

Cross,

(Surname.)

Albert B.

(Christian name in full.)

2,579,235

(Army serial number.)

Pvt 1cl

Med Dept, BH 52

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Sister

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

yes

(Yes or no.)

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

no

(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:

Mrs. John Parson, Adams, Bakley B.

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telephone office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mrs. John Parson

3236 Madison Road Bakley Ohio

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

3-5713

Please notify me here so I can go there

REVIEWED
OSP SS.

MOE 12-10

Drawn by @
92-61
42-9-20

G.R.S. Form #114 B

IME.

DATE

6/4/25

1. NAME CROSS, Albert B.

SERIAL No. 2579235

RANK Pvt. 1/c

ORGANIZATION Med. Dept. B. H. 52
& DIVISION 7th Div

GRAVE LOCATION American Cty., Rimaucourt, Haute-Marne.

92

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

303

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

303

RIMAUCOURT (Haute-Marne)

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES E. 323.2 N.165.3

CONCENTRATED TO Not of record

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

W 30-1918 auto. fossil - May 9-1927

DATE OF DEATH

1917

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

Ohio

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

none of record

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS Not of record

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE AREA SUPERVISOR

Walter F. Brown

WALTER F. BROWN, CAPT. QMC., Supervisor Area No. 4

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION June 8th, 1922

36

2

Block A

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

St. Mihiel American No. 1233, Thiancourt

CEMETERY

Robert C. Davis,
Major General,
The Adjutant General

AUDITED BY

By *low*

World War 15 Received A. G. O. JUN 2 1925

JUN 21 1925

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.

2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.

3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.

4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form I6, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

Cross, LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF
(2579235) Albert B.

(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)
Pvt. 1/c1. Base Hospital # 82. A.D.

(Rank.) (Organization.)

December, 1, 1918,

DATE OF BURIAL.....

Rimaucourt, Haute-Marne.

PLACE OF BURIAL.....

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

Grave # 303. American Grave Yard, # 1.

Rimaucourt, Haute-Marne, France.

GRAVE NUMBER. Number 303.

HOW MARKED: Name Peg **Yes.** Cross? **No.**

Headboard? **No.** Bottle? **No.**

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

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

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

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

REPORTED BY:

Fred R. Hampton
Fred R. Hampton,

1st Lt. S. C. Registrar.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

BA. # 82. APO. # 919.

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

Cross, Albert B. St-M

Cross, Albert B.

Travelers' & Widows' Pilgrimage
Stopovers on return

OK

Name: *Parsons, Mrs. Phoebe*

Address: *Miami Fla.*

Party: A-10

Stopovers desired at: *Pittsburgh Pa & Cincinnati, O.*

Rail

<i>Ny to Atlanta Ga</i>	<i>36.05</i>
<i>via Pitts x Cin. O.</i>	
<i>Atlanta to Miami</i>	<i>25.40</i>
	<u><i>61.45</i></u>
<i>Ny to Miami (direct)</i>	<i>49.72</i>
	<u><i>11.73</i></u>
	Excess

Pullman

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Value</u>
<i>Ny.</i>	<i>Pittsburgh</i>	<i>L.B.</i>	<i>4.50</i>
<i>Pittsburgh</i>	<i>Cincinnati</i>	<i>L.B.</i>	<i>3.75</i>
<i>Cincinnati</i>	<i>Miami Fla</i>	<i>L.B.</i>	<i>12.75</i>

41.00
 Total:
 Thru Pullman Fare: *15.38*
 Excess: *5.62*

Amounts shown as "excess" have been collected by the Quartermaster General and remitted to the Finance Officer, Washington, D.C.

Total *17.35*
75
16.60

Cross Albert B.
Pfe.

(Revised)
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94.47
15.38

PARTY A
S. S. Leviathan - May 17, 1932

FLORIDA
Dade County

Parsons, Mrs. Phoebe,
28 NW 13 Ave., Miami, Fla. (A 10)

Lv. Miami	FEC	#76	10:00 PM (ET)	May 13
Arr. New York	PaRR	110	6:30 AM (ET)	May 15

Route Going: FEC Jacksonville, ACL Richmond, RF&P Washington,
PaRR New York.

Return: PaRR Cincinnati, L&N Atlanta, CofG Albany, ACL Jacksonville,
FEC Miami.

Sleeper Miami to New York.

Elapsed time - 32 hours, 30 minutes.

Stopover on return journey at Pittsburgh, Pa. and Cincinnati, Ohio.

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PARTY A
S. S. Leviathan - May 17, 1932

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FLORIDA
Dade County

Parsons, Mrs. Phoebe,
28 NW 13 Ave., Miami, Fla. (A 10)

✓ Lv. Miami	FEC	#76	10:00 PM (ET)	May 13
✓ Arr. New York	PaRR	110	6:30 AM (ET)	May 15

*See record sheet
containing
attached*

→ Route Going: FEC Jacksonville, ACL Richmond, RF&P Washington,
PaRR New York.

Return: PaRR Washington, RF&P Richmond, ACL Jacksonville,
FEC Miami. *Same route*

→ Sleeper Miami to New York.

Elapsed time - 32 hours, 30 minutes.

↘ *1/2*
Return Route

*P.R.R., Cincinnati; L. N., Atlanta; C of Ga
Albany; a C L Jacksonville & S Miami.*

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QM 293 A-M
Cross, Albert B.

December 2, 1933

Mrs. Phoebe Parsons,
28 N.W. 13th Ave.,
Miami, Fla.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the pilgrimage you made to the grave of your brother, the late Private first class Albert B. Cross, sailing on the Leviathan, May 17, 1932, and the collection of \$17.35 to cover excess transportation costs due to stopovers on your return from Europe.

In the settlement of the accounts for your transportation, the Finance Officer has found that only \$13.98 was in excess of the charges for direct transportation to your home. Accordingly the difference, or \$3.37 is refunded to you.

Check in the amount of \$3.37 drawn on the Treasury of the United States, is enclosed herewith.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JAS. H. LAUBACH,
Lt. Col., Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

Encl:
Check #401,760

bb



STATEMENT OF EXCESS COST OF TRANSPORTATION

A. F. O. Form 478

Chargeable to Parsons

8786

Officer _____
 Wife _____
 Sons, ages _____
 Daughters, ages _____

Warrant Officer Mrs. Hoche
 Enlisted Man _____
 Civilian _____
 Nurse _____

JUN 4 1932

Gold Star

Apr 20, 1932
 (Date of Travel)

T/R Number	Class Tpn.	Travel Status	From	To	Number Persons	Fare Coml. Net	Cost
1011824	<u>C</u>		<u>Miami Fla</u>	<u>New York</u>	<u>1</u>		1117
1027936	<u>P</u>		<u>Ny.</u>	<u>Pittsburgh</u>	<u>seat</u>		300
37	<u>P</u>		<u>Pittsburgh</u>	<u>Cincinnati</u>	<u>L.S.</u>		188
38	<u>P</u>		<u>Cin.</u>	<u>Miami</u>	<u>L.S.</u>		1275
Total							12880

FEE-tax-act-R7-P-Pa-Pena-Cinti Jour
attendant-Cofpa-allow-act-tax-FEE
Qm 3401-P5095-a3330-0

TRANSPORTATION TO WHICH ENTITLED

Coach-Officer	<u>Miami</u>	<u>New York</u>	<u>1</u>	9944
Coach-Family				
Pull'n. Family	<u>New York</u>	<u>Miami</u>		1538
Pull'n.-Officer				

Total 11482

Disbursing Officer's R. R. No. 23662-3 1932 Collectible 1398

4/23/32 Received 17.35

Balance Due _____

Refundable 3.37



Party A

MEDICAL RECORD

Cross, Albert B.

Nurse

Miss A Muret

St. M. Cnty
Pvt. Med Dept. Base Hosp. #52.

Station: Paris Hotel Jema

Date: May 24th

Name PARSONS, Mrs. Phoebe

Home address 28 N.W. 13th Ave., Miami, Fla.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Gladys Parsons (daughter)
54th Pebles Street Wilksburg Pa Pilsberger
51 L P

Religion Episcopal. Age _____

History of Present complaint: May 24th Has had Intestinal flu

May 28th Nervous insomnia
May 30th Emotionally upset
June 2nd Constipation & bilious

INSTRUCTIONS. — This card will be started in all cases of Pilgrims requiring medical attention by the Medical Officer or Nurse first rendering such attention. Subsequently it will be carried by the nurse in attendance upon the group to which the Pilgrim is assigned. All Medical Officers rendering any assistance in the case will make an appropriate entry which will include date, time and signature. Upon final disposition of the case the Nurse in charge will deliver the card to the Office of the Chief Surgeon. Pilgrims sent to the American Hospital will be accompanied by this card properly completed, which will be authority for admission, in which case a duplicate card will be made and sent without delay to the Office of the Chief Surgeon.

(over)

Diagnosis and complications : (include dates) Fatigue. F.M.F.

Treatment and Progress : (include dates) May 28th Triple Bromides + Brandy 10cc
May 30th Brandy 10cc
June 2nd Epsom salts 15 gms.

Disposition : (include dates)

Remarks: 5/29 Emotional upset. insomnia. given Bromides & Brandy
O.B.B.

TOCO PARENTIS

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Cross</i>	<i>CRO</i>	3	<i>3850</i>
<i>Albert B</i>	CEMETERY <i>1233</i>	1	<i>3</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>36</i>	2	<i>36</i>
	ROW <i>2</i>	2	<i>02</i>
	BLOCK <i>a.</i>	1	<i>1</i>
STATE	<i>Ohio</i>	2	<i>41</i>
RANK	<i>Private</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>M.C.</i>	2	<i>52</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>PH 52</i>	3	<i>052</i>
ARM	<i>B.H</i>	1	<i>2</i>
MARITAL	<i>Remarried</i>	1	<i>3</i>
NAME <i>Parsons</i>	<i>Dave</i>	3	<i>60180</i>
<i>Mrs Phelie</i>	STATE <i>Fla</i>	2	<i>09</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Blake</i>	2	<i>13</i>
<i>28 N.W. 13th Ave</i>	CITY <i>Miami</i>	3	<i>016</i>
RELATION	<i>Loophrentis</i>	1	<i>4</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Good</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	NO. <i>1932</i>	1	
ACCEPTANCE	YR. <i>yes</i>	1	<i>3</i>
<i>29/514/EAB</i>	<i>Age</i>	1	<i>1</i>

17-1932
 17-1932

Motherhood
 Sales

Awarded
 NOV 30 1931
QZ

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ITINERARY OF THE ST MIHIEL GROUP

PARTY "A" 1932

Arrived Cherbourg harbor on the S. S. LEVIATHAN during the night of May 23-24th. Captain J. W. Carroll and Lt. E. L. Harrison were in charge. The following personnel met the boat: Lt. Col. R. H. Jordan, Major E. A. Casserly, Major Francis M. Fitts, Captain Clarence Longacre, Captain Wm. C. Louisell, Lt. Kenton P. Cooley, Lt. Edward H. McDaniel, Lt. Edwin V. Kerr, Lt. Francis R. Stevens, Lt. Paul R. Weyrauch, 4 nurses and 2 civilian employees. Left Cherbourg at 9:06 AM and arrived Paris at 2:15 PM. Escorted to hotel.

May 25th - AM free - conference with conducting officer - Paris sightseeing

May 26th - Ceremony at the Arc de Triomphe - tea and reception at the Restaurant Laurent.

May 27th - Left for Cemetery via Meaux, Chalons-sur-Marne - Arrived Verdun and stopped at the Hotel Bellevue

May 28th -29th -30th - daily visits to cemetery and sightseeing in vicinity.

May 31st - Left Verdun for Paris via St. Menchould, Suippes and Reims - stayed the night at Reims - visited the cathedral

June 1st - Left Reims for Paris vis Dormans and Hill 204 -Chateau Thierry

June 2nd - free -visit to Versailles

June 3rd - visited Sacre Coeur and Napoleon's tomb

June 4th - Visited Lafayette Escadrille Monument and Malmaison - Cluny Museum

June 5th - church or free - night sightseeing trip

June 6th - visited Notre Dame and Richard Hudnut Perfumery

June 7th - visited Louvre - boat trip on Seine

June 8th - shopping @ free - rest - packed

June 9th - Left for Le Havre to sail for the United States

Mrs. Phoebe Parsons

WAR DEPARTMENT
PILGRIMAGE WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS
 225 West 34th. St. New York, N. Y.

PartyA.....

Number ..53.....

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATIONS.

.....Parsons, Mrs. Phoebe.....
 Name of Pilgrim
28 N.W. 13th Ave.....
 City Home Address County
Miami, Florida.....
 State

Actual cost of
 Through Pullman at the
 Lower Berth Rate.

✓ New York, toMiami, Fla.....

Destination of TicketMiami, Fla.....

\$.....15.38.....

via .PRR. to Cincinnati, O. - L&N. to Atlanta, Ga. - CoGa. to Albany, Ga. - ACL to.....
Jacksonville - FEC to dest.....

.....June 18, 1932.....
 Date of Departure

.....August 12, 1932.....
 Expiration Date of Ticket

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower Seat or Coach	Car	U.S.G. Order No.	Actual Cost
Lv. New York	PRR	25	6/18	8:00a	Seat		W2-1027936	
Ar. Pittsburgh	"	"	"	6:15P	10	67	8600	3-
Lv. "	"	267		9:35a				
Ar. Cincinnati	"	"		5:35P	200	375	1027937	1.88
Lv. "	L&N	33		9:00a				
Ar. Jacksonville	ACL	133		8:25a				
Lv. "	O&G	29		9:45a				
Ar. Miami	"	"		7:15a			1027938	12.75
Lv.								
Ar.								
Lv.								8.00
Ar.								3.75
Lv.								12.75
Ar.							2 Bags	1.95
Lv.								15.38
Ar.								412
Lv.								
Ar.								

Excess Fare New York, to. Cost \$ Total 17.63

Stop OverPittsburgh, Pa. - Cincinnati, Ohio.....
Capt. Rotary took her to train.....

Through Rate
 Excess

Cross, Albert B. St-M Mothers' & Widows' Pilgrimage
Stopovers on return

Name: Parsons, Mrs. Phoebe

Address: 28 N.W. 13th Avenue, Miami, Fla.

Party: A - 10

Stopovers desired at: Cincinnati, Ohio. & Pittsburgh, Pa.

Rail

New York to Atlanta, Ga. (via Pittsburgh & Cincinnati)	36.05
Atlanta to Miami	<u>25.40</u>
	61.45
New York to Miami (direct)	49.72
PENN.	<u>Excess</u> 11.73

Pullman

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Value</u>
New York	Pittsburgh, Pa.	L.B.	4.50
Pittsburgh	Cincinnati, Ohio	L.B.	3.75
Cincinnati	Miami, Fla.	L.B.	12.75

Total:	<u>21.00</u>
Thru Pullman Fare:	<u>15.38</u>
Excess:	5.62

Amounts shown as "excess" have been collected by the Quartermaster General and remitted to the Finance Officer, Washington, D.C.

Total \$ 17.35

Miss Gladys Parson
Hotel Clinton
McKeesport, Pennsylvania

K. M. Halpine
K. M. HALPINE,
Major, Inf. (DOL).
June 17, 1932

MRS PHOEBE PARSONS WILL ARRIVE PITTSBURG SIX FIFTEEN SATURDAY NIGHT JUNE
EIGHTEEN VIA PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD TRAIN NUMBER TWENTYFIVE PLEASE MEET
HER.

COLONEL POPE.

VIA WESTERN UNION

PARTY A FILE NO.

NAME Parsons, Mrs. Phoebe
28 N.W. 13th Ave., Miami, Florida.

ROUTE OF TICKET

Penn. to Cinn. O.
 L+N. to Atlanta Ga
 C of Ga. to Albany Ga
 A.E.L. to Jacksonville
 F.E.C. to dest.
 to
 to
 to
 to

Expiration date Aug 12-32

The following stop overs are requested.

Pittsburgh Pa.

Cincinnati, Ohio

(Signature of Pilgrim)

IN CABIN WITH

C-36-S

Mrs. Mamie D. Simmons

Mrs. Florence C. Stevens

Parsons and Roche

DOLLARS

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

8 9 1 20 30 40 50

CENTS

1 2 3 5 10 15 20 25 30 3 40

45 50 55 60 65 70 75 80 85 90 95

THE PULLMAN COMPANY

PASSENGER'S CASH FARE CHECK

CAR	LINE	Amount Collected			Changed Accom.	★
		Pullman Rate	\$	C	Lower Berth No.	
91 <i>mi</i>					8	★
FROM					Upper Berth No.	★
TO					Compartment	★
<i>E. C. Long</i>	Conductor	TOTAL	15	28	Drawing Room	★
No. Passengers	Date	57	13	19	37	Spat No. ★

The amount charged is The Pullman Company's rate and a surcharge of 50% of that amount collected for the Railroad Company.

CG 58355

PROPERTY TAKEN INTO CAR WILL BE
AT OWNER'S RISK

Phoebe Parsons

Miami Fla.

Name **PARSONS, Mrs. Phoebe**

Paris Hôtel **HOTEL D' IÉNA**
AVENUE D' IÉNA

Home address **28 N.W. 13th Ave., Miami**
~~**1203 Columbus Blvd., Coral Gables, Dade Co., Florida**~~

Party **A** Group Unit

Date of arrival **5/24/32 - SS. LEVIATHAN** Date of departure **6/9/32 - SS. ROOSEVELT**

Relationship **Loco-Parentis - Age 51**

Name of deceased **Cross, Albert B.**

Rank **Pvt. 1c1** Organization **Med. Dept., Base Hospital #52**

Cemetery **St-Mihiel - Gr.36 - Bl.A - Row 2**

REMARKS



DAILY REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS-1931

DATE. May. 15., 1932

ROOM NO...1531.....

PARTY... "A" EASTBOUND

NAME... Mrs. Phoebe Parsons

ADDRESS..... Miami

..... Florida

HOTEL..... McALPIN

DIAGNOSIS..... Convelesing from Intestinal "flu", 1 week ago. Temp. 98⁶, P. 76
B.P. 110
72

DISPOSITION.....

REMARKS: To rest and continue treatment of her home Doctor, which she
has with her.

CIVILIAN DOCTOR IN CHARGE OF CASE.....

.....

MEDICAL OFFICER.....
JAMES H. ASHCRAFT,
Major Medical Corps. USA
Medical Supervisor.

File 201 - Parsons, Mrs. Phoebe

GFRT*BF
June 29th, 1932.

Mrs. Phoebe Parsons,
549 Peebles St.,
Wilkesburg, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Parsons:

Major Halpine has just turned over your card of June 23rd to the undersigned, relative to the forwarding of your mail, with request that I make the necessary reply.

The address shown on your card is of record in this office and all mail received here will be promptly forwarded to you. However, in the case where you refer to a check which you should have received from Washington, it might be that the letter containing this check was returned to Washington from your home post office, as I believe that the instructions on the outside of the envelopes containing Government checks are quite rigid in that they are actually delivered to the person addressed.

Therefore, I would suggest that you communicate with the proper office in Washington, advising them of your return home. Again, I assure you that any mail received here for you will be promptly forwarded.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR,
Captain, Q.M.C. (DOL)

June 23 - 1932

Major Halpine

Dear Sir I have just received
my mail & am trying to
trace it as there is a check
from Washington in it
& many other letters & have not
read a single letter since
I left home, my daughter
sent me several over

if you do know any more
about it Please send it here.

Thanking you I remain

Mrs Thoeke Parsons

Wilkinsburg Pa.

Pittsburg.

549 Pebles St. 21

Had all mine for
Mrs Phoebe Parsons

to

549 Peetles 20

Patteburgh 21

Clones

Ida Huff, Pa.

Veterans Check

(POSTMARK OF)

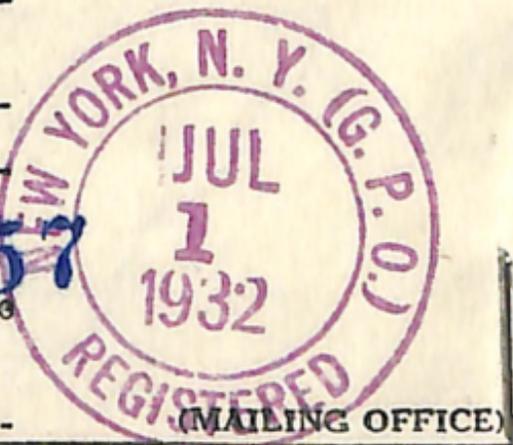
Receipt for Registered Article No. _____
Registered at the Post Office indicated in Postmark

Fee paid _____ cents Class postage _____

Return Receipt fee _____ Spl. Del'y fee _____
Delivery restricted to addressee:

in person _____, or order _____
Accepting employee will place his initials in space
indicating restricted delivery.

POSTMASTER, per _____



388657

The sender should write the name of the addressee on back hereof as an identification. Preserve and submit this receipt in case of inquiry or application for indemnity.

Registry Fees and Indemnity.—Domestic registry fees range from 15 cents for indemnity not exceeding \$50 up to \$1 for indemnity not exceeding \$1,000. The fee on domestic registered matter without intrinsic value and for which indemnity is not paid is 15 cents. Consult postmaster as to the specific domestic registry fees and as to the registry fees chargeable on registered parcel-post packages for foreign countries. Fees on domestic registered C. O. D. mail range from 25 cents to \$1.20. Indemnity claims must be filed within one year (C. O. D. six months) from date of mailing.

Form 3806 (Rev. 7-1-29)

C5-6852

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1929

PARTY "A"
April 29th, 1932

Mrs. Phoebe Parsons,
28 N.W. 13th Ave.,
Miami, Florida.

Dear Madam:

There are enclosed herewith two tags and four identification pasters which have been prepared for the purpose of protecting your baggage while in transit, and to insure its safe arrival at the hotel where you are to stop in New York City. Please attach the tags to the handle of each piece of your baggage and place a paster on each end of each piece of your baggage before leaving your home.

Upon your arrival in New York City, you will be met at the railroad station by an Army Officer who will be in uniform. During your sojourn in New York before sailing for Europe, and upon your return from Europe, you will stop at the hotel McAlpin, 34th Street and Broadway, New York City.

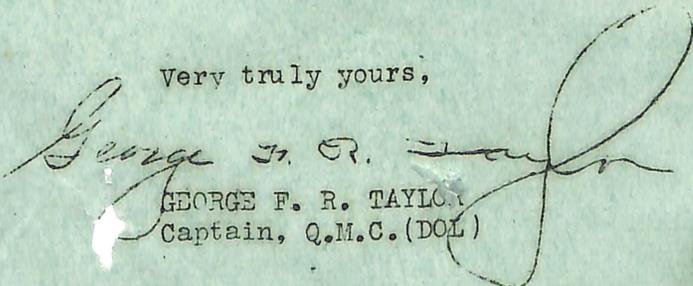
All mail intended to reach you between May 17th, 1932, the day you sail from the United States, and June 9th, 1932, the day you leave Europe, should be addressed to you in care of American Pilgrimage, 146 Avenue des Champs Elysees, Paris, France; for example:

Mrs. Mary Smith,
c/o American Pilgrimage,
146 Avenue des Champs Elysees,
Paris, France.

In making reservations for your journey home from New York City, it is necessary for this office to furnish the railroads with the exact time and date of your departure. The party you are to travel with will be disbanded in New York City on the day following your return from Europe and all arrangements for your accommodations will be made with the railroads by this office accordingly. Upon your return from Europe, it will therefore be necessary for you to remain in the hotel over night as a guest of the United States Government.

There is also enclosed herewith information relative to the cemeteries in Europe.

Very truly yours,


GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR
Captain, Q.M.C. (DOL)

- 7 Incl:
2 Baggage Tags
4 Baggage Pastors
1 Copy Cemeterial Information

PARTY

A - 10

LP-51

EASTBOUND

STATE

FLORIDA

GROUP

ST.M.

Cross, Albert B

Mrs. Parsons, Phoebe

(Name of Pilgrim)

Address

28 N.W.13th Ave.

(Street & No.)

Miami

(City or Town)

Fla.

(State)

Dade

(County)

Miss Gladys Parson (Daughter)

(Name of Nearest Kin)

Address

28 N. W. 13th Ave.

(Street & No.)

Miami

(City or Town)

Florida

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(County)

ARRIVAL NEW YORK

Capt. Batary met her

VIA. R.R. Pennsylvania

Train No. 110

Date May 15, 1932 - 6:30 A.M. EST

Hotel Mc Alpin

Room No. 1531

Roomed with Mrs. F. C. Stevens

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

Date May 17, 1932

Vessel S. S. LEVIATHAN

Cabin No. C-36-Sofa

In Cabin with Mrs. Mamie D. Simmons C-36-2 & Mrs. Florence C. Stevens C-36-1

(Over Westbound)

WESTBOUND

REMARKS

Date June 10, 1932 Vessel President Roosevelt Cabin No. D-214-E

In Cabin with ~~Mrs. Lucy V. Streeton D-214-F~~ Mrs. Della Binmore D-214-E

Hotel Mc Alpin Room No. 769

Roomed with Mrs. Nora Fivecoat

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

VIA. R.R. Penn Train No. 25 Space S 10 Car No. 67 Date 6/18/32

ARRIVAL NEW YORK

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(O Eastbound)

WAR DEPARTMENT

Penalty for private use to avoid
payment of postage, \$300.



OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

NAME Parsons, Mrs. Phoebe

ADDRESS 28 N.W.13th Ave., Miami, Fla.

DATE 7-24-1932

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. Phoebe Parsons

MEDICAL RECORD

Party: A - 10 S. S. LEVIATHAN Eastbound
ROOSEVELT Westbound

Name Parsons, Mrs. Phoebe

Home Address 28 N.W. 13th Ave., Miami, Fla.

Name and address of nearest relative or friend Miss Gladys Parsons (Daughter)

28 N. W. 13th Ave., Miami, Fla.

Religion _____ Age 51 LP

History of present complaint: ~~See Pink Sheets~~ May 15, 1932 convalescing
from intestinal flu. One week ago. Temperature 98.6 Pulse 76 Blood pressure
110/72 J.H.A. Maj. M.C.

(OVER)

INSTRUCTIONS: This card will be prepared for each Pilgrim treated on ship, east or west bound. Cards to be included in report of Liaison Officer upon return to New York.

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)

May 20th, 1932, Intestinal Stasis

Treatment and Progress: (include dates)

May 16, 1932 diet, continued treatment which home
doctor prescribed. May 17, 1932 Very much improved. J.H.A.

May 20th, 1932, Milk of Magnesia

J.H.A.

Disposition: (include dates)

Remarks:

MEDICAL RECORD

Party A St.M.

Nurse, A.Murat

Station: Hotel d'Iena

Date: May 24, 1932.

Name Parsons, Mrs. Phoebe

Home address 28 NW 13th Ave., Miami, Fla.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Daughter, Gladys Parsons
Wilksburg
549 Peebbes St., Wilksburg, Pa.

Religion Prot.

Age 51 LP

History of Present complaint: May 24th, Has had intestinal flu.

May 28th, Nervous insomnia

30th, Emotionally upset

June 2nd, constipation and bilious.

(over)

INSTRUCTIONS. — This card will be started in all cases of Pilgrims requiring medical attention by the Medical Officer or Nurse first rendering such attention. Subsequently it will be carried by the nurse in attendance upon the group to which the Pilgrim is assigned. All Medical Officers rendering any assistance in the case will make an appropriate entry which will include date, time and signature. Upon final disposition of the case the Nurse in charge will deliver the card to the Office of the Chief Surgeon. Pilgrims sent to the American Hospital will be accompanied by this card properly completed, which will be authority for admission, in which case a duplicate card will be made and sent without delay to the Office of the Chief Surgeon.

Diagnosis and complications : (*include dates*)

Fatigue F.M.F.

Treatment and Progress : *include dates*)

May 28 th, Trip. Bromides i, Brandy 10 cc

30th Brandy 10 cc

June 2nd, Epsom salts 15 gms.

Disposition : (*include dates*)

Remarks : May 29th, Emotional upset, insomnia. Given Bromides and Brandy
O.B.B.

June 9th, to Havre, Fitts.

Leviathan
5-17-32
St M

Cross, Albert B. Pvt. 1cl.

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.

*Spells
names
both ways*

Mrs. Phoebe Parsons

(Name)

Mrs Phoebe Parsons

1203 Columbus Blvd., Coral Gables, Dade Co., Florida

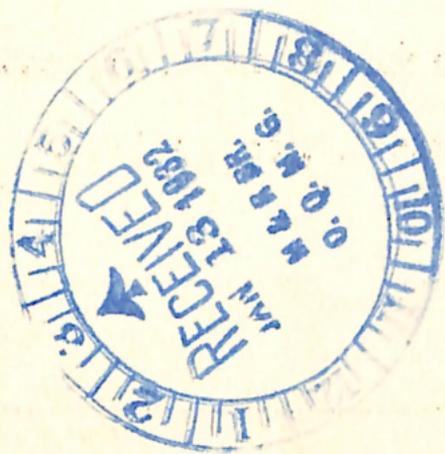
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miami Florida*



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RETURN RECEIPT

S. S. Lenathan 5-17-32

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

X Mrs. Phoebe Parsons

(Signature or name of addressee)

Cross, PFC Albert B.

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery

4-25, 1932

Form 3811

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

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Post Office Department

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REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 92702

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OFFICE

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Q. M. GENERAL

Return to _____

(NAME OF SENDER) MUNITIONS BUILDING

Street and Number,
or Post Office Box, _____

WASHINGTON,

D. C.

5714

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RETURN RECEIPT

S. S. Linathan 5-17-32

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

Thos. Beck

(Signature or name of addressee)

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery

4-25, 1932

Form 3811

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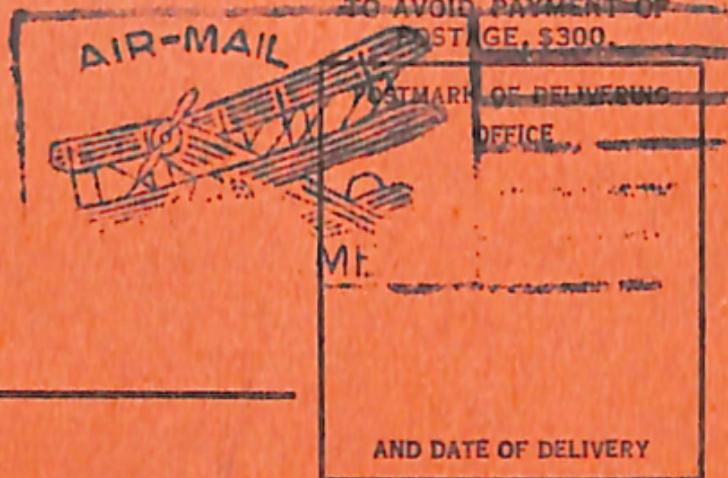
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No. _____



Return to

Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,
or Post Office Box,

MUNITIONS BUILDING

WASHINGTON,

D. C.

QM 293 A-M
Cross, Albert B. (St.M)

July 1, 1932.

Mrs. Phoebe Parsons,
28 N. W. 13th Avenue,
Miami, Florida.

Dear Mrs. Parsons:

I thank you for the letter of June 14, 1932, which you and the other mothers and widows visiting the graves of your sons and husbands in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery in France were so kind as to send me in appreciation of the care and attention you received throughout the pilgrimage.

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

The pilgrimage was authorized by Congress in an endeavor to bring a measure of comfort and peace to the hearts of the mothers and widows whose loved ones made the supreme sacrifice in their Country's cause, and it appears from the generous expressions contained in your letter that the effort has not been in vain.

With sincere appreciation of your complimentary remarks regarding the conduct of the pilgrimage, I am

Very truly yours,

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

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JHL
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Cross, Albert D. (St-M) LP

April 20, 1932

Mrs. Phoebe Parsons,
28 N. W. 13th Ave.,
Miami, Fla.

Dear Madam:

921,125

There is enclosed herewith Check No. ^{15.00} in the
amount of \$, to pay for your meals and incidental
expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage
authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST THIS CHECK BE CASHED
AND USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED.

If for any reason, you are not able to sail on
the date mentioned in your invitation, the check must be
returned to this office immediately.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl.
Check No.

Mr. C. B. Rhodes, Chairman
Southeastern Passenger Assn.
101 Marietta Street, Room 1007
Atlanta, Georgia

Washington, D. C., April 18, 1932

LEVIATHAN MAY SEVENTEENTH MRS PHEBE PARSONS MIAMI FLORIDA PAGE TEN
NOW DESIRES STOPOVERS PITTSBURGH PENNSYLVANIA AND CINCINNATI OHIO
WIRE RETURN ROUTE AND FORWARD REVISED ROUTING SHEET GSM 2456

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

QM 523.091 AM
Southeastern Passenger Assn.

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Cross, Albert B. At-M

QM 293 AM
Cross, Albert B. St-M

April 19, 1932

Mrs. Phebe Parsons,
28 N.W. 13th Avenue,
Miami, Fla.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 14th, enclosing money order in the amount of \$17.35, covering excess pullman and rail fare for stopovers at Pittsburgh, Pa. and Cincinnati, Ohio on your return from a pilgrimage to the St. Michel American Cemetery in Europe, sailing from New York on the S.S. LEVIATHAN, May 17, 1932. *noted*

Arrangements for these stopovers will be made accordingly. In the event that you change your mind on your return from Europe and desire to travel directly to your home without making any stopovers, the Officer in Charge of the Pilgrimage, New York, will make the necessary arrangements and refund will be mailed to you from this office to cover the excess fare collected.

Your ticket will expire seventy (70) days from the date of issue, therefore, you may stop over as long as you desire, providing you reach home within the expiration of your ticket which will be about July 22, 1932. You are scheduled to arrive at New York on June 17th on your return from Europe.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Omanu, Fla.

Cross, Albert B. St-M.

April 14, 1932.

Gas. W. Laubach
Lieut. Colonel, 2. M. Corps, Assistant.

Dear Sir:

In regard to your letter about stopovers in Pittsburgh, Pa. and Cincinnati, O. I have decided to stop both places as there is such a little difference in price.

Three weeks in Pittsburgh and two weeks in Cincinnati.

In event of my arrival from France in New York, I should not be able to make these trips will there be a refund of the extra amount sent to you now?

Enclosed you will find money order for \$17.35.

Thanking you for extra trouble and am most awfully sorry that I have not been able to return my answer and money order sooner.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Phebe Parsons.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 AM
Cross, Albert B. St- M

February 26, 1932

Mrs. Phoebe Parsons,
28 N.W. 13th Avenue,
Miami, Florida.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 17th, cancelling stopovers at Pittsburgh, Pa. and Cincinnati, Ohio, previously requested, on your return from a pilgrimage to the St. Mihiel American Cemetery in Europe, sailing from New York on the S.S. LEVIATHAN, May 17, 1932.

Accordingly, transportation arrangements will be made so you may travel from New York directly to your home on your return journey.

In the event that you later decide to make these stopovers it is requested that you so advise this office, forwarding money order in the amount of seventeen dollars and thirty five cents (\$17.35), payable to the Finance Officer, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C. and the necessary arrangements will be made.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

Miami Fla - 28 March 1932

R. E. Shannon

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



Dear Sir:

*is it possible for me to stop off at Pittsburg only for 2 weeks if so will send money at once. Very truly
Mrs. Phoebe Parsons*

Mothers' & Widows' Pilgrimage
Stopovers on return

Cross, Albert B. St-M

Name:

Parsons, Mrs. Nichols

Address:

28 N.W. 13th Avenue, Miami, Fla.

Party:

A

Stopovers desired at:

Cincinnati, Ohio. & Pittsburgh, Pa.

Rail

New York to Atlanta, Ga. (via Pittsburgh & Cincinnati)	36.05
Atlanta to Miami	<u>25.40</u>
	61.45
New York to Miami (direct)	40.72
	<u>11.73</u>
Excess	<u>11.73</u>

Pullman

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Value</u>
New York	Pittsburgh, Pa.	L.B.	4.50
Pittsburgh	Cincinnati, Ohio	L.B.	3.75
Cincinnati	Miami, Fla.	L.B.	12.75

Total:	<u>21.00</u>
Thru Pullman Fare:	<u>15.30</u>
Excess:	5.60

Amounts shown as "excess" have been collected by the Quartermaster General and remitted to the Finance Officer, Washington, D.C.

Total \$ 17.50

QM 293 AM
Cross, Albert B. St-M -LP

April 1, 1932

Mrs. Phoebe Parsons,
28 N. W. 13th Avenue,
Miami, Florida.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of March 28th, advising that you desire to make a stopover at Pittsburgh, Pa. only, eliminating a stopover at Cincinnati, Ohio, on your return from a pilgrimage to the St. Mihiel American Cemetery in Europe, sailing from New York on the S.S. LEVIATHAN, May 17, 1932.

In letter from this office dated February 3rd, you were advised that stopovers at Pittsburgh and Cincinnati would involve excess rail and pullman charges of \$17.35. By eliminating the stopover at Cincinnati this amount is reduced 75%, leaving a balance of \$16.60. In order to have your ticket issued via Pittsburgh on your return journey, it will also be necessary to route you through Cincinnati. In the event that you should at a later date change your mind and decide to stopover at Cincinnati, you may do so upon payment of 75%. All expenses incurred by you during your stopovers must, of course, be paid from your personal funds.

If you desire the stopover at Pittsburgh, Pa. money order in the amount of \$16.60, payable to the Finance Officer, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C., should be forwarded to this office.

As final transportation arrangements for the May 17th sailing are now being completed, an early response will be appreciated.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

JAS. H. LAUBACH
Lieut. Colonel, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

1 Envelope
BP:LM

QM 293 AM
Cross, Albert B. St- M

February 26, 1932

Mrs. Phoebe Parsons,
28 N.W. 13th Avenue,
Miami, Florida.

*Stopovers had
not been
made*

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 17th, cancelling stopovers at Pittsburgh, Pa. and Cincinnati, Ohio, previously requested, on your return from a pilgrimage to the St. Mihiel American Cemetery in Europe, sailing from New York on the S.S. LEVIATHAN, May 17, 1932.

Accordingly, transportation arrangements will be made so you may travel from New York directly to your home on your return journey.

In the event that you later decide to make these stopovers it is requested that you so advise this office, forwarding money order in the amount of seventeen dollars and thirty five cents (\$17.35), payable to the Finance Officer, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C. and the necessary arrangements will be made.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

LM

Apr. M. 293 A.M.

Cross, Albert B. Miami, Florida

St. M.

2nd 14 - 1932

R. E. Shannon,

Capt Shannon

Dear Sir in Reply.
about the ^{no} stopovers.

I cannot make them or I
see it now. So far ahead
some sickness in the family
later I perhaps would want

To. Sorry.
Very Respect

Mrs. Phoebe Parsons

28 W. 13th Ave
Miami Fla

Accept
Evithan
5-17-32



Since I² argue
for name both Phoebe
+ Phoebe we
have listed her as
Phoebe

IF YOU DESIRE A STOPOVER ON YOUR RETURN FROM EUROPE PLEASE READ CAREFULLY THE PARAGRAPH, "STOPOVERS IN THE UNITED STATES", ON PAGE 3 OF THE ENCLOSED LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS, FILL IN THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN IT TO THIS OFFICE.

Parsons, Mrs. Phoebe
~~1205 Columbus Blvd.,~~
Coral Gables, Dade Co., Florida
Cross, Albert B. PFC St.M LP
Leviathan 5-17-32

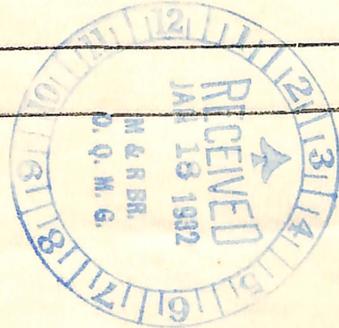
Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

accept →

On my return from the pilgrimage to American Cemeteries in Europe, I desire to stop over at the point, or points, listed below, for the number of days shown after the name of the town. If these stopovers will cause me any expense I am to be advised of the amount and may then withdraw this request if I so desire.

Cities where I desire to stopover:	No. of days
<u>Cincinnati OH</u>	<u>30</u>
<u>Pittsburgh Pa</u>	<u>10</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____



Very truly yours,
Mrs Phoebe Parsons
(Your name)

new address 284 W. 13th ave
noted (Your address) Miami Fla

QM 293 AM
Cross, Albert B. St-M -LP

February 3, 1932

Mrs. Phoebe Parsons,
28 N.W. 13th Avenue,
Miami, Florida.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your request for stopovers at Pittsburgh, Pa. and Cincinnati, Ohio on your return from a pilgrimage you desire to make to the St. Mihiel American Cemetery in Europe, sailing from New York on the S.S. LEVIATHAN, May 17, 1932.

Arrangements can be made for these stopovers but there will be an additional cost to you of eleven dollars and seventy three cents (\$11.73) due to rail fare and five dollars and sixty two cents (\$5.62) due to pullman accommodations, or a total of seventeen dollars and thirty five cents (\$17.35). All expenses incurred by you during your visits at Pittsburgh and Cincinnati must, of course, also be paid from your personal funds.

Please advise immediately whether or not you desire these stopovers and, if so, forward money order to this office in the amount of seventeen dollars and thirty five cents (\$17.35), payable to the Finance Officer, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C.

Notation has been made on the records of this office as to your new address and all future correspondence will be addressed to you as above.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

1 Encl.
Envelope
LM

PLEASE FILL IN THE INFORMATION CALLED FOR BELOW,
AND MAIL THIS LETTER PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED
ENVELOPE WHICH REQUIRES NO POSTAGE.

Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Parsons, Mrs. Phoebe
1203 Columbus Blvd.,
Coral Gables, Dade Co., Florida
Cross, Albert B. PFC St.M LP
Leviathan 5-17-32

Sir:

In the blank space below you will find the name,
address, and relationship to me, of the person in the United
States whom I desire to be notified in case I become
seriously ill or other emergency arises while I am making
the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress
approved March 2, 1929.

Miss Gladys Parsons
Name

28 N W 13th Avenue Miami
Fla
Address

Daughter
Relationship

Very truly yours,

Mrs Phoebe Parsons
Your name

new address 28, N W 13th ave
Your address
Miami
Fla

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

DATE September 13, 1931

Loco

NAME	RANK	SERIAL	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
Cross, Albert B.	Pvt.1cl	2579235	Med. Dept. Base Hosp.	12-1-18

#52

STATE	CTY. NO.	GRAVE	ROW	BLOCK
Ohio	1233	36	2	A

	<u>Check relationship</u>	<u>Living</u>	<u>- Deceased</u>
NAME	MOTHER	:	: ✓ :
	STEMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	: :
AND	MOTHER THRU ADOPTION (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	: :
ADDRESS	MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	: :
	WIDOW (Who has not remarried)	:	: :
		:	: :

S.
Mrs. Phete Parsons
1203 Columbus Blvd
Coral Gables
Fla.

Single man

Veterans Bureau Claim Number XC-116, 223
29/156

9-16-31

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Cross, Albert B. (St-M) LP

Nov. 2, 1931

Mrs. Phoebe Parsons,
~~1203 Columbus Blvd.,~~
~~Coral Gables, Fla.~~

28 N. W. 13th Ave

Miami (per a/c card)

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

In order that the records may be complete, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name, and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	yes
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: 51 Health: Good
3. Do you speak English?	yes
4. What other language do you speak?	None

Mrs. Phoebe Parsons
Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes

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



Encl:
Env.

Cross, Albert B. 1233

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Pvt.lcl, Med. De. Base Hosp. #52 Serial 2579235 Date of Death

12-1-18

Mother

Dead

Widow

Remarried

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into Coast*

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

Ret.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Cross, Albert B. (StM) EP

September 30, 1931.

Put 1cl, Med. Det. Base Hosp. # 52

Mrs. Phoebe Parsons,
Box 4267,
Miami, Fla.

*adrs. of the
woman*

*12-1-18
Serial - 2579235*

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

In order that the records may be complete, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name, and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?

2. Please state your age and condition of health:

Age:
Health:

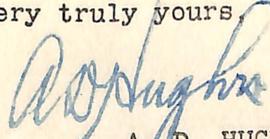
3. Do you speak English?

4. What other language do you speak?

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours



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

Encl:
Env.

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

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Cross, Albert B. Pvt. 1c (StM) LP

August 4, 1931.

Pvt. 1c, med. dept. Base Dept # 52

Ohio

2579235

12-1-18

36-2-a

Mrs. Phoebe Parsons,
Box 4267,
Miami, Florida.

Dear Madam:

Mr. Watson B. Miller, The American Legion, 600 Bond Building, Washington, D. C., has submitted additional affidavits to substantiate your claim as having stood in loco parentis to your brother, the late Private first class Albert B. Cross.

In view of the information contained in the affidavits your claim has been favorably considered and you are now eligible to make a pilgrimage to your brother's grave at the expense of the Government. In order that a record may be made of your desires and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested that you complete and return the enclosure questionnaire to this office at the earliest practicable date.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes

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

Encl.
1932 Ques.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

August 4, 1931.

Cross, Albert B. Pvt. 1c (StM) LP

Mrs. Phoebe Parsons,
Box 4267,
Miami, Florida.

Dear Madam:

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

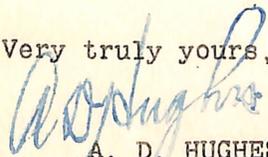
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? _____
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QM 293 A-M
Cross, Albert B. Pvt. 1c (STM) LP

August 4, 1931.

Mrs. Phoebe Parsons,
Box 4267,
Miami, Florida.

Dear Madam:

Mr. Watson B. Miller, Chairman, The American Legion, 600 Bond Building, Washington, D. C., has submitted additional affidavits to substantiate your claim as having stood in loco parentis to your brother, the late Private first class Albert B. Cross.

In view of the information contained in the affidavits, your claim has been favorably considered and you are now eligible to make a pilgrimage to your brother's grave at the expense of the Government. In order that a record may be made of your desires and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested that you complete and return the enclosure questionnaire to this office at the earliest possible date.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:
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August 4, 1931.

QM 293 A-M
Cross, Albert B. Pvt. 1c (StM) LP

Mr. Watson B. Miller,
The American Legion,
600 Bond Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 29, 1931, submitting additional affidavits to substantiate the claim of Mrs. Phoebe Parsons as having stood in loco parentis to her brother, the late Private first class Albert B. Cross.

Please be advised that in view of the information contained in the affidavits, Mrs. Parsons' eligibility to make a pilgrimage to the grave of the late Private Cross has been established and she has been communicated with relative thereto.

Your interest and cooperation in behalf of Mrs. Parsons are sincerely appreciated.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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THE AMERICAN LEGION

NATIONAL REHABILITATION COMMITTEE

600 BOND BUILDING

WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 29, 1931

The Quartermaster General
War Department
Washington, D. C.

Re: CROSS, Albert B.

QM 293 A-M

My dear Sir:

Reference is made to your communication of June 8 in which you advised that the evidence submitted was insufficient to show that Mrs. Phoebe Parsons stood in relationship of foster mother to the above named veteran. In further support of her claim we enclose herewith her affidavit supported by affidavits of two disinterested persons which shows that from the time that veteran was 11 years of age until he entered the service he did not live with his father nor did his father contribute toward his support. It is believed that the evidence is now sufficient to show that Mrs. Parsons did stand in loco parentis to the veteran, and she should be entitled to make the pilgrimage to France.

Will you kindly advise us of your decision?

Sincerely,

W. B. Miller

WATSON B. MILLER, Chairman

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THE AMERICAN LEGION

HARVEY W. SEEDS POST NO. 29

BISCAYNE BOULEVARD AND NORTHEAST EIGHTH STREET
MIAMI, FLORIDA



July 20,
1931

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that I, Mrs. Phoebe Parsons, sister of Albert B. Cross, wish to state as follows:

My mother, who was also the mother of the above named veteran, passed away when the veteran was nine years of age and when he reached the age of eleven years I took him and he stayed with me until 1918, and at no time during that period did he live with his father or at no time did his father contribute a cent to his support. His father had remarried.

This boy was actually raised by me and he was with me from the time he was eleven years of age until he enlisted in the service, ~~line 1~~ 1918.

Mrs Phoebe Parsons

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This is to certify that we, the undersigned, knew Mrs. Parsons at the time mentioned, and know the above facts to be true to the best of knowledge.

Leora Daly
NAME

Coral Gables, Fla
ADDRESS

Mrs Bee S. Martin
NAME

2338 S.W. 5th St. Miami
ADDRESS
Fla.

State of Florida
County of Dade

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th day of July, 1931.



Martha Darring
(2/7/31)

THE AMERICAN LEGION

HARVEY W. SEEDS POST NO. 29

BISCAYNE BOULEVARD AND NORTHWEST EIGHTH STREET
MIAMI, FLORIDA

JULY 20
1931

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT I, Mrs. Thelma Parsons, sister
of Albert H. Cross, wish to state as follows:

My mother, who was also the mother of the above named
veteran, passed away when the veteran was nine years
of age and when he reached the age of eleven years I took
him and he stayed with me until 1918, and at no time during
that period did he live with his father or at no time did
his father contribute a cent to his support. His father had
remarried.

This boy was actually raised by me and he was with me from
the time he was eleven years of age until he enlisted in the
service, 1918.

This is to certify that we, the undersigned, know Mrs. Parsons
at the time mentioned, and know the above facts to be true to
the best of knowledge.



QM 293 A-M

June 8, 1931.

Cross, Albert B. Pvt 1c (STM)

Mr. Watson B. Miller,
600 Bond Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 5, 1931, together with affidavit to substantiate the claim of Mrs. Phoebe Parsons, Box 4267, Miami, Florida, as having stood in loco parentis to her brother, the late Private first class Albert B. Cross.

Section 4 (a) of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, was amended May 15, 1930, to read in part as follows: "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for a period of not less than five years at any time prior to the soldier, sailor, or marine becoming eighteen years of age."

It has been held that in order for a woman to be eligible to make the pilgrimage under the provisions of the amendment, she must have taken the part of a father in providing food, clothing, shelter, guidance, counsel, etc.

The information contained in the affidavit shows that the late Private Cross was approximately nineteen years of age at the time of his father's death, and as there is no evidence to show that he did not provide for his son in the manner required by law during the time Mrs. Parsons claims to have stood in loco parentis, it is regretted to advise that she is not eligible within the meaning of the law to make a pilgrimage to her brother's grave at the expense of the Government.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M

June 8, 1931

Cross, Albert B. Pvt lc (StM)

Mrs. Phoebe Parsons,
Box 4267,
Miami, Florida.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of the affidavit you submitted to substantiate your claim as having stood in loco parentis to your brother, the late Private first class Albert B. Cross, in order that your eligibility to make a pilgrimage to his grave might be determined.

It has been held that in order for a woman to be eligible to make the pilgrimage under the loco parentis clause of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, she must have provided the deceased member of the American forces with food, clothing, shelter, guidance, counsel, etc., thus taking the part of a father for a period of not less than five years at any time prior to the veteran's reaching eighteen years of age.

In view of the fact that the late Private Cross was approximately nineteen years of age at the time of his father's death, and there is no evidence to show that he did not provide for his son during that period, it is regretted to advise that you are not eligible within the meaning of the law to make a pilgrimage to your brother's grave at the expense of the Government.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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THE AMERICAN LEGION

NATIONAL REHABILITATION COMMITTEE

600 BOND BUILDING

WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 3, 1931

IN REPLY REFER
TO DATE AND NO. _____

The Quartermaster General
War Department
Washington, D. C.

Re: CROSS, Albert B.
XC-116 223

My dear Sir:

In compliance with your letter of May 1, your reference QM 293 A-M (St.M), we enclose herewith affidavit of Mrs. Phoebe Parsons supported by affidavits of two disinterested persons which appear to be sufficient to establish her relationship of foster parent to the above named veteran. Please advise when determination has been made as to her right to visit the veteran's grave in France.

Sincerely,



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Watson B. Miller

WATSON B. MILLER, Chairman



THE AMERICAN LEGION

HARVEY W. SEEDS POST NO. 29

BISCAYNE BOULEVARD AND NORTHEAST EIGHTH STREET

MIAMI, FLORIDA

CROSS, Albert B.
XC-116 223

May 14,
1931

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that I, Mrs. Phoebe Parsons, have acted in the capacity of foster mother to Albert B. Cross, veteran of the world war, deceased, for eighteen years, from 1901 until 1919. If further certify that I was born April 25 1880 Mo. Day year and the veteran was born Sept 27 1889 Mo. Day Year, and that the veterans parents died, mother Jan 18th 1900 (date of death) and father Nov 29 1908. (date of death)

I further certify that I furnished the veteran, Albert B. Cross, with food and clothing, sent him to school and otherwise exercised parental care over the period from 1901 until the time he enlisted in the U. S. Army.

Signed Mrs Phoebe Parsons

State of Florida
County of Dade

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd day of May, 1931

Notary Public, State of Florida at Large
My Commission expires April 17, 1933

Louise E. Lewis

Notary Public.

Witnesses:

Grace Wyatt
Name

3811 Wood Ave, Coconut Grove Fla
Address

E. Lewis
Name

7110 Pine Hill Leon
Address
Coral Gables Fla

State of Florida
County of Dade

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd day of May, 1931.

Notary Public, State of Florida at Large
My Commission expires April 17, 1933

Notary Public, State of Florida at Large
My Commission expires April 17, 1933

Louise E. Lewis Notary Public

QM 293 A-M
Cross, Albert B. (St.M)

May 1, 1931

Mr. Watson B. Miller,
The American Legion,
600 Bond Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 27th, relative to the eligibility of Mrs. Phoebe Parsons to make a pilgrimage to the grave of the late Private first class Albert B. Cross.

Please be advised the records of this office indicate that Mrs. Parsons is the sister of the late Private Cross. She has been requested to furnish affidavits to substantiate her claim as having stood in loco parentis to this late soldier. To date, however, no reply has been received to this communication.

Upon receipt of the affidavits in this office, Mrs. Parsons will be further communicated with relative to her eligibility to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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THE AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL REHABILITATION COMMITTEE
600 BOND BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Papers

April 27, 1931

IN REPLY REFER
TO DATE AND NO. _____

The Quartermaster General
War Department
Washington, D. C.

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Re: CROSS, Albert B.
~~AO-116 229~~

My dear Sir:

We are in receipt of an inquiry from the American Legion at Miami, Florida as to whether or not Mrs. Phoebe Parson, aunt, *sister* who alleges that she stood in the relationship of foster mother to the above named veteran from 1901 to 1919 is entitled to make the pilgrimage to veteran's grave.

The veteran died on October 20, 1919 a private, 1st Class Medical Department.

Sincerely,



W B Miller
WATSON B. MILLER, Chairman

QM 293 A-M
Cross, Albert B. 1283 LP

July 1, 1930.

Mrs. Phoebe Parsons,
Box 4267
Miami, Florida.

Dear Madam:

With further reference to the correspondence from this office relative to your eligibility to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your brother, the late Albert B. Cross, you are advised that Section 4 (a) of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, was amended May 15, 1930, so that it now reads in part as follows: "--or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for a period of not less than five years at any time prior to the soldier, sailor, or marine becoming 18 years of age."

Under the terms of this amendment you may be eligible to make the pilgrimage. In order to satisfy legal requirements it will be necessary for you to furnish as proof of your relationship, in loco parentis, the affidavits of at least two persons not related to you.

In the event you consider yourself eligible under this amendment to make the pilgrimage, it is requested that the enclosed form be completed and returned to this office in order that your eligibility may be determined. Under paragraphs 1 (c) and 1 (d) sufficient information should be included to permit an intelligible decision as to eligibility.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:
Forms
Envelope
Act - Amendment

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

QM 293 A-C
Cross, Albert B.

September 12, 1929

Mrs. Phoebe Parsons,
Box 4267,
Miami, Fla.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of the form letter from this office dated July 31, 1929, completed by you, furnishing information relative to the Gold Star Mothers' and Widows' Pilgrimage to Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

It is assumed you desire to make the pilgrimage to the grave of your brother, the late Private, first class, Albert B. Cross, under the provisions of Section 4 (a) of the Act which states in part "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces". In determining who is meant by the term "in loco parentis" this phrase has been given its usually accepted legal meaning and it has been held that:

- (a) A person cannot stand in loco parentis to an adult who is not mentally or physically incapacitated.
- (b) In order for a woman to occupy such a status towards a minor or incapacitated adult, she must act the part of a lawful father of such person in performing the duty of providing for him, intending thereby to take the place of the father in this particular.
- (c) In order to receive the benefits of the Act in question, she must have occupied the status toward a particular deceased member of the military or naval forces "for the year prior to the commencement of his service in such forces".

The records indicate that your brother, the late Private Cross was 29 years of age when he enlisted in the Army for service during the World War. There is a positive showing that he was not incapacitated either mentally or physically at the time of his entry into the military service and that he was more than 21 years of age when he enlisted. Therefore, I regret to advise that you are ineligible within the meaning of the Act to make this pilgrimage at the expense of the Government.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cross, Albert B.

July 31, 1929.

Mrs. Phoebe Parsons,
Box 4267,
Miami, Fla.

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29 yrs 6 mos
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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 sister of the late Private, first class, Albert B. Cross, Med. Dept. Base Hosp. #52, whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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

No

2. If so, give her complete address:

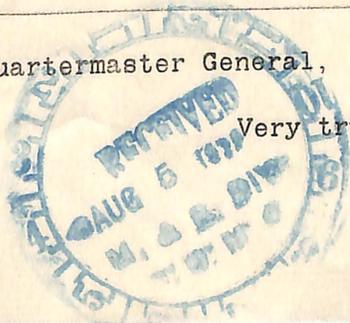
3. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

I myself tried to be mother & sister to my brother since he was 10 yrs old
Mrs Phoebe Parsons

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

Cross, Albert B

May 28, 1929.

XC 116 223

Mrs. Lottie A. Cross,
17th & Dickle Ave.,
Parkersburg, W. Va.

Sister:

Mrs. Phoebe Parsons
Box 4267
Miami, Fla.

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 widow of the late Private, first class, Albert B. Cross, Med. Dept. Base Hosp. # 52, whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relationship is that of a stepmother, mother through adoption or a woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. In case you have 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.

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Cross, Albert B. S.N. 2579235
Pvt. 1cl, Med. Dep. B. II, 52.
Brother

Sept. 1, 1932

Mrs. Phoebe Parsons,
28 N. W. 13th Ave.,
Miami, Fla.

Dear Madam:

In compliance with your recent request,
instructions have been issued to forward you a
flag in honor of the above named decedent, pro-
vided a flag has not previously been furnished
for him.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JAS. H. LAUBACH,
Lt. Colonel, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

Copy to Commanding Officer, Washington, Q. M. Depot.
With instructions to furnish flag.

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American Gold Star Mothers

OF THE WORLD WAR, INC.

NEW YORK STATE



Headquarters: Pennsylvania Hotel, Seventh Avenue and 33rd Street, New York City

Quarter Master General
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have been informed that I am entitled to an American flag from the Government in memory of

my beloved Brother SON OR DAUGHTER Name of Deceased Albert B Cross

Address of Deceased 246 E 54th St Cincinnati Ohio
NUMBER STREET CITY STATE

Army, Navy, Marine Army Medical Corps Base 652
RANK REGIMENT COMPANY

Stationed at Theacourt France

Lost at Sea Among the Missing Or Unknown

Place and Date of Death Theacourt France Nov 29 - 1918.

Thrown from Motor Cycle

Where Buried Sammehel 2nd Row grave 34 France

Name of Mother Foster Mrs Phebe Parsons

Address Foster 28 W 13 Ave Miami Fla
NUMBER STREET CITY STATE

I will be very grateful if same will be forwarded to me.

Respectfully yours,

Mrs Phebe Parsons
28 W. 13 Ave
Miami Fla

American Gold Star

OF THE WORLD WAR INC.
NEW YORK STATE



Headquarters: Transpenn Hotel, 250th Avenue and 33rd Street, New York City

Quarter Master General
Washington D. C.

I have been informed that I am entitled to an American Star from the Government as follows:

Name of Decedent: Robert B. ...

Address of Decedent: 1118 8th St. ...

Army, Navy, Marine: Company ...

Stationed at: ...

Last at Sea: ...

Place and Date of Death: ...



I will be very grateful if same will be forwarded to me

Respectfully yours,

QM 293 A-M
Cross, Albert B. (St.M)

July 1, 1952.

Mrs. Phoebe Parsons,
28 N. W. 13th Avenue,
Miami, Florida.

Dear Mrs. Parsons:

I thank you for the letter of June 14, 1952, which you and the other mothers and widows visiting the graves of your sons and husbands in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery in France were so kind as to send me in appreciation of the care and attention you received throughout the pilgrimage.

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

The pilgrimage was authorized by Congress in an endeavor to bring a measure of comfort and peace to the hearts of the mothers and widows whose loved ones made the supreme sacrifice in their Country's cause, and it appears from the generous expressions contained in your letter that the effort has not been in vain.

With sincere appreciation of your complimentary remarks regarding the conduct of the pilgrimage, I am

Very truly yours,

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

J. L. DEWITT
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

April 30, 1932

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cross, Albert B. StM LP

Mrs. Phoebe Parsons,
28 N.W. 13th Ave.,
Miami, Florida.

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. Miami	FEC	Train No. 76	10:00 PM (ET)	May 13
Ar. New York	PaRR	Train No. 110	6:30 AM (ET)	May 15

Accommodations: sleeper from Miami to New York.

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,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Cross, Albert H. (St-H) LP

April 20, 1932

Mrs. Phoebe Parsons,
28 N. W. 13th Ave.,
Miami, Fla.

Dear Madam:

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There is enclosed herewith Check No. ^{15.00} in the
amount of \$, to pay for your meals and incidental
expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage
authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

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UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST THIS CHECK BE CASHED
AND USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED.

If for any reason, you are not able to sail on
the date mentioned in your invitation, the check must be
returned to this office immediately.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Check No.

QM 295 AM
Cross, Albert B. St-M

April 19, 1932

Mrs. Phebe Parsons,
28 N.W. 13th Avenue,
Miami, Fla.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 14th, enclosing money order in the amount of \$17.35, covering excess pullman and rail fare for stopovers at Pittsburgh, Pa. and Cincinnati, Ohio on your return from a pilgrimage to the St. Mihiel American Cemetery in Europe, sailing from New York on the S.S. LEVIATHAN, May 17, 1932.

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Arrangements for these stopovers will be made accordingly. In the event that you change your mind on your return from Europe and desire to travel directly to your home without making any stopovers, the Officer in Charge of the Pilgrimage, New York, will make the necessary arrangements and refund will be mailed to you from this office to cover the excess fare collected.

Your ticket will expire seventy (70) days from the date of issue, therefore, you may stop over as long as you desire, providing you reach home within the expiration of your ticket which will be about July 22, 1932. You are scheduled to arrive at New York on June 17th on your return from Europe.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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OM 293 AM
Cross, Albert B. St-M

April 1, 1932

Mrs. Phoebe Parsons,
28 N. W. 13th Avenue,
Miami, Florida.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of March 28th, advising that you desire to make a stopover at Pittsburgh, Pa. only, eliminating a stopover at Cincinnati, Ohio, on your return from a pilgrimage to the St. Michael American Cemetery in Europe, sailing from New York on the S.S. LEVIATHAN, May 17, 1932.

In letter from this office dated February 3rd, you were advised that stopovers at Pittsburgh and Cincinnati would involve excess rail and pullman charges of \$17.35. By eliminating the stopover at Cincinnati this amount is reduced 75¢, leaving a balance of \$16.60. In order to have your ticket issued via Pittsburgh on your return journey, it will also be necessary to route you through Cincinnati. In the event that you should at a later date change your mind and decide to stopover at Cincinnati, you may do so upon payment of 75¢. All expenses incurred by you during your stopovers must, of course, be paid from your personal funds.

If you desire the stopover at Pittsburgh, Pa. money order in the amount of \$16.60, payable to the Finance Officer, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C., should be forwarded to this office.

As final transportation arrangements for the May 17th sailing are now being completed, an early response will be appreciated.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

JAS. H. LAUBACH
Lieut. Colonel, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

1 Encl.
Envelope
BP:LM

QM 293 AM
Cross, Albert B. St- M

February 26, 1932

Mrs. Phoebe Parsons,
29 N.W. 13th Avenue,
Miami, Florida.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 17th, cancelling stopovers at Pittsburgh, Pa. and Cincinnati, Ohio, previously requested on your return from a pilgrimage to the St. Mihiel American Cemetery in Europe, sailing from New York on the S.S. LEVIATHAN, May 17, 1932.

Accordingly, transportation arrangements will be made so you may travel from New York directly to your home on your return journey.

In the event that you later decide to make these stopovers it is requested that you so advise this office, forwarding money order in the amount of seventeen dollars and thirty five cents (\$17.35), payable to the Finance Officer, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C. and the necessary arrangements will be made.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 AM
Cross, Albert B. St-M

February 3, 1932

Mrs. Phoebe Parsons,
28 N.W.13th Avenue,
Miami, Florida.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your request for stopovers at Pittsburgh, Pa. and Cincinnati, Ohio on your return from a pilgrimage you desire to make to the St. Mihiel American Cemetery in Europe, sailing from New York on the S.S. LEVIATHAN, May 17, 1932.

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Arrangements can be made for these stopovers but there will be an additional cost to you of eleven dollars and seventy three cents (\$11.73) due to rail fare and five dollars and sixty two cents (\$5.62) due to pullman accommodations, or a total of seventeen dollars and thirty five cents (\$17.35). All expenses incurred by you during your visits at Pittsburgh and Cincinnati must, of course, also be paid from your personal funds.

Please advise immediately whether or not you desire these stopovers and, if so, forward money order to this office in the amount of seventeen dollars and thirty five cents (\$17.35), payable to the Finance Officer, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C.

Notation has been made on the records of this office as to your new address and all future correspondence will be addressed to you as above.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Envelope

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Cross, Albert B. (St-M) LP

Nov. 2, 1931

Mrs. Phoebe Parsons,
1203 Columbus Blvd.,
Coral Gables, Fla.

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Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

In order that the records may be complete, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name, and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?

2. Please state your age and condition of health:

Age:
Health:

3. Do you speak English?

4. What other language do you speak?

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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-M

Cross, Albert B. (StM) EP

September 30, 1931.

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Mrs. Phoebe Parsons,
Box 4267,
Miami, Fla.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

In order that the records may be complete, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name, and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
Env.

QM 293 A-M
Cross, Albert B. Pvt. 1c (StM) LP

August 4, 1931.

Mrs. Phoebe Parsons,
Box 4267,
Miami, Florida.

Dear Madam:

Mr. Watson B. Miller, ~~Quartermaster~~, The American Legion, 600 Bond Building, Washington, D. C., has submitted additional affidavits to substantiate your claim as having stood in loco parentis to your brother, the late Private first class Albert B. Cross.

In view of the information contained in the affidavits, your claim has been favorably considered and you are now eligible to make a pilgrimage to your brother's grave at the expense of the Government. In order that a record may be made of your desires and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested that you complete and return the enclosure questionnaire to this office at the earliest possible date.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:
Questionnaire
Envelope

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QM 293 A-M
Cross, Albert B. Pvt. 1c (StM) LP

August 4, 1931.

Mr. Watson B. Miller,
The American Legion,
600 Bond Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 29, 1931, submitting additional affidavits to substantiate the claim of Mrs. Phoebe Parsons as having stood in loco parentis to her brother, the late Private first class Albert B. Cross.

Please be advised that in view of the information contained in the affidavits, Mrs. Parsons' eligibility to make a pilgrimage to the grave of the late Private Cross has been established and she has been communicated with relative thereto.

Your interest and cooperation in behalf of Mrs. Parsons are sincerely appreciated.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M

June 8, 1931.

Cross, Albert B. Pvt 1c (StM)

Mrs. Phoebe Parsons,
Box 4267,
Miami, Florida.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of the affidavit you submitted to substantiate your claim as having stood in loco parentis to your brother, the late Private first class Albert B. Cross, in order that your eligibility to make a pilgrimage to his grave might be determined.

It has been held that in order for a woman to be eligible to make the pilgrimage under the loco parentis clause of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, she must have provided the deceased member of the American forces with food, clothing, shelter, guidance, counsel, etc., thus taking the part of a father for a period of not less than five years at any time prior to the veteran's reaching eighteen years of age.

In view of the fact that the late Private Cross was approximately nineteen years of age at the time of his father's death, and there is no evidence to show that he did not provide for his son during that period, it is regretted to advise that you are not eligible within the meaning of the law to make a pilgrimage to your brother's grave at the expense of the Government.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Cross, Albert B. Pvt 1c (STM)

June 8, 1931.

Mr. Watson B. Miller,
600 Bond Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 3, 1931, together with affidavit to substantiate the claim of Mrs. Phoebe Parsons, Box 4267, Miami, Florida, as having stood in loco parentis to her brother, the late Private first class Albert B. Cross.

Section 4 (a) of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, was amended May 15, 1930, to read in part as follows: "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for a period of not less than five years at any time prior to the soldier, sailor, or marine becoming eighteen years of age."

It has been held that in order for a woman to be eligible to make the pilgrimage under the provisions of the amendment, she must have taken the part of a father in providing food, clothing, shelter, guidance, counsel, etc.

The information contained in the affidavit shows that the late Private Cross was approximately nineteen years of age at the time of his father's death, and as there is no evidence to show that he did not provide for his son in the manner required by law during the time Mrs. Parsons claims to have stood in loco parentis, it is regretted to advise that she is not eligible within the meaning of the law to make a pilgrimage to her brother's grave at the expense of the Government.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Cross, Albert B. (St.M)

May 1, 1931

Mr. Watson B. Miller,
The American Legion,
600 Bond Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 27th, relative to the eligibility of Mrs. Phoebe Parsonsto make a pilgrimage to the grave of the late Private first class Albert B. Cross.

Please be advised the records of this office indicate that Mrs. Parsons is the sister of the late Private Cross. She has been requested to furnish affidavits to substantiate her claim as having stood in loco parentis to this late soldier. To date, however, no reply has been received to this communication.

Upon receipt of the affidavits in this office, Mrs. Parsons will be further communicated with relative to her eligibility to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Cross, Albert B. 1233 LP

July 1, 1930.

Mrs. Phoebe Parsons,
Box 4267
Miami, Florida.

Dear Madam:

With further reference to the correspondence from this office relative to your eligibility to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your brother, the late Albert B. Cross, you are advised that Section 4 (a) of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, was amended May 15, 1930, so that it now reads in part as follows: "--or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for a period of not less than five years at any time prior to the soldier, sailor, or marine becoming 18 years of age."

Under the terms of this amendment you may be eligible to make the pilgrimage. In order to satisfy legal requirements it will be necessary for you to furnish as proof of your relationship, in loco parentis, the affidavits of at least two persons not related to you.

In the event you consider yourself eligible under this amendment to make the pilgrimage, it is requested that the enclosed form be completed and returned to this office in order that your eligibility may be determined. Under paragraphs 1 (c) and 1 (d) sufficient information should be included to permit an intelligible decision as to eligibility.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Forms
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Act - Amendment

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Q# 293 A-C
Cross, Albert B.

September 12, 1929

Mrs. Phoebe Parsons,
Box 4267,
Miami, Fla.

Dear Madam:

7 In Charge

Receipt is acknowledged of the form letter from this office dated July 31, 1929, completed by you, furnishing information relative to the Gold Star Mothers' and Widows' Pilgrimage to Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

It is assumed you desire to make the pilgrimage to the grave of your brother, the late Private, first class, Albert B. Cross, under the provisions of Section 4 (a) of the Act which states in part "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces". In determining who is meant by the term "in loco parentis" this phrase has been given its usually accepted legal meaning and it has been held that:

- (a) A person cannot stand in loco parentis to an adult who is not mentally or physically incapacitated.
- (b) In order for a woman to occupy such a status towards a minor or incapacitated adult, she must act the part of a lawful father of such person in performing the duty of providing for him, intending thereby to take the place of the father in this particular.
- (c) In order to receive the benefits of the Act in question, she must have occupied the status toward a particular deceased member of the military or naval forces "for the year prior to the commencement of his service in such forces".

The records indicate that your brother, the late Private Cross was 29 years of age when he enlisted in the Army for service during the World War. There is a positive showing that he was not incapacitated either mentally or physically at the time of his entry into the military service and that he was more than 21 years of age when he enlisted. Therefore, I regret to advise that you are ineligible within the meaning of the Act to make this pilgrimage at the expense of the Government.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cross, Albert B.

July 31, 1929.

**Mrs. Phoebe Parsons,
Box 4267,
Miami, Fla.**

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 **sister of the late Private, first class, Albert B. Cross, Med. Dept. Base Hosp. #52, whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.**

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

Write answers in space below:

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

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 28, 1929.

Gross, Albert B

Mrs. Lottie A. Cross,
17th & Dickle Ave.,
Parkersburg, W. Va.

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 widow of the late **Private, first class, Albert B. Cross, Med. Dept. Base Hosp. # 52,** whose remains are now interred in the **St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Mourthe-et-Moselle, France.**

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

In the event your husband was survived by a mother it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON

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IN REPLY
REFER TO

AG 201 Cross, Albert Benonie (WW)

May 9, 1927

SUBJECT: Date of death.

To:

The Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

An investigation recently completed by this office in the case of Albert B. Cross, Army serial number 2,579,235, Private 1st class, Medical Department, Base Hospital #52, who was reported to have died December 1, 1918, from motorcycle accident, shows that the report is erroneous and that this soldier died November 30, 1918, of injuries received in motorcycle accident.

By order of the Secretary of War:

Leiberman
Adjutant General.



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AG 201 Cross, Albert Benonie (WW)

May 9, 1927

Date of death.

The Quartermaster General,

Washington, D. C.

An investigation recently completed by this office in the case of Albert B. Cross, Army serial number 2,579,235, Private 1st class, Medical Department, Base Hospital #52, who was reported to have died December 1, 1918, from motorcycle accident, shows that the report is erroneous and that this soldier died November 30, 1918, of injuries received in motorcycle accident.

By order of the Secretary of War:



Adjutant General.

GROSS, Albert B., Pvt.1/cl.

February 26, 1924

Mrs. Lottie A. Cross,
17th & Dickle Avenue,
Parkersburg, W. Va.

Dear Madam: The Quartermaster General desires to invite your attention to the inclosed card which gives the permanent cemetery location of the soldier's grave in which you are interested.

This American military cemetery is one of those to be maintained by the United States for all time in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of dignified design, with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

Please be assured that in effecting removal of the dead, the utmost reverential care was exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed this sacred duty. For the future, these graves will be perpetually maintained by the Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

1- Incl.
Record card.

Assistant. M. G.
CENTRAL MAIL ROOM
R. L. FOSTER

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FEB 26 1924

B. O'C.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Jan 24, 1922

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT Final COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name CROSS, Albert B.
 2. No. 2579235
 3. Rank Pvt. 1/c
 4. Org. Med. Dept. B. H. 52
 5. D.D. 12-1-18
 6. C.D. Motorcycle Accident

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 303 Sec. _____
 8. Plot _____ Row _____
 9. _____

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

18. Cemetery American Cty.,

19. Commune or town Rimaucourt,

20. Dept. or County Haute-Marne,

21. Country France.

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 92

23. Disinterred (Date) Jan 24 1922

By J E Benson

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name CROSS, Albert B.
 Rank Pvt. 1 cl.

Serial No. 2579235
 Organization Med. Dept. BH. 52
Gr. 303

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

J C Annabel
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant

J C Annabel

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).
No effects found, collars insignias, US and Med. Corps.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, recognition impossible.

28. Nature of burial Uniform and wooden box.

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Jan 24, 1922 By J E Benson

31. Casket sealed by J E Benson

AUDITED Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

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J E Benson
 J E Benson

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SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-26356

32. Designation of body:

Name Albert B. CROSS Serial No. 2579235

Rank Pvt. 1/c Organization Med. Dept. B.H. 52

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel Amer. Cty. 1233, Thiaucourt, M-et-M.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Jan 24, 1922 By J E Benson

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector R L Fain, Capt. QMC

36. Remarks Disc on body reads. Albert B. Cross, 2579235

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Jan 24, 1922

To point of Concentration Chaumont, Ht. Marne

Convoyer _____ (Name) _____
Signature Shipping Officer [Signature]

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date _____

By G.R.S. Representative C. J. BLAKE

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date _____

To Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel (1233) Thiaucourt, Ht. Marne

Convoyer Michael Plotkin (Name) _____
Signature Shipping Officer WALTER E. BROOK

40. Received: Date 23 FEB 1922

G.R.S. Representative _____
G. D. GAMBLE, Captain, Q.M.C.

41. Reinterred, June 8th, 1922. (Date) _____

42. Grave No. 36. Section _____

43. Plot Block A. Row 2.

G.R.S. Representative A. E. Dewey, 1st Lt. QMC.

Place Rimacourt, Ht. Marne

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place Rimacourt, Ht. Marne

Date Jan 24, 1922

1. REMAINS OF CROSS, Albert B SERIAL NUMBER 2579235
 RANK Pvt. 1 cl. ORGANIZATION Med. Dep. B. H. 52

2. Disinterred (date) Jan 24, 1922 From (give complete location) : Gr. 303
Amer. Cem. No. 92 Rimacourt, Ht. Marne

By : Group 2 Unit 4

3. Reburied (date) : June 5th, 1922. In (give complete location) : Gr. 36, Row 2, Block A

By : Group Reburial Unit Casket and shipping Case.
 Nature of reburial

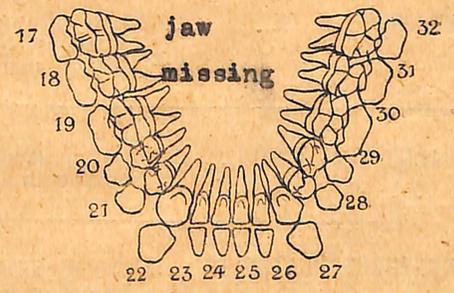
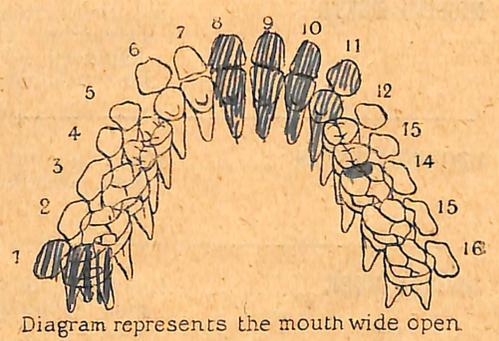
4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :
US Uniform and wooden box. Body badly decomposed, recognition impossible.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :
No effects found. Collar insignias. USNG. & Med. Corps.

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

- (a) Height (actual measurement) Unable to determine
- (b) Weight (estimated) Unable to determine
- (c) Hair—Color Unable to determine
 Quantity Unable to determine
 Characteristics Unable to determine
- (d) Hair on face—Color None
 Location None
 Quantity None
- (e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) None



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) SF.14, MAD. 1,8,9,10,11
Skull fractured, lower jaw missing.

7. Disinterment supervised by J E Benson Approved : JCA R L Fain, Capt. QMC
 (Title)

8. Reburial supervised by H L Kramer Approved : A B Dewey
 (Title) A. B. Dewey, 1st Lt. QMC.

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

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

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

MISSING TEETH All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :



CROWNED TEETH Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :



BRIDGE WORK Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus :



FILLINGS Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :



CARIES (CAVITIES) Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :



DENTURES (PLATES) Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp"

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

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

COMPILATION N/R REQUESTS

I. DATA COMPILATION

A. Location Index Card:-

(1) Name CROSS, Albert B. Ser. No. 2579235)
 (2) Rank Pvt 1/Cl. Organization Med. Dept. Base Hospital #52)
 (3) Date of death 12/1/18)

TYP. JS

CKR. MEH

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

(4) Cause of death Died result of motorcycle accident, TYP. TW.
 (5) Grave No. -303 Row -- Plot -- Sect. --) CKR. HL

5/26/22
Exhumed Jan
Cincinnati
St. Michael #12336-162

II. FILES EXAMINATION

A. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; no card

B. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD

Date of receipt None

(6) Relationship Sister

(7) Name Mrs. John Parsons

(8) Address 3236 Madison Road, Oakley, Ohio

(9) Desires remains brought to U. S.? Yes

(10) Desires remains brought to U. S. and interred in National Cemetery at No.

(11) If brought back, what shipping instructions? Mrs John Parsons

Parkersburg, West Va (Adams Exp, Parkersburg, W. Va)
(Telegraph,) Oakley, Ohio) at 4/6/20

C. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE

Date of communication

(12) Does correspondence Change or qualify request as made on A.G.O. card? If so, specify such information.

No correspondence

(13) A. G. O. Files EXAMINED by MEH

(Date) 4/7/20

D. (14) G. R. S Files - Correspondence. (Has reference been made to File No. Cancellation memos? Yes Does such correspondence, if containing request for disposition, reconcile with that of A. G. O.? Yes (Specify "Yes or "No".) If "No", give date of communication, the name, address, and relationship and substance of request.

Mrs. John Parsons (Sister) 246 E. 5th St.
Cincinnati, Ohio (324-19) asks for
photographs of grave. Grant to be

(15) G. R. S. Files EXAMINED by MEH

(Date) 4-7-20

STANDARD FORM NO. 114

III. FINAL ACTION

A. MEMORANDUM to D. M. O. in E. made (Date) _____

(16) Removal of Remains (within custody of G.R.S.) to _____

(17) Instructions that remains be left undisturbed _____

(18) Typed by _____ Checked by _____ (Date) _____

B. G. R. S. FORM NO. 114 made (Date) 4-20-20

(19) Typed by ALS Checked by O.F. (Date) 4-20-20

C. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

56-72-20

Form 120, 6-14-20 from Lottie C. Cross, 17
Dickle St., Parkersburg, W. Va. wife requests that
body remain in Europe. Changes address of
sister, Mrs. John Carsons, to 3733 Madison
Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio - 6-21-20

D. Dispatched (Date) _____ (Let. Trans. No. 1/5/21)

Par. # 2. Not to be returned. (P.L.)

Approved by _____

(Date) _____

6-15-21 - Inq. advises widow cemetery will be
abandoned and remains may be transferred
to Belleau Wood City or permanent French City -
of the latter Form # 123 must be executed and
returned to this office - Requests final advice
re disposition - HD 6/23/21

CONCENTRATE
Per [Signature] June 11

2897

(Date)

(Type or Print Name)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
WASHINGTON 92-61

JUN 11 1920

2nd 120

Push Answer

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.
TO: Mrs. Lottie Cross, 17 Dickler St., Parkersburg, W. Va.
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. 1/cl. Albert B. Cross.

change in address

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

Remain in France

Please do not disturb the body as I would rather it would remain in France with his comrades. ^{sign signed} his wife Lottie A. Cross.

mmm

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

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

Noted on Form No. 116

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow	<i>Mrs. Lottie A. Cross 17 Dickler Ave. Parkersburg W. Va.</i>		
Soldier's Children (Name oldest first)	1. <i>Charles Leonard Cross</i> 2. 3.		
Father			
Mother			
Brothers (Name oldest first)	1. 2.		
Sisters			

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

Date *June 12, 1920.*

Signature *Lottie A. Cross.*

Address *17 Dickler Ave. Parkersburg W. Va.*

Relationship *Wife.*

Note: - Instructions on the reverse side of this sheet should be carefully read before filling out this paper.

(OVER)

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CEMETERIAL
DIV. Q. M. G.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT

1. This paper **MUST** be signed by the person who is the **NEXT** of kin in the order shown in the square on other side of this sheet.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. If **YOU** are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
5. 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.
6. You are requested to return this paper **AT ONCE** in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
7. Use the enclosed envelope - pay no postage.

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

MAY 10 1920

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. *3233*
TO: Mrs. John Parsons, ~~3236~~ Madison Road, Oakley, Ohio.
SUBJECT: Disposition of remains of Pvt/1/cl. CROSS, Albert B.

Rush Answer

Records of this office show your request to be as follows:

Remains to be returned to U.S. *Interment*
Shipped to Mrs. John Parsons, (Exp. Parkersburg, W.Va.)
(Teleg. Oakley, Ohio.) *see serial 120*

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.

see serial 6/10/20

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Widow <i>Lottie Cross</i>	<i>17th Street</i>	<i>Parkersburg</i>	<i>W. Va.</i>
Children (Name oldest first)	<i>same address</i>		
1. <i>Charles L. Cross</i>		<i>Parkersburg</i>	<i>W. Va.</i>
Father <i>Marion W. Cross</i>	<i>R. D. 5/11</i>		
Mother <i>Deceased</i>			
Brothers <i>John R. Cross</i>	<i>Leont. Kenna St</i>	<i>Akron</i>	<i>Ohio</i>
<i>Edward Cross</i>	<i>Tulmudge</i>	<i>Akron</i>	<i>Ohio</i>
<i>William Cross</i>		<i>Winwood</i>	<i>W. Va.</i>
Sisters <i>Mrs. Lucy De</i>	<i>R. D. 5/11</i>	<i>Parkersburg</i>	<i>W. Va.</i>

Date *May 12 - 1920*

Signature *Mrs. John Parsons*

Address *Cincinnati*

Relationship *Sister*

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3233

*Ohio
Madison R D*

(Oakley)

(over)
Transfer of bodies will be made
solely at government expense.

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Cross, (2579235) Albert B.
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt. 1/cl. Base Hospital # 52. M.D.
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL. December, 1, 1918,

PLACE OF BURIAL. Rimauccourt, Haute-Marne.

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

Grave # 303. American Grave Yard, # 1.

Rimauccourt, Haute-Marne, France.

GRAVE NUMBER. Number 303.

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Yes. Cross? No.

Headboard? No. Bottle? No.

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:

REVIEWED
OSP SS
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REPORTED BY:

Fred R. Hampton

1st Lt. S. C. Registrar.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Handwritten signature or name



62334
file

July 20, 1922.

293.8 C-R #62334--(Cross, Albert B. Pvt. 1st cl.)

XXXX

Mrs. Phebe Parsons, Box 4267, Miami, Fla.

Disposition of remains.

1. In reply to your letter of June 4th 1922, referred to this office by the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe, you are advised that the records of this office contain a request from the widow of the late Private 1st class Albert B. Cross, Medical Department, Base Hospital #52, that the body of the deceased remain permanently buried in France and instructions have been issued that her wishes be complied with, as she is the legal next of kin and the proper one to direct the final disposition of the remains, according to a policy of this office.

2. This office regrets that it is unable to comply with your desire, that the body of your brother be returned to this country; however, please be assured that the grave will be tenderly and fittingly cared for by this Government for all time.

3. The body of this soldier now rests in Grave 36, Row 2, Block A, the permanent American Cemetery of the St. Mihiel at Thiaucourt, Department of Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

4. Please accept the renewed expressions of sympathy of the Department for you in your bereavement.

For the Quartermaster General:

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

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JUL 20 1922

G.R.S.

Miami Florida 6/4 - 22

- Mr Harry F. Baithert
qu. m. e. s. to Mr Diana Karris

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U.S.G.P. & M.C.
Europe

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23 JUN 22
U.S. AIRMAIL 2 P.S.
D. N. C. IN EUROPE

Dear Sis
give me the the information
about my Brother
who was killed in France
1. Class Private Albert B Cross
Base Hospital 6²/₄.

Killed in a Motor Cycle
accident on Nov. 24 - 1918
near Raincourt. France
They said he was buried

JUL 17 1922



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at Hospital Center Haute. -
Mama. I Requested
his Body to be sent
Back. it never came and
I understand they are
all back now that they
intend to send.

Can you tell me why
they did not send him
or where they have him
buried now I think
he has been changed
over there. any confirmation
about this will
be Thankfully Received

his Sister
Mrs Phoebe Parsons
Box 4267 Miami Florida

My Old address
Wah 246 E 5th St
Cincinnati
Ohio

File No. *293. Cross, Albert B.* 1st Ind.
Hq. AGRS. QMC. IN E., 8 Ave. d'Iena, Paris, June 28, 1922.
To: Quartermaster General, Washington, D.C.

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Recorded, Cemeterial Div. M. G.
File # *62337*
CAM:GN

1. The remains of the late Pvt. 1/cl Albert B. Cross, previously buried in Grave 303 American Cemetery #92 Rimaucourt, Haute-Marne, are now permanently reburied in St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Grave 36, Row 2, Block A.
2. No authorization has been received at these headquarters for the return of these remains to the United States.
3. Acknowledgment receipt of this communication has not been made.

H. F. Rethers

H.F. RETHERS
Chief



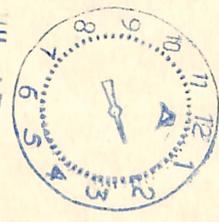
Cross, Albert B.

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No. 1005.

293. CROSS, Albert B.

HH/mr.

REGISTRATION BRANCH
OPERATIONS DIVISION

June 27th 1922.

SUBJECT: Inquiry

MEMORANDUM FOR: Administrative Division.

1. Attached hereto is communication from Mrs. Phebe Parsons, Miami, Florida, forwarded for necessary action.
2. The records of this office show :

CROSS, Albert B. #2579235, Pvt.1/c.Med.Dep.B.H.#52.
Previously buried in Grave #303, American Cemetery
#92, Rimaucourt, Haute-Marne.

GRS Form #114-A was initiated in this case and the remains are now in storage in the St. Mihiel Morgue pending permanent burial in that cemetery.

3. No Authorization has been received for the return of these remains to the United States.

By order



R. P. Harbold
R. P. HARBOLD
Assistant.

1 encl.

Buried June 5th

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Administrative Division

1. Attached hereto is communication from the Bureau
dated July 17, 1922, regarding the necessary action
to be taken in connection with the records of this office.

2. The records of this office show that
Alfred E. [Name] was previously listed in the
American Cemetery, [Location], [State].

3. It was determined in this case that the remains are now in
the custody of the [Authority] in the [Location].
4. It is recommended that the remains be returned to the [Authority].

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GRAVES REGISTRATION SECTION
JUL 17 1922

[Handwritten signature]
[Name]
[Title]

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File O. S. P.

June 15, 1921.

293.8 Cam. #62334 (Cross, Albert B., Private First-class)

RD 6/23/21

The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cometerial Division).

Mrs. Lottie A. Cross, 17 Dickle St., Parkersburg, W. Va.

Case of Private First-class Albert B. Cross.

FILE FILE

1. The records of this office indicate that you desire the remains of your husband, the late Private First-class Albert B. Cross, Medical Department, East Hospital #52, permanently interred in their present resting place in the American Cemetery at Rimucourt, Department of Haute-Marne. This is a temporary American cemetery and at the time of concentration of bodies, will be abandoned. The remains of soldiers interred therein, whose relatives have requested permanent interment abroad, will, according to present schedule, be transferred to the Belleau Wood American Cemetery at Belleau, Department of Aisne, where the graves will be perpetually cared for by the United States Government.

2. Should you prefer, the remains of your husband may be transferred to a nearby permanent French cemetery; in which event, it is requested that you execute and return to this office the enclosed release thereby relieving the United States Government of the future care of the grave. This release will not become effective until the body has been removed to the permanent French cemetery, at which time, you will be duly advised of the new grave location and of the formal release of the remains.

3. In view of the above information, it is requested that you advise this office whether or not you desire the remains of your husband transferred to a nearby permanent French cemetery or interred in the permanent American cemetery in France, or returned to this country either for private burial or interment in a national cemetery in the United States.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

MAILED JUN 16 1921 RECEIVED BY MAIL UNIT

RD 6/23/21 NOTED ON 115

C.R. JUN 16 1921 DS

CHARLES J. WYNNE, Captain, Q. M. C.

mlc BPM

Cemeterial Division Overseas Projects

Copy filed in O.S.P.

62334

1. G.R.S. Form No.1. HQ. GRS File

2. Soldier's No. 2579235

3. Cross..... Albert .. B.....
Surname (block letters) 1st name & initials

4. Pvt. Base Hospital #52.....
Rank Co. Rgt & Corps

5. Nov. 30-18 Fractured skull.....
Date of Death Cause if Known

6. Dec. 1, 1918 92.....
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. Rimaucourt Ht. Marne.....
Town-Commune (lock letter) Dept.

8. 303.....
Grave No. Plot No. or letter

9. Name peg? Cross? ... Hdboard? ... B.T.M. ...
Check method of marking

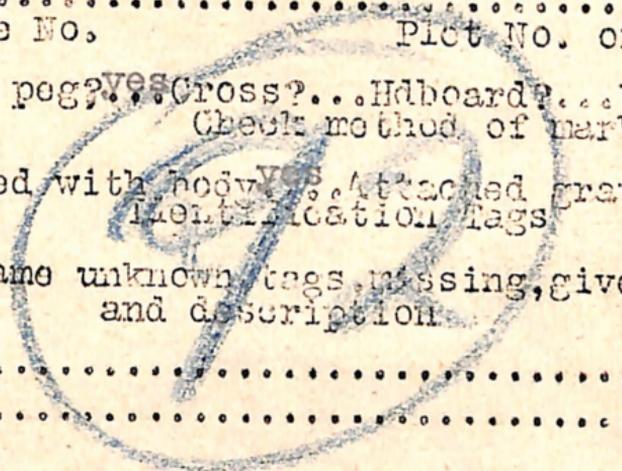
10. Buried with body? Attached grave mark
Identification Tags yes or

11. If name unknown, tags missing, give mark
and description

12. Reference if intermented outside cemetery

13. "2nd. Lt. W. V. Williams".....
Give name of Chaplain-Burial Officer

Signed *Submitt*
Group Unit and





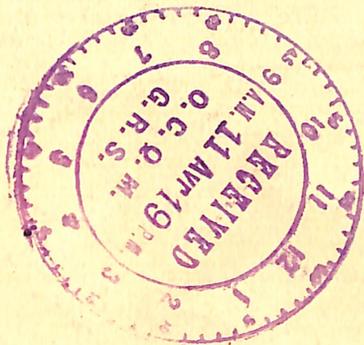
Cincinnati

3/24 - 1918

Ohio

Chief, Graves Registration Service

Dear Sirs - I will
write again about a
Photograph of my Brother, grave
Private Albert B Cross, Base
Hospital 52 U E France
I made a mistake in my other
letter I think is the reason
I have never heard from
it and I am so anxious
and would love to see the
spot where my dear Brother



was laid even though it
will only be a Photograph
so awaiting and early

Reply this
Sister
Mrs. John Parsons

246 E 10th St
Cincinnati
Ohio

Brother Private Albert B Cross
Base Hospital 52 A E France