colonel Davis.

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

DAYTON, JOHN

SUR.

Party ..... L  
 Number ..... 2170

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

MRS. MARY GRAY ..... Actual cost of through Pullman.  
 Name of Traveler

KNOXVILLE, KNOX COUNTY, ..... New York, to ..... KNOXVILLE, TENN.  
 Home Address

TENN. ..... \$ ..... 8.25 thru

New York, to ..... KNOXVILLE, TENN.  
 Destination

Via ..... PENN TO WASH - SOU, WASH TO LYNCHBURG - N & W, LYNCHBURG TO BRISTOL -  
 SOU, BRISTOL TO KNOXVILLE.

LIMIT - OCT 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	PENN STA	P R R	8-12	905P				
*AR	KNOXVILLE	Sou	8-14	525P	L9	K39	#5 by 1023028	825
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Remarks:

TOTAL .....

Capt child escorted her to station

Name ..... GRAY, Mrs. Mary,

Paris Hôtel ..... HOTEL IMPERATOR, 70 Rue Beaubourg, Paris

Home address ..... 329 McKee St., Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee

Party ..... L ..... Group ..... 6 ..... Unit ~~§§~~ AME. MERCHANT.

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

Relationship ..... Mother

Name of deceased ..... DAYTON, John

Rank ..... Pvt. ..... Organization Co.D, 520th Engrs.

Cemetery ..... Suresnes.

REMARKS



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NAME GRAY, MRS. MARY

2170

S.S. AMERICAN MER. AUG 12 1930

HOME KNOXVILLE, KNOX COUNTY, TENN.

R.R. ORR. Wash DC

STATION Wash - Lynchburg

TRAIN # Lynchburg - Bristol

CAR # Wash - Bristol - Knoxville

BIRTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE 10/10

Miss Alberta Gray  
 84 8V Nicholas Ave  
 apt 3. NYC  
 C/o Brown

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**PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS**

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DATE ... JULY 11, 1930 .....

Received from Mrs. ... GRAY, MARY .....

Knoxville, Knox County Tenn.

Her Railroad return ticket, which will be delivered to her on arrival from Europe

Signed .....

Officer-in-charge

Hotel ... Y W C A .....



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

8/12/30

VIA POSTAL TELEGRAPH

A C TIPTON  
MAJOR INF (DOL)

MR WILLIAM HUNT  
329 MORRIS STREET  
NASHVILLE TENN

*Knoxville*

MARY GRAY ARRIVED SAFE LEAVING NEW YORK THIRTEENTH ARRIVE FOURTEENTH 5:25 SOUTHERN  
RAILROAD

*Knoxville*

COLONEL WILLIAMS

MRS MARY GRAY PARTY "L" YWCA

*arrived at 8:12 PM 8/12*  
*VM @ 4:06 PM*

Pilgrimage, War Mothers & Widows,  
Room 90A, 225 W. 34th St.,  
New York City, N.Y.

VIA WESTERN UNION

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

July 12, 1930

Sarah Lewis,  
215 Walker Street,  
Knoxville,  
Tennessee.

MRS MARY GRAY ARRIVED SAFELY FEELING FINE SAILED TODAY AT ELEVEN

COLONEL WILLIAMS

(The above message sent for Mrs. Mary Gray, Party "L", Y.W.C.A.)

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201  
Gray  
Mrs M

June 30, 1930

Mrs. Mary Gray,  
329 McKee Street,  
Knoxville, Tenn.

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

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300.



PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

NAME Gray, Mrs. Mary

ADDRESS 329 McKee St., Knoxville, Tennessee

DATE Aug 14 - 30

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 Mary Gray

STATE

TENNESSEE.....

DAYTON, John

329 McKEE ST.,  
KNOXVILLE,  
KNOX COUNTY,M.  
NAME ..... GRAY, MRS. MARY ..... HOME ADDRESS .....NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN .....  
*Miss Alberta Gray 84 St. Nicholas Ave.  
c/o Brown - wife.*ARRIVAL IN NEW YORKDATE ..... *July 11, 1930* ..... HOTEL *Y.W.C.A.* ..... ROOM NO. *417* .....  
*Capt. Rainswater*DEPARTURE NEW YORKDATE ..... **JUL 12 1930** ..... VESSEL ..... **S/S AMERICAN MERCHANT** ..... CABIN NO. *18A* .....DESTINATION ..... **CHERBOURG** ..... CEMETERY ..... SUR. ....

RETURN NEW YORK

AUG 12 1930

DATE .....

M.

329 McKEE ST.,  
KNOXVILLE,  
KNOX COUNTY,  
TENNESSEE.

NAME .. GRAY, MRS. MARY ..... HOME ADDRESS .....

RETURN ON S. S. *S/S AMERICAN MERCHANT* ..... HOTEL *Yuba* ..... ROOM NO. *417a*

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

AUG 13 1930

DATE .....

ROAD *Pen* ..... TRAIN *149* ..... CAR *K39* ..... BERTH or SEAT *L9* .....

REMARKS .....  
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Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 927898

INSURED PARCEL

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Return to \_\_\_\_\_

Street and Number, }  
or Post Office Box, }

Post Office at \_\_\_\_\_

Rev. 3-24

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State \_\_\_\_\_

KNOXVILLE  
JUN 19  
1 230 PM  
1930  
TENN.

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

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Q. M. GENERAL  
(NAME OF SENDER)

MUNITIONS BUILDING

Washington, D. C.

2337

7-12-30

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RETURN RECEIPT

*American Murchant*

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

*Mrs. Mary Gray*

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, *6-7-9-*, 192*30*

# Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 92715 1 230 PM

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

*Mrs Mary Berry*

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, *6-19-*, 192*30*

Knowl. Co.

Pvt. John Dayton  
34 M ✓



UNITED STATES LINES

S. S. American

To the Quarter Master gen.  
war Dept.

I wish to thank you for  
making it possible for me  
to make the visit to the grave  
of my son who's body lies  
in France & join in  
with all the good storm  
and widows in thanking our  
great government for our trip

Mary Gray  
329 McKee St.  
Knoxville, Tenn.

QM 295 A-C

May 2, 1930

\* Dayton, John 34 M  
\* Hayes, Ernest 1232 W

Mrs. Mary Gray,  
329 McKee Street,  
Knoxville, Tennessee.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 24 relative to your desire to be quartered with Mrs. Hattie P. Hayes when you make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the SS "American Merchant" July 12, 1930.

Notation has been made of your desire and it is believed that your wishes can be complied with and that you can be placed in the same cabin aboard ship and in the same hotel room in New York.

In view of the fact that you and Mrs. Hayes are not to visit the same cemetery, it will not be possible to make arrangements for you to occupy the same hotel room in Paris.

Miss Alberta Gray, 404 Ocean Avenue, Apt. 41,  
Brooklyn, New York, has been noted as your emergency addressee.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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quarters noted  
Emergency adrs. noted

Knoxville, Tennessee,

Knox Co.

May 24, 1930.

Mr. A. D. Hughes,  
Captain, Q.M. Corps,  
Assistant,  
War Department,  
Office of The Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: QM 293 A-C  
DAYTON, John 34 M.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of May 20th and in reply wish to give you the name of a friend that I would like to be quartered with. The following name is the person to whom I refer:-

Mrs. Hattie Plumer Hayes, 314 East Church St.,  
Knoxville, Tennessee.

*Ernest Hayes, 1232 W*

In case of sickness or death, I am furnishing you with the name and address of my daughter, as follows:

Alberta Gray, 404 Ocean Ave., Apt. 41,  
Brooklyn, New York.

*noted*

Very truly yours,

*Mary Gray*  
Mary Gray,  
329 McKee St.,  
Knoxville, Tenn.

*Bath acc.  
Amer. Press  
July 12, 1930*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 24, 1930.

Dayton, John 34 M  
American Merchant 7-12

Mrs. Mary Gray,  
329 McKee St.,  
Knoxville, Tenn.

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.

Alberta Gray,  
Name  
404 Ocean Avenue,  
Brooklyn, New York.  
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, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Encl.  
Env.



American Merchant

7/12/30

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Dayton, John

I Accept the invitation extended  
(Accept or decline)

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

Mrs. Mary Gray

Mrs Mary Gray (Name)

329 McKee St., Knoxville, Knox Co., Tenn.

329 McKee St (Town or City) Knoxville Tenn (State) See



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Dayton, John 34 M

October 8, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Gray,  
329 McKee Street,  
Knoxville, Tenn.

*Sailed*  
JUL 12 1930

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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <u>56</u> Health <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(Years) (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Dayton, John  
34

September 13, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Gray,  
329 McKee St.,  
Knoxville, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated Aug. 3, 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?

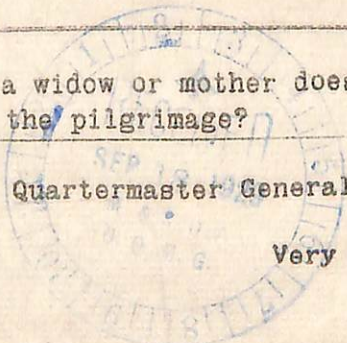
Write answers in space below

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried? If so, give her complete address:	No
	None
2. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.	Mother: Mrs. Mary Gray #329 McKee St., Knoxville, Tenn.
3. If survived by a widow or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage?	Yes

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Dayton, John

Aug. 3, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Gray,  
329 McKee St.,  
Knoxville, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private John Dayton, Co. D, 520th Engrs., 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?

No

no

2. If so, give her complete address.

None

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3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

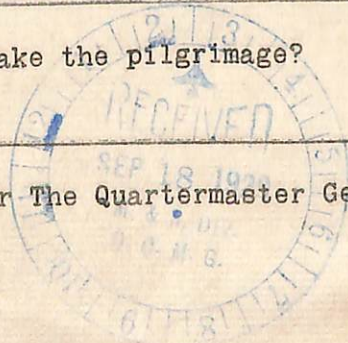
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For The Quartermaster General,

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

M.  
Mrs. Mary Gray,  
329 McKee St.,  
Knoxville, Tenn.

May 6, 1929.

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Dayton, John

Miss Stelle Kelso,  
107 Willow Street,  
Knoxville, Tenn.

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 cousin of the late Private John Dayton, Company D, 520th Engineers, 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,



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*John T. Harris*  
JOHN T. HARRIS,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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Miss Stelle Kelso  
107 Willow St  
Knoxville, Tenn.

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Dayton, John - 34

June 17, 1930.

Mrs. Mary Gray,  
329 McKee Street,  
Knoxville, Tenn.

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. Knoxville	SeRY	Train No. 42	2:35 PM (CT)	July 10
Ar. New York	PennRR	" " 124	12:30 " (ET)	" 12

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

Dayton, John 34-M

June 12, 1930.

Mrs. Mary Gray,  
329 McKee St.,  
Knoxville, Tenn.

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.

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QM 293 A-C  
Dayton, John 34 M  
Hayes, Ernest 1232 W

Maye 2, 1930

Mrs. Mary Gray,  
329 McKee Street,  
Knoxville, Tennessee.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 24 relative to your desire to be quartered with Mrs. Hattie P. Hayes when you make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the SS "American Merchant" July 12, 1930.

Notation has been made of your desire and it is believed that your wishes can be complied with and that you can be placed in the same cabin aboard ship and in the same hotel room in New York.

In view of the fact that you and Mrs. Hayes are not to visit the same cemetery, it will not be possible to make arrangements for you to occupy the same hotel room in Paris.

Miss Alberta Gray, 404 Ocean Avenue, Apt. 41, Brooklyn, New York, has been noted as your emergency addressee.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 24, 1930

Dayton, John 34 M  
American Merchant 7-12

Mrs. Mary Gray,  
329 McKee St.,  
Knoxville, Tenn.

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  
Dayton, John 34 F  
American Merchant 7-12

May 24, 1930.

Mrs. Mary Gray,  
329 McKee St.,  
Knoxville, Tenn.

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.

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Name

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Address

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 24, 1930.

Dayton, John 34 M

Mrs. Mary Gray,  
329 McKee St.,  
Knoxville, Tenn.

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

May 20, 1930.

Dayton, John 34 E

Mrs. Mary Grey,  
329 McKee Str.  
Knoxville, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.  
Regulation.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Dayton, John 34 M

October 8 1929.

Mrs. Mary Gray,  
329 McKee Street,  
Knoxville, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Dayton, John

September 13, 1929.

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Mrs. Mary Gray,  
329 McKee St.,  
Knoxville, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated Aug. 3, 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,

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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

**Dayton, John**

**Aug. 3, 1929.**

**Mrs. Mary Gray,  
329 McKee St.,  
Knoxville, Tenn.**

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late **Private John Dayton, Co. D, 520th Engrs., 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. Will you make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

May 6, 1929.

IN REPLY REFER TO ~~QM 295 A-C~~  
Dayton, John

Miss Stelle Kelso,  
107 Willow Street,  
Knoxville, Tenn.

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 <sup>cousin of</sup> the late Private John Dayton, Company D, 520th Engineers, 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,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON September 19, 1922.

FILE: 293.8 C-R #24459  
SUBJECT: Permanent Grave Location of Private John Dayton,  
Company D, 520th Engineers.  
TO: Miss Stelle Kelso, 107 Willow St., Knoxville, Tenn.

1. The permanent grave of this soldier is No. 16 Row 1,  
Block A, Suresnes American Cemetery at Suresnes, Department of 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.

For the Quartermaster General:

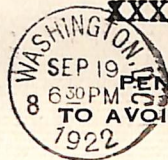
*George H. Penrose*  
GEORGE H. PENROSE,  
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

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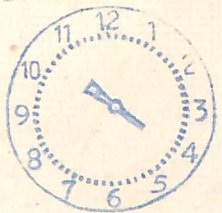
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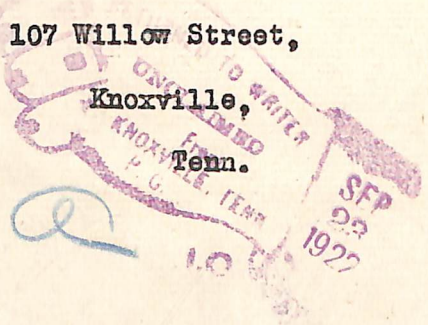
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Dayton

(Surname.)

John

(Christian name in full.)

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(Army serial number.)

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Co. D, 520th Engrs

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery?

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
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FILE: 293.8 C-R

September 19, 1922.

SUBJECT: Permanent Grave Location of  
#24459

TO:

Private John Dayton,  
Company D, 520th Engineers.

Miss Stelle Kelso, 107 Willow St., Knoxville, Tenn.

1. The permanent grave of this soldier is No. Row  
Block 16 1,  
A, Suresnes American Cemetery at Suresnes, Department of 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.

For the Quartermaster General:

GEORGE H. PENROSE,  
Assistant.

MAILED  
SEP 19 1922  
G.R.S.

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HCH-

DATE 12/13/21

1. NAME DAYTON, John SERIAL No. 1969252

RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Co D 520th Engrs

GRAVE LOCATION Talence CTY. NAME Talence NUMBER 25

224 GRAVE Sec B ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 224 Sect. B Talence Gironde  
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES

CONCENTRATED TO Oct. 5, 1918 224 Sect. B  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Talence 25-B  
CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR W. R. NICHOLS  
Major, C.A.C.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 12/13/21 16 1 A  
DATE GRAVE ROW Block PLOT

Suresnes American Cty # 34 Suresnes Seine  
CEMETERY

AUDITED  
SERB 8/23/22



G.R.S. Form #120  
Shipping Inquiry.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON.

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MAY 4 1920

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.G.  
TO: Miss Stella Kelso, Knoxville, Tenn.  
SUBJECT: Disposition of remains of Pvt. John Dayton.

*Push Answer*

Records of this office show your request to be ~~expressed~~

~~expressed~~ not expressed..... ~~expressed~~

~~expressed~~ .....

*Correct*

If any modifications of the foregoing are desired please write same fully on the other side of this sheet.

The nearest living relative may choose between, (1) return of remains to homes for burial; (2) interment in Arlington, Va., National Cemetery; or (3) remain in France.

You are requested to fill out the following without delay and return in enclosed penalty envelope, which does not require postage.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

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

*unclaimed*

Date .....

Signature .....

Address .....

Relationship .....

HBC

NS-7154/MB

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

WAR DEPARTMENT.  
CEMETRIAL DIVISION  
WASHINGTON D.C.

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



OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

*m*

Miss. Stella Kelso,

Knoxville, Tenn.

Returned to writer  
Unclaimed from  
KNOXVILLE, TENN.  
P. O.

MAY  
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1920



*Kelso*



WAR DEPARTMENT

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

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON, D. C.

CEMETERIAL DIVISION

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

*Rush Answer*

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

TO: Miss Stelle Kelso, 197 Willow St. Knowville, Ten 25--117

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. John Dayton.

The records of this office show that you have ~~requested that his body~~  
not expressed your wish as to disposition of the remains.

You have failed to furnish this office the names and addresses of those persons indicated by the blue arrow on the enclosed form.

You are requested to furnish this office at the earliest practicable moment the name and address of each of those persons indicated by the blue arrow. If these persons are not living you should so state on the attached form and return the same at once to this office, otherwise there will be an endless and unnecessary delay in the handling of this case. Prompt action is necessary.  
NS-8794/L

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
→ Soldier's Widow			
→ Soldier's Children	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
	3.		
→ Father			
→ Mother			
→ Brothers	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
	3.		
→ Sisters	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
	3.		

Date.....

Signature.....

Address..... Relationship.....

IMPORTANT:- CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.

(OVER)

AUG 4 1920

*Rush Answer*

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

TO: Miss Stelle Kelso, 197 Willow St. Knowville, Ten 25--117

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. John Dayton.

The records of this office show that you have ~~requested that his body~~  
not expressed your wish as to disposition of the remains.

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

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 (3) remain in Europe.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
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. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow			
Soldier's Children	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
	3.		
Father			
Mother			
Brothers	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
	3.		
Sisters	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
	3.		

Date.....

Signature.....

Address.....

Relationship.....

IMPORTANT:- CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.

(OVER)

1920.

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

RECEIVED  
AUG 25 1921

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

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

2. To be returned to the U.S. and shipped to \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)

(R.R. Station)

(State)

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

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

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT

1. If definite instruction as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative within 2 weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.
2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.
3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT of kin IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.
4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.
6. If YOU are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
7. If YOU are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.
8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
9. Use the enclosed envelope - pay no postage.

WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

WASHINGTON, D.C.

AUG 25 1921

WAR DEPARTMENT

Cemeterial Division  
Washington, D.C.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

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

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*Miss Stelle Kelso*  
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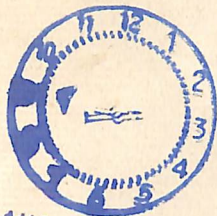
Miss Stelle Kelso,  
#107 Willow Street,  
Knoxville, Tenn.

U.S. GEN. DEL.  
AUG 7  
1920  
KNOXVILLE, TENN.

*Miss Stelle Kelso*  
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AUG 11 1920  
G. N. S.

PV  
Hoboken, N.J.

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

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

Pvt. John Dayton

25-117

11/1/20

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

1969252

Co.D. 520 Engineers

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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# GRAVE LOCATION FORM

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Dayton, 1969252, John  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt. Co. D, 520th Engrs.  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL. October 5, 1918.

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

American Expeditionary Forces

Cemetery No. 25. Talence, France

Section B

GRAVE NUMBER. 224

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? ..... Cross? .....  
Headboard? **yes** ..... 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:

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REPORTED BY:

*G. W. Everberg*  
2nd Lieut. G. W. Everberg, Q.M., U.S.  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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



Pvt  
Hoboken, N.J.

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

*Pl 24459*  
*Rush*

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

Pvt. John Dayton

25-117

11/1/20

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

1969252

C.D. 520 Engineers

*Adjustment Made*

*NOV 22 1920*

*File No. 24459*

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE

Nov. 17, 1920

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Miss Stelle Kelso

Cousin

Address

107 Willow St., Knoxville, Tenn.

(Failed to locate at this address)

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**FILE**

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104 OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

HEADQUARTERS  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RECEIVED

CEMETERY DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SECTION



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NOV 3 1920  
G. H. S.

SERIAL NUMBER

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CENTRAL NO.

DATE

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
HEADQUARTERS  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Classification

Adjustment

CEMETRIAL DIVISION  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
REGISTRATION SECTION

File # 24459

*Sty 25*

MEMORANDUM:

Date 8/12/20

To: Registration Files Sub-Section

Subject: Adjustments made on Registration Files

1. Changes as checked have been made in the Registration Files which will necessitate a corresponding change in the Classification Files.

	CORP.	ADD. DATA		CORP.	ADD. DATA
File Number			Date of Burial		
Name			Date of Reburial		
Serial Number			Burial Information		
Rank			Nearest Relative		
Organization			Notified Nearest Relative		
Cause of Death			Blue Card thrown out		
Date of Death			White Card set up		
Casualty Cablgram Number					
<i>Remarks 588</i>					

O.K. Alphabetical Files K 25 8-14-20

~~O.K. Organization Files~~

~~O.K. State Files~~

Cemetery Audit Department  
Investigation & Adjustment Dept.

by Johnson

1 Cards attached.

Miss Greenberg

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

*Act 7/10*  
*C-97719*

*File # 24459*

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER	CEMETERY NO.	DATE
Dayton, John, Pvt.	25 - 117	June 30, 1920
SERIAL NUMBER	ORGANIZATION	
1969252	Co. D. 520 Engineers.	

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

*(Handwritten initials)*

DATE July 14, 1920

NAME OF BENEFICIARY Miss Stelle Kelso  
107 Willow St., Knoxville, Tenn.

RELATIONSHIP Cousin

Address:

NS-8438/JC

**FILE** ✓

Dayton, John

1,969,252

Regt. Co. D, 520<sup>th</sup> Engrs

letter sent to

Miss Stella Kelso,

107 Willow St.,

Knoxville, Tenn.

Returned unclaimed

no other address

available

AGO  
RETURNED  
UNCLAIMED

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

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.  
Penalty for private use, \$300.

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL,

War Department,

Washington, D. C.

(Disposal of remains.)

ADJUTANT GENERAL  
RETIRED  
WAR DEPARTMENT  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

WAR DEPARTMENT.

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE, \$300.

Division

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KNOXVILLE  
MAR 25  
1919  
TENN.

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Arhetz*

*No such # Party not known*

Returned to writer  
Unclaimed from  
KNOXVILLE, TENN.  
P. O.

MAR  
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THRIVE by THRIFT  
Buy War Savings Stamps



Dayton. John, -Deceased

24459

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

MAR 21 1919

AGO  
RETURNED  
UNCLAIMED

Miss Stells Kelso,  
107 Willow St.,  
Knoxville, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

In the case of an unmarried man—

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

In the case of a married man—

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

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

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

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

Very respectfully,

P. C. HARRIS,  
The Adjutant General.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF DAYTON, John SERIAL NUMBER 1969252  
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. D, 520th Engrs.

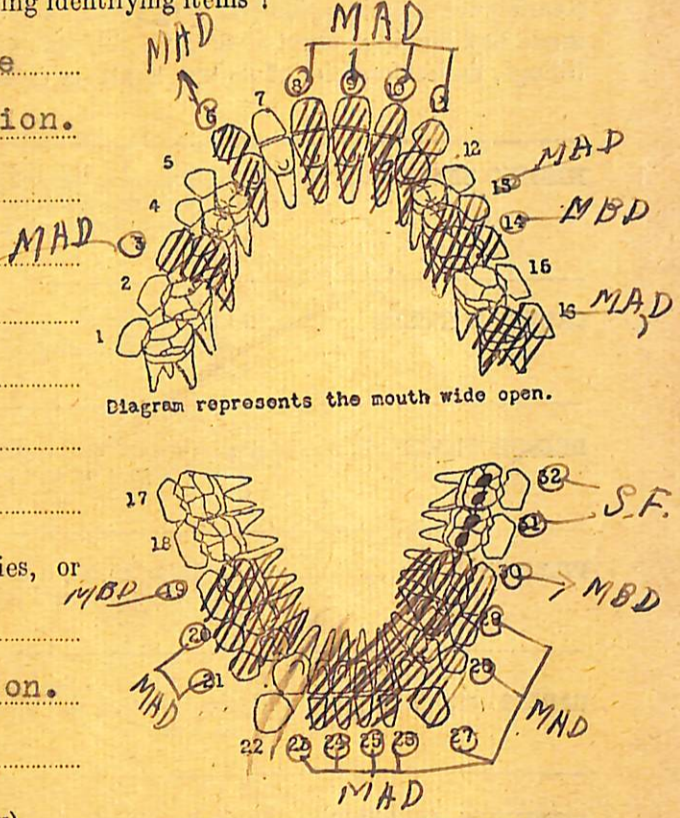
2. Disinterred (date): Sept. 5, 1921 From (give complete location): Grave 224, Sect. B, Valence.  
By: Group 4 Unit Sect. 7.

3. Reburied (date): 12/13/21 In (give complete location): Gr. 16, Block A.  
Row 1, Cty 34, Suresnes.  
By: Group Special group Unit Engrs. Nature of reburial Blanket and  
Metallia casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Badly decomposed. Features not recognizable.  
Wooden box. Uniform.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? Yes  
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:  
Body tag checks.

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



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F. C. STARK, Checker.

7. Disinterment supervised by Frank L. Kaelin  
11W FRANK L. KAELIN.

Approved: O. E. Davis  
(Title) 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

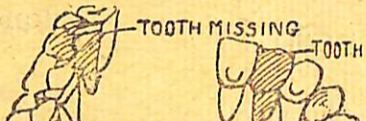




8. Reburial supervised by [Signature]

Approved: [Signature]  
(Title) Capt. Q.

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

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

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

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



GRAVE REGISTRATION SERVICE

STATION

Talence # 25,

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept. 5, 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 DAYTON, John

10. Name

2. No. 1969252

11. No.

3. Rank Pvt

12. Rank

4. Org. Co D 520th Engrs

13. Org.

5. D.D. 10-3

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. DOD

(b) D.B. No discrepancy.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 224 Sec. B

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. No discrepancy.

18. Cemetery American

19. Commune or town Talence

20. Dept. or County Gironde

21. Country

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 25

23. Disinterred (Date) Sept. 5, 1921

By FRANK L. KAELIN.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name John Dayton.

Serial No. 1969252

Rank Pvt.

Organization Co.D, 520th Engrs.

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

Signature Junior Technical Assistant

F.C. STARK

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).

Body tag checks.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features not recognizable.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box, uniform.

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Sept. 5, 1921 By FRANK L. KAELIN

31. Casket sealed by FRANK L. KAELIN.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

FRANK L. KAELIN.

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **01873**

32. Designation of body:

Name **DAYTON, John** Serial No. **1969252**

Rank **Pvt** Organization **Co D 520th Engrs**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **Sept. 5, 1921** By **FRANK L. KAELIN.**

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector

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

36. Remarks **None.**

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) **Sept. 5, 1921**

To point of Concentration **Bassens, (Gironde).**

Convoyer **Pierre de Montozon** Signature Shipping Officer *S. D. Campbell*  
(Name) **S. D. CAMPBELL, Capt., Q.M.C.**

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date **Sept. 5, 1921**

By G.R.S. Representative **H. A. WADSWORTH**

Major of Infantry

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date **Oct 14 1921**

39 (a) Received at Paris Morgue, October 17, 1921.

*H. L. Ward*  
**H. L. WARD,**  
Major, Q.M.C.

39 (b) Shipped from Paris Morgue, **Dec. 13th** 1921. To Permanent Cemetery No. 34, American, Suresnes (Seine) by Shipping Officer, Convoysed by:

**H. L. WARD,**  
Major, Q.M.C.

42. Grave No. **16** Section **Block A**

43. Plot Row **1, Cty 34, Suresnes.**

G.R.S. Representative

*H. C. Luck*  
**H. C. Luck, Capt. Infantry.**

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **01873**

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Name **DAYTON, John** Serial No. **1969252**

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34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **Sept. 5, 1921** By **FRANK L. KARLIN.**

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector *O. E. Davis*  
**O. E. DAVIS, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.**

36. Remarks **None.**

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) **Sept. 5, 1921**

To point of Concentration **Bassens, (Gironde).**

Convoyer **Pierre de Montozon** Signature Shipping Officer *S. D. Campbell*  
**S. D. CAMPBELL, Capt., Q.M.C.**

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date **Sept. 5, 1921**

By G.R.S. Representative *H. A. Wadsworth*  
**H. A. WADSWORTH**

Major of Infantry  
39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date **Oct 12, 1921**

t Cemetery **Paris Mougues** (Name)  
**Jack Roberts** Signature Shipping Officer *J. Roberts*

Date **December 13th 1921**

esentative *Harry C. Luck*  
**Harry C. Luck, Captain, Infantry.**

**December 13th 1921.** (Date)

42. Grave No. **16** Section **Block A**

43. Plot Row **1, Cty 34, Suresnes.**

G.R.S. Representative *H. C. Luck*  
**H. C. Luck, Capt. Infantry.**

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

*1/4 Exhumed  
22 Concentration  
34  
att 3/31/22*

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File # 24459

(a) Name DAYTON, John Ser. No. 1969252 ) TYP. HDP  
 (b) Rank Private Organization Co. D. 520 Engineers )  
 (c) Date of death 10-3-18 of death Phthisis ) CKR. *[Signature]*

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

(a) Grave No. 224 Row --- Plot --- Sect. B ) TYP. ILH  
 (b) Emerg. Address Miss Stella Kelso, (Cousin), Knoxville, Tenn

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; No Card ) CKR. *[Signature]*

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt None

*no card in file*  
 (a) Name \_\_\_\_\_ (b) Relationship mm 4-26-20  
 (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 mm Date 4-26-1920

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

\_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_, confirmed request in Par. IV. item \_\_\_\_\_, above, or requesting that \_\_\_\_\_

*No Correspondence*  
 Examiner's Initials ave Date 4-26-1920

VI. G.R.S. Files - Correspondence - shows as follows: No request

*for disposition*  
 (a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes - aa

Examiner's Initials aa Date 4-26-1920

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY NO. 25 SHEET NO. 117  
 G.R.S. Form #115  
 Amended April 6, 1920.

Make Form #114

*Checked by [Signature]  
mm. 10/18/50*

VII. G. R. S. FORM No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 1920

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ 1920

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by- ( cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
( letter on **MAY 7**, 1920

*Par 2 not to be returned RLE*

IX.

CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE

ACTION TAKEN

Desires body be

Body to be shipped to

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*July 16/20 M&J guns  
Miss Stella Kelso - Cousin  
107 Millard St,  
Knoxville, Tenn.*

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File-24459

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name Dayton, John Ser. No. 1969252 TYP. HDP  
 (b) Rank Private Organization Co. D. 520 Engineers JDB  
 (c) Date of death 10-3-18 Cause of death Phthisis LM  
 ACP.

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

(a) Grave No. 324 Row --- Plot --- Sect. B TYP. ILH  
 (b) Emerg. Address Miss Stella Kelso (Cousin) Knoxville, Tenn.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases no card CKR EML

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

*No request for disposition. MB 10-20-20*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by - (cable on --- 192  
 (letter of transmittal on 5-7 192 0  
Par. 2. Not to be returned. RLE

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. OCT 21 1920 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken

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

COUNTRY France CEMETERY NO. 25 SHEET NO. 117  
 G.R.S. FORM 115-A  
 August 1920  
 S-666/MB

*LEB  
10/20/20*