

Deketlaer

(Surname.)

Edmynd

(Christian name in full.)

12/23/20 562,073

(Army serial number)

Pvt

M G Co 59th Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

father

Do I 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)

Edward De Ketlaer

531 3rd st

Olympia

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by PM

395-104

12-21

REVIEWED

OSP SS.

CS 12-21-20

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DATE

1. NAME DEKETLAER, Edmond

SERIAL No. 562073

RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION M.G.Co., 59th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION American Mil. Cty. Nevers. Nièvre. *4th*

395

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

183

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

424 *New numbering*

NEVERS

(Nièvre)

*(10 vacant graves)*

GRAVE *434 old numbering*

COMMUNE

DEPT.

*(same grave)*

COORDINATES

CONCENTRATED TO Oct. 12, 1920, 183

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

Nevers (Nièvre)

395

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

Paper found in bottle on grave, inscribed "Dekellaer, Edmond, 562073, Pvt. M.G.Co., 59th. Inf., Died Oct. 22, 1918, at 12 noon" Tag found with body. (from data on form 16-A. No other data)

DATE OF DEATH *Oct 22 - 1918*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *Born Belgium S.C.*

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS Not of record

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY



DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR *W. H. Quarterman*

W. H. QUARTERMAN, CAPT. F.A., Supervisor Area N°4

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION July 11, 1922

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

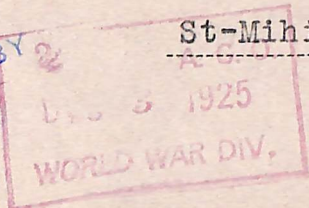
Block C- PLOT

St-Mihiel Amer. #1233, Thiaucourt (M-et-M).

CEMETERY

DEC 7 - 1925

AUDITED BY *2*



# 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, 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.

114-B (REV. 1-1-52)

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114-B

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**GRAVE LOCATION BLANK**

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LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

**DeKotler, 562073, Edmond**

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

**Pvt. Co. M G, 59th Infantry**

(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL..... **October 24, 1918**

PLACE OF BURIAL..... **Military Cemetery**

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

**Hospital Center, Mars-sur-Allier,**

**Nievre, France**

GRAVE NUMBER..... **59 B**

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

Headboard?..... Bottle?..... **Yes**

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:

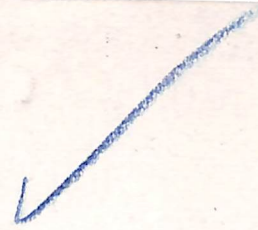
REPORTED BY:

*John K. Williams*  
**Chaplain John K. Williams, 1st Lt. USA**

(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	DeKethlan, Edmond	DEK	3	45 <sup>0</sup> 1
	CEMETERY	1233	1	3
BURIED	GRAVE	12	2	12
	ROW	18	2	18
	BLOCK	C	1	3
STATE	S. Car		2	46
RANK	Pvt		1	2
DIVISION	4		2	04
ORGANIZATION	59		3	059
ARM	2nd		1	1
MARITAL	Remarried		1	3
NAME	DeKethlan, Mrs Louise	DEK	3	45 <sup>0</sup> 1
	STATE		2	
RESIDENCE	(Miss) No loco.	COUNTY	2	
		CITY	3	
RELATION	mother		1	1
OTHER	sister		1	2
ELIGIBILITY	Foreign		1	4
NATIVITY			1	
RACE			1	
ENGLISH			1	
ATTENDANT			1	
HEALTH			1	
NO. OF SONS			1	
DATE OF	MO.		1	
TRIP	YR.		1	
ACCEPTANCE			1	
29/514/EAB	country	Belgium	2	12

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FEB 8 1922

RAM

St M

Deketlaer, Edmond  
PVT  
MG CO, 59th Inf.

SOUTH CAROLINA

KE 102032

Em  
1/21

on-camp

no loss

Louisa De Ketlaer

1-23-33

Belgium

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Rem. infant

Carrie W. Simpson

Bot 176 - Lamers, S.C

Mrs. Anna Lockamy  
Route 4.

Columbia S. C.

June 3. 1929.

9 M. 293 A-C.

De Ketlaer Edmond.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter received  
the late Private Edmond DeKetlaer  
is survived by a mother Louise DeKetlaer,  
no. 76 Melleghemst. Nedelghem,  
Pr. W. V. Belgium.

Also a widow who is remarried

Mrs. Corrie Simpson

Clinton S. C.

Very truly yours.

Sister

Anna Lockamy



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Dakotaer, Edmond

May 29, 1929.

Mrs. Irma Lockamy,  
684 5th St.,  
Columbia, S. C.

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 sister of the late Private Edmond Dakotaer, U. S. Co., 58th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Michel 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.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
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QM 293 A-C  
DEKETLAER, Edmond - Pvt.

Miss Irma Lockamy,  
534 5th St.,  
Columbia, S.C.

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 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,

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

1-Incl.  
Record card.



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Place NEVERS.

Date JUNE. 17. 1919.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: Edmond. Deketlaer

Number 562073.

Rank: Pvt.

Organization: M. G. CO. 59th. Inf.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit Detachment

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give Complete location)

June. 14. 1919.

Grave. B. 57. American. E. F. Cemetery

NO. 85.

Mars-Sur-Allier (NIEVRE)

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

June. 14. 1919.

Grave. 434. American. E. F. Cemetery.

NO. 395. Nevers

Nevers (NIEVRE)

395

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

Buried in strong coffin, body clothed, badly decomposed,

water covered coffin

Was one identification tag found upon the body? No question as to identity

What other means of identification were found on the body?

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Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct, as is required by G. O. 170, G.H. 2, 1918., after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, G.R.S.

Supervised by:

Starrus Sands  
L. R. Ome

Chas. S. Denny  
C.O. Group \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

CHAS. S. DENNY  
1st Lieut. C.A.

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

1. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name Deketlaer, Edmond Ser. No. 562073 )  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Mach. G. Co. 59th Inf. ) TYP. ILH  
 (c) Date of death 10-22-18 of death DWRIA ) CKR. AB

*27/22 Exhumed  
for Concentration  
St Michael 1233  
att 3/15/20*

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

(a) Grave No. 434 Row --- Plot --- Sect. --- ) TYP. ILH  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Cora Deketlaer, (Wife), Columbia, S. C. 531 5th St.

*old numbering or 424 new numbering*

111. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases: NO CARD ) CKR AB

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Edward Deketlaer (b) Relationship mother  
 (c) Address 531 5th St, Olympia S. Car  
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no  
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at ---

*Do not locate*

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

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

Examiner's Initials MM Date 5-26-1920

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

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

*No correspondence*

Examiner's Initials AB Date 5-26-1920

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

*No request for disposition*

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes H W

Examiner's Initials H W Date 5-28-1920

*checked by  
att 2-21-20*

DIVISION



DEC 31 1920

RECEIVED

JUN 9 1921

VII. G. R. S. FORM No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 1920

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_ Checked by \_\_\_\_\_ 1920

SEVERAL DIVISION OVERSEAS PROJECT DIVISION

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by- ( cable on \_\_\_\_\_ 1920 ( letter on 8/2 1920

Par # 2. Not to be returned (MackB)

[ACP 12-28-20]

IX. CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

Tom 120 6-15 sister (Werna Luckany) states widow has remarried, parents are in Belgium, requests body left in France.

Letter 7-12 to sister asking whether mother is legal guardian of deceased soldier's child or another has been appointed. If so the address of said guardian. CB

Letter 9/10 to widow requesting if guardian has been appointed War Risk E. a. Widow, Mrs. Corrie Simpson, 6 Jefferson St. Clinton Sc.

Letter from sister 7-21-20 Werna Luckany 534 5th St. Clifton Sc. says there has been no guardian appointed and she hasn't heard from wife (who has remarried) for six months. C 12-21-20

9/7/20 F.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Dec. 14, 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 DEKETLAER, Edmond  
 2. No. 562073  
 3. Rank Pvt.  
 4. Org. M.G.Co., 59th Inf.  
 5. D.D. Oct. 22nd 1918  
 6. C.D. WRIA

10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_  
 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) D.B. none

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 183 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 17. none

18. Cemetery American Mil  
 20. Dept. or County Nievre  
 22. G. R. S. Hdqrs. Code No. 395  
 23. Disinterred (Date) Dec. 14, 1921.  
 24. Inscription on grave marker:

19. Commune or town Nevers  
 21. Country France.  
 By J. E. Benson.

Name Deketlaer, Edmond.  
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. 562073  
 Organization Mg. Co. 59th Inf.  
Gr. 183

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

Signature J. E. Benson Junior Technical Assistant

T. H. Chunn

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).

no effects found. Form 16-A accomplished.

27. Condition of body badly decomposed. Recognition impossible.

28. Nature of burial uniform 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 Dec. 14, 1921. By J. E. Benson.

31. Casket sealed by J. E. Benson

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

J. E. Benson.

AUDITED  
800 9/29/23

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-23707

32. Designation of body:

Name Edmond DEKETLAER Serial No. 562073

Rank Pvt. Organization M.G.Co., 59th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel American Cty. #1233 Thiaucourt M-et-M

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Dec. 14. 1921. By J. E. Benson.

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 S. H. Hunsicker, 1st Lt. QMC.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Dec. 14. 1921.

To point of Concentration Nevers, Nièvre, France.  
(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, (1233) Thiaucourt. M et M.  
(Name)

Convoyer R. L. Hall. Signature Shipping Officer [Signature]

40. Received: Date 26 DEC 1921

G.R.S. Representative F B Daniel, Capt, 2MC

41. Reinterred July 11th, 1922.

(Date)

42. Grave No. 12 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot Block G. Row 18

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

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place Nevers, Nievre, France,

Date Dec, 14, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF Deketlaer, Edmond.

SERIAL NUMBER 562073

RANK Pvt

ORGANIZATION

MG Co. 59th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : Dec. 14. 1921.

From (give complete location): Gr. 183

Amer. Cem. #395. Nevers, Nievre. France.

By : Group

2

Unit

Sec. 4

3. Reburied (date)

In (give complete location) :

July 11th 1922.

Gr 12. Row 18. Block C.

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 :

Buried in uniform and wooden box. Body 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 :

No effects found.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) unable to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) " " "

(c) Hair—Color none

Quantity " "

Characteristics " "

(d) Hair on face—Color " "

Location " "

Quantity " "

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) none

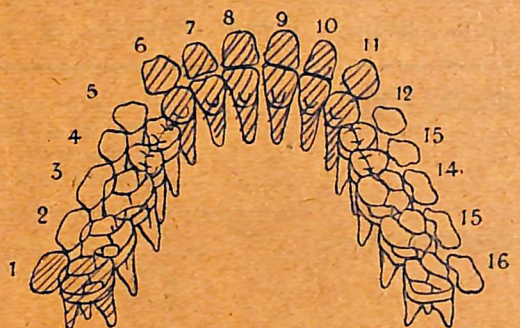
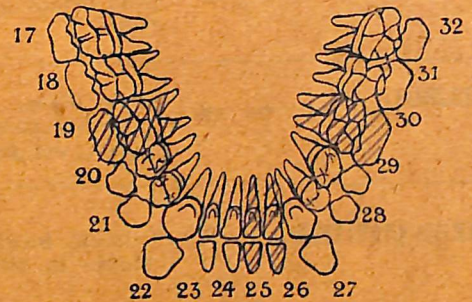


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Med. 2. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 25. 26

none

Ext. 19. 30.

7. Disinterment supervised by

J. E. Benson THC

Approved :

J. E. Benson 1st. Lt. QMC.

(Title)

JMC.

8. Reburial supervised by

H. L. Kramer

Approved :

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 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.

Place Nevers (Nievre) France.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date October 11, 1920.

1. REMAINS OF Edmond Deketlaer, SERIAL NUMBER RM 562078  
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION M.G. Co. 59th Inf.

*original form to album gr. 434*

2. Disinterred (date): Oct. 11, 1920. From (give complete location): Grave No 424, American Cty. No. 395, Nevers, (Nievre) France.

*Due to renumbering of graves (10 vacant graves) old form 1-4 gr 434 (same location)*

By: Group 2 (ROTH) Fld. Sec. XXX # 5.

3. Reburied (date): Oct. 12, 1920. In (give complete location): Grave No. 183 American Cty# 395, Nevers, (Nievre) France.

By: Group 2 (ROTH) Fld. Sec. XXX # 5. Nature of reburial Wooden box - blanket.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Buried in Wooden box, U.S. uniform. body badly decomposed.

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

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

Paper found in bottle on grave, inscribed: 'Deketlaer, Edmond, 562073, Pvt. M.G. Co., 59th Inf. Died Oct. 22, 1918, at 12 noon'.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Weight (estimated) \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Hair—Color \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Characteristics \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Hair on face—Color \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) \_\_\_\_\_

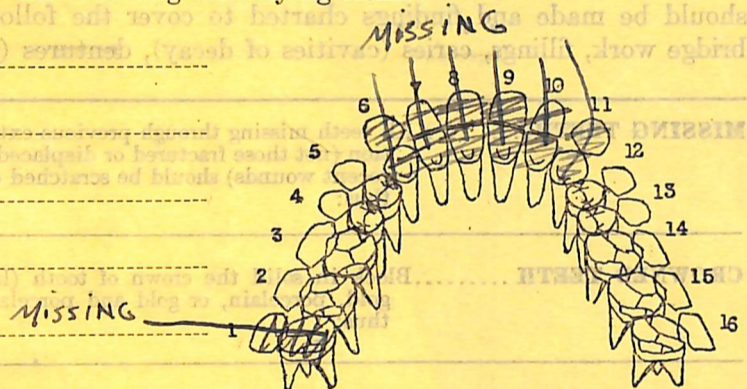
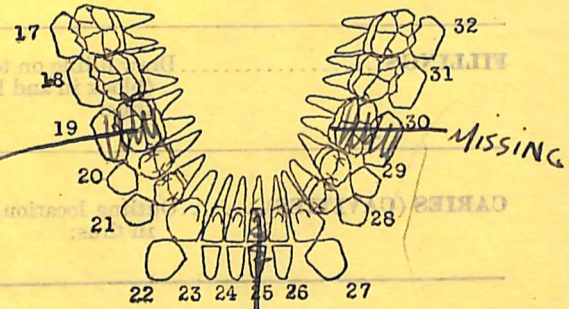


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



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

Impossible to fill in form (a) to (e) because of decomposition of body.  
(CHECKER: G.V.CANADA)

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7. Disinterment supervised by W.E. SHIPP,  
(INSPECTOR) CAPTAIN, CAV.

Approved: S.D. DOWNS,  
(Title) CAPTAIN, Q.M.C. MASTER OF SECTION.






8. Reburial supervised by W.E. SHIPP,  
(INSPECTOR) CAPTAIN, CAV.

Approved: S.D. DOWNS,  
(Title) CAPTAIN, QMC MASTER OF SECTION.

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.

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

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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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

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LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

DeKetlaer, 562073, Edmond  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt. Co. M G, 59th Infantry  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL.....October 24, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL.....Military Cemetery

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

Hospital center, Mars-sur-Allier,  
Nievre, France

GRAVE NUMBER.....59 B

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Yes Cross? Yes

Headboard? Bottle? Yes

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:

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FORM 10018

REPORTED BY:

Chaplain John K. Williams, 1st Lt. USA  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

This portion to be sent to Chief of Graves Registration Service

Cards. 43244

File No.

March 6 - 1919

MEMO FOR: G.R.S. representative, C.R.O.

SUBJECT: Information required for G R S.

I. Items checked are to be completed:

- ( ) Surname: Deketlaer.
- ( ) Number: 562073
- ( ) First name: Edmond
- ( ) Rank: Pvt.
- ( ) Company: M.G.
- ( ) Organization: 59th Inf.
- ( ) Date of death: Oct. 22 1918.
- ( ) Cause: w/a
- ( ) Place:

Location of hospital:

- Number » »
- Class » »
- ( ) Relative: Mrs. Cora Deketlaer
- ( ) Relationship: wife
- ( ) Address: Columbia, S. C.  
531 Fifth Street.
- ( ) Authority:
- Cablegram No: *OK ME*
- Telegram from:

dated:

- ( ) Reported to Washington:
- C.C. Nos: 300

(Underscore the "official" C.C.)

- ( ) Remarks:

Burial notification was sent to this address and returned, verify address.

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

Initials of reporter:

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GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

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Mrs. Cora Deketler,  
531 Fifth St.,  
Columbia S. C.

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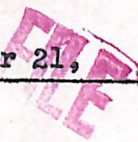
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CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
REGISTRATION SECTION

December 21, 1921



MEMO FOR:

Cards Department.

1.

CASE OF:

M. G. Co. 59th Inf.  
ORGANIZATION (Old)

DEKETLAER 562073 Edmond 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

FIRST NAME AND INITIALS

RANK

DATE OF DEATH

CAUSE OF DEATH

	Date	Place	F-1A No.
Orig.			D-
1st Reb.	10/12/20	395	D- 30058
2nd Reb.			D-
3rd Reb.			D-

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

BY: Miss Lannon

Card.  
(Department)

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Corrections made  
on Organization  
File Card:

By JGC  
S/3324/LML

ADDRESS REPLY TO

Division  
DIRECTOR OF STORAGE  
MUNITIONS BUILDING

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

No:

From:

To:

Subject:

*Special*

File Number 43244;

Date 2/26/21.

TO: REGISTRATION BRANCH, G. R. S.

FROM: INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME: De Ketlaere, Edmund Serial Number

RANK: ORGANIZATION:

**FILE**

No.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with records?	(1) No. (Edmond Deketlaere, Pvt. M. G. Co., 59th Inf.,
2.	Date of death.	(2) 10/22/18. (#562073)
3.	Cause and place of death.	(3) D.W.T.R. I.A.
4.	Number of casualty cablegram.	(4) #300.
5.	Date buried.	(5) 10/24/18.
6.	Grave location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of cemetery or commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	(6) Grave B-57, Am. Cty. #85, Mars-sur-Allier, (Nievre.) Re: 6/14/19, Grave 434, Amer. Cty. #395, Nevers, (Nievre.)
7.	Who reported burial?	(7) - a. yes. (7) - b. yes.
8.	Confirmed by G. R. S.?	(8) Mrs. Cora Deketlaer, (Wife) Columbia S.C.
9.	Report as to grave marker.	(9) 12/17/18. 531 5th St., 5/5/19. 11/13/19.
10.	Identification tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	(10) A-79 53.
11.	Complete emergency address?	
12.	Has been notified? (Give date.)	
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 number?	
15.	Inquiry made by.	

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CEMETERIAL DIVISION, GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, Q.M.C.,  
Pier 2, Hoboken, New Jersey.

January 19, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div.Cor.Br.  
(DEKELAER, Edmond )

Mrs. Corrie Simpson,  
6 Jefferson Street,  
Clinton, South Carolina.

Dear Madam:-

On September 7th, 1920, this office addressed a letter to you at the above address, requesting information as to whether or not you have custody of Ruby DeKelaer, child of the late Edmond De Kelaer, Private, Serial Number 562073, Mech. C. Co. 59th Infantry, or whether a legal guardian has been appointed for the child and in the event of the latter being the case, name and address of the guardian is requested.

This information is necessary before the final disposition of the remains of the late soldier can be determined.

Your early reply will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,  
Officer in charge.

By:

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

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Pier 2, Hoboken, New Jersey.

January 19, 1921.

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(DEKOTLAER, Edmond )

Mrs. Corrie Simpson,  
6 Jefferson Street,  
Clinton, South Carolina.

Dear Madam:-

On September 7th, 1920, this office addressed a letter to you at the above address, requesting information as to whether or not you have custody of Ruby DeKotlaer, child of the late Edmond De Kotlaer, Private, Serial Number 562073, Mech. G. Co. 59th Infantry, or whether a legal guardian has been appointed for the child and in the event of the latter being the case, name and address of the guardian is requested.

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R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,  
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By:

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
1101 N. BROADWAY, NEW JERSEY

January 12, 1931

File No. 228.3 Gen. Inv. Div. (MURKIN)  
(MURKIN, Edward)

Mrs. Corrie Simpson,  
5 Jefferson Street,  
Clinton, South Carolina.

Dear Madam:-

On September 7th, 1930, this office addressed a letter to you at the above address, requesting information as to whether or not you have custody of Ruby Jackson, child of the late Edward Jackson, private, Serial Number 12345, U.S. Army, or whether a legal guardian has been appointed for the child and in the event of the latter being the case, name and address of the guardian is requested.

This information is necessary before the final disposition of the remains of the late soldier can be determined.

Your early reply will be greatly appreciated.  
By authority of the Quartermaster General.

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,  
Officer in charge.

BY:

J. F. BURR,  
1st Lieut., Infantry,  
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

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to widow  
re-custody of  
child

September 7, 1920.

File No. 293.8 Reg. Sec. Cem. Div.  
(DEKELAER, Edmond)

Mrs. Carrie Simpson,  
6 Jefferson St.,  
Clinton, S.C.

Dear Madam:-

It is requested that you inform this office at the earliest possible date whether you have custody of Ruby De Kelaer, child of late Private Edmond De Kelaer, or whether legal guardian has been appointed for the child and in the event of the latter being the case, name and address of the guardian is requested.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

BY:

*H. M. Gwynn*  
H. M. GWYNN,  
Major, Infantry.

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CEMETERIAL DIVISION.

Noted on Form No. 115  
Date 9-7-20  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

September 7, 1920.

File No. 293.6 Reg. Sec. Com. Div.  
(DEKETLAER, Edmond)

Mrs. Carrie Simpson,  
6 Jefferson St.,  
Clinton, S.C.

Dear Madam:-

It is requested that you inform this office at the earliest possible date whether you have custody of Ruby De Ketlaer, child of late Private Edmond De Ketlaer, or whether legal guardian has been appointed for the child and in the event of the latter being the case, name and address of the guardian is requested.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Major, U.S. Army,  
Chief, Comterial Division.

BY:

H. M. GWYNN,  
Major, Infantry.

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To: Inquiry Section.  
From: Overseas Project Sub-Section.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION on Cemetery No. (furnished by: *HCH*) (date: *8-6-20*)

Data sent Overseas *Body to remain (let. Trans. 8-2-20)*

Operations to commence (approx.) *8-20-20*

Operations to be completed (approx.)

Bodies shipped from European Port

Bodies arrived at Hoboken

II. CASE OF *Debetlaer, Edmond - Pvt. Mach. 5, Co. 59 Inf.*

The following information was abstracted (Date) *8-6-* from: *Form 115*

SOURCE	CLK.	in OFFICE		Clk.	in OFFICE
A. G. O. Cards	<i>mm</i>	<i>yes.</i>	Shppg. Inquiry (sent <i>6/9/20</i> )		
A.G.O. Corresp.	<i>F.B</i>	<i>none.</i>	To <i>Widow.</i>	<i>HCH</i>	<i>yes.</i>
G.R.S. Corresp. relative to disp.	<i>HCH</i>	<i>yes.</i>	OSP S-S Corresp. (see Remarks.)		

DESIRES as to Disposition.

*a 50 Card.*

Name of Relative	RETURN			REMAIN	SPECIAL
	N. C.	Pvt.	Int.		
Widow					<b>FILE</b>
Children (Name oldest first)					
Father <i>Edward Debetlaer,</i>					
Mother <i>5-31-52nd St. &amp; Lymphia,</i>					
Brothers <i>S. Car.</i>					
Sisters					<i>HCH 8/6.</i>

Body to be shipped to \_\_\_\_\_ was shipped (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

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REMARKS *Ch 395 - Forms 120 - Dist*  
*Informations commence 8/20-20*  
*Let. 7-21-20 noted on form 115 - 83818 8/2-20*  
*Letter detached & kept in overseas project sec.*  
*no further action necessary by Inquiry Br.*  
*HCH 8/6.*

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

Date 7/30/20

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME De Kellaer, Edmond

Serial Number

RANK

ORGANIZATION

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	1.) Pvt. # 562073
2.	Date of Death.	M. G. Co. 59th. Inf. 2.) 10-22-18.
3.	Cause and place of death.	3.) D.W.R.D.A.
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	4.) 300
5.	Date buried.	5.) 10-24-18 ✓
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	6.) Grave no. B 57 Amer. Cty. #85, Mars-sur- Allier, Meuse. Disinterred & reburied - 6-14-19 Grave # 434, Amer. Cty. #395 Nevers, 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.) a - yes. B - yes
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	11.) Mrs. Cora DeKellaer (w) 531 Fifth St. Columbia, S.C.
12.	Has been notified? (Give date)	12.) 12-17-18 - Re-notified - 5-5-19 11-13/19 - 107
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.?	14.) A-7953. J.E.F.
15.	Inquiry made by?	Released by Information Control Dept. Directory X Cards 5x8 Cards 4x6

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Columbia S. C.

July 21, 1920.

Major Charles C. Pierce

I. M. Corps

Chief, Cemetary Div.

comes. noted on  
Journ 115. HCH 5/6.

Dear sis:

It is now six months since I have heard of the wife and child of my late brother Private Edmond De Kettlaer, she and her husband were both able to make good living and neither would do nor try, but spend every thing left by my brother and saved the child nothing, there is no legal guardian appointed.

Yours truly

Anna Lockamy

534 5<sup>th</sup> St.

Columbia S. C.

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July 12th, 1920

File No. 293.3 Reg. Sec., Cem. Div.  
(Deketlaer, Edmond.)

Mrs. Irma Lockamy,  
534 Fifth Street,  
Columbia, So. C.

Dear Madam:-

In order that the records of this office may be clear in the matter of disposition of the remains of your late brother, Private Edmond Deketlaer, it is requested that you inform this office whether the mother of the late soldier's child retains legal custody of same, or whether a legal guardian has been appointed, giving name and address of such legal guardian.

Your early reply will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Major, Q.M. Corps, U.S.A.  
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

BY:

*M. M. M.*

C. D. ANNIS,  
1st Lieut., Q.M. Corps.

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Cor. Stat. Unit.

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July 12th, 1920

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(Deketlaer, Edmond. )

Mrs. Irma Lockamy,  
534 Fifth Street,  
Columbia, So. C.

Dear Madam:-

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Your early reply will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Major, Q.M. Corps, U.S.A.  
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

BY:

*M. M. M.* *CDAP*  
C. D. ANNIS  
1st Lieut., Q.M. Corps.

EC Man  
OSP:SS  
Cor. Stat. Unit.

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Date *8/10*  
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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
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NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

Prof. Edmund Deketlaer

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6-23-20

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

562, 073

M.G. Co 59th Inf.

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE June 29, 1920

NAME OF BENEFICIARY Mrs. Corrie Simpson

RELATIONSHIP Widow

6 Jefferson St., Clinton, S.C.

Address:

NS-8438/JC

E.C. ✓

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

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

395-104

TO: Mrs. Cora Deketlaer, Columbia, S.C. 531 5th St.,

JUN 9 1920

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Edmond Deketlaer

The records of this office show that you have ~~requested that his~~

~~XXXXXX~~ 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~~ remain in France.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

Filed on Form No. 115  
Date 7-14-20 CJS

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow	6 Jefferson St. Clindow, S.C. (beneficiary) address unknown		
Garric Simpson			
Soldier's Children	1. Ruby De Ketlaer		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
	3.		
Father	Edward De Ketlaer a Fedelghem P. W. W. Belgium		
Mother	Louise De Ketlaer		
Brothers	1. Leo De Ketlaer	Columbia	S. C.
(Name oldest first)	2.		
Sisters	Irma Lockamij Madelaine De Ketlaer		
Date	June 15 1920.	Signature	Irma Lockamij
V.A.H.	534 5th St	Relationship	sister

The transfer of bodies will be made entirely at Government expense.

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

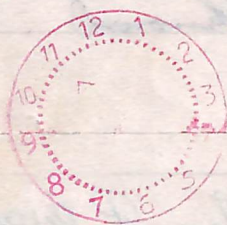
from Irma Locharrij  
To Chief of graves registration service:  
Dear Sir:

The widow of my brother Edmond De Kethlaer is a traveling around and don't let any one know where she is or hear from her she married within 3 months after Edmond's death she told us my parents to have done whatever they wanted as it would not do any more good to have the body send back than to stay and my parents suggested to let the body rest in France where he died.

Father and mother are at present in Belgian when I think they will stay as they made a home there

Respectfully  
Irma Locharrij

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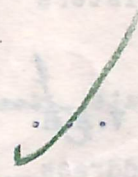


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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Nov. 13, 1919.

TO: Mrs. Cora Deketlaer,  
531 Fifth Street,  
Columbia, South Carolina.

Case of: Pvt. Edmond Deketlaer, #562073,  
Machine Gun Battalion, 59th Infantry.

Place of Burial: Disinterred and Reburied in  
Grave #434,  
American Cemetery #395,  
Nevers, Nievre.

1.- It would be likely to involve further delay if we should write personal letters in each of the many cases of notification of relatives as to the present resting places of their noble dead who glorify the nation's roll of honor.

2.- Will you therefore, please accept this letter as being the best we can do, just now? And will you also accept the sympathy of those who have been working hard for many months to render worthy service to tens of thousands of sorrowing people, in the care of their dead?

3.- Many delays in notification have resulted from our ignorance of proper addresses, shortage of clerical personnel, incomplete and imperfect information, or non-delivery and return of former letters.

4.- Thousands of bodies have been transferred to larger and better cemeteries, for reasons which were deemed imperative by the military authorities of all the Allied Nations, and the great task of improving these cemeteries is well under way. The most diligent care has been exercised to insure accuracy, and this immense project is being carried through as an unquestionable service to the friends of our dead.

5.- In serving you and others, we have been hampered by conditions and consequences of such a war as we hope may never involve our country again.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Colonel, Q. M. Corps,  
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

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INFORMATION FOR THE FRIENDS OF OUR DEAD  
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1. THE GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, a branch of the Quartermaster Corps, is the official organization of the War Department, charged with the acquisition and control of cemeteries in Europe and the marking and preservation of all graves. It is not prepared to give information on other subjects than the above,
2. CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH. The Graves Registration Service does not receive information relative to the circumstances surrounding the death of soldiers, and inquiries under this heading should be addressed to the Chaplain or some other officer of the organization in which the soldier was serving at the time of his death, if the address is known.
3. THE EXACT LOCATION OF A GRAVE is communicated, whenever possible, to the person whom the soldier had previously registered as the proper one to be addressed in case of casualty. The great mass of information to be gathered, verified and transmitted, will generally account for delays in notification.
4. CHANGES IN GRAVE LOCATION have been made in a great many instances since the first notifications were sent to relatives. These transfers of bodies have been undertaken, at the instance of the French Government, for the recovery of land which has heretofore been used for graves, and also in order that bodies may be better located and graves more properly cared for. All the allied governments have been engaged in this policy of concentration.
5. CHANGE OF ADDRESS on the part of nearest relatives has caused the return of thousands of letters of notification to this office by the postal authorities. We must be notified as to change of address or communication with relatives will be impossible.
6. FLOWERS, FLAGS, ETC. We are frequently asked to place flowers, flags and other gifts on individual graves, but such requests must be denied because of the wide extent of our territory, and the impossibility of reaching so many burial places under the difficult conditions which obtain. Efforts will be continued for the beautifying of the places of our dead, and these are destined to be the most attractive in Europe when all plans have been completed.
7. CEMETERIES ARE MAINTAINED and care takers are employed by the government. Commendable progress is reported as to the project of the government to make honorable the resting-place of each one of its loyal dead.
8. MONUMENTS. In order to prevent inequality in the treatment of graves, and for the further reason that the Government would eventually be obliged to transport monuments with bodies to designated places of final burial, it is not at present permitted to erect any permanent or private monument; all graves being temporarily marked with a cross or the regulation headboard such as is used in National Cemeteries in the United States. No other markers can be authorized until the final disposition of the dead has been made. Stone markers of appro-

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private design will probably be put in place by the Government and the advice of the National Fine Arts Commission is now being sought with a view to securing the best results,

9. INSCRIPTIONS. The present inscriptions on grave markers have necessarily been taken from the burial reports submitted by Chaplains and others. Careful comparison of these inscriptions is being made with the official rolls of The Adjutant General, and the permanent markers may be expected to conform to the exact spelling and other data certified by that office as being official.

10. INQUIRIES CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED AS INDICATED:

(a) PERSONAL EFFECTS.

Chief, Effects Bureau, Hoboken, N. J.

(b) PAY

Auditor for the War Department, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

(c) LIBERTY BONDS.

Director of Finance, Washington, D. C.

(d) WAR RISK INSURANCE.

Chief, War Risk Insurance Bureau, Washington, D. C.

11. PHOTOGRAPHS OF GRAVES have been taken by a section of the American Red Cross assigned to the staff of the Graves Registration Service and are being distributed, without charge, to the nearest relatives, of our dead. These will be sent, automatically, without application, as each case is reached. Considering the large number of cases involved it will be understood that these photographs cannot be sent to any other persons than the relatives of the deceased.

12. RETURN OF BODIES from France to the United States or their PERMANENT BURIAL IN FRANCE will be made in due time, as may be specifically requested by nearest relative; which request should be addressed to The Adjutant General of the Army, Washington, D.C., who will issue proper instructions. Due announcement will be made, but the time cannot be hastened by appeals for priority, precedence, or favoritism in the listing of claims. The final disposition of bodies will be considered and executed as an entire project, at such time as the vastness and difficulty of this almost inconceivable task may make possible. France desires this project to be deferred till a future date because of sanitary and economic difficulties, and no final decision has yet been reached in the diplomatic exchanges which have been in progress.

13. While some of these restrictions may seem unreasonable to friends in the first outburst of their sorrow, experience has shown the same to be necessary, and our people are asked to accept the sacrifice which they impose, in the belief that so great and serious an enterprise will eventually be accomplished to the credit of the government and as nearly as possible to the satisfaction of our people.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
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