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To The A. G. O.

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G.R.S. Form #114 B

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DATE Oct. 14, 1921

1. NAME DeGROFF, Clarence SERIAL No. 64775  
 RANK Sgt. ORGANIZATION Co. F, 102nd Inf.  
& DIVISION 26  
 GRAVE LOCATION Meuse Argonne Amer. Romagne/s/Montfaucon 1232 sec 62  
 CTY. NAME NUMBER  
22 sec 62 1  
 GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 26 Bac. Haulmont Meuse cty #944  
 GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.  
 COORDINATES Verdun 35 NE E 327.53 N 280.42  
 CONCENTRATED TO 5-19-19 22 62 1  
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT  
M-euse Argonne 1232  
 CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on body, data form 1

DATE OF DEATH Oct 23, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Conn

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none

## SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

Robert O. Davis,  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General.

RVR

MAY 18 1926

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

M. B. Birdseye

M. B. BIRDSEYE

1st Lt., Q M. Corps, U.S. Army

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Oct. 14, 1921 30 40 Block D  
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse-Argonne American Cty 1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse)

CEMETERY

2. A. G. O.  
MAY 15 1926  
WORLD WAR DIV.

AUDITED BY  
8-22-18-23





## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

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

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

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

4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form I6, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.





Co. F., 102nd Infantry  
26th Div.-

DEGROFF, Clarence - Sgt 64775  
Home : UNKNOWN -

Sergeant DEGROFF was killed while leading his men against  
a machine gun, nest by an exploding shell during an action on  
the Ormont Woods, October 26th 1918 . -

Informant : MAXWELL, William J. - 1rst Sgt  
( 64759 )  
Co F., 102nd Infantry  
Home : East Granby, Conn.  
Searcher : SHRIVER, A.W. - 1rst Lieut.  
102nd Infantry

Emergency address :  
UNKNOWN.

H.P.



H.B.

UNKNOWN.  
MILITARY ADDRESS :

SEARCHED : 105th INFANTRY  
SERIAL : 105th INFANTRY  
NAME : 105th INFANTRY  
CO B. 105th INFANTRY  
( 2422 )  
INFORMANT : MAXWELL, WILLIAM J. - 105th INF

THE CLINTON MOORE, October 28th 1918. -

A MESSAGE FROM THE 105th INFANTRY  
DEPARTMENT, CLARENCE - 64775  
DEPARTMENT, CLARENCE, 105th INFANTRY, VERDUN, FRANCE

Co F 102 Inf.

DE GROFF Clarence Serg. 64775

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Missing October.

He was killed in action at Verdun October 27 to 29. He has been reported through Military authorities.

Informant : Henry W. Maier, Searcher.  
Jan. 16, 1919

M.M.



CODE SLIP

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HEADING	SUB- HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>He Groff</i>	<i>De g</i>	3	457
BURIED <i>Clarence</i>	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	1
	GRAVE <i>30</i>	2	30
	ROW <i>40</i>	2	40
	BLOCK <i>4</i>	1	4
STATE	<i>Conn</i>	2	06
RANK	<i>Sgt</i>	1	2
DIVISION	<i>26</i>	2	26
ORGANIZATION	<i>102</i>	3	102
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	1
MARTIAL	<i>no</i>	1	2
NAME <i>He Groff</i>	<i>De g</i>	3	457
<i>Mrs Marga.</i>	STATE <i>NH</i>	2	37
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Washington</i>	2	58
<i>11 Madison St</i>	CITY <i>Granville</i>	3	058
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	1
OTHER	<i>Father</i>	1	1
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Good</i>	1	1
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>no</i>	1	

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QM 295 A-M  
DeGreff, Clarence (MA)

July 28, 1932.

Mrs. Mary A. DeGreff,  
11 Madison Street,  
Granville, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date advising that you do not desire to make a pilgrimage during 1933 to the grave of your son, the late Sergeant Clarence DeGreff, and suggesting that the money be used for welfare work among the veterans who are in need.

Your desire to aid the ex-service men is understood and appreciated. However, it is regretted to advise that it will not be possible to carry out your suggestion as the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended, authorizes pilgrimages only and contains no provision whereby the funds appropriated may be used for any purpose other than that for which intended. D

It is indeed regretted that you do not desire to visit the grave of your son at the expense of the Government. The pilgrimages were authorized in an endeavor to bring a measure of comfort and peace to the hearts of the women whose sons and husbands sacrificed their lives in their Country's cause, and it would seem from the thousands of letters of appreciation received from the women who have made the trip that the effort has not been in vain. It is thought that you too would derive great solace from a visit to the last resting place of your son. You would receive the best of care throughout the journey as competent personnel will be provided and doctors and nurses will be available.

Should you later change your mind and wish to make the trip at some time during the summer months of 1933, it is requested you so notify this office in order that the necessary arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

DeGroff Clarence (MA)

July 11 1932

Mrs Mary A DeGroff  
11 Madison St  
Granville N Y

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.

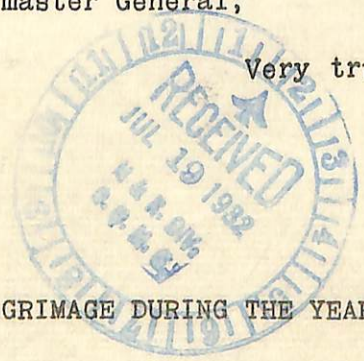

IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU GIVE THE MATTER YOUR MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BEFORE REACHING A DECISION, BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE TRIP AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

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)

(Sign here)

Mrs Mary A DeGroff



"Madison St  
Trentonville N.Y.

Chas. W. Deely  
Captains of 9th Corps-

AP

Dear Sir:-

Am writing a line to let you know that I appreciate the kindness of the Foreman in making this arrangement for the Old Star Mothers, but I would rather (and I feel sure this would also be the wish of my son, had he a voice in this matter) the money be used for relief work among the men who also served during the War, but are now in such dire need. I can't help but feel



that the majority of "Old Star  
Molasses" would feel the way if  
the matter was brought to their  
attention and they were given a  
voice in the matter -

Very truly yours -  
(Mrs) Mary A DeProf.







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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

DeGroff, Clarence Sgt. (M-A) M

June 12, 1931.

Mrs. Mary A. DeGroff,  
11 Madison St.,  
Granville, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1932 to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question.

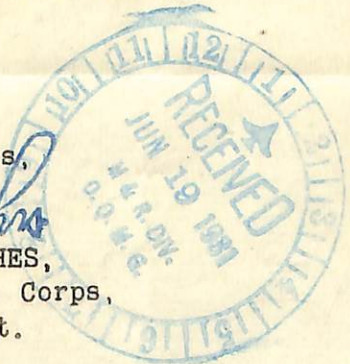
As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? No.

Write answer here

*Mrs Mary A De Groff*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Sign here



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

DeGroff, Clarence ~~1236~~ M

June 9, 1930

1232

Mrs. Mary A. DeGroff  
11 Madison Street  
Granville, New York.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



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

No  
(Write answer here)

*Mrs Mary A De Groff*  
(Sign here)



"Madison St  
Franklin, Ky.

John T. Harris  
Major, P. M. Corps.  
Dear Sir:

Wish to say that I very much  
appreciate your kind offer but conditions  
at home are not so that I can  
accept it. My husband is too old (72)  
to be left alone for the length of time  
it would take to make the pilgrimage  
and since he is no longer a wage  
earner, we are not in a position  
to hire a companion for him.

Thanking you for this opportunity  
I am, very truly yours -  
Mary A. W. Hoff -





WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
DeGroff, Clarence 1232 M.

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Mary A. De Groff,  
11 Madison St.,  
Granville, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress not later than December 15, 1929. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No)
		X
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No)
		X
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)
		X
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age 63 (Years)	Health X (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes)	(No)
	Other language X	(Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



Referring to G. M. 293 A-C-

"Madison St.  
Frauville N.Y.

John V. Harris, Major G. M. Corps.  
Dear Sir.

Am in receipt of your communication  
and in reply will say that the mother  
of Clarence De Troff is still living - and  
her address is given at the heading  
of this letter. Her name is Mrs Mary A De-  
Troff. He was not married.



Very truly yours  
Jos. W. De Troff.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
DeGroff, Clarence

June 29, 1929.

Mr. Joseph M. DeGroff,  
11 Madison St.,  
Granville, N. Y.

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 Sergeant Clarence DeGroff, Co. F., 102nd Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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



QM 293 A-M  
DeGroff, Clarence (MA)

July 28, 1932.

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DeGross Clarence (MA)

July 11 1932

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Assistant.

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)



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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

DeGroff, Clarence Sgt. (M-A) M

June 12, 1931.

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11 Madison St.,  
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Assistant.

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Sign here



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

DeGroff, Clarence 1233 M

June 9, 1930

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

(Write answer here)

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



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4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age (Years)	Health (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No)	Other language (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



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

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De ~~Prof~~roff, Clarence 64,775 ✓  
(Surname) (Christian name in full.) (Army serial number)  
Sgt Co F, 102 Inf  
(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased.

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)

11 Madison St. Granville N.Y.  
(Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.



checked Bm  
5-7-21

drawn by - G R  
123a - dec 6a - 32  
5-6-21



In reply refer to:  
M 293 C-R

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON September 8, 1923.

Mr. Joseph M. DeGroff,  
11 Madison St.,  
Granville, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires you be informed that the  
permanent grave of  
is Grave 30, Row 20, Block D, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-  
sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

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

In effecting removal, the utmost care and reverence were exacted and more than willingly accorded by those performing this sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

Assistant.



RD  
23/584/ARK

293 DeGroff, Clarence

WBR



city 1232

File This Under # 110937

# MEMORANDUM TO FILES DEPARTMENT

--REGISTRATION BRANCH--

TRANSFER ALL PAPERS

FROM: File # 110937 ✓ (Cancelled) *De Groff, Clarence*  
TO: File # 83575 ✓ *De Groff, Clarence*  
*and*  
*Di Groff, Clarence*

By: V. B. Osborn  
Section \_\_\_\_\_  
Adj. Dept. \_\_\_\_\_

Date 6/4/20.

O. K. NUMERICAL - FILE - INDEX \_\_\_\_\_

Papers Transferred By: me 28/12/20



Date 14 June 1919REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Remains of:

Name: DEGROFF ClarenceNumber 64775Rank: Corp. OrganizationCo. F 102 Inf

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group:

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From (Give complete location)

6 19 May 1919Grave 26 BAC HAUMONT MEUSENE 35 E 327.53 N 280.42

Reburied (Date)

In: (Give complete location)

19 May 1919Grave 22 Sec 62 Plot 1Argonne Am. Cemetery # 1232ROMAGNE MEUSE

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

Burial poor, buried in uniform and blanket, body badly decomposed.Was the identification tag found upon the body? YesWhat other means of identification were found on the body? None

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found on bodies, they will be promptly sent to the effects depot direct as is required by G.O. 170, C.H. 2, 1918., after being carefully examined for clues of identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Lt. StrongCONFIRMED No. DR. H. ROSENTHAL  
and Lieut. Q.M.G.U.S.A.C.O. Group Unit







83575-

concentrated

from

110937

FILE



83575

DIGRAFF 64795 Clarence  
Corp. Co F 102 Inf.

Battle Area Cem.

Haumont

Meuse

~~Battle~~ Grave No. 26

Grave marked with cross

Tag on cross

Sketch No. 47

E? F? Fiene

Group 1, Unit 311, GRS

KBSK  
8-91





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1322



Group 1, Unit 211, C82

E. L. L. L.

Sketch No. 4A

Tag on cross

Cross marked with cross

~~XXXXX~~ Cross No. 22

Hammond

Mess

Battle Area Cem.

Co. B Co. E 105 Int.

DIGBYE 2422 DISTANCE

1322



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

File No. 83576

Registration.

Date June 10, 1921

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, Sixth and B Streets NW., Washington, D. C.

Subject: Information required for G. R. S.

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

a. Surname. DEGROFF or DEGRAFF or DEPROFF. Date of death. 10-23-18

b. Christian name. Clarence

c. Serial number. 64775

d. Organization. Co. F. 102nd Infantry

e. Rank. Cpl.

g. Cause of death. K/A

h. Authority (C. C. No.) 417 SP 112

i. Emergency address.

j. Relationship.

*Joseph M. DeGraft,  
111 Madison St.,  
Granville, N. Y.*

BODY DESCRIPTION.

(See page 2 of the Service Record.)

a. Age at enlistment.

b. Color of eyes.

c. Color of hair.

d. Height.

e. Weight.

Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment. (Old fractures or breaks.)

DENTAL CHARTS.

(See physical report of examination prior to enlistment.)

a. Strike out teeth missing:

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

H. L. ROGERS,

Quartermaster General, U. S. A.,

By

*H. J. Conner*

H. J. CONNER,

1st Lieut Captain, Q. M. C.

Mr. Wilson  
DTD

NOTED FORM 115

DATE 7-1-21

JUN 14 1921

*Donnelly B. F. S. C. P. S. 7000 6/14/21*



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

G. H. S. Form  
Information required  
W-A  
A. G. O.

INVESTIGATION AND ADJUSTMENT DEPARTMENT

Date June 10, 1921

File No. 93576 Registration

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, Sixth and B Streets NW, Washington, D. C.

Subject: Information required for G. R. S.

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

a. Surname, DEBENT or DEBENT or DEBENT, Date of death, 10-23-18

b. Christian name, Clarence

c. Serial number, 64775

d. Organization, Co. F. 102nd Infantry

e. Rank, Cpl.

f. Relationship

DEBENT 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

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page 2 of the Service Record)

a. Age at enlistment

b. Color of eyes

c. Color of hair

d. Height

e. Weight

Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

H. J. ROGERS

Quartermaster General, U. S. A.

H. J. CONZER

Adjutant General, U. S. A.

JUN 17 1921

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Mr. Wilson  
D.D.



Investigation Section. Audit Dept.  
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G.R.S Form No. 8-W; Central Records  
Liaison.

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

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

1. Items checked are to be completed:

✓ Surname: DeGroff ✓  
✓ Number: 64775 ✓  
✓ First name: Clarence ✓  
✓ Rank: Sgt. ✓  
✓ Company: F. ✓  
✓ Organization: 102 Inf. ✓  
✓ Date of death: 10/23/18 ✓  
✓ Cause: Killed in action. ✓  
Place: A.E.F.

Location of hospital:

Number " "  
Class " "

✓ Emergency address Joseph M DeGroff,  
11 Madison St.,  
✓ Relationship: Granville, N.Y. ✓  
(father)

Authority:

✓ Cablegram No: CC#417 SPB112 ✓  
Telegram from:

dated:

Reported to Washington;  
C.C.Nos.

(Underscore the "official" C.C.)  
Remarks:

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

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DeGroff, Clarence 64725  
Comp F 102 Dept - 571 # files  
Sat

Kia - 10-23-18

1ST BURL. CEM

DeGroff, Es: Joseph M. DeGroff  
(Father)  
11 Madison St.  
Granville, N. Y.



FILE

83575

1st Burial - Cen -

Name appears on



944

For further data see Casualty Files



File #83575

Ctr 944

Card De-t.

-12-19

G.R.S. Form No. 8: Central Records Liaison.

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

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

1. Items checked are to be completed:

- ( ) Surname: *De Groat* ~~DIGRAFF~~ *De Groat*  
( ) Number: *64775* ~~64795~~ *64775*  
( ) First Name: *Clarence* ~~Clarence~~  
( ) Rank: *Cpl.*  
( ) Company: *F*  
( ) Organization: *102nd Inf.*  
( ) Date of Death: *10-23-18*  
( ) Cause: *Killed in action*  
( ) Place: *no record*

Location of hospital:

Over.

Number " "

Class " "

- ( ) Relative: *Jos. M. De Groat*  
( ) Relationship: *father*  
( ) Address: *11 Madison St. ~~W. Manchester~~*

- ( ) Authority: *CC 417 Sub R par 112*  
Cablegram No.:  
Telegram from: *Manchester*

dated:

- ( ) Reported to Washington:  
C.C. Nos:

(Underscore the "official" C.C.)

- ( ) Remarks:  
( ) Show present status on reverse side.

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

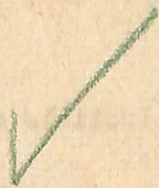
Initials of Reporter:

*Croun Wg 79/10 1-30-20*



Cty. 944  
Amer B/A Cty. Haumont-pres-  
Samogneux Meuse.  
Reported by G.R.S.

W. H. S. V.  
G. R. S.





5-7-21

(Date)

FORM 115 has been compiled on the following case:-

CEMETERY NO. 1232 SECTION

62

FORM 115 Sheet No.

32

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(Initials)

CSP-SS

Form No. 1011.

S/2052/LML



Classification

Adjustment

CEMETERY DIVISION  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
REGISTRATION SECTIONDate 6/4/20

## MEMORANDUM:

To: Registration Files Sub-Section.

Subject: Adjustments made on Registration Files.

1. Changes as checked have been made in the Registration Files which will necessitate a corresponding change in the Classification Files.

	CORR.	ADD. DATA		CORR.	ADD. DATA
File Number <u>5X8</u>	✓		Date of Burial		
Name			Date of Reburial		
Serial Number			Burial Information <u>5X8</u>		✓
Rank <u>5X8</u>	✓		Nearest Relative		
Organization			Notified Nearest Relative		
Cause of Death			Blue Card thrown out <u>5X8</u>	0	0
Date of Death			Burial & Reburial White Card set up <u>3X5</u>	✓	
Casualty Cablegram Number			cross reference set up	0	0

O.K. Alphabetical Files

K.E.S. 6-10-20

Remarks

O.K. Organization Files

O.K. State Files

✓	Cemetery Audit Department
	Investigation & Adjustment Dept.

By

V.B. Osborn5

Cards attached.



5th Ind.

~~110937~~ 83575 RHR/mt.

✓  
293. DeGroff, Clarence.

Hqrs., American G.R.S., Q.M.C., in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, May 8th 1920. To:  
Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, WASHINGTON, D.C.

1. Returned accomplished.

2. The Photographic Section, American Red Cross, Paris, have been notified of the change in order that another photograph may be taken of the Grave with the correct inscription.

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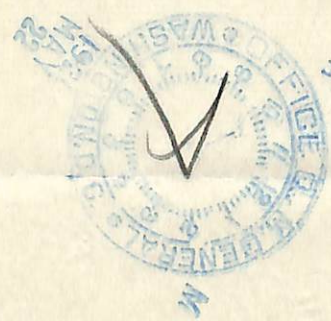
*for R. H. Rosenihal*  
H. F. RETHERS,  
Lieut. Col., Q.M.C.  
Chief.

83575 ✓

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*cc* HW/nm.

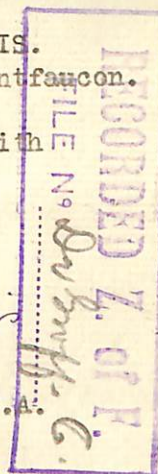
Hq. Zone of France, A.G.R.S., Q.M.C. in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, PARIS.  
April 20th. 1920. - To: Supervisor, Area #1, A.G.R.S. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon.

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

By order of Major Shipman:



*W H Maris*  
W. H. MARIS,  
1st. Lieut. F.A.  
Adjutant.



3rd Ind.

Supervisor, Area #1 Zone of France, A.G.R.S., Q.M.C., in E., Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), April 29, 1920. To: Commanding Officer, Zone of France, A.G.R.S., Q.M.C., in E., Paris.

1. The above directed changes have been completed.

*W C Brigham*  
W. C. BRIGHAM  
1st Lieut., Sig. C.

WCB wjc

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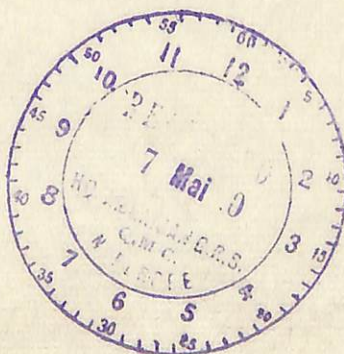
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*cc* HW/nm.

Hq. Zone of France, A.G.R.S., Q.M.C. in Europe, 7, Rue Quentin-Bauchart, PARIS.  
May 5th. 1920. - To: The Chief, American Graves Registration Service, 8 Avenue d'Iena, PARIS.

1. Attention is invited to preceding indorsement.

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ET.



*W H Maris*  
L. A. SHIPMAN,  
Major, Q.M.C.  
Commanding.



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*RMR*  
RMR/mt.

FILE 293 DeGroff, Clarence.

Hqrs.: ~~American G.R.S.~~, QMC., in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, April 16th  
1920. To: Commanding Officer, Zone of France.

1. Referred for compliance and report by  
indorsement hereon.

By direction:

*Chas A Morrow*

Chas.A. Morrow,  
Major, Q.M.C.  
Executive Officer.





Chas. L. Morrow,  
Mayor, D.M.C.  
Executive Office,





G.R.S. Form No. 122.  
Change of Inscription.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

March 29, 1920

File No. 110937 Registration.

From: Office of the Quartermaster General, Chief, Cemeterial Division, (GRS)  
Munitions Building, 19th & B Streets, N.W., Washington, D. C.

To: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.G., in Europe,  
8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, France.

Subject: Change of Inscription on Grave Marker.

1. It is requested that the inscription on the marker erected  
over grave # 22, plot 1, section 62, Cty. # 1232,

Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

be corrected to correspond with the records of this office which show

Sergeant Clarence DeGroff, #64775, Company F, 102nd Infantry.

Date of death October 23, 1918

2. When this has been done, advise the Red Cross Photographic  
Section in order that another photograph may be taken of the grave with  
the correct inscription.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

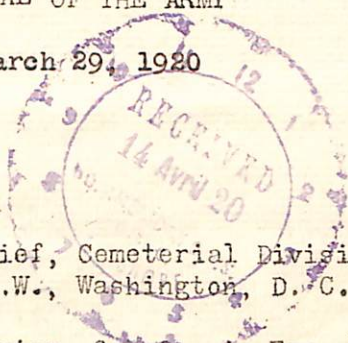
CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Colonel, U.S. Army,  
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

CMN/ms  
Inv.S.S.  
Inv. & Adj. Dept.

PM

NS-7763/JC

RECORDED, A.G.R.S., Q.M.G., IN EUROPE  
FILE No. 293 DeGroff Clarence Sgt





RECORDED, LONG, C. W. 18 FEB 1930

U. S. Army, 1930  
Office of Investigation

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
WASHINGTON

March 1930

110937  
Investigation

Office of the District Attorney, Chief, District Attorney, D.C.  
Washington, D.C.  
1930

Subject: Bureau of Investigation on Grave Matter.

It is requested that you be notified on the matter stated

near Grave No. 88

George Jackson, District Attorney, Washington, D.C.

be connected to the Bureau of Investigation on this matter which should

be connected to the Bureau of Investigation on this matter which should

Date of death: October 22, 1918

When this has been done, advise the Red Cross Hospital  
Section in order that the Bureau of Investigation may be aware of the grave matter  
The Bureau of Investigation

By authority of the District Attorney

George Jackson, District Attorney, Washington, D.C.

1930



G.R.S. Form No. 122.  
Change of Inscription.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

March 29, 1920

FILES

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Date of death October 23, 1918

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the correct inscription.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Colonel, U.S. Army,  
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

CMN/ms  
Inv.S.S.  
Inv. & Adj. Dept.

PM

MAR 30 1920



CASE PAPERS.

Case Of,

DeGroff Clarence .

Sgt. Company F. 102nd Inf.

Subject:

Change of inscription of rank on cross marking grave.

Mrs. Mary A. Degroff, mother of the soldier mentioned above requests a correction on the cross which marks her son's grave, to read as follows,

Sgt. Clarence DeGroff.

Co. F. 102 nd. Inf.

3/24/20

F.C.





Address reply  
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE & STORAGE  
Munitions Building

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE  
WASHINGTON

March 10, 1920.

FILES.

110937 (DeGroff, Clarence, Sgt.) G.R.S.

Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. G., (G.R.S.)

Mrs. Mary A. DeGroff, 11 Madison St., Granville, N. Y.

Correction of Rank on Cross.

1. Replying to your letter of February 23rd, 1920, you are advised that the records of this office report the information that the remains of Sergeant Clarence DeGraff are interred in Grave #22, Section #62, Plot #1 of the Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of the Meuse.

2. You will note that the record in this office is carried in the proper rank of Sergeant. Instructions will be forwarded to the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q. M. G. in Europe to assure the proper change in the present cross marking..

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Colonel, U. S. Army,  
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

By:

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

Inq. Br.  
ACS:BG



11 Madison St

Dramville N.Y

Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1920

C. C. Chas. C. Peirce.

Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

Am in receipt of picture of the grave  
of my son Sergeant Clarence C. De Troff  
Co. F. 162nd U.S. Inf. 26<sup>th</sup> Div. who was  
killed in action on Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> 1918.

We have no knowledge of the location  
of the grave, and would greatly  
appreciate it if you would let us  
know just where it is. The inscription  
on the cross read "Corporal" instead  
of Sergeant. The number on it is 22.  
Awaiting your reply Dear

Sincerely yours  
Mrs Mary C De Troff.







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WAR DEPARTMENT  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE & STORAGE  
WASHINGTON

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2-26-20

See

ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY

\_\_\_\_ Circumstances of Death  
(Par. #2, Bul. 10-C-W)

\_\_\_\_ Liberty Bonds  
(G.R.S. Form 111)

\_\_\_\_ Flowers, Flags, etc.  
(Par. #6, Bul. 10-C-W)

\_\_\_\_ War Risk Insurance  
(G.R.S. Form 111)

\_\_\_\_ Monument  
(Par. #8, Bul. 10-C-W)

\_\_\_\_ Photographs  
(Par. #11, Bul. 10-C-W)

✓ \_\_\_\_ Discrepancies in Inscription  
(Par. #9, Bul. 10-C-W)

\_\_\_\_ Permanent Burial In  
(a) France (G.R.S. Form 106)

\_\_\_\_ Personal Effects  
(G.R.S. Form 111)

\_\_\_\_ (b) Other Countries

\_\_\_\_ Accrued Pay  
(G.R.S. Form 111)

\_\_\_\_ Return of Bodies From  
(a) France (G.R.S. Form 106)  
(Par. #12, Bul. 10-C-W)  
(b) Other countries

\_\_\_\_ Maintenance  
(Par. #7, Bul. 10-C-W)

Remarks; *G. L.*

NOTE: In addition to information furnished on Nos. 1, 6, 11, and 12, G.R.S. Form 101-A (Information Blank), supply data on the following:

Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15.

*M. L.*  
Analysis Clerk.



Concentration.

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

Place ..... Romagne 1232.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date..... Oct. 13, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF..... DeGROFF, Clarence..... SERIAL NUMBER..... 64775

RANK..... Sgt. ORGANIZATION..... Co. F. 102nd Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): ..... Oct. 13, 1921 From (give complete location): ..... Gr. 22, Sec 62, Plot 1

By : Group..... 3 Unit..... Sec 2.

3. Reburied (date): ..... Oct. 14, 1921. In (give complete location): ..... Meuse Argonne Cem. 1232, Row 40 Bl. D. Gr. 30.

By : Group..... Reburial Sec. Unit..... Nature of reburial..... unlined casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :  
..... wooden box and burlap and uniform. badly decomposed, features not recognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags : Buried with body ?..... no On grave marker ?..... yes.

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

..... G. R. S. plaque on body reads "Corp. Clarence DeGroff Co. -- Inf. 49775" Tag on marker reads "Clarence DeGroff, Corp. C o. F. 102nd Inf. 64775" placed with body. Collar ornament "US" and cross rifles. Sgt. Chevrons on sleeve. no effects.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items ? 2, cavity. 3 decayed

(a) Height (actual measurement) ..... impossible to determine. 4,14, met. fill,5,19, broken off

(b) Weight (estimated)..... do 30 M.B.D. 16, missing with part

(c) Hair—Color ..... do 11. of jaw.

Quantity ..... do

Characteristics ..... do

(d) Hair on face—Color ..... do

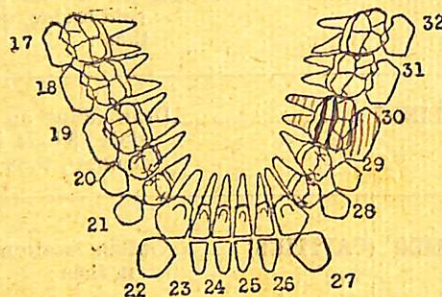
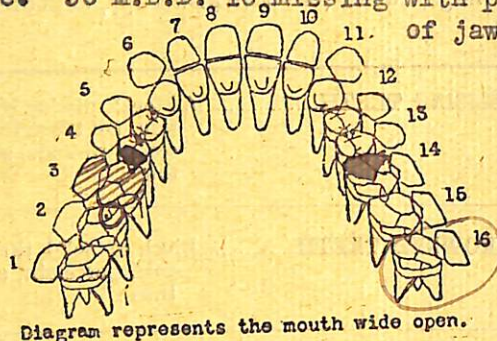
Location..... do

Quantity ..... do

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

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

..... head shattered, jaws fractured.



7. Disinterment supervised by..... Martin Styles  
..... Martin Styles.

Approved : ..... Geo. C. Bland 1st Lt. Q.M.C.  
(Title).....

8. Reburial supervised by..... W. B. SHEILD

Approved : ..... JAMES W. YOUNGER  
(Title) CAPT. Q.M.C.



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

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

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".  
(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No. 6.
6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in, with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspid (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

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



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



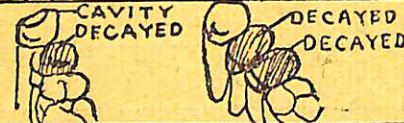
**BRIDGE WORK**.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :



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



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



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

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

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





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

STATION Romagne, Cemetery #1232.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Oct. 13, 1921.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name DeGROFF, Clarence

10. Name

2. No. 64775

11. No.

3. Rank Sgt.

12. Rank

4. Org. Co. F, 102nd Inf.

13. Org.

5. D.D. 10-23-18

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. KIA

(b) D.B. No discrepancies.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 22 Sec. 62

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot 1 Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. No discrepancies.

18. Cemetery Meuse Argonne Amer.

19. Commune or town Romagne/s/Montfauc on

20. Dept. or County Meuse

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232

sec 62

23. Disinterred (Date) Oct. 13, 1921.

By Martin Styles

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Clarence De Groff

Serial No. - - -

Rank Sgt.

Organization Co F, 102 Inf

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes On body? No

Clarence J. Hughes  
Signature Junior/Technical Assistant

Clarence J. Hughes

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).

GRS plaque on body reads, "Corp Clarence DeGroff Co--- Inf. 49775". Tag on marker reads, "Clarence Degroff Corp Co F 102 Inf 64775". placed with body. Collar ornaments "US" and "cross rifles". Sgt. chevron on sleeve.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed; features not recognizable.

28. Nature of burial Uniform, burlap and wooden box.

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 Oct. 13, 1921. By Martin Styles

31. Casket sealed by Martin Styles

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

Martin Styles  
Martin Styles



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

C-11879

32. Designation of body:

Name

Serial No.

Rank

DeGROFF, Clarence

Organization

64775

33. Consigned to:

Co. F, 102nd Inf.

Name of Permanent Cemetery

Meuse Argonne Amer. Remains/Montfaucon 1232

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date)

Oct. 13, 1921.

By Martin Styles

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 *Geo. C. Bland* Geo. C. Bland, 1st Lieut. QMC.

36. Remarks

None.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) October 13th, 1921.

To point of Concentration Morgue, Romagne.

Convoyer W. J. Royed.

(Name *Albert M. Jackson*)  
Signature Shipping Officer Albert M. Jackson  
Captain, C.A.C.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery

Convoyer

(Name  
Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cem. 1232, Oct. 14, 1921.

42. Grave No. Row 40 Bl. D. Gr. 30.

(Date

Section

43. Plot

Row

G.R.S. Representative *James W. Younger*

JAMES W. YOUNGER  
CAPT. QMC.  
eaj.





# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #83576

## I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name DEGROFF, Clarence Ser. No. 64775  
 (b) Rank Col. 2nd Lt. (7-1-21) W. Organization Co. F, 102nd Inf.  
 (c) Date of death 10-23-18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. als

CKR. CB

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

(a) Grave No. 22 Row -- Plot 1 Sec. 62 TYP. als  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mr. Joseph M. DeGroff, (Father) 11 Madison St., Granville, New York.

## III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases/ / /

CKR. CB

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

Date of receipt

(a) Name Joseph M. DeGroff (b) Relationship omitted  
 (c) Address 11 Madison St. Granville, N.Y.  
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no.  
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at  
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S.  
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S.

Examiner's Initials LR Date 5-6-, 1920.

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

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

Examiner's Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

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

Mrs. Mary A. DeGroff  
Mother, 11 Madison St. Granville, N.Y.  
2-23-20 - requests correction in Rank, no  
request for disposition  
 (a) Cancellation memos referred to?

Examiner's Initials LR Date 5-6-, 1920.

COUNTRY

FRANCE

CEMETERY No.

1232-Sec. 62

SHEET No.

32.



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 JUN 1 1921, 1920

See # 62.

Par. #2, Not To Be Returned

now

## IX.

## CORRECTIONS

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

## X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

Location Index

Discrepancies

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Serial No. \*



Location Index

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

Rice - 5-6-21

A.G.O. Card & Corr.

Discrepancies

Name ✓

Rank ✓

Serial NO.

Org. ✓

Remarks

G. R. S. Corr.

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

Checkers

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial no.

Org.

Remarks

Checked Pm 5-7-21

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# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #83576

## I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name DEGROFF, Clarence Ser. No. 64775  
 (b) Rank Cpl. 2nd Lt. Organization Co. F, 102nd Inf. TYP. als  
 (c) Date of death 10-23-18 (d) Cause of death K/A

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

(a) Grave No. 22 Row -- Plot 1 Sec. 62 TYP. als  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mr. Joseph M. DeGroff, (Father) 11 Madison St.,  
Granville, New York.

## III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

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

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
 letter of transmittal on JUN 1 1921, 192  
 Par. #2, Not To Be Returned

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

## VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.

VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., \_\_\_\_\_, 192

COUNTRY

CEMETERY No.

SHEET No.

G. R. S. Form 115-A  
August, 1920

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FRANCE

1232-Sec. 62

32.



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

Date 3/24/20

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

Please furnish information as checked (✓) below regarding the following soldier:

NAME DeGroff Clarence.

Serial Number 64775

RANK

Sgt.

ORGANIZATION

Company F. 102 nd Inf.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	(1) Yes.
2.	Date of Death.	(2) 10-23-18
3.	Cause and place of death	(3) K/A
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	(4) 417 SP 112
5.	Date buried	(5) No record.
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	(6) Grave # 26 Bac Cty. # 944 Haumont Meuse. Reburied 5/20/19 Grave # 22 Sec 62 Plot 1 Argonne Amer. Cty. # 1232. Romagne -spus-Montfaucon Meuse
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	(10) Yes Yes
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	(11) Mr. Joseph DeGroff. (Father) # 11 Madison St. Granville N.Y.
12.	Has above been notified? (Give date)	(12) 2/26/20
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	
15.	Inquiry made by?	

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

Date 3-3-20

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

Please furnish information as checked (✓) below regarding the following soldier:

NAME *De Goff Clarence*

Serial Number

RANK

*Seargt.*

ORGANIZATION

*Co. 7, 102<sup>nd</sup> Inf.*

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	1) No. Serial no. 64776-
2.	Date of Death.	2) 16-23-18
3.	Cause and place of death	3) 4/a.
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	4) 417 SP 112.
5.	Date buried	5) No record.
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	16) Grave # 26. Clt # 944. Haimont-Res - Santogney, Meuse. Returned 5-20-19. Grave # 22, Sec. 62, Plot 1, Argonne Amer. Cem. 1232, Romagne - sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	16) a) Yes.
12.	Has above been notified? (Give date)	b) Yes.
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	11) Mr. Joseph M. De Goff (H) 11 Madison St., Granville, N.H.
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	12) 2-26-20 - 107.
15.	Inquiry made by?	

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