

Decaro Joseph 3.349.105
(Surname.) (Christian name in full.) (Army serial number.)
Pvt Co C 53rd Pioneer Inf
(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased *Foster - Brother*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? *Yes*
(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you
desire 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:

M
(Name of person to receive remains.) (Express office.) (Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.) (City or town.) (State.)

(Sign here) *Giuseppe Vecchio*

52 Patton Str. *W. Brighton S.D.* *N.Y.*
(Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Letter sent to:

Mr John Veccia

52 Britton St.,

West Brighton, N.Y.

Drawn by ARE

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1-17-21
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G.R.S. Form #114-B

To The A. G. O.

9600

FULL NAME De Caro, Joseph ✓ AUG 16 1926 ✓
..... DECARO, Joseph

RANK Pvt. ✓ SERIAL... 3349105 ✓

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION C.o.C., 53rd. Bion. Inf. ✓ no div. ✓

DATE OF DEATH..... Oct. 5, 1918. ✓

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME..... N.Y. ✓

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED. none ✓

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION..... 4 15 F
Date Grave Row Block

Meuse-Argonne, #1232

Cemetery



23/306/ARK

A. G. O.
AUG 16 1926
WORLD WAR DIV.

WAR DIV. Robert O. Davis,
Major General,
The Adjutant General.
By ADG AUG 18 1926

APR 4 1928

ADG 4-13-28

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

De Caro 3349105 Joseph

(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Pvt Co. C, 53 Pion. Inf.

(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF BURIAL:

CAUSE OF DEATH: Pneumonia

DATE OF BURIAL: Oct. 5, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: Souilly, Meuse

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

A.E.F. Cemetery south of

Evac. Hos. 6 & 7

GRAVE NUMBER: 83, Plot 2, Sec. A

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Yes Cross? No

Headboard? No Bottle? No

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker? Yes

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

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY: Leslie C. Kelley, Chaplain A.R.C.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	De Caro	3	45-3
BURIED	CEMETERY	1232	1
	GRAVE	4	2
	ROW	15	2
	BLOCK	7	1
STATE	N.Y.	2	37
RANK	Priv.	1	2
DIVISION	Inf.	2	51
ORGANIZATION	53	3	053
ARM	Recon	1	1
MARITAL	(Other) No	1	2
NAME	Viccia	3	453
RESIDENCE	John 52 Britten St W. Brighton N.Y.	STATE	2
		COUNTY	2
		CITY	3
RELATION			1
OTHER	Father died 8-24-29	Mother	1
ELIGIBILITY	M. J. M. Loro		1
NATIVITY	Dead - Italy 2-2-94		1
RACE			1
ENGLISH			1
ATTENDANT			1
HEALTH			1
NO. OF SONS			1
DATE OF	MO.		1
. TRIP	YR.		1
ACCEPTANCE			1
29/514/			2

AUDITED

APR 22 1932

RS

APR 9 1932

Ln

Born 2-2-94
incl 7-8-18

De Caro, Joseph C 80 090 Pvt. Co. C, 53rd Pion. Inf. N.Y.

Date of mother's death. 2-2-94

SM? no record

father died 8-24-29

Loco?

no claim for loco, tho a letter from

Single

one of the family claim a Aunt who
raised it is dead.

Seebode

Bro - Giovanna De Caro Salatiello
Italy

no rel in America - lived in U.S. 8 years

Joseph
De Caro

80090

single m died when baby
brought up by father of do?

John Siccia
52 Butten st

232

W. Brighton - n y

G. Giovannina De Caro
Gradini Saccha Capodimonte n y
Naples Italy

219-075

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Examining Section No. 4
AWARDS DIVISION

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

Mother - Deceased -

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
DeCaro, Joseph

June 29 , 1929.

Foster Cousin
Mr. John Vecchi,
270 Broadway,
W. New Brighton,
Staten Island, N. Y.

Father -

*Pasquale De Caro for Giuseppe
via Grandini Vecchia Capodimonte, H.
Napoli,
Italy*

add of 6-14-28

*Woe C-80090
7/29
APM
AC
7/3*

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 foster brother of the late Private Joseph DeCaro, Co. C., 53rd Pion. 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
JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT



WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON, D. C.
JUL 5
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1929

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

ADDRESS	_____
YOUR MAIL	_____
TO	_____
STREET AND	_____
NUMBER	_____

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to address 0114



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 REASON FOR NON-DELIVERY CHECKED

Unknown
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 Refused
 No such post office in state named

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE
TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE

THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

CEMETERIAL DIVISION

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

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

In reply refer to:
293.8 C-R
27973.

February 23, 1923.

Mr. John Vecchi,
270 Broadway,
W. New Brighton, Staten Island,
New York.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of Pvt. Joseph DeCaro, Co. G, 53rd Pioneer Inf. is Grave 4, Row 15, Block F, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery at Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of 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, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. The 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.

In effecting removal, the utmost care and reverence were exacted and more than willingly accorded by those performing 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,

H. J. Conner,
Assistant.

MAILED

FEB 23 1923

G.R.S.

22/1423/ARK

hbc

DATE 10/17/21

1. NAME ⁶⁰ ~~Deary~~ Joseph SERIAL No. 3349105

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. C 53rd Pion Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION American Cty. Souilly, Meuse 534

CTY. NAME NUMBER

83 Sec. A 2

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Not known

GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES Nothing of record

CONCENTRATED TO Not known

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.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS Nothing of record

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR Wm M. Cline **Wm M. CLINE**
Captain Q.M.C.
rhj

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 10/17/21 4 15 Block F.

DATE GRAVE ROW

AUDITED BY
M.M.E.
1-18-23

Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery #1232. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon. Meuse.

CEMETERY

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AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

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

Place Souilly, W

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date October

1. REMAINS OF Decard, Joseph SERIAL NUMBER _____
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. C. 53rd Pion Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): October 5th 1921 From (give complete location): Grave 83 Sec. A.
Plot 2 Cem. 534.

By: Group 3 Unit Rtd Section # 3.

3. Reburied (date): Oct 17, 1921 In (give complete location): Cty 1232, Row 15, Block F, Gr 4

By: Group Reburial S Unit _____ Nature of reburial Unlined casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :
Badly decomposed recognition impossible.

Blanket and pine box. Found under cross

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

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

None.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine 1 5 12 14 MBD 4 6 7 8 9 10 11 13 15 MAD

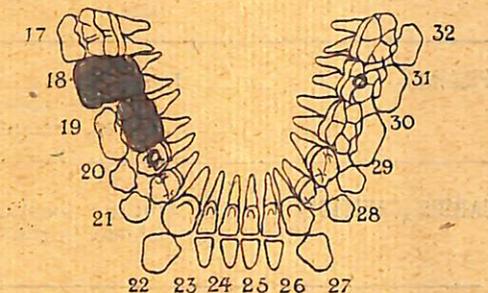
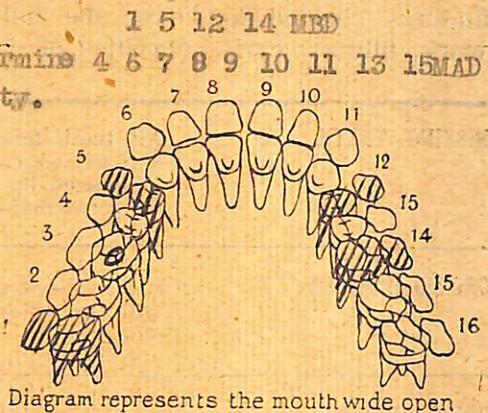
(b) Weigh, (estimated) Impossible to determine 3 Cavity. 6 7 8 9 10 11

(c) Hair—Color Impossible to determine
Quantity Impossible to determine
Characteristics Impossible to determine

(d) Hair on face—Color Impossible to determine
Location Impossible to determine
Quantity Impossible to determine

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

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) None visible. 17 25 26 32 MAD 18 19 gold pore bridge. 19 pore tooth 20 31 Cavity.



7. Disinterment supervised by D. Bachman

Approved: W. J. Roach, 1st Lt. MC,
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by W B SHEILD

Approved: JAMES W YOUNGER, CAPT., QMC
(Title) AEB

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 Questions 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), bicuspid (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.



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Oct. 5th 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 Decart, Joseph

10. Name Josepe Decaro

2. No. 3349105

11. No. _____

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank _____

4. Org. Co. C 53rd Pion Inf.

13. Org. _____

5. D.D. Oct. 5th, 1918

14. (a) D.D. _____

6. C.D. Pneumonia

(b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 83 Sec. A

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____

8. Plot 2 Row _____

16. Plot _____ Row _____

9. _____

17. None.

18. Cemetery American Cty.

19. Commune or town Souilly

20. Dept. or County Meuse

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 534

23. Disinterred (Date) October 5th 1921

By D. Bachman

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Joseph Decart

Serial No. _____

Rank Pvt.

Organization Co. C. 53rd Pion Inf.

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

E. Bachman
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).

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed recognition impossible.

28. Nature of burial Blanket and Pine box. Found under cross.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? Tag on body reads NAME. Josepe Decaro.

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Oct. 5th 1921 By D. Bachman

31. Casket sealed by D. Bachman

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) D. Bachman

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. 0-9512

32. Designation of body:

Name Decart, Joseph Serial No. 3349105

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. C 53rd Pion Inf.
Officer in Charge Operations

33. Consigned to:

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

October 5th 1921 By D. Bachman

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date)

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

W.H. Roach, 1st Lt. MC.
Signature of G.R.S. Inspector

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Oct. 5th 1921

To point of Concentration Romagne sous Montfaucon, Meuse

Convoyer James Flynn (Name) W.H. Roach, 1st Lt. MC.
Signature Shipping Officer

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 8 * OCT 1921

G.R.S. Representative James Younger

41. Reinterred Meuse-Argonne Cty Oct 17, 1921

42. Grave No. Row 15, Block F, Gr 4 (Date) Section

43. Plot Row

James Younger
G.R.S. Representative
AEB

9287

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 27973

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name DE CARO, Joseph Ser. No. 3349105
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. C, 53rd Pion, Inf. } TYP. DB
 (c) Date of death 10-5-18 (d) Cause of death Pneumonia } CKR. JD

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

(a) Grave No. 83 Row - Plot 2 Sec. A TYP. DB
 (b) Emerg. Address Mr. John Vecchia, (Cous in) 52 Britton St. (over)
West Brighton, N.Y.

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

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

ok card 2-14-21 "m"
 (a) Name Giovanni Vecchia (b) Relationship Foster brother
 (c) Address 52 Britton St., West Brighton, S.D. N.Y.
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at -
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. -
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. -

Examiner's Initials all Date 1-17, 1920.

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

no correspondence, dated _____
 confirming request in Par. IV., item _____, above, or requesting that _____

Examiner's Initials all Date 1-17, 1920.

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

no request for disposition
 (a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes PF

Examiner's Initials PF Date 1-17-, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE

CEMETERY No. 534

SHEET No. 133

checked m 2-14-21

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made _____, 1920.

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 1920.

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MAIL UNIT

JUN 21 1921

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by

cable on _____
letter on JAN 27 1921 _____, 1920

Cemeterial Division
1920
Overseas Project Sub-Section

Par. 2 Not to be returned (L.S.)

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*B. G. M. R. - John Vecci (270)
 (Step-brother) 270 Broadway, N. New
 Brighton, N. Y. (2-14-21) "M"
 4/28/21 Form 120 John Vecci (Foster Bro)
 270 Broadway West Brighton Staten
 Island Ny requests that the
 body remain in Europe. N 6/19/21 com
 father nk Pasquale de Cairo Naples Italy*

Location Index

Discrepancies

Name

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File # 27973

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III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases West Brighton, N.Y. CKR

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

*Also Card- Giovanni Vecchia (foster bro.)
 52 Britton St., West Brighton, S.D., N.Y.
 requests body not returned to U.S.*

Following advice forwarded to Europe by - (cable on 192
 (letter of transmittal JAN 27 1921)

Par. 2 Not to be returned. (L.S.)

Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. **FEB 17 1921** 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken

VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. 6-21- 192 1

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY NO. 534 SHEET NO. 133
 G. R. S. FORM 115-A August 1920
 3-666/MB

2/16/21. F.L.

B.A.H.R. John Vecchi (270) (Step-brother)
270 Broadway, N. New Brighton, N.Y.
(2-14-21) 'M'

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION

*Recall
note*

Harlow C.W.

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

C 80090

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

De Caro, Joseph, Pvt.

534 - 133

1/18/21.

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

3349105

Co. C, 53rd Pion. Inf.

Date of death - 10/5/18.

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

Copy fwd. to Ady. Dept

DATE

(2-14-21) "971"

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Address

John Vecchi (270)

Step-brother

270 Broadway, W. New Brighton, N.Y.

S/709/LML

WAR DEPARTMENT
QUARTERMASTER CORPS
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
PIER 2, HOBOKEN, N. J.

June 14th, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div., Cor.Br.
(De Caro, Joseph)

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Chief, Cemeterial Division,
O.Q.M.G., Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT: Return of Records* Cemetery #534
Ref. #133-Transmittal Memo.#113.

1. Returned herewith are records pertaining to the case of the late Joseph De Caro, Private, Serial Number 3349105, Company C, 53rd Pioneer Infantry.

2. It is recommended that the remains be left in France as requested by Mr. John Vecci, cousin, until the wish of Mr. Pasquale De Caro, father, who resides at Naples, Italy is ascertained.

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q.M.C.
Officer in Charge.

BY:



F. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

encls.

R- 6-23-21 M

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JUN 17 1921
G. H. S.

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JUN 21 1921

Cemeterial Division
Overseas Project Sub-Section

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
WASHINGTON, D. C.

NR

WAR DEPARTMENT 534-133 ep

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
WASHINGTON

3-1200

and the next of kin...
instructions for the disposition of remains...
The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above-named soldier remain in Europe.

FROM: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. G.

Staten Island
APR 11 1921

To: Mr. John Vecchi, 270 Broadway, W. New Brighton, N.Y.

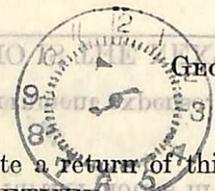
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Joseph De Caro, Ser. No. 3349105, Co. C 53rd Pion Inf

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above-named soldier remain in Europe.

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.



GEORGE H. PENROSE,
Colonel, Q. M. C.

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

Was soldier married? *No*

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)			
Father	<i>Pasquale DeCaro</i>	<i>Not known</i>	<i>Naples Italy</i>
Mother	<i>Vincenza</i>	<i>dead</i>	
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)			
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)			

Noted by Cms. 4/6/21

Date *April 28, 1921*

Signature *John Vecchi*

Address *270 Broadway West Brighton Staten Island N.Y.*

Relationship *Sister Brother*

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

April 28

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Cemeterial Division Overseas Project Association

I, the undersigned, am the Foster Brother and nearest living next of kin of the within-named soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:

(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

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

Signature John Keeble

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

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

NOTE.—INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DISPOSITION OF REMAINS will be issued by this office upon the properly executed authority of the legal next of kin in each case. The widow is the first person having disposition of the remains of her husband. Should there be no widow or children, the father and, in turn (upon his decease), the mother, is the proper authority. The brothers, in order of seniority, and then the sisters in order of seniority, if there are no brothers, rank next in authority to decide. Under an opinion rendered by the Judge Advocate General of the Army, if a widow has remarried she forfeits her right, and the next of kin as given above will make decision.

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

De Caro 3349105 Joseph
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Pvt Co. C, 53 Pion Inf.
(Rank). (Organization).

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PLACE OF DEATH:.....

CAUSE OF DEATH: Pneumonia

DATE OF BURIAL: Oct. 5, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: Souilly, Meuse

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

A.E.F. Cemetery south of

Evac. Hos, 6 & 7

GRAVE NUMBER: 83, Plot 2, Sec. A

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Yes Cross? No

Headboard? No Bottle? No

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker? Yes

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

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY: Lealie C. Kelley,
Chaplain A.R.C.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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



1. G. R. S. Form No. 1

Hq. G. R. S. File

2. Soldier's No. 3349105

3. Decoro Joseph
Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials

4. Pvt. C. 53 P. Inf.
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. 10/5/18
Date of Death Cause, if known

6. A.E.F.
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. Souilly Meuse
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. 83 Sec A 2
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

9. Name Peg? Cross? Headboard? Bottle?
Check Method of Marking

10. Buried with Body? Attached to Grave Marker?
Identification Tags

11. If name unknown and tags missing, give marks and description.

12. Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

13. G.C. Stewart ARC
Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Fred G. W. Easterday Capt.
Signed

Group Hq. Unit A G. R. S.

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

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SPECIAL W

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

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

DeCaro, Joseph

1. Items checked are to be completed:

- ✓ Surname: ~~DeCaro~~ DeCaro ~~DeCaro~~
- ✓ Number: 3349105
- ✓ First name: Joseph
- ✓ Rank: Pvt.
- ✓ Company: C
- ✓ Organization: 53rd Pion. Inf.
- ✓ Date of death: 10/5/18.
- ✓ Cause: Pneumonia.
- Place:

Location of hospital:

Number " "
Class " "

- ✓ Emergency address Mr. John Veccia,
52 Britton St.,
West Brighton, N. Y.
- ✓ Relationship: Cousin (Cousin)

Authority:

- ✓ Cablegram No: 284
- Telegram from:

dated:

✓ Reported to Washington:

C.C.Nos. CC 284

✓ (Underscore the "official" C.C.)

Remarks:

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

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June 27, 1921.

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295.8 Reg. Sec., Gen. Div.
(De Caro, Joseph).
The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)

Mr. John Vecchio, 270 Broadway, West Brighton, Staten Island, N.Y.

Disposition of Remains of Private Joseph De Caro, Serial #5349105,
Company C, 53rd Pioneer Infantry.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of Shipping Inquiry executed by you under date of April 28, 1921, requesting that the body of your foster brother, the late Private Joseph De Caro, remain in France for burial in a Permanent American Cemetery.

2. You are advised that your wishes in this matter will be respected, providing no request to the contrary is received in the near future from any relative whose legal right to direct disposition has priority over yours.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

OSP:SS
C.& C. Dept.

JGH
THOS. G. HANSON, JR.,
Capt., C.M. Corps.

MAILED

JUN 29 1921

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Overseas Proj. Sec.
Cemeterial Division