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G.R.S. Form #114-B

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✓ FULL NAME... DEDERER, Elsworth H. Officers Sig......

✓ RANK... 1st Lt...... ✓ SERIAL.....

✓ DIVISION & ORGANIZATION... Co. E, 311th Inf. 78 Division.....

✓ DATE OF DEATH... 10-27-18.....

✓ STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME... N.Y......

✓ MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED... None.....

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION.....
Date Grave Row Block

.....
Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery # 1232
.....
Cemetery

1
APR 6 A. G. O.
1927
WORLD WAR DIV.

M99. 10/27/18. C.O. 317 JMF
GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Redner, E. J.
.....
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

1st Lt. C.O. Co. 9 317 JMF
.....
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL... *Oct 30 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL... *291.9/286 C*

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

Providence Cemetery
Providence, Kentucky
.....
.....

GRAVE NUMBER... *1*

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

Headboard?..... Bottle?.....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: *2*

Was one buried with body? *Y*

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

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

REPORTED BY:

Chap. Bergs 317 JMF
.....
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

This portion to be forwarded to Adj. Gen'l., G. H. Q., A. E. F.

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Dederer	3	454
	Elsworth Cemetery	1	1
BURIED	GRAVE 5	2	05
	ROW 6	2	06
	BLOCK 8	1	7
STATE	N.Y.	2	37
BANK	1st St	1	1
DIVISION	78	2	78
ORGANIZATION	311	3	311
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARTIAL	no	1	2
NAME	Mrs. ^{M.} Martha Dederer	3	454
	STATE Conn	2	06
RESIDENCE	COUNTY New London	2	06
	CITY New London	3	034
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Bad	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	no	1	
	Age		

Audited
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 W.B. [initials]

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Dederer Elsworth H (MA)

July 11 1932

Mrs Martha M Dederer
125 Mohegan Ave
New London Conn

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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

2 Encls.

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

No
(Write answer here)

I wish to thank you again for the very kind offer -
(Sign here) Mrs. Martha Martin Dederer

120 Wohegan Ave.
New London,
Conn.

Feb. 28th 1932

Capt. A. D. Hughes,
2. M. Corps.

Dear Sir.

Your recent communication assuring me of every physical comfort if I should desire to visit the grave of my son 1st Lieutenant Elworth A. Dedrick, has been received. I thank you to know how greatly I appreciate the personal tone of your letter, and the very generous provisions offered for my comfort. I must however once again decline the advantages you offer.

Not alone for physical reasons, but for the emotional reactions which it would of

necessity arose I knew that I should
not attempt the journey.

My dear son is not there. His precious
body had all the loving care I could give
it till the very last moment allowed to
visitors at Camp Day before embarkation.

I am happy in the knowledge that
he has survived the experience called
"Death", and at my present age I know
it will not be long before I shall join him.

So - may I thank you again, and our
Government which has done everything
possible to make my last days comfortable?

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Martha Martin Decker



Capt. A. D. Hughes, L. M. 293 A. M
War Department,
Washington,
D. C.

125 Michigan Ave
New London,
Conn.

QM 293 A-M
Dederer, Elsworth H. MA M

January 27, 1932.

Mrs. Martha M. Dederer,
125 Mohegan Ave.,
New London, Conn.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late 1st Lieutenant Elsworth H. Dederer. 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 physical condition would make a pilgrimage impossible, 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 and of advanced age 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

Dederer, Elsworth H. 1st Lt. (M-A) M

June 12, 1931.

Mrs. Martha Dederer,
125 Mohegan Ave.,
New London, Conn.

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.

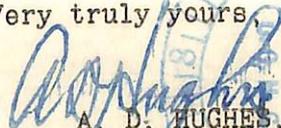
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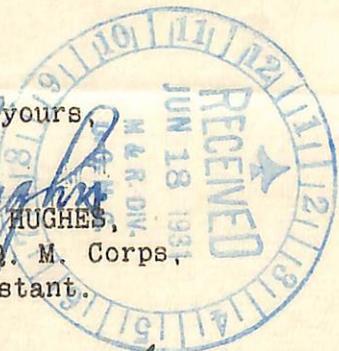
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This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

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?

No
Write answer here


Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Dederer, Elsworth H. 1232 M

June 9, 1930

Mrs. Martha Dederer
125 Mohegan Avenue
New London, Conn.

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.

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For The Quartermaster General,



Very truly yours,

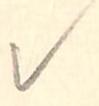
A. D. Hughes
A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? no

(Write answer here)

Martha Dederer
(Sign here)

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WASHINGTON



IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Dederer, Elsworth H 1232 -M

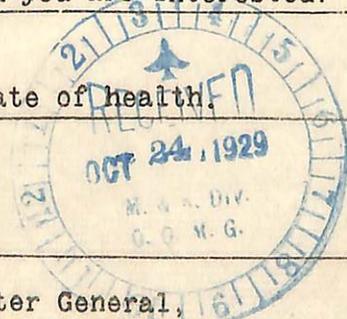
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In order that the report referred to may be made and plans completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested that you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office by return mail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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes) (No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) (No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <u>70</u> Health <u>Fair</u> (Years) (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (No) Other language (Specify language spoken)



For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

John T. Harris

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

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125 Wohegan Ave.
New London,
Conn.

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July 9th 1929-

Major John T. Harris,
I. M. Corps,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Major Harris -

I regret that I shall
be unable to accept the very
generous offer of our Government
to accompany the other "Gold Star"
teachers overseas to visit the
grave of my dear son, Richard
Claworth H. Dederer.

My physical condition would
make such a trip impossible.

My son was unmarried, therefore
leaving no widow.

Yours very truly,
Mrs. Martha M. Dederer



[Faint, illegible handwriting at the bottom of the page, possibly a signature or address.]

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Doderer, Elsworth H.

June 29 1929.

Mrs. Martha M. Doderer,
125 Mehegan Avenue,
New London, Conn.

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 First Lieutenant Elsworth H. Doderer, Co.E, 511th Inf. whose remains are now interred in the House Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since 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,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Dedorer Elsworth H (MA)

July 11 1932

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Assistant.

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

_____ (Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

QM 293 A-M
Dederer, Elsworth H. MA M

January 27, 1932.

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Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Dederer, Elsworth H. 1st Lt. (M-A) M

June 12, 1931.

Mrs. Martha Dederer,
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Dear Madam:

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Assistant.

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Write answer here

Sign here

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

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(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

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For The Quartermaster General,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

125 MOHEGAN AVENUE
NEW LONDON, CONN.

February 7th 1927

Lt. Colonel Edmond R. Josephine,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Colonel -

I have received the card giving the place of burial of my son, Elmore H. Dederer. Please accept my deepest gratitude for the very efficient and kindly manner in which the search for his body and the permanent resting place has been provided. I am indeed grateful to our Government for all the help which I have received.

Yours very truly,

Martha M. Dederer

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-C

February 4, 1927.

Dederer, Elsworth H. Lt.
Co. E, 311th Infantry.

Mrs. Martha M. Dederer,
125 Mohegan Ave.,
New London, Conn.

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,

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Record card.



EDMOND R. TOMPKINS,
Lt. Colonel, Q.M.G.
Assistant.

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IDENTIFICATION OPINION

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CASE OF St. Elworth H. Hedderer, O. H. 311

GRAVE recovery - German City at Buzancy

DECISION _____

DENTAL CHART

Date of Enlistment		Report on Disinterment			
A.G.O.		Emergency Address		Miss A.D.	
Missing	Dental Work	Dental Work	Missing B.D.	Dental Work	Miss A.D.
U.R.				2-3-5-6-11-12 13-14-15-16-18 19-20-21-24-25-31	
U.L.		<u>Quarant</u>	17) per 32) per		
L.R.		<u>Secure</u>		7-21-25 gf 29 gf	48910 25 26 27
L.L.		<u>Chart</u>			

Above discrepancies can _____ be accounted for as follows; _____

BODY DESCRIPTION

A.G.O. Report	E/A Report	Report on Disinterment
Height: _____	_____	_____
Weight _____	_____	_____
Hair _____	_____	_____
Fractures _____	_____	_____

IDENTIFICATION TAGS

Tag, Lt. Bars, 211 Cross Ripts. Found on Body
W.S.R. Found on Cross

OTHER IDENTIFYING MARKS

Found on Body _____

ORIGINAL BURIAL DATA

Body in this Grave concentrated from removed by Germans from Grand Cre
 This man reported buried originally Grand Cre
 Organizations of other men buried around original location _____

This body found as result of data sent for further search of research work done by Europe Concur;

O. Scott
Investigator

APPROVED: 10-20-26

E. E. Davis
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

293 Dederer, Elsworth H.

2nd Ind.

Hdgrs., A.G.R.S., Q.M.C., in E., 20 rue Molitor, Paris, France, Dec. 21, 1926. To: The Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D.C.

1. In compliance with instructions contained in preceding indorsement, forwarded herewith are G.R.S. Forms 114-A, 16-A and 1-A covering permanent concentration of the remains of 1st Lt. Elsworth H. Dederer in Grave 5, Row 6, Block G, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery.



A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "F.W. Van Duzne".

F.W. Van Duzne,
Colonel, Q.M. Corps,
Chief.

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Forms 114-A, 16-A and 1-A



293 Dederer, Elsworth H.

Letter to QMG. dated 10/1/26 Cont'd.

of Lieut. Dederer's grave opened. Seven graves were found to contain German soldiers and the eighth grave, #2686, Buzancy Cemetery was found to contain the rest of Lieut. Dederer's remains. This grave was supposed to have been the one to the left of Lieut. Dederer's. All the bones found in the grave of Lieut. Dederer at Grand Pre were found to be missing in Grave 2686 at Buzancy. Parts of serge uniform were also found with both remains, but all pockets had been ripped open and uniform torn from remains".

3. There is no dental information on file here for this casualty and it is recommended that any on file in Washington be compared with that shown on attached Form.

4. These remains are being held in the Meuse-Argonne mortuary pending receipt of advice from your office as to confirmation of identification and disposition.



Encl.

Form 16-A, 9.18.26.



F. W. Van Dyne
F.W. Van Dyne,
Colonel, Q.M. Corps,
Chief.

QM 293 A-C

Dederer, Elsworth H. 1st Lt.

1st Ind.

War Dept., OQMG, Washington, D.C., November 3, 1926--To the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.

1. Identification of the remains of the late 1st Lieutenant Elsworth H. Dederer, Co. E, 311th Inf., is confirmed by this office. The body is to remain buried in France.

2. Concentration forms will be forwarded to this office as soon as final burial has been accomplished.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

MR
RECEIVED F. H. ROPE,
17 NOV. 1926 Colonel, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.
H.Q. A.G.R.S. O.M.C.
in Europe

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Dederer, Elsworth H.

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE. Q.M.C., IN EUROPE
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE SERVICE.

IN REPLYING
PLEASE ADDRESS:
CHIEF, AMERICAN GRAVES
REGISTRATION SERVICE.

20 RUE MOLITOR

FILE NO. 293 Dederer, Elsworth H.

PARIS, FRANCE
October 1, 1926.

Subject: Recovery of remains.

To: The Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D.C.

1. With further reference to letter this office of Sept. 17, 1926, reporting recovery of remains (parts only) of 1st Lt. Elsworth H. Dederer, Co. E, 311th Inf., you are informed the balance of body of deceased has been found in another grave, and the inclosed Form 16-A is requested substituted for that forwarded the 17th ult.

2. The report of the Investigator upon this case is as follows:-

"The remains of the above mentioned Officer were recovered from the 5th grave, 4th row of a former German Military Cemetery at Grand Pre. Part of the remains were recovered from Grave 2686, German Military Cemetery, Buzancy, where they had been concentrated from the Cemetery at Grand Pre. The part of Lieut. Dederer's remains recovered from Grand Pre were found August 30, 1926. Only part of remains found on this date were the atlas bone, sternum, 5 finger bones, 4 vertebrae, one patella, both feet, tag and Lieutenant's bars on collar of shirt and blouse.

The French Etat Civil at Rethel was visited and the Lieutenant in charge came to Grand Pre with plan of German cemetery and records. It was found upon consulting these records and plan that the grave of Lieut. Dederer was the empty grave from which a German soldier had been exhumed Nov. 20, 1916, and the remains returned to Germany and according to the French Officer's statement, this grave should not have been opened as it was presumed to be empty according to their records. It was then decided to open the four graves on either side of grave in which Lieut. Dederer's remains had been originally buried. The remains of a German soldier were found in one of the supposedly empty graves.

The German Military Cemetery at Buzancy was then visited and the graves of the soldiers concentrated from row 4 on either side

QM 293 A-C

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Dederer, Elsworth H. 1st Lt.

Co. E, 311th Inf.
SUBJECT: Identification of body.

November 3, 1926.

TO: The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.

1. You are informed that the investigation in the case of the soldier named above has been successful. His body has been recovered from the following location:

Aug. 30, 1926 Gr. 5, Row 4, German Military Cemetery, Grand Pre (Ardennes) Map Buzancy, East 291.86, North 286.6.

Body will be permanently buried in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

For The Quartermaster General:

F. H. POPE,
Colonel, Q. M. C.,
Assistant H. P.O.

CS *mm*

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QM 293 A-C

Dederer, Elsworth H. 1st Lt.

1st Ind.

War Dept., OQMG, Washington, D.C., November 3, 1926--To the Chief, American Graves
Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.

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H. Dederer, Co. E, 311th Inf., is confirmed by this office. The body is to
remain buried in France.

2. Concentration forms will be forwarded to this office as soon as
final burial has been accomplished.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

F. H. POPE,
Colonel, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

CS

Noted by Statistical Clerk.
Date 2/13/24

QM 293 A-C

Dederer, Elsworth H. 1st Lt.

November 3, 1926.

Mrs. Martha M. Dederer,
125 Mohegan Ave.,
New London, Conn.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General is pleased to inform you that the investigation in the case of your son, the late 1st Lieutenant Elsworth H. Dederer, Company E, 311th Infantry, has been successfully concluded. His remains were recently recovered from Grave 5, Row 4, German Military Cemetery, Grand Pre, Ardennes, France, and are now in the mortuary in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France, awaiting instructions as to their final disposition. Tag on the remains bore his name, rank and organization. Lieutenant bars were on blouse and shirt. Collar ornaments USR and 311 cross rifles were found with remains and will be buried with them.

In accordance with a request filed by you sometime ago, instructions have this day been sent to the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe, to permanently bury the remains in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France, with other heroes of the World War. Our permanent American cemeteries are being beautified with trees, shrubs and lawns, and will be perpetually cared for by American caretakers who were comrades of the men sleeping there. White stone crosses (or the Star of David for the Hebrews), bearing the soldier's name, rank, organization, State and date of death, will mark each grave.

As soon as a report is received from Europe regarding the permanent grave location, you will be advised.

The Department trusts that your knowledge of the recovery and identification of your gallant son's body, will afford you some measure of comfort and lessen the sorrow incident to his death.

Very truly yours,

F. H. POPE,
Colonel, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.



OS

Handwritten signature and initials

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Letter to QMG. dated 10/1/26 Cont'd.

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Encl.
Form 16-A, 9.18.26.



F.W. Van Dyne,
Colonel, Q.M. Corps,
Chief.

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Q.M.C.

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AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE Q.M.C., IN EUROPE
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IN REPLYING

PLEASE ADDRESS:

CHIEF, AMERICAN GRAVES
REGISTRATION SERVICE.

FILE NO. 293 Dederer, Elsworth H.

PARIS, FRANCE

Sept. 21, 1926.

Subject: Recovery of remains.

To: The Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D.C.

1. Reference letter this office of Sept. 17, 1926, forwarding Form 16-A covering recovery of remains alleged to be those of the late 1st Lt. Elsworth H. Dederer, Co. E, 311th Inf., it is requested the question of identification and disposition of these remains be held in abeyance.

2. An additional investigation is being made with respect to this recovery and upon its completion a report of results will be sent your office.



OCT-4-1926



F. W. Van Duyne

F.W. Van Duyne,
Colonel, Q.M. Corps,
Chief.

293 Dederer, Elsworth H.

*File pending further data from
Eur. 49*

293 Dederer, Elsworth H.

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F.W. Van Dyne,
Colonel, Q.M. Corps,
Chief.

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Dederer

Elsworth H.

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Dated
Attorney General

303 Deberer, Winthrop H.

Sept. 21, 1926.

Subject: Recovery of remains.

To: The Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D.C.

1. Reference letter this office of Sept. 17, 1926, forwarding Form 18-A covering recovery of remains alleged to be those of the late 1st Lt. Winthrop H. Deberer, Co. B, 51st Inf., it is requested the question of identification and disposition of these remains be held in abeyance.

2. An additional investigation is being made with respect to this recovery and upon its completion a report of results will be sent your office.

F. W. Van Dyne,
Colonel, 9th Corps,
Chief.



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FILE NO. 293 Dederer, Elsworth H.

PARIS, FRANCE

Sept. 17, 1926.

Subject: Recovery of Remains.

To: The Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D.C.

1. Forwarded herewith is G.R.S. Form 16-A for the remains of 1st Lt., Elsworth H. Dederer, Co. E, 311th Inf., recovered by the Research personnel of this office.
2. No personal effects were found with remains.
3. Identification was established by tag on body which read: "Elsworth Dederer, 1st Lt., 311 Inf."
4. C.R.O. Card on file here shows organization as "Co. E, 311th Inf.", while all records read: "Co. H, 311th Inf." Correct organization is requested.
5. These remains are being held in the Meuse-Argonne mortuary pending receipt of advice from your office as to confirmation of identification and disposition.

Encl.

Form 16-A, 9/10/26.



F. W. Van Dyne
F. W. Van Dyne,
Colonel, Q.M. Corps,
Chief.

293 Dederer, Elsworth H.

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Sept. 17, 1926.

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F.W. Van Dwyne,
Colonel, Q.M. Corps,
Chief.

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Dederer, Elsworth H.

Dederer

Ellsworth H

(Surname.)

1st Lt

(Christian name in full.)

Co E 311 Inf

(Army serial number.)

(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?

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mrs. Martha M. Dederer

125 Newkirk Ave - New London - Conn.

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

APR 14 1919

Address changed
88 North Broadway,
Nyack, N. Y.

to
125 Mohegan Ave.,
New London, Conn.

Memo

*Card sent no
information given,*

2M 293 A-C

125 MOHEGAN AVENUE
NEW LONDON, CONN.

November 5th, 1926

Colonel F. H. Pope,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Colonel -

It is indeed with a sense
of the deepest gratitude that I reply to
your letter stating the finding of the body
of my dear son. I have waited eight
long years to hear that, and now I shall
have a sense of comfort and relief to
know that the dear body will be suitably
placed and cared for. I am indeed
more grateful than I can say for the
interest and time taken by our Government
to fulfill their promise to find it if possible.

F. H. P.
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Ms
293-
Pope
Colonel
F. H. P.

Happily, I do not feel that all of my bag
lies there. I know that his wonderful spirit
is alive and carrying on. Back again, to
know that the dear body is cared for and
will lie with his companions in bravery,
brings me a measure of joy.

Thank you all - many, many times -

Sincerely,

Martha E. Dederer



NOV-81926

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE December 15th, 1926.

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 DEDERER, Elsworth H. 10. Name _____
- 2. No. _____ 11. No. _____
- 3. Rank 1st Lt. 12. Rank _____
- 4. Org. Co. E, 311th Inf. 13. Org. _____
- 5. D.D. 10/27/18 14. (a) D.D. _____
- 6. C.D. KIA. (b) D.B. No discrepancies.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- 7. Grave No. 5 Sec. - 15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
- 8. Plot - Row 4 16. Plot _____ Row _____
- 9. _____ 17. No discrepancies.

- 18. Cemetery German Military 19. Commune or town Grand Pre
- 20. Dept. or County Ardennes 21. Country France
- 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. ---
- 23. Disinterred (Date) August 30, 1926. By James McGourty.
- 24. Inscription on grave marker: No marker.

Name _____ Serial No. _____
 Rank _____ Organization _____

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

James McGourty
 Signature James McGourty, 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).
All pockets ripped open and uniform torn from remains.
TOB Reads "Elsworth DEDERER 1st Lt. 311 Inf." Lieuts. bars on blouse & shirt. Collar ornaments USR and 311 cross rifles, buried. No effects.
- 27. Condition of body Buried 3 feet deep in serge uniform, garrison shoes size 8, rubber heels. Flesh entirely decomposed, skeleton disarticulated.
- 28. Nature of burial (Part of these remains recovered in Buzancy German Military Cemetery, Grave 2686, in which it was concentrated from Grand Pre by French.
- 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 Sept. 18th, 1926, By James McGourty.

31. Casket sealed by James McGouty.
 Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) James McGourty.

Sub
1/15/27

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-33180

32. Designation of body:

Name DEDERER, Elsworth H. Serial No. ---

Rank 1st Lt. Organization Co. E, 311th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Nov. 22nd, 1926, By James McGourty.

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

James McGourty
James McGourty

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date)

To point of Concentration

(Name)

Convoyer

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

(Name)

Convoyer

Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred December 14th, 1926.

(Date)

42. Grave No. Five (5),

Section Block G,

43. Plot

Row Six (6).

G.R.S. Representative

W.B. Shield
W.B. Shield,
Care taker.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date September 18, 1926.

1. REMAINS OF DEDERER, Elsworth H. SERIAL NUMBER _____

RANK 1st Lieut. ORGANIZATION Co. E, 311th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Aug. 30, 1926. From (give complete location) Gr. 5, Row 4 German Military Cemetery, Grand Pre (Ard), Map Buzancy East 291.86 North 286.6

By: Group _____ Unit _____

3. Reburied (date): December 14th, 1926. In (give complete location): Grave 5, Block G, Row 6, Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cemetery, #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

By: Group W.B. Sheild, Caretaker, Unit AGRS. QMC. in E., N. sheet and 1 OD Blanket.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: Buried 3 feet deep in serge uniform, garrison shoes size 8, rubber heels. Flesh entirely decomposed, skeleton disarticulated. (Part of these remains recovered in Buzancy German Military Cemetery Grave 2886 in which grave it was concentrated from Grand Pre by French.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? No marker.

TGB reads "Elsworth Dederer 1st Lt. 311 Inf."

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

Lieuts. bars on blouse and shirt. Collar ornaments USR and 311 cross rifles, buried. No effects. All pockets flipped open and uniform torn from remains.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) 5' 8"

(b) Weight (estimated) Medium size bones.

(c) Hair—Color None

Quantity Do

Characteristics Do

(d) Hair on face—Color Do

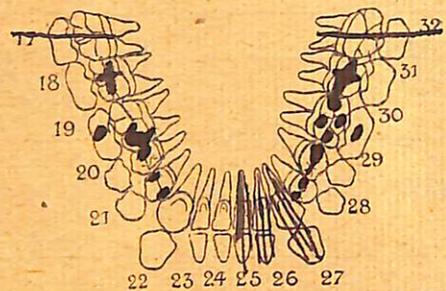
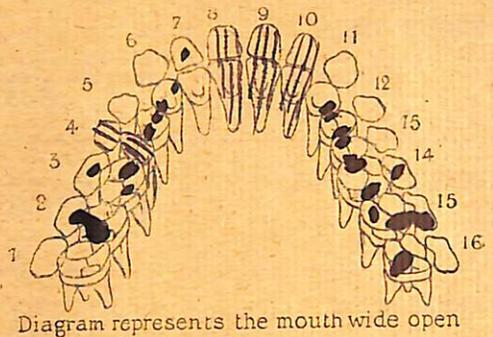
Location Do

Quantity Do

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts): None visible.

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

Top of head shattered.



Teeth 12, 3, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 16, 19, 20, 21, 28, 30, 31, 8, 9, 10, 25, 26, 27 MAD. 17, 21, 28 GP 17 PE #32 NB #29 GP.

7. Disinterment supervised by James M. Gourtley
JAMES M. GOURTLEY
Chief Investigator

Approved: James M. Gourtley
(Title) Chief Investigator.

8. Reburial supervised by W.B. Sheild,
Caretaker.

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.

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.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA.

I. Location Index Card

(a) Name--DEDERER, Elsworth H.-----Ser.No.-----
(b) Rank--1st Lieut.-----Organization--Co. E, 311th Inf.-----TYP-----
(c) Date of Death--10-27-18----- (d) Cause of Death--K/A-----CKR-----

II. Registration Card

MORGUE CTT 1232
(a) Grave No.-----Row-----Plot-----Sec.-----Block-----
(b) Emerg. Address--Mrs. Charles Dederer (Mother), 88N. Broadway, Niack, N.Y.

III. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

(a) Name--Mrs. Martha M Dederer (b) Mother
(c) Address--125 Mohegan Ave, New London, Conn.
(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 in U.S.-----
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U.S.-----

IV. G.R.S. Files ,Correspondence-shows as follows-----

April 5, 1919 mother states she desires body to remain in France but if body is moved wants to know grave location.

Examiner's Initials--SJA-----Date--11/2/26-----

COUNTRY-----MORGUE CEMETERY # 1232-----Sheet No. 410-----
Cemetery No.-----

V. Final Action:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by letter on _____

_____ (c) Date of Death _____ (d) Cause of Death _____

VI.

REMARKS

_____ (a) Grave No. _____ (b) Address _____

_____ (c) To be interred in National Cemetery in U.S. at _____
_____ (d) Shipping instructions upon arrival in U.S. _____
_____ (e) Disposition instructions if not brought to U.S. _____

_____ (f) U.S. Visa, Government shows as follows _____

_____ (g) _____
_____ (h) _____
_____ (i) _____

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA.

I. Location Index Card

File 47971

(a) Name-- DEDERER, Elsworth H. ----- Ser.No.-----
(b) Rank-- 1st Lieut. ----- Organization-- Co. E, 311th Inf. TYP-----
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MORGUE CTY 1232

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IV. G.R.S. Files ,Correspondence-shows as follows-----

Examiner's Initials-- Bab Date 10/2/26

COUNTRY----- MORGUE CEMETERY # 1232 Cemetery No.----- Sheet No. 410

V. Final Action:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by letter on -----

VI.

REMARKS

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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date September 18, 1926.

1. REMAINS OF DEDERER, Elsworth H. SERIAL NUMBER _____

RANK 1st Lieut. ORGANIZATION Co. H 311th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Augt. 30, 1926. From (give complete location): Gr. 5, Row 4 German Military Cemetery, Grand Pre (Ard), Map Buzancy East 291.86 North 286.6

By: Group _____ Unit _____

3. Reburied (date): _____ In (give complete location): _____

By: Group _____ Unit _____ Nature of reburial _____

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: Buried 3 feet deep in serge uniform, garrison shoes size 8, rubber heels. Flesh entirely decomposed, skeleton disarticulated. (Part of these remains recovered in Buzancy German Military Cemetery Grave 2686 in which grave it was concentrated from Grand Pre by French.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? No marker.
TOB Reads "Elsworth Hederer 1st Lt. 311 Inf."

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: Lieuts. bars on blouse and shirt. Collar ornaments USR and 311 cross rifles, buried. No effects. All pockets flipped open and uniform torn from remains.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) 5' 8"

(b) Weight (estimated) Medium size bones.

(c) Hair—Color None

Quantity Do

Characteristics Do

(d) Hair on face—Color Do

Location Do

Quantity Do

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) None visible.

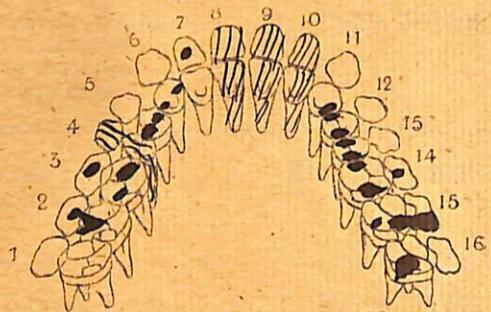
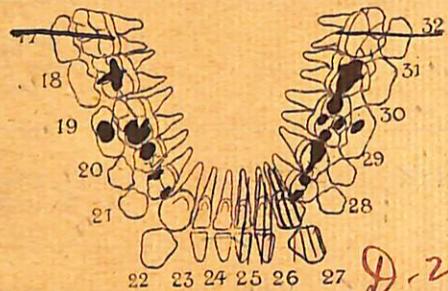


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) teeth #2, 3, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 16, 19, 20, 21, 28, 30, 31 ms. f. #4, 8, 9, 10, 25, 26, 27 MAD. #7, 21, 28 GF #17 PE #32 NE #29 GF.
Top of head shattered.

7. Disinterment supervised by James M. Gourtly
JAMES MC GOURTY
Chief Investigator

Approved: James M. Gourtly
JAMES MC GOURTY
(Title) Chief Investigator.

8. Reburial supervised by _____

Approved: _____
(Title) _____

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

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.

2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.

3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.

4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.

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

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

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

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



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



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



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



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



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

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

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

Meuse Argonne Am. Cemetery #1232.
Place Romagne sous Montfaucon (Meuse).

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date **September 10, 1926.**

1. REMAINS OF **DEDERER, Elsworth H.** SERIAL NUMBER _____
RANK **1st Lieut.** ORGANIZATION **Co. H 311th Inf.**

2. Disinterred (date): **Aug. 30, 1926.** From (give complete location): **5th grave, 4th row
German Military Cemetery, Grand Pre (Ard), Map Buzancy 1/20000 East 291.86
North 286.6**

By: Group _____ Unit _____

3. Reburied (date): _____ In (give complete location): _____

By: Group _____ Unit _____ Nature of reburial _____

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: **Buried 3 feet
deep in serge uniform, garrison shoes size 8, rubber heels on shoes. Flesh en-
tirely decomposed, skeleton disarticulated.**

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? **Yes** On grave marker? **No marker.**
Body tag reads "Elsworth Dederer, 1st Lt. 311 Inf."

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
**Shoulder straps from blouse with lts. bars and OD shirt with Lt. Bars attached
found. This late Officer was buried in what was apparently grave 290 of German
plan of Cemetery. (German soldier originally buried in gr. 290 was exhumed Nov.
20, 1916, according to French records and remains returned to Germany.)**

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) **Imp. to determine.**

(b) Weight (estimated) **Do**

(c) Hair—Color **None**

Quantity **Do**

Characteristics **Do**

(d) Hair on face—Color **Do**

Location **Do**

Quantity **Do**

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

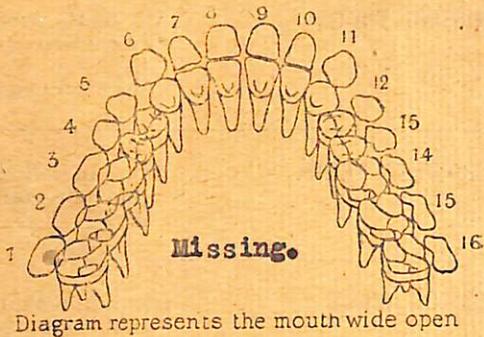
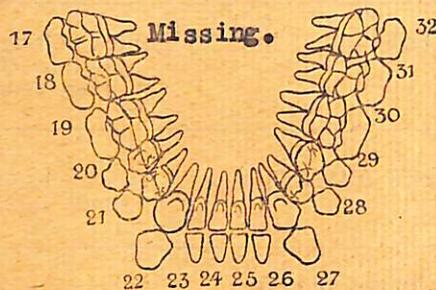


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) **Only part of remains left are
Atlas bone, Sternum, 5 finger bones, 4 vertebrae, one patella, both feet.**

7. Disinterment supervised by **James McGourty**
JAMES MC GOURTY
Chief Investigator.

Approved: **James McGourty**
JAMES MC GOURTY
(Title) Chief Investigator.

8. Reburial supervised by _____

Approved: _____
(Title) _____

D-22302

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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.
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(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.

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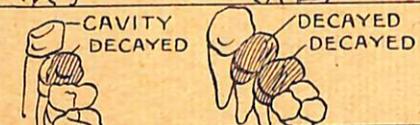
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QM 293 A-C

Dederer, Elsworth, H.

1st Ind.

War Dept., OCMG, Washington, D.C., Sept. 16, 1925 - To Chief, AGRS, QMC., in Europe.

1. Attention is invited to the inclosed letter from former Chaplain Bergs.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

MAILED
SEP 16 1925
M. & K. BRANCH
U. S. ARMY

2 incls.

Incl. 1-sketch

" 2-Let. Sept. 2/25

D. K. MITCHELL,
Major, Q. M. C.,
Assistant.

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Letter to GME 8/15/50, 293 Dederer, E.H. cont'd.

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civil cemetery that burial was made. If this notation has reference to the grave, I do not understand what he means.

"To refresh the Chaplain's memory, as he entered the German Military Cemetery through the breach in front of him was a path with a row of small trees along each side of path. Between this path and the wall which separated the German cemetery from the French were two rows of graves with about a meter space between the row #1 and the wall. See sketch enclosed. To the left of this path there were two more rows of graves. German officers were buried near a monument which is marked and graves enclosed as per sketch. To the left of these two rows was a space of about two meters running the length of the cemetery and four more rows of graves to the left of this space. The northern end of rows 7 and 8 which are shown in NW end of cemetery as per sketch were the last to be filled by the Germans. Now there were at least 1000 German and French soldiers buried in this cemetery which was 125 meters long and 50 meters wide and consisted of 8 rows with graves coming to within one meter of the wall of the cemetery, east, west, north and south walls. I am of the opinion that if these remains were buried in the German cemetery that with information from Chaplain as to the spot or near the spot he did bury the remains, they may be recovered by trenching. How far from breach in the wall were remains buried? In what row? Does the Chaplain remember any object in cemetery that would help to locate spot? Foundation of two monuments still remain. Was it near the wall and outside of rows of German graves or in a row of German soldiers. How deep was burial made."

2. It is recommended the above requested information be obtained if possible and transmitted to this office with return of enclosed sketch, when further search will be made.

1 encl.
Sketch.



Wm. O. Smith,
Lieut. Col., A.E. Corps.
Chief.

293 Dederer
E. H. Smith - No (74)

VOES 11852



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To refresh the Captain's memory, as he entered the German Military Cemetery through the breach in front of him was a path with a row of small trees along each side of path. Between this path and the wall which separated the German cemetery from the French were two rows of graves with about a meter space between the row 1 and the wall. See sketch enclosed. To the left of this path there were two more rows of graves. German officers were buried near a monument which is marked and graves enclosed as per sketch to the left of these two rows was a space of about two meters running the length of the cemetery and four more rows of graves to the left of this space. The northern end of rows 7 and 8 which are shown in NW end of sketch as per sketch were the last to be filled by the Germans. Now there were at least 1000 German and French soldiers buried in this cemetery which was 125 meters long and 50 meters wide and consisted of 8 rows with graves facing to the west of the wall of the cemetery. The graves were buried in the German cemetery that with information from Captain as to the spot or near the spot he did bury the remains, they may be recovered by trenching. How far the breach in the wall were remains buried? In what row does the Captain remember any object in cemetery that would help to locate spot? Foundation of two monuments still remain. Was it near the wall an opposite row of German graves or in a row of German soldiers. The deep was buried made."

It is recommended the above requested information be obtained if possible and transmitted to this office with return of enclosed sketch, when further action will be made.

Chief,
 Liaison Office,
 W. O. S. Unit.



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AUG 27 1925



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 R.H. cont'd.

Handwritten initials: L.H.

293 Dederer, Elsworth H.

August 13, 1926.

Subject: Unlocated Case of Lieut. Elsworth H. Dederer, Co.H, 511th Inf.

To: The Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.

1. Based on information furnished with your 1st indorsement of February 6, 1926 (file GM 253 A-C, Dederer, Elsworth H.), on letter of this office dated April 2, 1924, subject: "Case of Lieut. Elsworth H. Dederer, Co.H, 511th Inf.," physical search has been made for the remains of this late officer, but the body was not found. Report of Investigator who made the search is as follows:

"An investigation of the report of burial of Lieut. Dederer in German Military Cemetery at Grand Pre failed to locate remains. * * *

"Refer to Chaplain F.J.Berg's letter dated Feb.2nd, 1926, 4th paragraph: 'He brought the Lieutenant through the breach in stone wall of German Cemetery facing the church of Grand Pre and he was buried in the fourth row or third from line which separated the German soldiers cemetery from the French village cemetery.' The only interpretation that I can make of this statement is that the Chaplain entered the German Military Cemetery through the wall of the cemetery on south side of cemetery facing the church and buried Lieut. Dederer in the fourth or third row in the German Military Cemetery.

"All German and French remains have now been removed from this cemetery. The impression of the empty graves can still be traced and if the Chaplain can tell about how far from the breach where he brought Lieut. Dederer's remains through, the grave is located, a search could be made near that spot. Did he dig a grave for the remains or put the remains in a grave which might have been left open by the Germans in a row? From information received from former grave digger in this cemetery, it was the custom of the Germans to have graves ready for burials. Reason for asking this question is that all burials made by the Germans in this cemetery were 6 feet deep. How deep was Lieut. Dederer's grave?

"Chaplain Berg's letter also states that there was no identification tag for Lieut. Dederer. Refer to GLB, 'Identification tags 2,' 'Was one buried with body?' 'Yes.' 'Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as grave marker?' 'Yes.' It is supposed that GLB was made out soon after burial and letter was written more than six years after burial. Which is correct? Also call the Chaplain's attention to notation on GLB 'cemetery right hand looking north.' He probably will remember why he put this notation on GLB. I am not certain just what he had in mind at the time he made this notation. If he means right hand cemetery when you face north from the breach in wall, then it was in the French

Rev. F.J.Bergs
Morton Grove
ILL.

Sept. 2, 1925.

Lt.Col.Wm.O.Smith, QMC USA
Wash.DC.

Dear Colonel:

I have marked the map and indicated with blue arrow the route and with an X the approximate location of Lt.Dederers grave.

It is almost seven years since the burial took place but I am positive that the route indicated by an arrow was the one traversed on the day of the burial.

Of course it would be impossible for me to explain at present why I made the particular notations referred to in your letter.

At the time I myself was suffering from gas and shellshock and the few notations a person could make at the close of day were made under unusual difficulties. The depth of the grave was approximately three feet deep. Implements were scarce, details were few, sick and small. Shelling was furious and all details for burial could not be strictly adhered to. Some were buried in trenches, others in shellholes and some few in graves but every one did the best he could under the circumstances about this time of the game.

You may not have taken into consideration that burial squads came soon after my interments and disinterred many of the corpses. Is it not possible that the body of Lt.Dederer was similarly exhumed and transferred soon after to some other cemetery? This perhaps is the only solution and perhaps the probable reason why this particular body was not located in the cemetery of ~~Ran~~ Grand Pre.

I trust that my present explanation and indication will be satisfactory and fruitful of results. If at any other time I can be of service I will be pleased to cooperate.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

F.J.Bergs

CM 293 A-C
Dederer, Elsworth, H.

Aug. 29, 1925.

Mr. F. J. Berge,
Morton Grove,
Illinois.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that your attention be invited to the inclosed copy of report received from the European Office, with reference to the search for the grave of the late Lieutenant Elsworth H. Dederer, Co.H, 311th Inf., which was without results.

To assist in the further search that will be made for the remains, will you please furnish as much of the information you may recall as asked for by the European Office, with the return of all inclosures.

Your cooperation in the matter is greatly appreciated by this office. For your reply, you may use the inclosed envelope which requires no postage.

Very truly yours,

D. K. MITCHELL,
Major, Q. M. G.,
Assistant.

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3 incls.

Incl. 1-c/Let. Aug. 13/25

" 2-sketch

" 3-envelops



QM 293 A-C
Dederer, Elsworth, H.

Feb. 6, 1925.

Rev. F. J. Berge,
Morton Grove,
Illinois.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that receipt be acknowledged of your letter of February 2nd, 1925, and to thank you for the report to be used in connection with the investigation in the case of the late Lieutenant Elsworth H. Dederer, Co. H, 311th Inf.

Very truly yours,

R. P. HARBOLD
Major, O.M.G.
Assistant.

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Dederer, Elsworth, H.

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War Dept. OQMG, Washington, D.C., Feb. 6, 1925--To Chief, AGRS, Q.M.C. in Europe.

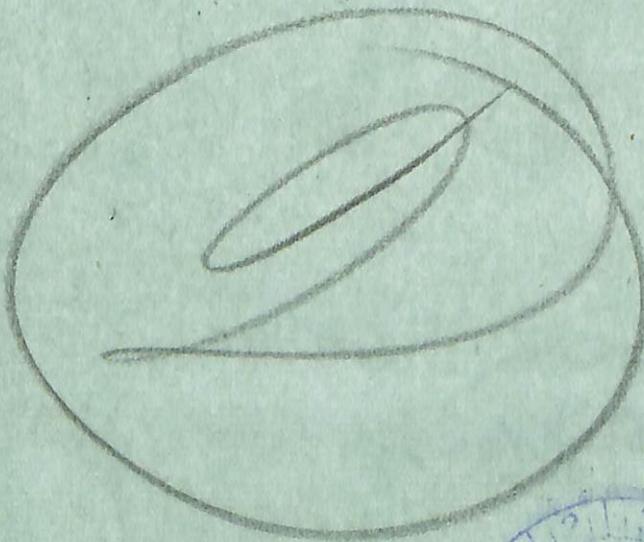
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By order of The Quartermaster General:

2 incls.
Incl. 1-c/let. Feb. 2/25
" 2-sketch.

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

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Rev. H. J. Bergs
MORTON GROVE
ILLINOIS

February 2nd. 1925.

To:- R. P. Harbold Major Q.M.C. U.S. Army
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your inquiry of January 27th. I am today sending you the information as far as I am able to give it from my notes, taken at the time of burial or immediately after.

The case of Lt. Dederer apparently has had the greatest amount of investigation and I am therefore expatiating and visualizing the burial of the Lieutenant at that time.

1st. Lieut. Ellsworth H. Dederer CO.E. 711th. Inf. was killed at Grand Pre, or rather just outside of the village on the 27th day of October by either high explosive, shrapnel or handgrenade. I judged this from the deep gash he had in the ~~back~~ ^{back} of his skull near the right ear. The map reference I received from the commanding officer of Grand Pre 711 Inf. at the time was: Buzancy, 1/20000 291.9 286.6. This corresponded to the cemetery which was adjacent to the village cemetery of Grand Pre, and judging from the fact that German and French soldiers had been buried in it exclusively I decided that it had served as the German soldiers burial place.

Due to the heavy shelling by the enemy during these days, the body of the Lieutenant was not brought from the place of his death before the 29th. and even ~~then~~ ^{then} it was impossible to bury him in this cemetery because of the heavy fire of the enemy. We brought the Lt. through the breach in the stone wall ^{of the German Cemetery} facing the church of Grand Pre and ^{he} was buried in the fourth row or third from the line which separated the German soldiers cemetery from the French Village cemetery.

Lieut. Dederer was dressed in a Privates uniform ^{fine} ~~and~~ no insignia or feather puttees were worn by officers at this time of our operations in the Argonne. His grave was marked by a small cross. There were no available men, no instruments or material with which to fashion a coffin and consequently the Lieutenant was buried in his blanket which at that time was ~~an infrequent shroud~~ ^{an infrequent shroud}. a luxurious shroud. He had no identification tag but I was positive that the body was that of Lieutenant Dederer.

Andrew Johnson 1764777 Co. M. 711 Inf. is marked as No. 14 of burials for October 21st. coordination: 291/8 287/7.1.20000. This location was in an apple orchard some distance from the Hdq. of the

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Dederer, Ellsworth
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Rev. H. J. Berge
MORTON GROVE
ILLINOIS

#2. Major Harbold. Q.M.C. U.S. Army.

2nd. Bn 711 Inf. on Oct. 31st. This man was killed by machine gun fire.

My records do not show

Joseph J. Clifton	211494	Co. M. 711th, Inf.
x Stanley Deleskie	2825994	Co. B. 711th Inf.
x Robt. I. Drum	1745777	Co. K. 711 Inf.
x Wm. H. Scott	1737895	Co. H. 711 Inf.
x Clarke F. Simmons	2417806	Co. E. 711 Inf.
x Orien W. Smith	1746738	Co. I. 711th. Inf.

It is possible that the chaplain of the 712th. Inf. who remained after the crossing of our troops over the river Aire buried these men.

If at any other time I can assist you in your investigations I shall be glad to do so.

Trusting that the enclosed data will be of use to your investigation,

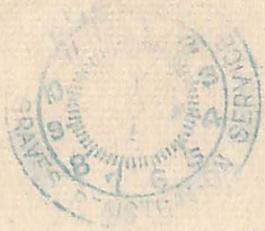
I remain with best wishes,

very sincerely,



H. J. Berge
for our Chaplain
311 Inf.

X 293 each name



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April 2, 1924.

File No.

SUBJECT: Case of Lieutenant DEDEKER, Elsworth H., Co. H, 311th Infantry.

TO : The Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.

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2. Attention is invited to copies of attached correspondence, sketch and report of Investigator assigned to the above case.

3. Copy of GRS Form 16-A for Unknown U.S.Soldier enclosed herewith in connection with this case.

4. It is requested that this office be advised of any decision reached by your office in this case.

For the Chief of the Service:

CHAS. A. MORROW,
Assistant.



Send 9 sheets

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HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE Q.M.C., IN EUROPE
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE SERVICE
20 RUE MOLITOR

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PARIS, FRANCE. April 2, 1924.

File No. 293 DEDERER, Elsworth H.

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Encl. 9 sheets



Chas A Morrow
CHAS. A. MORROW,
Assistant.

293 Dederer, Elsworth H.

Q.M.C.

American Lines

American Lines

(German lines are to the north)



Co E
attacking
west flank
of Hill 204
held by the
germans



Hill 204
held by
germans

Civilian Cemetery
where Ellsworth
is buried

TOWN OF GRAND PRAIRIE

Grand Prairie - St. Joquin Road

AIRE RIVER

AIRE RIVER

The Americans advanced from the south towards the north



INVESTIGATOR'S REPORT NO. 1.

MEUSE-ARGONNE Sector Date March 28th, 1924.

Case of DEDERER, Elsworth H., Lieut. Co. H, 311th Infantry.

Location Communal Cemetery, Grand Pre (Ardennes)

Was body found? No Identified? How?

Was burial place found? No

Approximate cost of investigation \$15.00

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C O P Y

In reply refer to:
293-U-3910

HEAD QUARTERS MEUSE ARGONNE CEMETERY
OFFICE OF THE I. & R. SECTION
MEUSE ARGONNE SECTOR

GAP

SUBJECT: Unknown U. S. Soldier, No. U-3910. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse)
March 29, 1924.

TO : Chief, AGRS., QMC., in P.,
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- Grave #2 - Gottwalt, German soldier.
- Grave #3 - Landon, German soldier.
- Grave #4 - Gottlieb, German soldier.
- Grave #5 - inscription illegible - buried in German uniform.

The French soldier responsible for these exhumations is no longer in the Army, and reports do not show whether inscriptions were in French, German or English, but the French GRS are of the opinion burials were all made by the Germans, which seems most natural.

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Chief Investigator.

C O P Y

1st Ind.

Supervisor, Area #1, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, (Meuse) 25 January, 1921, TO:
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Major, QMC.

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HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, Q.M.C. IN EUROPE
8, Avenue d'Iena,
PARIS.

File No. 293. Dederer, Elsworth H.

October 27th, 1920.

FROM: Chief.

TO: Supervisor, Area #1, American Graves Registration Service,
ROMAGNE-sous-MONTEAUCON, (Meuse).

SUBJECT: Grave Location - 1st Lieut. Elsworth H. DEDEKER,
Co. E, 311th Infantry.

1. Although several unsuccessful searches for the grave of the above mentioned Officer have been made, it is requested that the enclosed sketch be used for additional investigation purposes.

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3. It is requested that you reply by indorsement hereon if the Cemetery marked on the enclosed sketch was among those which Mr. Cox visited, and, if not, it is requested that this Cemetery be visited and search made for the grave of Lieut. DEDEKER.

By direction :

(Signed) Wm. H. Quarterman

EDGAR A. FRY,
Colonel, Infantry,
Chief, Operations Division.

GCH/nm.

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FILE UNDER NO. 293 - Dederer, Elsworth H.
Lieutenant

Sept. 2, 1924.

INDEX SHEET

SYNOPSIS

Letter -

From - O.Q.M.G.

To - The A.G.A.,

Requesting that this office be furnished with any information your records may show as to the death, burial and the names of the members of the burial squad of above named soldier.

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INDEX SHEET

SYNOPSIS

Jan 27, 1925.

From

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to

Rev. Robert H. Gearhart, Phila. Pa.

Re investigation being conducted to locate grave of
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QM 293 A-C

Dederer, Elsworth, H.

Jan. 28, 1925.

Rev. Frederick J. Berge,
76 W. Lake St.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that your attention be invited to the inclosed correspondence in connection with the investigation that is being conducted to locate the grave of the latest Lieutenant Elsworth H. Dederer, Co. E, 31th Inf., whose burial you reported.

If you will note coordinates given for Lieut. Dederer are the same as for the soldiers mentioned on the inclosed sketch. However, his body cannot be located in the place reported.

To assist in the investigation, it will be appreciated if you will furnish this office the names of all soldiers you buried with this Lieutenant. Whether he was buried in an isolated grave and its location on the sketch. Please also furnish copies of any burial reports you may be in possession of.

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

Very truly yours,

Incls.
Photostats
c/G. L. Blank



R. P. HARBOLD
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✓ 293 Berge, Frederick J.

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QM 293 AC

Dederer, Elsworth, H.

Jan. 28, 1925.

Mrs. Martha M. Dederer,
125 Mohegan Ave.,
New London, Conn.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires to thank you for your letter of January 25th, 1925, furnishing certain information concerning your son, the late 1st Lieutenant Elsworth H. Dederer, Co. E, 311th Infantry.

Please know that your efforts in the investigation are appreciated. In the event of any favorable developments, you will be promptly informed.

Very truly yours,

R. P. HAROLD
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File 08/1/24/25

25 Keokegan Avenue,
New London, Conn.

June 25th 1925

Major R. P. Harbold -

My dear Major -

Replying to your letter of inquiry of June 19th concerning means of identification of my dear son's body, I must say that I cannot give any help so far as dental work is concerned. I do not remember of his having any extractions of his second teeth, neither do I think he had any crowned teeth. I think he required any little dental work, and any that was done, was done as occasion demanded whenever he happened to be. I have no way of getting any dental chart as I do not even know who did the filling, if any were done while he was in college. He was away from college one year when he enlisted, and during that time no work was done.

I have several descriptions of where his body was laid, which I enclose. I would be so thankful to have his sacrifice marked, even though overtop the body. I want his name to stand with all the honor it deserves.

Thanking you for any thing that can be done,

Martha M. Dederer, Mother
of Lieut. Clornith H. Dederer
311th Outpost

over

I have simply taken the parts pertaining to the burial
of you, from the different letters received. If you prefer, I
can have entire letters from the Colonel and Major and
Det. Cos copied in type or paste -

REC'D
JAN 27 1925
M. & R. BRANCH
G. O. M. S.
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JAN 27 1925

Information regarding the burial of my son,
Lieut. Elmore H. Oederer, 311th Infantry,

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M. B. Stokes,
Colonel, 311th Infantry,
Commanding.

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the Ardennes, Grave No. 1, and reported marked with a
regulation cross."

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my son is buried in a little civilian cemetery on the
western outskirts of the town of Grand Pré.

A cousin who was over at the same time, and I believe
in the same regiment - wrote that Elmore's body was
recovered, and buried by Chaplain Berge.



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FM

10/10/40
Cup Francis J Rupp

76 W Lake St Oly

Call attempt to encl GLB + Carres
& map.

Tell him we fail locate Del —

Tell him the Courts are the same
as for men on sketch

Ask for names of men he buried
with the Lt. whether he was
in an isal or etc to give
us some idea of direction from
sketch

Also to send us a copy
of any burial reports he may have

of

QM 293 A-C

Dederer, Elsworth, H.

Jan. 19, 1925.

Mrs. Charles Dederer,
88125 Mehegan Ave.
New London, Conn.

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Ret to Scott



American Lines

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(German lines are to the north)



Co E
attacking
west flank
of Hill 204
held by the
germans

Hill 204
held by
Germans

Civilian Cemetery
where Ellsworth
is buried

TOWN OF GRAND PRAIRIE

AIRE RIVER

Grand Prairie - St Juvin Road

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The Americans advanced from the south
towards the north -

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INVESTIGATOR'S REPORT NO. 1.

MEUSE-ARGONNE

Sector

Date March 26th, 1924.

Case of DEDERER, Elsworth H., Lieut. Co. H, 311th Infantry.

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(Attention: Registration Branch).

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2. There is on file in the aforementioned office a report to the effect that, on Feb. 3, 1921, the remains of an unidentified American soldier were exhumed from Grave #1 of Plot #11, Champigneulles Sketch, placed in a pine box, reburied just under the surface of the ground in the Communal Cemetery, Grand Pre (Ardennes), and the Commanding Officer, Meuse-Argonne Cemetery notified that same were held at his disposition; that remains were received by a representative of this Service. Their Champigneulles (Ardennes) Sketch, which resembles an AGRS re-check sketch, is a tracing of a Buzancy 1/20000 map. Plot #11 is charted just north of the St. Juvin-Grand Pre highway, west of Moulin d'en bas, and in the vicinity of some German prison barracks and storehouses - coordination Map Buzancy 1/20000 East-295.505 North-285.845. This plot contained five (5) burials as follows:

- Grave #1 - inscription on cross illegible-buried in US uniform.
- Grave #2 - Gottwalt, German soldier.
- Grave #3 - Landon, German soldier.
- Grave #4 - Gottlieb, German soldier.
- Grave #5 - inscription illegible - buried in German uniform.

The French soldier responsible for these exhumations is no longer in the Army, and reports do not show whether inscriptions were in French, German or English, but the French GRS are of the opinion burials were all made by the Germans, which seems most natural.

C O P Y

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, Q.M.C. IN EUROPE
8, Avenue d'Iena,
PARIS.

File No. 293. Dederer, Elsworth H.

October 27th, 1920.

FROM: Chief.

TO: Supervisor, Area #1, American Graves Registration Service,
ROMAGNE-sous-MONTEFAUCON, (Meuse).

SUBJECT: Grave Location - 1st Lieut. Elsworth H. DEDERER,
Co. E, 311th Infantry.

1. Although several unsuccessful searches for the grave of the above mentioned Officer have been made, it is requested that the enclosed sketch be used for additional investigation purposes.

2. This sketch was forwarded to these Headquarters by Mr. L.H. Frohman of Paris, who is very anxious to locate this grave. On August 6th, 1920, Mr. E.E. Cox submitted a report to the Supervisor, Area #1, stating that the French Civilian and German Military Cemeteries, as well as a thorough search in the locality of Map 35NW; E231.9; N286.6 had been investigated without any evidence of the grave having been found.

3. It is requested that you reply by indorsement hereon if the Cemetery marked on the enclosed sketch was among those which Mr. Cox visited, and, if not, it is requested that this Cemetery be visited and search made for the grave of Lieut. DEDERER.

By direction :

(Signed) Wm. H. Quarterman

EDGAR A. FRY,
Colonel, Infantry,
Chief, Operations Division.

CCH/nm.

1 Incl.

3. GRS Form 16-A, dated August 23, 1921, covering the exhumation of these remains from Grave 96, Sec. 120, Plot 2, on the same date, reads in part under par. 5(b) - "One 2nd Lt. bar found on remains of issue uniform". Therefore, the remains in question are in reality those of a Lieutenant, captured in this vicinity and died in German hands, of whom, Lieut. Charles L. DEEVER, 3rd M.G. Bn., is one.

(Signed) G. T. PARKER,
Chief Investigator.

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

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

Date *4-4-23*

File No. *47971* Registration.

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, Graves Registration Service,

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., 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 *Dederer*
- b. Christian name *Usworth ob.*
- c. Serial Number
- d. Organization *Co. E. 311st Inf. **
- e. Rank *1st Lt.*
- f. Date of death *10-27-18*
- g. Cause of death *KIA.*
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- i. Emergency address *Mrs. Charles Dederer
88 N. Broadway, Niack, N. Y.*
- j. Relationship *mother.*

BODY DESCRIPTION
(See page #2 of the Service Record)

DENTAL CHARTS
(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

- a. Age of enlistment *23 yrs. 5 mos.*
- b. ~~Color of eyes~~ *date 8/27/17*
- c. Color of hair *no records as follows.*
- d. Height *5'10 1/2" & 5'8"*
- e. Weight *138 lbs.*
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

a. Strike out teeth missing

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								lower/right	lower left							

*No dental records
there for the regular
dental exam in active
service.*

born 5/22/94

*later advice gives mother
Mrs. Martha M. Dederer*

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

CEMETERY NO: *125 Mohegan Ave.
New London Conn.*

BY: Charles J. Wynne,
Captain, G.M.C., U.S.A.

S/3310/LML *dated 9/15/20*

*per phone advice
from ago. 4/27/23
Vail*

ADDRESS REPLY TO
CHIEF, REAL ESTATE SERVICE
MUNITIONS BUILDING

WAR DEPARTMENT
REAL ESTATE SERVICE
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE REAL ESTATE SERVICE
WASHINGTON

FILE NO. _____

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Refer to this

A.G.R.S., Paris.

(Office)

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INQUIRY

No.

FILE

Request by Mr. Arthur E. Coe,Calling
European address Guaranty Trust Co.
New York City.Relationship to dec'd Friend
For location grave of:-Dederer Ellsworth H.
Last name Serial No. First name1st Lieut. Co.E. 311th Inf.

Rank Org. Date of death

Date of request Oct. 15, 1920.Recd. by HK

(Initials) Other information:

INFORMATION FURNISHED

Location of grave Country

Unlocated.

Cemetery Commune (town) Dept.

Grave No. Section

Plot Row

Furnished by Date
(Initials)

Request by Mr. Arthur H. Coe,
Calling
Harbord address Guaranty Trust Co.
New York City.

Relationship to dec'd Friend
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Rank Org. Date of death
Date of request Oct. 15, 1920

Read by HK
(Initials) Other information:

Location of grave
County

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G. H. S.

FILE *File*

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

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

Date November 2, 1921

File No. 47971 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.R.S.

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

- a. Surname **DEDERER**
- b. Christian name **Elsworth H.**
- c. Serial Number *none*
- d. Organization **Co.E, 311th Inf.**
- e. Rank **1st Lt.**
- f. Date of death **10/27/18**
- g. Cause of death **K/A**
- h. Authority (C.O.#) **307**
- i. Emergency address *Mr. Charles H. Dederer
85 North 13th way
Nyack, N. J.*
- j. Relationship *mother*

BODY DESCRIPTION
(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age of 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)

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

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REC'D MAIL SECTION, BY:
W.W. Div., A. G. O.
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H. J. Conner
H. J. CONNER,
1st. Lieut. Q.M.C.

World War Division
NOV 4 1921

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Address reply to

WAR DEPARTMENT
PURCHASE, STORAGE, AND TRAFFIC DIVISION
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE
WASHINGTON

Division

DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE
Munitions Building

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Subject:

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File # 293-8
Div. O. O. M. G.
4/7/27

Hq. Zone of France, A.G.R.S., Q.M.C., in E. 7 rue Quentin Bauchart
PARIS. August 19, 1920. To: Chief, American Graves Registration
Service, QMC in E. 8 Ave. d'Iena, PARIS.

1. Attention is invited to preceding Indorsement and report
by civilian employee - E.E.COX, attached thereto.



W.A. Maris
L.A. SHIPMAN,
Captain, QMC.,
Commanding.

1 Incl. ✓

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7th Ind.

Redden, Stewart H
BHR/mt.

293. Dederer, Elsworth H.
Hqrs., American G.R.S., QMC., in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, August 24, 1920.
To: Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.

1. Returned inviting attention to attached report.

H. F. Retters
H. F. RETTERS,
Colonel, Q.M.C.
Chief.

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Dedever Ellsworth H. (Surname) (Number) (First Name and Initials)

1st Lt Co. C 311 Inf (Rank) (Organization)

PLACE OF DEATH:

CAUSE OF DEATH:

DATE OF BURIAL: Oct. 30, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL:

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

Buzancy 120000 291.9-286.6 Cemetery, right hand looking north

GRAVE NUMBER: 1

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? yes Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? yes

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

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

CMME. Grandpre (Ardennes)

NEAREST RELATIVE: (C-248) SHT. 357.2. COORD SE 291.9 N 286.6

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

Chaplain Berge pu MC (Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

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

Journal List No. 248-618
Daily Report No. _____



7th Ind.

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293. Dederer, Elsworth H.

Hqrs., American G.R.S., QMC., in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, August 24, 1920.

To: Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.

1. Returned inviting attention to attached report.

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H. F. RETHERS,
Colonel, Q.M.C.
Chief.



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Hqs., American G.N.S., G.M.C., in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Alsace, Paris, August 24, 1920.
For Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.

1. Returned inviting attention to attached report.



H. P. REINER
Colonel, G.N.S.
Chief.

Incl 1.





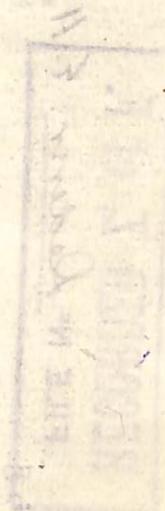
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American Graves Registration Service.
Office of the Supervisor.
Area #1 GRS Romagne sous Montfaucon, Meuse

Aug. 17, 1920

From : E. E. Cox, Civilian Employee

To : Supervisor, Area #1 GRS

Subject : Unmarked graves exhumed.

1. The graves mentioned in attached 2nd and 4th ind. were opened. The bodies were found to be German (7 in number).
2. Another grave at Map 35 NW E291.2-N287.1 was opened, but it too contained an unidentified German.
3. Further search in this locality failed to find any Americans.

E. E. Cox.
E. E. Cox.

American Graves Registration Service
Office of the Inspector
1221 1st Avenue, New York, New York

Aug. 17, 1950

From : P. R. Cox, Civilian Employee

To : Inspector, New York

Subject : Unmarked graves

1. The graves mentioned in attached and 4th ind. were opened. The bodies were found to be German (7 in number).
2. Another grave at 1221 1st Ave. New York, N.Y. was opened, but it too contained an unidentified German.
3. Further search in this locality failed to find any Americans.

P. R. Cox



Office of the Supervisor.
Area #1 GRS Romagne s/ Montfaucon,
Meuse.

August 6, 1920

From : E.E.Cox, Civ. Employee.

To : Supervisor, Area #1 GRS

Subject : Grave location of 1st Lt. Elsworth H. Dederer.

1. A thorough search of this locality (map 35 NW E.291.9-N286.6) failed to find this body.

2. Above location is that of the F.C. and G.M. Cty.

3. In the G.M. Cty. there are several unmarked graves with the American GRS cross over them, which I did not exhume.

E.E.Cox
E.E.COX

Office of the Inspector
Area 21 and members of the
force

August 8, 1930

From : E.H. Cox, Civ. Engineer.

To : Inspector, Area 21

Subject : Grave location of Jas. H. McArthur H. Decker.

1. A thorough search of this locality (map 25 NW 2. 201. 2-222. 2) failed to find this body.
2. Above location is that of the W.O. and G.M. Cox.
3. In the G.M. Cox, there are several unmarked graves with the American cross over them, which I did not examine.

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E.H. Cox



File No.

3rd. Ind.

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Hq., Zone of France, A.G.R.S., Q.M.C. in E., 7 rue Quentin-Bauchart,
Paris, July 28, 1920.- To: Supervisor, Area #1, A.G.R.S., Romagne-
sous-Montfaucon, (Meuse)

1. Forwarded, for investigation and report by indorsement
hereon with the least practicable delay.

By direction:

I. G. Myers
I. G. MYERS,
Capt., Q.M.C.,
Executive Assistant.

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1st Ind.

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File No. 293.8 - Cem. Div. - #47971 - Registration.
From: O.Q.M.G. Cemeterial Division, July 8, 1920. To: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe, #8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, France.

1. Returned.

2. The records of this office show 1st Lt. Elsworth H. Dederer to have been buried October 30, 1918 in grave #1, Commune of Grandpre Ardennes, C-248, coordination 35 NW, E 291.9, N 286.6, per grave location blank memorandum, signed by Chaplain Bergs, 311th Infantry.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

RECORDED



CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Lt. Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.,
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

By: *E. E. Davis*
E. E. DAVIS,
Executive Assistant.

2nd Ind.

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293. Dederer, Elsworth H.
Hqrs., American G.R.S., QMC., in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, July 26, 1920.
To: Commanding Officer, Zone of France.

1. Referred for investigation and report.

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By direction:



Charles A. Morrow
CHARLES A. MORROW,
Major, Q.M.C.
Executive Officer.



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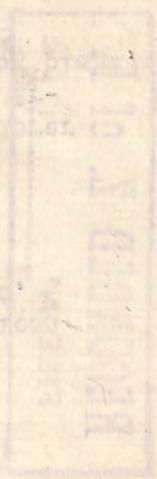
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HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, Q.M.C., IN EUROPE
8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris.

293. DEDERER, Elsworth H.

June 16, 1920.

FROM: Chief.
TO: Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, WASHINGTON, D.C.
SUBJECT: Case of 1st Lieut. Elsworth H. Dederer.

1. Inquiry has been made in this office for the grave of 1st Lieut. Elsworth H. DEDERER, reported buried in the Commune of Grand Pre. No co-ordinates being given, it is impossible for these Headquarters to institute proper search for this grave.

2. It is requested that these Headquarters be furnished with the approximate co-ordinates in the case of the above mentioned officer, in order that further search may be made for the grave.

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H. F. RETHERS,
Lieut. Col., Q.M.C.

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Dederer, Elsworth H.

1st Ind.

File No. 293.8 - Cem. Div. - #47971 - Registration.

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By authority of the Quartermaster General.

FW CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Lt. Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.,
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

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CFH

By:

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E. E. DAVIS,
Executive Assistant.

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G. R. S. MAILED

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HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, Q.M.C., IN EUROPE
8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris.

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RHR/nwa.

H. F. REHRS,
Lieut. Col., Q.M.C.

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HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVE REGISTRATION SERVICE, INC., IN BONHOMME
8 Avenue d'Iona, Paris.

June 16, 1920.

FROM: Chief.
TO: Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, WASHINGTON, D.C.
SUBJECT: Case of 1st Lieut. Elsworth H. Deberry.

1. Inquiry has been made in this office for the grave of 1st Lieut. Elsworth H. Deberry, reported buried in the Commune of Grand Pre. No co-ordinates being given, it is impossible for these Headquarters to institute proper search for this grave.

2. It is requested that these Headquarters be furnished with the approximate co-ordinates in the case of the above mentioned officer, in order that further search may be made for the grave.

H. F. RICHARDS,
Lieut. Col., G.M.C.

RHR/nws.



Reference #47971

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AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE.

March 14, 1919.

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.
TO : Home Communication Section, American Red Cross, Paris-France.
SUBJECT: Lieut. Elsworth H. Dederer, Co. E., 311th Inf.

In reply to your letter of inquiry, with reference to the regretted death of this soldier, according to the records at these headquarters he is buried in the COMMUNE of GRANDPRE, in the DEPARTMENT of the ARDENNES. The grave is #1 and is reported as being marked with the regulation cross. This information has not as yet been confirmed by my inspecting officers, but there is very little doubt that the burial took place in the commune above named.

By direction

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

Per MAURICE B. DIX
Captain, American Red Cross
Representative assigned to
Graves Registration Service.

MBD/im.

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

FILE NUMBER

47971

FROM:- A.R.C.

DATE:

3/10/19

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME DEDERER, ELSWORTH - H. NUMBER

RANK

ORGANIZATION

311th INF.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
11.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	① Dederer, Elsworth H.
2.	Date of Death.	1 st Lt. Co E 311 Inf
3.	Cause and place of death.	
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	② 10-27-18
5.	Date buried.	③ N/A
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	④ 307
7.	Who reported burial?	⑤ 10-30-18
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S?	⑥ Curme 248, Grandpre
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	35NW <u>E291.9</u> (Ardennes)
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	N 286.6 Grave #1
11.	Who is nearest relative?	⑦
12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	⑧ N/A
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	⑨ Cross
14.	What is the Photograph No?	⑩ 1 tag to body
	N.B. All Proper names to be printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.	1 tag to marker ⑪ No address

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ADRESSE TÉLEGRAPHIQUE:
" AMCROSS "

2 Place de Rivoli

~~4 PLACE DE LA CONCORDE~~

In replying
please address

Prière d'adresser
la réponse au

PARIS, March 3, 1919.

From: Bureau Home & Hospital Service

To: Capt. M. B. Dix, Graves Registration Service, A.P.O. 717.

Subject: Elsworth H. Dederre, 311 Inf.

Kindly send location of grave of the above man,
who is reported as having been killed in action in October,
1918, to this office. Very urgent.

Home Communication Section
Bureau Home & Hospital Service

MG/CL

April 5th 1919

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The Adjutant General,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir -

My son's body now lies in the Civilian cemetery in the north western part of Grand Pri. If it is ever removed from there will I be notified? I do not wish the body brought here - but I must know where it is first if a change is made. My dear, dear boy.

Mrs. Marthe M. Dederer
125 Mohegan Ave -
New London,
Conn.

406, 293, 8 Dederer

Eleventh St. - 1st St.

Free
4/14/19
F.H.M.C

Free
4/14/19
F.H.M.C

Very Sincerely,



The Adjutant General.

Per

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A. G. 295.8 Dederer, Ellsworth H. 1st Lt.
(Off. Div.)

April 14, 1919.

Mrs. Martha M. Dederer,
125 Mohegan Ave.,
New London, Conn.

Dear Madam:

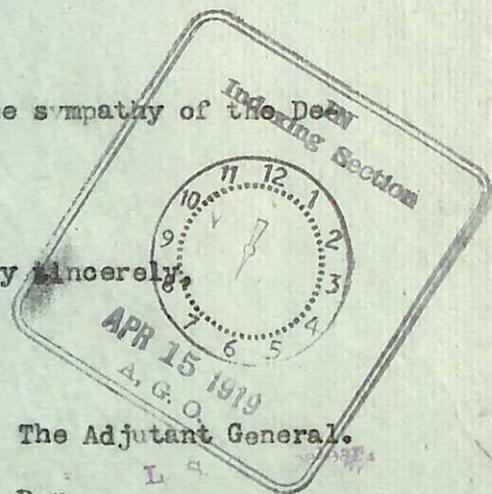
In reply to your letter of recent date, concerning the removal of the body of your son, First Lieutenant Ellsworth H. Dederer, deceased, I wish to assure you that you will be notified of any change that may be made.

Permit me to express the sympathy of the Department.

Very sincerely,

The Adjutant General.

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