

# The Sick and the Dead



**VETERANS ADMINISTRATION  
CLAIM FILES  
AND WORLD WAR I  
BURIAL FILES**

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Why we have these records:

- Federal repository for 20<sup>th</sup> century military and civilian textual personnel records
- Used to reconstruct service for veterans whose records were destroyed in the 1973 fire

# **Veterans Administration Claim Files**

- Also known as Deceased Veterans COmpensation Files, XC Files
- Record Group 15, Records of the Department of Veterans Affairs
- Cases closed by the VA from 1917-1948, which were transferred to a Federal Records Center in 1952 and 1955
- National Archives began taking custody in 2013

# **A Brief History**

- Revolutionary War era
- 1832 — Bureau of Pensions created
- 1914 — War Risk Insurance Act became law
- 1921 — Veterans Bureau created
- 1930 — Veterans Administration created
- 1989 — Department of Veterans Affairs

# WWI-era benefits — Pvt. Michael Fitzpatrick

K – Life Insurance

A – Adjusted Compensation  
(Bonus)

T – War Risk Insurance

R – Rehabilitation

CT – WWI certificate (issued with bonus)

No I – permanent disability

The image shows two overlapping U.S. Veterans Bureau index cards. The top card is partially obscured by the bottom card. Both cards are Form 7292, Rev. Sept., 1925, and are labeled 'INDEX CARD' and 'GPO 2-12018'. The bottom card contains the following information:

FITZPATRICK MICHAEL ANTHONY		C	498 938		
Pvt Co H 113th Inf		K	564 736		
513 Main St. E. Orange, N.J.		A	1 465 326		
Sa	1 275 890	Died	T	913 731	
Born	9/9/93		R	157 030	
Enl	4/6/17	Dis	10/9/20	Cl.	320 937
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U. S. VETERANS BUREAU  
MAIL AND RECEIPTS  
Form 7292—Rev. Sept., 1925

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The C Number:

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INDEX CARD

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# What Can You Find in These Records?

## Insurance Application

- Full name of individual
- Birthdate
- Beneficiaries
- Date(s) of enlistment
- Address of residence

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT  
BUREAU OF WAR RISK INSURANCE  
Division of  
Military and Naval Insurance  
Form 2 A

### APPLICATION FOR INSURANCE

2126817

My full name is John Philip Sousa  
(Given) (Middle) (Last name)

Home address P Port Washington, Long Island, N.Y.  
(No. and street or rural route) (City, town, or post office) (State)

Date of birth November 6, 1854 Age 63  
(Month) (Year) (Number birthday)

Date of last enlistment or entry into active service Sept 13, 1917  
(Give month, day, and year)

I hereby apply for insurance in the sum of \$ 10,000 payable as provided in the Act of Congress approved October 6, 1917, to myself during permanent total disability and from and after my death to the following persons in the following amounts:

RELATIONSHIP TO ME	NAME OF BENEFICIARY <small>(Given) (Middle) (Last name)</small>	POST OFFICE ADDRESS <small>(a) No. and street or rural route (b) City, town, or post office and State</small>	AMOUNT OF INSURANCE FOR EACH BENEFICIARY <small>(In multiples of \$500 only)</small>
Wife	<u>Sousa Jane Van Middleworth</u>	(a) <u>Port Washington, L. I., N. Y.</u> (b) <u>Same</u>	<u>4,000</u>
Son	<u>John Philip Sousa, Jr.</u>	(a) <u>Same</u> (b) <u>Same</u>	<u>2,000</u>
Daughter	<u>Jane Priscilla Sousa</u>	(a) <u>Same</u> (b) <u>Same</u>	<u>2,000</u>
Daughter	<u>Helen Sousa Abert</u> <small>(Married)</small>	(a) <u>Same</u> (b) <u>Same</u>	<u>2,000</u>

142 CTF WRITTEN

In case any beneficiary die or become disqualified after becoming entitled to an installment, the remaining installments are to be paid to such person or persons within the permitted class of beneficiaries as may be designated in my last will and testament, or in the absence of such

To whom do you wish policy sent? (Name) John Philip Sousa  
(Address) Port Washington, Long Island, N.Y.

xxxxxx USNTS Great Lakes, Ill  
Signed at (on board) the 1st day of May, 1918

Witnessed by: W. H. Hatan Pay Clerk USN  
 Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 Commanding \_\_\_\_\_

Sign here: John Philip Sousa  
(Rank or rating.) Lieut U.S.N.B.F. (Organization.)

disability takes effect at once, but is payable in case of death to the designated beneficiary.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT  
BUREAU OF WAR RISK INSURANCE  
DIVISION OF MILITARY AND NAVAL RESERVES

TRANSCRIPT Form 2  
APPLICATION FOR INSURANCE

2-412-243

My full name is Quentin Roosevelt

Home address Oyster Bay, Long Island, N.Y.  
(No. and street or rural route) (City, town, or post office) (State)

Date of birth Nov. 19th, 1897 Age 20  
(Month) (Day) (Year) (Nearest birthday)

Present rank 1st Lt. Present station A.E.F. Date of enlistment Appointed June 28th, 1917.  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

RELATIONSHIP	NAME OF BENEFICIARY	POST OFFICE ADDRESS (a) No. and street or rural route (b) City, town, or post office and state	AMOUNT OF INSURANCE FOR EACH BENEFICIARY (In multiples of \$50 only)
Brother	Theodore Roosevelt	(a) Oyster Bay, (b) New York.	\$ 5,000
Sister	Mrs. Ethel Derby	(a) Oyster Bay, (b) New York.	5,000
		(a) _____ (b) _____	
		(a) _____ (b) _____	
		(a) _____ (b) _____	

In case any beneficiary die or become disqualified after becoming entitled to an installment but before receiving all installments, the remaining installments are to be paid to such person or persons within the permitted class of beneficiaries as would under the laws of my place of residence be entitled to my personal property in case of intestacy.

I authorize the necessary monthly deduction from my pay, or if insufficient, from any deposit with the United States, in payment of the premiums as they become due, unless they be otherwise paid.

If this application is either for more than \$4,000 insurance or is signed on or after February 12, 1918, I offer it and it is to be deemed made as of the date of signature.

If this application is for less than \$4,500 insurance and in favor of wife, child, or widowed mother and is signed before February 12, 1918, I offer it and it is to be deemed made as of February 12, 1918.

If this application is for less than \$4,500 and in favor of some person or persons other than wife, child, or widowed mother and is signed before February 12, 1918, I offer it and it is to be deemed made as of \_\_\_\_\_

Date of signature ~~February 12, 1918~~ Strike out whichever is not wanted.

NOTE.—If in the last paragraph you strike out "Date of Signature" leaving "February 12, 1918" the law gives you \$25 a month for life in case of permanent total disablement occurring prior to such date and the same monthly amount to your wife, child, or widowed mother, but nothing to anyone else in case of your death before such date, and the insurance for the designated beneficiary other than wife, child, or widowed mother is effective only if you die on or before February 12, 1918.

If you strike out "February 12, 1918," leaving "Date of Signature," a smaller insurance both against death and disability takes effect at once, but is payable in case of death to the designated beneficiary.

Signed at MY STATION, A.E.F.

the 2nd day of Jan., 1918

Witnessed by \_\_\_\_\_ (Sign here) Quentin Roosevelt

T. R. Walker Duke 1st Lt. Aviation Sect., A.E.F.

C-12-894 8/24/18 a true copy 6 Hackett. k1



# What Can You Find in These Records?

## Affidavit of Beneficiary

- Beneficiary's full name
- Beneficiary's birthdate
- List of relatives
- Circumstances of death
- Addresses of residences

DIVISION OF MILITARY AND NAVAL INSURANCE  
Form 514

FILE NO. G-12894  
(Insurance-Contract)

TREASURY DEPARTMENT  
BUREAU OF WAR RISK INSURANCE

August 28, 1918.

**AFFIDAVIT OF BENEFICIARY**

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STATE OF France )  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ ) ss:

I, Theodore Roosevelt St. Col. Inf. USA, on oath depose and say that I was born on the  
13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1887, and reside at 165 E 74<sup>th</sup> St  
(Month.) (Year.) (No.) (Street.)  
New York City (City or town.) New York (State.)  
old Quentin Roosevelt; that I am the brother  
(Name of deceased.) (Relationship to the deceased.)  
as the beneficiary of insurance granted by the United States to the said St. Quentin  
Roosevelt (Name of deceased.) That I understand the said St. Quentin Roosevelt  
(Name of deceased.) died at near Dormans in France, on the 14<sup>th</sup>  
(City or town.) (State or country.) day of July, 1918, as a result of being killed in action

The only relatives of said St. Quentin Roosevelt within the permitted  
(Name of deceased.) class of spouse, child, grandchild, parent, brother, and sister, of whom I have any knowledge are as follows:

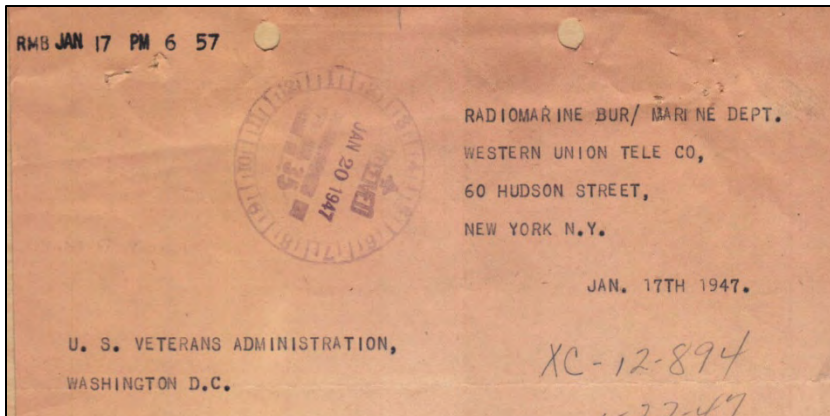
<u>Col Theodore Roosevelt</u>	<u>brother</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>Oyster Bay L. I. N. Y</u>
<u>Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt</u>	<u>brother</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>"</u>
<u>Mr. Nicholas Longworth</u>	<u>sister</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>"</u>
<u>Mrs. Richard Berby</u>	<u>sister</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>"</u>
<u>Capt Kermit Roosevelt T.A.</u>	<u>brother</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>"</u>
<u>Capt Archibald J. Roosevelt</u>	<u>brother</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>"</u>

Theodore Roosevelt St. Col. Inf. USA  
(Beneficiary's signature in full.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1918

# What Can You Find in These Records?

## Correspondence

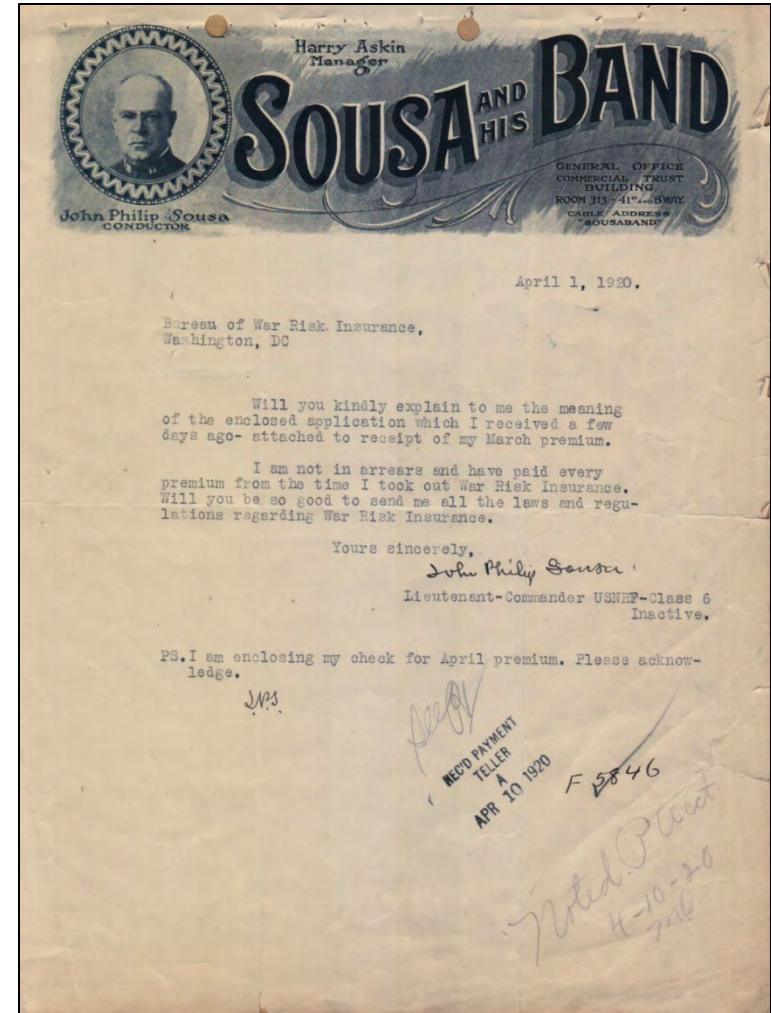


CAN YOU ADVISE WHERE THE BURIAL OF  
LT. OR. CAPTAIN QUENTIN ROOSEVELT IS IN FRANCE. (WORLD WAR NO. 1.)

ALSO, FOR PERSONAL INFORMATION, WHEN  
AND HOW HE WAS KILLED IN ACTION. HIS BIRTH PLACE AND DATE, AND,  
ALSO A PHOTOGRAPH, AND IF HE WAS A TALL MAN. OR WHERE I MAY  
OBTAIN THIS INFORMATION. ALSO IF HE WAS A BACHELOR.  
THANKING YOU, I REMAIN,

RESPECTFULLY,

DANIEL MAGANZA.





# What Can You Find in These Records?

If died in service:  
Cause of death

non 8/21/18

A. C. O. Aug. 5, 1918  
Received Aug. 7, 1918

Name: Roosevelt, Quentin

Rank: 1st Lt.

Organization: A.S.S.R.C.

12894  
15663

Date of Death: No date given

Cause of Death: Aerial combat

Emergency Address:

For original see: 26440

George H. Hicks  
Adjutant General.

If died later:  
Death Certificate

3622 A

This is to Certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a certificate of death filed in the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Pennsylvania Department of Health, as directed by Act of the General Assembly.

Mar. 28. 1932.  
(Date)

Caroline Jones  
Chief, Bureau of Vital Statistics

Form 1175-21

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

File No. 211333  
Registered No. 385

Form 1175-5

**CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

1. PLACE OF DEATH  
County of Washington Registration District No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Township of \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Registration District No. 25-17-01  
City of Reading

2. FULL NAME Quentin Phillip Jones  
(a) Residence, No. \_\_\_\_\_ (Usual Place of Abode) \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_  
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds. How long in U. S., if of foreign birth? \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX M. 4. COLOR OR RACE \_\_\_\_\_ 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (write the word) Married

6. DATE OF DEATH 3-6-1932  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

7. If married, widowed, or divorced, HUSBAND of Caroline M. Jones

8. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

9. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day and year) Nov. 6. 1894  
that I last saw h. \_\_\_\_\_ alive on \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_  
and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 12:30 a. m.

10. AGE Years \_\_\_\_\_ Months \_\_\_\_\_ Days \_\_\_\_\_ IF LESS than 1 day \_\_\_\_\_ hrs. \_\_\_\_\_ min.

11. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED Band Master  
(a) Trade, profession or particular kind of work  
(b) General nature of industry, business or establishment in which employed (or employer)  
(c) Name of employer

12. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) Reading, Pa.  
(State or Country)

13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (city or town) \_\_\_\_\_  
(State or Country)

14. Informant (Address) Caroline M. Jones

15. Filed 3-6-1932 by C. H. Farrell Registrar

16. What test confirmed diagnosis? \_\_\_\_\_ (Signed) Wm. J. C. Sumner M.D.  
3-16-32 (Acc. by) Caroline M. Jones

\* State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or in Deaths from Violent Causes, state (1) MEANS AND NATURE OF INJURY, and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL. (See reverse side for additional space.)

17. PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION OR REMOVAL Washington, D.C. DATE OF BURIAL 3-6-1932

18. UNDERTAKER Wicks & Sumner Inc. ADDRESS Reading, Pa.

(OVER)

# What Can You Find in These Records?

## Foreign documents

БЮРО ВЕТЕРАНОВ СОЕДИНЕННЫХ ШТАТОВ ОТДЕЛ ПРЕТЕНЗИЙ ФОРМА № 527.  
 УТВЕРЖДЕНО В ОКТЯБРЕ 1925 ГОДА. К №. 48320.

Имя претендующего Анна Максимилианна  
 а/ время рождения 2 февраля 1891 г.  
 Имя второго претендующего .....  
 а/ время рождения .....

3/ Имя лица искаченного или убитого на службе Фредерик Максимилиан  
 4/ Время и место его рождения Борисово, С. 890-й В. С. Полковник 4-й Армии  
 5/ Степень его родства с претендующим сестра  
 6/ Его полет .....  
 7/ Его положение работница

UNITED STATES VETERANS BUREAU  
 Claims Division  
 Form 527, Rev. Oct. 1925  
 File No C-48320

APPLICATION OF WIDOW, CHILD, or/and DEPENDENT PARENT.

I./Claimant's full name Anna Maximilianna /a/ Date of birth 2 February 1891  
 2./Second Claimant's name...../a/Date of birth.....  
 3./Name of person injured or killed in service Fred Maximilian  
 4./Date and place of his birth Nov 1890, near Volhynia, Ukraine, Russian Empire  
 5./His relationship to Claimant(s) Wife 6./His color.....  
 7./His height 1.60m

8/ Его звание перед вступлением на службу рабочий  
 а/ недельный заработок 20 рублей  
 9/ Время и место его последнего поступления на службу С. 890-й В. С.  
 10/ Род службы. Служил в армии, флоте..... Морской корпус..... Береговой охране..... Другой отрасли  
 11/ Его чин или служебное положение во времени его последнего увольнения Рабочий  
 12/ Рота и полк или организация, судно или место где он служил 388-й  
 13/ Описать перенесенное повреждение или болезнь случившиеся на службе или причину смерти или инвалидность, Стал инвалидом при расстреле в плену  
 14/ Произошла ли смерть: а/ во время службы да  
 б/ если да, указать суммы Ваших расходов на перевозку докой и похорон его тела, если это было совершено .....  
 в/ указать сумму расходов на похороны, полученную от Армии или флоте, если получали .....  
 15/ Время увольнения со службы .....  
 время смерти 15/12 1918 года  
 16/ Время когда и место где повреждение или болезнь привели к инвалидности или смерти были получены впервые Февраль 1919 1918 года  
 17/ Природа и размер инвалидности от таковой  
 18/ Звание и недельный заработок во времени увольнения.  
 19/ Если инвалидность или смерть произошла после увольнения или ухода со службы, указать: а/ какая претензия о вознаграждении была представлена к Бюро нетрудоспособных или похорон и если была, то какой номер она обозначен на его претензии.

9./Date and place he last entered the service at the beginning with the 388-й В. С. в Нов-Йорке  
 10./Branch of service he served in: Army.....Navy.....  
 Marine Corps.....Coast Guard.....  
 Other branch.....  
 11./His rank or rating at time of last discharge.....  
 12./Company and regiment or organization, vessel, or station in or on which he was serving.....  
 13./Describe injury suffered or disease contracted in the service causing death or disability.....  
 14./Did death result (a) while in the service.....  
 (b) If so, state amount, if any, expended by you for the return home and burial of the body.....  
 (c) State amount of burial expense, if any, received from Army or Navy.....  
 15./Date of discharge from the service.....  
 Date of death.....  
 16./Date when and place where injury or disease causing disability or death was first received.....  
 17./Nature and extent of disability resulting therefrom.....  
 18./Occupation and weekly wages since discharge.....  
 19./If disability or death occurred after discharge or resignation from the service, state: (a) Whether claim for compensation was ever filed in this Bureau by the disabled or deceased, and if so, the file number assigned his claim.....  
 (b) Whether he obtained a certificate from the director of the Bureau to the effect that at the time of his discharge or resignation he was suffering from injury likely to result in disability or death, and if so, the number of the certificate of disability.....  
 (c) Whether he ever applied for War Risk Insurance, and if so, the number of the certificate of insurance issued him.....  
 20./Was he married or single.....If married, how many times.....If divorced, how many times.....



# What Can You Find in These Records?

## Miscellaneous Interesting Items

- Photographs
- Receipts
- Medical records
- Wills
- Marriage certificates
- Baptismal records
- Affidavits



Memo for  
File  
501 executed  
and signed by  
late Stewart  
Kornum, for  
James H. Kornum  
Cousin  
Stammus  
12/31/19

U. No. 2-820-515  
FORM NO. 480  
Standard Arkansas Form Co. "The State"

### MARRIAGE LICENSE

STATE OF ARKANSAS  
COUNTY OF ARKANSAS

TO ANY PERSON AUTHORIZED BY LAW  
TO SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGE GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to solemnize the rite and publish the laws of  
Arkansas between: M. Joseph Watson Reynolds  
of DeWitt in the County of Arkansas and  
State of Arkansas aged 24 years  
and Miss Francis Wells Morrow  
of DeWitt in the County of Arkansas and  
State of Arkansas aged 23 years  
avowing to live, and do you officially sign and return this License,  
to the parties herein named.

Witness my hand and official seal this  
20th day of March 1926

W. S. Quarterman RECEIVED  
COUNTY CLERK


### CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

State of Arkansas,  
County of Arkansas, I, R. R. Moore  
do hereby certify that on the 19th day of March 1926  
I did duly and according to law as commanded in the foregoing License solemnize  
the rite and publish the laws of Arkansas between the parties therein named.  
Witness my hand this 20th day of March 1926  
My Commission expires recorded in Records Office.  
Prairie County Ark. Book & Page 1 | Rev. R. R. Moore, of M. O.  
Ch. South

NOTE: This License with the Certificate duly recorded and officially signed, must be returned to the office where it is  
issued within thirty days from the date of License under penalty of forfeiture of the bond.



# What Can You Find in These Records? Errors


  
*Comp Thomas*  
*9 26*  
 San Antonio Texas  
 Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> 1918  
 H  
 Bureau of War Risk Insurance,  
 Washington, D.C.  
 Dup. C. 33713  
 Have just received a letter from my  
 son, Captain Phil J. Keizer, Surgeon  
 30<sup>th</sup> Engineers, dated August 29<sup>th</sup> and  
 hasten to notify you.  
 The official notice from Harris, acting the  
 adjutant general, stating that Captain Phil  
 Keizer Engineers had been killed in action  
 July 13, was certainly a mistake, according  
 to above mentioned letter. Any informa-  
 tion you can give me would be very  
 welcome.  
 Respectfully,  
 Mrs. Mabel Kaiser  
 517 Thompson Place  
 San Antonio  
 Texas

TREASURY DEPARTMENT  
Bureau of War Risk Insurance  
Disallowance Memorandum.

Name Keizer, Phil. J.

Captain Rank Med. Det. 30th Engr. Organization

Reason Insurance Disability

Reason Reported dead in error.

Compensation: Disallowed Death

Date 11/4/18.

Turner, Examiner

# **1955 transfer—World War I plus:**

- Civil War
- “Indian Wars”
- Spanish-American War
- Philippine Insurrection
- China Relief Expedition
- and, of course, the “regulars”

# Civil War Pension Index

(2-2-3)

**NAME OF SOLDIER:** Eugene John B.

**NAME OF DEPENDENT:** Widow: Eugene Adelle  
Minor:

**SERVICE:** A 73. U.S. Inf.

DATE OF FILING.	CLASS.	APPLICATION NO.	CERTIFICATE NO.	STATE FROM WHICH FILED.
1892 Oct. 8	Invalid, Widow, Minor,	561424	484,048	La.

**ATTORNEY:**

**REMARKS:** XC 2670 575

<http://search.ancestryinstitution.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=4654>



# Records of 19<sup>th</sup> century service

WC 494040  
MS  
541.424

S. (3-128 a.)  
ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890.

## WIDOW'S PENSION.

Claimant Adèle Eugene Soldier John R. Eugene  
 P. O. Shreveport, La. New Orleans Rank Private 1st Class Co. E. I.  
 County Calcasieu, State Louisiana Regiment 43rd U.S. Inf

Rate, \$5 per month, commencing Sept 8, 1892, and \$2 per month additional for each child, as follows:  
August 2, 1877 Date

AS

<u>Baptiste</u>	Born <u>August 2, 1877</u>	Sixteen <u>August 1, 1893</u>	Commencing <u>October 8, 1892</u>
<u>Henry Pierre</u>	Born <u>Sept 26, 1879</u>	Sixteen <u>Sept 25, 1895</u>	Commencing <u>October 8, 1892</u>
<u>Leanne</u>	Born <u>Sept 21, 1881</u>	Sixteen <u>Sept 20, 1897</u>	Commencing <u>October 8, 1892</u>
<u>Antonia</u>	Born <u>Oct 25, 1881</u>	Sixteen <u>Oct 24, 1897</u>	Commencing <u>October 8, 1892</u>
<u>Paul Jean</u>	Born <u>Sept 2, 1870</u>	Sixteen <u>February 2, 1886</u>	Commencing <u>October 8, 1892</u>

All pension to terminate \_\_\_\_\_, 18\_\_ date of \_\_\_\_\_

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY:  
 Name J. W. Tallmadge Fee \$ 10 Agent to pay.  
 F. O. Leitey Articles Filed none, 18\_\_

APPROVALS:  
Special Comm. Apr 8, 1894  
 Submitted on Sept 14, 1892 by J. R. Arnold Examiner.  
re 477 Tallmadge Apr 27, 1894 S. C. Higginson Apr 27, 1894

August 11, 1890 M. S. Lehigh Legal Reviewer.

The soldier was not pensioned at \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month for  
 Enlisted August 27, 1862 Soldier's app'n filed no, 18\_\_  
not honorably disch'd October 14, 1865 (It's app'n under other laws none, 18\_\_  
to date of discharge 23, 1865  
 Re-enlisted \_\_\_\_\_, 18\_\_ Former marriage of none, 18\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ honorably disch'd \_\_\_\_\_, 18\_\_ Death of former \_\_\_\_\_, 18\_\_  
 Died July 21, 1891 (It's marriage to soldier March 2, 1867  
 Declaration filed October 8, 1892 (It's remarried \_\_\_\_\_, 18\_\_

Claimant is \_\_\_\_\_ without other means of support than her daily labor.  
no MC. Church signed by monk.

EXAMINATION PRELIMINARY TO MUSTER-OUT OF U. S. SERVICE OR DISCHARGE.  
 IN THE CASE OF  
Chas L. Binns Corporal in Co. M. 9<sup>th</sup> Reg't 1<sup>st</sup> La. Infy U.S.

Declaration of Person to be Mustered Out of Service or Discharged.

Question: Have you any reason to believe that at the present time you are suffering from the effects of any wound, injury, or disease, or that you have any disability or impairment of health, whether incurred in the military service or otherwise?  
 Answer: No

Q. If so, describe the disability, stating the nature and location of the wound, injury or disease? A. \_\_\_\_\_

Q. When was the disability incurred? A. \_\_\_\_\_

Q. Where was the disability incurred? A. \_\_\_\_\_

Q. State the circumstances, if known, under which the disability was incurred. A. \_\_\_\_\_

I declare that the foregoing questions and my answers thereto have been read over to me, and that I fully understand the questions, and that my replies to them are true in every respect and are correctly recorded.

Witness: J. W. Tallmadge Chas L. Binns  
Capt 51<sup>st</sup> La. Infy U.S.  
 Dated at Manila, P. I. September 18, 1899

whether incurred in the military service of the United States or otherwise? A. No

Q. If so, describe the disability, stating the nature and location of the wound, injury, or disease, so far as known. A. \_\_\_\_\_

Q. When was the disability incurred? A. \_\_\_\_\_

Q. Where was the disability incurred? A. \_\_\_\_\_

Q. State the circumstances, if known, under which the disability was incurred. A. \_\_\_\_\_

Q. Was the disability incurred in line of duty? A. \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the foregoing statement is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. W. Tallmadge Capt 51<sup>st</sup> La. Infy U.S.  
 Dated at Manila, P. I. Sept 18, 1899

# Some Cases Are Still Open

As of May 2014:

- 1 Civil War child still receiving benefits—Irene Triplett
- 16 children and spouses from Spanish-American War
- 4,038 surviving children and spouses from World War I



Only a percentage of files are in NARA custody



# Burial Case Files

- Official name: Correspondence, Reports, Telegrams, Applications, and Other Papers Relating to Burials of Service Personnel (Also known as “Cemeterial Files” or “293 Files”)
- RG 92, Records of the Quartermaster General’s Office, 1915-1939
- Record information relating to veterans burials
- Arranged alphabetically

# What Can You Find in These Records?

## Grave location details

**GRAVE LOCATION BLANK**

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE

Roots **CONFIRMED** Quantin  
(Surname) (Number) (First Name and Initials)

1st Lieut. 95th Aero Squadron  
(Rank) (Organization)

Date of Death: July 14, 1918.  
DATE OF BURIAL

PLACE OF BURIAL: Near Chamery, France.

Isolated grave. Fismes Map 1:20000  
at crosspoint of coordinates 200.62  
273.81. Approximately 1/2 kilometer  
due east of Chamery, France.  
Field sketch No. 14-Wythe.

Headboard Bottle?

**CONFIRMED**

IDENTIFICATION TAGS

Was one buried with body? Not known

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker? No

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

Killed in action.

Com. Coy 2nd Div. 81

MAP 93 SE E 200.62 N. 273.81

Charles Wythe

REPORTED BY: Charles Wythe

Group 11 Unit 204 81st Aero Sq.

**CONFIRMED**

## Report of Disinterment and Reburial

O. R. S. Form No. 16A

Place: Fleisy (Aisne)

**REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL**

Date: Jan. 12, 1922

1. REMAINS OF: HESS, Fred M. SERIAL NUMBER: 540548  
RANK: Cook ORGANIZATION: Co. 3, 42nd Amb. Regt.

2. Disinterred (date): From (give complete location):  
Jan. 12, 1922, Gr. 56, Pl. 2, Sec. 2, Amer. Cem. 593, Fleisy (Aisne)  
By: Group 2 Unit P.S.S.

3. Reburied (date): Sept. 2, 1922 In (give complete location): Gr. 22, Block B,  
Row 42, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes et Nesles (Aisne)  
By: Group re-burial group Unit Nature of reburial: lined casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Wooden box and blanket. Disintegrated. Features unrecognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? No. On grave marker? Yes.

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:  
French burial plaque in box "No. 58". Bottle record and metal strip in box agree with G.S.S. records.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement): Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated): Impossible to estimate

(c) Hair - Color: None visible  
Quantity: Diagram represents the mouth wide open

(d) Hair on face - Color: None visible  
Location: Diagram represents the mouth wide open

Quantity:

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

Fractured left femur. Missing: Right and left tibia and fibula.

22 23 24 25 26 27

L.D. Hays, Checker.

7. Disinterment supervised by: A.W. Taggart Approved: E.S. Williams, 1st Lt. JMD  
A.W. Taggart, Exp. 23 (Title)

8. Reburial supervised by: W.D. Wall Jr. Approved: C.J. Blake  
W.D. Wall Jr. (Title) Capt. QMC

# What Can You Find in These Records?

## Disposition of Remains

*“ ... Father, Theodore Roosevelt ... wishes the body to remain where it lies and not be transferred to an established cemetery ... ”*



**COMPILED OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA**  
File #5726

*4/10/22 D.T.D. Relations 4/20/22*

**I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:**

(a) Name ROOSEVELT, Quentin Ser. No. ---  
 (b) Rank 1st Lt. Organization A. S. S. R. C. Att. 95th Aero Sq. TYP. BB  
 (c) Date of death 7/14/18 (d) Cause of death K/A CKR ---

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

(a) Grave No. 1 Row --- Plot --- Sec. --- TYP. BB  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, (Mother) Oyster Bay, L.I. N.Y.

**III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases** NO CARD CKR ---

**IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:** Date of receipt no card in file 6-16-22

(a) Name --- (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 Mrs. Edith Roosevelt (mother)  
Order May 21, 1922, dated 6-16-22  
 confirming request in Par. IV, item body  
remains where buried.

Examiner's Initials A.S.S. Date 7-30, 1920.

**VI. G. R. S. FILES, CORRESPONDENCE**—shows as follows: Father, Theodore Roosevelt,  
2nd Infantry Div. N.Y.C. - 11-2-18 wishes body to remain where it  
lies and not be transferred to an established cemetery.

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes, for

Examiner's Initials --- Date 9-1, 1920.

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. C.102 Sheet No. 1-1  
 G. R. S. Form No. 113 1-279 Make Form No. 114

*rechecked 3/22/22*



# What Can You Find in These Records?

## Death testimony

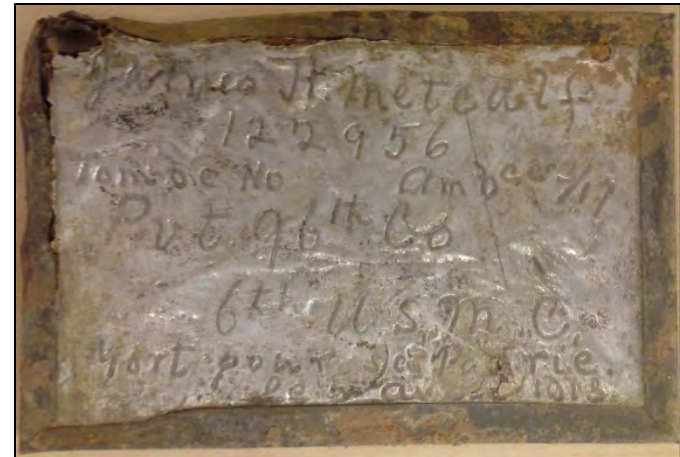
3. On July 9th, the battalion was obliged to march by the flank and pass a narrow draw, through which heavy German machine gun fire was penetrating. Sergeant Kilmer materially assisted the Battalion on that occasion in bringing up the various elements, in maintaining order among the several groups and in getting the men through the narrow draw. On this day and on the day following, heavy losses were sustained among the officers, particularly on the Battalion Staff. The Battalion Adjutant has been killed and I called upon Sergeant Kilmer to act as Adjutant. During the remainder of the 29th and all through that night he worked unceasingly and efficiently. On the afternoon of the 30th, we started an attack and run into a freshly launched German counter - attack. The officer commanding the company making the attack was wounded and I went forward to take charge. Sergeant Kilmer, at his own insistence, went with me. We were lying together along the Bois Colas. Machine gun fire was coming down the draw from the village of Seringes. A bullet hit him full in the head killing him instantly.

4. Not only did Sergeant Kilmer find a soldierly joy in the conflict and actually seek danger, but he was a cool headed soldier. On the day of his death and on the day preceding, he performed the very trying duties of adjutant and was full of eagerness at all time to give his full measure of service.

5. I cannot pay too high a tribute to the soldierly qualities he displayed while serving under my command.

WM. J. DONOVAN.  
Lt. Col. USA, 165th Inf.

## Grave identification tags



# What Can You Find in These Records?

## Congressional Correspondence

CARL VINSON  
10th District Georgia

NAVAL AFFAIRS

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

7057

April 11th, 1930

The Quartermaster General,  
War Department,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am advised that Mrs. J. A. Jansen of  
Grovetown, Ga., made application for a marker for  
the grave of her son, Doughty Jansen, A.S. 4008874.

Mr. Jansen states that the marker has  
been received, but that the name of her son is  
spelled Daughty M. Jansen, instead of Doughty M.  
Jansen.

Yours very truly,  
*Wm. Harding*

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APR 12 1930  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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United States Senate,  
COMMITTEE ON THE PHILIPPINES.

July 31, 1919

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29-1908 Erb, William J. Capt.  
X 32, 23 Harding, Warren G.

MaJ. Gen. F. C. Harris  
The Adjutant General  
Washington, D. C.

My dear General Harris:

I am taking the liberty of bringing  
to your attention the enclosed letter received  
from Mrs. Ella F. Erb, 14213 Potomac Avenue,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

You will note Mrs. Erb is desirous  
of going to Belgium in order that she might re-  
turn with her husband's remains, and she is making  
inquiry relative to the proper procedure, etc.

I shall be very grateful for an ex-  
pression that I may transmit to Mrs. Erb in reply  
to her inquiry.

Yours very truly

*Wm. Harding*

RECEIVED  
OFFICER'S DIVISION  
AUG 14 1919  
A. G. O.

Received A. G. O. Aug 2 1919  
C. W. Taylor



# What Can You Find in These Records?

## Errors

November 5, 1921.

MEMORANDUM FOR: Captain Wynne.

A body supposed to be that of the late Private Wilhelm C. Briel was returned to the United States and shipped to the father, Mr. Charles Briel of Stitzer, Wisconsin, who rejected same in view of the fact that the teeth did not correspond with charts of the teeth of his late son as recorded by local dentists.

Upon investigation, it has been found that Mr. Briel's attitude was perfectly justifiable inasmuch as the body shipped him was in reality that of one Private George Bonfield, whose next of kin resides in Kilbrush, Ireland, to which place said next of kin desires the body returned.

The body shipped to the U of five originally buried by the Commune of Freny, (Meurthe-et-Mo N-243.7, and this no doubt will ing facts:

Conclusive identification fact that the body shipped to th Wilhelm C. Briel is that of Priv reported as Pvt. Albert Anderson and the one reported as Private Albert Anderson.

In view of these apparent mended that action be instituted the father of Private Briel will accept the body recently identified as that of his son, and if so, that Europe be cabled to act in accordance with his wishes. It is further recommended that Europe be advised that the body now being held as that of Private George Bonfield is in reality that of Private Albert Anderson, the body of the former now being buried in Arlington, and the return of the latter having been authorized.

Conclusive identifications by dental charts reveal the fact that the body shipped to the United States as Private Wilhelm C. Briel is that of Private George Bonfield, the body reported as Pvt. Albert Anderson is actually that of Briel, and the one reported as Private George Bonfield is Private Albert Anderson.

# Burial Case Files— Gold Star Mothers and Widows Pilgrimages

- WWI mothers and widows, 1930-1933, whose sons or husbands were buried in Europe
- All expenses paid
- More than 6,600 women made the trips

Soldier's ★ Overseas Grave		
Name	Ferdinand N. Hess	
Rank	Cook	
Organization	Sanitary Service Unit #645, United States Army Ambulance Service	
Grave No.	22	Row 42 Block B
Cemetery	Oise-Aisne American	
Location	Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France	

3-8677

# Gold Star Widow's ID Card



Name BANKS, Mrs Willie Mae

Paris Hôtel HOTEL IMPERATOR , 70 Rue Beaubourg

Home address 4619 Lyons Ave. Houston, Harris County, Texas

Party q Group 2 Unit SS AMER.MERCHANT

Date of arrival Aug-25-1930 Date of departure SEPT. 7.1930 S/S AMER. MERCH.

Relationship Widow

Name of deceased BANKS, Wm.W.

Rank Cpl. Organization Co, G.370th Inf.

Cemetery Oise-Aisne



# Gold Star Widows Pilgrimage

## Schedule

*Banks, Mrs. W. Cpl.*

**WESTERN MILITARY BUREAU**  
ROUTE AND SCHEDULE

EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE SAILING FROM NEW YORK CITY AUGUST 16, 1930

HARRIS \_\_\_\_\_ County, State of TEXAS

Name: BANKS, MRS WILLIE MAE (Q-5)

Address: 4619 Lyons Avenue, Houston, Texas.

Route going: I-GN-Longview Jet., T&P-Texarkana, Mo Pac-St Louis, B&O New York

Return: same route.

		ROAD	TRAIN	TIME	DATE	
Itinerary going	Lv	Houston	I-GN	26	10:30AM	August 12
	Ar	Longview Jet	"	"	5:15PM	August 12
	Lv	"	T&P	16	5:30PM	August 12
	Ar	Texarkana	"	"	7:50PM	August 12
	Lv	"	MoPac	26	7:55PM	August 12
	Ar	St Louis	"	"	8:20AM	August 13
	Lv	"	B&O	4	9:10AM	August 13
	Ar	New York (Jersey City)	"	6	2:08PM	August 14
	Lv					
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**Accommodations:**

Standard sleeper Houston, Texas to St Louis, Mo and St Louis, Mo to New York, N Y.

**Elapsed Time:**

51 hours - 38 minutes. *2 1/4*

Extra Fare:

Party "Q" - Itinerary - Cise-Aisne Group

Sailed August 16th on AMERICAN MERCHANT. Col. B. O. Davis in charge. Accompanied by Mrs. S. J. Runner and Miss E. Best, nurses, and Mrs. N. Brown, hostess. Arrived Charbourg August 20th. Met by Col. Ellis, Maj. Dailey, Capt. Conway, Lts. Moroney and Freeman, Maj. Kinderman, Miss Blanche Kulan, 2 nurses, 2 civilian employees. Train left 8:24am. Arrived Gare des Invalides 2:18pm. Met at station by executive officer and his staff, nurses, interpreters, and Noble Sissle and his band. Quarters Hotel Imperator.

Aug. 28th. Morning devoted to transaction of personal business. Exchange of money, preparation of laundry, etc. Wreath laid on tomb of Unknown Soldier in afternoon by Mrs. Kimbro for party. Tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent. Dinner at hotel. Evening free.

**Aug. 30th. Breakfast at hotel. Visited cemetery and Chateau Thierry in morning. Lunch Hostellerie du Bonhomme. Visited Belleau Wood, Aisne Marne Cemetery, Monument Hill 204, Quentin Roosevelt's grave in afternoon. Tea at Cise-Aisne Cemetery. Returned to Soissons. Dinner at hotel.**

Aug. 31st. Returned to Soissons. Dinner at hotel. Breakfast at hotel. Visited cemetery in morning. Returned to Soissons for lunch. Pierrefonds in afternoon. Dinner at hotel in Soissons.

Sept. 1st. Free or visit cemetery. Lunch at hotel. Left 1:30pm for Reims via Chemin des Bunes. Arrived 6pm. Quarters at Hotel Bristol Crystal. Dinner at hotel.

Sept. 2nd. Visited Fort de la Pompelle and cathedral. Lunch at hotel. Left 2pm for Compeigne via Fismes, Soissons. Arrived 4:30 pm. Quarters Hotel Rond Royal. Dinner at hotel.

Sept. 3rd. Visited Carrefours de l'Armistice. Lunch at hotel Rond Royal. Left Compeigne 2pm for Paris via La Croix, St. Quentin, Soissons, Chantilly (tea at Hotel du Parc). Arrived Paris 5:45pm. Dinner at hotel.

Sept. 4th. Visited Louvre and Versailles.

Sept. 5th. Morning free. Sacre Coeur, Morgan's for dinner. Sightseeing trip at nite.

Sept. 6th. Notre Dame. Lunch at hotel. Napoleon's Tomb. Dinner at hotel.

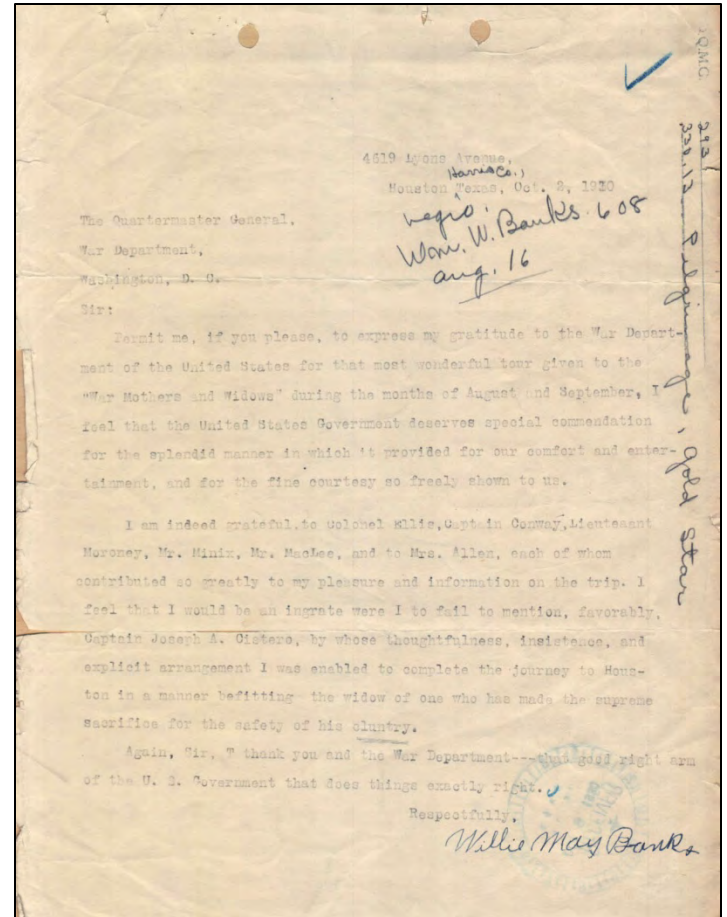
Sept. 7th. Sailed for home on AMERICAN MERCHANT. Arrived New York September 18th.

*Banks, Mrs. W. C.*

Mrs. Willie Mae Banks

# 'Thank you' letter

*“ ... I would be an ingrate if I failed to mention Capt. Joseph Cistero, by whose thoughtfulness ... I was enabled to complete the journey to Houston in the manner befitting the widow of one who has made the supreme sacrifice for the safety of his country.”*





# Train trouble

*“Mrs. Banks reported after her arrival from Europe that the Pullman conductor refused to allow her to occupy this space even though the attached ticket was furnished her. It was necessary for her to travel from Houston to St. Louis spending the night in the day coach and it was not until after she left St. Louis was her Pullman ticket honored.”*

September 18, 1930

FILE NO. 201 (Mrs. Willie M. Banks, party "Q" )

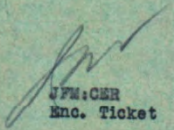
SUBJECT: Return Pullman Ticket

TO: The Quartermaster General  
Washington, D. C.

1. Enclosed herewith please find Pullman Company ticket 4629 covering a lower berth, drawing room, car 11, from Houston, Texas to St. Louis, Mo., on the 10:30 AM. train, August 12th, in favor of Mrs. Willie M. Banks, Houston, Texas, a Gold Star Widow on party "Q".

2. Mrs. Banks reported after her arrival from Europe that the pullman conductor refused to allow her to occupy this space even though the attached ticket was furnished her. It was necessary for her to travel from Houston to St. Louis spending the night in the day coach and it was not until after she left St. Louis was her pullman ticket honored.

For the Officer in Charge:

  
JFM:CHB  
Enc. Ticket

GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR <sup>HD</sup>  
1st Lieut. Q.M.C. (DOL)  
Assistant

# Investigation—Western Military Bureau

We are unable to confirm the advice that party presented ticket to Pullman Conductor and he refused to honor same, and we quote in part letter received from the Pullman Company regarding this matter:

"Our conductor noticed that the diagram on this trip had the notation that the room would be used by a colored passenger. He waited for some time after departure, figuring the passenger might come aboard the train up the line. Inquiry was made of the train conductor if a Gold Star Mother was using coach, Porter was sent to coaches to see if he could locate the passenger, but without results."

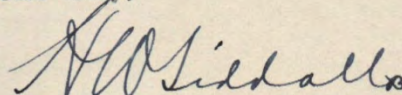
Our train conductors advise that no mention was made to them by any colored passenger that she was supposed to occupy pullman space.

We are sorry if any inconvenience was caused this passenger, however she probably went direct to the colored coach on arrival at the depot and failed to request the pullman space from any of our representatives, or the pullman conductor.

From the above, it will be seen that both the train and pullman conductors endeavored to locate this pilgrim, in order that she could avail herself of the accommodations reserved, but were unsuccessful which, perhaps, was caused by the fact that the pilgrim did not wear her badge as a means of identification.

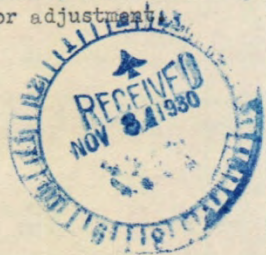
Attention is invited to the fact that a refund is due on the unused pullman ticket, which matter you will no doubt desire to take up with the Pullman Company for adjustment.

Yours truly,



Chairman

11-cc



# Rebuttal

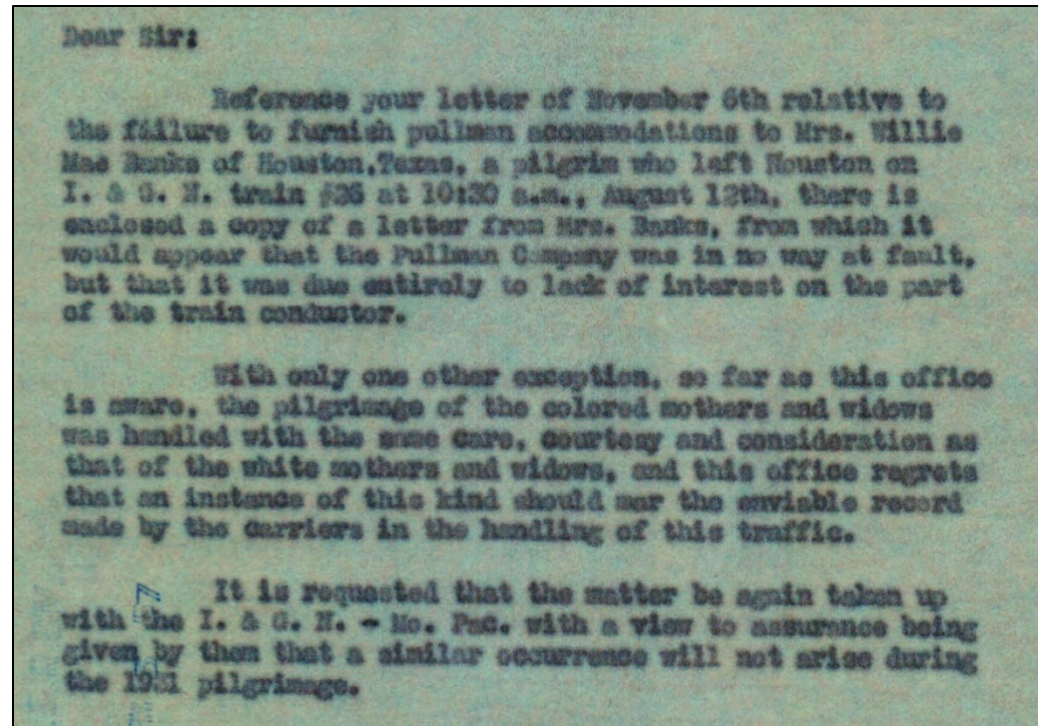
came from  
mation from the I & G. N. Railway Company, beg to advise: I followed the  
instructions relating to the means of identification. I pinned my badge  
on a conspicuou place on my person and fastened it there with a safety pin  
for added security. This badge was still in place when I left the train  
at St. Louis Mo. I presented the Pullman ticket to the train conductor  
and asked information about the Pullman conductor, but the gentleman re-  
turned my ticket without replying. I also told him that I was a "War Widow",  
but that made no difference to him that I perceived. Understand, if you

*“I followed the instructions relating to the means of identification. I pinned my badge on a conspicuous place ... and fastened it there with a safety pin for added security. ... I presented the Pullman ticket to the train conductor and asked information about the Pullman conductor, but the gentleman returned my ticket without replying. I also told him that I was a “War Widow,” but that made no difference to him that I perceived.”*



# Decision

*“ ... it would appear that the Pullman Company was in no way at fault, but that it was due entirely to lack of interest on the part of the train conductor.”*



Dear Sir:

Reference your letter of November 6th relative to the failure to furnish Pullman accommodations to Mrs. Willie Mae Banks of Houston, Texas, a pilgrim who left Houston on I. & G. N. train #35 at 10:30 a.m., August 12th, there is enclosed a copy of a letter from Mrs. Banks, from which it would appear that the Pullman Company was in no way at fault, but that it was due entirely to lack of interest on the part of the train conductor.

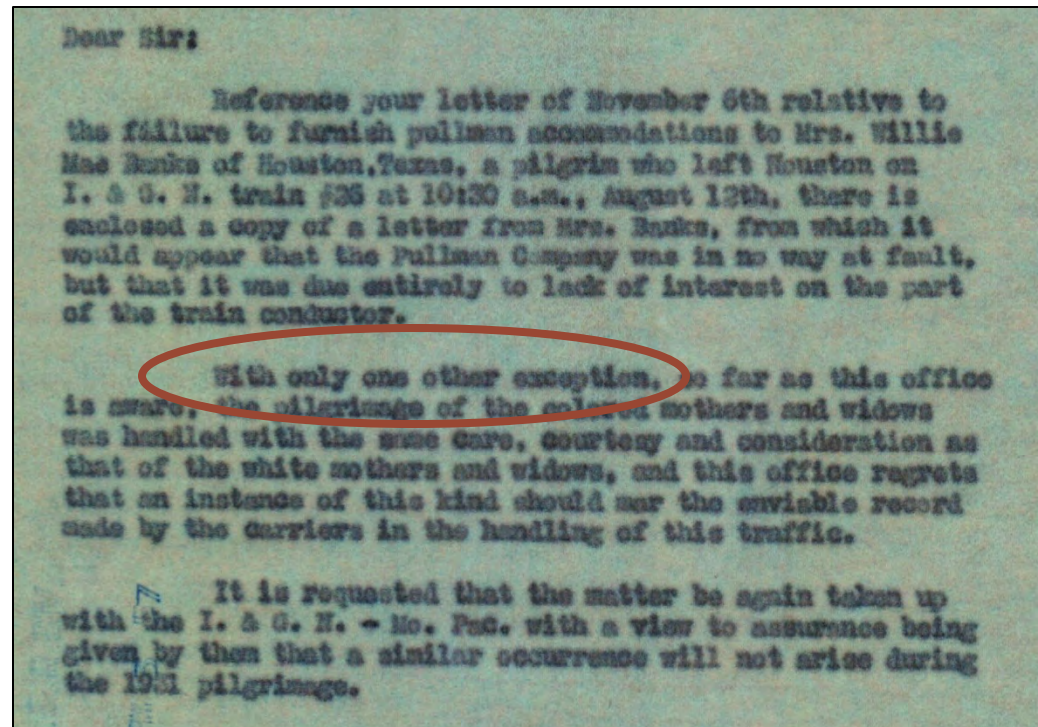
With only one other exception, so far as this office is aware, the pilgrimage of the colored mothers and widows was handled with the same care, courtesy and consideration as that of the white mothers and widows, and this office regrets that an instance of this kind should mar the enviable record made by the carriers in the handling of this traffic.

It is requested that the matter be again taken up with the I. & G. N. - Mo. Pac. with a view to assurance being given by them that a similar occurrence will not arise during the 1931 pilgrimage.

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# Decision

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*“ ... requested that the matter be again taken up with the I & G.N.-Mo. Pac. with a view to assurance being given by them that a similar occurrence will not arise during the 1931 pilgrimage.”*

# Request a record

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- Date of birth and/or death
- Claim file number, if known
- Place of residence or enlistment

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- Full name
- Date of birth and/or death
- Unit

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