Mc Deese, Melvin 1,877,595

(Surname.) (Christian name in full.) (Army serial number.)

Pvt Depot Sec 1st Coast Arty Park

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased father

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? no

(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) Mc Neill Dees

Rt 7 Monroe N C

(Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

3—6713

no 578 card

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G.R.S. Form #114-B

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jc.

DATE (Lt Europe 2-9-27)

LIST AS DEESE, Melvin M. "uthority E.E. Davis 2/3/27 per Mrs. Ruth)

1. NAME McDEESE, Melvin Mc. SERIAL No. 1877595

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION & DIVISION Depot Sec. 1st Coast Art. Park no div.

GRAVE LOCATION American Mil. Cty. MESVES (Nievre) 86
CTY. NAME NUMBER

2
GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 2 Mesves (Nièvre)
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES

CONCENTRATED TO Not of record
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

Data concerning any identification found on remains when concentrated, such as collar insignias, letters, broken bones, missing parts, etc.

DATE OF DEATH Aug 14, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME N. C. -

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED None of record

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS Not of record
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

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

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION June 28, 1922 26 13 Block A
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

St.Mihiel American No.1233, Thiaucourt
CEMETERY

AUDITED BY

Accts World War Div. Received A. G. O. JUN 2 1925

Robert C. Davis, Major General, The Adjutant General, By JUN 4 1925

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

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

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

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

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

Ref

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Deese (Surname.) 1877595 (Number.) Melvin M. (First Name and Initials.)

Private (Rank.) Depot Co. 1er Coppe Artillery (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL 16 August, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL American Cemetary, Nevers-sur-Loire, Dept. of Nievre

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

No map available

GRAVE NUMBER 2

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:

REPORTED BY:

W.H. ALLEN
Lt. Col., M.C.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Deese, Melvin Mc. 1933 Adm.

July 9, 1930.

Mr. W. S. Blakeney,
c/o Bank of Union,
Monroe, N. C.

Dear Sir:

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

This office has no record of any person entitled under the Act mentioned to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe as the mother or widow of the above named deceased service man. To complete the list of eligibles and to assure that, if the above named man is survived by a mother or widow entitled to make a pilgrimage she receive an invitation to do so, it is requested you answer the following questions in the space provided on this letter and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?	_____
If so, give her name and address:	_____
	_____
2. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not remarried?	_____
If so, give her name and address:	_____
	_____
3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?	_____
	_____
If so, give her name and address:	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:
Envelope
Act
Amendment

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

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

August 29, 1929.

Deese, Melvin Mc.
1233

Mr. McNeill Deese,
R.F.D. #7,
Monroe, N.C.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 29, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

	Write answers in space below
1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried? If so, give her complete address:	
2. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.	
3. If survived by a widow or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage?	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Deese, Melvin Mc.

May 29, 1929.

Mr. McNeill Deese,
R.F.D. # 7,
Monroe, N. C.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Private Melvin Mc.Deese, Depot Sec. 1st Coast Artl., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

QM 293 A.C

DEESE, Melvin Mc., Pvt.

February 16, 1924

Mr. McNeill Deese,
R.F.D. #7,
Monroe, N. C.

Dear Sir:

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

1-Incl.
Record card.

Assistant,

MFK
TDZ

File
2/7/27

G.R.S. FORM #114-A. STATION Nevers, (Nievre)

To be prepared in triplicate. DATE Dec, ~~x~~ 7, 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT jc. COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.		Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body	
1. Name	McDEESE, Melvin Mc	10. Name	
2. No.	1877595	11. No.	
3. Rank	Pvt.	12. Rank	
4. Org.	Depot Sec. 1st Coast Art. Pk.	13. Org.	
5. D.D.	Aug. 14th 1918	14. (a) D.D.	
6. C.D.	DOWRIA	(b) D.B.	None

		Discrepancy found upon disinterment	
7. Grave No. 2	Sec.	15. Grave No.	Sec.
8. Plot	Row	16. Plot	Row
9.		17.	None

18. Cemetery American Mil. Cty. 19. Commune or town MESVES

20. Dept. or County Nievre 21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 86

23. Disinterred (Date) Dec, 7, 1921. By T.F.GREENE

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Melvin McDeese Serial No. ---

Rank Pvt. Organization Depot Sec. 1st Coast Art. Pk. Gr. No. 2

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

J. A. Annabel
Signature Junior Technical Assistant
J. A. ANNABEL

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).

Tag o n body enitrely corroded, Bodies on both sides previously exhumed. No discrepancies

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, Recognition impossible

28. Nature of burial Wooden box and uniform

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 Dec, 7, 1921. By T.F.GREENE

31. Casket sealed by T.F.GREENE

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor T. F. Greene
T.F.GREENE

EDX 8/21/23

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-23933

32. Designation of body:

Name Melvin McDEESE Serial No. 1877595

Rank Pvt. Organization Depot Sec. 1st Coast Art. Pk

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery St Mihiel Amer. Cty. 1233, THIAUCOURT (M-et-M)

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Dec. 7, 1921. By T.F.GREENE

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 D.E.Lowry
D.E.LOWRY, 1st Lieut. QMC

36. Remarks Disc on cross and G.R.S. strip check

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37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Dec. 7, 1921.

To point of Concentration Nevers, (Nievre)
(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 22 DEC 1921

To Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel Amer Cty. 1233, Thiaucourt, (M et M)
(Name)

Convoyer R.L.HALL Signature Shipping Officer W.R.Buckley
W.R.BUCKLEY, Capt. QMC

gbt

40. Received: Date 26 DEC. 1921

G.R.S. Representative F. B. Daniel, Capt. QMC

41. Reinterred June 28th, 1922.
(Date)

42. Grave No. 26 Section

43. ~~Plotx~~ Block A. Row 13

G.R.S. Representative A. E. Dewey
A. E. Dewey, 1st Lt. QMC.

G. R. S. Form. No. 16-A

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place Mesvres, (Nievre)

Date Dec, 7, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF MC DEESE, Melvin Mc SERIAL NUMBER 1877595

RANK Pvv. ORGANIZATION Depot Sec. 1st. Coast Art. Pk.

2. Disinterred (date): From (give complete location):

Dec, 8, 1921. Grave 2, Amer. Cem. 86, Mesvres.

By: Group 2 Unit Section 5.

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

June 28th, 1922. Gr 26. Row 13. Block A.

Reburial Casket and shipping case.

By: Group Unit Nature of reburial

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

Wooden box and uniform Badly decomposed.

Recognition impossible

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

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

Tag on body entirely corroded. Bodies on both sides previously exhumed, No discrepancies

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Unable to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color apparently dark brown

Quantity normal

Characteristics straight

(d) Hair on face—Color none

Location do

Quantity do

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

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

autopsy on head

12-MAD

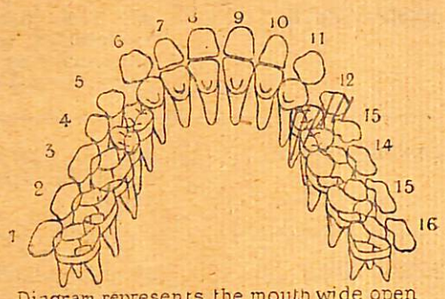
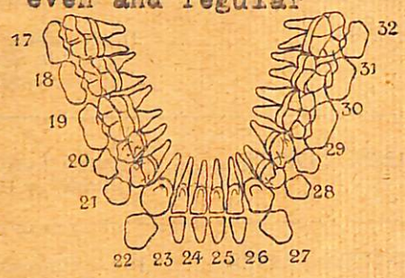


Diagram represents the mouth wide open

even and regular



7. Disinterment supervised by T. F. Greene T.F.GREENE

Approved: D. E. Lowry D.E.LOWRY, (Title) 1st, Lieut. QMC

gbt JAA

8. Reburial supervised by H. L. Kramer H. L. Kramer

Approved: A. E. Dewey A. E. Dewey, 1st Lt. QMC. (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 wohm 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.

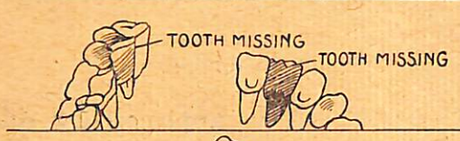
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.

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

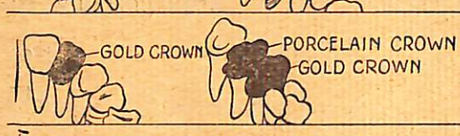
(*b*) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave ? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying 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 shoudl 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 jwas 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 "

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

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

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 10074

1. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name DEESE, Melvin Mc (7-30-21) MKM Ser. No. 1877695 (7-30-21) MKM) TYP. HDP

(b) Rank Private Organization Depot Section 1st. CA Park)

(c) Date of death 8-14-18 (d) Cause of death ~~D.W.R.I.A.~~ Disease (Meningitis) (7-30-21) MKM) CKR.

3/24/22 Expunged Concentration 6 Sgt. Mihil #1233 at 4/13/22

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

(a) Grave No. 2 Row ---- Plot ---- Sect. ----) TYP. HDP

(b) Emerg. Address Mr. McNeill Deese (Father) RFD #7, Monroe, N.C.

111. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; No Card) CKR. LLV

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD: Date of receipt

No Card in file JDB 5/25/20

(a) Name (b) Relationship

(c) Address

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

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

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

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

See Suspension Remarks

Examiner's Initials Date 1920

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

, dated

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

No Correspondence

Examiner's Initials MM Date 5-22- 1920

VI. G.R.S. Files - Correspondence - shows as follows:

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes-M.H.S.

Examiner's Initials MHS Date 5/24/ 1920

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY NO. 86 SHEET NO. 143

G.R.S. Form #115

Amended April 6, 1920.

Make Form #114

ck-mac 1/4

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

Typed by _____ Checked by _____ _____ 1920

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by- (cable on _____ 1920 (letter on 8/14 1920

Par. #2 not to be returned (MCH)
AP 12/6/20

IX. CORRECTIONS

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

RECEIVED. DEC 29 1920 CEMETERIAL DIVISION OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SEC.

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: Form 120-6-7-20 from Father nearest of kin states that body is to remain in France (add) mr McNeill Deere. R.F.D. #7 Monroe, N. C. 7-8-20 J.

FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN - BODY TO REMAIN IN EUROPE.
DEC 29 1920

G.R.S. Form #120
Shipping Inquiry.

JUN 7 1920

86-143

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

JUN 26 1920

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.

Rush Answer

TO: Mr. McNeill Deese, R.F.D. # 7, Monroe, N.C.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Melvin M. Deese

Remain in France

The records of this office show that you have ~~requested that his~~ ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ not expressed your desires as to the return of the body.

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

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

Notified on Form #145 7-8-20 J.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

No soldier married?

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow	Never married		
Soldier's Children (Name oldest first) 1. 2. 3.	None		
Father	McNeill Deese		
Mother	dead		
Brothers (Name oldest first) 1. 2.	James Warlington Deese Joel Scarborough Deese		
Sisters	Wilma R. B. Redwine, Annie Bulah Cagle, Josephine Deese		

Date 6/14/20

Signature his McNeill x Deese mark

Address Monroe No. # 7

Relationship father - mother dead.

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

(OVER)

See the Dep. Secretary of State

Transfer of bodies will be made entirely at government expense.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT

1. This paper MUST be signed by the person who is the NEXT of kin in the order shown in the square on other side of this sheet.

2. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.

3. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the legally appointed guardian of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.

4. If YOU are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.

5. If YOU are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.

6. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.

7. Use the enclosed envelope - pay no postage.

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

1007

Deese (Surname.) 1877595 (Number.) Melvin M. (First Name and Initials.)

Private (Rank.) Depot Co. 1sr Artillery Copps (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL 16 August, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL American Cemetary, Mesves-sur-Loire, Dept. of Nievre
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

No map available

FILE

GRAVE NUMBER 2

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:

REVIEWED
A.S.P. G.S.

REPORTED BY: W.H. ALLEN
Lt. Col., M.C.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

21 AOU Bcn

FROM: O.Q.M.G.
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
Munitions Building
Room

PLEASE
EXPEDITE

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of t
Washington

Adjustment Made
AUG. 5 1921
File No. 10074

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

File No. Registration No.

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

(SPECIAL)

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 ~~Mc Deese~~, Deese

b. Christian name Melvin. Mc

c. Serial Number 1877595

d. Organization Depot Sec. 1st Coast Arty Park.

e. Rank Pvt.

f. Date of death Aug. 14 | 18

g. Cause of death Disease (meningitis)

h. Authority (C.O.#) 226

i. Emergency address Mc Neill C. Deese Route 7, Monroe North Carolina

j. Relationship father

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)

a. Strike out teeth missing

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
upper right upper left

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
lower right lower left

We have on file in this office a disposition card signed by Mc Neill Dees Father, R#7, Monroe, N.C. Can you confirm information given above and give date and cause of death, also emerg. address.

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

BY: H. J. Conner

H. J. CONNER,
1st Lieut. Q.M.

REC'D MAIL SECTION,
W.W. Div., A. G. O.
JUL 15 1921 2

CEMETERY NO:

SHEET NO:

TYPED BY: rln.

S-713/MB

Rec'd World War Div.
Date JUL 15 1921

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Date JUL 16 1921

Donnelly, xda
E. P. A. Mng. 7
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WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

Adjustment Made
AUG. 5 1921
File No. 10074

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-O
Information requested of A.G.O. Date 7/9/21.

File No. Registration

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

(SPECIAL)

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 ~~Mc Deese~~, Deese

b. Christian name Melvin. Mc

c. Serial Number 1877595

d. Organization Depot Sec. 1st Coast Arty Park.

e. Rank Pvt.

f. Date of death Aug. 14/18

g. Cause of death Disease (meningitis)

h. Authority (C.O.#) 226

i. Emergency address Mc Neill C. Deese Route 7, Monroe North Carolina

j. Relationship father

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)

a. Strike out teeth missing

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
upper right upper left

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
lower right lower left

We have on file in this office a disposition card signed by Mc Neill Dees Father, R#7, Monroe, N.C. Can you confirm information given above and give date and cause of death, also emerg. address.

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

BY: H. J. Conner

H. J. CONNER,
1st Lieut. Q.M.

REC'D MAIL SECTION,
W.W. Div., A. G. O.
JUL 15 1921 2

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7-18-31

GRS Form 121a

FILE

CEMETERIAL DIVISION
REGISTRATION SECTION

File No. 10074

July 30, 1921. xxxxxxx

MEMO FOR:

Cards Department.

1.

CASE OF:

Depot Sec. 1st Coast Arty Park
ORGANIZATION (old)

DEESE, 1877695, Melvin M. Pvt.
(Name)

Correction or additional data changes as shown below have been made on the Registration Card of the above-mentioned soldier and a corresponding change will be necessary on the Organization Card:

ORGANIZATION (New)

FILE NO.

SURNAME

SERIAL NUMBER 1877595

FIRST NAME AND INITIALS Melvin Mc.

RANK

DATE OF DEATH

CAUSE OF DEATH Disease (Meningitis)

	Date	Place	F-1A No.
Orig.			D-
1st Reb.			D-
2nd Reb.			D-
3rd Reb.			D-

(Note: In the above spaces below double line fill in ONLY the new data and data correcting previous information)

BY: Margaret K. McCarthy

Investigation and Adjustment
(Department)

5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made
on Organization
File Card:

By B

S/1105/LML

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME Deese	DEE	3	455
Melvin Mc	CEMETERY 1233	1	3
BURIED	GRAVE 26	2	26
	ROW 13	2	13
	BLOCK a	1	1
STATE	N C	2	38
RANK	Pvt	1	2
DIVISION	C A C	2	48
ORGANIZATION	1	3	001
ARM	Art Pk	1	2
MARITAL	No	1	2
NAME Blakeney		3	
40 W. S. Bank of Union	STATE	2	
RESIDENCE	COUNTY	2	
Monroe, N. C	CITY	3	031
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Dead	1	6
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE 29/514/		1	

AUDITED
APR 6 1932

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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Deese, Melvin Mc. 1233 Adm.

July 9, 1930.

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Mr. W. S. Blakeney,
c/o Bank of Union,
Monroe, N. C.

Dear Sir:

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

This office has no record of any person entitled under the Act mentioned to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe as the mother or widow of the above named deceased service man. To complete the list of eligibles and to assure that, if the above named man is survived by a mother or widow entitled to make a pilgrimage she receive an invitation to do so, it is requested you answer the following questions in the space provided on this letter and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?	No
If so, give her name and address:	
2. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not remarried?	No
If so, give her name and address:	
3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?	No
If so, give her name and address:	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:
Envelope
Act
Amendment

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

DATE February 10 1930

NAME	RANK	SERIAL	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
Deese Melvin	Pvt	1877595	Depot Sec 1st Coast Art Park	Aug 14 1918

STATE North Carolina CTY. NO. 1233 GRAVE 26 ROW 13 BLOCK A

XC 31-639
2114
ED

Check relationship	Living	Deceased
MOTHER		✓
STEPMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)		
MOTHER THRU ADOPTION (For the year prior to commencement of service)		
MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS (For the year prior to commencement of service)		
WIDOW (Who has not remarried)		

Single Man

NAME AND ADDRESS

Adm.
W. S. Blakeney
c/o Bank of Union
Monroe - N.C.

Veterans Bureau Claim Number _____
29/156

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Deese, Melvin Mc.

May 29, 1929.

Mr. McNeill Deese,
R.F.D. # 7,
Monroe, N. C.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Private Melvin McDeese, Inf. Sec. Army, whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.