

G.R.S. Form #114 B

DATE 10/3/21

1. NAME DAMCOTT, John F. SERIAL No. 1680560  
 RANK Pvt. 1/cl. ORGANIZATION Co. C. 308th Inf. 77th Div  
 & DIVISION  
 GRAVE LOCATION Argonne Amer. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon 1232-Sec. 96

CTY. NAME NUMBER

203 Sec. 96 4

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION \* 4 Isolated. Vienne-le-Chateau  
 GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT. Meuse C-275

COORDINATES 272.2N 295.1E Verdun SW35

CONCENTRATED TO 6-19-19 203 sec 96 4  
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse Argonne 1232

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

DATE OF DEATH Oct 5, 1918  
 STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME New York  
 MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none

Data from Form 1.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS  
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR Wm M. CLINE

Geo. W. Price, Major, Infantry.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Captain Q.M.C. 18 22 H  
 10/3/21 DATE GRAVE ROW Block PLOT

kvs AUDITED BY 102 of 5-1-23

Meuse Argonne American City # 1232 Romagne sous Montfaucon CEMETERY OCT 11 1926

Robert O. Davis, Major, Adjutant General. By OUB OCT 13 1921



INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.
2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.
3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.
4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form I6, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.



# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Damcott - 1680660 - John F.*  
.....  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

*Pvt. Co. C - 308 Inf.*  
.....  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: .....

CAUSE OF DEATH: .....

DATE OF BURIAL: *9-29-18* .....

PLACE OF BURIAL: .....

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

*Near Concate "Deplut."*  
*For the Argonne Map* { *295.8*  
*272.-*

GRAVE NUMBER: .....

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

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 marks should be given here:

NEAREST RELATIVE: .....

ADDRESS: .....

RELATIONSHIP: .....

REPORTED BY:

*W. H. P. G. M. S. Captain*  
.....  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

Damcott, John F.  
Pfc.

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New York

GOLD STAR MOTHERS PILGRIMAGE

S.S. ROOSEVELT, JUNE 21, 1930

Chautauqua County

Name: Mrs. Martha Damcott (H-2)

Address: P.O. Box 163 Clymer, N.Y.

Route: Pennsylvania R.R. Buffalo, New York Central R.R. New York

Lv. Clymer Train No. 903	2.46 P.M., June 19
Ar. Buffalo	5.15 P.M., June 19
Lv. Buffalo Train No. 34	6.20 P.M., June 19
Ar. New York (Gd. Cent. Terminal)	5.40 A.M., June 20

Accommodations: Coach Service Clymer to Buffalo  
Sleeper Buffalo to New York

Elapsed Time: 14 hours 54 minutes  $\frac{3}{4}$

SYNOPSIS OF COMMUNICATION RECEIVED AND INDORSED OUT.

DATED: No date. DATE RECEIVED IN  
FROM: Mrs. Martha Dancott, Clymer, N. Y. (Mother).  
TO: P. C. Harris, The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.

Requests full information in re. John F. Dancott, 1680660,  
1/c Pvt. Co.C 308th Infantry, as to location of grave and number,  
personal effects, date of death, name of hospital, etc.

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293.3 Dancott, John F.

War Department, A.G.O., Sept. 5, 1919. To the Cemeterial Branch, Quartermaster General's Office, Washington, D.C.

1. For information as to the number and location of the grave of Private 1st class, John F. Dancott, 1630660, Co. C, 308th Infantry.

2. The records of this office show this soldier to have been killed in action Oct. 5, 1918.

By order of the Secretary of War.

J. Erwin

Synopsis made

Adjutant General.

End Ind.

In reply refer to file 295.3-Cemeterial.

War Dept., Q.M.G.O., Sept. 10, 1919. To--The Adjutant General.  
Ref. AG 295.3 (Duncett, John F.) DRD

1. Returned. Records in this office show that 1/c Pvt. John F. Duncett, #1680660, Co. C 508th Infantry is interred in grave #205, Section 96, Plot 4, in the Argonne American Cemetery, at Romagne sous Montfaucon, Department of Meuse, France.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

Charles G. Pierce,  
Colonel, Quartermaster Corps.  
For Major H. E. Lemly,  
Chief, Cemeterial Branch.

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SEP 9 1919

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Samcott,</i>	<i>Dam</i>	3	<i>410</i>
<i>John J.</i>	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>18</i>	2	<i>18</i>
	ROW <i>22</i>	2	<i>22</i>
	BLOCK <i>21</i>	1	<i>08</i>
STATE	<i>New York</i>	2	<i>37</i>
BANK	<i>Post Office</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>77</i>	2	<i>77</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>308</i>	3	<i>308</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Samcott</i>	<i>Dam</i>	3	<i>410</i>
<i>Mrs Martha</i>	STATE <i>Ny</i>	2	<i>37</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Chautauque</i>	2	<i>07</i>
	CITY <i>Clymer</i>	3	<i>xxx</i>
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Good</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR. <i>1930</i>	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>yes</i>	1	
	<i>Age</i>		

AUDITED  
 OCT 14 1931  
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Party "H" - Itinerary - Meuse-Argonne Group

Sailed June 21, 1930 on SS ROOSEVELT. Major J. F. Cottrell in charge.

Arrived Cherbourg 8 a.m. June 23th. Met by Major Bailey, Capt. Mitchell, Capt. W.F. Dalton, Lieut. Gregory, Lieut. Freeman, Major Kinderman, three nurses and two civilian employees. Train left at 8.21 a.m. for Paris. Arrived Gare des Invalides at 2.30 p.m. Met by Lt. Col. Bartlett and members of the staff, with interpreters and nurses. Escorted to hotel. Remainder of day devoted to rest.

June 30th. Morning devoted to personal business; changing money, preparing laundry, etc. Left hotel at 3 p.m. for Arc de Triomphe. Wreath placed on tomb of the Unknown Soldier by Mrs. Wilhelmina Ohlson, who was selected by party for this duty. A wreath was also laid by Mrs. Anna Johnson on behalf of the N.Y. Fire Department. Proceeded to Restaurant Laurent after ceremony where tea and reception tendered by U.S. Government was held. Returned to hotel. Evening free.

July 1. 7.15 a.m. depart Montmirail, Chalons s/s, Marne, St. Menesould, Verdun.

July 2. Visited Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery. Returned to 3-4. Verdun.

July 3. Visited Cemetery, Sulpes and Reims.

July 4. Visited Reims Cathedral. Lunch at Reims. Chateau Thierry. Returned to Paris.

July 7. Notre-Dame - Sacre-Coeur

July 8. ~~AM~~ free. Napoleon's Tomb. Sightseeing Night Trip.

July 9. Visit to Louvre - Versailles. Prepared for return trip.

July 10. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Due to the fact that the date of return was changed from July 10th to July 11th, this day was free and was devoted to shopping, etc.

July 11. Left Hotel between 1 and 1.30 p.m. for Invalides Railway Station. Train left at 2.15 p.m.. Accompanied by 5 officers, 1 doctor, 3 nurses and 1 civilian employe. Arrived Cherbourg 6.55 p.m. Sailed 7.25 p.m. on SS REPUBLIC. Major Cottrell in charge. Arrived Hoboken, N. J. 8 o'clock (P.M.) July 20th.

Mrs. Martha Damcott

Room 1761  
1360

NAME DAMCOTT, MRS. MARTHA

S.S. REPUBLIC JUL 19 1930

HOME CLYMER, CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY, N. Y.

R.R. N.Y.C. to Buffalo

STATION Penna to dest

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE

Aug 17-30

Mrs. Geo. Durand  
3618 Main St,  
Lawrence Park  
Erie, Pa.

1 trunk, case } must be  
1 bag } tagged.

Name **DAMCOFF, Mrs. Martha**

Paris Hôtel **HOTEL AMBASSADOR**

Home address **BOULEVARD HAUSSMANN  
P.O. Box 163 Clymer, Chatauga Co., New York.**

Party **H** Group **I** Unit **§§. ROOSEVELT.**

Date of arrival **June 29, 1930.** Date of departure **§§. REPUBLIC, July 11, 1930.**

Relationship **Mother**

Name of deceased **DAMCOFF, John F.**

Rank **Pvt., 1cl** Organization **Co.C. 308th Inf.**

Cemetery **Meuse-Argonne**

REMARKS



WAR DEPARTMENT  
 "PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"  
 -- ROOM 901 --

225 West 34th St., New York, N.Y.

Party H  
 Number 1360

*DAMCOTT, John F.*

*M.A.*

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

MRS. MARTHA DAMCOTT

Name of Traveler

CLYMER, CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY,

Home Address

NEW YORK

Estimate cost of through Pullman.

New York, to CLYMER, NEW YORK

\$ 3.75

New York, to CLYMER, NEW YORK  
 Destination.

Via N Y CENTRAL to BUFFALO - PENN TO DEST.

JULY 21, 1930  
 Date of Departure

	Road	Tr. NO.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	car	U.S.G. Order NO.	Est. Cost	
LV	GR CENT TERM	N Y C	59	7/21	1108	B 7	118	16 of 1022, 112	3.75
AR	Buffalo			7/22	801A				
LV		PRR	982		921A				
AR	Clymer				117A				
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TOTAL 3.75

Remarks:

*This is the best service.*

*Escorted to train by Capt. Arnold J. Fink*

June 5, 1930

Mrs. Martha Dancott  
Box 163  
Clymer, New York

Dear Madam:

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

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

For the Officer in Charge:

George F. R. Taylor  
1st Lieut. Q.M. Corps  
Assistant

*2 Hand bag*  
Enclosures:  
2 tags

Lower 6,  
Car 883.

Buffalo to New York.

NYC train #34 leaving Central Terminal  
Buffalo at 6:20 P.M.,

Thursday, June 19th, 1930,

For use of Mrs. Martha Demcott

US Gov. Transportation Order WQ1-003,300.

GOLD STAR MOTHERS' PILGRIMAGE

S.S. ROOSEVELT, JUNE 21, 1930

SCHEDULE NO. 200

From: Clymer, N.Y. to New York, N.Y.

Name: Mrs. Martha Demcott

Address: P.O. Box 165, Clymer, N.Y.

Going Route to New York: Pennsylvania R.R. Buffalo, New York Central R.R.

Schedule:

Lv. Clymer Train No. 903	2.46 P.M., June 19
Ar. Buffalo	5.15 P.M., June 19
Lv. Buffalo Train No. 34	6.20 P.M., June 19
Ar. New York (Gd. Cent. Terminal)	5.49 A.M., June 20

Accommodations: Coach Service Clymer to Buffalo  
Sleeper Buffalo to New York

Transportation Requests:

Rail: WQ-1,003,299 for round-trip ticket with return limit of 60 days from June 19.

Pullman: WQ-1,003,300 for going accommodation only.

Stop-Overs: Stop-Overs to be allowed on return trip only.

Return Route from New York: Reverse of going route. Arrangements will be handled by U.S. War Department Representative at New York.

*Mrs by Capt Wm Hesketh -*

Miss Sawcatt,  
Party # 1360

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DATE 10-10-2000 BY SP-6 [illegible]

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DATE OF APPROVAL [illegible]

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REVISION DATE [illegible]

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REVISION APPROVER [illegible]

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REVISION REASON [illegible]

QM 293 AM

Dancott, John F. Pvt. 1st cl. 1232 M

August 27, 1930.

Mrs. Martha Dancott,  
P. O. Box 163,  
Glymer, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of the testimonial dated July 9th, which you and the other mothers and widows who sailed on the SS Roosevelt, June 21st were so kind as to send regarding your pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe.

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

I am indeed pleased to receive such complimentary remarks concerning the care and consideration shown the women making the journey by the personnel connected with the pilgrimage.

Sincerely yours,

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

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JTH  
WRG

MDT

ETC

NAME Damcott, Mrs Martha #

ADDRESS P.O. Box 163 Clymer, New York

DATE July 22nd 1930

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

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

SINCERELY,

(SIGNED) Mrs Martha Damcott

WAR DEPARTMENT

=====  
OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300.



PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

~~1400~~

1399

RETURN RECEIPT

1232

~~Received~~ 6/21/30

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

Mrs Martha Sawcatt

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, May/30, 1930

Form 3811

05-6116

J. F. D

**Post Office Department**

**OFFICIAL BUSINESS**

**REGISTERED ARTICLE**

No. 92642

**INSURED PARCEL**

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

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



**POSTMARK OF DELIVERING  
OFFICE**

**AND DATE OF DELIVERY**

*Return to* Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

*Street and Number,  
or Post Office Box,* \_\_\_\_\_

**MUNITIONS BUILDING**

**WASHINGTON,**



**D. C.**

STATE

NEW YORK.....

DAMCOTT, JOHN F.

M

NAME ... **Damcott, Mrs. Martha** ..... HOME ADDRESS **P. O. Box 163  
Clymer, Chautauque C'ty**

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN .....

*Mrs. Geo Durand 3618 Main St.  
Lawrence Park - Ore - Pa.*

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE ..... *June 20* ..... HOTEL *McAlpin* ..... ROOM NO. *1761* .....

*Quarters with Mrs. J. Carroll*

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE ... **June 21, 1930** ..... VESSEL ... **S. S. ROOSEVELT** ... CABIN NO. *124 - F* .....

DESTINATION ... **CHERBOURG, FRANCE** ..... CEMETERY .. **MENSE-ARGONNE** .....

RETURN NEW YORK

DATE JUL 20 1930

P.O. Box 163  
Clymer, N.Y.  
Chautauqua Co.

Mother

NAME Dancott, Mrs. Martha HOME ADDRESS .....

RETURN ON S. S. S/S REPUBLIC HOTEL ASTOR ROOM NO. 174

*Cabin 300-C, Quarters with Mrs. Susan McConnell*

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE JUL 21 1930

ROAD Nyc TRAIN 59 CAR 118 BERTH or SEAT L7

REMARKS .....  
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# Signal Corps, United States Army

Received at

War Department Message Center,  
Room 3441, Munitions Building,  
Washington, D. C.

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH CO.

3-9311

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CLYMER NY 417PM SEPT 10-1930

DEWITT

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, WASHN, D.C.

REGISTERED LETTER NUMBER NINE TWO SIX SEVEN SEVEN SEVEN RECEIVED  
AND DELIVERED TO ADDRESSEE JUNE FIFTH.

POSTMASTER.

525PM.

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*Second Attached*

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Dane Coff*

*John R.  
1232*

Washington D C September 10, 1930.

POSTMASTER

CLYMER NEW YORK

TELEGRAPH COLLECT WHETHER OR NOT REGISTERED LETTER NUMBER NINE TWO SIX SEVEN SEVEN  
SEVEN MAILED MRS MARTHA DAMCOTT JUNE THIRD WAS DELIVERED 2514 GSM

DEWITT  
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

QM 293 A-M  
Damcott, John F. Pvt 1st cls 1232 M

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Dancott, John F. 1232-M  
Roosevelt 6-21

May 10, 1930

Mrs. Martha Dancott,  
P. O. Box 163,  
Clymer, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

*Mrs George C. Durand (Daughter)*  
Name *3618 main st.*

*Lawrence Park Erie Pa. (and in Clymer)*  
Address *Henry Dancott Clymer New York*

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Env.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 14, 1930.

Dancott, John F. 1232 M

Mrs. Martha Dancott,  
P.O. Box 163,  
Clymer, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Roosevelt  
6/21/30  
1232

*Damcott, John F.*

I accept the invitation extended  
(Accept or decline)

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

Mrs. Martha Damcott

(Name)

P. O. Box 163, Clymer, Chautauqua County, New York

(Town or City)

(State)



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Dancott, John F. 1232-M

April 11, 1930

Mrs. Martha Dancott,  
P. O. Box 163,  
Clymer, N. Y.

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 "Roosevelt" on June 21, 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 May 3, 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

October 7, 1929.

*Sailed*  
JUN 21 1930

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Damcott, John F. 1232 M.

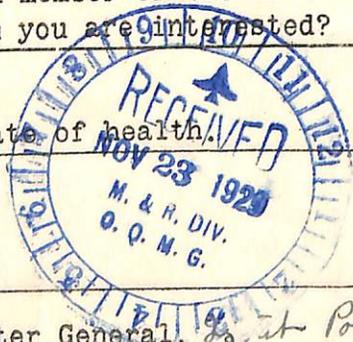
Mrs. Martha Damcott,  
P.O. Box 163,  
Clymer. N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	<del>(No)</del>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	<del>(No)</del>
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?	<del>(Yes)</del>	(No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age 61	Health <i>Just Fairly good</i>
	(Years)	(Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes)	<del>(No)</del>
	Other language <i>Some Holland Dutch</i>	(Specify language spoken)



For The Quartermaster General, *Is it possible to take a daughter with me.*

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

Damcott, John F.  
1232

September 4, 1929.

Mrs. Martha Damcott,  
P.O. Box 163,  
Clymer, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 29, 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:

*No He Left no Widow.*

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.

*Mother.*

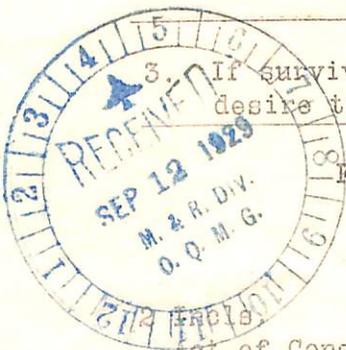
*Mrs Martha Damcott  
Clymer New York  
yes if possible*

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*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  
Damcott, John F.

June 29, 1929.

Mrs. Martha Damcott,  
P.O. Box 163,  
Glymer, N.Y.

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 Private first class John F. Damcott, Co.C, 308th Inf. whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since re-married it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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-M

Dancott, John F., S.N. 1680660  
Pvt. 1st, Co. C, 308th Inf.  
Son

November 9, 1932

Mrs. Martha Dancott,  
Clymer, New York.

Dear Madam:

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

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# American Gold Star Mothers

OF THE WORLD WAR, INC.  
NEW YORK STATE



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

Quarter Master General  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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

my beloved Son SON OR DAUGHTER Name of Deceased John F. Damcott

Address of Deceased Clymer New York  
NUMBER STREET CITY STATE

Army, Navy, Marine Private 1st Cl 308 C.  
RANK REGIMENT COMPANY

Stationed at \_\_\_\_\_

Lost at Sea \_\_\_\_\_ Among the Missing \_\_\_\_\_ Or Unknown \_\_\_\_\_

Place and Date of Death Argonne Oct 5<sup>th</sup>

Where Buried Argonne Cemetery France

Name of Mother Mrs Martha Damcott

Address Clymer New York  
NUMBER STREET CITY STATE

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

Respectfully yours,  
Mrs Martha Damcott



QM 293 AM  
Dancott, John F. Pvt. 1st cl. 1232 M

August 27, 1950.

Mrs. Martha Dancott,  
P. O. Box 163,  
Clymer, W. V.

Dear Madam:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of the testimonial dated July 9th, which you and the other mothers and widows who sailed on the SS Roosevelt, June 21st were so kind as to send regarding your pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe.

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

I am indeed pleased to receive such complimentary remarks concerning the care and consideration shown the women making the journey by the personnel connected with the pilgrimage.

Sincerely yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 12, 1930.

Damcott, John F. 1232 M Carefully the suggestions made above, it will add greatly to your comfort through-  
Mrs. Martha Damcott, conducting the pilgrimage. This letter is being P.O.Box 163, Glynner, N.Y. Government to visit the grave of her son or husband.

For The Quartermaster General,

Dear Madam:

Very truly yours,

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

A. D. HUGHES,

Captain, Q. M. Corps

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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L. C. 1902 1902  
Mrs. Mary Demicoff  
Democoff, John L. 1902  
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Dancott, John P.- 1232

June 4, 1930.

Mrs. Martha Dancott,  
P.O. Box 163,  
Clymer, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

Lv. Clymer	Penn. RR	Train No. 903	2:46 PM	June 19
Ar. Buffalo	" "	" " "	5:15 PM	" "
Lv. Buffalo	New York Central	" 34	6:20 PM	" "
Ar. New York	(Grand Central Terminal)		5:49 PM	" 20

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Dancott, John F. 1232-M  
Roosevelt 6-21

May 10, 1930

Mrs. Martha Dancott,  
P. O. Box 163,  
Clymer, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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Name

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Address

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Darrett, John F.  
Roosevelt 6-21

May 0 1930

Mrs. Martha Darrett,  
P.O. Box 165  
Olymer, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 14, 1930.

Dancott, John F. 1232 M

Mrs. Martha Dancott,  
P.O. Box 163,  
Clymer, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Dancott, John F. 1232-M

April 11, 1930

Mrs. Martha Dancott,  
P. O. Box 163,  
Clymer, N. Y.

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 "Roosevelt" on June 21, 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 May 3, 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

Dancott, John F. 1232-M

March 24, 1930

Mrs. Martha Dancott,  
P. O. Box 163,  
Clymer, New York.

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.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Damcott, John F. 1232 N.

Mrs. Martha Damcott,  
P.O. Box 163,  
Clymer, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Damcott, John F.

June 29, 1929.

Mrs. Martha Damcott,  
P.O. Box 163,  
Clymer, N.Y.

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 **Private first class John F. Damcott, Co.C, 308th Inf. whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.**

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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since re-married it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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  
Damcott, John F.  
1232

September 4, 1929.

Mrs. Martha Damcott,  
P.O. Box 163,  
Clymer, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated ~~June 29, 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.

Co. C. 308th Inf.  
77th Division.

DAMCOTT, John F. - Pvt. 1cl. 1680660  
Home: Clymer, N.Y.

John Damcott was mortally wounded on Sept. 27th 1918, while in an attack on machine gun nest in the Argonne, north of Florent. He died while being carried back to First Aid Station.

Informant: Morrow, Bert B. - Sgt. 1708060  
Co. C. 308 Inf.  
Home: 826 Greene Ave. Brooklyn, N.Y.

Emergency address:  
Mrs. Martha Damcott,  
P.O. Box 163 Clymer,  
N.Y.

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MEMORANDUM TO FILES DEPARTMENT  
REGISTRATION BRANCH

TRANSFER ALL PAPERS—

From: File No. 107146 (canceled)

To: File No. 47948

✓ Duncott, John F.  
✓ Duncott, John F.  
City # 1232

Identified as: Duncott, John F.

By D. F. Davidson  
Ady Section,  
Spa Dept.

Date June 17, 192 1

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Dancott,

John F.

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(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number)

Pvt. 1/c

Co. C, 308th Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased *Mother.*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? *NO*

(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery? } (Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here) *Mrs Martha Dancott,*

*Box 163.*

*Cheney, New York,*

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Mrs. Martha Bennett.

Box 163,

Clymer, N.Y.

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 1232-2096-40  
 drawn by M.H.

QM 293 C-R

October 11, 1923.

Mrs. Martha Dancott,  
P.O. Box 163,  
Clymer, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the permanent grave of

Private, First Class, John F. Dancott, Company C,  
308th Infantry, is Grave 18, Row 22, Block H, Meuse-Argonne American  
Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with 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.

You are assured in effecting removal of the remains, the utmost care and reverence were exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed this sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

Assistant **Q. M. G.**  
CENTRAL MAIL ROOM

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WPKR



OCT 11 1923  
R. O. G.

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# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

**I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:**

File # 47948

(C.R.-10-7-21-1725)

(a) Name DAMCOTT, John F. Ser. No. 1680560  
 (b) Rank Pvt. 1/C Organization Co. C. 308th Inf.  
 (c) Date of death 10-5-18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. hmp  
 CKR. 30

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

(a) Grave No. 203 Row ---- Plot 4 Sec. 96 TYP. hmp  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Martha Damcott, (mother) P.O. Box. 163, Clymor, N. Y.

III. Files of soldiers ~~dying from contagious diseases~~ / CKR. 30

**IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:**

Date of receipt \_\_\_\_\_

(a) Name Mrs Martha Damcott (b) Relationship Mother  
 (c) Address Box 163 - Clymor New York  
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No  
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at \_\_\_\_\_  
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. \_\_\_\_\_

Examiner's Initials MH Date 4/22 1920

V. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from Mrs Martha Damcott  
Clymor N. Y., dated \_\_\_\_\_  
 confirming request in Par. IV., item \_\_\_\_\_, above, or requesting that the body  
remain in France

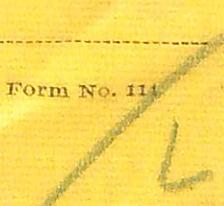
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**VI. G. R. S. FILES, CORRESPONDENCE—shows as follows:**

No request for disposition - Letter 3-9-'20, Mrs  
Martha Damcott, Clymor, N.Y. for information

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Examiner's Initials MH Date 4/22 1920

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232 Sec. 96 SHEET No. 40





To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE October 3, 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 Dancott, John F.
- 2. No. 1680560
- 3. Rank Pvt. 1/cl.
- 4. Org. Co. C. 308th Inf.
- 5. D.D. Oct. 5th
- 6. C.D. KIA
- 10. Name \_\_\_\_\_
- 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_
- 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_
- 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) D.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- 7. Grave No. 203 Sec. 96
- 8. Plot 4 Row \_\_\_\_\_
- 15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_
- 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_
- 17. \_\_\_\_\_

- 18. Cemetery Argonne American
- 19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Mont-faucon
- 20. Dept. or County Meuse
- 21. Country France
- 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232-Sec. 96
- 23. Disinterred (Date) October 3, 1921 By C.V. Russell

24. Inscription on grave marker:

- Name DANCOTT, John F. Serial No. 1690560
- Rank Pvt. 1st cl. Organization Co. C, 308th Inf.

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

C.V. Russell  
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

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

G.R.S. Plaque on body reads "John F. Dancott, Co. C, 308" Tag on peg reads "Pr. No. 1680560".

27. Condition of body Decomposed; features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Pine box, U.S. Uniform and burlap.

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 October 3, 1921 By C.V. Russell

31. Casket sealed by C.V. Russell

C.V. Russell  
Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)



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

32. Designation of body: \_\_\_\_\_

Name DAMCOTT, John F. Serial No. 1680560

Rank Pvt. 1/cl. Organization Co. C. 308th Inf.

33. Consigned to: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Permanent Cemetery Argonne Amer. Cty. #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) October 3, 1921 By C.V. Russell

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

*H.S. Harpole*  
H.S. Harpole, 1st Lt. MC

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector \_\_\_\_\_

36. Remarks Disc on body partly corroded.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) October 3, 1921

To point of Concentration Meuse-Argonne Cemetery #1232.

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer Geo. F. Spann  
(Name) Geo. F. Spann,  
Captain, C.M.C.

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

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

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

To Permanent Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

41. Reinterred Meuse-Argonne Cemetery # 1232 Oct 3rd 1921  
(Date)

42. Grave No. Gr 10 block N row 22 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_

G.R.S. Representative *James W. Younger*  
James W. Younger, Capt. MC.

jt.

Place Romagne Sous Montfaucon

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Oct. 3, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF <sup>M</sup>DARNCOTT, JOHN F. SERIAL NUMBER 1680560

RANK Pvt. 1/c ORGANIZATION Co., C. 308th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Oct. 3, 1921. From (give complete location):

Gr. 203 sec 96 pt 4, Meuse Argonne Cem., #1232.

By: Group Russell Unit Sec. 1

3. Reburied (date): Oct. 3rd 1921 In (give complete location):

Meuse Argonne Cemetery # 1232 gr 18 block H row 28

By: Group re-burial S Unit  Nature of reburial unlined casket

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

Pine box, U.S. uniform and burlap. body decomposed skeleton disarticulated.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? - - - On grave marker? Yes

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:  
GRS. plac on body reads: " John F. Darncott, Co., C. 308th Inf.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Imp to det.

(b) Weight (estimated) Imp to det.

(c) Hair—Color None visible

Quantity None

Characteristics None

(d) Hair on face—Color None

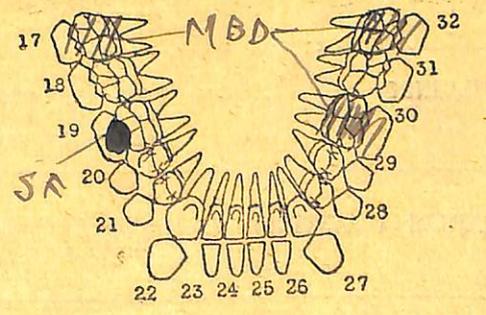
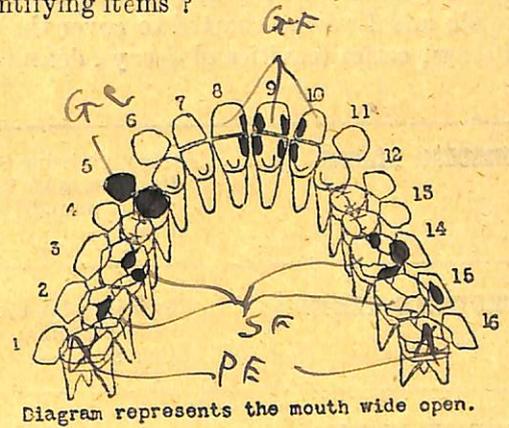
Location None

Quantity None

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) Imp to det.

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

Imp to det.



7. Disinterment supervised by C. V. Russell S. E.

Approved: H. S. Harpole 1st. Lt. QMC.  
(Title)

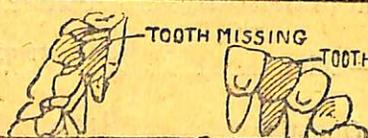
8. Reburial supervised by W. B. Shields  
concentration  
jt.

Approved: James W. Younger, Capt QMC.  
(Title)

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

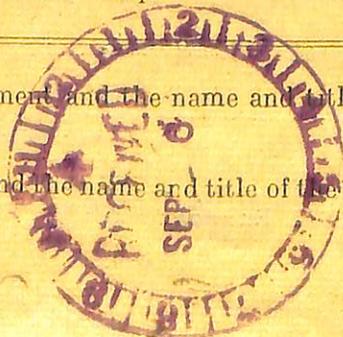
Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Question 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

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.

<b>MISSING TEETH</b> .....	All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :	 <p style="text-align: center;">TOOTH MISSING      TOOTH MISSING</p>
<b>CROWNED TEETH</b> .....	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :	 <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD CROWN      PORCELAIN CROWN GOLD CROWN</p>
<b>BRIDGE WORK</b> .....	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :	 <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD AND PORCELAIN BRIDGE      GOLDBRIDGE</p>
<b>FILLINGS</b> .....	Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :	 <p style="text-align: center;">SILVER FILLING      GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING      GOLD FILLING</p>
<b>CARIES (CAVITIES)</b> .....	Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :	 <p style="text-align: center;">CAVITY DECAYED      DECAYED DECAYED</p>
<b>DENTURES (PLATES)</b> .....	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.





Duncott, John F.  
— Co E 308 Inf —

Name appears on



Duncott, John F.  
B. C. 1,680,660

For further data see Casualty Files

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1st Burial - Ce 1 - 2-275-

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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Daniott-1680660-John F.*  
.....  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

*Pvt. Co C - 308 Regt.*  
.....  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH:.....

CAUSE OF DEATH:.....

DATE OF BURIAL: *9/24/15*.....

PLACE OF BURIAL:.....

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

*Near Concrete Depot*  
*For de Armand Map* { *295.8*  
*East* { *312-*

GRAVE NUMBER:.....

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?..... Cross? *2/ply*.....

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 marks should be given here:

*CMME. Vienne-le-Chateau (Marne)*.....

NEAREST RELATIVE: *275* *35 SW* COORD. *E 296.9*  
*N 27.2*

ADDRESS:.....

RELATIONSHIP:.....

REPORTED BY: *1st Lt. George Chaplain*  
.....  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

2 NOV 1915

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Serial List No. \_\_\_\_\_

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

INVESTIGATION & ADJUSTMENT DEPARTMENT.

G. R. S. Form 8-W-A  
Information requested of A. G. O.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

Date June 7, 1921.

File No. 47948 Registration.

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Cemeterial Division).

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, Sixth and B Streets NW., Washington, D. C.

Subject: Information required for G. R. S.

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed. Request confirmation of all information shown.

a. Surname. DAMCOTT ✓  
 b. Christian name. John F. ✓  
 c. Serial number. 1,680,660 ✓  
 d. Organization. Co. C. 308th Inf. ✓  
 e. Rank. Private 1st Class ✓  
 f. Date of death. 10/5/18 ✓  
 g. Cause of death. K/A ✓  
 h. Authority (C. C. No.) 306 ✓  
 i. Emergency address. Mrs. Martha Damcott, P.O. Box 163, Clymer, N.Y. ✓  
 j. Relationship. Mother. ✓

BODY DESCRIPTION.

(See page 2 of the Service Record.)

- a. Age at enlistment.
- b. Color of eyes.
- c. Color of hair.
- d. Height.
- e. Weight.
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment. (Old fractures or breaks.)

DENTAL CHARTS.

(See physical report of examination prior to enlistment.)

- a. Strike out teeth missing:
- |              |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 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           | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Lower right. |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | Lower left. |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

*No Enl. Records on file.  
above report made  
from master card of  
Dunnally - 293 - 215.*

H. L. ROGERS,  
Quartermaster General, U. S. A.,

*H. J. Conner*

H. J. CONNER,  
1st Lieut. Adjutant, Q. M. C.

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tion shown

a. Surname DAMCOTT A Date of death 10/3/18

b. Christian name John F. c. Cause of death R/A

d. Serial number 176000 e. Authority (G. O. No.) 306

f. Organization Co. C. 308th Inf. g. Emergency address Mrs. Martha Damcott, P. O. box 163, Clymer, N. Y.

h. Rank Private 1st Class i. Relationship Mother.

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(See page 2 of the Service Record.)

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DENTAL CHARTS

(See physical report of examination prior to enlistment.)

a. Strike out teeth missing:

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 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Lower right Lower left

H. L. ROGERS

Quartermaster General, U. S. A.

JUN 13 1921

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H. J. CONNER

Adj. Gen., War Dept., Wash., D. C.

FROM: O.QM.G.

CEMETERIAL DIVISION

Munitions Building

Room 1109

PLEASE

EXPEDITE

File No.

6th. Ind.

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HW/nm.

Hq. Zone of France, A.G.R.S., Q.M.C. in Europe, 7, Rue Quentin-Bauchart, PARIS.  
June 11th. 1920. - To: Chief, A.G.R.S., Q.M.C. in Europe, 8, Ave d'Iena, PARIS.

- 1. Attention is invited to preceding indorsement.

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ET.



*W.H. Maris*  
 L. A. SHIPMAN,  
 Major, Q.M.C.  
 Commanding.

293. Damcott, John F., 1/cl. Pvt. 7th Ind.

*RHR*  
 RHR/nwa.

Hqrs., American G.R.S., Q.M.C., in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris. June 16, 1920.  
To: Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, WASHINGTON, D.C.

- 1. Returned accomplished.
- 2. The Photographic Section, these Headquarters, has been notified of this change, in order that another photograph may be taken of the correct inscription.

*H.F. Rethers*  
 H. F. RETHERS,  
 Lieut. Col., Q.M.C.  
 Chief.

293.8 Damcott 47948

Damcott, John F.

*ms*

File No.

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W/ma.

Ed. Home of France, A.G.R.S., 4 M.C. in Europe, V. Les Gentes-Paroisse, PARIS.  
June 11th 1920 - To: Chief, A.G.R.S., 4 M.C. in Europe, 8, Ave. d'Iena, PARIS.

1. Attention is invited to preceding information.



RECORDED

Major, A.G.S.  
Commanding.

Mr. Harcourt, John W., 1, 1/2 Ave. ...

Mr. Harcourt, John W., 1, 1/2 Ave. ... in Paris, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris 16, 1920.  
To: Harcourt's General, Harcourt's Office, AMSTERDAM, D.O.

1. Noted accordingly.

2. The photographic section, Harcourt's Office, has been notified  
of this change, in order that another photograph may be taken of the  
correct inscription.

Chief,  
Har. Col., W.O.

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96 no  
3rd Ind.

RHR/mt.

293. Damcott, John F.  
Hqrs., American G.R.S., QMC., in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, May 25th 1920. To:  
Commanding Officer, Zone of France.

RECORDED 7. 01 R.  
FILE NO. S.F. DAMCOTT

1. Referred for compliance with paragraph 1 of the foregoing letter.
2. Please correct your Records accordingly.

By direction:

*for R. Rosenhal*  
CHARLES A. MORROW,  
Major, Q.M.C.  
Executive Officer.

RECEIVED  
26 MAY 1920  
G.R.S.

File No.  
Suspended

4th Ind.

*HW*  
HW/gge

Hq. Zone of France, A.G.R.S., Q.M.C., in E. 7 rue Quentin Bauchart, PARIS. May 27, 1920. To: Supervisor Area #1, A.G.R.S. ROMAGNE-sous-MONTFAUCON, Meuse.

1. Forwarded for compliance and report by Indorsement hereon with the least practicable delay.

By order of Major Shipman:

29 MAY 1920

RECEIVED  
10 JUN 1920  
G.R.S.

*W. H. Maris*  
for: W.H. MARIS  
1st Lieut. F.A.  
Adjutant

5th Ind.

Supervisor Area #1, Z. of F. AGRS. QMC. in E. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse) June 5, 1920. To: C.O. Z. of F. AGRS. QMC in E. Paris.

1. The directed changes have been completed.
2. The Red Cross Photographic Section has not been notified.

*W. R. Mann*  
W. R. MANN  
Capt. Inf. *Z. L. U.*

RECORDED & INDEXED  
F. B. I.

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Nease  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Winterrowd  
Tele. Room  
Mr. Holloman  
Miss Gandy

1. Refer to compliance with paragraph 1 of the foregoing letter.
2. Please correct your records accordingly.

By direction:

*Charles A. Larson*  
Major, U.S.A.  
Executive Officer



4th Ind.

File No.

Suspended

Mr. Tolson of France, A. G. S. in R. V. the Grandin Bouquet, PARIS, May 27, 1926. To: Supervisor Area A. G. S. ROMANUS-ROUSSEAU, MONTREAL, Quebec.

1. Forwarded for compliance and report by Department Bureau with the least practicable delay.

By order of Major



G. H. S.



Supervisor Area A. G. S. in R. V. the Grandin Bouquet, PARIS, May 27, 1926. To: Mr. Tolson, U.S. Dept. of Justice, Washington (Room 4000).

1. The attached original has been destroyed.
2. The Red Cross Photographic Section has not been notified.

1st Ind.

PK ✓  
RHR/mt.

293. Damcott, John F. 1st Cl. Pvt.  
Hqrs., American G.R.S., Q.M.C., in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, April 15th  
1920. To: Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, WASHINGTON, D.C.

1. Returned. Our Records show the Army Serial  
Number of the above mentioned soldier as being: 1680660.

2. Please advise which is correct in order that the  
inscription on the grave marker may be corrected accordingly.

*R.H. Rosenthal*  
H. F. Rethers,  
Colonel, Q.M.C.  
Chief.

47948

2nd Indorsement.

File No. 47948 - Registration

From: O.Q.M.G. Cemeterial Division, May 3, 1920, To: Chief, American Graves  
Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe, #8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, France.

1. Returned: The serial number of this soldier as shown on Form #122  
in this office of April 1, 1920 is correct, and has been verified by the A.G.O.  
This soldier's serial number is 1680560.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE  
Colonel, U. S. Army  
Chief, Cemeterial Division

By:

*E. E. Davis*

E. E. DAVIS  
Executive Assistant.

RECORDED  
ET.



✓

Mr. [Name],  
[Address],  
[City], [State], [Zip].

Number of the above mentioned soldier as being: 1000000.

Investigation of the grave number may be corrected and the  
investigation of the grave number may be corrected and the

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
[Name]  
[Title]



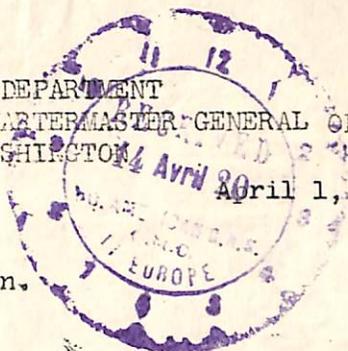
Sept 6, 1950  
S. H. S.

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G.R.S. Form No. 122.  
Change of Inscription.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

April 1, 1920



RECORDED, A.G.R.S., Q.M.C., IN EUROPE  
FILE No. 193 Damcott John F. 1st Cl. Pvt

File No. 47948 Registration.

From: Office of the Quartermaster General, Chief, Cemeterial Division, (GRS) Munitions Building, 19th & B Streets, N.W., Washington, D. C.

To: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, France.

Subject: Change of Inscription on Grave Marker.

1. It is requested that the inscription on the marker erected over grave # 203, plot 4, section 96, Cty. # 1232, Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

be corrected to correspond with the records of this office which show

1st Class Private John F. Damcott, #1680560, Company C, 308th Inf.

Date of death October 5, 1918

2. When this has been done, advise the Red Cross Photographic Section in order that another photograph may be taken of the grave with the correct inscription.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

*CCP*  
CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Colonel, U.S. Army,  
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

CMN/ms  
Inv.S.S.  
Inv. & Adj. Dept.

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THE NO. 1111

U.S. Army Form No. 100  
Change of Address

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON  
MAY 11 1920



File No. 47942

Registration

From: Office of the Quartermaster General, General, Quartermaster Division (GQD),  
Fort Myer Building, 10th & 11th Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.  
To: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, S.M.C., in Europe,  
8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, France.

I. It is requested that the investigation on the matter be  
over name #803, plot 4, section 66, city #1234



G. M. S.  
1920

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Investigation Unit, Audit pt.

3-15-1900

G.R.S Form No. 1-W; Central Records  
Lisison.

Memo For: G.R.S. representative, C.R.O.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

1. Items checked are to be completed:

- ✓ Surname: **Dancott,** ✓
- ✓ Number: **1680560** ✓
- ✓ First name: **John F.** ✓
- ✓ Rank: ~~Private~~ *Private*
- ✓ Company: ~~E~~ *Co C*
- ✓ Organization: **308th Inf.** ✓
- ✓ Date of death: *Oct 5 1918*
- ✓ Cause: *Killed in action*
- Place:

Location of hospital:

Number " "

Class " "

✓ Emergency address **Mrs. Martha Dancott,**  
*P.O. Box 163* **Clymer, N.Y.** ✓

✓ Relationship: **Mother** ✓

Authority:

✓ Cablegram No: *CC 306*

Telegram from: \_\_\_\_\_

dated:

Reported to Washington:

C.C. Nos.

(Underscore the "official" C.C.)

Remarks:

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

*1* NS-3404/1E  
*Linsman, wing 7*  
*3/16/20*

*[Signature]* ✓

Received -- Inq. Dept.



Box 163

Allymer N. Y. March 9<sup>th</sup> 1920.

Colonel Charles C Pierce  
Washington

Dear Sir D.C.

We have just received  
the photograph of Grave of our  
Dear Son John F. Duncott  
who gave his life for country  
but I notice that on the Cross  
it reads Co. E. his was Co. C.  
now I have signed my card  
to have his body left there but  
in the mean time I was told  
that the Bodies of all the Boys are  
to be brought back & will be





buried on this side now would  
you please let me know as to  
that information if so  
certainly would like the Boy  
brought or sent home & not  
buried in some other place  
on this side. many Thanks  
for those pictures. (of grave)  
you know they have had his name  
in so many different Companies  
I sometimes stop & think whether  
it could be possible as to a mistake  
of the Boy.

Respectfully yours  
Mrs Martha Dancott.

Card dept.

File #

6-13-19-

C-215

G.R.S. Form No. 3: Central Records Liaison

Memo. For: G.R.S. representative, C.R.O.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

1. Items checked are to be completed:

- ( ) Surname: DOMCOTT.
- () Number: -
- ( ) First Name: John. F.
- () Rank:
- ( ) Company: E.
- ( ) Organization: 308 Inf.
- () Date of Death:
- () Cause: OVER.
- ( ) Place:

Location of hospital:

Number " "  
Class " "

- () Relative:
- () Relationship:
- () Address:

- () Authority:
- Cablegram No.:
- Telegram from:

dated:

- ( ) Reported to Washington:
- G.C. Nos:

(UnderSCORE the "official" C.C.)

- ( ) Remarks:
- ( ) Show present status on reverse side.

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

Initials of Reporter:

New case.

*Verified  
Cable  
7/19/19  
D-3  
1/20/19*

*no record in file or master cards  
Pate  
7/27/19  
1-19-20*

C-215.

Crime. Vienne-le-Chateau.(Marne)

Reported by G.R.S.

JUN 20 1919

ADJUSTMENT

DEPARTMENT?

File No. 107146

3/8/20

G.R.S Form No. 8-W; Central Records  
Liaison.

Memo For: G.R.S. representative, C.R.O.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

1. Items checked are to be completed:

✓ Surname: DOMCOTT

✓ Number:

✓ First name: John F.,

✓ Rank:

✓ Company: E

✓ Organization: 308th Inf.,

✓ Date of death:

✓ Cause:

Place:

*not found  
M. P. Street  
RR  
3/17/20*

Location of hospital:

Number " "

Class " "

✓ Emergency address

✓ Relationship:

Authority:

✓ Cablegram No:

Telegram from:

*Cannot identify*

*Cannot identify in Cas. Div.*

Reported to Washington;

✓ C.C.Nos.

(Underscore the "official" C.C.)

✓ Remarks:

*No rec. in Master cards.*

*No rec. in encl. files.*

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

*verified Brown*

NS-3404/MB

MS

*Bowers w/ 09112*

*3/13/20*

DEPARTMENT

ADJUSTMENT

3/2/30

File No. 10114

F-I-A shows

Graves #4 Isolated  
City - C-275

Information furnished for G.R.O.

DEPARTMENT

ADJUSTMENT

John E.

Number:

F

508th Inf.

Organization:

Date of entry:

Location:

Remarks:

Location of hospital:

Address:

City:

State:

Country:

Remarks:

Signature:

Official Name:

Telephone:

Address:

City:

State:

Country:

Remarks:

Signature:

Official Name:

Telephone:

Address:

City:

State:

Country:

Remarks:

Signature:

Official Name:

Box 112

Clymer W. Y. P. C. Harris,  
The Adjutant-General  
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir,

Just received your  
card about the remains being  
brought to the United States  
of Pvt. W. C. John F. Dancott.  
I think it better left where he  
fought & fell I would dearly love  
to have the body of the Boy or son,  
could I see it or feel sure it  
was his,

Now may I ask you why have  
we not received any confirmation  
of his death, or his personal belongings  
or number of grave. I have not  
even as much as received any

been a great confusion at that  
time & there is no date alike of  
any of them although I would not  
Mrs Martha Dancott.

9.9-3935  
Dancott, John F.

Certificate  
sent Sept. 4

cd sent 3/21  
white cd not  
yet received

RECEIVED DISTRICT  
AUG 28 1919

File  
misc 1-215  
9-24-19

Box 112

Olymer N. Y. P. C. Harris,  
The Adjutant-General  
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir.

Just received your  
card about the remains being  
brought to the United States  
of Pvt-181 C. John F. Danecott.  
I think it better left where he  
fought & fell I would dearly love  
to have the Body of the Boy or son,  
could I see it or feel sure it  
was his,

Now may I ask you why have  
we not received any confirmation  
of his death, or his personal belongings  
or number of grave, I have not  
even as much as received any

word from Chaplain or Captain  
on one thing it made me feel  
hopefull of perhaps a mistake  
the Red Cross could not find  
any Grave. & Sergeant Bendheim  
he was from the same Co. and  
he said he saw him carried  
to first-aid Station & was unconscious  
& looked bad. I have written to the  
Chaplain. but received no answer,  
it makes me think they know  
nothing about him & I do not  
wonder at it there must have  
been a great confusion at that  
time & there is no date alike of  
any of them. although I would not

have heard from the Sergeant but I  
wrote him first, and I saw a  
picture in the July pictorial  
magazine, page 17, showing the  
Hospital at Millly France & also  
showing Mrs Vanderbilt, and on the  
first cot facing this way is a Boy  
looks like my son, to perfection.  
It does me good to look at it  
& have been trying to find  
out who the Boy was but hear  
nothing, I know he was a Brave  
& true Soldier, now would you  
please let me know the reason  
why, yours Respectfully  
Mrs Martha Dancott.

War Department, A.G.O., Sept. 5, 1919. To the Cemeterial Branch, Quartermaster General's Office, Washington, D.C.

1. For information as to the number and location of the grave of Private 1st class, John F. Dancott, 1630660, Co. C, 308th Infantry.
2. The records of this office show this soldier to have been killed in action Oct. 5, 1918.

By order of the Secretary of War.



Adjutant General.

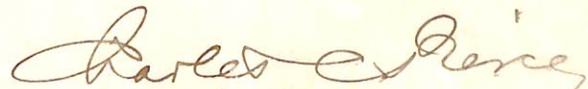
Synopsis made

2nd Ind.

In reply refer to file 293.3-Cemeterial.  
War Dept., Q.M.G.O., Sept. 10, 1919. To--The Adjutant General.  
Ref. AG 293.8 (Dancott, John F.) DRD

- 1/16
1. Returned. Records in this office show that 1/e Pvt. John F. Dancott, #1680660, Co.C 308th Infantry is interred in grave #203, Section 96, Plot 4, in the Argonne American Cemetery, at Romagne sous Montfaucon, Department of Meuse, France.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

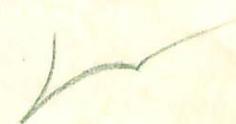


Charles U. Pierce,  
Colonel, Quartermaster Corps.  
For Major H. R. Lemly,  
Chief, Cemeterial Branch.

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14 REC'D BACK A G O. SEP 11 1919

11 REC'D RECORDS BR. A. G. O. SEP 12 1919



293.8 ( Damcott, John F. ) Dtd.

September 24, 1919.

From: The Adjutant General of the Army.  
To: Mrs. Martha Damcott, Clymer, New York.  
Subject: Private 1st Class John F. Damcott, Company C,  
308th Infantry.

Referring to your letter of recent date, I beg leave to advise you that the records on file in this office show that your son, John F. Damcott, was killed in action October 5, 1918. His remains were interred in grave #203, Section 96, Plot 4, in the Argonne American Cemetery, at Romagne sous Montfaucon, Department of Meuse, France.

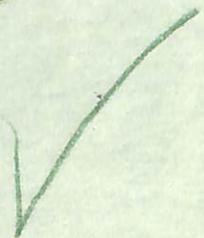
Every precaution has been taken to safeguard the identity of the deceased soldiers. One identification tag is buried with the body and the other is attached to the marker of the grave. It is believed no apprehension need be felt as to the return of the proper body. It is requested that you fill out the card previously sent you, that your wishes may be recorded for future reference.

Inquiries concerning personal effects should be addressed, Chief, Effects Bureau, Port of Embarkation, Hoboken, New Jersey.

It is desired to express to you the deep sympathy of the Department on account of the great loss you have sustained, and to commend you for the contribution you have made to the cause for which your son gave his life.

P. C. Harris For

file  
mic 1-215, 6th & B.  
9-24-19.



THIS SPACE FOR OFFICE MEMORANDA.

Card Section

Is card in the case of  
John A. Dancott  
cc C 308 list, in file?

HRC  
1-217  
E Bedy.

Cd sent Mch 21-19 to  
Mrs. Martha Dancott, Box 163  
Clymer, N.Y.  
Follow-up let sent 9-18-19  
No cd returned - green cd in  
waiting file. ✓

5 x 8

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

*Damcott - John F.  
Europe*

Remains of: OK

Name DAMCOTT, John F.

Number: 1680660

Rank Pvt 1<sup>c</sup> Organization: Co <sup>C</sup> ~~E~~ 308th Inf

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Disinterred (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ From: (Give complete location)

19th June 1919

Isolated Grave VIENNE LE CHATEAU MARNE

35 SW E 295.1 N 272.2

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

19th June 1919

Grave No 203 Sec 96 Plot 4

ARGONNE AMER CEMETERY N O 1232

ROMAGNE MEUSE

*1232*

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

Burial good; buried in uniform; body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon body? Yes

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

*123299*

Note:

**CONFIRMED No. D.....**

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon the bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct, as is required by C.O. 170, G.F.C., 1918., after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notation thereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by Lt Bushnell

**R. H. ROSENTHAL**

**2nd Lieut. Q.M.C.U.S.A**

JMB

C.O. Group

Unit



