

G.R.S. Form #114-B

SEP 1-1926

11864

FULL NAME DAMRON. William. H.

RANK Pvt. SERIAL 3169525

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION Co. F. 6th Inf. 5th div

DATE OF DEATH. ~~11-4-18~~ 3 Aug also 1-27-30

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME W. Va.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED:

None found.

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION. 10-20-21 39 29 G

Date

Grave

Row

Block

1232 - Meuse-Argonne

Cemetery


 Robert O. Davis,
 Major General
 The Adjutant General
 By

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DIGITAL

A.G. 201 Damron, William H. (WW)

Date of death

January 27, 1930

The Quartermaster General,
Washington, D.C.

An investigation recently completed by this office in the case of William H. Damron, Army serial number 3,169,525, Private, Company E, 6th Infantry, who was reported to have died November 4, 1918, of wounds received in action, shows that the report is erroneous and that this soldier died November 3, 1918, of wounds received in action.

By order of the Secretary of War:

W. E. Chickering,
Adjutant General.



39-79 *[Signature]*

5x8

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name DAMRON, William H.

Number: 3169525

Rank Unkn

Organization: Unkn

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group _____ Unit _____

Disinterred (Date) _____ From: (Give complete location)

25 June 1919

Brieulles sur Meuse

35 NE

Reburied (Date) _____

in: (Give complete location)

25 June 1919

Grave #124 Sec #116 Plot #3

ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY #1232

CHAMPAGNE

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

Burial good; buried in uniform; body decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body?

Yes

What other means of identification were found upon the body?

None

12104

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.H.Q. 1918., after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by Capt Smith

LGG

C.O. Group _____

Unit _____



Damron, Wm. H.
Pot.

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West Virginia

GOLD STAR MOTHERS PILGRIMAGE

S.S. ROOSEVELT, AUGUST 9, 1930

Wayne County

Name: Mrs. Matt Damron (P-7)

Address: R.F.D.#1, Box 13, Dunlow, W. Va.

Route: Norfolk & Western Ry. Lynchburg, Southern Ry. Washington,
Pennsylvania R.R. New York

Lv. Dunlow Train No. 28	10.04 A.M., August 7
Ar. Williamson	12.15 P.M., August 7
Lv. Williamson Train No. 16	4.25 P.M., August 7
Ar. Lynchburg	1.55 A.M., August 8
Lv. Lynchburg Sou. Ry. Train No. 42	2.05 A.M., August 8
Ar. New York (Penna. Station) Train No. 124	12.30 P.M., August 8

Accommodations: Coach Dunlow to Williamson
Pullman Car Seat Williamson to Roanoke Train No. 16
Through Sleeper Roanoke to New York Train No. 42

Elapsed Time: 26 hours 26 minutes $1\frac{1}{4}$

Hb7.

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	L O A M	3	413
william	CEMETERY 1232	1	1
BURIED	GRAVE 39	2	39
	ROW 29	2	29
	BLOCK 5	1	7
STATE	n. va	2	57
RANK	Port	1	2
DIVISION	5	2	05
ORGANIZATION	6	3	006
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARITAL	Remarried	1	3
NAME	L O A M	3	413 ⁰
Mrs Matt	STATE n. va	2	57
RESIDENCE	COUNTY Wayne	2	50
R 701, Box 13	CITY Dunbar	3	X
RELATION	mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Poor	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	No	1	
29/514/PJ	Age		

2 Audited
 JAN 13 1932
 60(1929) MB

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Damron Wm H (MA)

July 9 1932

Mrs Matt Damron
R F D #1 Box 13
Dunlow W Va

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.

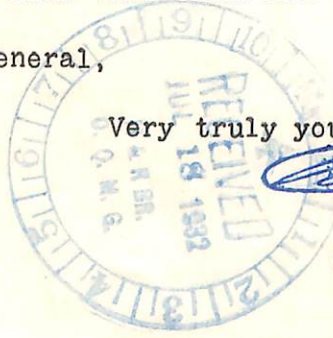
In order to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations for the mothers and widows making the journey in 1933, reservations for steamship transportation must be made by this office several months in advance. It is requested that you answer the questions below by writing "Yes" or "No" or "Undecided" 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?

Yes!!!!
(Write answer here)

(Sign here) Mrs. Matt Damron

QM 293 A-M

Damron, William A. Pvt (MA) M

January 14, 1932.

Mrs. Matt Damron,
R. F. D. #1, Box #13,
Dunlow, W. Va.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private William A. Damron. In reply to a questionnaire you advised that you did not desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer of 1932.

It is noted you previously stated your health was poor, and in this connection you are advised that personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided, and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years a number of mothers in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

It is believed that you would experience no difficulty in making the journey, and should you later decide to visit your son's grave next summer, it is requested that you so notify this office. You are assured that not only will the pilgrimage be made at the expense of the United States, but everything possible will be provided for your comfort and welfare.

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-AM
Damron, Wil H. Pvt. (M-A) M*

July 22, 1931.

Mrs. Matt Damron,
R. F. D. #1, Box #13,
Dunlow, W. Va.

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.

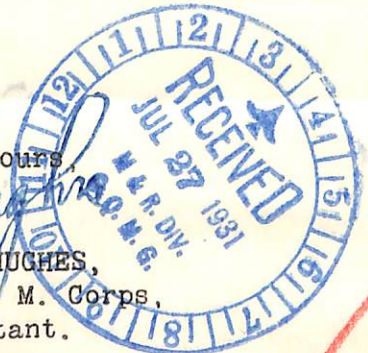
As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

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



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? 710? ✓

Write answer here

Mrs. Matt Damron
Sign here

Pres. Harding

8-5-31

MA

Damron, Wm. H.

Pvt.



I Decline the invitation extended
(Accept or decline)

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

Mrs. Matt Damron

(Name)

RFD #1, Box 13, Dunlow, Wayne Co., W. Va.

(Town or City)

(State)



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George Washington
7-29-31
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Damron, Wm. H., Pvt.

I Decline the invitation extended
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the Government of the United States under the pro-
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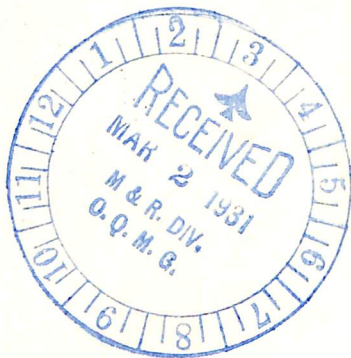
Mrs. Matt Damron

(Name)

R.F.D. #1, Box 13, Dunlow, Wayne Co., West Virginia

(Town or City)

(State)



QM 293 A-M

January 30, 1931

Asbury, William T. 1704 U

Dunron, William H. 1232 ~~U~~

Mrs. Susan Napier,
Quebar,
West Virginia.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 25, 1931, relative to your desire to be quartered with Mrs. Mat Dunron when you make the pilgrinage to the cemeteries of Europe, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

Notation has been made of your desire, and it is believed that your wishes can be complied with and that you can be placed in the same cabin aboard ship and in the same hotel room in New York.

In view of the fact that you are to visit different cemeteries, however, it will not be possible for you to occupy the same hotel room in Paris.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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✓ QM 293 A-M

January 30, 1931

Damron, William H. 1232
Napier, William T. 1764 U

Mrs. Mat Damron,
Dunlaw,
West Virginia.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 25, 1931, relative to your desire to be quartered with Mrs. Susan Napier when you make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private William H. Damron.

Notation has been made of your desire, and it is believed that your wishes can be complied with and that you can be placed in the same cabin aboard ship and in the same hotel room in New York.

In view of the fact that you are not to visit the same cemetery, however, it will not be possible to place you and Mrs. Napier in the same hotel room in Paris.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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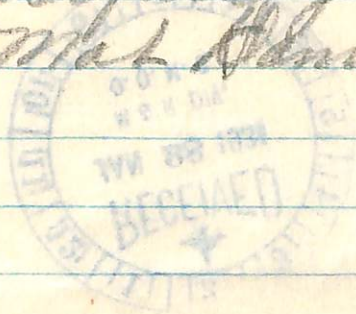
Quarters together
Noted

Aurora, N. Va.
Jan. 25, 1931.

Quartermaster General
Dear Sir:-

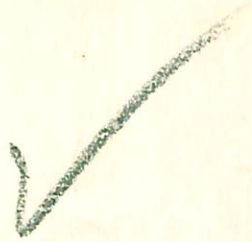
The Galah star
mother & I would like
to room with me &
go to the hotel & also
the same cemetery
is Mrs. Susan
Napier.

Respectfully yours,
M. M. Adams





WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON



PLEASE FILL IN THE INFORMATION CALLED FOR BELOW,
AND MAIL THIS LETTER PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED
ENVELOPE WHICH REQUIRES NO POSTAGE.

Mrs. Matt Dameron

Dameron, Wm. H. 1232 W. Va. Wayne County

Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In the blank space below you will find
the name and address of the person in the United
States whom I desire to be notified in case I be-
come seriously ill or other emergency arises while
I am making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by
the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mat Dameron
Name

Dunbar, W. Va.
Address

Very truly yours,

(Your name)

Mrs Mat Dameron

(Your address)

*Dunbar
W. Va.*



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Damron, William H. 1232 M

July 23, 1930.

Mrs. Matt Damron,
R.F.D. #1, Box 13,
Dunlow, W. Va.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,



Very truly yours,

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

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

Yes
(Write answer here)

Mrs Matt Damron
(Sign here)

QM 293 A-M
Damron, William H. 1232 M

July 26, 1930

Mrs. Mat Damron,
R. F. D. #1, Box #33,
Dunlow, West Virginia.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 17 advising that you are unable to sail on the SS "Roosevelt" August 9, 1930 to visit the grave of your son, and returning the check forwarded you to cover subsistence and incidental expenses on your trip to New York.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Wayne Co. R.F.D. #1, Box 33
Dunbar, N.Y.
July, 17, 1930

p. 7

UP # 366092 ~~7/17~~
12.50
Ret - withdrawal
7/22/30

MLF
7/22/30

Gentlemen, -

I am not able to make the pilgrimage to France, but will desire to make it later. Enclose will find the check.

Thanking you!

I remain

Yours Truly,

Mrs Mat Hamner

293

No badge sent



1232 M

Dawson - Wm. H.

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Roosevelt - Aug 9 - 1930
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RETURN RECEIPT

1232

Received 8-9-30

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

Mrs Lydia Hanson

(Signature or name of addressee.)

CR it 7/22/30

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, *7-16-*, 19*30*.

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 924218

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____

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

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING
OFFICE

DUNLOP
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16

1930
P.M.

DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,
or Post Office Box,

MUNITIONS BUILDING

WASHINGTON,

D. C.

QM 293 A-M
Dameron, William H. 1232 M

July 12, 1930

Mrs. Matt Dameron,
R.F.D.#1, Box 13,
Dunlow, W. Va.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 7, 1930, enclosing photograph, and stating that you would advise us later whether you desired to make the pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe, sailing on the S.S. ROOSEVELT, August 9, 1930.

If you do not desire to make the pilgrimage this year it is requested that you advise this office as soon as possible, in order that reservations made for you may be canceled.

We are returning herewith your photograph, also a letter of instruction advising you how to apply for your passport. If you have not already done so, please take care of this matter at once, by applying to the Clerk of the Circuit Court, at Wayne, West Virginia. The Clerk will assist you in making out this application and will forward same to the State Department, who will in turn issue the passport and send same to this office to be delivered to you aboard ship.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encls.
Picture
Letter of
Instruction.

Let's Name
Wayne Co.
Wm. H. Dameron
1232 M

R. F. N. #1, Box 33

Windsor, S. C.

July 7, 1930

Roosevelt

Gentlemen: - August 9

Just to remind you
of the trip for Mathew
to France.

I have been ill,
will write you later if
I am able to go. Enclosed
you will find my photo.

I remain

Yours truly,

Mrs. Max Dameron



Listed as accept
Roosevelt
wire
if she is
going!
8-9-30
no photo

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Damron, William H. 1232M
Roosevelt 8-9

May 15, 1930

6/4/31

*Declined inv. 7-29-31
New Envt sent for
Pres Harding 8-5-31*

Mrs. Matt Damron,
RFD # 1 Box 13,
Dunlow, W. Va.

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.

Mat Damron
Name

Dunlow, W. Va. Box 33
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
A. D. HUGHES,
Captain Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

Encl.
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 26, 1930.

Damron, William H. 1232 M

Mrs. Matt Damron,
RFD 1, Box 13,
Dunlow, W. Va.

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

8/9/30

1232

Damron, Wm A.

Declined by letter 7-17-30

I ~~will accept~~

(Accept or decline)

the invitation extended
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. Matt Damron

(Name)

Received
1931

R.F.D.#1, Box 13, Dunlow, Wayne Co., W. Va.

(Town or City)

(State)



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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Damron, William H. 1232 M.

Mrs. Matt Damron,
R.F.D. #1, Box 13,
Dunlow, W. Va.

7-30-30 Deleted from Roosevelt Aug 9-1930 Card punched 1931

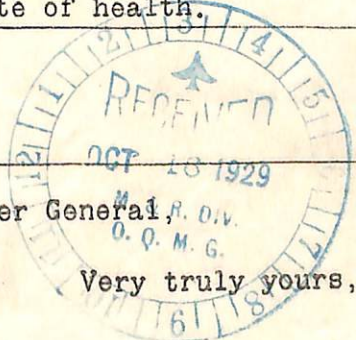
October 7, 1929.

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) <u>yes</u> (No) (No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <u>yes</u> (No) (No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes) <u>no</u> (No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age 60 (Years) Health <u>Poor</u> (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <u>yes</u> (No) (No) Other language _____ (Specify language spoken)



For The Quartermaster General, R. D. V.

Very truly yours,

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

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Act
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Damron, William H.

June 29, 1929.

Mr. Matt, Damron,
R.F.D. #1, Box 13,
Dunlow, W. Va.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Private William H. Damron, Co. E, 6th 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 mother or widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish the full names and addresses of the mother and widow in order that action may be taken to extend invitations to them to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

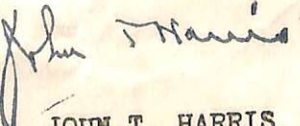
Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relative is a stepmother, mother through adoption, or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. If he was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

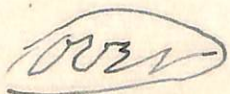
For your reply, you may use the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress.
Envelope.


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



This Statement Made this 6th Day July 1929
Lyda Dameron came before me. Late above written
in my County of Wayne and state of West Va.
and swears on oath that she is the
Mother of William H Dameron Co E 6th Inf
and the Widow of William H Dameron in married
to another Man

Signed: Lyda ^{res} Dameron
mark

Subscribed and sworn to this 6th Day July
before me in my County above written
this 6th Day July 1929.

M. D. Perry
Notary public

My Commission Expires 8th Day July 1934



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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Dunron Wm H (MA)

July 9 1932

Mrs Matt Dunron
R F D #1 Box 13
Dunlow W Va

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.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

QH 293 A-M

Darron, William A. Pvt (MA) M

January 14, 1932.

Mrs. Matt Darron,
R. F. D. #1, Box #13,
Dunlow, W. Va.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private William A. Darron. In reply to a questionnaire you advised that you did not desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer of 1932.

It is noted you previously stated your health was poor, and in this connection you are advised that personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided, and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years a number of mothers in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

It is believed that you would experience no difficulty in making the journey, and should you later decide to visit your son's grave next summer, it is requested that you so notify this office. You are assured that not only will the pilgrimage be made at the expense of the United States, but everything possible will be provided for your comfort and welfare.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM
Damron, Wil H. Pvt. (M-A) M+

July 22, 1931.

Mrs. Matt Damron,
R. F. D. #1, Box #13,
Dunlow, W. Va.

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

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QM 293 A-M

January 30, 1931

~~Damron, William H. 1232~~

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Mrs. Mat Damron,
Dunlaw,
West Virginia.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 25, 1931, relative to your desire to be quartered with Mrs. Susan Napier when you make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private William H. Damron.

Notation has been made of your desire, and it is believed that your wishes can be complied with and that you can be placed in the same cabin aboard ship and in the same hotel room in New York.

In view of the fact that you are not to visit the same cemetery, however, it will not be possible to place you and Mrs. Napier in the same hotel room in Paris.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Asbury, William T. 1764 V
Dunron, William H. 1232

January 30, 1931

Mrs. Susan Napier,
Quaker,
West Virginia.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 25, 1931, relative to your desire to be quartered with Mrs. Mat Dunron when you make the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

Notation has been made of your desire, and it is believed that your wishes can be complied with and that you can be placed in the same cabin aboard ship and in the same hotel room in New York.

In view of the fact that you are to visit different cemeteries, however, it will not be possible for you to occupy the same hotel room in Paris.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Damron, William H. 1232 M

July 26, 1930

Mrs. Mat Damron,
R. F. D. #1, Box #33,
Dunlow, West Virginia.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 17 advising that you are unable to sail on the SS "Roosevelt" August 9, 1930 to visit the grave of your son, and returning the check forwarded you to cover subsistence and incidental expenses on your trip to New York.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

July 23, 1950.

Damron, William 293 A-132 M
IN REPLY REFER TO

Mrs. Matt Damron,
R.F.D. #1, Box 13,
Dunlow, W. Va.

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-M
Damron, William H. 1232 M

July 12, 1930

Mrs. Matt Damron,
R.F.D.#1, Box 13,
Dunlow, W. Va.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 7, 1930, enclosing photograph, and stating that you would advise us later whether you desired to make the pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe, sailing on the S.S. ROOSEVELT, August 9, 1930.

If you do not desire to make the pilgrimage this year it is requested that you advise this office as soon as possible, in order that reservations made for you may be canceled.

We are returning herewith your photograph, also a letter of instruction advising you how to apply for your passport. If you have not already done so, please take care of this matter at once, by applying to the Clerk of the Circuit Court, at Wayne, West Virginia. The Clerk will assist you in making out this application and will forward same to the State Department, who will in turn issue the passport and send same to this office to be delivered to you aboard ship.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Damron, Wm. H. 1232

July 11, 1930.

Mrs. Matt Damron,
R.F.D. #1, Box 13,
Dunlow, West Va.

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. Dunlow	NRW	No. 28	10:04 AM	Aug. 7
Ar. Williamson	"		12:15 PM	Aug. 7
Lv. Williamson	"	No. 16	4:25 PM	Aug. 7
Ar. Lynchburg	"		1:55 AM	Aug. 8
Lv. Lynchburg	SoRy	No. 42	2:05 AM	Aug. 8
Ar. New York	Penn.	No. 124	12:30 PM	Aug. 8

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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

Damron, Wa. H. - 1232

June 30, 1930.

Mrs. Matt Damron,
R. F. D. #1, Box 13,
Danlow, W. Va.

Dear Madam:

This office has not yet received your passport for use in connection with your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe.

It is imperative that EVERY mother or widow making this pilgrimage, whether an American citizen or not, have a passport issued and in the hands of this office before she begins her trip. Also advise if name on passport application was in any way different from that shown above.

Please comply as early as possible with the instructions shown in form letter attached, or if you have heretofore taken this action advise this office to that effect.

Should the clerk of the court not have been furnished with "Special Pilgrimage Passport" applications, please request him to take the matter up at once with the Passport Bureau, Room 170, State, War and Navy Building, Washington, D. C., and he will be furnished with these forms.

The person to whom you should apply is the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Wayne, Wayne Co., W. Va.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Damron, Wm. H. 1232 M June 12, 1930
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 plan for conducting the pilgrimage. This letter is being sent to you, Mrs. Matt Damron, and widow who has accepted the invitation sent by the Government to visit the grave of her son or husband.
R. F. D. #1, Box 13,
Dunlow, W. Va.

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.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Damron, William H. 1232M
Roosevelt 8-9

May 15, 1930

Mrs. Matt Damron,
RFD # 1 Box 13,
DuDeau, Madaya.

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.

Name

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.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
~~Damron, William H. 1233-M~~
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May 9, 1930

Mrs. Matt Damron,
RFD #1, Box 13,
Dunlow, W. Va.

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.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

April 26, 1930.

Damron, William H. 1232 M.

Mrs. Matt Damron,
RFD #1, Box 13,
Pearl Mountain, Va.
Dunlow, Va.

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, steemship 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.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Damron, William H. 1232 M

April 26, 1930.

Mrs. Matt Damron,
RFD 1, Box 13,
Dunlow, W. Va.

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.

QM 293 A-C
Damron, William H.

January 29, 1930

SUBJECT: Change in Headstones.

TO: Chief, American Graves Registration Service in
Europe, 20 Rue Molitor, Paris, France.

1. It is requested that the headstone listing be corrected and the stone recut for the following case in the Meuse Argonne American Cemetery:

Page 598, Block G, Row 29, Grave 39, should now read
William H. Damron - Pvt - 6 Inf. - 5 Div - West Virginia -
Nov. 3, 1918.

2. Advise this office of action when taken.

For the Acting The Quartermaster General:

RECEIVED
15 FEB 1950
H. Q. A. G. O. S.,
in Europe

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

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293.6 M.A. (Bl. G) 1st Ind. et/et
February 17, 1930. To: The Quartermaster General of the Army,
Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

Receipt acknowledged. The necessary instructions have been issued for correction of inscription on headstone as listed above.

RECEIVED
FEB 27 1930
H. Q. A. G. O. S.
in Europe

Richard T. Ellis
Richard T. Ellis, *plus*
Colonel, Quartermaster Corps,
United States Army,
Chief.

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Richard T. Ellis,
Colonel, Quartermaster Corps,
United States Army,
Chief.

MEMORANDUM TO FILES DEPARTMENT
REGISTRATION BRANCH

TRANSFER ALL PAPERS—

From: File No. 109280 (canceled)

To: File No. 92015

✓ Damron, William H

Damron, William M

✓ Damron, William H
City # 1232

Identified as :- Damron, William H
auth :- S.W.A. Dated 5/27/21

By D. F. Dooson

Section,
Dept.

Date 6/2/21, 192

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Papers transferred by

QM 293 A-C
Damron, William H.

January 29, 1930

SUBJECT: Change in Headstones.

TO: Chief, American Graves Registration Service in
Europe, 20 Rue Molitor, Paris, France.

1. It is requested that the headstone listing be corrected and the stone recut for the following case in the Meuse Argonne American Cemetery:

Page 598, Block G, Row 29, Grave 39, should now read
William H. Damron - Pvt - 6 Inf. - 5 Div - West Virginia -
Nov. 3, 1918.

2. Advise this office of action when taken.

For the Acting The Quartermaster General:

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

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DISPATCHED

Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery Page 598, Block G, Row 29, Grave 39

William H. Damron - Pvt - 6 Inf. - 5 Div. - West Virginia - Nov. 3, 1918

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON

WH-1g-1-213

IN REPLY
REFER TO

A.G. 201 Damron, William H. (WW)

SUBJECT: Date of death

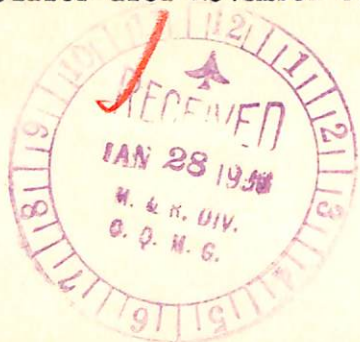
January 27, 1930

To:

The Quartermaster General,
Washington, D.C.

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An investigation recently completed by this office in the case of William H. Damron, Army serial number 3,169,525, Private, Company E, 6th Infantry, who was reported to have died November 4, 1918, of wounds received in action, shows that the report is erroneous and that this soldier died November 3, 1918, of wounds received in action.



By order of the Secretary of War:

W. E. Chickering
Adjutant General.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Damron, William H. 1232 M.

**Mrs. Matt Damron,
R.F.D. #1, Box 13,
Dunlow, W. Va.**

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.
Act
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

Demron, William H.

June 29, 1929.

Mr. Matt, Demron,
R.F.D. #1, Box 13,
Dunlow, W. Va.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Private William H. Demron, Co. B, 6th 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 mother or widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish the full names and addresses of the mother and widow in order that action may be taken to extend invitations to them to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relative is a stepmother, mother through adoption, or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. If he was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

November 20, 1923.

Mrs. Matt Damron,
R.F.D. #1, Box 13,
Dunlow, W.Va.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the permanent grave of Private William E. Damron, Company E, 6th Infantry, is Grave 39, Row 29, Block G, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagnous-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,

O. Q. M. G.
CENTRAL MAIL ROOM
R. L. FOSTER
Assistant. RD



NOV 20 1923

R. O. C.

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File # ⁹²⁰¹⁵ 109280 ^{M#S 8-17-21}

(a) Name DAMRON, William H. Ser. No. 3169525
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co.E, 6th Infantry
(c) Date of death 11/4/18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. DMA
CKR. CB

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

(a) Grave No. 124 Row - Plot 3 Sec. 116 TYP. DMA

(b) Emerg. Address Mr. Matt Damron (father) RFD #1, Dunlow, W. Va.

8-W-9-5-15-20-Confirms. (FD. 6-1-21)

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases / _____ CKR. CB

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt _____

(a) Name _____ (b) Relationship _____

(c) Address _____

(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? _____

(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at _____

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. _____

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

Examiner's Initials _____ Date _____, 192

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

_____, dated _____

confirming request in Par. IV., item _____, above, or requesting that _____

Examiner's Initials _____ Date _____, 192

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? _____

Examiner's Initials MH Date 5/31, 192

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232-Sec. 116 SHEET No. 19

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made _____, 192

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 192

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
letter on **JUN 17 1921**, 192

Section 116

Par. 2 Not To Be Returned (*JEN*)

IX.

REMARKS

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Aug. 31. 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 DAMRON, William H
 2. No. 3169525
 3. Rank Pvt
 4. Org. Co H 6th Inf
 5. D.D. 11-4-18
 6. C.D. Cas 587 K/A

10. Name _____
 11. No. _____
 12. Rank _____
 13. Org. _____
 14. (a) D.D. _____
 (b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 124 Sec. 116
 8. Plot 3 Row _____
 9. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 17. no discrep.

18. Cemetery Argonne Amer
 20. Dept. or County Meuse
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232 Sec 116

19. Commune or town Romagne/s/Montfaucon
 21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) Aug. 31. 1921 By H.H. Foster

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name DAMRON, William H.
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. 3169525
 Organization Co. H. 6th Inf.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? yes On body? no

C. R. Rame
 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).

US.NG. and Co. H. 2nd Inf. Collar ornaments found.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, Unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Pine box, Uniform & 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 Aug. 31. 1921 by H.H. Foster

31. Casket sealed by H.H. Foster

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

AUDITED BY
 m. m. b.
 8-13-23

N. N. Foster



SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. 03803

32. Designation of body: _____

Name DARRON, William H Serial No. 3169525

Rank Pvt Organization Co H 6th Inf

33. Consigned to: _____

Name of Permanent Cemetery Argonne Amer Cty Romagne/s/Montfaucon 1232

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Aug. 31. 1921 By H.H. Foster

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 R.C. Worthington 1st Lt. QMC

36. Remarks _____

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Aug. 31. 1921.

To point of Concentration Morgue Cem. #1232.

Convoyer _____ (Name) J. Gerald Cole
Signature Shipping Officer J. GERALD COLE

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 _____ (Name) _____
Signature Shipping Officer _____

40. Received: Date Aug 31, 1921

G.R.S. Representative Richard M. Younger

41. Reinterred Oct. 20, 1921 Meuse Argonne Cty. 1232
(Date)

42. Grave No. 39 Section _____

43. ~~Plot~~ Block G Row 29

G.R.S. Representative James W. Younger, Capt. QMC.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF Damron, William H. SERIAL NUMBER 3169525
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. H. 6th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : Aug. 31 1921 From (give complete location) : Gr. 124 Sec. 116 Pl. 3
Cemetery #1232

By : Group Foster Unit Sec. #1

3. Reburied (date) : Oct. 20, 1921 In (give complete location) : Meuse-Argonne Cty., 1232 Gr. 39, Bl. G, row 29

By : Group Reburial S Unit Nature of reburial Unlined Casket.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :
Pine box, US Uniform and burlap and blanket. Decomposed. Features
Unrecognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags : Buried with body ? No On grave marker ? Yes
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :
US NG and Co. H. 2nd Inf. Collar ornaments on uniform.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items ?
(a) Height (actual measurement) 5 ft 10 in estimated

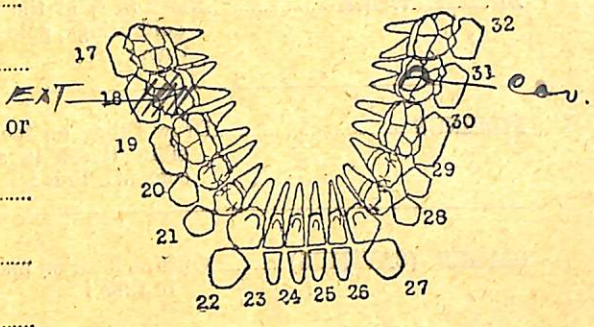
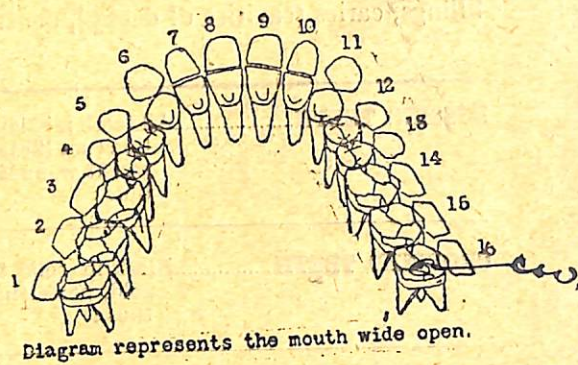
(b) Weight (estimated) 180 lbs.

(c) Hair—Color Dark Brown
Quantity scant
Characteristics long and straight

(d) Hair on face—Color none
Location None
Quantity none

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) Undeterminable

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) None



7. Disinterment supervised by N. H. Foster
H. H. Foster, Sup. Emb.

Approved : R. C. Worthington
(Title) Inspector






8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Dufault
A. U. Dufault.

Approved : James W. [Signature]
(Title) Capt., Q.M.C.

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 TEETHAll teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :	
CROWNED TEETHBlock in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :	
BRIDGE WORKBlock in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :	
FILLINGSDraw 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.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

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8-17-21

File #109280

(a) Name DAMRON, William H. Ser. No. 3169525 } TYP. DMA
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co.E, 6th Infantry }
 (c) Date of death 11/4/18 (d) Cause of death K/A } CB

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

(a) Grave No. 124 Row - Plot 3 Sec. 116 TYP. DMA
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Matt Damron (father) RFD #1, Dunlow, W. Va. CKR. CB

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

F.W.A. - 8-15-29 Confirming 11 (RFD-6-1-21)

IV. Information on which advice to Europe in letter of transmittal was based:

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V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on, 192
Section 116 { letter of transmittal on JUN 17 1921, 192
Par. 2 Not To Be Returned (J.E.H.)

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J.,, 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.
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VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., 192

COUNTRY CEMETERY No. SHEET No.

G.R.S Form No. 8-W; Central Records
 Card Sec. #3. Liaison.
 Mar. 12, 1920.

Memo For: G.R.S. representative, C.R.O.
 Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

1. Items checked are to be completed:

✓ Surname: Damron
 ✓ Number: 3169525
 ✓ First name: William H.
 ✓ Rank: Pvt.
 ✓ Company: "H"
 ✓ Organization: 6th Inf.
 ✓ Date of death: 11-4-18
 ✓ Cause:
 Place:

Location of hospital:

Number " "

Class " "

Emergency address

✓ Relationship:

Authority:

Cablegram No:

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.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

Date May 27th, 1921.

File No. 92015 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. DAMRON ✓
b. Christian name. William ~~X~~ # ✓
c. Serial number. -5169525-3169525 ✓
d. Organization. Co. E. 6th Inf. ✓
e. Rank. Pvt. ✓

f. Date of death. Nov. 4, 1918 ✓
g. Cause of death. K.I.A. ✓
h. Authority (C. C. No.) 587-2 ✓
i. Emergency address. ~~Veris~~ -7 ✓
j. Relationship. Matt Damron R#1 Box 13
Dunlora, N. Va
Father ✓

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

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

By

H. J. Conner

H. J. CONNER,
1st Lieut. ~~Chaplain~~ Q. M. C.

MDT.

Rec'd World War
MAY 28 1921

Rec'd B & B Div. A.G.O.

MAY 28 1921 6

Donnelly L.P.P.
E.P.S. 517- 5/31/21

WASHINGTON
 OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
 WAR DEPARTMENT

G. H. S. FORM P-W-4
 Information requested A. G. O.

INVESTIGATION & ADJUSTMENT DEPARTMENT

Subject: Information required for G. H. S.
 To: The Adjutant General of the Army, Sixth and B Streets NW, Washington, D. C.
 From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Cometrical Division)
 File No. 92012 Registration
 Date May 27th, 1921.

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

a. Rank *1st Lt*
 b. Organization *Co. E. 6th Inf.*
 c. Serial number *51022*
 d. Christian name *William M*
 e. Surname *DAMRON*
 f. Date of death
 g. Cause of death
 h. Emergency address
 i. Relationship
 j. Authority (G. O. No.) *287*

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

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

H. J. GONZALEZ,
 1st Lieut.

JUN 1 1921

MAY 27 1921

M.T.

WAR DEPARTMENT

Information requested of A.G. OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE
WASHINGTON

Date 5/15/20.

File No. 109280 Registration.

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division).
To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D. C.
Subject: Information required for G.P.S.

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

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|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| ✓ a. Surname | DAMRON ^{OK} | ✓ f. Date of death | 11/4/18 ✓ |
| ✓ b. Christian name | William H. | ✓ g. Cause of death | Killed in Action |
| ✓ c. Serial number | 3169525 ✓ | ✓ h. Authority (C.C.#) | 587 ✓ |
| ✓ d. Organization | Co. H. 6th Inf. ✓ | ✓ i. Emergency address | Matt Damron
R. F. O. #1 |
| ✓ e. Rank | Pvt. ✓ | ✓ j. Relationship | Dunlow, W. Va.
Father |

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
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DENTAL CHART
(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							

Rec'd World War Div.
Date 5-22-20

H. L. ROGERS,
Quartermaster General, U. S. A.,
Director of Purchase & Storage.

By:

H. J. Conner
H. J. CONNER,
Captain, Q. M. C.

Rec'd World War Div.
Date 5-19-20

Rec'd World War Div.
Date MAY 18 1920

REC'D S. & S. DIV., A. G. O. MAY 18 1920

Connelly - 13004 - Enl. Per. Sec. W. 7 5/14/20

4 Dec. 1918.

FROM: The Surgeon 26th Engineers

TO: The Graves Registration Bureau, A.E.F.

SUBJECT: Burial of American Soldier.

1. Reporting the burial on this date of William H. Darron 5169525 Co. E 6th Infantry at a point one thousand yards directly east of the cemetery of Briculles on the flats on the east side of the Meuse River.
2. This body was found in a large shell hole about one hundred yards from the following four graves, the side of which he was buried.
Benkes 732542 Pvt. Demetrios
Phillips 1637979 Arthur
Ledford 5499712 Hubert
Null 732391 Clarence D.
3. One identification tag was buried with the body and the other nailed to the cross.
4. Personal effects sent to the Supply Officer 26th Engineers for proper disposition.

A.A. FRICKE MAJOR M.C.
SURGEON 26th ENGINEERS

38th Engineers A.P.O. 774

4 Dec. 1918.

The Surgeon 38th Engineers

The Graves Registration Bureau, A.R.T.

SUBJECT: Burial of American Soldier.

1. Reporting the burial on this date of William H. Norton 5162302 Co. H 6th Infantry at a point one thousand yards directly east of the cemetery of British on the left on the east side of the Meuse River.

2. This body was found in a large shell hole about one hundred yards from the following grave on the side of which he was buried.



3. One identification tag was found with the body and the other nailed to the cross.

4. Personal effects and other property of the deceased are being held for proper disposition.

A.A. PRICKER MAJOR M.O.
SURGEON 38th ENGINEERS

Headquarters Medical Detachment
26th Engineers A.S.C. (17)

4 Dec. 1918.

Damron

92015

FROM: The Surgeon 26th Engineers
TO: The Graves Registration Bureau, A.S.C.
SUBJECT: Burial of American Soldier.

1. Reporting the burial on this date of William A. Damron 716725 Co. A 6th Infantry at a point one thousand yards directly east of the cemetery of Bricailles on the flats on the east side of the Meuse River.

2. This body was found in a large shell hole about one hundred yards from the following four graves by the side of which he was buried.
Benkos 722542 Pvt. Demerits
Phillips 1657079 Armer
Ledford 5490712 Hubert
Null 752391 Clarence O.

3. One identification tag was buried with the body and the other nailed to the cross.

4. Personal effects sent to the supply officer 26th Engineers for proper disposition.

A.A. Fricke
A.A. FRICKE MAJOR M.C.
SURGEON 26th ENGINEERS

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Report of the Surgeon General's Department
on the case of the missing soldier

Dec. 1915

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FROM: The Surgeon General's Department

TO: The Graves Registration Bureau, A.S.G.

SUBJECT: Burial of American Soldier

1. Reporting the burial of this case of William H. Darnon, 3707 Co. A
of the 10th Cavalry at a point on the west side of the mouth of
the river on the east side of the mouth of the river.

2. This body was found in a shallow hole about one hundred yards
from the following grave: (The name of the soldier was buried
under the name of William H. Darnon, 3707 Co. A, 10th Cavalry.)



3. One identification tag was found on the body and was called
to the cross.

4. Personal effects were found on the body and were called
to the cross.

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