

gc ✓ DATE ✓
 1. NAME DAMON, Paul W ✓ SERIAL No. 2658929 ✓
 RANK Pvt. ✓ ORGANIZATION Co.G., 47th Inf. ✓
 & DIVISION 4th ✓
 GRAVE LOCATION American Mil.Cty. Nevers.Nievre 395
 CTY. NAME NUMBER

138
 GRAVE ROW PLOT
 2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 138 NEVERS (Nièvre)
 GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES

CONCENTRATED TO Not of record
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT
 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 31, 1918
 STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Ohio
 MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED Not of record none.
 SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR *W.H. Quarterman*
 W.H. QUARTERMAN, CAPT. F.A., Supervisor Area N°4

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION June 23, 1922 21 10 Block A-
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

St-Mihiel Amer. #1233, Thiaucourt (M-et-M).
 CEMETERY

Robert O Davis,
 Major General,
 The Adjutant General

AUDITED BY

Rec'd World War Div.
 1 JUN 8 1925

15 Received A. G. O. JUN 2 1925
 JUN 4 1925



INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.

2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.

3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.

4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form 16, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Damon (Surname) *2658929* (Number) *Paul W.* (First Name and Initials).

Pvt. (Rank) *Co. G, 47* (Organization)

PLACE OF DEATH: *Eggs Hosp. 14*
CAUSE OF DEATH: *1. Enteritis acute*
2 Broncho pneumonia
DATE OF BURIAL: *Nov. 1, 1918*
PLACE OF BURIAL: *Military Cemetery*
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department). Map references must specify clearly what map is used.

Mars sur Allier, Nievre

A.P.O. 780

GRAVE NUMBER: *98 B*

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? *Yes* Cross? *Yes*

Headboard? *Yes* Bottle? *Yes*

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: *Ruth Damon*

ADDRESS: *Sharon Center O., R.R. 1*

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY: *Wife*

Raymond G. Argus
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

This portion to be forwarded to Central Records Office, A. G. O., A. E. F.

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Damon, Paul W	3	41 ⁰ / ₃
	CEMETERY 1233	1	3
BURIED	GRAVE 21	2	21
	ROW 10	2	10
	BLOCK A	1	1
STATE	Ohio	2	41
RANK	Pvt	1	2
DIVISION	4	2	04
ORGANIZATION	47	5	047
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARITAL	yes	1	1
NAME	Damon	3	41 ³ / ₀
	Mrs Ruth	2	41
RESIDENCE	A	2	52
	mother dead	3	XXX
RELATION	widow	1	5
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Previous trip	1	3
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Good	1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	no	1	2
29/514/EAB	Age		36

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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS.	CODE
NAME	<i>Blamson</i>	3	<i>4103</i>
BURIED	CEMETERY <i>1233</i>	1	<i>3</i>
	GRAVE <i>21</i>	2	<i>21</i>
	ROW <i>10</i>	2	<i>10</i>
	BLOCK <i>a</i>	1	<i>1</i>
STATE	<i>Ohio</i>	2	<i>41</i>
RANK	<i>Priv</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>4</i>	2	<i>04</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>47</i>	3	<i>047</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARITAL	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NAME		3	
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	
	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Head</i>	1	<i>6</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Damon, Paul W. (STM)

July 12, 1932

Mrs. Ruth A. Damon,
Sharon Center, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries of Europe during the years 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933 for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces who were lost or buried at sea or whose remains are interred in Europe.

Your attention is particularly invited to the fact that this is the last opportunity you will have to make the pilgrimage under the provisions of the above mentioned Act. Unless you take advantage of this LAST chance to make a trip in 1933 you will receive no benefit from the Act. There is no provision of law which will permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow who does not choose to make the pilgrimage.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU GIVE THE MATTER YOUR MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BEFORE REACHING A DECISION, BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE TRIP AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

In order to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations for the mothers and widows making the journey in 1933, reservations for steamship transportation must be made by this office several months in advance. It is requested that you answer the questions below by writing "Yes" or "No" or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question. When you have answered the question, sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. PLEASE DO NOT DELAY, as it is essential that the information be in this office promptly.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make the pilgrimage during the years 1930, 1931 or 1932. There is enclosed a circular of information WHICH YOU SHOULD READ VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING YOUR DECISION.

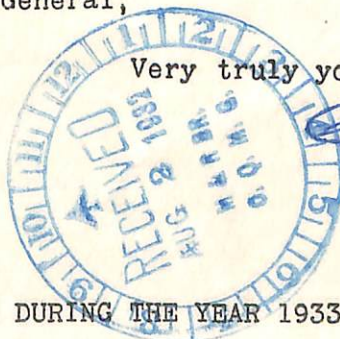
For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



CHAS. W. DIETZ,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

2 Encls.



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933?

No

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

(Mrs.) Ruth A. Damon

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Damon, Paul W. (STM) W-

October 1, 1931

Mrs. Ruth A. Damon,
Sharon Center,
Ohio.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

In order that the records may be complete, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name, and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage
in 1932?

No ✓

2. Please state your age and condition
of health:

Age: 37
Health: OK.

3. Do you speak English?

Yes

4. What other language do you speak?

Some French

(Mrs.) Ruth A. Damon
Sign here

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
QM 293 A-M WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO _____
Damon, Paul W. Pvt. 1233-W

October 15, 1930

Mrs. Ruth A. Damon,
Sharon Center, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	<i>No</i>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	<i>No</i>
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age <i>36</i> Condition of health <i>Excellent</i>
4. Do you speak English?	<i>Yes</i>
5. What other language do you speak?	<i>Some French</i>

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 9, 1930

Damon, Paul W.

1233-W

Mrs. Ruth A. Damon
Sharon Center, Ohio

Dear Madam:

The Act of March 2, 1929 excluded from its benefits those mothers and widows who had made former visits to the graves of their loved ones in Europe. On May 15, 1930 that Act was amended to remove this restriction. Therefore, you are now eligible to make the pilgrimage at the expense of the Government.

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

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

This letter is being sent to all mothers and widows who have previously visited their sons' or husbands' graves, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

QM 293 A-C
Damon, Paul W.

August 12, 1929

Mrs. Ruth A. Damon,
R. F. D. #1,
Sharon Center, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 27, 1929, relative to the eligibility of your mother to visit the grave of your husband, the late Private Paul W. Damon, Company G, 47th Infantry, who is buried in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery in France.

It is noted that you request this privilege for your mother under the provisions of Section 4 (a) of the Act approved March 2, 1929, which states in part "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces". In determining who is meant by the phrase "who stood in loco parentis", this phrase has been given its usually accepted legal meaning and it has been held that a person cannot stand in loco parentis to an adult who is not incapacitated either mentally or physically; that in order for a woman to occupy such a status towards a minor or incapacitated adult, she must act the part of a lawful father of such person in performing the duty of providing for him, intending thereby to take the place of the father in this particular. Further, in order to receive the benefits of the Act in question, she must have occupied the status toward a particular deceased member of the military or naval forces "for the year prior to the commencement of his service in such forces".

The records indicate that the late Private Paul W. Damon was 27 years of age when he enlisted in the Army for service during the World War. As there is a positive showing that the soldier in question was not incapacitated, either mentally or physically at the time of his entry into the service; that he was more than 21 years of age when he enlisted, it is not possible for your mother to have stood in loco parentis to him for the year immediately preceding the commencement of his service in the Army. Accordingly, it does not appear that the relationship of mother within the meaning of the Act has been established.

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Section 2 (b) of the above mentioned Act stated in part "but no mother or widow who has previous to the pilgrimage visited cemeteries described in section 1 shall be entitled to make any such pilgrimage". It is therefore regretted to advise that you would not be eligible to make the pilgrimage at the expense of the government.

Your desire to be of service to the mothers and widows making the pilgrimage has been noted. When the final plans for the pilgrimages are completed, should it develop that your services can be utilized in any capacity, I shall be pleased to communicate with you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

27 yrs 5 mos

May 26, 1918

Sharon Center, O.
June 27, 1929

Major John J. Harris
2. M. Corps, War Dept.
Washington, D.C.

1233
5-29-29

Dear Sir:

I am writing in regard to
the relatives of my late husband,
Private Paul St. Damon, Co. G., 47th Inf.

His mother is not living.
My own mother acted in something
like the loco parentis relationship
to him for quite a long time before
he entered the army. I am not sure
whether this entitles her to the honor
the government proposes to extend,
or not.

I have not remarried.

In 1925, I visited my
husband's grave. Unless this disqualifies
me to make the government's proposed
pilgrimage, I shall be interested in
going again. Since I am a teacher,

the only free time for such an expedition is in the summer.

May I say that I consider it a gracious gesture that our government contemplates in so honoring the war dead. The comfort to broken hearts and saddened homes will be greatly appreciated. I wish that I might be of service in some way to those who are making the pilgrimage.

Very truly yours,
(Mrs.) Ruth A. Damon



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May , 1929.

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Danon, Paul W

Mrs. Ruth A. Danon,
R.F.D. # 1,
Sharon Center, Ohio.

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 widow of the late

Private Paul W. Danon, Co. G, 47th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Damon, Paul W. (STM)

July 12, 1932

Mrs. Ruth A. Damon,

Sharon Center, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries Of Europe during the years 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933 for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces who were lost or buried at sea or whose remains are interred in Europe.

Your attention is particularly invited to the fact that this is the last opportunity you will have to make the pilgrimage under the provisions of the above mentioned Act. Unless you take advantage of this LAST chance to make a trip in 1933 you will receive no benefit from the Act. There is no provision of law which will permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow who does not choose to make the pilgrimage.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU GIVE THE MATTER YOUR MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BEFORE REACHING A DECISION, BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE TRIP AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

In order to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations for the mothers and widows making the journey in 1933, reservations for steamship transportation must be made by this office several months in advance. It is requested that you answer the questions below by writing "Yes" or "No" or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question. When you have answered the question, sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. PLEASE DO NOT DELAY, as it is essential that the information be in this office promptly.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make the pilgrimage during the years 1930, 1931 or 1932. There is enclosed a circular of information WHICH YOU SHOULD READ VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING YOUR DECISION.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

CHAS. W. DIETZ,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

2 Encls.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933? _____

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Damon, Paul W. (STM) W-

October 1, 1931 ed

Mrs. Ruth A. Damon,
Sharon Center,
Ohio.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

In order that the records may be complete, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name, and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM
Damon, Paul W. Pvt (StM) W

June 13, 1931.

Mrs. Ruth A. Damon,
Sharon Center,
Ohio.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1932 to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question.

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

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932?

Write answer here

Sign here

QM 293 A-M

Damon, Paul W. Pvt. 1233-W

October 15, 1930

Mrs. Ruth A. Damon,
Sharon Center, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 9, 1930

Damon, Paul W. 1233-W

Mrs. Ruth A. Damon
Sharon Center, Ohio

Dear Madam:

The Act of March 2, 1929 excluded from its benefits those mothers and widows who had made former visits to the graves of their loved ones in Europe. On May 15, 1930 that Act was amended to remove this restriction. Therefore, you are now eligible to make the pilgrimage at the expense of the Government.

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

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

This letter is being sent to all mothers and widows who have previously visited their sons' or husbands' graves, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

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QM 285 A-C
Damon, Paul W.

August 12, 1929

Mrs. Ruth A. Damon,
R. F. D. #1,
Sharon Center, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 27, 1929, relative to the eligibility of your mother to visit the grave of your husband, the late Private Paul W. Damon, Company G, 47th Infantry, who is buried in the St. Michel American Cemetery in France.

It is noted that you request this privilege for your mother under the provisions of Section 4 (a) of the Act approved March 2, 1929, which states in part "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces". In determining who is meant by the phrase "who stood in loco parentis", this phrase has been given its usually accepted legal meaning and it has been held that a person cannot stand in loco parentis to an adult who is not incapacitated either mentally or physically; that in order for a woman to occupy such a status towards a minor or incapacitated adult, she must act the part of a lawful father of such person in performing the duty of providing for him, intending thereby to take the place of the father in this particular. Further, in order to receive the benefits of the Act in question, she must have occupied the status toward a particular deceased member of the military or naval forces "for the year prior to the commencement of his service in such forces".

The records indicate that the late Private Paul W. Damon was 27 years of age when he enlisted in the Army for service during the World War. As there is a positive showing that the soldier in question was not incapacitated, either mentally or physically at the time of his entry into the service, that he was more than 21 years of age when he enlisted, it is not possible for your mother to have stood in loco parentis to him for the year immediately preceding the commencement of his service in the

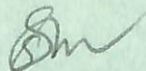
Army. Accordingly, it does not appear that the relationship of mother within the meaning of the Act has been established.

Section 2 (b) of the above mentioned Act stated in part "but no mother or widow who has previous to the pilgrimage visited cemeteries described in section 1 shall be entitled to make any such pilgrimage". It is therefore regretted to advise that you would not be eligible to make the pilgrimage at the expense of the government.

Your desire to be of service to the mothers and widows making the pilgrimage has been noted. When the final plans for the pilgrimages are completed, should it develop that your services can be utilized in any capacity, I shall be pleased to communicate with you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 29, 1929.

Damon, Paul W

Mrs. Ruth A. Damon,
R.F.D. # 1,
Sharon Center, Ohio.

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 widow of the late
Private Paul W. Damon, Co. G, 47th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother 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 husband was survived by a mother 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,

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

Q.M.G. & R. DIV.
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Damon,

(Surname.)

Paul W.

(Christian name in full.)

2,658,929

(Army service number.)

Pvt.

Co G 47 Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

wife

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

yes

(Yes or no.)

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

No

(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:

Mrs Paul W Damon - Medina - Sharon Center

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

Medina

(City or town.)

Ohio

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mrs. Paul W Damon

R. F. D. #1

(Number and street or rural route.)

Sharon Center,

(City, town, or post office.)

Ohio

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by J.P.

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DAMON, Paul W. - Pvt.

November 21, 1924

Mrs. Ruth A. Damon,
R.F.D.#1,
Sherm Center, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

R.P.HARBOLD,
Major, Q.M.C.
Assistant. RD

1-Incl.
Record card.



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Place Nevers,

Date June 18, 1919.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: Paul W. Damon,

Number: 2658929

Rank: Private,

Organization: Co. G., 47th Infantry.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit Detachment.

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give Complete location)

June 13, 1919

Grave No. B-98, American E.F.

Cemetery No. 85,

Mars-sur-Allier, Nievre.

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

June 13, 1919

Grave No. 138, American E.F.

Cemetery No. 395,

Nevers, Nievre.

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

Buried in strong coffin. Body clothed, badly decomposed.

Water covered coffin.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? No question as to identity.

What other means of identification were found on the body?

No question as to identity.

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct, as is required by G. O. 170, G.H. 2, 1918., after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, G.R.S.

Supervised by:

Harry Sands
2nd Lt. Ome

C.O. Group

Unit

CONFIRMED N° D 10177

CHAS. S. DENNY
1st Lieut. C. A.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

1. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name Damon, Paul W. Ser. No. 2658929)
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. G 47th Inf.) TYP. ILH
 (c) Date of death 10-31-18 of death Pneumonia) CKR. 288

*2/27/22 Exhumed for Concentration St Michil * 1233 att 3/16/22*

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

(a) Grave No. 138 Row --- Plot --- Sect. ---) TYP. ILH
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Ruth A. Damon, (Wife), RFD #1, Sharon Center, Ohio.

111. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases: NO CARD) CKR. 288

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Mrs. Paul W. Damon (b) Relationship wife
 (c) Address R.F.D. #1, Sharon Center, Ohio
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? Yes
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at no

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U.S. Mrs. Paul W. Damon Medina, Ohio - (Exp. Medina, Ohio) (Teleg. Sharon Center, Ohio)

(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U.S. ---

SEE SUSPENSION REMARKS

Examiner's Initials JR Date 5-26- 1920

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

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

Examiner's Initials YB Date 5-26- 1920

VI. G.R.S. Files - Correspondence - shows as follows: Mrs Paul W Damon, R.F.D. #1, Sharon Center, Ohio, (2/24/19) No request for disposition Request photo of grave

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes - MHS

Examiner's Initials MHS Date 5/28/ 1920

Do not forget

VII. G. R. S. FORM No. 114 made June 2, 1920

Typed by KMB Checked by Jrees June 4, 1920

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by- (cable on _____ 1920
(letter on 8/12 1920

Par. No. 2. Not to be returned (Mack)

AP 12/23/20

IX. CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

Form 120 - 6-21-20, from Mrs. Ruth A. Damon, wife, Sharon Center, Ohio, R.F.D. #1, requests that body remain in Europe - 6-28-20 F

02-87-97

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Dec. 15, 1921

gc 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 DAMON, Paul W
 2. No. 2658929
 3. Rank Pvt.
 4. Org. Co. G., 47th Inf.
 5. D.D. Oct. 31st. 1918
 6. C.D. Pneumonia

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 138 Sec. _____
 8. Plot _____ Row _____
 9. _____

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

18. Cemetery American Mil.19. Commune or town Nevers20. Dept. or County Nievre21. Country France22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 39523. Disinterred (Date) Dec. 15, 1921By W C Rapine

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name DAMON, Paul W
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. 2658929
 Organization Co. G. 47 Inf.
 Gr. No. 138

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? yes On body? yesSignature Ray Brown
Junior Technical Assistant

Ray Brown

PREPARATION

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

No effects found, form 16a accomplished.27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, recognition impossible.28. Nature of burial In uniform and wooden box.29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Dec. 15, 1921 By W C Rapine31. Casket sealed by W C RapineSignature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) W C Rapine

W C Rapine

AUDITED BY
\$439/24/22

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-23705

32. Designation of body:

Name Paul W. DAMON

Serial No. 2658929

Rank Fvt.

Organization Co.G., 47th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

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

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date)

Dec. 15, 1921

By

W C Rapine

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector

S H Hunsicker

S H Hunsicker, 1st Lt. QMC

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date)

Dec. 25, 1921

To point of Concentration

Nevers, Nievre

(Name)

Convoyer

Signature Shipping Officer

Capt. QMC

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

22 DEC 1921

To Permanent Cemetery

St. Mihiel (1233) Thiaucourt M et M

(Name)

Convoyer

R L HALL

Signature Shipping Officer

W R Buckley

40. Received: Date

26 DEC. 1921

G.R.S. Representative

J B Daniel, Capt. 2 MC

41. Reinterred:

June 23 1922

(Date)

42. Grave No.

21

Section

43. Plot

Br. A

Row

10

G.R.S. Representative

A E Dewey

A E Dewey 1st Lt. QMC

DEC 15 1921

Place Nevers, Nievre

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Dec. 15, 1921

1. REMAINS OF DAMON, Paul W. SERIAL NUMBER 2658929

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. G. 47 Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Dec. 15, 1921 From (give complete location): Gr. No. 138

Amer. Cem. No. 395 Nevers, Nievre

By : Group 4 Unit 4

3. Reburied (date): June 23 1922 In (give complete location): Gr. 2I Bk. A Row IO

By : Group Reburial Unit Casket & shipping case
Nature of reburial

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

In uniform in wooden box. Body badly decomposed, Recognition impossible.

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

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

No effects found.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Unable to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color None is

Location None is

Quantity None is

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) Unable to determine

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) HBD. 1, 19, MAD. 8, 9, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26

None

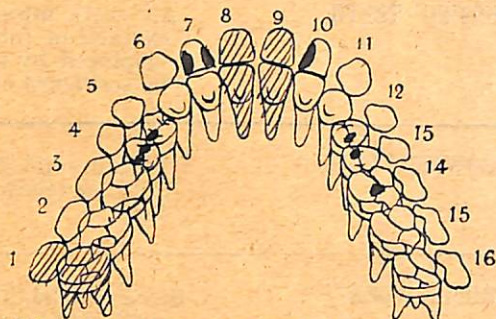
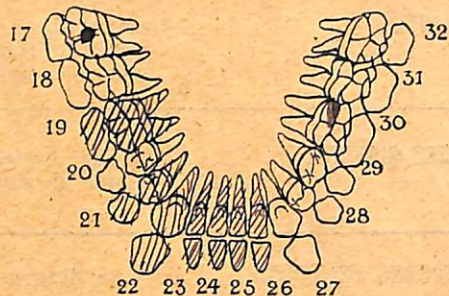


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



7. Disinterment supervised by W C Rapine Approved: J H Hunsicker

W C Rapine

RB (Title) 1st Lieut. QMC jsk

8. Reburial supervised by H L Kramer Approved: A E Dewey

H L Kramer

(Title) 1st Lt. QMC

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

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

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.

5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".

(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave, Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No 6.

6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

MISSING TEETH All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :



CROWNED TEETH Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :



BRIDGE WORK Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus :



FILLINGS Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :



CARIES (CAVITIES) Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :



DENTURES (PLATES) Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp"

7. Show name of person supervising the disinterment and the name and title of the person approving same.

8. Show name of person supervising the reburial and the name and title of the person approving same.

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

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.G.
TO: Mrs. Paul W. Damon, RFD #1, Sharon Center, Ohio.
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Paul W. Damon

JUN 9 - 1920

Spencer

Rush Answer

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

~~Shipped to Mrs. Paul W. Damon, Medina, Ohio.~~

(Ex. Medina, Ohio & Teleg. Sharon Center, Ohio)

Remain

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

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

Noted on Form No. 115

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

Date

6-28-20

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

KMB

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow (Mrs. Paul W. Damon) Mrs. Ruth A. Damon R.F.D. #1		Sharon Center,	Ohio
Soldier's Children (Name oldest first)	1. <i>None</i> 2. 3.		
Father	John O. Damon		
Mother	Elvira M. Damon		
Brothers (Name oldest first)	1. Austin B. Damon 2.		
Sisters	<i>none</i>		
Date	June 16, 1920	Signature	Mrs. Ruth A. Damon
Address	Sharon Center, Ohio, R.F.D. #1	Relationship	wife

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

(OVER)

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

He should like to have the remains
of my husband's body, Pvt. Paul W. Damon,
left in an American cemetery in France,
instead of being returned to the United
States.

Mrs. Ruth A. Damon.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT

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

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GRAVE LOCATION **ANK**

LOCAT **ANK** OF THE GRAVE OF

Damon **2658929** **Paul W.**
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Pvt. **Co. G, 47 Inf.**
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: **Base Hosp. 14**

CAUSE OF DEATH: **1 Enteritis acute**
2 Broncho pneumonia

DATE OF BURIAL: **Nov. 1, 1918**

PLACE OF BURIAL: **Military Cemetery**

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

Mars sur Allier, Nievre

A.P.O. 780

GRAVE NUMBER: **98 B**

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? **Yes** Cross? **Yes**

Headboard? Bottle? **Yes**

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: **Yes**

Was one buried with body?

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: **Ruth Damon**

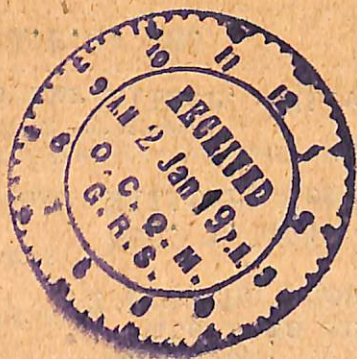
ADDRESS: **Sharon Center, R.R. 1**

RELATIONSHIP: **Wife**

REPORTED BY: **Weyron J. Angus**
Chaplain

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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



Address
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE & STORAGE
Munitions Building

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE
WASHINGTON

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293.3 (Damon, Paul W., Pvt.) G.R.S.

Nov. 4, 1919.

Graves Registration Service.

Honorable M. L. Davey, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

Location of Grave.

FILES.
NW

1. Replying to your letter of June 19, 1919, received in this office from France, I have to advise that the records of this office show Private Paul W. Damon, #2658929, Co. G, 47th Infantry, originally buried November 1, 1918 in Grave B-98, American Cemetery, Mars-sur-Allier, Nièvre, disinterred and reburied June 13, 1919 in Grave #138, A. E. F. Cemetery, Nevers, Nièvre.

By authority of the Quartermaster General, Director of Purchase and Storage.

Charles C. Pierce,
Colonel, Q. M. C.,
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

By:

Charles J. Wynné,
Captain, Q. M. C.,
Graves Registration Service.

1 Incl.

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

Date Oct-30/19

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

Please furnish information as checked (✓) below regarding the following soldier:

NAME Damon, Paul W.

Serial Number 2607929

RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION Co G. 47th Inf.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	1. Yes.
2.	Date of Death.	2. 10-31-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	3. Pneumonia
4.	Number of Casualty VCablegram.	4. 307
5.	Date buried.	5. 11-1-18 ✓
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	6. Disinterred 6/13/19 from grave B-95. Amer. Cty. #85, Mars-sur-Allier, (Nievre)
7.	Who reported burial?	Reburied, same date: Year #138, Amer. EF
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	Cty. # 395, Nevers, Nievre
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	9. Cross
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	10. (a) Yes (b) Yes. (wife)
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	11. Mrs Ruth A Damon RFD #1 Sharon Center, Ohio
12.	Has above been notified? (Give date)	12. 1-21-19

Released by Information Control
Dept. Directory
X Cards 5 x 8
Cards 4 x 6

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

X-Form 16
**REVIEWED
OSP SS.**

a.H.

MARTIN L. DAHEY
MEMBER OF CONGRESS
14TH DISTRICT OHIO

4-949
CHARLES R. SHARP
SECRETARY

House of Representatives U. S.

Washington, D. C.

June
Nineteenth
1 9 1 9

Chief, Graves Registration Service,
Office of the Chief Quartermaster,
American Expeditionary Forces, France.

Sir:

Paul W. Damon, according to the report given
by the Casualty Division, died of pneumonia
October 31st and was buried November 1st.

Will you please inform me as to the exact
location of this soldier's grave.

I will very much appreciate having this
information at your early convenience.

Sincerely yours,



MLD:AMR

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USP SS.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

LAND OFFICE

TO THE HONORABLE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON, D. C.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING A
CERTIFICATE OF TITLE TO THE LANDS

HEREIN REFERRED TO IN THE
ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION

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Bulletin 004.5
sent April 24th 1919

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R. F. D. #1, Sharon Center, Ohio,
Feb. 24, 1919.

Chief Graves Registration Service,
Headquarters Services of Supply,
A. P. O. 717,
American E. F.,
France.

Dear Sirs:- Will you please send me a
photograph of my husband's grave? His name
and address are Private Paul H. Damon, Co. G,
47th Infantry. He died October 31st, 1918 and
is buried in the American Cemetery, Mars-aur-
Allier, Nièvre, France. His army number
is 2658929.

Thanking you, I am
Respectfully yours,
Mrs. Paul H. Damon.

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