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*Dalton, William E*

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Dalton, Edward E.  
Sgt., Co. A, 113th M. G. Bn.  
Son

August 30, 1934

Mrs. Mary Browne Dalton,  
49 N. Claybrook Ave.,  
Memphis, Tenn.

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.

121/vd

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

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mother  
sailed  
July 9/30

Memphis Tenn  
Aug 22 - 1934  
(293)

Quartermaster General Dalton, Edw. E.  
Pvt., Co. A, 113th  
Washington D. C. M. G. Bn.

If all gold star mothers  
are entitled to a service flag  
I would be glad to have  
one, I am mother of

793

Wm. E. Dalton Xc-97-401

this is the no. Mr. Brown gave  
me Respectfully

Mary Browne Dalton  
49 N. Claybrook Ave  
Memphis  
Tenn



FULL NAME *DALTON, William E.*

FEB 6 - 1926

RANK *Sergeant*

SERIAL *1305246*

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION *Company A, 113th M.G. Bn.*

DATE OF DEATH *Oct 19, 1918*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *Tenn*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED *none*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION

Date	Grave	Row	Block
	<i>414</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>D</i>
	<i>636</i>		

Cemetery

Robert O. Davis,  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General,  
By *[Signature]*

FEB 9 1926

*41*  
FEB 8 1926  
A. G. O.  
WORLD WAR DIV.

24/292/EYS

Rec'd World War I  
MAR 24 1928

AUDITED BY  
*157 3-23-25*

*abc*

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FEB 8 1926  
A. G. O.  
WORLD WAR DIV.

RECEIVED  
FEB 10 26  
M. & R. BRANCH  
C. Q. M. G.

C° A. 113th M.G.

Dalton William E. Sgt 1305348

Home address: 11 South Idlewild St.  
Memphis Tenn

Killed in action October 19th 1918

Killed in action Oct. 19-1918 in the Allied drive beginning Oct 17-18 in Mazinghem France during the bombardment of that town by the Germans shortly after the capture of the town by the Americans He was killed by splinters of an H.E. shell while he was moving forward with his company to assist the infantry in reaching their final objective and consolidate the captured area after having been actively participating on the drive for three days. All objectives were reached and held. Soldier was killed instantly He had a brother Sgt. Rufus L. Dalton in the same company and informant was intimately acquainted with deceased soldier and was an eye witness to his death.

Soldier was buried near X.2D 5 8 British Map 57 B which is near Maxingheim France.

The investigating officer knows that the above facts in regard to soldiers death are true as he was also an eye witness to same.

Informant. Hopper William C. Pvt 1305278  
C° A.113 M.G.

Home Covington Tenn.

L.M.d.V.

Clarence H. Myres 2nd Lt.  
113 M.G. Bn Investigating

Emergency address: Edw. A Dalton (father) officer searcher

Clarksdale Miss

Place Amiens Somme.

Date Mar. 27, 1920.

**REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL**

Remains of:

Name: DALTON, William E,

Number: 1305248.

Rank: Sgt.

Organization: Co.A. 113 M.G. Bn.

Disinterment and Reburial made by: Follmer and detail

Disinterred (Date) Mar. 24, 1920.

From: (Give complete location)

Grave 1.

Isolated grave near Mazinghein, (Nord)

12 N.E. N.369.3 - E. 204.2.

Reburied (Date) Mar. 24, 1920.

in: (Give complete location)

American Military Cemetery Bony Aisne

Grave #453 Row 6, - Plot I. Cemetery # 636.

13 S.W. E. 176.3 N.363.8.

Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: No wrapping, condition very poor.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? YES

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

Remarks:

~~CONFIRMED No. D.~~ 20151

Supervised by Edmo Maire.

John T. Lewis. Capt. CA.  
Zone Commander



TO: DIRECTOR, FBI, WASHINGTON, D.C.

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (100-10110)

RE: MURKIN - CIVIL RIGHTS - MEMPHIS

URGENT 4/28/50

MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU 4/28/50

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI, WASHINGTON, D.C.

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (100-10110)

RE: MURKIN - CIVIL RIGHTS - MEMPHIS

URGENT

MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU 4/28/50

4/28/50

100-10110-100

TO DIRECTOR

APR 28 1950

MEMPHIS, ALA

*Delton, Wm E.  
Sgt.*

PARTY K STEAMSHIP HARDING  
SCHEDULES FOR GOLD STAR PILGRIMS? LEAVING NEW YORK  
JULY 6, 1930.

TENNESSEE

Shelby County.

Delton, Mrs. Mary Browne (K-20)  
49 Claybrook Ave., Memphis.  
Seals, Mrs. Claude (K-20)  
1066 Raynor, Memphis.

Route Going and returning: IllCent Louisville, B&O

Sleeper Memphis to Jersey City.

Elapsed time 39 hours, 2 min.

Lv. Memphis	Ill Cent.	#104	9:10 PM (CT)	July 6.
Ar. Jersey City	B&O	#518	12:30 PM(ET)	" 7.

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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	COPE
NAME <b>DALTON,</b>	<b>DAW</b>	3	41 <sup>0</sup> 2
<b>William E</b>	CEMETERY <b>636</b>	1	5
BURIED	GRAVE <b>14</b>	2	14
	ROW <b>21</b>	2	21
	BLOCK <b>D</b>	1	4
STATE	<b>Tenn</b>	2	48
RANK	<b>Sgt</b>	1	2
DIVISION	<b>30</b>	2	30
ORGANIZATION	<b>113</b>	3	113
ARM	<b>M G B n</b>	1	2
MARITAL	<b>no</b>	1	2
NAME <b>Dalton, Mrs</b>	<b>DAL</b>	3	41 <sup>0</sup> 2
<b>Mary Browne</b>	STATE <b>Tenn</b>	2	48
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <b>Shelby</b>	2	79
	CITY <b>Memphis</b>	3	033
RELATION	<b>Mother</b>	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<b>Yes</b>	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<b>yes</b>	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<b>good</b>	1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO. <b>1930</b>	1	
	YR. <b>1930</b>	1	
ACCEPTANCE 29/514/	<b>Yes</b>	1	
	<b>54</b>		

*PAID 1930  
July 9*

**AUDITED**  
KPB  
SEP 26 1931

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*Age*

*54*

Party "E" - Itinerary - Same Group

Sailed July 9, 1930 on PRESIDENT HARDING. Captain William Hasketh in charge. Lt. Col. H. S. Grier observer. Arrived Cherbourg 12.30am July 17th. Special tender arrived 8.35am bearing Majs. Bailey and Kinderman; Capts. Mitchell, Haley, Barnet, Dalton, Conroy and Stark; Lts. Freeman and Dinns, 3 nurses, 3 civilian employees. Train left 8.25am; arrived Gare des Invalides, Paris, 2.21pm. Met by Col. Ellis and members of his staff, interpreters and nurses. Taken in bus to hotel.

July 18th. Morning devoted to transaction of personal business. Exchange of money, preparation of laundry, etc. Afternoon - Arc de Triomphe. Breath laid by Mrs. Fitzsimmons for party. Tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent. Lunch at hotel.

July 19th. Left 8.15am for St. Quentin via Porte de la Chapelle, Chantilly, (rest stop Hotel du Parc) Compiègne, (lunch Hotel Rond Royal), Carrefour de l'Armistice, Reims. Arrived Spa. Quarters Hotel de France.

July 20th, and 21st. Visited same Cemetery and the American Memorial School House at Reims.

July 22nd. Left Spa for Lille. Visited cemetery. Lunch at Brasserie La Taverna at Cambrai. Arrived Lille 4pm. Quarters Hotel Royal.

July 23rd. Morning free. Visited Lille. Lunch at hotel. Left 2.15pm for Amiens via Soalin, Carvins, Lens, Ving Ridge, Arras (rest stop Brasserie Moderne). Arrived 8.45pm. Quarters Hotel de l'Univers.

July 24th. Morning free. Visited Amiens and Cathedral. Lunch at hotel. Left 1.50pm for Paris via Breteuil, Beauvais (rest stop Hotel de France). Arrived 8.15pm. Dinner at hotel.

July 25th. Free or shopping. Lunch at hotel. Napoleon's Tomb. Dinner at hotel.

July 26th. Sightseeing. Notre Dame. Lunch at hotel. Versailles. Surcouf. Belle Cycliste. Dinner at hotel.

July 27th. Free or Church. Lunch at hotel. Louvre. Dinner at hotel. Sight-seeing trip at night.

July 28th. Fontainebleau via Barbizon. Lunch at Hotel Logris. Visited Chateau. Melun. Dinner at hotel.

July 29th. Next train for Cherbourg. Left 8.25am. Arrived 5.52pm. PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT sailed about 6.25pm. Arrived New York August 8th.

Mrs. Mary B. Dalton

NAME DALTON, MRS. MARY BROWNE

S.S. ROOSEVELT

2047

HOME MEMPHIS, SHELBY COUNTY, TENN.

R.R. Brook Louisville,

STATION Ill. Cent & Memphis,

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE ~~AUG 6 1930~~ Aug - 5 - 30.

Ethel Browne

49 North Claybrook

Memphis Tenn

(Sister)

Name..... DALTON, Mrs Mary Browne  
HOTEL CARLTON  
Paris Hôtel..... AV. DES CHAMPS-ÉLYSÉES  
Home address..... 49 N. Claybrook Ave., Memphis, Shelby County. Tennessee.  
Party..... K..... Group..... 5..... Unit ~~SS~~. HARDING.  
Date of arrival..... July 17, 1930. ✓..... Date of departure ~~SS~~. ROOSEVELT, July 29. 1930.  
Relationship..... Mother  
Name of deceased..... DALTON, Wm.E.  
Rank..... Sgt..... Organization..... Co.A. 113th Inf. M.G.Bn.  
Cemetery..... Somme..... Gr, 14, Row 21, Bl,D.

REMARKS

Received a letter addressed to Col. Ellis (dated May 25, 1930 requesting a photo of the monument of the 30th Division on way to Somme Cemetery. photo forwarded on Aug. 10th. 1932 (see file Photo.1932)



June 19th, 1930.

Mrs. Mary Browne Dalton,  
49 N. Claybrook Avenue,  
Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

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

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

For the Officer in Charge:

Arrived NY 12:30 PM July 7

Train 514-B+O

Lt. Emery

Enclosures  
7 tags.

George F. H. Taylor,  
1st. Lieut., 24th. Inf.,  
Assistant.

*J. Hays*

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

*DALTON, Wm E.*

*Som.*

Party *K*.....

Number *2047*.....

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

*Mrs. Mary Browne Dalton*..... Actual cost of through Pullman.  
 Name of Traveler

*Memphis, Shelby County*..... New York, to *Memphis, Tennessee*.....  
 Home Address

*Tennessee*..... \$ *12.75*.....

New York, to *Memphis, Tennessee*.....  
 Destination

Via *B&O to Louisville - Illinois Central to Memphis* Dest. ....

*August 7, 1930*.....  
 Date of Departure

Ticket expires *Oct. 31, 1930*

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	Car	U. S. G. Order No.	Actual Cost
LV	<i>Jersey City</i>	<i>300</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>8/7</i>	<i>6 P.m.</i>			
AR	<i>Memphis, Tenn</i>	<i>103</i>	<i>8/9</i>	<i>8:25 A.M.</i>	<i>Lo 10</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>W-1022719</i>	<i>12.75</i>
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TOTAL *12.75*

Remarks:

*Lt. Moore*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

Oct 5 1931

TO:

Col. Lambert

For:

1.  Necessary action.
2.  Necessary action and direct reply.
3.  Preparation of reply for signature of QMG.
4.  Remark and recommendation. (In turn)
5.  Notation and filing.
6.  Information. (In turn)
7.  Please see me.
8.  Keep me advised.
9.

If mother has already  
made pilgrimage  
It would seem that  
enough and it may  
consider shipwreck  
at all.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Dalton, William E. - Som.

October 5, 1931

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Quartermaster General.

1. Heretofore an exception has been authorized by you to the general policy of establishing priority right to make the pilgrimage. In the case of Clarence Swindle, survived by a stepmother and sister who stood in loco parentis, you directed that the sister be invited to make the pilgrimage, although the stepmother had already made the journey. In the case at hand, the rights of the stepmother seem to be as great if not greater than the rights of the sister in the Swindle case.

2. The late Sergeant William E. Dalton gave his father as Emergency Addressee at the time of his entry into the military service. Communication addressed to the father to ascertain if the veteran were survived by anyone eligible to make the pilgrimage, brought the information that he was survived by a stepmother, Mrs. Edward A. Dalton, who was eligible to make the journey. However, upon receipt of a letter from a lawyer advising that the natural mother was living, the stepmother was made ineligible and the natural mother invited to make the pilgrimage. At that time, the facts in the case were not considered, as the Judge Advocate General had ruled that the natural mother held priority over anyone else. From the evidence at hand, the father and mother were divorced, the father keeping the child. The father re-married in 1905, when his son was about 10 and the stepmother cared for the boy until his entry into the military service and appears to have been a good mother to him. The natural mother did not see her son from the time of the divorce and there is no mention whatever of her in any of the files. Since making the pilgrimage, she has applied to the Veterans Bureau for compensation, but has been allowed nothing. The father and stepmother are alive and receiving the insurance, no claim has been made for any benefits. Information is requested as to whether or not the stepmother should be invited to make the pilgrimage.

3. For the future guidance of this office, information is desired as to whether you wish similar cases to be decided on their merits by this office or submitted to you for decision.

*Laubach*

LAUBACH

↑  
Revised  
by  
Q.M. G.  
J. S. L.

Form in 1918

S.M. Mrs Maggie Dalton was Bay - West

W. M. G. W. G.

M. Mrs Mary Browne Dalton

divorced  
adultery

49 N. Claybrook St

Memphis Tenn.

claims by  
12-2-3

S.M.

Mrs Edward A Dalton

% First Bank + Trust Bldg  
Sarasota - Fla.

QM 293 A-M

Dalton, Wm. E. Sts. 636-M

August 21, 1920.

Mrs. Mary Browne Dalton,  
49 N. Claybrook Ave.,  
Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 12, 1920, expressing appreciation for the pilgrimage you have recently made to the grave of your son, the late Sergeant William E. Dalton, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1920.

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

It is gratifying also to know that you were pleased with the appearance of your son's resting place and that you derived comfort from the visit to his grave. You are assured that the Sonne Cemetery will always be maintained in the same fine condition in which you found it, as it will continue to be the constant effort of the Quartermaster Corps to make the American cemeteries in Europe fitting resting places for the heroes who are buried in them.

The sentiments expressed by you are deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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

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JTH

WRG

QM 293 AM.  
Dalton, Wm. E. Sgt. 636 M

August 19, 1930.

Mrs. Mary Browne Dalton,  
49 N. Claybrook Ave.,  
Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

The testimonial dated August 2nd to the Officer in Charge, Gold Star Pilgrimage, New York City, which you and the other mothers and widows returning on the SS President Roosevelt were so kind as to send regarding your pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, has been forwarded to me.

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

With sincere appreciation of the sentiments expressed by you,

Sincerely yours,

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

RES  
JTH  
WRG

MDT

Harding July 9

Shelby Co.  
Memphis Tenn ✓  
293 Aug 12 - 1930  
Sgt. Wm. E. Dalton  
636 M

A. L. Hughes  
Capt. Q. M. Corps  
Assistant  
Washington D. C.

Kind Sir:-

Words seem inadequate as I attempt to convey my heartiest thanks for the wonderful opportunity accorded me as a Gold Star Mother. The pilgrimage was a real blessing, and should give each of us a deeper love for our country, our Government, and a more unselfish spirit of patriotism. Unbounded praise is due Captain W. H. Hasketh in charge on board the President Harding and President Roosevelt. Friendly mention should be made of Lieut. Harry S. Grier who keeps in close touch with the beautifully kept Military cemeteries and who was so sympathetic and genial aboard the ship. On our return to the States we had the honor of having in our midst Major Gen. B. F. Cheatham who was truly kind and

Cordial Praise is well deserved by all with whom we come in contact. If there are others to whom I should send messages of thanks, please notify me.

With very best wishes  
I am

Greatfully and sincerely yours,

Mary Broom Hallon  
49 N. Claybrook Ave

Party K  
Group 5

K

NAME Dalton, Mrs. Mary Browne

ADDRESS 49 N. Claybrook Ave., Memphis, Tennessee

DATE Aug 9 - 1930

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

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

SINCERELY,

(SIGNED) Mary Browne Dalton

49 N. Claybrook Ave

*Thanks,*

*Memphis Tenn*

WAR DEPARTMENT

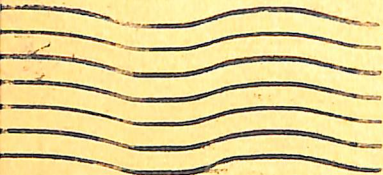


OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300.

PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,



STATE

DALTON, WM E.

.TENNESSEE.....

M  
 NAME Dalton, Mrs. Mary Browne HOME ADDRESS 49 N. Claybrook Ave. Memphis,.....

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN Ethel Browne same  
Shelby County

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE July 7 HOTEL McAlpin ROOM NO. 1865  
quarters Mrs Claude Seals

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE JUL 9 1930 VESSEL S/S HARDING CABIN NO. 114B

DESTINATION CHERBOURG CEMETERY SOM

RETURN NEW YORK

DATE AUG 6 1930

49 N. CLAYBROOK AVE.,  
MEMPHIS

NAME DALTON, MRS. MARY BROWNE HOME ADDRESS SHELBY COUNTY, TENN.

RETURN ON S. S. S/S ROOSEVELT HOTEL ASTOR ROOM NO. 268

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

AUG 7 1930

DATE .....

ROAD *B&O* TRAIN *3* CAR *35* BERTH or SEAT *L10*

REMARKS .....  
.....  
.....  
.....

# MEDICAL RECORD

\*Eastbound  
Westbound

Party: "K" .....

S. S. HARDING .....

Name DALTON, Mrs. ....

Home Address .....

Name and address of nearest relative or friend .....

Religion .....

Age .....

History of present complaint:

July 14, 1930 Constipation--Ambulatory  
16 " " "

(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.

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RETURN RECEIPT

*Handing 7/9/30*

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

*Mrs Mary Brown Dalton*

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, *6-19*

, 192*30*

# Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

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

INSURED PARCEL

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

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



POSTMARK OF DELIVERING

OFFICE

ADDRESS  
YOUR MAIL

TO

STREET AND NUMBER

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

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

Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number, }  
or Post Office Box, }

MUNITIONS BUILDING

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

Rev. 3-24

05-6116

State \_\_\_\_\_ Washing D. C.

2261

636

RETURN RECEIPT

Harding 7-9-30

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

*Wm. M. ...*

(Signature or name of addressee.)

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(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, 6-25, 19230

# Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 923

INSURED PARCEL

No.



ADDRESS YOUR MAIL TO STREET AND NUMBER	POSTMARK OF DELIVERING OFFICE
	AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to

**Q. M. GENERAL**  
(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,  
or Post Office Box,

**MUNITIONS BUILDING  
WASHINGTON,**

**D. C.**

QM 293 A-C  
Dalton, William Edward 836

June 4, 1930

SUBJECT: Service Record, Sergeant William Edward Dalton.  
TO: The Adjutant General.

1. There is enclosed, herewith, a copy of a letter from Mr. Pat J. Lyons, dated May 27, 1930, for attention to so much, thereof, as pertains to your office.

2. Mr. Lyons has been advised of this reference.

For The Quartermaster General.

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

KL  
Enclosure:  
Copy Letter.

QM 293 A-C  
Dalton, William E. 636

June 4, 1930

Mr. Pat J. Lyons,  
North Memphis Bank Building,  
Memphis, Tennessee.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 27 relative to your desire to be furnished with information concerning the late Sergeant William Edward Dalton.

There is enclosed, herewith, a card showing the cemetery and exact location of the grave in which the remains of this late soldier are not interred.

With reference to your desire to procure the service record of the late Sergeant Dalton, you are advised your request has been forwarded to The Adjutant General's Office. You will, no doubt, receive a reply from that office within a reasonable length of time.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

EL  
Enclosure:  
Card.

PAT. J. LYONS  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
NORTH MEMPHIS BANK BLDG.  
MEMPHIS, TENN.

May 27, 1930.

Captain A. D. Hughes,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

If I am not imposing upon you, I would be grateful if you will send me the service record of Sergeant William Edward Dalton. Correspondence with reference to Sergeant William Edward Dalton has heretofore been listed under Q. M. 293 A.-C.

I am particularly anxious to know the date that Sergeant Dalton entered the service, and the name of the cemetery in which he is buried.

Thanking you in advance for this courtesy, I am

Very truly yours,

Pat J. Lyons



*Chicago*

*Sgt.  
Co. A.  
113th m. G. Bm.*

*Row 30 - Block a  
Dome on 2*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

May 13, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Dalton, Wm. E. -636 M  
Harding 7-9

Mrs. Mary Browne Dalton,  
49 N. Claybrook Avenue,  
Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Name

Miss Ethel Browne (sister)

Address

49 N. Claybrook Ave  
Memphis Tenn.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*A. D. Hughes*  
A. D. HUGHES,  
Captain, U. S. Army,  
Assistant.

Encl.  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 17, 1930.

Dalton, Wm. E. 636 M

Mrs. Mary Browne Dalton,  
49 N. Claybrook Ave.,  
Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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*Dalton, Wm. G.*

I accept the invitation extended  
(Accept or decline)

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

Mrs. Mary Browne Dalton

(Name)

49 N. Claybrook Ave., Memphis, Shelby Co.,

(Town or City)

Tenn.

(State)



QM 293 A-C  
Dalton, William E. 656

March 28, 1930.

Mrs. E. A. Dalton,  
11 S Idlewild St.,  
Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date relative to your desire to visit the grave of the late Sergeant William E. Dalton, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

I appreciate your desire to make this pilgrimage and regret to advise that the War Department has no alternative other than to carry out the law as passed by Congress.

As explained in office letter of March 17, 1930, in the event the natural mother of a deceased member of the American forces whose remains are interred in one of the cemeteries of Europe is living and is eligible to make the pilgrimage, the natural mother takes precedence over the step-mother.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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sent him for it  
and it nearly killed  
me when the  
govt notified me  
he was killed.

She did not even  
think of wanting to go  
until she saw my  
name in the paper  
now she does not  
want to see her  
son's grave she  
wants the trip and  
to keep me from going.  
I will leave it to you  
which one really wants  
to see the precious boys

Ms. Hughes.

Dear Sir.  
I am dreadfully sorry  
I misread the  
provisions of the act of  
March 2-1929 as I do so  
want to see my step-son's  
grave and in every way  
thought I was eligible  
as his mother willingly  
gave him up to his  
father in court and  
had not made and  
effort to see him  
in over twelve prior  
to the war, did not

grave.

Respectfully  
Mrs Edward A Dalton  
11. S. J. Derwood  
Memphis  
Tenn.

His mother did not  
even know him  
took him in June  
1900 =

even call him, &  
in anyway want to  
tell him good - &  
when she read in  
the paper he was  
going to war, why she  
did not even ask about  
him during the war  
I gave him every cent  
I had the day he  
left and later went  
to Nashville to see  
him when he was  
ordered to S. C.  
I made him sweater

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O. Q. M. G.

QM 295 A-C  
Dalton, William E.

March 24, 1930.

Honorable Kenneth McKellar,  
United States Senate,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 20, 1930, with its enclosure from Mr. Pat J. Lyons relative to the desire of Mrs. Mary Browne Dalton to make a pilgrimage to the grave of her son, the late Sergeant William E. Dalton, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

In this connection you are advised Mrs. Mary Browne Dalton has been listed among the mothers and widows eligible to make this pilgrimage. It has been held that in the event a deceased member of the American forces is survived by both a natural mother and a step-mother, the natural mother takes precedence over the step-mother.

In view of the foregoing, Mrs. Mary Browne Dalton is eligible to make this pilgrimage and Mrs. Edward Dalton has been advised that she is not eligible under the law 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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March 20, 1930

General John L. DeWitt,  
 War Department,  
 Washington, D. C.

My dear General DeWitt:

I am enclosing a letter from the Honorable Pat J. Lyons of Memphis, Tennessee regarding Mrs. Mary Browne Dalton which is self-explanatory.

I am not sure as to what the attitude of the Department would be in a case of this kind, although it would seem to me that the natural mother of this deceased soldier is entitled to make the pilgrimage. In any event I will greatly appreciate your best consideration of Mr. Lyons' letter and I will ask you to let me know what decision is reached as early as it may be practicable for you to do so.

Very sincerely yours,



MAR 21 1930  
 Q. M. G.

*Handwritten signature: Kenneth Mc Kellar*

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 Dalton's Mother  
 Mrs. Mary Browne Dalton  
 Memphis, Tenn.

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PAT. J. LYONS  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
NORTH MEMPHIS BANK BLDG.  
MEMPHIS, TENN.

March 18, 1930.

Honorable K. D. Mc Kellar,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:

I am writing this letter to you in behalf of Mrs. Mary Browne Dalton of this city, who desires to make the pilgrimage to the grave of her son, the late Sergeant William E. Dalton, who died in France, and was buried there. Mrs. Dalton has made application with the War Department for this pilgrimage and has been in correspondence with Captain A. D. Hughes of the Quarter Masters Corps. The correspondence is listed under Q.M. 293 A-C.

Mrs. Dalton is under the impression that Mr. Ed Dalton's second wife is about to make this pilgrimage and Mrs. Mary Browne Dalton is of the opinion that she may be making this trip as the step-mother of Sergeant William E. Dalton.

In order that you may know all of the facts, Mrs. Mary Browne Dalton divorced Ed Dalton in Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee, several years ago, and sometime thereafter Ed Dalton married his present wife, who was the step-mother of Sergeant William E. Dalton. Mrs. Mary Browne Dalton is of the opinion that she as the real mother of Sergeant William E. Dalton is entitled to take this trip, and I too feel that she should be entitled to the trip, as I understand this pilgrimage is for the Gold Star Mothers of America.

You have known Mrs. Mary Browne Dalton for several years, and you know that she has worked hard to try to get along in this world, and has worked for many years to take care of herself.

She is a graduate nurse and has not been in a position to spend the money that it takes to make a trip of this character. I believe the trip will do her good as she has for a long time desired to go to the grave of her son.

I am sure that you remember Mrs. Dalton, and I am further sure that you will be pleased to see Captain Hughes, and urge her claim on as speedily as possible.

Trusting that you are well, and thanking you in advance for this kindness on behalf of both Mrs. Dalton and myself, I am

Your friend very truly,

*Pat Lyons*

Memphis, Tenn  
Mar - 13 -  
Mrs Hughes

Dear Sir: <sup>Walton William Edward</sup> 606

I would like to make  
the pilgrimage to my  
step-son's grave in  
the year 1931 if  
convenient and he  
was William Edward Walton  
Memphis Tenn. age 23.  
Sergeant Co. A. 913<sup>th</sup>.  
Machine Gun Battalion.  
Killed in action Oct. 19, 1918  
Somme Cemetery.

Respectfully  
Mrs Edward A. Walton  
115. Idlewild Memphis Tenn



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Dalton, William E.-636

March 12, 1930

Mrs. Mary Browne Dalton,  
49 North Claybrook Avenue,  
Memphis, Tennessee.

*Sealed*  
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Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes) <i>yes</i> (No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <i>yes</i> (No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes) <i>No</i> (No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age Health <i>good</i> (Years) <i>54</i> (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No) Other language (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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MAR 19 1930

I am a Public Health nurse and am on duty every day. Mary B Dalton

March 12, 1933

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DAIRY, WILSON S. 2-233

Mrs. Mary Browne Dalton  
49 North Olveston Avenue  
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe for soldiers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 6, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1933 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (No) <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1933?	(Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (No) <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the cemetery the national number of the city or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes) <input type="checkbox"/> (No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Please give name and state of birth.	Age Health Birth (Year) Sex (Foot)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <input type="checkbox"/> (No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other language (Specify language spoken)

For the Quartermaster General

Very truly yours

JOHN T. MARBLE  
Major, G. M. Corps  
Assistant

QM 293 A-C  
Dalton, William E.-636

March 12, 1930

Mrs. Mary Browne Dalton,  
49 North Claybrook Avenue,  
Memphis, Tennessee.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 1,  
relative to your desire to make a pilgrimage to the grave of  
your son, the late Sergeant William E. Dalton, under the  
provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

It is requested that you complete the enclosed  
questionnaire specifying "Yes" or "No" to the questions  
listed thereon. Upon completion, the questionnaire should  
be returned to this office in order that your eligibility  
to make this pilgrimage may be determined.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

March 1, 1930.

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ret to WOP for coding*

War Department,  
Quarter Master General,  
Cemeteral Div.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The undersigned, Mary B. Dalton, mother of William Edward Dalton (divorced) begs to advise the War Department that she desires to make the trip to France this summer in accordance with the regulations already promulgated.

William Edward Dalton was a private in Company A, 113th Field Artillery, 30th Division, served over seas, and was killed in action on October 18, 1918, at a small town in Belgium, Mezieres. The address of the writer is 49 North Claybrook Avenue, Memphis, Tenn.

The soldier did not make his insurance payable to the writer, his mother, but made it payable to his grandmother, Margaret Price Dalton, who was old and infirm, whereas, the writer was able to take care of herself.

The writer respectfully requests that all necessary papers be forwarded to her in order to establish her right to the trip to France this summer as advertised by the Government, may be furnished her at once. Same will be filled out as soon as received and returned to the Quarter Master General.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours very truly,

*Mary Browne Dalton*  
49 N. Claybrook Ave  
Memphis  
Tenn

*Witness  
Abe D. Waldauer  
Priv. Battery A 114 F.A.*



Quater Master General  
Cemeterial Div.

Dear Sir.

I am writing to you telling  
you I would love to  
visit my boy's grave.  
I neglected to state  
I was his step-mother  
I had been the <sup>only</sup> <sup>one</sup>  
same since  
June 14. 1905 - his  
name was

William Edward D. D.  
Memphis Tenn. age 23  
Sergeant Co. A  
113 Machine Gun  
Battalion.  
Engagement Cyprus, St  
Quentin, Canal



St Martin Rue France  
Moline and Mazingheim  
killed in Action

Oct. 19 - 1918

Somme Cemetery.

Respectfully

Mrs Edward A Dalton.

11 South I Dewild

Memphis Tenn.

QM 293 A-C  
Dalton, William E. - 636

March 1, 1930

Mrs. Edward A. Dalton,  
11 South Idlewild,  
Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date relative to your desire to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your step-son, the late Sergeant William E. Dalton under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

It is not understood from your letter whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage during the coming summer. It is therefore requested that you notify this office at your earliest convenience whether or not you wish to make the journey this year.

A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your reply.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Env.  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

January 9, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Dalton, William E. 636 ~~4~~

*Stepmother*  
Mrs. Ed<sup>ward</sup> A. Dalton,  
11 South Idlewild,  
Memphis, Tennessee.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress ~~not later than December 31, 1930~~. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <u>1931</u>	(No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	(No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <u>46</u> Health <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(Years) (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(No)
	Other language	(Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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War Department

636 The time I received the papers in regards to going to France to see our son's grave I thought it impossible but as time draws near I would love dearly to go. So if it would liberate to receive the papers to fill out.

My son was

William E. Dalton

Memphis, age twenty-three, sergeant, Co. A, 113 Machine Gun Battalion, Engagements, Ypres, St. Quentin, Canal, St. Martin Au France, Moline and Mazingheir. Killed in action Oct. 19, 1918. Somme Cemetery.



Respectfully

Mrs Ed A Dalton  
11 South Idlewild  
Memphis Tenn.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 16, 1929.

Dalton, William E.

Mr. Edward A. Dalton,  
11 South Idlewild St.,  
Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

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 father of the late Sergeant William E. Dalton, Co. A, 113th M. G. Bn., whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Act of Congress.  
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QM 293 A-M  
Dalton, Wm. E. Sts. 636-M

August 21, 1930.

Mrs. Mary Browne Dalton,  
49 N. Claybrook Ave.,  
Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 12, 1930, expressing appreciation for the pilgrimage you have recently made to the grave of your son, the late Sergeant William E. Dalton, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

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

It is gratifying also to know that you were pleased with the appearance of your son's resting place and that you derived comfort from the visit to his grave. You are assured that the Somme Cemetery will always be maintained in the same fine condition in which you found it, as it will continue to be the constant effort of the Quartermaster Corps to make the American cemeteries in Europe fitting resting places for the heroes who are buried in them.

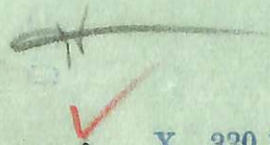
The sentiments expressed by you are deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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

Q. M. G. M. & R. DIV.

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X 330.13 PILGRIMAGE, GOLD STAR

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J. L. DeWITT

QM 293 AM  
Dalton, Wm. E. Sgt. 636 M

August 19, 1930.

Mrs. Mary Browne Dalton,  
49 N. Claybrook Ave.,  
Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

The testimonial dated August 2nd to the Officer in Charge, Gold Star Pilgrimage, New York City, which you and the other mothers and widows returning on the SS President Roosevelt were so kind as to send regarding your pilgrimages to the cemeteries of Europe, has been forwarded to me.

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

With sincere appreciation of the sentiments expressed by you,

Sincerely yours,

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

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X 330.13 PILGRIMAGE, GOLD STAR

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Dalton, Wn. B. 656-M

June 13, 1930

Mrs. Mary Browne Dalton,  
49 N. Claybrook Ave.,  
Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Dalton, William E. - 636

June 10, 1930.

Mrs. Mary Browne Dalton,  
49 N. Claybrook Ave.,  
Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

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

Lv. Memphis	IllCent	Train No.104	9:10 PM (CT)	July 6
Ar. Jersey City	B&O	" " 518	12:30 " ET	" 7

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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U.S. DEPT. OF WAR  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

QM 298 A-C  
Dalton, William Edward 636

June 4, 1930

SUBJECT: Service Record, Sergeant William Edward Dalton.

TO: The Adjutant General.

1. There is enclosed, herewith, a copy of a letter from Mr. Pat J. Lyons, dated May 27, 1930, for attention to so much, thereof, as pertains to your office.

2. Mr. Lyons has been advised of this reference.

For The Quartermaster General.

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

Enclosure:  
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QM 293 A-C  
Dalton, William E. 636

June 4, 1930

Mr. Pat J. Lyons,  
North Memphis Bank Building,  
Memphis, Tennessee.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 27 relative to your desire to be furnished with information concerning the late Sergeant William Edward Dalton.

There is enclosed, herewith, a card showing the cemetery and exact location of the grave in which the remains of this late soldier are not interred.

With reference to your desire to procure the service record of the late Sergeant Dalton, you are advised your request has been forwarded to The Adjutant General's Office. You will, no doubt, receive a reply from that office within a reasonable length of time.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

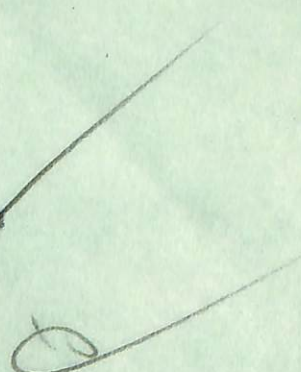
A. D. HUGHES,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

May 13, 1930.

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Dalton, Wm. E. -636 M  
Harding 7-9

Mrs. Mary Browne Dalton,  
49 N. Claybrook Avenue,  
Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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Name

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Address

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Dalton, Wm. E. -636 M  
Harding 7-9

May 7, 1930

Mrs. Mary Browne Dalton,  
49 N. Claybrook Ave.,  
Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 17, 1930.

Dalton, Wm. E. 636 M

Mrs. Mary Browne Dalton,  
49 N. Claybrook Ave.,  
Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-7  
Dalton, William E. 636

March 28, 1930.

Mrs. E. A. Dalton,  
11 S Idlewild St.,  
Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date relative to your desire to visit the grave of the late Sergeant William E. Dalton, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

I appreciate your desire to make this pilgrimage and regret to advise that the War Department has no alternative other than to carry out the law as passed by Congress.

As explained in office letter of March 17, 1930, in the event the natural mother of a deceased member of the American forces whose remains are interred in one of the cemeteries of Europe is living and is eligible to make the pilgrimage, the natural mother takes precedence over the step-mother.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Dalton, William E.

March 24, 1930.

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Honorable Kenneth McKellar,  
United States Senate,  
Washington, D. C.

By dear Senator:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 20, 1930, with its enclosure from Mr. Pat J. Lyons relative to the desire of Mrs. Mary Browne Dalton to make a pilgrimage to the grave of her son, the late Sergeant William E. Dalton, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

In this connection you are advised Mrs. Mary Browne Dalton has been listed among the mothers and widows eligible to make this pilgrimage. It has been held that in the event a deceased member of the American forces is survived by both a natural mother and a step-mother, the natural mother takes precedence over the step-mother.

In view of the foregoing, Mrs. Mary Browne Dalton is eligible to make this pilgrimage and Mrs. Edward Dalton has been advised that she is not eligible under the law 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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QM 293 A-C  
Dalton, William E. - 636

March 17, 1930.

Mrs. Edward A. Dalton,  
11 South Idlewild,  
Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

In connection with your desire to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your stepson, the late Sergeant William E. Dalton, it has been held that in the event the natural mother of a deceased member of the American forces whose remains are interred in one of the cemeteries of Europe is living and desires to make a pilgrimage to the grave of her son, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, the mother takes precedence over a step-mother.

Information has been received in this office to the effect that the mother of the late Sergeant Dalton is living and desires to make a pilgrimage to her son's grave.

In view of the foregoing I regret to advise that you are ineligible, under the law, to make this pilgrimage 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-C  
Dalton, William E.-636

March 12, 1930

Mrs. Mary Browne Dalton,  
49 North Claybrook Avenue,  
Memphis, Tennessee.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 1,  
relative to your desire to make a pilgrimage to the grave of  
your son, the late Sergeant William E. Dalton, under the  
provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

It is requested that you complete the enclosed  
questionnaire specifying "Yes" or "No" to the questions  
listed thereon. Upon completion, the questionnaire should  
be returned to this office in order that your eligibility  
to make this pilgrimage may be determined.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Dalton, William E.-636

March 12, 1930

Mrs. Mary Browne Dalton,  
49 North Claybrook Avenue,  
Memphis, Tennessee.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C  
Dalton, William E. - 636

March 1, 1930

Mrs. Edward A. Dalton,  
11 South Idlewild,  
Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date relative to your desire to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your step-son, the late Sergeant William E. Dalton under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

It is not understood from your letter whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage during the coming summer. It is therefore requested that you notify this office at your earliest convenience whether or not you wish to make the journey this year.

A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your reply.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 9, 1929.  
January 9, 1930.

Dalton, William E. 636 M

*Stepmother*

Mrs. Ed A. Dalton,  
11 South Idlewild,  
Memphis, Tennessee.  
Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

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Dalton, William E.  
636

August 23, 1929.

Mr. Edward A. Dalton,  
11 South Idlewild St.,  
Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 16, 1929, making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addressees are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 16, 1929.

Dalton, William E.

Mr. Edward A. Dalton,  
11 South Idlewild St.,  
Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

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 father of the late Sergeant William E. Dalton, Co. A, 115th M. G. Bn., whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE March 15, 1928

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

- 1. Name DALTON, William E.
- 2. No. 1305248
- 3. Rank Sergt.
- 4. Org. Co. A, 113th M.G.Bn.
- 5. D.D. Oct. 19, 1918
- 6. C.D. KIA
- 10. Name \_\_\_\_\_
- 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_
- 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_
- 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) D.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- 7. Grave No. 4 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Plot Block A Row 35
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_
- 15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_
- 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_
- 17. \_\_\_\_\_
- 18. Cemetery Somme
- 19. Commune or town Bony
- 20. Dept. or County Aisne
- 21. Country France
- 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. #636
- 23. Disinterred (Date) March 15, 1928 By L. Gordon
- 24. Inscription on grave marker:
  - Name DALTON, William E. Serial No. 1305248
  - Rank Sergt. Organization Co. A, 113th M.G.Bn.
- 25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? \_\_\_\_\_ On body? yes

Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

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

One collar ornament T.E.N.N. One collar ornament <sup>1</sup> M.G. crossed rifles.
- 27. Condition of body \_\_\_\_\_
- 28. Nature of burial Field burial
- 29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? \_\_\_\_\_
- 30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date March 15, 1928 By L. GORDON
- 31. Casket sealed by L. GORDON

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

L. GORDON

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. \_\_\_\_\_

32. Designation of body:

Name DALTON, William E. Serial No. 1305248

Rank Sergt. Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Co. A, 113th M.G.Bn.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Somme, Bony, Aisne

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) March 13, 1928 By J.J. DILLON

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 \_\_\_\_\_

36. Remarks \_\_\_\_\_ J.J. DILLON

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

To point of Concentration \_\_\_\_\_ (Name)

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_

By G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_

To Permanent Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_ (Name)

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

40. Received: Date \_\_\_\_\_

G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

41. Reinterred. March 15, 1928 Somme American Cty  
(Date)

42. Grave No. 14 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot Block D. Row 21

G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

J.F.V. BRADY,  
Superintendent.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF DALTON, William E. SERIAL NUMBER 1,305,248

RANK Sgt. ORGANIZATION Co. A. 113th M.G. Bn.

2. Disinterred (date) : March 15, 1928 From (give complete location) :

Grave 4, Block A, Row 35

By : Group Cty. Unit \_\_\_\_\_

3. Reburied (date) : March 15, 1928 In (give complete location) :

Grave 14, Block D, Row 21

By : Group Cty. Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial Metallic casket

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

Field burial

5. (a) Identification tags : Buried with body ? yes On grave marker ? \_\_\_\_\_

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

One collar ornament T.E.N.N. One collar ornament M.G. crossed rifles.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Weight (estimated) \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Hair—Color \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Characteristics \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Hair on face—Color \_\_\_\_\_

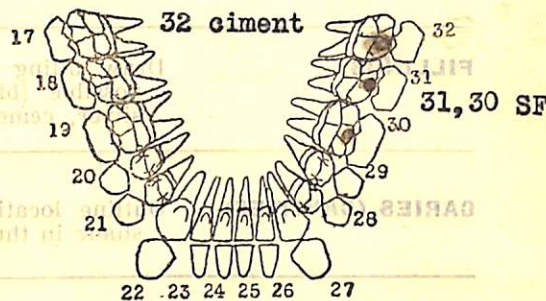
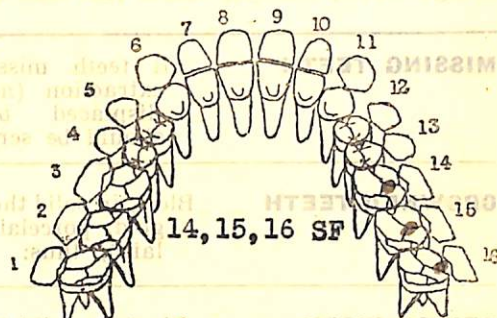
Location \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Right clavicle missing. Left humerus shattered. Right tibia fractured middle.



7. Disinterment supervised by

*L. Jordan*

Approved :

(Title) \_\_\_\_\_

8. Reburial supervised by

*J. J. Wilton*

Approved :

(Title) \_\_\_\_\_

**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.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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Dalton,

(Surname.)

William E.

(Christian name in full.)

1,305,248

(Army serial number)

Sgt

Co. A, 113th M. G. Bn

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Father

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

No

(Yes or no.)

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

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Edward A. Dalton

11 South Idlevild St Memphis Tenn

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by Pm

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-C

DALTON, William E. - Sgt.

May 18, 1926

Mr. Edward A. Dalton,  
11 South Idlewild St.,  
Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

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

This American overseas military cemetery is to be maintained by the United States for all time. The graves will be permanently marked by white headstones inscribed with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves, as soon as possible, and without necessity 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 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,

F.H. POPE,  
Colonel, Q.M.G.,  
Assistant.

1 Incl.  
Record card.

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #44288

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name DALTON, William E. Ser. No. 1305248
(b) Rank Sgt. Organization Co. A, 113th M.G. Bn,
(c) Date of death 10/19/18 (d) Cause of death K/A
TYP. HB
CKR [Signature]

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

(a) Grave No. 153 Row 6 Plot 1 Sec. --- TYP. ZK
(b) Emerg. Address Mr. Edward A. Dalton (Father) 1183 Azalia Ave., Memphis, Tenn.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases NO CARD CKR [Signature]

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Edward A. Dalton (b) Relationship Father
(c) Address 11 South Idlewild St., Memphis, Tenn.
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at -
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. -
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. -

OK PM

Examiner's Initials [Signature] Date 9-2-1920

V. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from Madame Bruyelle, Nord, France, dated 8-1-19.

confirming request in Par. IV., item, above, or requesting that states that body of Wm E. Dalton is buried on her premises.

Examiner's Initials [Signature] Date 9-2-1920

VI. G. R. S. FILES, CORRESPONDENCE—shows as follows: Father, Edward Dalton, Blankensale, Miss, (2-17-19) confirms request on card.

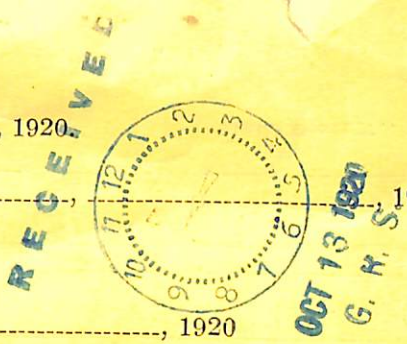
(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes [Signature]

Examiner's Initials [Signature] Date 9-3-1920

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 636 SHEET No. 312

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VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.  
Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.



VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on 9/16, 1920

*Par. #2. Not to be returned. (E.S.)*

IX. **CORRECTIONS**

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: *Form 120, Sept 17, 1920, signed by father, confirms previous request that body remain in France. Oct 10-11-20*



1. G. B. S. Form No. 1.

Hq. G. B. S. File

*Handwritten scribbles*

2. Soldier's No. 1305248

3. Dalton Wm E

Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials

4. Sgt ? 113 M.G.Co.

Rank Company Regt. or Corps

K.I.A

5. Date of Death Cause, if known

10/21/18 Mazinghein Mil Cem

6. Date of Burial Cemetery

7. Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

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8. Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

9. Name Peg? Cross? Headboard? Bottle? Check Method of Marking

10. Buried with Body? Attached to Grave Marker? Identification Tags

11. If name unknown and tags missing, give marks and description. MAZINGHEIN (Nord)

(O-458) SHT. 13 N.E. COORD {E-263.6}

Sheet 57 B X 2.- 102 {N-369.7}

12. Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

13. Chaplain Turner 120 Inf. Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed *Char E Dalton*

Group *N* Unit *307* G. B. S.

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June 1, 1922.

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Mrs. Mollie W. Shook, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

Sgt. William E. Dalton.

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1. In reply to your letter of May 26th 1922, you are advised that the records of this office indicate that the remains of the late Sergeant William E. Dalton, Company A, 113th Machine Gun Battalion, are buried in Grave 153, Row 6, Plot 1, the American Cemetery of the Somme at Bony, Department of Aisne. This is not the final grave location of the deceased, for according to the present plan of concentrations the bodies of deceased soldiers interred in permanent American Cemeteries, will be disinterred and reburied in the same cemetery in a more suitable casket, allowing six feet instead of three between graves, for the purpose of rearranging the cemeteries in accordance with recommendation of the Fine Arts Commission, approved by the President. This reburial will be permanent and as soon as same is effected, the father will be promptly advised of the new grave location.

2. Please convey to the relatives the renewed assurance of sympathy of the Department in their bereavement.

For the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES J. WYNNE,  
Assistant.

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G. R. S.

June 1, 1922.

293.8 C-R #44286-(Dalton, William E. Sgt.)Cty. 636, Sht. 312.

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Mrs. Mollie W. Shook, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

Sgt. William E. Dalton.

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For the Quartermaster General:

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Assistant.

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*Not necessary to note on 7-115.*

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AND CIRCULARS

NASHVILLE, TENN.

May 26th., 1922.

*Ing*

To The Department Registrar of Graves  
Washington, D.C. -

Dear Sir: As an Aunt of the deceased Sgt. William Edward Dalton  
Company A, 113th M.G. Bn., I want to know the place the deceased  
is now buried. A picture was sent his father, Edward A. Dalton,  
of Memphis, Tennessee and Clarksdale, Mississippi, marked as fol-  
lows:- 153 B 20062 with the name and company as above. The name  
of place where body rests is not given.

As I shall need this information early in June I shall appreci-  
ate a prompt reply.

Thanking you for your promptness and kindness, I am,--

Very truly yours,--

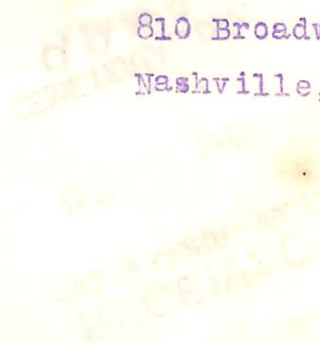
(Mrs.) Mollie W. Shook  
810 Broadway  
Nashville, Tenn.

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*Dalton, William Edward*



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MAY 29 1922



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

*Rush Answer*

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

To: Edward A. Dalton, 11 South Idlewild St., Memphis, Tenn.

SUBJECT: Remains of Sgt. William E. Dalton, Ser. No. 1305248, Co. A, 113th M.G. Bn.

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body be not returned to U.S.

*No change*

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

CEMETERY DIVISION  
OVERSEAS SECTION

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

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

	NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET	TOWN	STATE.
Soldier's widow	<i>No.</i>			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1. <i>No.</i>			
	2. <i>No.</i>			
	3. <i>No.</i>			
Father	<i>Edward A. Dalton</i>	<i>11. So Idlewild</i>	<i>Memphis</i>	<i>Tenn</i>
Mother				
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1. <i>Refus L. Dalton</i>	<i>11. So. Idlewild</i>	<i>Memphis</i>	<i>Tenn</i>
	2. <i>Louis W. Dalton</i>	<i>11. So. Idlewild</i>	<i>Memphis</i>	<i>Tenn</i>
	3.			
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1. <i>Maryland Dalton</i>	<i>11. So. Idlewild</i>	<i>Memphis</i>	<i>Tenn</i>
	2. <i>Dorothy Dalton</i>	<i>11. So. Idlewild</i>	<i>Memphis</i>	<i>Tenn</i>
	3.			

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Date *Sept 17th 1920*

Signature *Edward A. Dalton*

Address *11. So. Idlewild, Memphis Tenn*

Relationship *Father*

IMPORTANT.—CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.

*H*

Address \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

I, the undersigned, am the Father (Relationship.) and nearest living relative of the within-named

soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:  
(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

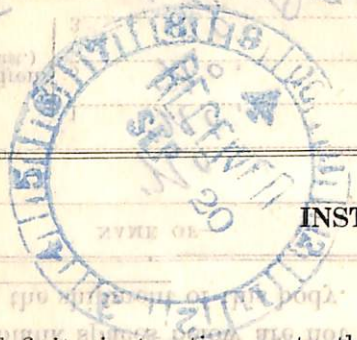
1. As stated on first page of this sheet.
2. ~~To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to \_\_\_\_\_ (Name.) \_\_\_\_\_ (R. R. station.) \_\_\_\_\_ (State.)~~
3. ~~To be returned to the U. S. and buried in \_\_\_\_\_ National Cemetery.~~
4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Signature Edward A. Dalton

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.**

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

WASHINGTON  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WAR DEPARTMENT



Classification \_\_\_\_\_  
 Adjustment \_\_\_\_\_

CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
 GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
 REGISTRATION SECTION



APR 30 1920

Date \_\_\_\_\_

MEMORANDUM:

To: Registration Files Sub-Section.

Subject: Adjustments made on Registration Files.

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

	CORR.	ADD. DATA		CORR.	ADD. DATA
File Number			Date of Burial		
Name			Date of Reburial		
Serial Number			Burial Information		✓
Rank			Nearest Relative		
Organization			Notified Nearest Relative		
Cause of Death			Blue Card thrown out		
Date of Death			White Card set up		
Casualty Cablegram Number					

O.K. Alphabetical Files 123-5-1-20

~~O.K. Organization Files~~ \_\_\_\_\_

~~O.K. State Files.~~ \_\_\_\_\_



✓ Card Department  
 Cemetery Audit Department  
 Investigation & Adjustment Dept.

By M. Bauman

1 Cards attached.

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File 44288

DALTON, Wm. E.

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G.R.S. FORM NO. 26.

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

As the Graves Registration Service does not handle inquiries concerning Personal Effects, Accrued Pay, Liberty Bonds, or War Risk Insurance, your inquiry has been referred to the proper Government office for action and reply to you direct.

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

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G.R.S. FORM NO. 25.

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

April 17th, 1919.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.  
TO : Mr. Edward A. Dalton, 605, & 606, McWilliams Building, Clarksdale, Miss.  
SUBJECT : Disposition of remains of ~~sergt~~ William Edward Dalton, Co A, 113 M.G.Bn. AEF

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter, expressing the desire that the body of your **son** should remain in France, and you are advised that your request will be complied with.

2. Permit me to express to you my sympathy in the loss which you have sustained in the cause of our country,

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

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*Handwritten signature*

TO:- REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.

FILE NUMBER

44288

FROM:-

DATE:

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME Dalton Wm, E.

NUMBER

RANK Sgt. ORGANIZATION

CO A, 113 me. Bn.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	Yes
2.	Date of Death.	10-19-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	BX19
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	303
5.	Date buried.	10-21-18
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	# 678 cm. 1 pl. # mil. city of mazinghen
7.	Who reported burial.	none
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	D
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	E-4
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	D (none)
11.	Who is nearest relative?	D
12.	H's N/R been notified? (Give Date)	to Edward A. Dalton
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	# 1183 gazalia ave (father) Memphis, Tenn.
14.	What is the Photograph No. ?	

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N.B. All Proper names to be printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

10 Yes 12-27-18

① Received 5-21-19  
② Remains in France

27 MAY 1919

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**EDWARD A. DALTON**  
**LAND INVESTMENTS**

MISSISSIPPI DELTA LANDS A SPECIALTY  
605 AND 606 MCWILLIAMS BUILDING

CLARKSDALE, MISS.

February 17, 1919.

Chief Graves,  
Registration Service,  
Headquarters Service of Supply,  
A.P.O. 717,  
American Expeditionary Forces,  
France.

Gentlemen:-

I received a bulletin or a notice of Sgt. William Edward Dalton, of Company A, 113 Machine Gun Battalion, who was killed in action on October 19, 1918. Military Cemetery, at Mazinghein, Nord, France.

I feel very grateful to you for giving me this information, and I want to state that I have decided not to move the remains of my son, as his brother who was with him in battle at the time of his death has requested that his remains remain where they were buried.

Could you, or would you give me the names of the officers of the proper authorities to communicate with in regard to the balance of his salary for the time that he was not paid for while in service. Any information you can furnish me along these lines will be greatly appreciated, as his brother has informed me that there is some money due on his salary, and I would like to look into the matter.

Thanking you again, I am,

Faithfully yours,

*Edward A. Dalton*

EAD-JS.

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EDWARD A. DALTON  
L. ANDREW DALTON  
MISSOURI DELTA LAND & SHELTER  
200 AND 200 NORTH MAIN ST. ST. LOUIS  
FEBRUARY 17, 1918

Chief Greaves,  
Registration Service,  
Headquarters Service of Supply,  
A. P. O. 517,  
American Expeditionary Forces,  
France.

Gentlemen:

I received a bulletin or a notice of Sgt.  
William Edward Dalton, of Company A, 115 Machine Gun  
Battalion, who was killed in action on October 12,  
1918. Military Cemetery, at Meusebaix, Verdun, France.

I feel very grateful to you for giving me  
this information, and I would like to have you  
aided not to move the remains of my son, as his brother  
who was with him in battle at the time of his death  
has requested that his remains remain where they were  
buried.

Could you or would you give me the names  
of the officers of the proper authorities to communicate  
with in regard to the balance of his salary for the period  
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you can furnish me along these lines will be greatly  
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money due on his salary, and I would like to look into  
the matter.

Thanking you again, I am,

Respectfully,  
*Edward A. Dalton*



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8-1-19

Madame Bruyelle, Nord, France - President Wilson

States that three American soldiers, William E. Dalton, Edward S. Dougety, Henry E. Arrington, are buried on her premises; asks that their relatives may be informed.

William E. Dalton (Lgt) (AR-MB-10-16-19 1305248)

113 M. G. Bn.

Grave no. 1 - Plot 1

Military Cemetery of Mazinghien,  
Nord, France

Died 10/19/18

Buried 10/21/18

Nearest kin

Father - Edward A. Dalton,  
1183 Azalia Ave,  
Memphis, Tenn.

*293.8 - Dalton - William E. (Lgt)*  
*Dougety - EDWARD S. (no thing found about this man)*  
*ARRINGTON - HENRY E. (no info for this man)*

Show classification number and date of communication on first line, drop two spaces, show source of communication and to whom addressed, then drop two spaces again and give a brief synopsis of subject matter sufficient to identify the document.