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G.R.S. Form #114-B

To The A. G. O.

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JAN 7 - 1926

FULL NAME ..... DECORAH, Foster

RANK..... Corporal ..... SERIAL..... 283698

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION ..... Company D, 128th Infantry ..... 32 div

DATE OF DEATH..... Aug 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME..... Wis

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

none found

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION.....

Date Grave Row Block

608

Cemetery

Mother

23/306/ARK

CRK

1926

3 A.G.O.  
JAN 8 1926  
WORLD WAR DIV.

AUDITED BY  
XDR 8-2-24

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M. & R. BRANCH  
O. Q. M. G.

A.G. 201 Decerah, Foster (WW)

Date of death

January 13, 1930

The Quartermaster General,

Washington, D.C.

An investigation recently completed by this office in the case of Foster Decerah, Army serial number 283,698, Corporal, Company D, 128th Infantry, who was reported to have been killed in action August 2, 1918, shows that the report is erroneous and that this soldier was killed in action August 1, 1918.

By order of the Secretary of War:



F. C. Reilly,  
Adjutant General.

Co D, 128th Infantry.  
32nd Division.

Decorah, Foster. Corp. 283698.  
Home. Friendship, Wisconsin.

While being held up by enemy Machine gun fire on Hill 230 near Reddy Farm, during the Chateau-Thierry battle Corp. Decorah and myself were both in a shell hole and engaging the enemy with our rifle fire to get exact position of Enemy Machine gun, suddenly the enemy opened up fire and Corporal Decorah, was hit in the knee and in the neck, he was unable to speak and died a few moments later; He was buried at the same place where he fell.

Informant. Czaskes, Edmund, T, Capt. 829.E.  
Co D. 128th Infantry.  
Home. # 663 Lincoln Ave. Milwaukee,  
Wisconsin.  
Signed. Edmund T. Czaskos. Capt. 128th.

Feb, 20th, 1919.

G.C.C.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

## Remains of:

Name: Foster DecorahNumber: 283698Rank: Cpl.Organization: Co.D. 128th.Inf.Disinterment and Reburial made by Group Unit 304Disinterred (Date) June 6,19 From: (Give complete location)Grave #40 Cemetery #9-Forsberg.Reburied (Date) June 6,19 in: (Give complete location)Grave #123 Section J. Plot.#3. Cemetery #608 Seringes et Nesles (Aisne)Map #33 Soissons. SE. 275.4N-195.25E

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

Buried 4 feet deep--- Body badly decomposed.Was one identification tag found upon the body? None--One on cr.What other means of identification were found upon the body? None

Note:

**CONFIRMED N° D**

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon the bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct, as is required by G.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: Cpl. H.J. Voorhiesl1st.Lt Oscar W. Forsberg.C.O.Group Unit 304

Gr. R. S. Form

G. R. S. FORM NO. 18

Place (Address)

Date

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Remains of

Name: Foster Deora

Rank: Cpl. Organization: Co. D. 128th Inf.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group Unit 304

Disinterred (Date) June 6, 1918 From: (Give complete location)

Grave #40 Cemetery #3 Vicksburg

Reburied (Date) June 6, 1918 in: (Give complete location)

Grave #10 Section 1 Plot #3 Cemetery #308 Vicksburg (Address)

Age 30 years. SS. No. 4-128-221

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

Interred in test deep-- body badly decomposed.

Was any identification tag found upon the body? None--One on cr.

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

Note: If upon disinterment, effects are found upon the bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct, as is reported by G. R. S. G. R. S., 1918, after being carefully examined for signs of identification. In doubtful cases, notation thereof will be made and reported to Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Cpl. H. J. Voorhies, 1st Lt. George W. Vicksburg

G. R. S. Group Unit 304



304

Place CTY 608

Date 4.25.21

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF DECORAH, FOSTER SERIAL NUMBER 283698

RANK CPL ORGANIZATION CO. D. 128th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): 4.25.21 From (give complete location): Gr. 123 Sect J Plot 3

By: Group BOSSE Unit FIELD SECTION # 7

3. Reburied (date): 4.25.21 In (give complete location): Gr. 123 Sect J Plot 3

By: Group BOSSE Unit FIELD SECTION # 7 Nature of reburial BURLAP & PINE BOX

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

BADLY DECOMPOSED FEATURES UNRECOGNIZABLE

U.S. UNIFORM AND BURLAP

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? YES (2) On grave marker? NO

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

COLLAR INSIGNIA "128th Inf D"

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

(b) Weight (estimated) IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

(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)

FRACTURES: Left arm below shoulder. Left femur. Lower third.

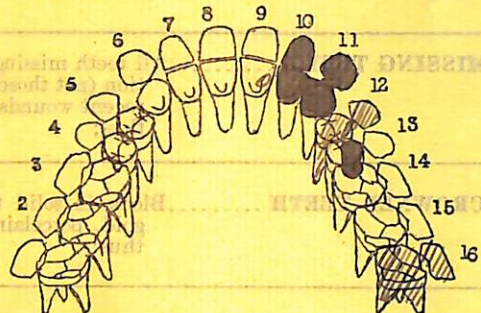
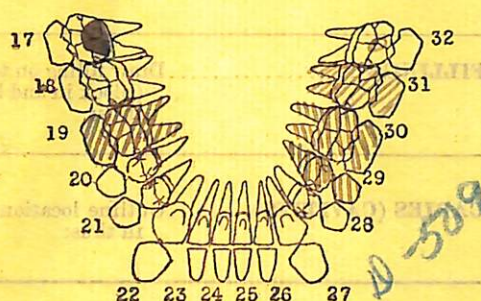


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



9, 32, cav. 10, 11, gold br.

12, 19, 30, 31, ext. 13, 14,

17, al. fil. 16, 29, mis. ad.

7. Disinterment supervised by HARRY V. BOSSE Approved: H. S. Harpole 1st Lt. OMC.

(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by HARRY V. BOSSE Approved: H. S. Harpole 1st Lt. OMC.






(Title)

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

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

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No."  
 (b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No. 6.

6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), 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.

<b>MISSING TEETH</b> .....	All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus:	
<b>CROWNED TEETH</b> .....	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:	
<b>BRIDGE WORK</b> .....	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus:	
<b>FILLINGS</b> .....	Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:	
<b>CARIES (CAVITIES)</b> .....	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.



CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE	
NAME	Decorah	DEC	3	453
	Foster			
BURIED	CEMETERY	608	1	2
	GRAVE	33	2	33
	ROW	4	2	04
	BLOCK	B	1	2
STATE	Wisc		2	58
RANK	Cpl		1	2
DIVISION	32		2	32
ORGANIZATION	128		3	128
ARM	Inf		1	1
MARITAL	Yes (Dec'd)		1	1
NAME			3	
RESIDENCE	STATE	Wisc	2	58
	COUNTY	Johnson	2	01
	CITY	Decorah	3	858
RELATION	Mother		1	
OTHER	(no loco no SM)		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Lead		1	
NATIVITY	(since 1918)		1	
RACE			1	
ENGLISH			1	
ATTENDANT			1	
HEALTH			1	
NO. OF SONS			1	
DATE OF	MO.		1	
TRIP	YR.		1	
ACCEPTANCE			1	
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**AUDITED**  
AUG. 9 1932 MB

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON



IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Decorah, Foster Cpl. (O-A) M

April 10, 1931.

Mrs. E. Decorah,  
Friendship, Wisconsin

Dear Madam:

*Decorah*

*Widow deceased per - M+R.*

In order that your desires may be properly recorded and arrangements made for you accordingly, it is requested that you complete and return the enclosed questionnaire at your earliest convenience.

Kindly advise as to whether or not the late Corporal Foster Decorah was married and is survived by a widow and if so, her name and address.

For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed herewith a 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.

Enclosures:  
Questionnaire  
Act - Amendment  
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

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PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID

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OF CHANGE  
OF ADDRESS

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1931

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NO SUCH POST OFFICE IN STATE NAME





WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Decorah, Foster Cpl. (O-A) M

April 10, 1931.

Mrs. E. <sup>U</sup>Decorah,  
Friendship, Wisconsin

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?

2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?

3. Please give your age and state your health.

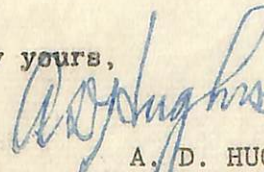
Age  
Condition of Health

4. Do you speak English?

5. What other language do you speak?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Decorah, Foster 608 M

June 5, 1930

Mrs. E. Decoark  
Friendship, Wisconsin.

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,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Write answer here)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Decorah, Foster

June 24, 1929.

Mrs. E. Decorah,  
Friendship, Wisc.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Corporal Foster Decorah, Co. D., 128th Inf., 32nd Div. whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

QM 293 A-M  
Decorah, Foster Cpl. (O-A) M

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

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1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?

2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?

3. Please give your age and state your health.

4. Do you speak English?

5. What other language do you speak?

Age  
Condition of Health

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:  
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APR 11 1931  
M. S. H. & S. D. H.

QM 293 A-M  
Decorah, Foster Cpl 608 M

October 14, 1930

Mrs. E. Decorah  
Friendship  
Wisconsin

Dear Madam:

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

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

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For The Quartermaster General:

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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

Decorah, Foster 608 M

June 5, 1930

Mrs. E. Decoah  
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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-G  
Decorah, Foster

January 16, 1930

SUBJECT: Change in Headstone.

TO: The 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 Oise-Aisne American Cemetery:

Page 86, Block B, Row 4, Grave 33, should now read  
Foster Decorah - Corpl. - 128 Inf. - 52 Div. - Wisconsin -  
Aug. 1, 1918

2. Advise this office of action when taken.

For The Quartermaster General:

LDL/bb

293.6 Oise-Aisne  
February 3, 1930. To: The Quartermaster General of the Army,  
Washington, D.C., U.S.A.



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

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Receipt acknowledged. Instructions have been issued  
to have the above listed correction made.



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

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February 3, 1930. To: The Quartermaster General of the Army,  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON

FVV-1g-1-213

IN REPLY  
REFER TO

A.G. 201 Decorah, Foster (WW)

SUBJECT: Date of death

January 13, 1930

To:

The Quartermaster General,

Washington, D.C.

213 An investigation recently completed by this office in the case of Foster Decorah, Army serial number 283,698, Corporal, Company D, 128th Infantry, who was reported to have been killed in action August 2, 1918, shows that the report is erroneous and that this soldier was killed in action August 1, 1918.

By order of the Secretary of War:



*[Signature]*  
Adjutant General.

*608 92 33R + 213*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Decorah, Foster  
608

Aug. 29, 1929.

Mrs. E. Decorah,  
Friendship, Wisc.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated ~~June 24, 1929~~ making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage?

Write answers in space below

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried? If so, give her complete address:

2. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Decorah, Foster

June 24, 1929.

Mrs. E. Decorah,  
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Assistant.

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QM 293 A-C

Decorah, Foster

March 5, 1929.

Mr. J. W. Purvis,  
Gdn. of child, Arthur Decorah,  
Friendship, Wisc.

Dear Sir:

In order to conform to the plans for beautification of the permanent American Military Cemeteries in Europe it has been necessary to make a re-arrangement of the graves in these Cemeteries, which may be considered as permanent for all time.

The enclosed card gives the final resting place of the late  
Foster Decorah, Corporal, Company D, 126th Infantry.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

J. McCLINTOCK,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

LMB

1 Incl.  
Record card.

Q. M. G. & R. DIV.  
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QM 293 A-C

Decorah, Foster

March 5, 1929.

Mrs. E. Decorah,  
Friendship,  
Wisc.

Dear Madam:

In order to conform to the plans for beautification of the permanent American Military Cemeteries in Europe it has been necessary to make a re-arrangement of the graves in these Cemeteries, which may be considered as permanent for all time.

The enclosed card gives the final resting place of your son, the late Foster Decorah, Corporal, Company D, 128th Infantry.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

J. McCLINTOCK,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

LEB

1 Incl.  
Record card.

COM. G. M. & R. J. V.  
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OM 293 A-C  
Decorah, Foster

March 5, 1929.

SUBJECT: Discrepancy in Records.

TO: The Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in  
Europe, 20 rue Molitor, Paris, France.

1. It is requested the records and Organization Directories be  
adjusted in the case of Foster Decorah, 283698, Corporal, Company D,  
128th Infantry, interred in Grave 33, Row 4, Block B, Cise-Aisne American  
Cemetery, to show the date of death as August 2, 1918.

For The Quartermaster General:

J. McCLINTOCK,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

LJB

O. O. M. G. M & R DIV.

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G.R.S. FORM #114-A.

Oise-Aisne Cty. 608

STATION Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE February 6, 1928

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 DECORAH, Foster  
 2. No. 283698  
 3. Rank Cpl.  
 4. Org. Co. D, 128th Inf.  
 5. D.D. August 2, 1918  
 6. C.D. *na*

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 47 Sec.  
 8. Plot Block B Row 21  
 9.  
 15. Grave No. Sec.  
 16. Plot (Name) Row  
 17.  
 18. Cemetery Oise-Aisne  
 19. Commune or town Seringes-et-Nesles  
 20. Dept. or County Aisne  
 21. Country France  
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 608  
 23. Disinterred (Date) February 6, 1928 By P.D. Woodman  
 24. Inscription on grave marker:  
 Name DECORAH, Foster Serial No. 283698  
 Rank Cpl. Organization Co. D, 128th Inf.

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

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

28. Nature of burial Pine box and burlap

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above?

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date February 6, 1928 By P.D. Woodman

31. Casket sealed by P.D. Woodman

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

P.D. Woodman.

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

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

Name DECORAH, Foster Serial No. 283698

Rank Cpl. Organization Co. D, 128th Inf.

33. Consigned to :

Name of Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) February 6, 1928 By Charles E. Spahn

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 Charles E. Spahn  
Charles E. Spahn

36. Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

37. Shipped from point of Operation : (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

To point of Concentration \_\_\_\_\_

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping officer \_\_\_\_\_ (Name)

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

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

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

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

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_ (Name)

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

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

41. Reinterred February 6, 1928, Oise-Aisne American Cty.

(Date)

42. Grave No. 33 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot Block B Row 4

G.R.S. Representative William E. Moore

William E. Moore, Superintendent.

DISINTERMENT  
REPORT OF DISINTERMENT PRESERVATION SHIPMENT AND RECEIPT OF BODY  
To be prepared in duplicate  
DATE FEBRUARY 6, 1928  
STATION SERINGES-ET-NESELES  
Tape

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF DECORAH, Foster SERIAL NUMBER 283698

RANK Cpl. ORGANIZATION Co. D. 128th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): February 6, 1928 From (give complete location):

Grave 47, Block B, Row 21

By: Group Cty. Unit

3. Reburied (date): February 15, 1928 In (give complete location):

~~Morsuet~~ Grave 33, Block B, Row 4

By: Group Cty Unit Nature of reburial Metallic casket

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

Pine box and burlap

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

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

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

(a) Height (actual measurement)

(b) Weight (estimated)

(c) Hair—Color

Quantity

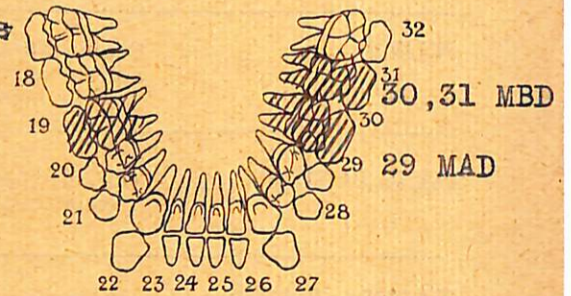
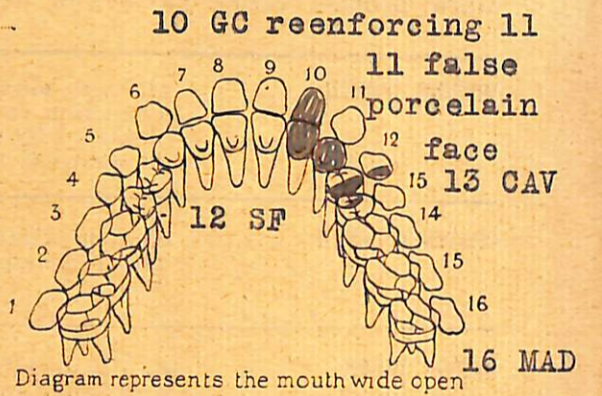
Characteristics

(d) Hair on face—Color

Location

Quantity 17 worn down to roots

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) 19 MBD



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

Left femur fractured, lower part missing. Left humerus fractured middle. Left pelvis fractured.

7. Disinterment supervised by W. Woodman Approved: W. E. Woom

(Title)

8. Reburial Supervised by Charles E. Spahn Approved:

(Title)

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






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

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

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

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

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

<b>MISSING TEETH</b>	All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :	
<b>CROWNED TEETH</b>	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :	
<b>BRIDGE WORK</b>	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus :	
<b>FILLINGS</b>	Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :	
<b>CARIES (CAVITIES)</b>	Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :	
<b>DENTURES (PLATES)</b>	Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp"	

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

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

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# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #8810

## I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name DECORAH, Foster Ser. No. 283698

(b) Rank Cpl. Organization Co. D, 128th Inf.

(c) Date of death 8/2/18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. HB

CKR. J

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

(a) Grave No. 123 Row - Plot 3 Sec. J TYP. HB

(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. E. Decorah (mother) Friendship, Wis.

## III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

CKR. J

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

Date of receipt -

(a) Name Eлизаbeth Decorah (b) Relationship Mother

(c) Address Friendship, Wis. P. O. #2

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

(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at no

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. L.A. Exposition

Friendship, Wis.

Expt. Tele. Office, Adams, Wis.

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

Examiner's Initials PF Date 12-14, 1920.

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

dated

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

no copies

Examiner's Initials PF Date 12-14, 1920.

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

No correspondence in files.

(a) Cancellation memos referred to?

Examiner's Initials E.M. Date 12/15, 1920.

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

COUNTRY France

CEMETERY No. 608

SHEET No. 747

Checked 12/15/20

CARDED

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made 12-17, 1920.

Typed by meb, Checked by M.H.K., 12-17, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on 1/15/21, 1920

Par. I To be returned (2P.W.)

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MAR 2 1921  
OVERSEAS PRODUCTIONS

IX. CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: 2-9-21 #120 Elizabeth Decorah<sup>mother</sup> Friendship Miss wishes body left in Europe. Son Arthur Decorah Denmark Miss is nearest of kin. H 2-13-21 E.C.L.

**MAR 22 1921** PROPOSED CABLEGRAM NO. 436 **TO EUROPE-BODY TO REMAIN** 3-22-21 HJ

**FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN - BODY**

**MAR 2 1921 TO REMAIN IN EUROPE. J.M.R.**

4/6/21 Letter from Europe states return cancelled as per cable. EP 5/19/21

Let. 9/30/21 Mother advised body will remain undisturbed as cty. is permanent.

Let. 9/13/21 - Guardian advised body will remain undisturbed as cty. is now per. MBH 12/21

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

DECORAH, Foster

283698

HB

I. LOCATION INDEX *Co.D.*

Co.D, 128th Inf.

(a) Name ..... *8/2/18* ..... Ser. No. *K/A* .....  
 (b) Rank ..... Organization .....  
 (c) Date of death *123* ..... Cause of death *3* ..... *J* .....

TYP

HB

II. REGISTRATION CARD. - *Mrs. S. Decorah (mother) Friendship, Wisc.*  
(Check Reg., Card Inf. against Loc. Ind. Inf.)

(a) Grave No. .... Row ..... Plot ..... Sect. .... TYP .....  
 (b) Emerg. Address .....

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases ..... OKR *J*

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

*A Y.O. card - Elizabeth Decorah (mother) Friendship Wisc. R.F.D #2 desires body returned to U.S. and shipped to L.A. Roseberry, Friendship, Wisc. 1/17/21 - LPU*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on ..... 192  
(Letter of transmittal on *1/15/1921*)

*Par. 7 to be returned LPU*

JAN 27 1921

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
<i>Feb. 21-1921 Form 129</i>	<i>Guardian (2-18-21) J. W. Purves</i>	<i>Remain in France</i>	<i>MAR 22 1921 OVERSEAS ADVISED by proposed cable 286 body to remain. 3-22-21 AG</i>

*4/21 Letter from Europe states return cancelled as per cable of 5/19/21*

VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. .... *Mar. 2* 1921

COUNTRY *France*  
 G. R. S. FORM 115-A  
 August , 1920

CEMETERY NO. *808*

SHEET NO. *77*

*11/22/21. J.L.*

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, AND SHIPMENT OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records Office Chief G.R.S.

Discrepancy found upon examination of body.

1. Name DECORAH, Foster  
 2. No. 283698  
 3. Rank Cpl.  
 4. Org Co. D, 128th Inf.  
 5. D.D. 8-2-18  
 6. C.D. K/A

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment.

7. Grave No. 123 Sec. J  
 8. Plot 3 Row -  
 9. -

15. Grave No..... Sec.....  
 16. Plot..... Row.....  
 17.....

18. Cemetery American Cty.,  
 19. Commune or town Seringes-et-Nesles  
 20. Department or county Aisne  
 21. County France

22. G.R.S. Headquarters Code No. 608

23. Disinterred..... BY.....  
(Date)

24. Inscription ( Name..... Serial No.....  
 on (.....  
 grave marker ( Rank..... Organization.....

25. Was identification disk found on grave marker?..... On body?.....

Signature of Junior Technical Assistant.

(The following space is reserved for notations to be made by office Chief Graves Registration Service.)

PREPARATION

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

27. Condition of body.....

28. Nature of burial.....

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G. R. S. records quoted above?.....

30. Body prepared and placed in casket..... By .....  
(Date)

31. Casket sealed by.....  
Signature of Embalmer (Supervisor).....

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

32. Designation of body (Name..... DECORAH, Foster ..... Serial No. 293698  
(Rank..... Cpl. .... Organization..... Co. D, 128th Inf.)

33. Consignee--Name..... L.A. Roseberry,  
Address..... Friendship, Wis., (Exp. & Tel. Adams, Wis.)

34. Casket boxed and marked..... By .....  
(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.

Signature of G. R. S. Inspector.....

36. Remarks.....

37. Shipped from cemetery..... To .....  
(Date) (Point of concentration)  
Convoyer..... Signature Shipping officer

38. Received at point of concentration..... (Date)  
Signature Receiving Officer.....

39. Shipped from point of concentration..... (Date)  
To..... Convoyer .....  
(Port) Signature Shipping Officer.....

40. Received European port..... (Date)  
Signature of G. R. S. Representative.....

41. Shipped to..... On .....  
(U. S. Port) (Boat)  
Date..... Convoyer .....  
(Signature of Shipping Officer)

42. Received..... By G. R. S. Representative .....  
(Date) (Signature)

43. Shipped to destination..... (B/L or Express Order No. ....  
(Date) (Signature)  
Convoyer..... (Shipping Officer).....

Decorah,

Foster

283,698 ✓

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Armed force number.)

Corp

Co D 128th Infantry

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased *mother*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? *yes.*

(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery? *no.*

(Yes or no.)

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

*L. A. Roseberry*

(Name of person to receive remains.)

*Adams, Mo. Adams, Mo.*

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

*Friendship, Mo.*

*Mo.*

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

*Elizabeth Decorah*

*R.F.D. # 2-*

*Friendship, Mo.*

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

12-1-21

608-947

Almanac by P#

Checked  
02/15/12/1938

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-C

DECORAH, Foster - Corpl.

November 5, 1925

Mrs. E. Decorah,  
Friendship,  
Wisconsin.

Dear Madam:

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

This American overseas military cemetery is to be maintained by the United States for all time. The graves will be permanently marked by white headstones inscribed with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves, as soon as possible, and without necessity for special action or request on the part of relatives.

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

Very truly yours,

1 Incl.  
Record card.

L.W. BEDINGTON,  
Major, Q.M.G.,  
Assistant.

RD  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-C

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Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, 1921.


MEMO:

Cemeterial Division,  
Washington, D.C.

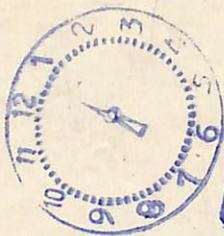
No reply has been made to  
telegram from J.W. Purves,  
2/18/19.

G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J.

Per E.C.



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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF WAR  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
HOBOKEN, N.J.

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Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. O. M. G.  
File # 243.8  
#8810

February 21st, 1921.

From: Graves Registration Service Officer, Hoboken, N.J.  
To: Cemeterial Division (Overseas Project Sub-Section)  
Subject: Supplementary Advice concerning:

Name Decorah, Foster Ser.No. 283698  
Rank Corporal Organization Co.D, 128th Inf.  
Cemetery No. 608 Cable Reference No. (Sheet No.) 747

Request shown below dated Feb. 18, 1921. is latest in this case:

Name of Relative	Return to	Remain in	Special
Widow <u>none</u>		<u>France</u>	(where originally buried--see notation on back of F.120 signed by mother; also telegram 2/18/21 from guardian)
oldest Children <u>Arthur Decorah</u>			
Guardian <u>J. W. Purves (Friendship, Wisconsin)</u>			
Father _____			
Mother _____			
Brother _____			
Sister _____			
Others _____			

Body ~~to be shipped to, per~~ for interment in: France.

(g1b)

R. E. SHANNON,  
Graves Registration Officer,  
Capt., Quartermaster Corps.

1 inclosure.

Cable Letter Feb. 22 1921 forwarding advice to Europe dispatched \_\_\_\_\_ 1921.

*R. 2/21/21*

*Decorah, Foster*

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S. H. G.

GENERAL DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SEC.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
HOBOKEN, N.J.

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Others _____			

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Cable Letter Feb. 22, 1921 forwarding advice to Europe dispatched \_\_\_\_\_ 1921.

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J. P. BUTLER, 1st Lieut. Infantry.

Hoboken, N.J.

Feb. 18/21

Mr. J. W. Purves,

Friendship, Wisconsin.

Please wire this office immediately Government expense in behalf of Arthur Decorah, son of late Corporal Foster Decorah Serial Number Two-Eight-Three-Six-Nine-Eight whether you concur in wish of Mrs. Elizabeth Decorah that body remain in France. C ---533

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE,  
Army Piers, Hoboken, N.J.

File No. 293.8 Cor.Br., Com.Div.  
(Decorah, Foster.)

*W. H. M.*  
**NIGHT**

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FEB 18 1921  
G. H. C.

J. W. BENTON, 1st Lieut. Infantry.

Feb. 18/21

Hoboken, N.J.

Mr. J. W. Brown,

Friendship, Wisconsin.

Please advise this office immediately Government expense in detail of Arthur Brown, son of late Corporal Foster Brown Serial Number Two-Nine-Two-Six-Six-Nine-Night whether you consent in what of Mrs. Elizabeth Brown that body remain in France. G-558

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
Army Base, Hoboken, N.J.

*M. W. N.*  
**NIGHT**

File No. 2038 Cor. Br., Gen. Div.  
(Brown, Foster.)

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G. H. S.

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Day Letter	Blue
Night Message	Nite
Night Letter	N L

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# WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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RECEIVED AT ~~227 HUDSON STREET~~, HOBOKEN, N. J.

1NY CM 26 GOVT COLLECT

ADAMS WISC 825PM FEB 17- 18 1921

GRAVES REG SERVICE

HOBOKEN NJ

J W PURVES FRIENDSHIP WISCONSIN IS THE GUARDIAN OF ARTHUR  
DECORAH SON OF LATE CORPORAL FOSTER DECORAH SERIAL NUMBER  
TWO EIGHT THREE SIX NINE EIGHT

ELIZABETH DECORAH

945AM



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J. F. BUTLER, 1st Lieut. Infantry

Hoboken, N.J.

Feb. 15/21

Mrs. Elizabeth Decorah,

R.F.D. #2, Friendship, Wisconsin.

Please wire this office immediately Government expense name and address of guardian of Arthur Decorah, son of late Corporal Foster Decorah, Serial Number Two-Eight-Three-Six-Nine-Eight. C---516

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE,  
Army Piers, Hoboken, N.J.

File No. 293.8 Cor.Br., Cem.Div.

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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

WASHINGTON

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

To: Mrs. Elizabeth Decorah, R. F. W. 124, Friendship, Wisconsin, the care of the body

SUBJECT: Remains of Cpl. Foster Decorah, Ser. No. 283698, Co. D, 128th Inf.

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above-named soldier be returned to the United States and delivered to L. J. Roseberry, Friendship,

*Remains in Europe E.C.D.*

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.

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

MAR 22 1921 PROPOSED CABLEGRAM NO. 236 TO EUROPE-BODY TO REMAIN

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? Widowed

	NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow	<u>none</u>			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1 <u>Arthur</u>		<u>Denmark</u>	<u>Wis.</u>
	2 <u>Ernest</u>		<u>Wittenberg</u>	<u>Wis.</u>
	3 <u>Leiter</u>		<u>Friendship</u>	<u>Wis.</u>
Father	<u>Dead</u>			
Mother	<u>Elizabeth Decorah</u>			
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1 <u>None</u>			
	2 <u>None</u>			
	3 <u>None</u>			
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1 <u>Rosa Goodbear</u>		<u>Friendship</u>	<u>Wis.</u>
	2 <u>Erna Kirkwood</u>	<u>126 W. Karlov av.</u>	<u>Chicago</u>	<u>Ill.</u>
	3 <u>Edua Goodbear</u>		<u>Adams</u>	<u>Wis.</u>
	4 <u>Maud Goodbear</u>		<u>Friendship</u>	

Date February 9-1921

Signature E. Elizabeth Decorah

Address Friendship, Wis.

Relationship mother

Friendship Wis. Feb-9, 1921

I, the undersigned, am the mother 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. *I have changed my mind and wish the body to remain where buried.*

FEB 11 1921

Signature Elizabeth Decorah



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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 File # 1921-8-8-10

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J W Purves

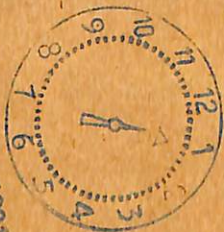
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FIELD RECORD.  
GRAVE LOCATION **ANK.**

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

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8810

Decorah..... 285698..... Foster.....  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Corporal..... Co. D., 128th Inf.....  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL Approximately Aug. 2/18.  
Reburied Battlefield Cemetery 9/12/18.

PLACE OF BURIAL Battlefield Cemetery  
east of Reddy Fme. France.  
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

Fishes Map 1:20000 at crosspoint of  
coordinates 200.10 - 272.90

..... Field sketch No. 9-Wynne.....

GRAVE NUMBER..... 40 Row B.....

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

559

Headboard?..... Bottle (Aisne).....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?..... Yes

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

*COORD. E. 200.08  
N. 272.91*

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

Died of wounds rec'd in action.....

**CONFIRMED**

REPORTED BY: *Charles Wynne*  
**Charles J. WYNNE**

2nd Lt., Inf., U. S.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

This portion to be sent to Chief of Graves Registration Service.  
**GROUP NO 1**  
**Unit 304. G. R. S.**

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September 30, 1921.

293.8-Cen. #6810 (Decorah, Foster Cpl.) (Cty. #608-Sheet #747)

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

Mr. J. W. Purvis, Friendship, Wisconsin.

Case of Corporal Foster Decorah.

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1. In reference to your request that the remains of the late Corporal Foster Decorah, Company D, 128th Infantry, remain undisturbed in their present grave location, you are advised that your wishes will be complied with as the Secretary of War has designated the Oise-Aisne Cemetery (Seringes-et-Nesles) as a permanent American Cemetery. The body is now interred in Grave #123, Plot #3, Section J. The grave will be marked by a suitable headstone and will be perpetually maintained by our Government in the most careful and reverent manner as a memorial to the late soldier's supreme sacrifice.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

CHARLES J. *CYRNE*, *MBH*  
Captain, U. S. Army

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U.S.

Noted on Form No. 115

Date *MOH 9/30/21*

*Copy filed in RR.*

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By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

CHARLES J. WYNN,  
Captain, Q. M. C.

MBH  
HCH

GE

007-1192  
U.S.

Noted on Form No. 115  
Date

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advise mother  
and Guardian also

mother & Guardian make  
same reg - Body  
remain where bound

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CASE OF : DECORAH, Foster, Cpl. 608-747.

E/A - Mrs. E. Decorah, mother, Friendship, Wisc.

A.G.O. Card - Elizabeth Decorah, mother, R.F.D.# 2,  
Friendship, Wisc., requests body returned to E.A.  
Roseberry, Wis.

Form # 120, 2/9/21, mother, wishes body "to remain  
where buried." Oldest child of deceased - Arthur  
Decorah, guardian - J.W. Purves.

Telegram from guardian, J. W. Purves, Friendship,  
Wisc. requests body remain in France. where buried.

Recommend Form Letter ~~and balance~~

Mr. Cole for letter Remain  
Amer. B/a City