

G.R.S. Form #114 B

To The A. G. O.

1571

DATE Sept. 26th 1921.

OCT 9 - 1926

1. NAME DENERING, John SERIAL No. 1679658

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. C 305th Inf. 77 Div

GRAVE LOCATION Argonne, Amer. Romagne/s Montfaucon 1232 Sec.94

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

168

Sec.94

4

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Nothing of record Meuse C-277

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES 270.65N 300.35E Verdun 35S.E.

CONCENTRATED TO 6-13-19 168 Sec. 94 4

DATE

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Meuse Argonne

CEMETERY

1232

CTY. NUMBER

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

DATE OF DEATH Sept. 26, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME N.Y.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none

Data from Form 1  
SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

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DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

*Wm M. Gline*

**Wm M. CLINE**  
**Captain G.M.C.**

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Sept. 26th 1921 23 35 H

DATE

GRAVE

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Block

Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty #1232, Romagne-s-Montfaucon, Meuse.

CEMETERY

AUDITED BY  
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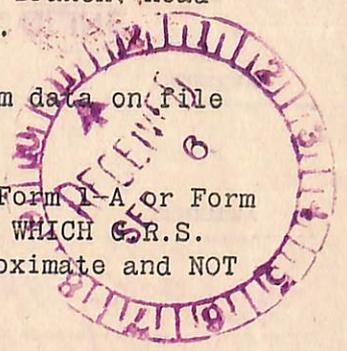
A.G.O.  
OCT 11 1926  
WORLD WAR DIV.

Robert O. Davis,  
Major General,  
Adjutant General.

OCT 12 1926

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.
2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.
3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.
4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form 16, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.



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### GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*De. Henry 1694638 John P.*  
.....  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

*Pvt. 305 Inf.*  
.....  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: .....

CAUSE OF DEATH:  *Killed in action* .....

DATE OF BURIAL:  *Sept 29 - 1918* .....

PLACE OF BURIAL:  *Argonne Forest* .....

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

*Map N. Chevannes* .....

GRAVE NUMBER:  *00.3. - 70.9* .....

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

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:  *Yes* .....

Was one buried with body?  *No* .....

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: .....

ADDRESS: .....

RELATIONSHIP: .....

REPORTED BY:  *Chaplain Johnson*  
.....  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

Date 26th June 1919REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

## Remains of:

Name <sup>D</sup> BENERING John D.Number: 1679638.Rank Pvt

Organization:

Unkn. Co C 305

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date) From: (Give complete location)

13th June 1919.Grave ISOLATED.BRIEULLES XXX MEUSE.35 SE E 300.35. N.270.65.

Reburied (Date) in: (Give complete location)

13th June 1919Grave No 168. Sec 94. Plot 4.ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY. # 1232.ROMAGNE. MEUSE.

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

Burial good buried in uniform body badly decomposed.Was one identification tag found upon the body? No.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.Q. 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 Lieut Hanes.D.R.S.CONFIRMED No. DR. H. ROSENTHAL2nd Lieut. O.M.C.U.S.A.

C.O. Group

Unit

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G. R. M.

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Marion, N.Y.

Feb. 22-19

Cemetery Section

Washington D.C.

Gentlemen: - I am teaching up here in this neighborhood and have been asked by one of the "Holland" ladies to try and locate her son's grave in France. He was with the 305<sup>th</sup> Infantry and was killed on Sept 21<sup>st</sup>. His name was John D.

Dearest Marion  
my.

I thank you, for  
her, in advance

I am, sincerely,

Garnita Freeman

March 1, 1919

293.3-Cemeterial

Office, Director of Purchase and Storage,

Miss Garnita Freeman, Marion, N. Y.

Location of the Grave of John D. DeNering,

1. This office is in receipt of your letter of the 22d instant, in regard to the location of the grave of John D. Nering, 305th Infantry, who was killed in France September 26, 1918.

2. It is regretted that this information cannot be furnished to you, as the report of place of burial of the above named soldier, has not yet been received in this office.

H. L. Rogers,  
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.,  
Director of Purchase and Storage,

By:

H. R. Lemly,  
Major, Quartermaster Corps.

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MAR 1 1919

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293.3 De Nering, John D.

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Den	3	454 <sup>0</sup>
BURIED	CEMETERY 1232	1	1
	GRAVE 23	2	23
	ROW 35	2	35
	BLOCK 19	1	8
STATE	NY	2	37
RANK	Pvt	1	2
DIVISION	77	2	77
ORGANIZATION	305	3	305
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARTIAL	W	1	2
NAME	Den	3	454 <sup>0</sup>
Mrs Catherine	STATE N.Y.	2	37
RESIDENCE	COUNTY Wayne	2	59
125 Hill St	CITY Newark	3	102
RELATION	mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	Yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Good	1	1
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	no	1	
29/514/PJ.	Age	1	

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Denering, John (MA)

July 7, 1932.

Mrs. Catherine DeNering,  
125 Dell Street,  
Newark, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Sign here) Mrs Catherine De Nering

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Denering, John M-A M

November 2, 1931

Mrs. Catherine Denering,  
125 Dell St.,  
Newark, New York

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. In your reply to the recent inquiry as to whether or not you desired to make a pilgrimage in 1932, you advised you were undecided.

In view of the fact that steamship reservations must be made several months in advance, it is essential that this office know how many mothers and widows must be arranged for. It is possible that you may have made your decision by this time. It is therefore requested that you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name, and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage. In the event you state you desire to make the journey in 1932 and circumstances prevent your making the pilgrimage, it is requested you notify this office as promptly as possible.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	<i>No</i>
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: <i>61 years old</i> Health: <i>good</i>
3. Do you speak English?	<i>yes</i>
4. What other language do you speak?	<i>Holland Dutch</i>

*Mrs. Catherine Denering*  
Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Denering, John Pvt. (M-A) M

June 12, 1931.

Mrs. Catherine Denering,  
125 Dell St.,  
Newark, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? Undecided  
Write answer here

*Mrs. Catherine De Nering*  
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

October 14, 1930

IN REPLY REFER TO ~~QM 293 A-M~~  
Denering, John Pvt 1232 M

Mrs. Catherine Denering  
125 Dell Street  
Newark, New Jersey

Dear Madam:

A reply has not been received to office letter of recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages in 1931, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	No
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	No
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age 60 years Condition of health fair
4. Do you speak English?	Yes
5. What other language do you speak?	Dutch

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

*A. D. Hughes*  
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

Denering, John 1232 M

June 9, 1930

Mrs. Catherine Denering  
125 Dell Street  
Newark, N. Y.

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,

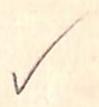
A. D. HUGHES,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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

October 7, 1929.

Denering, John 1232 M.

Mrs. Catherine Denering,  
125 Dell St.,  
Newark, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	<del>(Yes)</del>	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	<del>(Yes)</del>	(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) <del>—</del>	(No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age (Years) 59	Health (Good) <del>(Poor)</del>
5. What language do you speak?	English - <del>(Yes)</del>	(No) Dutch
	(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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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Denering, John  
1232

September 4, 1929.

Mrs. Catherine Denering,  
~~Marion~~, N. Y.

*Newark - 125 Bell St N Y*

Dear Madam:

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

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

Write answers in space below

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

*No married*

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.

*Yes by a mother*

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

*No thanks*

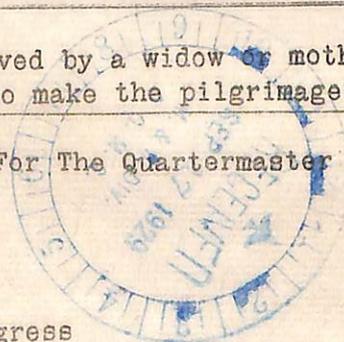
For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*John T. Harris*

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

**Denering, John**

June 29, 1929.

**Mrs. Catherine Denering,  
Marion, N.Y.**

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 John Denering, Co.C, 305th Inf. whose remains are now interred in the House 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 re-married 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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JOHN T. HARRIS,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Denering, John (MA)

July 7, 1932.

Mrs. Catherine Denering,  
125 Dell Street,  
Newark, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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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

November 2, 1931

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Denering, John M-A M

Mrs. Catherine Denering,  
125 Dell St.,  
Newark, New York

Dear Madam:

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1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

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-AM  
Denering, John Pvt. (M-A) M

June 12, 1931.

Mrs. Catherine Denering,  
125 Doll St.,  
Newark, N. Y.

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.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

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October 14, 1930

Denering, John Pvt 1232 M

Mrs. Catherine Denering  
125 Dell Street  
Newark, New Jersey

Dear Madam:

A reply has not been received to office letter of recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages in 1931, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age Condition of health
4. Do you speak English?	
5. What other language do you speak?	

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  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Denering, John 1232 M

June 9, 1930

Mrs. Catherine Denering  
125 Dell Street  
Newark, N. Y.

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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

October 7, 1929.

Denering, John 1232 M.

Mrs. Catherine Denering,  
125 Dell St.,  
Newark, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No)
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,

Encl.  
Act  
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

Denering, John

1232

September 4, 1929.

Mrs. Catherine Denering,  
Marion, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

**Denering, John**

June 29, 1929.

**Mrs. Catherine Denering,  
Marion, N.Y.**

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 John Denering, Co.C, 305th 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 re-married 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.

October 4, 1923.

Mr. Josiah de Nering,  
R.F.D. Marion,  
Wayne County, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the permanent grave of Private John Denering, Company G, 305th Infantry, is Grave 23, Row 35, Block H, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. 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.

You are assured in effecting removal of the remains, the utmost care and reverence were exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed 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.H. CHEAL  
Assistant.



23/592/ARK

RD

CORRECT NAME

DENERING, John 1679638  
Pvt. Co.C, 305th Inf.

change to

DENERING, John D.

Denering

John D

1,679,638

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(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number)

Pvt

Co C 305th Inf

(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:

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

R. F. D. Marion

Josiah De Vering

Weymouth, N. Y.

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by H.R.

1232 No 94-42

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5-11-21  
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*file 68583*

Co C 305 Infantry.  
77th Division.

DE HERING, John Pvt. I679638  
Home: Marion, N.Y.

Private John De Hering was killed by high explosive shell on the evening of September 26th 1918, when company had taken over trench system from which Germans had previously been driven. This was near Abbe de Crotche in the Argonne Woods. His body was buried by Chaplain Johnson.

Informant: Boultz Harry W Sgt I697304.  
Co C 305 Infantry?  
Home: 667 E. 231st New York City.

Emergency address  
Catherine De Hering.  
Marion New York.

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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*De Nering 1479638 John D*  
.....  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

*Pvt. Co. 6 305 Inf.*  
.....  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: *Germany* .....

CAUSE OF DEATH: *Heart in action* .....

DATE OF BURIAL: *Sept 29 - 1918* .....

PLACE OF BURIAL: *Argonne Forest* .....

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

*Map N. Chevauchee* .....

GRAVE NUMBER: *00.3 - 70.9* .....

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?  Cross?

Headboard?  Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: *Yes* .....

Was one buried with body? *No* .....

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:

*CMME. Bourevilles (Meuse)*

NEAREST RELATIVE: *(G-277) SHT. 35 SE. COORD. { E. 300.3 N. 270.9*

ADDRESS: .....

RELATIONSHIP: .....

REPORTED BY: *Chaplain Johnson* .....

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

Pres. Rpt. Comm. 275  
File 68583



277-916

Communal List No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Daily Report No. \_\_\_\_\_

1. G. R. S. Form No. 1.

Hq. G. R. S. File

2. Soldier's No. 1679638

3. DE MERING JOHN D

Surname (In Block Letters) First Name and Initials

Unknown Unknown U.S.A.

Rank Company Regt. or Corps

Unknown In Action

Date of Death Cause, if known

Unknown

6. Date of Burial Cemetery

Isolated

7. Town or Commune (In Block Letters) Department

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8. 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

OMME

LETTRE-LE-CHATEAU (MARNE)

C-275 SHT. 33SE COORD {E-299.7  
N-270.9}

12. MAP Verdun SW 35 270.9 N. 299.7 E  
Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

SKETCH 8

13. Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Rosh Signed 2ND LIEUT O M C U S A

1247

Group... 1 Unit... 305 G. R. S.



FILE

5-11-21

(Date)

FORM 115 has been compiled on the following case:-

CEMETERY NO. 1232 SECTION

94

FORM 115 Sheet No.

42

HW

(Initials)

OSP-SS  
Form No. 1011.

Place Sromagne sous Montfaucon,

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date September 23rd 1921.

1. REMAINS OF DENERING, John. SERIAL NUMBER 1679638

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. C. 305th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): September 23rd 1921 From (give complete location): Grave 168. Sec. 94. Plot 4. Cem. 1232.

By: Group 2 Unit F.S. 2.

3. Reburied (date): Sept. 26, 1921. In (give complete location): Meuse Argonne Cem. #1232. Row 35 Block H Gr. 23

By: Group Reburial Sec. Unit Unlined Casket. Nature of reburial Unlined Casket.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: Uniform burlap and wooden box. Body badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? No.  
On peg over body? Yes.

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: Tag on body and tag on peg over body and G.R.S. plaque in box all read John D. Denering.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items? 8-9-17- M.A.D. 19-20-30-Cavities,

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine.

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

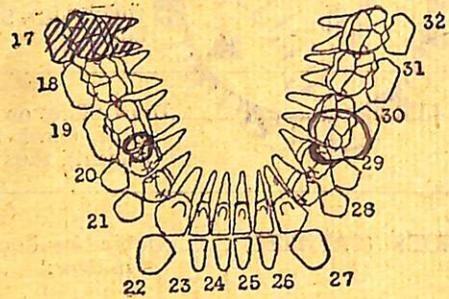
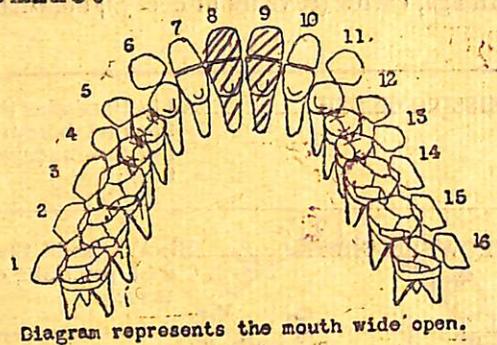
Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

Quantity do

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



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Skull and upper jaw right femur tibia and fibia right and left humerus and right shoulder blade and trunk shattered. Right radius left ulna and radius missing.

7. Disinterment supervised by E. G. HOWELL

Approved: F. B. DANIEL  
(Title) Capt. Q.M.C.  
ewr

8. Reburial supervised by W. B. SHEILD

Approved: JAMES W. YOUNGER  
(Title) 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.

**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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE September 23rd 1921.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

- 1. Name DENERING, John 10. Name DENERING, John D.
- 2. No. 1679638 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Rank Pvt. 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Org. Co. C 305th Inf. 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. D.D. 9-26 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. C.D. K.I.A. (b) D.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- 7. Grave No. 168 Sec. 94 15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Plot 4 Row \_\_\_\_\_ 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_ 17. No discrepancy.
- 18. Cemetery Argonne, Amer. 19. Commune or town Romagne/s/Montfaucon
- 20. Dept. or County Meuse 21. Country France
- 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232 Sec. 94

23. Disinterred (Date) Sept. 23, 1921 By E.G. HOWELL

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name John Denering Serial No. 1679638  
 Rank Pvt. Organization Co. C. 305 Inf.

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

J.C. ANNABEL.

Signature J.C. Annabel 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) Tag on body and tag on peg over body and G.R.S. plaque in box all read John D. Denering.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Uniform burlap and wooden box.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? Tag on body reads, John D. Denering.

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Sept. 25, 1921 By E.G. HOWELL

31. Casket sealed by E.G. HOWELL

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) E. G. Howell E.G. HOWELL

AUDITED BY

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. 6550

32. Designation of body:

Name DENERING, John Serial No. 1679638

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. C 305th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

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

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Sept. 23, 1921 By B.G. HOWELL

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 *F. B. Daniel*  
F. B. DANIEL Capt. Q.M.C.

36. Remarks

None.



37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) September 23rd 1921.

To point of Concentration Morgue Romagne sous Montfaucon.

(Name)

Convoyer W. J. ROYED Signature Shipping Officer *Albert M. Jackson*

Albert M. Jackson, Capt. C.A.C.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery

(Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cem. #1232. Sept. 26, 1921.

(Date)

42. Grave No. Row 35 Block H Gr. 23 Section

43. Plot Row

G.R.S. Representative *James W. Younger*  
JAMES W. YOUNGER,  
CAPT., QMC

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# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File No. 68583

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name DENERING, John Ser. No. 1679638  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. C, 305th Inf.  
 (c) Date of death 9/26/18 (d) Cause of death k/a

TYP. MSC  
 CKR. ALS

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

(a) Grave No. 168 Row -- Plot 4 Sec. 94 TYP. MSC  
 (b) Emerg. Address Catherine DeNering, (Mother), Marion, N.Y.

III. ~~Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases~~ CKR. ALS

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Josiah de Nering (b) Relationship father  
 (c) Address P. O. 2, Marlinton, N.Y.  
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no  
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at yes  
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. \_\_\_\_\_

Examiner's Initials HP Date 5-10, 1920

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

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

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

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

no request for disposition  
 (a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes

Examiner's Initials HP Date 5-10, 1920

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232 Sec. 94 SHEET No. 42



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

.....  
 .....  
 .....

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
Per 94 { letter of transmittal on MAY 24 1921, 192  
Par. 2 Not to be returned. LRW

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

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.
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VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J. \_\_\_\_\_, 192

COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_ CEMETERY No. \_\_\_\_\_ SHEET No. \_\_\_\_\_