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To The A. G. O.

G.R.S. Form #114-B

JAN 7 - 1926

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FULL NAME ..... DEKKER, Cornelius

RANK ..... Private ..... SERIAL ..... 2312710

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION ..... Company E, 165th Infantry ..... 42 div

DATE OF DEATH ..... July 29, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME ..... Ill

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED ..... none found

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION .....  
Date ..... 5 Grave ..... 1 Row ..... B Block

608

Cemetery

Robert O. Davis,  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General

CR9

JAN 11 1926

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

AUDITED BY  
CRK 8-4-27

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O.C.S. Form 511-B

NAVY - 310

FULL NAME

NAME SERIAL

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION

DATE OF DEATH

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME



25/10/26

Co E 165 Inf.

DEKKER Cornelius Pvt

Missing in action July 30/18

Sub. Par. 229 - CC 4II, now reported killed in action 7/29 - 18  
Buried Cem 608 Seringes at Nesles Amer. Memory Farm Aisne.

Mr Simien Dakker (father)  
10628 Michigan Ave  
Chicago, Ill.

Informant: ARC Central Records Office  
APO 902

M.J. Estelle, Searcher.

J.L.

1.7.

M. J. Lafette, Sergeant.

CHITAGO, ILL.  
10238 WASHINGTON AVE  
MR. STANLEY DEKKER (FATHER)

VBO 808  
INFORMANT: VEC CENTRAL RECORDS OFFICE

BURIED CEM 808 SHELTERED BY MENAGER AMER. MEMOIA BIRM VLAND.  
SER. 333 - CC VII, NOW REPORTED KILLED IN SECTION A/30 - 18

DEKKER Cornelius Pvt  
MIA IN SECTION A/30/18

Co E <sup>5th</sup> 167th Inf.  
42nd Division

DEKKER, Cornelius - Pvt

This soldier was reported missing in action at Château-Thierry, July 28th 1918 .

It is the belief of the Co Commander that this soldier was evacuated wounded to Hospital, but no further information is available .

John F. Conners  
Capt. U.S.A. 165th Infantry  
Commander

A/A/

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL



Place Seringes et Nesles

Date April 20/21

1. REMAINS OF DEKKER, CORNELIUS SERIAL NUMBER 2311710

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. E, 165th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): April 20/21 From (give complete location):

Amer. Cty. Seringes et Nesles, #608, Gr.206-M-4

By: Group Geiler Unit \_\_\_\_\_

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

same date, cemetery, Gr.131-M-4

By: Group Geiler Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial box and burlap

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

5 ft. earthen grave, U.S. Uniform, burlap, disintegrated, unrecognizable

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

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

None

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

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

(c) Hair—Color \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Characteristics \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Hair on face—Color \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

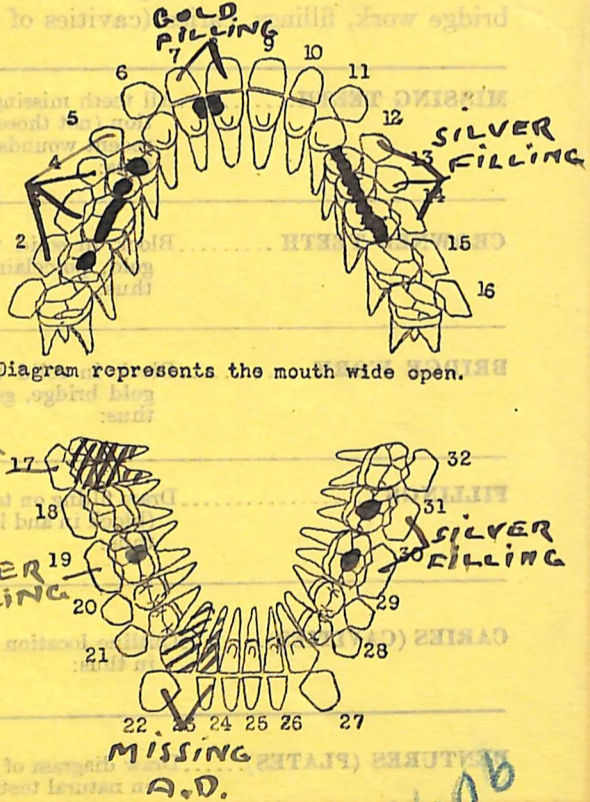
Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or

missing parts) Tooth 17 missing before death

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

Left leg shattered above knee



*D-30608*

7. Disinterment supervised by Harry T. Geiler  
Harry T. Geiler, S.E.

Approved: W.C. Hurst  
(Title) W.C. Hurst, Capt. QMC.






8. Reburial supervised by Harry T. Geiler  
Harry T. Geiler, S.E.

Approved: W.C. Hurst  
(Title) W.C. Hurst, Capt. QMC.

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

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

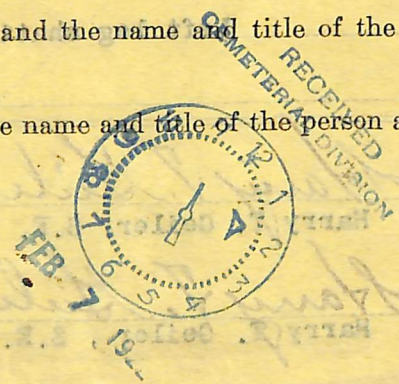
1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial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

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

**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.



1 Seringes

Date June 6, 1919

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name Dikker Cornelius

Number 2312710

Rank Pvt.

Organization: Co.E. 165 Inf.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

3 Unit 304

Disinterred (Date) June 6, 1919 From: (Give complete location)

Grave #v186 Plot 4 Section N Cem. 608 Seringes et Nesles (Aisne)

Map #33 SE.

Reburied (Date) June 6, 1919 in: (Give complete location)

Grave # 206 Plot 4 Section M. Cem. 608 Seringes et Nesles (Aisne)

Map #33 SE.

Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Buried 4 feet deep. Body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? None one on cross.

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

Note:

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

Supervised by Sgt. Tamblin

1st. Lt. O.W. Forsberg

C.O. Group 304 Unit

CONFIRMED No. D. 11870

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Slack	3	459
CORNELIUS	CEMETERY 608	1	2
BURIED	GRAVE 5	2	05
	ROW 1	2	01
	BLOCK B	1	2
STATE	Ill	2	13
RANK	Pvt.	1	2
DIVISION	42	2	42
ORGANIZATION	165	3	165
ARM	Inf.	1	2
MARTIAL	no	1	2
NAME	Slack	3	459
Mt. Simon	STATE	2	13
1042.5 State St	COUNTY	2	13
RESIDENCE	CITY	3	13
Chicago, Ill	RELATION	1	1
	OTHER	1	1
	ELIGIBILITY (No loco no SM)	1	6
	NATIVITY	1	
	RACE	1	
	ENGLISH	1	
	ATTENDANT	1	
	HEALTH	1	
	NO. OF SONS	1	
	DATE OF	1	
	TRIP	1	
	ACCEPTANCE	1	

Father

**AUDITED**  
AUG 8 1932  
MB

M. L. H.

RWA

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Dekker, Cornelius 608 F

July 9, 1930.

Mr. Simon Dekker,  
10425 State St.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

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

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

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

No

2. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not remarried?

If so, give her name and address:

No

3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?


If so, give her name and address:

No

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Dekker, Cornelius

Oct. 12, 1929.

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10425 State St.,  
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The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Pvt. Cornelius Dekker, Co. E, 165th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried?

*No was not married*

2. If so, give her complete address.

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

*No. His mother died 1916*

4. Does she desire to make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*John T. Harris*

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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608

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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

WASHINGTON, D. C.  
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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A4C

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June 24, 1929.

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*10425 State St.*

*Q119500*

*10/1/29*

*no record of m. shown*

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| 4. Does she desire to make the pilgrimage?   |  |

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Q# 295 A-C  
Dekker, Cornelius

March 5, 1929.

SUBJECT: Discrepancy in Records.

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

1. It is requested the records and Organization Directories be  
adjusted in the case of Cornelius Dekker, 2312710, Private, Company E,  
165th Infantry, interred in Grave 5, Row 1, Block B, Oise-Aisne American  
Cemetery, to show the serial number as 2312710.

For The Quartermaster General:

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

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O. Q. M. G.: M. & R. DIV.

REC'D MAR 5 PM 2 53

~~ATTACHED~~

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE February 25, 1928

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

- 1. Name DEKKER, Cornelius
- 2. No. 2311710
- 3. Rank Pvt.
- 4. Org. Co. E, 165th Inf.
- 5. D.D. July 29, 1918
- 6. C.D. KIA.
- 10. Name
- 11. No.
- 12. Rank
- 13. Org.
- 14. (a) D.D.
- (b) D.B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- 7. Grave No. 5 Sec.
- 8. Plot Block B Row 1
- 9.
- 15. Grave No. Sec.
- 16. Plot (name) Row
- 17.
- 18. Cemetery Oise-Aisne
- 19. Commune or town Seringes-et-Nesles
- 20. Dept. or County Aisne
- 21. Country France
- 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 608
- 23. Disinterred (Date) February 25, 1928 By P.D. Woodman
- 24. Inscription on grave marker: (Date)
- Name DEKKER, Cornelius Serial No. 2311710
- Rank Pvt. Organization Co. E, 165th Inf.
- 25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? On body?

Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

- 26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail)
- 27. Condition of body
- 28. Nature of burial Pine box and burlap
- 29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above?
- 30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date February 25, 1928 By P.D. Woodman
- 31. Casket sealed by P.D. Woodman

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

P.D. Woodman.

U.S. GOVERNMENT

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

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

Name DEKKER, Cornelius Serial No. 2311710

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. E, 165th Inf.

33. Consigned to : \_\_\_\_\_

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

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) February 25, 1928 By Charles E. Spahn

35. I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector Charles E. Spahn

36. Remarks \_\_\_\_\_  
Charles E. Spahn

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

To point of Concentration \_\_\_\_\_ (Name)

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping officer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

To Permanent Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_ (Name)

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

41. Reinterred February 25, 1928, Oise-Aisne American Cty. (Date)

42. Grave No. 5 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot Block B Row 1

G.R.S. Representative William E. Moore

William E. Moore, Superintendent.

DISINTELEMENT REPORT  
REPORT OF DISINTELEMENT PRESERVATION SHIPMENT AND RECOVERY OF BODY  
To be prepared in triplicate  
DATE FEBRUARY 25 1928  
STATION SERINGES-ET-NESELES AISNE

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Place Oise-Aisne Cty. 608

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Grave 5, Block B, Row 1  
By: Group \_\_\_\_\_ Cty. \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

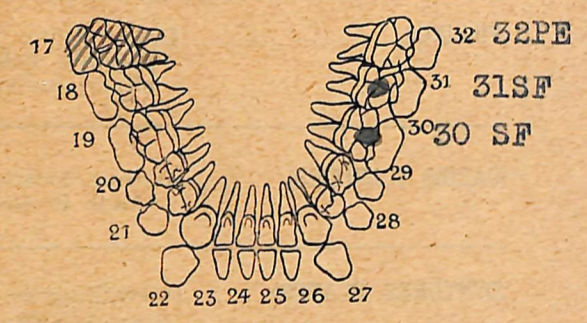
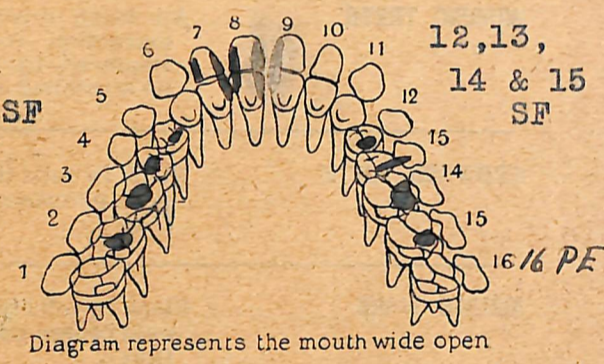
3. Reburied (date): February 25, 1928 In (give complete location):  
Grave 5, Block B, Row 1  
By: Group \_\_\_\_\_ Cty. \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial Metallic casket

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

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? \_\_\_\_\_ On grave marker? \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:

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

- (a) Height (actual measurement) 7 & 8 GF 10 PF
- (b) Weight (estimated) \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) Hair—Color 2, 3, 4 & 5 SF  
Quantity \_\_\_\_\_  
Characteristics \_\_\_\_\_
- (d) Hair on face—Color \_\_\_\_\_  
Location \_\_\_\_\_  
Quantity 17 NE
- (e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) \_\_\_\_\_
- (f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) 22, 23 & 24 MAD



7. Disinterment supervised by W. Woodman

Approved: W. Woodman  
(Title) \_\_\_\_\_

8. Reburial supervised by Charles E. Spahr

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Title) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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



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



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



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



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



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

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

<sup>e</sup>  
Dekker

(Surname.)

Cornelius

(Christian name in full.)

<sup>2</sup>  
2,311,710

(Army serial number.)

Pvt

Co E, 165th Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Father

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

No

(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery?

(Yes or no.)

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

<sup>M.</sup>  
(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Simon Dekker

10628 Michigan Ave

Chicago

Ill

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

3-6713

Drawn by P#  
608-755  
12-14

Checked  
12-14-50  
M. W. M.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-C

DEKKER, Cornelius - Pvt.

November 6, 1925

Mr. Simon Dekker,  
10628 Michigan Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

1 Incl.  
Record card.

L.W. REDINGTON,  
Major, Q.M.C.,  
Assistant.

RD  
L&L

25/560/EYS

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO ~~QM 293 A-C~~

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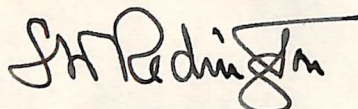
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11-13-25*

MEMORANDUM TO FILES DEPARTMENT  
REGISTRATION BRANCH

TRANSFER ALL PAPERS—

From: File No. 111095 (canceled) CORNELL, #2312710, DUKE  
Pvt., 165th Inf.  
To: File No. 70270 DEKKER, #2312710, CORNELIUS  
Pvt., Co. B, 165th Inf.

The two men are identical.  
Ch

By Ethel C. Cawley  
Investigation & Section,  
Investigation & Adjustment Dept.

MEP Investigator

Date March 31, 1921.

O. K. Numerical File Index

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Mr. Simon Dekker,

10628 Michigan Ave.,

Chicago,

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Soldier's  Overseas  
Grave

Name Cornelius Dekker

Rank Private

Organization Company E, 165th Infantry

Grave No. 5 Row 1 Block B

Cemetery Oise-Aisne American

Location Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #70270

(a) Name DEKKER, Cornelius Ser. No. 2312710  
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. E, 165th Infantry  
(c) Date of death 7/29/18 (d) Cause of death K/A

ok (12-20) ✓  
TYP. DMA  
CKR. SH

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

(a) Grave No. 206 Row ----- Plot 4 Sec. M TYP. DMA

(b) Emerg. Address Simion Dekker (father) 10628 Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases ----- CKR. SH

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt -----

(a) Name Simion Dekker (b) Relationship Father  
(c) Address 10628 Michigan Ave. Chicago, Ill  
(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 PF Date 12-14, 1920.

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

-----, dated -----

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

no copies

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

VI. G. R. S. FILES, CORRESPONDENCE—shows as follows: France, Miss Alice Hoekstra,

566. 102d Pl. Chicago, Ill. 1/10/19 Request information concerning his welfare

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? -----

Examiner's Initials SH Date 12-15, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 608 SHEET No. 755

G. R. S. Form No. 115 Amended April 6, 1920

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Make Form No. 114

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

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Name .....

Rank .....

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A. G. O. Card & Corr. *12-14*

Discrepancies

Name *L* .....

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Serial No. *L* .....

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Remarks :

G. R. S. Corr. ....

Discrepancies

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Remarks :

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Name .....

Rank .....

Serial No. *12-16-20*

Org. *F. J. W. Sub.*

Remarks :

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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

WASHINGTON  
HOBOKEN, N.J.

FEB 4 1921

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

To: Mr. Simon Dekker, 10628 Michigan Ave., Chicago, Illinois.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Cornelius Dekker, Ser.No. 2312710, Co.E, 165th Inf.

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above-named soldier remain in France.

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

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

If all blank spaces below are not filled out, it will necessitate a return of this paper and a SERIOUS DELAY in the shipment of this body. State in each case WHETHER or not these relatives are STILL LIVING.

Was soldier married? .....

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow .....			
Soldier's children (Name oldest first.)	1 .....		
	2 .....		
	3 .....		
Father .....			
Mother .....			
Brothers (Name oldest first.)	1 .....		
	2 .....		
	3 .....		
Sisters (Name oldest first.)	1 .....		
	2 .....		
	3 .....		

Date .....

Signature .....

Address .....

Relationship .....

Address

Relationship

192

Date

Signature

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I, the undersigned, am the \_\_\_\_\_ and nearest living next of kin of the within-named soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz: (Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.  
2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to \_\_\_\_\_ (Name.)

(R. R. station.) \_\_\_\_\_ (State.)

3. To be returned to the U. S. and buried in \_\_\_\_\_ National Cemetery.

4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instructions for the disposition of a body are not received from the next of kin within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.

2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.

3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT OF KIN IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.

4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest next of kin in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.

5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.

6. If YOU are not the nearest next of kin, please ask the nearest next of kin, if living near you, to fill out this paper.

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

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

9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

NOTE.—INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DISPOSITION OF REMAINS will be issued by this office upon the properly executed authority of the legal next of kin in each case. The widow is the first person having disposition of the remains of her husband. Should there be no widow or children, the father and, in turn (upon his decease), the mother, is the proper authority. The brothers, in order of seniority, and then the sisters in order of seniority, if there are no brothers, rank next in authority to decide. Under an opinion rendered by the Judge Advocate General of the Army, if a widow has remarried she forfeits her right, and the next of kin as given above will make decision.

U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1918

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #70270

(a) Name DEKKER, Cornelius Ser. No. 2312710 *oh (12-20)*  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. E, 165th Infantry TYP DMA  
 (c) Date of death 7/29/18 Cause of death K/A

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

(a) Grave No. 206 Row ----- Plot 4 Sect. M TYP DMA  
 (b) Emerg. Address Simon Dekker (father) 10628 Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases ----- CKR -----

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

*Info card - Simon Dekker (father) 10628 Michigan Ave Chicago, Ill, requests that body be not returned to U.S. aen 1/17/21*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on ----- 192  
 (Letter of transmittal JAN 15 1921)

**PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED**

*aen*

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. JAN 27 1921 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

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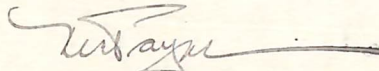
FILE PAPER MEMO

File # 70270

3/31/21

Case of: DEKKER, Cornelius 2312710 Pvt. Co. <sup>E</sup>, 165th Inf.  
&  
CORNELL, Duke, 2312710 Pvt. 165th Inf.

These men are the same because C-30 (original burial of CORNELL, Duke ) is transferred to Cty 608 and the serial numbers and rank and organization are the same.



M. E. PAYNE  
Investigator.

this is to be put in files.

HJS

INVESTIGATION AND ADJUSTMENT DEPARTMENT

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

File No. 70270

Registration.

Date March 19, 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. DEKKER or CORNELL

f. Date of death. 7-29-18

b. Christian name. Cornelius or Duke

g. Cause of death. K/A

c. Serial number. 2312710

h. Authority (C. C. No.) 411 Sp 229 - 61

d. Organization. Co. E. 165th Inf

i. Emergency address. *Sumner D. Decker  
10628 Mich. Ave.  
Chicago, Ill.*

e. Rank. Pvt

j. Relationship. *Father*

**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.

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

**DENTAL CHARTS.**

(See physical report of examination prior to enlistment.)

a. Strike out teeth missing:

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

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

By

*[Signature]*  
H. J. CONNER,  
1st Lieut ~~Captain~~, Q. M. C.

MAR 23 1921

Mr. Wilson  
DTD

Rec'd World War Div.  
Date..... MAR 21 1921

*Danzon, B. J. S.,  
Capt. Pan Sec., 700g 3/21/21*

REC'D U. S. ARMY, A. G. O.  
MAR 21 1921 6

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

File No. 70370  
Registration  
From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Cometarial Division)  
To: The Adjutant General of the Army, Sixth and B Streets NW, Washington, D. C.  
Subject: Information required for G. R. S.

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

- a. Serial number. 2312710
- b. Christian name, Cornelian or Duss
- c. Rank. Pvt
- d. Organization. Co. E. 105th Inf
- e. Date of death. 7-29-18
- f. Cause of death. K/A
- g. Authority (C. G. No.) 411 2p 229 - 61
- h. Emergency address.
- i. Relationship.

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

DENTAL CHARTS

(See physical report of examination prior to enlistment.)

- a. Strike out teeth missing:
- Upper right 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
- Upper left
- Lower right 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
- Lower left

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

H. J. COZZERL  
1st Lieut Quartermaster, U. S. A.

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Mr. Wilson  
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MAR 24 1921

WAR. DEPARTMENT  
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington

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

Date 12/16/20.

File No. Registration.

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

- a. Surname Dekker, (Dekkar) ✓
- b. Christian name Cornelius. ✓
- c. Serial Number 2311710. (2312710) ✓
- d. Organization Co. E, 165th Inf. ✓
- e. Rank Pvt. ✓
- f. Date of death 7/29/18. ✓
- g. Cause of death K/A. ✓
- h. Authority (C.O.#) 411-61
- i. Emergency address Simon Dekker (father)  
10628 Mich. Ave., Chicago Ill.
- j. Relationship

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

- a. Age of enlistment
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- 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

*Donnelly - tea*  
*CPA - 12-17-20*

**FILE**

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

BY: *H. J. Conner*

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

CEMETERY NO: 608.

SHEET NO: 755.  
TYPED BY: rln.

S/713/LML

World War Div.

DEC 17 1920

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Classification \_\_\_\_\_

Adjustment \_\_\_\_\_

CEMETERY DIVISION  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
REGISTRATION SECTION

Date 7/7/20

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			Date of Burial		
Name			Date of Reburial		
Serial Number		<i>Re</i>	Burial Information		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rank			Nearest Relative		
Organization			Notified Nearest Relative		
Cause of Death			Blue Card thrown out		
Date of Death			White Card set up		
Casualty Cablegram Number					

O.K. Alphabetical Files 71. 2. 3. 7-8-20  
 O.K. Organization Files \_\_\_\_\_  
 O.K. State Files. \_\_\_\_\_

**FILE**

Cemetery Audit Department  
 Investigation & Adjustment Dept.

By Ellis

1 Cards attached.

70270

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

April 21, 1919.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.  
TO :  
SUBJECT : Capt. John J. Verhaar, Co. H. Forwarding Camp, Le Mans, France,  
Base Section No. 4, S.O.S., A.P.O. 762.  
Private Cornelius Dekker, Co. E., 165th Infantry, American E.F.

In reply to your letter of inquiry, with reference to the  
regretted death of this soldier, according to the records at these head-  
quarters he is buried in

the American Battle Area Cemetery MEURCY FARM at  
SERINGES-ET-NESLES, department of the MEUSE. The grave which is number 186  
has one identification tag attached to marker.

By direction

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

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

( Enclosures - G.R.S.: )  
( 10 - B, 004.5. )

MBD/GC.

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BASE SECTION NO. 4, S.O.S.

March 24, 1919.

From : Captain John J. VerHaar,  
To : Chief Graves Registration Service, Tours, Am.E.F.

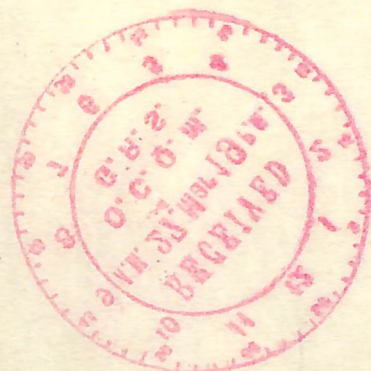
Subject: To determine the location of and information regarding Private Cornelius Dekker.

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John J. VerHaar  
Capt.



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BASE SECTION NO. 4, S.O.S.

March 24, 1919.

From : Captain John J. Verhaar,  
To : Chief Graves Registration Service, Tours, Am. F.P.

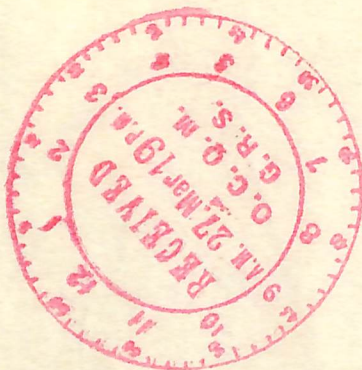
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*John J. VerHaar*  
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Capt. *Co. H 4th Am Reg.*  
*Forwarding Cadup*  
*Le Mans France*  
*A.P.O. 762*





201. Dekker, Cornelius.

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WJA/as

Central Records office, A.G.D. A.P.O.#902, A.E.F. May 17th 1919 -  
To Chief, Graves Registration Service, A.P.O.#717.

It is requested that this office be furnished with all available information relative to the burial location of Pvt. Cornelius Dekker, 2312710, who was killed in action July 29, 1918.

H.M. Nelly,  
Adjutant General.

ACL\*NWA.

2nd Ind.

Chief, Graves Registration Service, Headquarters, S.O.S. Am.E.F. June 19, 1919.  
TO: Central Records Office, A.G.D. A.P.O. 902, Am. E.F. Returned.

1. Records of the Graves Registration Service show Private CORNELIUS DEKER, (2312710), Co. E., 165th Infantry, to have been buried in Grave 186, Plot 4, Section N, American Battle Area Cemetery Meurey Farm at Seringes-et-Mesles, Department Aisne, Map reference: Map 33 SE, Coordinates E195.25 - N275.4. Grave is marked by a cross to which is attached one identification tag.

CHARLES C. PIERCE  
Colonel, Q.M.G. U.S.A.  
Chief, G.R.S.



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WJA/sa

Col. Baker, Cornwallis

1st Ind.

General Records Office, A.S.D. A.P.O. 4902, A.R.F. May 17th 1918 -  
To Chief, Graves Registration Service, A.P.O. 4717.

If it is requested that this office be furnished with all  
available information relative to the burial location of Pvt.  
Cornelius Baker, 221210, who was killed in action July 23, 1918.

E.M. Kelly,  
Assistant General.

2nd Ind.

COL. BAKER

Chief, Graves Registration Service, Headquarters, S.O.S. A.R.F. June 19, 1918.  
TO: General Records Office, A.S.D. A.P.O. 4902, A.R.F. Cornwallis.

I. Records of the Graves Registration Service show Private CORNELIUS  
BAKER (221210), Co. H., 188th Infantry, to have been buried in Grave 108, Plot  
& Section H, American Battle Monuments Cemetery near at Verdun, France,  
Department of the Army, Map reference: Map 55 22, Coordinates 5158 25 - 5158 4.  
Graves is marked by a cross to which is attached one identification tag.

CHARLES G. FISHBURN  
Colonel, U.S.A.  
Chief, G.R.S.



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AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
HQ. CO. CLASSIFICATION CAMP  
1ST REPL. DEPOT

April 10th 1919.

From : Pfc. Nicholas J. Elzinger, Hq. Co. Class Camp 1st RD APO 727  
To : Commanding Officer, Central Records Office.  
Subject: Information as to the location of Pvt. Cornelius Dekker, Co. E  
165th Infantry, 42nd Division.

I have been asked to make inquiries concerning Pvt. Cornelius Dekker, Co. E. 165th Inf., who was reported missing in action July 30th 1918, during in action at the Ourcq. On January 11th 1919 the parents of this soldier received a telegram from the government stating that their son was killed on July 30th, 1918. I am enclosing a letter from the Captain of this soldier's company stating that he was last heard of in a hospital.

The parents and fiancée of this soldier are filled with anxiety and his father is prostrated owing to these conflicting reports.

Kindly give me all information you have of his present location or the hospital he is in. If it is true that he was killed as reported, or has died from wounds later the location and number of his grave would at least alleviate the anxiety of doubt which they are now undergoing.

Respectfully

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Pvt. N.J. Elzinger.



NAME

Cornelius Dekker

FILE NUMBER

70270

SERIAL NUMBER

RANK

Pvt

ORGANIZATION

Co E 165th Inf

NO.

QUESTION

REPLY

✓ 1. Do particulars of soldier given above agree with records? (1) 2312710

2. Date of Death

✓ 3. Grave Location: (3) Cty. # 608 GRAVE # 186 - SEC. N - PLOT # 4  
 AMBY. B/ACTY. SERINGES, ET-NEULES,  
 (MEURCY FARM) (AISNE.)

4. Who reported burial?

✓ 5. Confirmed by G.R.S.?

(5) Yes

6. How is grave marked?

7. Identification Tags:

(a) Buried with Body?

(b) Attached to grave marker?

8. Emergency address:

5-2-9 R.P.B.

9. Has above been notified? (Give date).

CC # 411-SP 229-

## ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY

Flowers, flags etc.  
 (Par. #5, Bul, 10-B)

Effects (G.R.S. Form Nos  
 7 & 7-A)

Monuments (Par. #6, Bul.  
 10-B)

Accrued Pay (G.R.S.  
 Forms 19 & 22)

Disinterments (Par. #8,  
 Bul. 10-B)

Liberty Bonds  
 (G.R.S. Forms 21 & 22)

Circumstances of death  
 (G.R.S. Form No. 6)

War Risk Insurance  
 (G.R.S. Forms 20 & 22)

Photograph requested  
 (File 004.5)

Disposition of Remains  
 (a) Return to U.S.) Form 23

Grave Location *ck*

(b) Remain in France Form 24

(c) Miscellaneous letter

REMARKS:

*DDT*

File 26194.

# AMERICAN RED CROSS

(CROIX-ROUGE AMÉRICAINÉ)



2 Place de Rivoli,  
Paris.  
25th April, 1919.

From.- Home Communication Section.  
To.- The Chief, Graves Registration Service, Hdqrs S.O.S.  
Office of Chief Quartermaster, Am. E.F.  
Subject.-Pte. Cornelius Dekker; Co.E., 165th Inf.

Will you kindly advise us if you have any record of the grave of the above named soldier reported killed in action 29th July, 1918, and buried Cemetery 608 Seringes-et-Nesles, American, Meurery Farm, Aisne.

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Home Communication Section.  
Bureau of Home & Hospital Service.

MH.MF.

FROM: G.R.S. OFFICER, Paris.

FILE NO.

TO : Chic G.H.S., (Registration Branch), Tours,

DATE 70270

SUBJECT: Location, grave of:

March 25, 1919

NAME

DEKKER, Cornelius

SERIAL NUMBER

2311710

RANK

Private

ORGANIZATION

NO.	Question	Reply
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with records?	Yes Co E, 165th Infantry
2.	Date of death.	7-29-18
3.	Grave Location:	Grave #186, Section N, Plot #4, Amer. B/A Cem. Meuroy Farm, Seringes-et-Nesles, (Aisne) Map 53SE; E195.25, E275.4. Date buried: not on record
4.	Who reported burial?	No record
5.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	Yes
6.	How is grave marked?	No record
7.	Identification tags: (a) Buried with Body?  (b) Attached to grave Marker?	one
8.	Emergency address:	Mr. Simon Dekker, (father), 10628 Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill.
9.	Has above been notified? (Give Date)	Yes - 3-18-19

REMARKS:

Requested by \_\_\_\_\_

European address \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to deceased \_\_\_\_\_

Checked by: \_\_\_\_\_

FROM: G.R.S. OFFICER, Paris.

FILE NO. 70270

TO : Chief, G.R.S., (Registration Branch), Tours,

DATE March 21, 1919

SUBJECT: Location, grave of:

NAME **DEEKER, Cornelius**

SERIAL NUMBER

RANK **Pvt.**

ORGANIZATION **Co E, 165th Inf.**

NO.	Question	Reply
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with records?	(2311710)
2.	Date of death	7-29-18
3.	Grave location:	Grave #186, Section N, Plot #4. American B/A Cemetery Meurcy Farm Seringes-et-Nesles, (Aisne). Map 53SE; E195.25, N275.4
4.	Who reported burial?	No record
5.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	Yes
6.	How is grave marked?	No record
7.	Identification tags:	
	(a) Buried with Body?	
	(b) Attached to grave Marker?	one
8.	Emergency address:	Mr. Simon Decker, (father), 10628 Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill.
9.	Has above been notified? (Give Date)	Yes - 3-18-19

REMARKS:

Requested by \_\_\_\_\_

European address \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to deceased \_\_\_\_\_

Checked by: \_\_\_\_\_

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

FILE NUMBER

70270

FROM:-

DATE: 3/19/19.

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME DEKKER, CORNELIUS.

NUMBER 2311710.

RANK PVT.

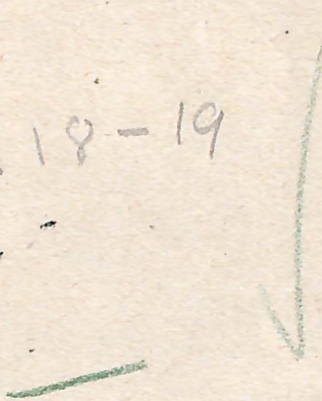
ORGANIZATION

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	① yes. Co E, 165 Infantry
2.	Date of Death.	② July 29-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	③ KIA
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	④ 411 Sp. 229
5.	Date buried.	⑤
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	⑥ City 608 Spr. 186 Sec. 7. Plot 4 City Amer. B/a. Serrines - St. Restes, (Aisne)
7.	Who reported burial?	⑦ - 0
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.?	⑧ yes
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	⑨ - 0
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	⑩ one on grave marker.
11.	Who is nearest relative?	⑪ Simon Dekker (father)
12.	Has N/R been notified?	⑫ 10628 Michigan Ave Chicago 111
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.?	

N.B. All Proper names to be printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

3-22-19  
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⑬ used Mar. 18-19



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

FILE NUMBER 70 270

FROM:-

DATE: 3/19/19.

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME DEKKER, CORNELIUS.

NUMBER

RANK

PRIVATE

ORGANIZATION

CO.E.165th.INF.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	① (2311 710)
2.	Date of Death.	② July 29-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	③ KIA
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	④ CC# 411 SP 229
5.	Date buried.	⑤ NO DATE GIVEN
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	⑥ (Plot #4) CTY# 608 GRAVE # 186 SEC. N AMER. BIA CTY. SERINGES EB- NESLES, AISNE.
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	⑦ 0
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	⑧ yes
11.	Who is nearest relative?	⑨ NO INFO
12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	⑩ Tag attached to marker
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	⑪ SIMON DEKKER (FATHER)
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	10628 MICHIGAN AVE, CHICAGO, ILL.

N.B. All Proper names to be printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

⑫ yes. 3-18-19 ✓

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

Burial information for the American Red Cross.  
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Soldier's name : **DEKKER, Cornelius**

Rank : **Private**

Organization : **Co. E. 165th Infantry,**

Date of Death :

Place of Burial : **Grave No. 186, Section-H, Plot-4,  
American Battle Area Cemetery  
Meurcy Farm, at SERINGES-et-NEULES,  
Department of AISNE.**

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Reference number :

(All communications regarding this Grave location should quote the above reference number and be addressed to : -

Chief, Graves Registration Service  
Headquarters Service of Supply  
Office of the Chief Quartermaster  
American E. F.  
France.)

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

Copy sent to Washington and Paris.

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

FILE NUMBER 70270

FROM:-

DATE

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME DEKKER, Cornelius

NUMBER

RANK priv

ORGANIZATION Co E 165 Inf.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	① yes
2.	Date of Death.	② July 29-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	③ K/9
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	④ 411 Sp. 229
5.	Date buried.	⑤
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	⑥ - 0
7.	Who reported burial.	⑦ by 608 ep. 186 del. npl. 4 by Amer. B/9, Seringes. et nestes, Aisne
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	⑧ GRS office
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	⑨
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	⑩
11.	Who is nearest relative?	⑪ yes
12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	⑫ - 0
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	⑬ Done on grave marker to Simion Dekker (father) 10628 Michigan Ave Chicago Ill.
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	⑭ yes mar 18-19
N.B. All Proper names to be printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.		

83-27-19  
[Signature]



COPY

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Co. E. 165th Infantry

Miss Alice Hoekstra,  
56 E. 102nd Place,  
Chicago, Ill

Dear Miss Hoekstra:

Private Cornelius Dekker, this company, was reported "Missing in Action July 30, 1918", during our action at the Ourcq. No further information was at hand from any source until recently. He is now known to be in a hospital, but the nature and degree of his wounds are as yet undetermined.

I will hold your letter on file, and when the full returns reach this office, you will be notified. I hope to get all such cases settled at once.

Sincerely,

John F. Conners,  
Capt. 165th Infantry.

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NAME

FILE NUMBER

DEKER, Cornelius

SERIAL NUMBER

2312710

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RANK

ORGANIZATION

Pvt.

Co. F, 165<sup>th</sup> Inf.

D-2683

NO

QUESTION

REPLY

1. Do particulars of soldier given above agree with records?

1. Yes

2. Date of death.

2. July 29, 1918

3. Grave location.

3. Commune 608  
Grave 92186, Plot 4 Sec N  
American B/A. City.  
Serrages at Nesles.  
Aisne.

4. Who reported burial?

5. Confirmed by G.R.S.?

5. Yes

6. How is grave marked?

6. Cross

7. Identification tags:

7. (7)

(a) Buried with body?

(b) Attached to grave marker?

Yes

8. Emergency address?

8. Sumner Dekker,  
1062 S Michigan Ave  
Chicago, Ill.

9. Has above been notified? (Give date)

9. 3-18-19

10. Cablegram number.

411. SP229

ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY

Flowers, flags etc (Par. #5, Bul. 10-B)	Effects (G.R.S. Forms 7 & 7-A)
Monuments (Par #6, Bul. 10-B)	Accrued Pay (G.R.S. Forms 19 & 22)
Disinterments (Par. #8 Bul. 10-B)	Liberty Bonds (G.R.S. Forms 21 & 22)
Circumstances of death (G.R.S. Form No. 6)	War Risk Insurance (G.R.S. Forms 20 & 22)
Photograph requested (File OC4.5)	Disposition of remains (a) Return to U.S. (Form 3)
Grave Location	(b) Remain in France (Form 3)
	(c) Miscellaneous (Letter)

REMARKS:

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201. Dekker, Cornelius.

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Central Records Office, A.G.D., A.P.O. 902, Am.E.F. Feb. 8. 1919.  
To: Chief, Grave Registration Bureau, A.P.O. 717, Am.E.F., requesting that  
this office be furnished with all available information relative to the burial  
of Pvt. Cornelius Dekker #2311710.

The records of this office show the above mentioned soldier to  
have been killed in action on July 29th 1918.

EARLE BOOTHE,  
Adjutant General,

(S.F. 3/8/19)

By:  
Capt. A.G.D., U.S.A.



Re; Letter Grover F Sexton c/o Chicago Herald & Examiner, Chic. Ill.  
Dec 26 to C R O for info as to whereabouts of above soldier.

201- Dekker Cornelius

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Sgt. Dekker, Cornelius.

General Records Office, A.G.D., A.P.O. 902, Am.R.F.  
Chief, Grave Registration Bureau, A.P.O. 717, Am.R.F., requesting that  
this office be furnished with all available information relative to the burial  
of Pvt. Cornelius Dekker #33110.  
Feb. 8. 1918.

The records of this office show the above mentioned soldier to  
have been killed in action on July 29th 1918.

EARLE BOOTHBY,  
Adjutant General.

By:  
Capt. A.G.D., U.S.A.

(S.F. 2/8/18)



Re; Letter Grover F Sexton c/o Chicago Herald & Examiner, Chic. Ill.  
Dec 26 to C R O for info as to whereabouts of above soldier.

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Dekker, Cornelius

*Handwritten:* [Illegible scribbles]

201. Dekker, Cornelius.

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las.

Central Records Office, A.G.D., A.P.O. 902, Am.E.F. Feb. 8. 1919.  
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EARLE BOOTHE,  
Adjutant General,

(S.F. 3/8/19)

By:  
Capt. A.G.D., U.S.A.



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Sgt. Dekker, Cornelius.

General Records Office, A.G.D., A.P.O. 202, Am.E.F.  
To: Chief, Grave Registration Bureau, A.P.O. 717, Am.E.F., requesting that  
this office be furnished with all available information relative to the burial  
of Pvt. Cornelius Dekker #231710.

The records of this office show the above mentioned soldier to  
have been killed in action on July 29th 1918.

EARLE BOOTHBY,  
Adjutant General.

By:  
Capt. A.G.D., U.S.A.

(S.P. 2/8/18)



COPY.

Chicago, Ill.  
January, 10, 1919.

Central Records Office Dept. of Cher.  
American Expeditionary Forces,  
Bourges, France.

Gentlemen; ,

On October 23, I received a telegram from the U.S. Government stating that my fiance, Private Cornelius Dekker, CO.E. 165th. Infantry, was missing in action since July 30th. Recently many of my letters written to him in August, September and October, have been returned to me unopened marked "sick orwounded". I do not understand these markings as if he was really sick or wounded why should his mail not be delivered to him instead of being returned to me.

Have tried several sources for information at last applying to the Red Cross Headquarters in Chicago from whom I obtained the address of your department.

Is it not possible for you to get some word as to his welfare It has been such a long time to wait with no word as to just how he is, whether living or dead. We have about given up hopes and do beg of you to try and get some information letting me hear from you at the earliest possible moment.

Thanking you in advance for any courtesy you may be able to extend in my behalf, I am,

Yours Truly

A. Hoekstra.

Miss. Alice Hoekstra,  
56E. 102nd. Pl.  
Chicago, Ill.

P.S. Am enclosing envelopes for your inspection,

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Name Cornelius .. 2312710 Dekken .....

Rank Pvt .. Co. E .. (Corps) 165 (Regt) Inf

Date of Death July 28-30, 1918 .....

Place Near Meurcy Farm .....

Cause Killed in action .....

608

Date of Burial .....

Grave No. 186, Section N, plot 4 .....

Cemetery No. 2 .....

Identified by { Tag  
Papers } .. Tag  
{ Clothing }

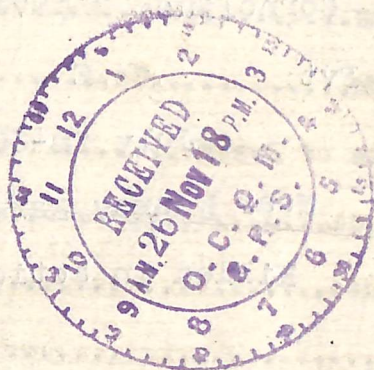
List of Effects 2 Francs 30 centimes .....

Field Record Made by Lt. W. N. Carr .....

Reburied from:

N. 274.895

E. 194.815



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**GRAVE LOCATION BLANK**

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Dekker, 2311710 Cornelius

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

Pvt. Co. E, 165th. Inf.

(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: .....

CAUSE OF DEATH: .....

DATE OF BURIAL: .....

PLACE OF BURIAL: .....

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

See correspondance - BAIA, Arthur 90093

GRAVE NUMBER: .....

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

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?.....

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: .....

ADDRESS: .....

RELATIONSHIP: .....

REPORTED BY: .....

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)



# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Cornell* *231270* *David* *1027*  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

*Pvt* *1st Inf*  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *July 29, 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL *Near Farm, Jersey*  
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

*Map 1000* *Map 1000* *E 14.815*  
**W I S E**  
**FIELD**

GRAVE NUMBER *104*

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?  Cross?   
Headboard?  Bottle?   
*Temp*  
*1000*  
*1000*  
*1000*

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: **COORD**

Was one buried with body?  **COORD**

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker? *No*

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

*One of two soldiers buried in same grave; two of which are unidentified*

## GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

REPORTED BY *American Expeditionary Forces*

*[Signature]*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

*12 SEP 1918*

G.R.S. FORM NO. 12

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

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FROM : ADJUTANT GENERAL.

TO : C. O. Co. E, 165th. Inf.

SUBJECT : Information for burial Register.

1. You are directed to transmit without delay to the Chief, Graves Registration Service, the information indicated on enclosed Graves Location Blank as necessary for the completion of official records.

By Command of General Pershing:

Robert C. Davis  
Adjutant General.

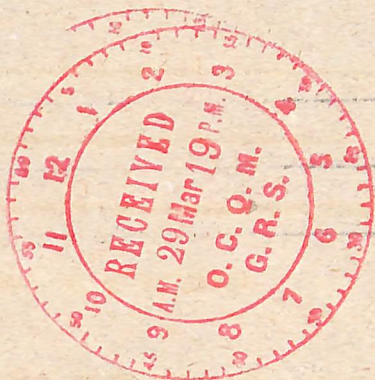
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In case this item is checked, you will note hereon:

Nearest relative of deceased:

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_



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CENTRAL RECORDS OFFICE.  
ADJUTANT GENERALS DEPARTMENT  
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
A. P. O. 902. FRANCE.

From;- Officer-in-Charge.

To;- Chief, Graves Registration Service, A. P. O. 717.

Subject;- Delayed correspondence relative to Pvt. Cornelius Dekker  
No. 2311710.

The Commander-in-Chief directs that you expedite reply to 1st. indorsement from this office dated February 8, 1919, on communication from Grover F. Sexton, c/o Chicago Herald and Examiner, Chicago, Ill., for information relative to the burial place of Pvt. Cornelius Dekker, No. 2311710), shown by the records of this office to have been killed in action on July, 29th, 1918.

Wm. A. Woodlief.  
Adjutant General.

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Chicago, ILL., Dec. 26th, 1918.

Director Central Records Bureau,


A.E.F., France.

Dear Sir:

Private Cornelius Dekker, of Company E, 165th Infantry, is reported missing in action in September. Will you be good enough to send to me for his relatives any information you are able to discover regarding what happened to him ?

Respectfully,

THE SOLDIER'S FRIEND  
GROVER F. SEXTON



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BASE SECTION NO. 4, S.O.S.

March 24, 1919.

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From : Captain John J. Verhaar,  
To : Chief Graves Registration Service, Tours, Am.E.F.

Subject: To determine the location of and information regarding Private Cornelius Dekker.

1. On Oct. 24, 1918, the War Dept. reported Private Cornelius Dekker, Co.E. 165 Inf., Am. E.F. as missing in action since July 30, 1918. On Jan. 11, 1919, the War Dept. reported Private Dekker as having been killed in action on July 29, 1918.

2. On Dec. 30, 1918, the Captain of Private Dekker's Company, wrote that Private Dekker was now known to be in a hospital, but gave no information of his location. A subsequent letter from a comrade of Private Dekker states that Private Dekker was wounded at Chateau Thierry.

3. Information regarding Private Dekker is requested.

John J. Verhaar  
Capt.

