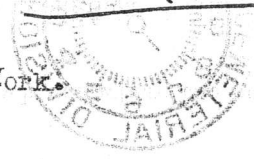


WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
WASHINGTON

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SEP 16 1920

Rush Answer

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C.
To: Mrs. Katherine Hammer, ^{Morganville} Eggersville, New York.
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Alvin A. Smith.
Ser. No. 1213595 Co. A. 108th Inf.



The records of this office show that you have requested that his body
be returned to U.S.

RECEIVED
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Shipped to; Mrs. Katherine Hammer, Eggersville, New York.

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.



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

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

	NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow				
Soldier's children (Name of each first.)				
Father				
Mother	Mrs. Katherine Hammer		Stafford	New York
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1. Clark Smith		"	"
	2.			
	3.			
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1. Mrs. Lillian Fry		Stafford	New York
	2.			
	3.			

Date Sep. 22. 20

Signature Mrs. Katherine Hammer

Address Morganville N.Y.

Relationship Mother

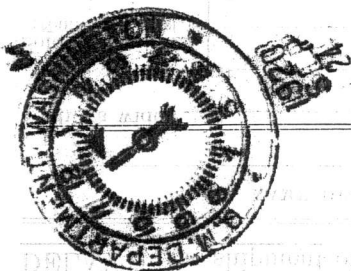
IMPORTANT.—CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.

September 22, 1920.

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

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.
2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to *Mrs Catherine Hammer*
Lehigh Valley *New York*
(R. R. station.) (State.)
3. To be returned to the U. S. and buried in _____ National Cemetery.
4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Signature *Mrs Catherine Hammer*



INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

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



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