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G.R.S. Form #114 B
Father spells name as **Demuth**

To The A. G. O.

FEB 26 1928

DATE 3/23/22

1. NAME **DEMUTH, William B.** SERIAL No. **1635144**
 RANK **Pvt.** ORGANIZATION **Co. B, 104th Inf.**
 GRAVE LOCATION **American Cty. Revigny Meuse** *26 div* NUMBER **658**
 CTY. NAME NUMBER
19 sec A 1
 GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION **Not known**
 GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES **Nothing of record**

CONCENTRATED TO **Not known**
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

DATE OF DEATH *Oct 21, 1918 Calif*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED *some pd.*

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS **Nothing of record**
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR *Wm M Cline*

Wm M. CLINE
Captain Q.M.C.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION **3/23/22** **21** **29** **A**
 DATE GRAVE ROW Block PLOT

Meuse Argon - Amer. C. War Div. 1872 Romagna sous Montfaucon Meuse
 CEMETERY

MAR 30 1928

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

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

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

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

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



GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Demuth 1635144 William B.
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Private Co. "B" 104th Infantry
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Evacuation Hospital No. 16

CAUSE OF DEATH: Lobar-Pneumonia

DATE OF BURIAL: October 24, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL:

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

American Military Cemetery

Revigny, Meuse, Sec. L, Plot 4

GRAVE NUMBER: 201

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? Yes

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: Mr. John Demuth

ADDRESS: Lancaster, Cal., R.F.D. No. 1

RELATIONSHIP: Father

REPORTED BY: ROBT. M. DUENNER

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

Lieut. Col., Med. Corps, U.S. Army

This portion to be forwarded to Central Records Office, A. G. O., A. E. F

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DeMeyer,

Millard V

(Surname.)

(Christian name)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt

Overseas Casual Co 410

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased:

Father

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

yes

(Yes or no.)

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

yes

(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:

Wetland Cemetery
(Name of person to receive remains.)

U S
(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

Amersin
(City or town.)

Water Union
(State.)

(Sign here)

Millard V. DeMeyer

408 Park Ave
(Number and street or rural route.)

Fulton
(City, town, or post office.)

NY
(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Dawn by PM

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HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Demuth,</i>	<i>DE M</i>	3	<i>453</i>
<i>Wm. B.</i>	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>21</i>	2	<i>21</i>
	ROW <i>29</i>	2	<i>29</i>
	BLOCK <i>A</i>	1	<i>1</i>
STATE	<i>Calif</i>	2	<i>04</i>
PANK	<i>Pos</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>26</i>	2	<i>26</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>104</i>	3	<i>104</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Demuth,</i>	<i>DE M</i>	3	<i>453</i>
<i>Mrs. Mary</i>	STATE <i>Calif</i>	2	<i>04</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Los Angeles</i>	2	<i>19</i>
<i>RFD #1</i>	CITY <i>Lancaster</i>	3	<i>XXX</i>
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER	<i>Father</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Good</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>no</i>	1	
<i>29/514/PJ C.</i>	<i>Age</i>		

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Demuth, William B. (MA)

July 7, 1932.

Mrs. Mary Demuth,
R. F. D.,
Lancaster, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

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


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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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

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DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933? no
(Write answer here)

(Sign here) Mary Demuth

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Demuth, William B. Pvt. (M-A) M

June 12, 1931.

Mrs. Mary Demuth,
R. F. D. #1,
Lancaster, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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


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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932?

No
Write answer here


Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Demuth, Williams B. - 1232 M

June 18, 1930.

Mrs. Mary Demuth,
RFD # 1,
Lancaster, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

No
(Write answer here)

Mary Demuth
(Sign here)



#1232

QM 293 A-C
Demuth, William B.

October 29, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Demuth,
R. F. D. #1,
Lancaster, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of the query of this office dated October 7, 1929, completed by you with reference to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act of March 2, 1929.

As stated in paragraph 2 of the letter sent you on September 14, the above Act does not contain any provision which permits the husband to accompany the mother on the journey. It is therefore regretted to have to advise that your husband is not entitled under the law to make this pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late William B. Demuth.

The War Department has been charged with the execution of this Act and its efforts therefore must be restricted to making the arrangements necessary for the transportation, entertainment, etc. of those named as eligible under the Act. Any arrangements which your husband desires to make to visit the grave of your son must be made by him personally at his own expense. You will be advised the date of your sailing and the name of the vessel far enough in advance, it is believed, to permit Mr. Demuth to communicate with the steamship company in an effort to secure accommodations on the boat with you.

I am sorry that your request cannot be granted, but the War Department has no alternative other than to carry out the law as passed by Congress.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Demuth, William B. 1232 M.

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Demuth,
R.F.D. # 1,
Lancaster, Calif.

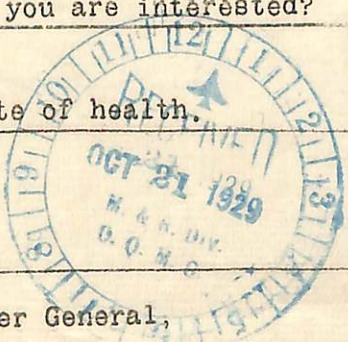
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Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible? <i>ages if my husband John Demuth can go with me; if not = No =</i>	(Yes)	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	(No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <u>64</u> Health (Years) (Good) (Poor)	
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No) Other language <u>German</u> (Specify language spoken)	



For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Envelope

#1232
6-27-29

QM 295 A-C
Demuth, William B.

September 14, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Demuth,
R. F. D. #1,
Lancaster, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 3, 1929, relative to the Pilgrimage of the Gold Star Mothers and Widows to Europe.

In reply you are informed that the Act of March 2, 1929 provides that an invitation for a pilgrimage shall be extended the mothers and widows, but it does not contain any provision for any member of the family other than the mother or unmarried widow to make the pilgrimage. It is therefore regretted to have to advise that your husband is not eligible under the law to make this pilgrimage with you.

Within a reasonable time prior to the beginning of the pilgrimage, (May 1930), blanks will be furnished you upon which to make formal application for the journey. Should you find later that you will be able to avail yourself of the opportunity to visit the grave of your son, the late Private Wm. B. Demuth, you may indicate in the space provided on the blanks the time you desire to go.

You are assured that competent personnel will be assigned by the War Department to provide for the needs and comfort of those mothers and widows making the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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L. M. 297 A.C.

Lancaster Calif Sep 3 1929

Mr John Harris

Major L. M. Corps

Washington D. C.

Dear Sir: In Regard To the invitation for a pilgrimage to our sons graves in France I be verey much pleased to go if my Husband who is the father of William B. Demuth Co. B. 104 Inf. could go with me, without my husband I could not make the trip, if there is a possible way so both of us could make the trip together.

Please then advise me:

Yours truly: Miss Mary Demuth
R.F.D #1 Lancaster Calif.

P.S.: William B Demuth Co B. 104. Inf was not married.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
(Demuth, William B.)

June 27, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Demuth,
R.F.D. #1,
Lancaster, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private William B. Demuth, Co. B, 104th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress
Envelope.



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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Demuth, William B. (MA)

July 7, 1932.

Mrs. Mary Demuth,
R. F. D.,
Lancaster, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Demuth, William B. Pvt. (M-A) M

June 12, 1931.

Mrs. Mary Demuth,
R. F. D. #1,
Lancaster, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? _____

Write answer here

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 18, 1930.

Demuth, Williams B. - 1232 M

Mrs. Mary Demuth,
RFD # 1,
Lancaster, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Demuth, William B. 1232-M

March 20, 1930.

Mrs. Mary Demuth,
R F D #1
Lancaster, Calif.

Dear Madam:

This letter, which contains general information regarding the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, is being sent to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during the calendar year 1930. The general plan for the conduct of the pilgrimage is shown in the Pilgrimage Regulations, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. In addition to the information shown in the regulations, the following explains in detail some of the most important things connected with the pilgrimage.

Formal invitations are being extended to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during 1930. In so far as practicable, these invitations are being extended with a view to keeping the women from each state together and the order in which the invitations to the women from the several states are issued is based on a drawing by lot which was held about one month ago. Inclosed with each invitation is a card for acknowledgment and it is quite important that you accept or decline this invitation promptly in order that the necessary railroad, steamship and hotel reservations may be arranged. The government will defray all the necessary expenses of the pilgrimage, including railroad fare, hotel accommodations, steamship fare and all other incidental expenses. It will not provide anything other than the necessary expenses so that you should bring with you such funds as you may desire to use for making small purchases and for other uses distinctly of a personal nature.

Arrangements have been made with the American Railroad Association which assures us the united support and cooperation of all of the railroads in the United States in handling the movement to and from New York City. The local ticket agent will secure your railroad and sleeper ticket and will make the necessary pullman reservations. Before your departure from your home we will mail you a check, sufficient to pay for your meals and other travelling expenses while enroute to New York. Your railroad ticket will provide for a round trip from your home to New York and upon arrival in New York the army officer in charge of the New York office will collect the return trip stub and hold it until your return to New York from Europe.

Upon arrival in New York, you will be met by an army officer

and escorted to a first class hotel where reservations have been made. The duration of your stay in New York will be from 24 to 48 hours. At the proper time, you will be escorted to the steamship upon which passage has been engaged for Europe. All of the women making this trip will be provided with cabin class accommodations aboard steamers which means that from two to four will be quartered in the same stateroom. If you have any friend that you would like to be quartered with we will endeavor to arrange it if you will communicate with this office.

The ocean voyage will last about 8 days and when the ship docks at Cherbourg, France, each party will be met by officers especially detailed for the purpose and taken in a special train to Paris where first class hotel accommodations have been reserved. The first day in Paris will be a day of rest. On the 2d day, the women of each party will place a wreath on the tomb of the French unknown soldier. In the afternoon there will be a reception in which the French war mothers, government officials, and prominent civilians will participate. The following morning the groups going to the different cemeteries will leave Paris, travelling in motor busses, and proceed to the cemeteries where they will remain for about 7 days. Twenty-five women will be assigned to each bus and an army officer will have charge of the bus. The itineraries to and from the cemeteries and the daily itineraries while at the cemeteries have been varied so as to take in points of historical interest as well as some parts of the battlefields where American troops were engaged. Upon return to Paris, each party will remain for about 5 days and during this time an opportunity will be given to see the points of historical interest in Paris and vicinity. The entire duration of your stay in Europe will be 14 days, and the itineraries have been so arranged that each day will be provided for. Except in case of illness or other unavoidable cause it will not be possible for any woman making the pilgrimage to remain in Europe for a longer period than 14 days nor to leave the party with which she is travelling unless she is prepared to pay all of her expenses after leaving the party since the Act of Congress authorizing the pilgrimage specifically states that the government shall not pay the expenses of any woman who willfully leaves her party.

Upon return to the United States each ship will be met in New York City by army officers who will escort the mothers and widows to the trains which will take them home. Before leaving New York each woman will be provided with her return railroad ticket, a sleeping car ticket and funds to cover the cost of meals and other travelling expenses.

Army officers are being used as guides and escorts throughout this entire movement and care has been taken to select officers who will see that proper care is taken of the women who are entrusted to their charge. Arrangements have been made for taking care of women who may be taken sick during the pilgrimage and also to care for the remains of any who may die and provision has been made for returning the remains of any who may die to their homes. It is essential that each woman making the pilgrimage furnish The Quartermaster General with an emergency address of some relative or friend to be notified in the event of an emergency. Medical care will be provided by civilian agencies. If such care is needed in New York City it will be furnished by the hotel physicians or

by local hospitals. Aboard ship, medical care will be provided by the ship's doctors and in Paris arrangements have been made with the American Hospital for the hospitalization and treatment of any women who may need it. In addition to this, six doctors of the regular army will be on duty throughout the pilgrimage.

Baggage will be limited to not to exceed two pieces of hand baggage and the articles taken should be such as will be required for a trip of about one month. Laundry service can be obtained in New York and Paris. Since the climate of Europe is much colder than that of the United States, each woman should provide herself with sufficient warm clothing to stand the motor bus trip and the visit to the cemeteries.

Since it is necessary for this office to make all reservations for your accommodations throughout this pilgrimage, it will be greatly appreciated if you will make prompt reply to any communications received from this office.

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.
Regulation.

QM 295 A-C
Demuth, William B.

October 29, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Demuth,
R. F. D. #1,
Lancaster, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of the query of this office dated October 7, 1929, completed by you with reference to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act of March 2, 1929.

As stated in paragraph 2 of the letter sent you on September 14, the above Act does not contain any provision which permits the husband to accompany the mother on the journey. It is therefore regretted to have to advise that your husband is not entitled under the law to make this pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late William B. Demuth.

The War Department has been charged with the execution of this Act and its efforts therefore must be restricted to making the arrangements necessary for the transportation, entertainment, etc. of those named as eligible under the Act. Any arrangements which your husband desires to make to visit the grave of your son must be made by him personally at his own expense. You will be advised the date of your sailing and the name of the vessel far enough in advance, it is believed, to permit Mr. Demuth to communicate with the steamship company in an effort to secure accommodations on the boat with you.

I am sorry that your request cannot be granted, but the War Department has no alternative other than to carry out the law as passed by Congress.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

SC:LS

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→ Mrs. Demuth

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

October 7, 1929.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Demuth, William W. 1232 M.

Mrs. Mary Demuth,
R.F.D. # 1,
Lancaster, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	(No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age (Years)	Health (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes)	(No) Other language (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.
Act
Envelope

QM 293 A-C
Demuth, William B.

September 14, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Demuth,
R. F. D. #1,
Lancaster, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 3, 1929, relative to the Pilgrimage of the Gold Star Mothers and Widows to Europe.

In reply you are informed that the Act of March 2, 1929 provides that an invitation for a pilgrimage shall be extended the mothers and widows, but it does not contain any provision for any member of the family other than the mother or unmarried widow to make the pilgrimage. It is therefore regretted to have to advise that your husband is not eligible under the law to make this pilgrimage with you.

Within a reasonable time prior to the beginning of the pilgrimage, (May 1930), blanks will be furnished you upon which to make formal application for the journey. Should you find later that you will be able to avail yourself of the opportunity to visit the grave of your son, the late Private Wm. B. Demuth, you may indicate in the space provided on the blanks the time you desire to go.

You are assured that competent personnel will be assigned by the War Department to provide for the needs and comfort of those mothers and widows making the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Demuth, William B.
1232

August 30, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Demuth,
R. F. D. #1,
Lancaster, Calif.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated **June 27, 1929** making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried? If so, give her complete address:

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

3. If survived by a widow or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

(Demuth, William B.)

June 27, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Demuth,
R.F.D. #1,
Lancaster, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private William B. Demuth, Co. B, 104th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

In reply refer to:
293.8 C-R #44385

March 5, 1923.

Mr. John Demuth,
R.F.D. #1,
Lancaster, Calif.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of the late Private William B. Demuth, Company B, 104th Infantry, is Grave 21, Row 29, Block A, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse, France.

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

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

Very truly yours,

H. J. Conner,
Assistant.



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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Demuth **1635144** **William B.**
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Private **Co. "B"** **104th Infantry**
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF BURIAL: **Evacuation Hospital No. 16**

CAUSE OF DEATH: **Lobar-Pneumonia**

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

PLACE OF BURIAL:

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

American Military Cemetery

Revigny, Meuse, Sec. L, Plot 4

GRAVE NUMBER: **201**

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

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? **Yes**

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: **Mr. John Demuth**

ADDRESS: **Lancaster, Cal., R.F.D. No. 1**

RELATIONSHIP: **Father**

REPORTED BY:

ROBT. H. DUENNER

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

Lieut. Col., Med. Corps, U.S. Army

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

1. G. S. Form No. 1. Hq. G. File

2. Soldier's No. 1635144

3. DEMUTH WILLIAM B.
Surname (In Block Letters) First Name and Initials

4. Capt. Co B 104
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. Oct 21, 1918 Disease
Date of Death Cause, if known

6. Oct 24, 1918 American
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. REVIGNY MEUSE
Town or Commune (In Block Letters) Department

8. 201 Plot 4 Sect L
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

9. Name Peg?..... Cross?..... Headboard?..... Bottle?.....
Check Method of Marking

10. Buried with Body?..... Attached to Grave Marker?.....
Identification Tags

11. If name unknown and tags missing, give marks and description

12. Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

13. Lt. Col. R. H. Demmert Ex. No. 16
Give name of Chaplin or Burial Officer

Signed. J. H. Alcock

Group..... 1. Unit..... 310. G. R. S.

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August 10th, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Com.Div. Cor.Br.

Mr. John Demuth,
R.F.D. #1,
Lancaster, Calif.

Re:- Demuth, William B., Pvt.,
Serial No. 1635144,
Co.B, 104th Inf.

Dear Sir:-

Our Shipping Inquiry Form #120, dated April 15th, 1921, requesting that the remains of the deceased soldier named above be left in France for burial in a permanent American cemetery has been forwarded to the Cemeterial Division, Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington, D.C., for necessary action.

The Cemeterial Division, Washington, D.C., will furnish you the grave location in the permanent American cemetery as soon as possible after the body has been placed therein.

The Department desires to renew its previous expression of sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R.B. SHANNON,
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,
Officer in Charge.

MAILED
AUG 10 1921
COR. BR. C. R. S.

em BY:

F.C. PALLAS, *MKS*
Executive Assistant.
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File No. 227.8 Gen. Inv. Oct. 21

Mr. John Downer
P.O. Box 41
Fannett, Calif.

Mr. Downer, William B., Capt.
Hospital No. 12821-4
Co. B, 10th Inf.

Dear Sir:

Our Shipping Inquiry Form #120, dated April 15, 1921, requesting that the remains of the deceased soldier named above be left in France for burial in a permanent American cemetery has been forwarded to the General Division, Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington, D.C., for necessary action.

The General Division, Washington, D.C., will furnish you the grave location in the permanent American cemetery as soon as possible after the body has been placed therein.

The Department desires to know the previous expression of sympathy in your bereavement.

In authority of the Quartermaster General:

L. H. SHAWNEE,
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,
Officer in Charge.

L. G. FALLAB, M.K.?
Executive Assistant

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WAR DEPARTMENT
Quartermaster Corps
Graves Registration Service
Pier 12, Hoboken N. J.

August 10th, 1921.

FILE NO. 293.8 Cem. Div. Cor. Br.

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O.O.M.G.,
Washington, D.C.

SUBJECT: Return of Records - Cemetery # 658
Transmittal Memorandum H- 1120

1. The records pertaining to the following cases are returned herewith, it having been definitely determined that the bodies are to remain in Europe.

REFERENCE NO.:

21	Demuth, William B., Pvt., Serial No. 1635144, Co. B, 104th Inf.
59	Meglie, Joseph, Pvt., Serial No. 3193372, Co. C, 314th Inf.
100	Ward, Claude M., Pvt., Serial No. 2258168, Co. A., 165th Inf.

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

BY:

F. C. Pallas

F. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

(3 enclosures)

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Demuth,

(Surname)

William B.

(Christian name in full.)

1,635,144

(Army serial number.)

Pvt

Co B, 104 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:

(Name of person to receive remains.) (Express office.) (Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.) (City or town.) (State.)

(Sign here) *John Demuth*

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

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Letter sent to Mr. John Demuth,
Lancaster, Cal.

Drawn by ORE

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Checked
1-27-21
@ma

Roosevelt
5-28-30
1232

Demuth, Wm B.

I Decline the invitation extended
~~to accept or~~ decline)
me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of the
Government of the United States under the provisions of
the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

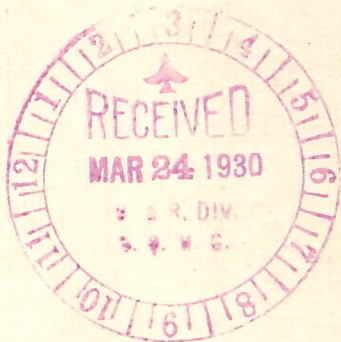
Mrs. Mary Demuth

(Name)

R. F. D. #1, Lancaster, Los Angeles Co., Calif.

(Town or City)

(State)



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S. P. M. G.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 44355

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name DEMUTH, William B. Ser. No. 1635144
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co.B, 104th Inf.
(c) Date of death 10/21/1918 Cause of death Lobar Pneumonia

Exhumed
Concentration
#1232
CKR B.J.
(12-30-21)

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

(a) Grave No. 19 Row -- Plot 1 Sec. A TYP. EK
(b) Emerg. Address Mr. John Demuth (father) RFD #1, Lancaster, Calif.

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

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt ---

(a) Name John Demuth (b) Relationship Father
(c) Address Lancaster, Calif. (Reverse of card)
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? Yes
(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 [Signature] Date 1-26, 1920.

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

no correspondence, dated ---
confirming request in Par. IV., item ---, above, or requesting that ---

Examiner's Initials [Signature] Date 1-26, 1920.

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? ---
Examiner's Initials [Signature] Date 1-27-21, 1920.

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 658 SHEET No. 21

FORM 115 - A COMPLETE

CARDED

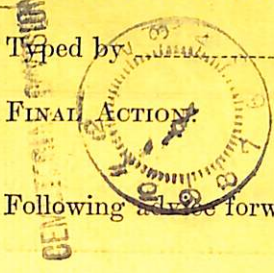
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VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made _____, 1920.

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 1920
letter on **JAN 29 1921**, 1920



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Par. 2 Not to be returned. (L.S.)

IX.

CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE:

ACTION TAKEN.

Desires body be _____

Body to be shipped to _____

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*7-120 - 4/15/21 - John Kenneth
father of K - Lancaster, Calif. R.F.P.
#1, leave in Europe - 4/7/19/21
ecm.*

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 44355

*12/18/21 Ephrussi
for concentration
Meuse-Cargonne
B.J.
E.K. # 1238
(AES 12-30-21)*

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name DEMUTH, William B. Ser. No. 1635144
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. B, 104th Inf.
 (c) Date of death 10/21/1918 ^{death} Lobar Pneumonia.

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

(a) Grave No. 19 Row -- Plot 1 Sect. A TYP. EK
 (b) Emerg. Address Mr. John Demuth (father) RFD #1, Lancaster, Calif.

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

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

*G.O. Card - John Demuthi (father)
Lancaster, Calif. (rev. card) requests body
not returned to U.S.*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by - (cable on 192)
 (letter of transmittal of JAN. 29 1921)

Par. 2 Not to be returned. (L.B.)

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. FEB 21 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

COUNTRY France CEMETERY NO. 658 SHEET NO. 21
 G.R.S. FORM 115-A August, 1920
 3-566/AB

Sur 2/18/21

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE October 18-21

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 DEMUTH, William B.

10. Name

2. No. 1635144

11. No.

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank

4. Org. Co. B, 104th Inf.

13. Org.

5. D.D. Oct. 21st

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. LOBAR PNEUMONIA

(b) D.B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 19 Sec. A

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot 1 Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. None.

18. Cemetery American

19. Commune or town Rony Revigny

20. Dept. or County Meuse

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 658

23. Disinterred (Date) October 18-21

By H.L. Harbut

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name William B. Demuth

Serial No.

Rank Pvt.

Organization Co. B, 104th Inf.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? yes

On body? yes

S. I. Talmage
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).

No effects.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed recognition impossible.

28. Nature of burial Blanket and Pine box. Found under cross.

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 October 18-21 By H.L. Harbut

31. Casket sealed by H.L. Harbut

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) H.L. Harbut

AUDITED

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-8704

32. Designation of body:

Name DEMUTH, William B. Serial No. 1635144

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. B, 104th Inf.

33. Consigned to: Officer in Charge Operations,

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse Argonne Amer. 1232 Romagne/s/Montfaucon

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) October 18-21 By H.T. Harber

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 [Signature]
W.H. Homan, 1st Lt. QMC.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) October 18-21

To point of Concentration [illegible] (Name)

Convoyer Jenna Flynn Signature Shipping Officer [Signature]

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Oct 18-21, 1918

By G.R.S. Representative [Signature]
I.A. Luke, Capt., P.A.

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Nov 11, 1918

To Permanent Cemetery Romagne (Meuse) (Name)

Convoyer Jenna Flynn Signature Shipping Officer [Signature]

40. Received: Date

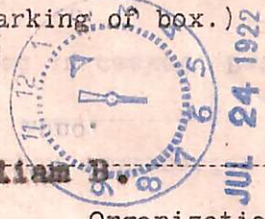
G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Ctry #1232, March 23, 1922. (Date)

42. Grave No. 21 Section

43. Plot/Block Row 29

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



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
WASHINGTON, 658-21 cbm *FLY*

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FROM: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O.Q.M.G.
TO: Mr. John Demuth, Lancaster, Calif. R.F.D.#1.
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Wm. B. Demuth, Ser. No. 1635144, Co. B, 104th Inf.

APR 7 - 1921

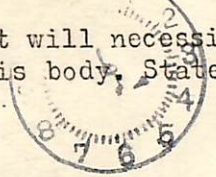
The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above named _____
soldier remain in Europe.

No change ems

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 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.

GEO. H. PENROSE,
Colonel, Q.M.C.

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? No

APR 21 1921

NAME OF	NO. AND STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's widow			
1	<i>noted 115</i>		
Soldier's children (Name oldest first)	2 <i>719 1/2 ecm</i>		
3			
Father	<i>John Demuth</i>	<i>Lancaster</i>	<i>Calif</i>
Mother	<i>Mary Demuth</i>	" "	" "
1	<i>Jesse B. Demuth</i>	" "	" "
Brothers, 2	<i>John C. Demuth Jr</i>	" "	" "
(Name oldest first) 3			
1	<i>Emilia Jolly</i>	<i>Valley Center</i>	<i>Calif</i>
Sisters, 2	<i>Jessie Demuth</i>	" "	" "
(Name oldest first) 3	<i>Mary Jacobsen</i>	<i>Lancaster</i>	<i>Calif</i>

Date: April 15 - 1921 Signature: John Demuth
Address: Lancaster Calif Relationship: Father
R.F.D. #1

Important - CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper

April 15

1921

I, the undersigned, am the Father (Relationship) 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 John Demuth

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.

Place Reigny, Meuse.,

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date October 18-21

1. REMAINS OF Demuth, William B. SERIAL NUMBER 1835144

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. B. 104th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): October 18-21 From (give complete location): Grave 19

plot 1 Sec. A. Cem. 658

By : Group 2 Unit F.S. #3.

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

March 23, 1922. Meuse Argonne Cty #1232, Gr. 21, Bl. A, Row 29.

By : Group Reburial S Unit Lined casket.

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

Blanket and Pine box. Found under cross.

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.

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

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(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to estimate

(c) Hair—Color Apparently light brown

Quantity Impossible to determine

Characteristics straight

(d) Hair on face—Color Impossible to determine

Location None visible.

Quantity None

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

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

None visible.

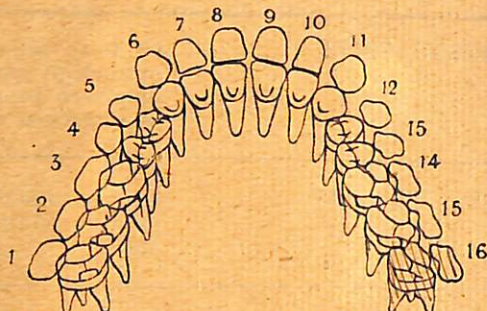
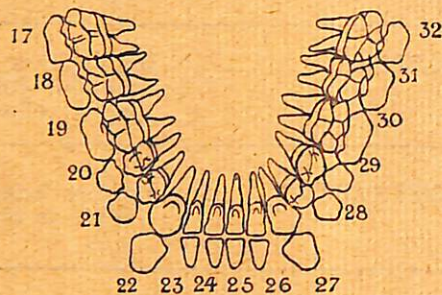


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



7. Disinterment supervised by H.L. Huribut Approved: W.H. Roach, 1st Lt. QMC.

(Title)

8. Reburial Supervised by W.B. Shelle Approved: A.E. Dowey, 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.



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