

MMB

DATE

1. NAME DERWINSKI, Peter SERIAL No 1529038
 RANK Pvt 1/cl ORGANIZATION Co. C 148th Inf.
 & DIVISION 37 Div -
 GRAVE LOCATION Amer. Mil. Cty. Mesves, Nievre 86
 CTY. NAME NUMBER

670

GRAVE	ROW	PLOT
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2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 670 Mesves (Nièvre)
 GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES

CONCENTRATED TO Not of record
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

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

DATE OF DEATH Jan 26, 1919 -

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Ohio

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none known

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS Not of record
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY



DATE	GRAVE	ROW	PLOT	CEMETERY
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SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR W. H. Quarterman
W. H. QUARTERMAN, CAPT. F. A., Supervisor Area N° 4

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION June 24, 1922 16 20 Block A
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

St. Mihiel American Cty. #1233, Thiaucourt, Meuse, France
 CEMETERY

AUDITED BY
 8/13
 8/21/25

Rec'd World War Div.

JUN 18 1925

15 Received A. G. O. JUN 2 1925

Robert C. Davis,
 Major General,
 The Adjutant General,
 By: [Signature]
 JUN 4 1925

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.
2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.
3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.
4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form 16, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Serwinski / *1529038* *Peter*
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials)

Pvt. *C. C.* *148 inf.*
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: *Base Hosp. 50*

CAUSE OF DEATH: *G. S. W.*

DATE OF BURIAL: *Jan. 27, 1919*

PLACE OF BURIAL: *Am. Army Cemetery*
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department) Map references must specify clearly what map is used.

Misou
Dept. Three

GRAVE NUMBER: *671*

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

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? *yes*

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

If name unknown and tags missing description and mark should be given here?

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

Lt. H. Bergen Capt.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	<i>Derwinski</i>	3	458 ⁰
	<i>Peter</i>		
	CEMETERY <i>1233.</i>	1	3
BURIED	GRAVE <i>16.</i>	2	16
	ROW <i>20</i>	2	20
	BLOCK <i>a</i>	1	1
STATE	<i>Ohio</i>	2	41
RANK	<i>Private</i>	1	2
DIVISION	<i>37</i>	2	37
ORGANIZATION	<i>148</i>	3	148
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	1
MARITAL	<i>No</i>	1	2
NAME		3	
<i>No loco or Sm -</i>	STATE	2	
RESIDENCE	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Dead</i>	1	6
NATIVITY	<i>2-3-31-</i>	1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	
29/514			

AUDITED

MAR 21 1935
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DATE 6-27-30

NAME Derwinski, Peter RANK PFC SERIAL 152 9038 ORGANIZATION Co C, 148 Inf. DATE OF DEATH 1-26-19

STATE Ohio CTY. NO. 1233 GRAVE 16 ROW 20 BLOCK A

	<u>Check relationship</u>	<u>Living - Deceased</u>	
	MOTHER <u>Wife 2-3-31</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	STEPMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
NAME	MOTHER THRU ADOPTION	<input type="checkbox"/>	
AND	(For the year prior to commencement of service)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
ADDRESS		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS (For the year prior to commencement of service)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	WIDOW (Who has not remarried)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<u>Single man</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>(M) Mrs. Anna Derwinski</u>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Kaunas Posniai,</u>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Vals Sevijai</u>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>aprk. abytans,</u>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Lithuania</u>

Veterans Bureau Claim Number XC 150-926 all ul. foreign 2/24/33
29/156/



America

5-13-31

1233

Derwinski, Peter



Cancel -
Went to Louisiana
at own expense to stay

I _____ 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 pro-
visions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Anna Derwinski

(Name)

158 E. Eldridge Avenue, Flint, Genesee County, Mich.

(Town or City)

(State)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 19, 1930.

Derwinski, Peter 1233 M

Mrs. Anna Derwinski,
158 E. Eldridge Ave.,
Flint, Mich.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

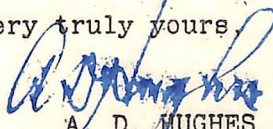
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank space following the question.

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

This letter is being sent to all mothers and widows who are not making the pilgrimage in 1930, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? _____

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Derwinski, Peter 1233-M

June 18, 1930

Mrs. Anna Derwinski,
158 East Eldridge Ave.,
Flint, Michigan.

XC 150-926

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

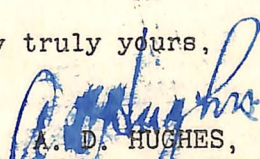
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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? _____
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

QM 293 A-C
Derwinski, Peter 1235 M

June 11, 1930

Mrs. Anna Derwinski,
158 E. Eldridge Avenue,
Flint, Michigan.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of June 4th declining the invitation to sail on the SS "America" August 27, 1930, to visit the grave of your son, the late Private, first class, Peter Derwinski, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

Your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the journey in 1931, and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages are being arranged for that year.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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America ✓

8/27/3

1233

Derwinski, Peter

ans. 6/7/30

- 6/4/30 -

I declines by wire 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.

1931

Mrs. Anna Derwinski

(Name)

158 E. Eldridge Ave., Flint, Mich

(Town or City)

(State)

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Signal Corps, United States Army

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RADIOGRAM

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Room 3441, Munitions Building,
Washington, D. C.

Received at

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CHICAGO ILLINOIS 945AM JUNE 4TH 1930

DEWITT

QM GENERAL WASHINGTON DC

I DECLINE TOO LATE FOR AUGUST

MRS ANNA DERWINSKI FLINT MICHIGAN

1216PM

*Declined invitation
for America - 8/29/30
listed for 1931*

70000 112000



293 - Derwinski - Peter

1233

Night Letter

Washington, D. C. June 3, 1950

MRS. ANNA DERWINSKI,
188 E. ELDRIDGE AVE.,
FLINT, MICH.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL AUGUST TWENTY SEVENTH NOT RECEIVED STOP

DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER

123263M

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

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QM 293 A-C Derwinski, Peter

QM 295 A-C
Derwinski, Peter 1255 M

June 3, 1950.

Mrs. Anna Derwinski
158 E. Eldridge Ave.
Flint, Michigan

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of May 21, 1950, relating to your desire to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Peter Derwinski.

In this connection you are advised that, inasmuch as the reservations have all been made for the mothers and widows sailing on June 14, 1950, it is too late to make reservations for you to sail at that time. However, an invitation to sail on the SS "America", August 27, 1950 has been forwarded you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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~~Gene~~
158 E. Eldridge Ave.,

Flint, Michigan,

Genesee Co.

May 21, 1930.

War Department,

Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:-

Re:- QM293 A -C. Peter Derwinski. *1233M*

In reply to the letter in the above matter dated the May 13th 1930 I wish to state that Mrs. Anna Derwinski desires to go see her son's grave according to the Act of March 2, 1929.

In connection therewith kindly furnish the date of sailing and all other necessary information.

Yours truly,

Vincent and Anna Derwinski

ASSISTANT AND CHIEF CLERK

MAY 24 1930

WAR DEPT.



*too late for June 14 -
5/29/30 Invt issued for
America
Aug 27-1930*

QM 293 A-C
Derwinski, Peter

May 13, 1930.

Mr. Vincent Derwinski,
3918 Industrial Ave.,
Flint, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 7, 1930, relative to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act approved March 2, 1929.

In this connection you are informed that the records of this office show that Mrs. Derwinski declined the invitation sent her to sail on the SS HARDING June 14, 1930, and under the circumstances no arrangements have been made for her to make the pilgrimage at that time. If Mrs. Derwinski wishes her name restored to the list of mothers and widows who are to make the sailing on the SS HARDING June 14th, she should so advise this office at the earliest possible date, so that arrangements may be made to accommodate her.

Under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, it will not be possible for Mr. Derwinski to accompany Mrs. Derwinski on the whole or any part of the pilgrimage at the expense of the Government. The Act provides for only the mothers and widows, and even though Mrs. Derwinski is willing to pay her return passage to this country, the War Department can make no arrangements whatsoever for Mr. Derwinski either at Government or personal expense.

If Mr. Derwinski wishes to make his own arrangements, it may be possible for him to secure accommodations on the same ship and possibly at the same hotels in New York and Paris, but in view of the limited accommodations he could not travel to the cemetery with Mrs. Derwinski and it is doubtful if he could secure accommodations in the same town near the cemetery. If he desires to accompany Mrs. Derwinski under these conditions, it is suggested that he write for further information to the United States Lines, 1027 Connecticut

Avenue, Washington, D. C., as soon as the date on which Mrs. Derwinski is to make the sailing has been definitely determined. The United States Lines is a commercial organization which owns and operates the vessels upon which reservations have been made for all mothers and widows making the pilgrimage, and they will no doubt be able to give Mr. Derwinski complete information as to cost of transportation.

You may assure Mrs. Derwinski that competent personnel will be provided to care for the comfort and needs of the mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York until their return thereto.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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3918 Industrial Ave.,
Flint, Michigan,

May 7, 1930.

*Genesee Co.
1233*

*The mothers &
widows are sailing
in June, on the
Harding June 14
1930*

War Department,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:-

Re: QM 293 A-C.

Mr. Derwinski, husband of Mrs. Anna Derwinski, formerly of Unionville, Michigan, came to my office and has in the past requested some information and assistance from the war department and claims to have received no satisfaction. From the letters that he has presented to me I form my opinion that the matters he is interested in have not been presented to your department in the proper manner, To review this information given you in prior correspondence and also to add what I may see fit this letter will serve its purpose.

Mrs. Anna Derwinski is the mother of Peter Derwinski who died in France. She is entitled to visit her son at the expense of the United States government and has been given this privilege. She will avail herself of that privilege and will leave on the June sailing. She is however unable to hear and is very aged. Mr. Derwinski is very desirous of accompanying her and taking care of his wife and above all he too will go to visit his son's grave in France.

Now according to the arrangement the government will only take care of the mother. Mr. Derwinski and his wife will not return but travel on to Lithuania after the visit. It is their desire to have this government pay their fare to France and not the return ticket. I believe from the costs two one-way fares would amount to the same cost as a round-trip ticket for one. After visiting their son they together will journey on to other countries and the government does not have to pay the return fare of either one.

If this arrangement is possible then please inform us. If it is not possible can you give us the correct date of the proposed sailing of the mothers and secure a passage for the husband on the same steamship. Also state the name of the ship, port of departure and arrival.

If it meets with your approval let me request an early reply due to the fast approaching date of the sailing. Kindly also communicate with Mr. and Mrs. Derwinski at the above address.

*Mrs. Derwinski
declines Harding
June 14.*

Sincerely yours,
Vincent Derwinski
Vincent Derwinski.

Harding
6-14-30
1233

Derwinski, Peter

I decline 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. Anna Derwinski

(Name)

158 E. Eldridge Ave., Flint, Genesee Co., Mich.

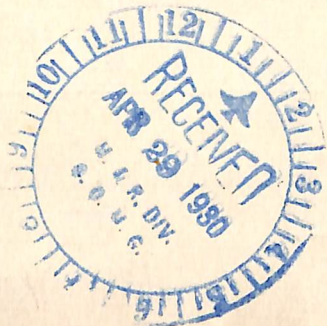
(Town or City)

(State)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE, 1929

I am going alone at my own
I am going to port New York East.

NO
Made
Dup. Punched card.
+ sent in.
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U. S. F. P. DIV.
S. O. U. G.

QM 293 A-C
Derwinski, Peter 1233-M

April 26, 1930

Mrs. Anna Derwinski,
158 E. Eldridge Ave.,
Flint, Mich.

Dear Madam:

The invitation which was extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe sailing from New York on the S. S. Harding on June 14, 1930 has been withdrawn due to the fact that no acceptance has been received from you.

If you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you communicate your wishes to this office.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Derwinski, Peter 1233-M

April 9, 1930

Mrs. Anna Derwinski,
158 E. Elkridge Ave.,
Flint, Mich.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "Harding" on June 14, 1930.

In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you complete the card enclosed with the invitation signifying whether or not you accept the invitation and return the same to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before April 26, 1930, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

Should you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you advise this office to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-C
Derwinski, Peter-1233 M

March 15, 1930

Mr. H. E. Schilling,
Unionville, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 8, inquiring as to whether or not Mrs. Anna Derwinski would be allowed to remain in Europe longer than the two weeks specified in the Act of March 2, 1929, authorizing the pilgrimages.

It has been held that except in unavoidable cases, there is no authority of law to extend the time specified in Section 2 (d) of the Act to cover this pilgrimage or to grant requests of individuals to leave the groups to which assigned.

Persons making the pilgrimage and desiring, for other than unavoidable reasons, an extension of time or variation in the itinerary can be granted such extensions and variations only upon the condition that all further expenses of the pilgrimage, including the return transportation to their homes, will be borne by the individuals concerned.

Definite information cannot be given at this time as to when Mrs. Derwinski will make the pilgrimage. A formal invitation setting forth the name of the vessel upon which reservation has been made for her and the date of sailing, together with detailed information relative thereto will be forwarded Mrs. Derwinski within a short time.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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RIOT AND CIVIL COMMOTION,
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TION, MARINE, REGISTERED MAIL,
MAIL PACKAGE, TOURIST BAGGAGE,
SPRINKLER LEAKAGE, USE AND OC-
UPANCY.

UNIONVILLE, MICH.

March 8/1930.

293
Quartermaster Genreal, A-C
War Department,
Washington, D.C.

Re:- Darwinske Peter, 1233M
Darwinski Mrs. Anna.

Dear Sir:-

Please note new address, 158 East Eldridge Ave., Flint, Mich.

The widow in question has made up her mind to visit the ceme-
taries in Europe where her son Peter was buried, and as mentioned in a
previous letter, she wants her husband to accompany her, as she is deaf,
and I have read and explained to her, your kind favor of January 21,
and everything is agreeable, her husband will go at his own expense,
but wants to know whether they can both stay in Europe after they get
there, Mr. Derwinski has his first papers, "Declaration of Intention"
but nothing more. (refers to U.S. Citizenship)

Am enclosing the blank in which she asks for reservations, to
which please address her at her new address, she is staying with her
daughter at present, in Flint, Michigan.

Please be sure to let her know whether she and her husband
may remain indefinitely in Europe after landing there, if not, they may
not go, and this is rather important, as far as she is concerned.

Thanking you in advance, I am

Respectfully Yours,

H.E. Schilling
H.E. Schilling,
Unionville, Mich.



QM 293 A-C
Derwinski, Peter

January 21, 1930.

Mr. H. E. Schilling,
Unionville, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 11, 1930, in behalf of Mrs. Anna Derwinski, Unionville, Michigan, relative to her desire to have her husband accompany her on the pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe, authorized by Congress in the Act of March 2, 1929.

I appreciate Mrs. Derwinski's desire to have her husband accompany her on this pilgrimage, but the above Act contains the stipulation that "No mother or widow shall be entitled, by reason of any payment made by or for her, to be furnished by the Government with transportation, accommodations, meals and other necessities pertaining thereto different in kind from those prescribed by the Secretary of War for the pilgrimage of the particular group". To carry out this provision of the law, reservations have been made on commercial liners and in hotels in Europe and these reservations take most of the cabin class accommodations aboard steamships and practically all available space in the hotels in Europe outside of Paris. Motor bus transportation has also been arranged to transport the women who make the pilgrimage from Paris to the cemeteries and return. In view of the limited accommodations which are available, it is impracticable to accommodate relatives or friends who desire to accompany women making the pilgrimage in the same staterooms aboard ship or in the same hotels outside of Paris, since the reservations already made will be required for the use of the women who are authorized to make the pilgrimage.

It is of course possible for relatives and friends to secure accommodations on the same steamship and to arrange for accommodations in Europe, and if Mr. Derwinski desires to do this, he should take the matter up direct with the steamship company when Mrs. Derwinski is notified of the ship upon which passage for her has been engaged. The War Department has no information on file as to the probable cost of the journey or whether reduced rates will be offered.

For the Acting The Quartermaster General,
Very truly yours,

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

Unionville, Michigan, Jan'y 11/1930. #

War Department,
Mr. John T. Harris,
Major Q.M. Corps, Assistant,
Office of the Quartermaster General,
Washington, D.C.

Refer to- Q.M. 293- A.C.

Gentlemen:-

This letter is written at the request of Mrs. Anna Derwinski, of Unionville, Michigan, R.F.D.#1, relative to making a pilgrimage to the cemetery in Europe, where her son Peter Derwinski is buried, she (Mrs. Anna Derwinski) however is deaf, and she wants to know whether her husband, (the father of the deceased) could accompany her to said cemeteries, and under what circumstances, as she is not able to travel alone, on account of being deaf.

Would the father have to stand his own expense, or would his expenses be paid like her own.

Your favorable reply by early mail, will be greatly appreciated, I am

Respectfully Yours,

H. E. Schilling

H. E. Schilling,
Unionville, Mich.

Encl.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON



IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Derwinski, Peter 1233 -M

January 31, 1930

*Change of address
noted on list
card*

Mrs. Anna Derwinski, NEW ADDRESS:-
~~RFD #1, Unionville,~~ 158 East Eldridge Ave,
~~Tuscola Co., Mich.~~ Flint, Michigan.

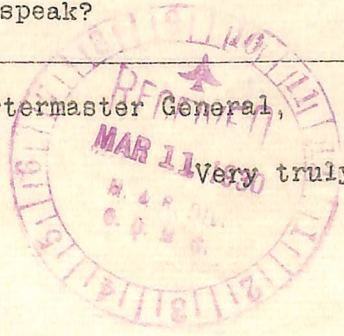
Dear Madam:

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) <u>yes</u> (No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <u>yes</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) <u>No</u> (No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <u>70</u> Health <u>OK</u> ^(deaf) except ^{hearing}
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No) Other language <u>Polish</u> (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,



Very truly yours,

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

Encl.
Act
Envelope.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Derwinski, Peter

1233

Sept. 26, 1929.

Mrs. Anna Derwinski,
RFD #1,
Unionville, Mich.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Pvt. 1/c, Peter Derwinski, Co. C, 148th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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

He was not a married man.

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

Yes.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

August 29, 1929.

Derwinski, Peter
1233

Mr. Jim Derwinski,
8203 Korman Ave., N.E.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 31, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

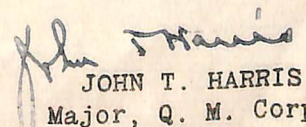
2. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 31 1929.

Derwinski, Peter

Mr. Jim Derwinski,
8208 Korman Ave., N.E.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

*mrs anna Derwinski (m)
RFD #1
Unionville, mich*

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Dear Sir:

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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 brother of the late Private, first class, Peter Derwinski, Co. C, 148th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Mourthe-et-Moselle, France.

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother 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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QM 293 A-M

October 14, 1930

Derwinski, Peter Pvt 1 CI 1233 M

Mrs. Anna Derwinski
158 East Eldridge Avenue
Flint, Michigan

Dear Madam:

A reply has not been received to office letter of recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages in 1931, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age Condition of health
4. Do you speak English?	
5. What other language do you speak?	

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 19, 1930.

Derwinski, Peter 1233 M

Mrs. Anna Derwinski,
158 E. Eldridge Ave.,
Flint, Mich.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank space following the question.

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

This letter is being sent to all mothers and widows who are not making the pilgrimage in 1930, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? _____
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Derwinski, Peter . 1232-M

June 18, 1930

Mrs. Anna Derwinski,
158 East Eldridge Ave.,
Flint, Michigan.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank space following the question.

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

This letter is being sent to all mothers and widows who are not making the pilgrimage in 1930, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? _____

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

QM 293 A-C

Derwinski, Peter 1233 M

June 11, 1930

Mrs. Anna Derwinski,
158 E. Eldridge Avenue,
Flint, Michigan.

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Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of June 4th declining the invitation to sail on the SS "America" August 27, 1930, to visit the grave of your son, the late Private, first class, Peter Derwinski, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

Your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the journey in 1931, and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages are being arranged for that year.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 398 A-C
Derwinski, Peter 1235 M

June 5, 1930.

Mrs. Anna Derwinski
158 E. Eldridge Ave.
Flint, Michigan

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of May 21, 1930, relative to your desire to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Peter Derwinski.

In this connection you are advised that, inasmuch as the reservations have all been made for the mothers and widows sailing on June 14, 1930, it is too late to make reservations for you to sail at that time. However, an invitation to sail on the SS "America", August 27, 1930 has been forwarded you.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Ans. Leon Hill

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C
Derwinski, Peter 1233 W

June 2, 1930.

Mrs. Anna Derwinski,
158 E. Eldridge Ave.,
Flint, Mich.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.
Regulation.

QM 293 A-C
Derwinski, Peter

May 13, 1930.

Mr. Vincent Derwinski,
3918 Industrial Ave.,
Flint, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 7, 1930, relative to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act approved March 2, 1929.

In this connection you are informed that the records of this office show that Mrs. Derwinski declined the invitation sent her to sail on the SS HARDING June 14, 1930, and under the circumstances no arrangements have been made for her to make the pilgrimage at that time. If Mrs. Derwinski wishes her name restored to the list of mothers and widows who are to make the sailing on the SS HARDING June 14th, she should so advise this office at the earliest possible date, so that arrangements may be made to accommodate her.

Under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, it will not be possible for Mr. Derwinski to accompany Mrs. Derwinski on the whole or any part of the pilgrimage at the expense of the Government. The Act provides for only the mothers and widows, and even though Mrs. Derwinski is willing to pay her return passage to this country, the War Department can make no arrangements whatsoever for Mr. Derwinski either at Government or personal expense.

If Mr. Derwinski wishes to make his own arrangements, it may be possible for him to secure accommodations on the same ship and possibly at the same hotels in New York and Paris, but in view of the limited accommodations he could not travel to the cemetery with Mrs. Derwinski and it is doubtful if he could secure accommodations in the same town near the cemetery. If he desires to accompany Mrs. Derwinski under these conditions, it is suggested that he write for further information to the United States Lines, 1027 Connecticut

Avenue, Washington, D. C., as soon as the date on which Mrs. Derwinski is to make the sailing has been definitely determined. The United States Lines is a commercial organization which owns and operates the vessels upon which reservations have been made for all mothers and widows making the pilgrimage, and they will no doubt be able to give Mr. Derwinski complete information as to cost of transportation.

You may assure Mrs. Derwinski that competent personnel will be provided to care for the comfort and needs of the mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York until their return thereto.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 298 A-C
Derwinski, Peter 1233-M

April 26, 1930

Mrs. Anna Derwinski,
158 E. Eldridge Ave.,
Flint, Mich.

Dear Madam:

The invitation which was extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe sailing from New York on the S. S. Harding on June 14, 1930 has been withdrawn due to the fact that no acceptance has been received from you.

If you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you communicate your wishes to this office.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Night Letter

Washington, D. C. April 21, 1930

MRS. ANNA DERWINSKI,
158 E. ELKRIDGE AVE.,
FLINT, MICH.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL JUNE FOURTEENTH NOT RECEIVED STOP

DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER

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QM 293 A-C ⁸ Derwinski, Peter



Night Letter

Washington, D. C. April 21, 1950

MRS. ANNA DERWINSKI,
158 E. ELKBRIDGE AVE.,
FLINT, MICH.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL JUNE FOURTEENTH NOT RECEIVED STOP
DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER 305GSM

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QM 295 A-C Derwinski, Peter



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Derwinski, Peter 1233-M

April 9, 1930

Mrs. Anna Derwinski,
158 E. Elkridge Ave.,
Flint, Mich.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "Harding" on June 14, 1930.

In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you complete the card enclosed with the invitation signifying whether or not you accept the invitation and return the same to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before April 26, 1930, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

Should you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you advise this office to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Derwinski, Peter 1233-M

March 25, 1930.

Mrs. Anna Derwinski,
158 East Eldridge Ave.,
Flint, Mich.

Dear Madam:

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.
Regulation.

Q1 293 A-C
Derwinski, Peter-1253 M

March 15, 1930

Mr. H. E. Schilling,
Unionville, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 8, inquiring as to whether or not Mrs. Anna Derwinski would be allowed to remain in Europe longer than the two weeks specified in the Act of March 2, 1929, authorizing the pilgrimages.

It has been held that except in unavoidable cases, there is no authority of law to extend the time specified in Section 2 (d) of the Act to cover this pilgrimage or to grant requests of individuals to leave the groups to which assigned.

Persons making the pilgrimage and desiring, for other than unavoidable reasons, an extension of time or variation in the itinerary can be granted such extensions and variations only upon the condition that all further expenses of the pilgrimage, including the return transportation to their homes, will be borne by the individuals concerned.

Definite information cannot be given at this time as to when Mrs. Derwinski will make the pilgrimage. A formal invitation setting forth the name of the vessel upon which reservation has been made for her and the date of sailing, together with detailed information relative thereto will be forwarded Mrs. Derwinski within a short 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

January 31, 1930

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Derwinski, Peter 1233 -M

Mrs. Anna Derwinski,
RFD #1, Unionville,
Tuscola Co., Mich.

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
Derwinski, Peter

January 21, 1930.

Mr. H. E. Schilling,
Unionville, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 11, 1930, in behalf of Mrs. Anna Derwinski, Unionville, Michigan, relative to her desire to have her husband accompany her on the pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe, authorized by Congress in the Act of March 2, 1929. *→ in Europe*

I appreciate Mrs. Derwinski's desire to have her husband accompany her on this pilgrimage, but the above Act contains the stipulation that "No mother or widow shall be entitled, by reason of any payment made by or for her, to be furnished by the Government with transportation, accommodations, meals and other necessities pertaining thereto different in kind from those prescribed by the Secretary of War for the pilgrimage of the particular group". To carry out this provision of the law, reservations have been made on commercial liners and in hotels in Europe and these reservations take most of the cabin class accommodations aboard steamships and practically all available space in the hotels in Europe outside of Paris. Motor bus transportation has also been arranged to transport the women who make the pilgrimage from Paris to the cemeteries and return. In view of the limited accommodations which are available, it is impracticable to accommodate relatives or friends who desire to accompany women making the pilgrimage in the same state-rooms aboard ship or in the same hotels outside of Paris, since the reservations already made will be required for the use of the women who are authorized to make the pilgrimage.

It is of course possible for relatives and friends to secure accommodations on the same steamship and to arrange for accommodations in Europe, and if Mr. Derwinski desires to do this, he should take the matter up direct with the steamship company when Mrs. Derwinski is notified of the ship upon which passage for her has been engaged. The War Department has no information on file as to the probable cost of the journey or whether reduced rates will be offered.

For the Acting The Quartermaster General,
Very truly yours,

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

G. M. G. M. DIV.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Derwinski, Peter

Sept. 26, 1929.

Mrs. Anna Derwinski,
RFD/1,
Unionville, Mich.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Pvt. 1/c, Peter Derwinski, Co. C, 148th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Derwinski, Peter
1233

August 29, 1929.

Mr. Jim Derwinski,
8203 Korman Ave., N.E.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated ^{May 31, 1929} making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 31 1929.

~~Derwinski, Peter~~

Mr. Jim Derwinski,
8208 Korman Ave., N.E.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

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 brother of the late Private, first class, Peter Derwinski, Co. C, 148th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother 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.

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

Date _____

SUBJECT: Information required for Cemeterial Division.

TO: The Adjutant General of the Army, World War Division, Washington, D.C.

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed:

- a. Surname Serwinski
- b. Christian name Peter
- c. Serial number 1529038
- d. Organization _____
- e. Rank _____
- f. Emergency Address _____
- g. Date of death 1-26-19
- h. Authority _____
- i. Cause of death _____
- j. Place of death France
- k. Place of burial Ave. Army Cem. Meves, Dept. Niort, Grave 671, Cross Eden. Sage.
- l. Date of discharge _____

BODY DESCRIPTION

- a. Date of enlistment _____
- b. Age at enlistment 25 1/2
- c. Color of hair Brown
- d. Height 5 ft 7 inches
- e. Weight* 157 1/2
- f. Fractures or breaks _____

DENTAL CHARTS

At Camp

By Local Board

8 ⑦ 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 ⑥ ⑦ 8
Upper right Upper left

8 ~~7~~ 6 5 4 3 2 1 ~~1~~ 1 2 3 4 5 ~~6~~ 8
Upper right Upper left

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
Lower right Lower left

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
Lower right Lower left

3 A.G.O.
DEC 2 1926
WORLD WAR DIV.

24/552/EYS

For The Quartermaster General:

Major General,
The Adjutant General

By ES

DEC - 7 1926

[Handwritten signature]
[Handwritten initials]

DERWINSKI, Peter Pvt. 1/cl.

February 15, 1924

Mr. William Derwinski,
Suwalka Redibos,
Pacsto Sergrój, Lithuania.

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

1-Incl.
Record card.

Assistant.

R. L.

O. Q. M. G.
CENTRAL MAIL ROOM.



FEB 15 1924

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #90681

*3/24/22 Estimated
for Concentration
St. Michael 1233
att 4/13/22*

1. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name DERWINSKI, Peter Ser. No. 1529038)
(b) Rank Pvt. 1/c Organization Co. C, 148th Infantry) TYP. HDP
(c) Date of death 1-26-19 of death W/A) CKR. SS

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

(a) Grave No. 671 Row --- Plot --- Sect. ---) TYP. HDP
(b) Emerg. Address Mr. Jim Derwinski, (Brother) 8203 Korman Ave., N.E. Cleveland, Ohio.

111. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; No Card) CKR. SS

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

(a) Name no card in file Date of receipt DOB 5/22/20
(b) Relationship ---
(c) Address ---
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? ---
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at ---
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U.S. ---
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U.S. ---

Examiner's Initials --- Date --- 1920

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

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

no correspondence

Examiner's Initials MM Date 5-22 1920

VI. G.R.S. Files - Correspondence shows as follows:

no info for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes MMS

Examiner's Initials MMS Date 5/24/20 1920

COUNTRY FRANCE

CEMETERY NO. ---

86

SHEET NO. ---

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G.R.S. Form #114
America April 1, 1920

FORM #114 A COMPLETED

Make Form #114

*Batch checked by SS
12-14-22*

137 12-14-22

Typed by _____ Checked by _____

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by-

(cable on _____ 1920
(letter on 8/14 1920

Par. #2 not to be returned (mch)

AP 12-6-20

IX. CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE

ACTION TAKEN

Desires body be

Body to be shipped to

1/4/21 Hoboken refused case to Europe for follow-up & necessary action

1-13-21

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: *6-7-20. form 120, not returned by relatives. EGD. Let. 7/24/20 to brother, Mr Jim Derwinski, 8203 Norman Ave., N.E., Cleveland, Ohio, requests him to communicate with dead soldier's father, to obtain his desire for final disposition of body. EGD. 7/29/20. 9/4/20. Letter to Europe states department has been unable to obtain desires for disposition from father. EGD. 9-15-20.*

Wm Derwinski

Mr. William Derwinski (Father

Suwalka Redibus

Alitons Als Priskas

Paczta Sejrejez

Lithuania

FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN - BODY

TO REMAIN IN EUROPE.

JAN 4 1921

1-77-21 Father states father desires body permanently buried in France

a.c. 12-2-21



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Dec. 12, 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name DERWINSKI, Peter
 2. No. 1529038
 3. Rank vt 1/cl
 4. Org. Co. C 148th Inf.
 5. D.D. 1-26-1919
 6. C.D. D.O.W. ria

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 670 Sec. _____
 8. Plot _____ Row _____
 9. _____

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

18. Cemetery Amer.Mil.
 20. Dept. or County Nievre
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. _____
 23. Disinterred (Date) Dec. 12, 1921
 24. Inscription on grave marker:

19. Commune or town Mesves
 21. Country France
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 By E G Scott

Name DERWINSKI, Peter
 Rank Pvt. 1 cl.

Serial No. 1529038
 Organization Co. C. 148 Inf.

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

R. W. Saylor
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant
R W Saylor

PREPARATION

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

No effects found, form 16a accomplished.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial In uniform and wooden box.

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Dec. 12, 1921 By E G Scott

31. Casket sealed by E G Scott
 Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

E G Scott
 MMB **E G Scott**

AUDITED BY
 8/12/22
 8/12/22

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C - 23984

32. Designation of body:

Name Peter DERWINSKI Serial No. 1529038

Rank Pvt 1/c1 Organization Co. C 148th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

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

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Dec. 12, 1921 By E G Scott

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 *[Signature]*

36. Remarks R L Fain, Capt. QMC

Inscription on disc on body reads PETER DERWINSKI, USA. Serial No. on Disc corroded.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Dec. 12, 1921

To point of Concentration Movers, Nivvre. (Name)
Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer Capt. QMC

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

By G.R.S. Representative _____

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 22 DEC 1921

To Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel (1233) Thiaucourt M et M (Name)
Convoyer R L Hall Signature Shipping Officer *[Signature]*

40. Received: Date 26 DEC 1921

G.R.S. Representative J B Daniel, Capt. 2mc

41. Reinterred: June 24, 1922. (Date)

42. Grave No. 16 Section _____

43. ~~217~~ Block A. Row 20

G.R.S. Representative *[Signature]*
A. E. Dewey, 1st Lt. QMC.

Place **Mogves, Nièvre**

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date **Dec. 12, 1921**

1. REMAINS OF **DERWINSKI, Peter** SERIAL NUMBER **1529038**
 RANK **Pvt. 1 cl.** ORGANIZATION **Co. C. 149 Inf.**

2. Disinterred (date) **Dec. 12, 1921** From (give complete location): **Gr. 670**
Amer. Com. No. 86 Mogves, Nièvre

By : Group **5** Unit **4**

3. Reburied (date) **June 24, 1922.** In (give complete location) **Gr. 16, Bk. A, Row 20.**

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

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :
In uniform and wooden box. Body hadley decomposed, features unrecognisable.

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

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

No effects found

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) **Unable to determine**

1-2-14-15-M.B.D.

(b) Weight (estimated) **do**

(c) Hair—Color **None visible.**

Quantity **do**

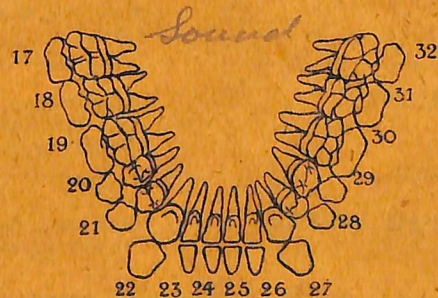
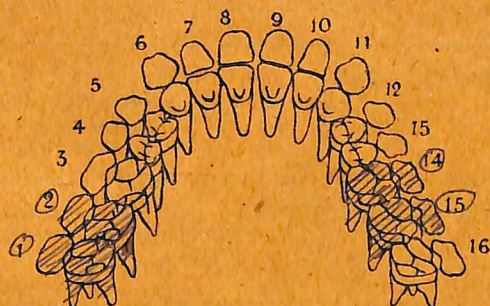
Characteristics

(d) Hair on face—Color **None**

Location **do**

Quantity **do**

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) **None**



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

None

7. Disinterment supervised by

E G Scott
E G Scott RWS

Approved :

R L Fain
R L Fain, Capt. QMC, jek

8. Reburial supervised by

H L Kramer
H.L. Kramer

Approved






A E Dewey
A.E. Dewey, 1st Lt. QMC

(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.

January 4th, 1921.

File No. 293.8 (DERWINSKI, Peter)

MEMORANDUM FOR: Cemeterial Division, O.C.M.G., Overseas Project,
Sub-Section, Washington, D. C.SUBJECT: Return of Records.
Transmittal Memorandum Number H-576

1. Returned herewith are records pertaining to the late Private 1/c, Peter Derwinski, Serial Number 1529038, Company C., 148th Infantry, whose nearest of kin resides in a foreign country. This case has been referred to the Chief, American Graves Registration Service in Europe for follow up. It is recommended that the records be held in your office pending further advice from Europe as to the final disposition of the remains.

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,
Officer in Charge.

BY:

F. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

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Records 1-7-21 C.M.

July 26, 1920.

File No: 293.8 Reg. Sec. Gen. Div.
(DERWINSKI, Peter)

Mr. Jim Derwinski,
8203 Korman Ave. N.E.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the final disposition of the remains of your late brother, Private Peter Derwinski, Company C., 148th Infantry, now buried in France, this office will greatly appreciate your communicating with the deceased soldier's father in Lithuania and ascertaining from him whether he desires the body of his late son to remain buried in France, or be brought to the United States and delivered to you, or buried in Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia, or that it be shipped to Lithuania and delivered to him for reburial.

You are also requested to inform him that should he desire the body delivered to him in Lithuania, such transfer will be subject to the health regulations and sanitation laws of France and Lithuania, and any intervening countries through which the body may have to pass en route, and should the operation of such instrumentalities prevent the removal of the body in the manner desired, it will remain in the care and custody of the American Graves Registration Service in Europe and will be cared for under the supervision of this Government. This Government bears all expense in connection with the transfer of the body.

Envelope for reply is enclosed herewith.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PINNOM,
Major, U. S. Army,
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

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OSP-23
Cor. Stat. Dept.
1 encl.

E. V. S. By:

OPMP
C. B. MERRIS,
1st Lieut., Q. M. Corps.

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JUL 26 1920
OVERSEAS PFC
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

Noted on form 115, 7/29/20. ELS.

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C. C.

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

C-150926

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

Derwinski, Peter - Pvt. 1st86-1486-25-20

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

1529038C. C. 148th Inf.

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE July 2, 1920NAME OF BENEFICIARY Mr. William DerwinskiRELATIONSHIP FatherSuwalka Redibos,
Alitous Abskracios,Address: Paczo, Sejrejej, Lithuania.

JUN 7 1920

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

/nm

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

Rush Answer

TO: Mr. Jim Derwinski, 8203 Korman Ave., N.E., Cleveland, Ohio

Correct

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. 1/c Peter Derwinski.

The records of this office show that you have ~~requested that his~~

~~expressed~~ not expressed your desires as to the return of the body.

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow			
Soldier's Children	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
	3.		
Father	<i>Mr. William Derwinski, Suwalka, Pédibois altona, abstrucios</i>		
Mother	<i>Paczko, Sijreje, Lithuania.</i>		
Brothers	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
Sisters			
Date	Signature		

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

Address Relationship

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

(OVER)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT

1. This paper **MUST** be signed by the person who is the **NEXT** of kin in the order shown in the square on other side of this sheet.
2. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
3. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the legally appointed guardian of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.
4. If **YOU** are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
5. If **YOU** are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper **AT ONCE** and mail to this office.
6. You are requested to return this paper **AT ONCE** in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
7. Use the enclosed envelope - pay no postage.

Feb. 23, 1921.

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mrs. Levis, Information Control Branch.

CASE OF PVT. PETER DERWINSKI, 1529038,
Co. C, 148th Inf.,
Cem. #86. 148

Letter from Rethers states that father desires
body permanently interred in National Cemetery in France.

THOS. G. HANSON, JR.,
1st Lieut., Q. M. C.

Copy to Miss Gottschalk,
Copy for Form 115.

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, Q.M.C., IN EUROPE
8, AVENUE D'ENNA

Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. O. M. G.
File # 293.8
90681

File No. 293.9 Disp.Cem.#86.

PARIS 27 Jan., 1921.

From: Chief.

To: Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D.C.
(Cemeterial Division)

Subject: Disposition of remains of Pvt. Peter Derwinski, No. 1529038, Co.C, 148th Inf., Cem.#86, Mesves, Nievre, France.

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1. With reference to your letter dated Sept. 4, 1920, File No. 86 Reg.Sec.Cem.Div.) to this office, requesting that we communicate with the next of kin of Private Peter Derwinski, regarding their wishes as to the disposition of the body, this is to advise you that reply has been received from Mr. William Derwinski, father of the deceased, indicating that he desires the remains of his son left permanently buried in a National Cemetery in France.

2. There is enclosed herewith for your records copy of the letter from this Service to Mr. Derwinski, advising him that his wishes are a matter of record and will be complied with.

✓ 1 enc.
JMS/BB
jms

H. F. Rethers
H.F. RETHERS,
Colonel, Q.M.C.

Derwinski, Peter

*Noted on
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a.g. 2-23-21*

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GENERAL DIVISION

FEB 12 1921

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File No. 223, 9 Disp. Com. #86. PARIS 27 Jan., 1921.

From: Chief.
To: Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D.C.
(Cometarial Division)

Subject: Disposition of remains of Pvt. Peter Derwinski, No. 152908, Co. C, 148th Inf., Com. #86, Meves, Mevre, France.

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I. With reference to your letter dated Sept. 4, 1920, File No. 86 Reg. Sec. Com. Div. (to this office, requesting that we communicate with the next of kin of Private Peter Derwinski regarding their wishes as to the disposition of the body, this is to advise you that reply has been received from Mr. William Derwinski, father of the deceased, indicating that he desires the remains of his son left permanently buried in a National Cemetery in France.

2. There is enclosed herewith for your records copy of the letter from this Service to Mr. Derwinski, advising him that his wishes are a matter of record and will be complied with.

H. F. FETHERS
Colonel, A.M.C.

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File No. 235.2 Disp. Com. #86.

Jan. 27, 1921.

Mr. William Derwinski,
Suwalku Redibos,
Pacsto Sergrejej,
Lithuania.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter, dated January 5th, 1921, requesting that the remains of your son, Pvt. Peter Derwinski, be permanently interred in a field of honor in France, has been received.

We are pleased to inform you that your wishes have been made of record and will be complied with. The Field of Honor to which your son will probably be transferred is located at Belleau Wood, Aisne, France. However, this Service has not determined upon its plans for concentrations and this information is only tentative.

Due to the large number of exhumations this Service is making, it is not practicable at this time to give an estimate as to when the body will be removed, but this information will be furnished at a later date.

Yours sincerely,

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Chas. A. Morrow,
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Jan. 27, 1921.

File No. 233.9 Misc. Com. 488.

Mr. William Derwinski,
Sawicki Rodzina,
Kosciuszki Street,
Lithuania.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter, dated January 25th, 1921, requesting that the remains of your son, Pvt. Peter Derwinski, be permanently interred in a field of honor in France, has been received.

We are pleased to inform you that your wishes have been made of record and will be complied with. The field of honor to which your son will probably be transferred is located at Belleau Wood, France. However, this Service has not determined upon the plans for concentrations and the information is only tentative.

Due to the large number of examinations this Service is making, it is not practicable at this time to give an estimate as to when the body will be removed, but this information will be furnished at a later date.

Yours sincerely,

Chas. A. Morrow,
Captain, G.M.C.

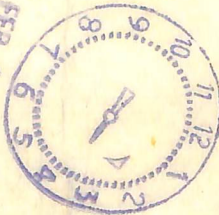
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January 4th, 1921.

File No. 293.6 (DERWINSKI, Peter)

FROM: The Graves Registration Service, Hoboken, New Jersey.

TO: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Paris, France.

SUBJECT: Data relating to deceased soldier whose nearest of kin resides in a foreign country.

1. Herewith is all available information concerning the late Private 1/c Peter Derwinski, Serial Number 1529038, Company C., 148th Infantry.
2. The records of this office indicate that Mr. William Derwinski, Suwalki Nadibon, Alitous Abskricios, Pasato, Sejejeje, Lithuania.
3. Papers are forwarded for such information in the matter of final disposition of the remains that you may deem proper.

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A. E. SHANNON
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,
Officer in Charge.

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January 4th, 1921.

File No. 8886 (DUNWIKKI, Peter)

FROM: The Groves Registration Service, Hoboken, New Jersey.

TO: Chief, American Groves Registration Service, Paris, France.

SUBJECT: Data relating to deceased soldier whose nearest of kin resides in a foreign country.

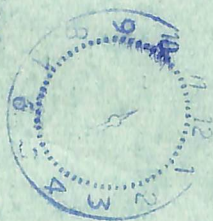
1. Herewith is all available information concerning the late Peter Dunwiski, Serial Number 1520058, Company C, 15th Infantry.
2. The records of this office indicate that Mr. William Dunwiski, formerly Groves, 111th Avenue, Hoboken, New Jersey, is the father of the late soldier.
3. Reports are forwarded for such information in the matter of final disposition of the remains that you may deem proper.

A. S. SHERMAN
 Captain, Postmaster Corps,
 Office in Charge.

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LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Derwinaki / *1529038* / *Peter*
(Surname) (Number) (First Name and Initials)

Pvt. / *C. C.* / *44th*
(Rank) (Organization)

PLACE OF DEATH: *Base 1400 50*

CAUSE OF DEATH: *U.S.W.*

DATE OF BURIAL: *Jan 27 1919*

PLACE OF BURIAL: *Pa. Army Cemetery*

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

Mass
Dept. Mine
GRAVE NUMBER: *671*

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

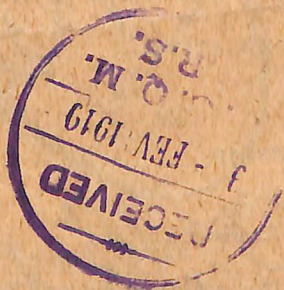
RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

H. H. Berger Spt.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

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

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