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G.R.S. Form #114-B

APR 27 1926

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DATE 1/14/22.

1. NAME DENTON, Leslie C. SERIAL No. 2492619

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Med. Det. 26th Inf. 1st div

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne Amer., Romagne/s/Montfaucon, Meuse 1232, Sec. 26

156 GRAVE Sec. 26 3 ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Isolated Exermont Ardennes Nothing of record

COORDINATES 280.9 302.7 281.3N 303.E Verdun 35NE

CONCENTRATED TO 6-9-19 156 Sec. 26 3

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 Oct 8, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME N.Y.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none Data from Form 1

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

ejt. tm DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR Wm M. CLINE Captain Q.M.C.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 1/14/22. 27 5 C.

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

AUDITED BY M.J.D. 3-24-23

Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

By Robert O. Deane The Adjutant General

MAY 5 1926

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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 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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*J.M.D.*

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

## LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

**Denton**

**24926**

**Leslie**

(Surname).

(Number).

(First Name and Initials).

(Rank).

**Med. Corps**

(Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH:

CAUSE OF DEATH:

**Machine Gun**

DATE OF BURIAL:

**October 12, 1918.**

PLACE OF BURIAL:

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

**Field Cemetery**

**03.-81:1 Argonne Mass**

GRAVE NUMBER: **2**

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:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

*J.H. Robinson*

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

**Chaplain - - - - - 26th Infantry.**

Reported to me by  
Chaplain Sisson 26<sup>th</sup>

**GRAVE LOCATION B**

Cor.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Denton 24926 Leslie 85  
# 24926/9

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

Pvt Med Corps 26<sup>th</sup>  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: .....

CAUSE OF DEATH: .....

DATE OF BURIAL: .....

PLACE OF DEATH *Burial near Vermont Dept. Muse*

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

GRAVE NUMBER: .....

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? .....

Headboard? .....

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: *off* .....

ADDRESS: .....

RELATIONSHIP: .....

REPORTED BY: .....

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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CENTRAL RECORDS OFFICE  
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Co. MD. 26th Infantry  
1st Division

DENTON Leslie - Pvt. 2492619

On or about October 2nd 1918 during the first Argonne offensive, I saw Pvt. DENTON killed. He was shot through the head, by machine gun bullet I think, and death was instantaneous. This occurred near the hill where all aid stations and Regimental P.C. were together. I think he was buried near that hill (E 303.40 - N 281.10).

Informant : DAHL Julius C - Pvt. 1473376.  
Co. MD, 26th Infantry.

Home : Lakota North Dakota.

Signed : John H. STURGEON., Major MC.

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Denton	3	45 2
	Leslie C		
BURIED	CEMETERY 1232	1	1
	GRAVE 27	2	27
	ROW 5	2	05
	BLOCK C	1	3
STATE	New York	2	37
PANK	Post	1	21
DIVISION	1	2	01
ORGANIZATION	No	3	026
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARTIAL	No	1	2
NAME	Denton	3	45 2
	Mrs. Mary		
RESIDENCE	STATE NY	2	37
	COUNTY Essex	2	16
	CITY Malloneburg	3	XXX
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	Yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Poor	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	
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QM 293 A-M  
Denton, Leslie C. (MA)

August 18, 1932

Mrs. Mary Jane Denton,  
P. O. Box #51,  
Whallonsburg, New York.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date, advising that you do not desire to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Leslie C. Denton, during the summer of 1933.

I am indeed sorry that you have decided not to accept this last offer of the Government to make the journey, as it is believed you would receive great consolation from the trip. The pilgrimage was authorized by Congress in an endeavor to bring a measure of peace and solace to the hearts of the mothers and widows whose loved ones made the supreme sacrifice for their country during the late war, and it would seem from letters received from women who have made the journey that this effort has not been in vain.

With reference to your desire that the money which would be spent on your trip be presented to veterans of the World War, you are advised that under the law funds appropriated for the pilgrimages cannot be diverted to any other purpose. It is therefore regretted to advise that your wishes in this matter cannot be complied with.

In the event you reconsider and later desire to visit your son's grave next summer, it is requested you notify this office, and arrangements will be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Denton, Leslie C. (MA)

July 7, 1932.

Mrs. Mary Denton,  
Box 43,  
Whallonsburg, 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?

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(Write answer here)

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

IN REPLY REFER TO CW 582 A-W

for the poor boys that suffer  
from that awful war they need  
it more than I need to see that  
dear granddaddy there so that  
all I could all wait home and may  
not his name but god bless and  
may I see him some day as for  
the country I can wait like that  
I don't care for the trip just  
to see that so just please present  
what you speak me to  
the Dear and suffer and I  
stay home I'll say thank just  
the same you in front

Mrs May June Denton

Wellsbury N J

Po Box 51

QM 293 A-M  
Denton, Leslie C. (MA)

January 28, 1932.

Mrs. Mary Denton,  
Box 43,  
Whallonsburg, New York.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Leslie C. Denton. In reply to a questionnaire, you advised that you did not desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer of 1932.

It is noted you previously stated your health was poor and in this connection you are advised that personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided, and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years many women who were in poor health made the pilgrimage and appeared to benefit by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

In the event you change your mind and desire to visit your son's grave during the coming summer, it is requested that you so notify this office. Should you make a pilgrimage you are assured that the journey will not only be made at the expense of the Government but that everything possible for your comfort and welfare will be provided.

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-M  
Denton, Leslie C. 1232 M

January 20, 1931.

Mrs. Mary Denton,  
Box 43,  
Wallonsburg, New York

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested that you advise whether or not the late Private Leslie C. Denton is survived by a widow, and if so, her name and address.

For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed, herewith, a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

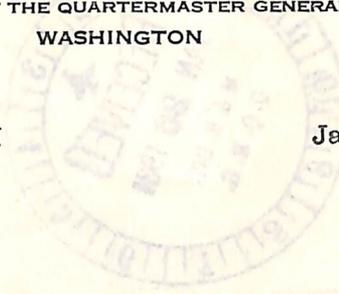
Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Enclosure  
Envelope

*I never saw her since and  
don't know whether she still  
lives or not and don't know where  
she can be but he was free for  
some time he left my the tent  
and into to him she had a nice  
family and one child and was living*

*your air 18 and  
Mary J Denton  
Wallonsburg  
1232 M*



Jan 23 1931

W. H. Hallamby



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Dear sir

In reply to this letter all I can tell you is this Leslie Denton was married but after the war was married he found out his wife was a Big game wife she was the wife of our nation soldier that had been sent away so we took the case to see who then the District attorney for an enrollment he is now from county judge he said it was not a lawful money and we need of an enrollment only to take it of record you have a letter of guide from where she was married twice since so she tell me she was sent to a reformatory after marriage my son but she moved 2 since the

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Denton, Leslie C. Pvt. (M-A) M

June 12, 1931.

Mrs. Mary Denton  
Box 43, ,  
Whallonsburg, 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, 1101

Very truly yours,

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



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

no  
Write answer here

*Mrs Mary Denton*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Denton, Leslie C. 1232 M

June 9, 1930

Mrs. Mary Denton  
Box 43  
Whallonsburg, New York.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? no  
(Write answer here)

*Health not good enough for this*  
*Mrs Mary Denton*  
(Sign here)

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**WAR DEPARTMENT**  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Denton, Leslie C. 1232 M.

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Denton,  
Box 43,  
Whallonsburg, 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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <u>42</u>	Health <u>poor</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Years) (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(No) <input type="checkbox"/> Other language (Specify language spoken) <u>no</u>

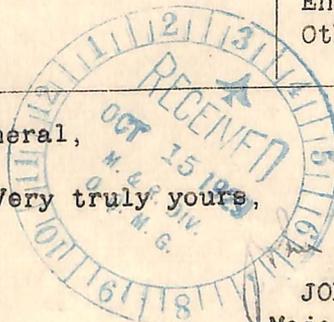
For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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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

Denton, Leslie C.  
1232

September 4, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Denton,  
Box 43,  
Whallonsburg, 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.

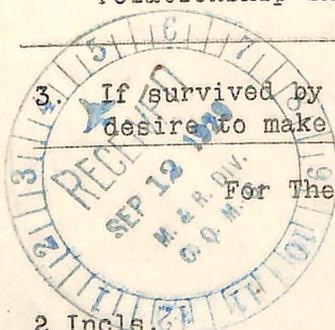
3. If survived by a widow or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope



*Mary Jane Denton*  
*his own mother*  
*but i want to be able*  
*to pilgrimage myself*  
*Thank to you*  
*if i could see him i*  
*would go but i cant*  
*John*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29 1929.

Denton, Leslie C.

Mrs. Mary Denton,  
Box 43,  
Whallonsburg, NY.

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 Pvt. Leslie C. Denton, Med.Det. 26th 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.

QM 293 A-M  
Denton, Leslie C. (MA)

August 18, 1932

Mrs. Mary Jane Denton,  
P. O. Box #51,  
Whallonsburg, New York.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date, advising that you do not desire to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Leslie C. Denton, during the summer of 1933.

I am indeed sorry that you have decided not to accept this last offer of the Government to make the journey, as it is believed you would receive great consolation from the trip. The pilgrimage was authorized by Congress in an endeavor to bring a measure of peace and solace to the hearts of the mothers and widows whose loved ones made the supreme sacrifice for their country during the late war, and it would seem from letters received from women who have made the journey that this effort has not been in vain.

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With reference to your desire that the money which would be spent on your trip be presented to veterans of the World War, you are advised that under the law funds appropriated for the pilgrimages cannot be diverted to any other purpose. It is therefore regretted to advise that your wishes in this matter cannot be complied with.

SC  
In the event you reconsider and later desire to visit your son's grave next summer, it is requested you notify this office, and arrangements will be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Denton, Leslie C. (MA)

July 7, 1932.

Mrs. Mary Denton,  
Box 43,  
Whallonsburg, 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? \_\_\_\_\_

(Write answer here)

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

QM 293 A-M  
Denton, Leslie C. (MA)

January 28, 1932.

Mrs. Mary Denton,  
Box 43,  
Whallonsburg, New York.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Leslie C. Denton. In reply to a questionnaire, you advised that you did not desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer of 1932.

It is noted you previously stated your health was poor and in this connection you are advised that personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided, and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years many women who were in poor health made the pilgrimage and appeared to benefit by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

In the event you change your mind and desire to visit your son's grave during the coming summer, it is requested that you so notify this office. Should you make a pilgrimage you are assured that the journey will not only be made at the expense of the Government but that everything possible for your comfort and welfare will be provided.

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

Denton, Leslie C. Pvt. (M-A) M

June 12, 1931.

Mrs. Mary Denton  
Box 48,  
Whallonsburg, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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COMM M & R BR

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

QM 293 A-M  
Denton, Leslie C. 1232 M

January 20, 1931.

Mrs. Mary Denton,  
Box 43,  
Wallonsburg, New York

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested that you advise whether or not the late Private Leslie C. Denton is survived by a widow, and if so, her name and address.

For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed, herewith, a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,  
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

Denton, Leslie C. 1232 M

June 9, 1930

Mrs. Mary Denton  
Box 43  
Whallonsburg, New York.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,  
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.

Denton, Leslie C. 1232 M.

Mrs. Mary Denton,  
Box 43,  
Whallonsburg, 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

Denton, Leslie C.  
1232

September 4, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Denton,  
Box 43,  
Whallonsburg, 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

June 29 1929.

Denton, Leslie C.

Mrs. Mary Denton,  
Box 43,  
Whallonsburg, NY.

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 Pvt. Leslie C. Denton, Med. Det. 26th 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 C-R

June 26, 1923.

Mrs. Mary Denton,  
Challonsburg,  
N.Y.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of **Private Leslie C. Denton, Medical Detachment, 26th Infantry, is Grave 27a Row 5, Block C, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.**

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

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

Very truly yours,

H. J. Conner,  
Assistant.

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23/236/ARK



# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Jan, 13, 1922.

1. REMAINS OF DENTON LESLIE C. SERIAL NUMBER 2492619  
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Med Det. 26th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Jan, 13, 1922. From (give complete location):  
Gr. 156 sec 26 pt 3 Cem., #1232.

By: Group Maire Unit Sec. 1

3. Reburied (date): Jan. 14, 1922, Grave 27, Block C, Row 5, Cemetery 1232,  
Unlined Casket

By: Group Reburial S Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial \_\_\_\_\_

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
wooden box. and burlap and US uniform, body decomposed unrecognizable.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:  
GRS plaque on body.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Imp to det.

(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) do

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

bullet hole in skull.

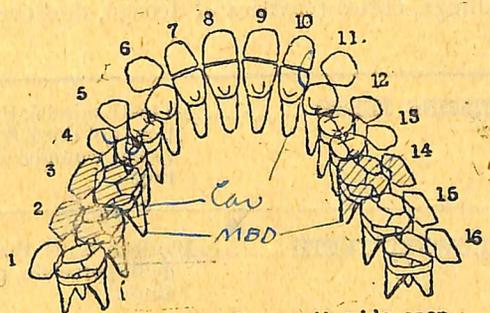
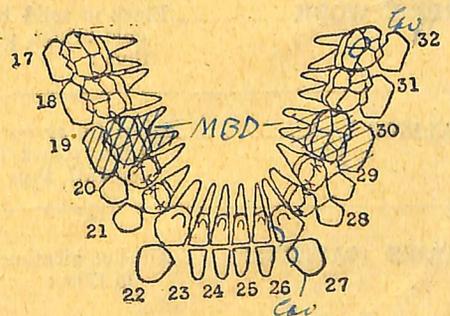


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



7. Disinterment supervised by E. Maire Approved: A. E. Dewey 1st. Lt. QMC (Title)

8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Dufault Approved: James W. Younger Captain Q.M.C. (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.

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

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

STATION

Romagne 1232

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Jan 13 1922

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 **DENTON, Leslie C.**

2. No. **2492619**

3. Rank **Pvt.**

4. Org. **Med Det 26th Inf.**

5. D.D. **Oct. 8th**

6. C.D. **KIA**

10. Name

11. No.

12. Rank

13. Org.

14. (a) D.D.

(b) D.B. **None**

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. **156** Sec. **26**

8. Plot **3** Row

9.

15. Grave No. Sec.

16. Plot Row

17. **None**

18. Cemetery **Meuse-Argonne Amer.**

20. Dept. or County **Meuse**

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. **1232, Sec. 26**

19. Commune or town **Romagne/s/Montfaucon**

21. Country **France**

23. Disinterred (Date) **Jan 13 1922**

By **Edmo Maire**

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name **Leslie C Denton**

Rank **Pvt**

Serial No. **2492619**

Organization **Med Det 26th Inf**

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

*C. Smyth O'Meara*  
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

C Smyth O'Meara

PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).

**GRS plaque on body agrees**

27. Condition of body **Badly decomposed features unrecognizable**

28. Nature of burial **US Uniform, burlap and box**

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? **None**

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date **Jan 13 1922** By **Edmo Maire**

31. Casket sealed by **Edmo Maire**

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor *Edmo Maire*  
**Edmo Maire.**

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.)

Box No. **C-20741**

32. Designation of body:

Name **Leslie C. DENTON**

Serial No. **2492610**

Rank **Pvt.**

Organization **Med Det 26th Inf.**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **Meuse-Argonne Amer. #1232, Romagne/s/Montfaucon, Meuse**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **Jan 13 1922**

By **Edmo Maire**

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

*A E Dewey*  
**A E Dewey 1st Lt. QMC**

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) **Jan 13 1922**

**cc**

To point of Concentration **Morgue Romagne**

Convoyer **W J Royed**

(Name  
Signature Shipping Officer

*G F Spann*  
**G F Spann, Capt. QMC**

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery

Convoyer

(Name  
Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred **Meuse Argonne Cemetery 1232, Jan. 14, 1922,**

(Date

42. Grave No. **27**

Section

43. ~~Plot~~ Block **C**

Row **5**

G.R.S. Representative

**JEL**

*James W. Younger*  
**James W. Younger,  
Captain Q.M.C.**

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #55883

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name DENTON, Leslie G. Ser. No. 2492619
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Med. Det. 26th Inf.
(c) Date of death 10-8-18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. als
CKR.

4/8/21 Examined
For Reburial
Munich - Argonne
4/20/22
1232

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

(a) Grave No. 156 Row -- Plot 3 Sec. 26. TYP. als
(b) Emerg. Address Mary Denton, (Mother) Whallonsburg, N.Y.

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

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

at 1 and 4-14-21

Date of receipt
(a) Name Mrs. Mary J. Denton (b) Relationship mother
(c) Address RFD No 1 Box 74, Wadhams, N.Y.
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? yes
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at no

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. Mrs. Mary J. Denton, Essex, N.Y. exp + self Whallonsburg, N.Y.
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. (Undisturbed)

Examiner's Initials BOR Date 4-11-1921

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

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

Examiner's Initials BOR Date 4-11-1921

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

Hon. B. H. Snell
3-17-20, forwards letter from Mrs. Mary J. Denton, Mother, Whallonsburg, N.Y. requesting return of body
(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes

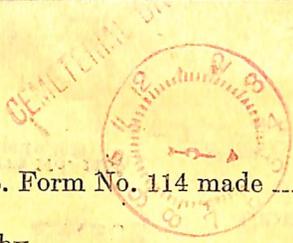
Examiner's Initials BOR Date 4-11-1921

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232-Sec. 26 SHEET No. 51

CARDED

BOR 5/31/21

Handwritten notes and signatures at bottom right.



RECEIVED  
MAIL ROOM

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 192

JUN 22 1921

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by S.M., \_\_\_\_\_

5-26-1921

Cemeterial List

Overseas Project No. \_\_\_\_\_

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
letter on MAY 25 1921, 192

Sec # 26

Par. 1 To be returned.

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IX.

REMARKS

Form 129 to hold body, Ford Wash 6/6/21 B.F.

6/23/21

PROPOSED CABLEGRAM NO. 336 TO EUROPE-BODY TO REMAIN

att  
6/30/21

Let 6/13/21 Mother requests body remain where now resting!

Let. 7/2/21 - Above ask. and refer to Office Letter of 6/10/21

Let. 6/10/21 - Mother advised body will remain permanently interred in Argonne Amer. Cg. as requested 24/57/27/21

Let from Europe 7/5/21 states return cancelled as per cable att 11/2/21

Location Index

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Location Index .....  
..... Discrepancies .....  
Name .....  
Rank .....  
Serial No. ....  
Org. ....  
Remarks

.....  
A.G.O. Card & Corr. ....  
..... Discrepancies .....  
Name .....  
Rank .....  
Serial No. ....  
Org. ....  
Remarks

.....  
G. R. S. Corr. ....  
..... Discrepancies .....  
Name .....  
Rank .....  
Serial No. ....  
Org. ....  
Remarks

..... *ok - no S. Waent 4-14-21. jae* .....

Checkers .....  
..... Discrepancies .....  
Name .....  
Rank .....  
Serial No. ....  
Org. ....  
Remarks

*[Handwritten signatures and initials]*

1232-26-51

July 21, 1921.

293.8-Cem. #55883 (Denton, Leslie G. Pvt.)

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

Mrs. Mary J. Denton, Box 43, Whallonsburg, New York.

Disposition of remains.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 13, 1921 referred to this office by our branch office at Hoboken, New Jersey and in reply thereto, your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of communication addressed you under date of June 10, 1921 with reference to the disposition of the remains of the late Private Lesslie G. Denton, Medical Detachment, 26th Infantry.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

MVB

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

HW

Encl.

Noted on Form No. 113  
Date MAH/27/21

RECEIVED BY  
MAIL UNIT

JUL 21 1921

Cemeterial Division  
Overseas Project Sub-Section

Hoboken, N. J.  
June 16th, 1921.

Chief, Cemeterial Division,  
Washington, D. C.

No reply has been made to  
communication dated June 13th, 1921,  
from Mrs. Mary J. Denton, mother,  
who requests that remains be left in  
France undisturbed.

Graves Registration Service  
Per: E. C.

*(1232 - Sec. 26 - 51)  
no ack. made*

G.R.S. FORM 129  
Transmittal Supplementary Advice  
Hoboken to Washington

WAR DEPARTMENT  
QUARTERMASTER CORPS  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
HOBOKEN, N. J.

June 15, 1921.

From: Graves Registration Officer, Hoboken, New Jersey.  
To: Quartermaster General, Cemeterial Division, Washington, D. C.  
Subject: Supplementary Advice concerning:

Name Denton, Leslie C. Ser. No. 2492619  
Rank Pvt. Organization Med. Det. 26th Inf.  
Cemetery No. 1252 Sec.26 Cable Reference No. (Sheet No.) 51

Request shown below dated June 14, 1921 is latest in this case:

Name of Relative	<u>Return</u>	<u>Remain</u>	<u>Special</u>
	to	in	Undisturbed
		France	

Widow \_\_\_\_\_  
Children \_\_\_\_\_  
Guardian \_\_\_\_\_  
Father \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother Mrs. Mary J. Denton, R.F.D.#1, Box #74, Wadhams, New York (E/A)  
Brother \_\_\_\_\_  
Sister \_\_\_\_\_  
Others \_\_\_\_\_

Body ~~to be shipped to, or~~ for interment in: France - (Perm. Amer. Cty.)

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Cable Letter June 23 1921 forwarding advice to Europe dispatched \_\_\_\_\_ 1921.

S-744 EB

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B-6-27-21 m

Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. O. M. G.  
File # 293.8 #35583  
Denton, Leslie C

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
QUARTERMASTER CORPS  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
HOBOKEN N. J.

Form 129, June 1921

From: Graves Registration Office, Hoboken, New Jersey  
To: Quartermaster General, Demerol Division, Washington, D. C.  
Subject: Supplementary Advice concerning

Name: Danton, Leslie G. Ser. No. 327219

Rank: 1st Lt. Organization: 1st. Inf. 28th Div.

Cemetery No. 1232 500, 20 Cable Reference No. (When No.) 11

Reports shown below dated June 11, 1921 is latest in this case:

Name of Relative	Address	Remarks	Special
			Unattached

Widow

Children

Parents

Other

Report by Mrs. Mary J. Danton, 1232 500, 20, New York (NY)

RECEIVED  
IND. BRANCH  
JUL 15 1921  
CEMETERIAL  
DIV. O. M. G.

RECEIVED  
G. H. S.  
21 1921



Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
E. O. M. G.

G.R.S. FORM 129  
Transmittal Supplementary Advice  
Hoboken to Washington

WAR DEPARTMENT  
QUARTERMASTER CORPS  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
HOBOKEN, N. J.

June 15, 1921.

From: Graves Registration Officer, Hoboken, New Jersey.  
To: Quartermaster General, Cemeterial Division, Washington, D. C.  
Subject: Supplementary Advice concerning:

Name Denton, Leslie C. Ser. No. 2492619  
Rank Pvt. Organization Med. Det. 26th Inf.  
Cemetery No. 1232 Sec. 26 Cable Reference No. (Sheet No.) 51

Request shown below dated June 14, 1921 is latest in this case:

Name of Relative	<u>Return</u>	<u>Remain</u>	<u>Special</u>
	to	in France	<u>Undisturbed</u>

Widow \_\_\_\_\_

Children \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Father \_\_\_\_\_

Mother Mrs. Mary J. Denton, R.F.D. #1, Box 474, Wadhams, New York (B/A)

Brother \_\_\_\_\_

Sister \_\_\_\_\_

Others \_\_\_\_\_

Body to be shipped to, or for interment in: France - (Port. Amer. City.)

Cable Letter June 23 1921 forwarding advice to Europe dispatched \_\_\_\_\_ 1921.

S-744 EB *att*

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
QUARTERMASTER CORPS  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
HOBOKEN, N. J.

1921  
From: Graves Registration Officer, Hoboken, New Jersey.  
To: Quartermaster (General) - General Division, Washington, D. C.  
Subject: Supplementary Advice concerning

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Ser. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Company No. \_\_\_\_\_ Cable Reference No. (Sheet No.) \_\_\_\_\_  
Request shown below dated \_\_\_\_\_ is latest in this case:  
Name of Relative \_\_\_\_\_  
Relation \_\_\_\_\_  
to \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_

Wife \_\_\_\_\_  
Child \_\_\_\_\_  
Grandchild \_\_\_\_\_  
Father \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother \_\_\_\_\_  
Brother \_\_\_\_\_  
Sister \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

RECEIVED  
INC. BRANCH  
JUL 15 1921  
DIV. O. M. G.

General Division  
Overseas Project Sub-Section

RECEIVED BY  
MAIL UNIT  
JUN 23 1921

RECEIVED  
JUN 21 1921  
G. H. S.



WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

CEMETERIAL DIVISION

WASHINGTON

*This is not a notice that the body has arrived in U.S.*

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JUN 7 1921

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

To: Mrs. Mary J. Denton, RFD #1, Box 74, Wadhams, N.Y.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Leslie C. Denton, Ser. No. 2492619, Med. Det. 26th Inf.

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

~~be returned to the United States and shipped to you at Essex, N.Y.~~

(Exp. Whallonsburg, N.Y.)

*Remain in Europe 6/15/21 ECS*

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

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

PROPOSED CABLEGRAM NO. *336* TO EUROPE-BODY TO REMAIN *6/30/21*

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.

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Was soldier married? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

June 13<sup>th</sup> 1921

I, the undersigned, am the Mother 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.)

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

(R. R. station.)

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

4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery. Let the body of my son remain in Europe please

Signature Mrs Mary J Denton

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.

5-25-21

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, AND SHIPMENT OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records Office Chief G. R. S.

Discrepancy found upon examination of body.

- 1. Name BENTON, Leslie C. 10. Name \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. No. 2492619 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Rank Pvt. 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Org Med. Det. 26th Inf. 13. Org \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. D. D. 10-8-18 14. (a) D. D. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. C. D. K/A 15. (b) D. B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment.

- 7. Grave No. 156 Sec. 26 15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Plot 3 Row -- 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. ---- 17. \_\_\_\_\_

- 18. Cemetery Argonne Amer.
- 19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon
- 20. Department or county Meuse
- 21. Country France 22. G. R. S. Headquarters Code No. 1232-Sec. 26
- 23. Disinterred \_\_\_\_\_ (Date.) By \_\_\_\_\_
- 24. Inscription on grave marker { Name \_\_\_\_\_ Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_
- 25. Was identification disk found on grave marker? \_\_\_\_\_ On body? \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Junior Technical Assistant.

(The following space is reserved for notations to be made by office Chief Graves Registration Service.)

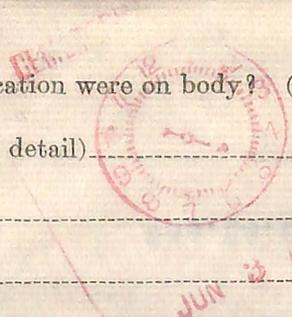
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Sec. 26. Cable ref. no. 51.

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PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disk or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail) \_\_\_\_\_
27. Condition of body \_\_\_\_\_
28. Nature of burial \_\_\_\_\_
29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G. R. S. records quoted above? \_\_\_\_\_
30. Body prepared and placed in casket \_\_\_\_\_ (Date.) By \_\_\_\_\_
31. Casket sealed by \_\_\_\_\_



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Signature of Embalmer (Supervisor) \_\_\_\_\_

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

32. Designation of body { Name **Leslie C. Denton.** Serial No. **2492619**  
 Rank **Pvt.** Organization **Med. Det. 26th Inf.**
33. CONSIGNEE—Name **Mrs. Mary J. Denton,**  
 Address **Essex, N.Y. (Exp. & Teleg., Whallonsburg, N.Y.)**
34. Casket boxed and marked \_\_\_\_\_ (Date.) By \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

36. Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

37. Shipped from cemetery \_\_\_\_\_ (Date.) To \_\_\_\_\_ (Point of concentration.)

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

38. Received at point of concentration \_\_\_\_\_ (Date.)

Signature Receiving Officer \_\_\_\_\_

39. Shipped from point of concentration \_\_\_\_\_ (Date.)

To \_\_\_\_\_ (Port.) Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_

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

40. Received European port \_\_\_\_\_ (Date.)

Signature of G. R. S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

41. Shipped to \_\_\_\_\_ (U. S. port.) On \_\_\_\_\_ (Boat.)

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature of Shipping Officer.)

42. Received \_\_\_\_\_ (Date.) By G. R. S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature.)

43. Shipped to destination \_\_\_\_\_ (Date.) { B/L or Express Order No. \_\_\_\_\_

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ { Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

6/22/20 1920.

Prepare the communication to Chief, G. R. S.,  
in Europe, indicated below:

1. Corrective letter

- (1) Name
- (2) Rank
- (3) Serial No.
- (4) Organization.

2. Supplementary letter

- (1) Body to be returned
- (2) " to remain
- (3) " to Foreign country
- (4) Communicate and comply with wishes of relatives.
- (5)
- (6)

3. Cable

- (a) Body to remain
- (b) Body to be returned
- (c) Special

H. B. Cairns.

Ref. Par. \_\_\_\_\_ Letter \_\_\_\_\_

*July 9*

\_\_\_\_\_ 1920.

CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
REGISTRATION SECTION

Date 6-17-21.

TO: Mrs. Cavins  
CAPTAIN HANSON

MR. HUGHITT,  
MISS BOLAND

CARD DEPT (RFSS)  
CTY. AUDIT DEPT. (ISS)  
INV. & ADJ. DEPT. (ISS)  
PREP. OF DATA DEPT. (ISS)  
INFORMATION CONTROL (ISS)

OPSS - Adm. Dept.

OPSS - Comp. Dept.  
OPSS - Corresp. & Coord. Dept.  
OPSS - Files Dept.

FILES DEPT. (ADM. BRANCH)

Return to \_\_\_\_\_

From Cole (74C7)

S/1333/LML

Action as necessary	Preparation of letter
Necessary adjustment	Signature
Investigation	File
Remark	Recording
Suspension	Coding
Note (Need not return)	File Papers
Note and return	Returned
Form 101-A	Report
Action as noted	Forwarded

Memo: Change of advice  
"Body to Remain"

(Revised 3-23-21)

1232/26/51

123-2,  
Hok 6/1

June 29, 1921.

2938-Com.#55883-(Denton, Leslie C.Pvt.)

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

Mrs. Mary J. Denton, P.O.Box 43, Whalonsburg, N.Y.

Disposition of remains.

1. In reply to your letter of recent date, cancelling your previous instructions that the remains of your son, the late Private Leslie C. Denton, Medical Detachment, 26th Infantry, be returned to this country and directing that his body be permanently interred in France, you are advised that instructions will be issued that your wishes be complied with, provided there is no relative whose legal right to direct disposition has priority over yours.

2. The remains of the deceased are interred in Grave 159, Section 26, Plot 3, Argonne American Cemetery at Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse. This is a permanent American Cemetery and will be maintained by the Government in the same manner as National Cemeteries in this country are maintained.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

LN

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

HW

*Change of advice.  
Europe will be advised  
"Body to remain".  
HCH 6/17/21.*

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Cemeterial Division  
Overseas Project Sub-Section

May 2th, 1920  
Whallensburg, N.Y.

Dear sir

I am agen writing you in Regards to my Dear son that was killed in 1918 Now My first Request was to have His Body brot home and if It had been done I would Ben happy but it ben so Long and there woudent be only a fue boys to bring Back I am goen to ask you if his body has not ben taken up and is not on the way to ples leave him where he fell as i have thought it over and over agen and it mite be him and it mite not and my Hart can be with him there just as will and maby some day i be with him I coudent see him if he was brot back so i can see the concepel (?) but now so agen i ask you ples to leave him with the thous- and that he died with God be with them all as will as my Dear son but of cors if he is all redy on the way home i want him brot here to his home just the same and oblige to you

I am his mother

(Sgd) Mrs Mary J. Denton  
Whallensburg, N.Y.  
P o Box. 42

cd



Denton, Leslie C

2,492,619

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt. Med Det 26th Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

His Mother

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?

no  
(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:

Mrs Mary J Denton Whalleugton, Whalleugton  
(Name of person to receive remains.) (Express office.) (Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mrs Mary J Denton

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by - 600  
1732 - Sec 26 - 51  
4-11-21

checked  
4/11/21  
LH

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

5883

Danton 24926 Leslie  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

(Rank). Med. Corps  
(Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: .....

CAUSE OF DEATH: Machine Gun

DATE OF BURIAL: October 12, 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL: .....

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

Field Cemetery

03.-81.1 Argonne Map

GRAVE NUMBER: 2

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:

CMME. EXERMONT (Froidennes)

(C-309) SHT. 23rd COORD. E 303 N 581

NEAREST RELATIVE: .....

ADDRESS: .....

RELATIONSHIP: .....

REPORTED BY: J. R. Lison

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

Replain 26th Infantry.

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

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

5588 B

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Remains of :

NAME: DENTON, Leslie

NUMBER: 2492610

RANK: Unkn

ORGANIZATION: Unkn

DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL MADE BY GROUP:

UNIT:

DISINTERMENT: (Date)

FROM: (Give complete location)

9th June, 1919

Grave ISOLATED; EXERMONT, ARDENNES

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Map 55 NE. E 302.7 N 280.9

REBURIED (Date)

IN: (Give complete location)

9th June, 1919

Grave #156 Section #26 Plot #3

1232

ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY, #1232

ROMAGNE, MEUSE

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

Burial good. Body buried in uniform and badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body ? Yes

What other means of identification were found on the body ? None

Note:

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

Supervised by: Lt. Peters

R. H. ROSENTHAL  
2nd Lieut. O.M.C.U.S.A.  
C.O. Group            Unit

Date: 20th June, 1919  
Place: New York, New York

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Number of:

Name: DUNTON, Leslie

Number: 242213

Rank: UNKN

Organization: UNKN

Disinterment and Reburial Made by Group: UNKN

From: (Give complete location)

Disinterment Date: 20th June, 1919

Grave Isolated: EXETER, EXETER

Man of War: M 280 Y M 280 2

Reburial Date: 20th June, 1919

To: (Give complete location)

Grave #126 Section 426 Lot 13

Argonne American Cemetery, #1222

Romanian, Meuse

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

Partial skull. Body buried in uniform and badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

What other means of identification were found on the body? None

Note: If from disinterment, effects are found on bodies, they will be generally sent to the Director, as is required by G. O. IYO, G. H. S. 1918. After being carefully examined for clues of identity in doubtful cases, identification will be made and reported to the Chief, Graves Registration Service.

R. H. ROSENTHAL  
2nd Lt. U.S.A.  
C.O. Group Unit

Supervised by: Lt. Peters

FILE

July 21, 1921.

293.8-Cem. #55683 (Denton, Leslie C. Pvt.)

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

Mrs. Mary J. Denton, Box 43, Whallonsburg, New York.

Disposition of remains.

File O.S.P.  
M.H. 7/27/21

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 13, 1921 referred to this office by our branch office at Hoboken, New Jersey and in reply thereto, your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of communication addressed you under date of June 10, 1921 with reference to the disposition of the remains of the late Private Lesslie C. Denton, Medical Detachment, 26th Infantry.

FILE

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

MVB

CHARLES J. WYNNE,  
Captain, U. S. A.

aps  
HW

Encl.

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O.S.P.

Noted on Form No. 113  
Date M.H. 7/27/21

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Overseas Project Sub-Section

June 13 1921

Flabaker N.Y

Dear son in regards to  
the Body of my Dear son  
that is buried in France  
please leave the poor boy  
where he is at rest at  
first I would wish that  
same but now I can  
see the concept but of  
it and rather he be left  
at rest it is now 3 years  
I think that is best as they

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6/13/21

Wanted to be any thing but  
his home by now and really  
the ones I get wanted to  
his at that my Heart can  
be with the Dear one just  
the same and I trust his  
eyes will be cured be  
over there as he was our  
afel dear boy to me  
was always kind and good  
my Heart aches for him  
luck stay but be with  
you and hoping so please  
leave him where he fell  
and where he is buried  
at rest and not there.

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The lady says he has taken up  
course but that he enjoys as I could  
all his life was but some  
but if he is on the way I would  
his lady sent some to me  
and he in some sense but with  
the rest of the party  
I give this

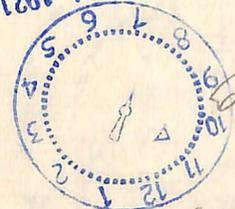
I am Mother of Priscilla  
Leah B Denton

Per No 2492619 Med Det 26 Inf

Mrs Mary J Denton  
W'ballensby Wg  
Po Box 43

Noted on Form No. 115  
Date 248912-112

JUN 21 1921  
G. K. S.



Please if the boy of my  
own could care neither  
me

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but I hope he be left at  
rest now in stead of being  
further and here after

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

Date 7/19/21

To Mrs. [unclear] Room \_\_\_\_\_

- All Officers,
- Col. Penrose
- Lt. Col. Davis, O. R. C.
- Captain Hanson
- Capt. Wynne
- Lieut. Conner

*to avoid of our*

*letter of June 10*

*I don't think any*

- Mr. Robb - Principal Clerk
- Mrs. Hodges - Personnel Clerk
- Mr. Houghton - Files
- Mr. Saxton - Cemeterial Branch
- Mr. Grant - Inquiry Branch
- Mr. Plotner - Supplies

*is necessary*

Prepare reply ( *Don't you*  
 for ( General Rogers  
 signature of ( General Krauthoff  
 ( Col. Penrose  
 ( Lt. Col. Davis

FOR:

- To note
- Information. Need not be returned
- Information and return
- Action or reply
- Approval
- Returned
- Remarks and recommendation
- Suspension to.....
- File
- Investigation and report
- Copies.....(State number)
- Papers in case
- Personal conference
- Draft of letter or endorsement
- Signature
- Check for correction
- See other side for remarks

*think it better*

*to acknowledge*

*receipt*

Final return to: \_\_\_\_\_

From: [Signature]

NOTE: This form may be used a number of times on same case by crossing off previous marks and inserting new marks (and date) in different colors.

OK.

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Denton* ..... *24926* ..... *Leslie* .....  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).  
*Pvt.* ..... *Med. Corps 26th Inf.* .....  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: .....

CAUSE OF DEATH: *Mach. Gun.* .....

DATE OF BURIAL: *Oct. 12, 1918* .....

PLACE OF BURIAL: .....

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

*Field Cemetery* .....  
*03-81* ..... *Argonne Map* .....

GRAVE NUMBER: *2* .....

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 mark should be given here:  
.....

NEAREST RELATIVE: .....

ADDRESS: .....

RELATIONSHIP: .....

REPORTED BY:  
*Chaplain H. R. Larson* ..... *26th Inf.* .....  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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



File O. S. P.  
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FILE

June 10, 1921.

293.6-Cem. 455883-(Denton, Leslie C. Pvt.)

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

Mrs. Mary J. Denton, P.O. Box 43, Whallonsburg, MO.

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By authority of the Quartermaster General:

LN

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

HW

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JUN 10 1921

C.M.S.

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DATE 6-17-21-7c7

JUN 11 1921

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Date 7/18/21

Cemeterial Division  
Overseas Project Sub-Section

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May 2<sup>th</sup> 1921

W. H. Allenby

Recorded, General Div., O. O. M. G.  
File # 483 35883

COPY FORWARDED TO HOBOKEN  
DATE 6-17-74CX

Dear sir

I am again writing you in  
Regards to my Dear sir

That was killed in 1918 when

My first request was to have  
his body put home and if

It had been done I would

been happy but it has not

been done and there wouldnt be

only a full charge to bring

back I am yours to ask

W. H. Allenby

You if his body too not been  
taken up and is not on  
the way to please send him  
where he fell as I have  
thought it over and over  
again and it might be him  
and it might not and my  
heart can be with him then  
just as well and maybe some  
day I be with him I could  
see him if he was beat back  
so I can see the conception  
but now I can't ask  
you please to let him with  
the thousands that he died  
with God he with them  
all as well as my Dear  
sir

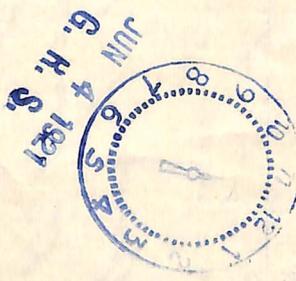
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O. O. M. G.  
JUN 6 1921

but of course if he is all ready on  
the way here I want him but  
here to his here just the same

kind. oblige to you  
I am his mother

Mrs Mary J Denton

Wallerburg Wg  
P. O. Box. 43



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June 6/20/97

File No. 55883

OSPSS Ref. No. 1232-26-51

Follow-up No. \_\_\_\_\_

To: Inquiry Section.

From: Overseas Project Sub-Section.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION on Cemetery No. (furnished by: MDM) (date 6/1/21)

Data sent Overseas Body to be returned, Lt. Evans 5/25/21

Operations to commence (approx.) July - 1921

Operations to be completed (approx.) \_\_\_\_\_

Bodies shipped from European Port \_\_\_\_\_

Bodies arrived at Hoboken 2492617

II. CASE OF Denton, Lealie C. Pvt. Med. Det. 26<sup>th</sup> Inf

The following information was abstracted (Date 6/7/21) from: 7115 A

SOURCE	CLK.	in OFFICE		Clk.	in OFFICE
A. G. O. Cards	<u>M.V.M.</u>	<u>Yes</u>	Shppg. Inquiry (sent _____)		
A.G.O. Corresp.			To _____		
G.R.S. Corresp. relative to disp.			OSP S-S Corresp. (see Remarks.)		

A.G.O. card DESIRES as to Disposition.

Name of Relative	RETURN			REMAIN	SPECIAL
	N. C.	Pvt.	Int.		
Widow					
Children (Name oldest first)					
Father					
Mother <u>Mrs. Mary J. Denton</u>					
Brothers <u>R 7 D. 1, Box 74</u>					
Sisters <u>Wallhams</u>					

Body to be shipped to Mrs. Mary J. Denton  
Whallenshay, N.Y. was shipped (Date) 6/7/21

REMARKS Chy 1232-26 Audited, 7115 sent 6/1/21  
Operations commence July 1921 B&I 3 1/2

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4/11/01  
(Date)

FORM 115 has been compiled on the following case:-

CEMETERY NO. 1232 SECTION 26

FORM 115 Sheet No. 51

SH  
(Initials)

OSP-SS  
Form No. 1011.

S/2053/LML

G.R.S. #106  
DISPOSITION OF BODY

War Department  
Office of the Quartermaster General.  
Graves Registration Service.  
Washington, D.C.

Mar. 22, 1920

For information of:

- (a) The Adjutant General of the Army
- ✓(b) G.R.S., Paris, France.
- ✓(c) Office Files.
- (d) Photographic Section.

Case of: Pvt. Leslie C. Denton  
Med. Det. 26th Infantry

Grave Location:

Grave #159, section #26, plot #3,  
Argonne American Cemetery,  
Romagne-Sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse.

Request for action checked below:

- ✓(a) Return of Body to the U.S.
- (b) Permanent Burial in France.
- (c) Cancellation of former requests.
- (d) Change of address.
- (e) Photograph of grave,

has been made by:

Mrs. Mary J. Denton, (Mother)  
Whallonsburg, New York  
(Through)

Representative Bertrand H. Snell, Wash., D.C.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. FORCE,  
Colonel, Q.M.G. U.S.A.

Chief, Graves Registration Service.

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March 22nd, 1920

55883 Inquiry (Denton, Leslie C. Pvt.)

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Yours very truly,

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

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

Date 3/20/20

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME DENTON - Leslie E

Serial Number 2492619

RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION Med. Det. 26th Infantry

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	1) Yes
2.	Date of Death.	2) 10-8-18
3.	Cause and place of death	3) KIA
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	4) 322
5.	Date buried	5) 10-12-18
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	6) Disinterred from Isolated Grave # 1 - Comme - C-209 Evermont, Ardennes Reburied 6-9-19 - Grave #159 - Sec. 26 - Plot 3 - Argonne Am. Ctry #1232 Pommagne sur Montfaucon meuse.
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	10) (a) yes (b) yes.
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	11) Mary Denton (mother) Wallausburg, N.Y.
12.	Has above been notified? (Give date)	12) 2-15-19 - 21-a 3-23-19 - 36
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	14) D35455
15.	Inquiry made by?	

Mother Yes

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

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March 17, 1920.

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The Quartermaster General,  
War Department,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

I am enclosing a letter from Mrs. Mary J.  
Denton, Whallonsburg, New York, requesting the return  
of her son's body to this country. Your attention to  
the same will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*B. J. Tracy*

Re: Private Leslie C. Denton,  
Medical Det. 26th Infantry,  
Serial #2492619

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after this week please  
send my mail to  
Whittensby Mar 14 1920  
W. Matthews of 2  
A. F. 19

Mr Snell

Dear sir in regards to  
your letter for information  
about my son grand i  
your you all they sent to  
me about it please excuse  
me for not writing at once  
but our account of health and  
sickness i have had some  
minded to write you but i  
will now do so your

in best Mrs. Mary J.  
the letter was written Denton  
on Jan 14 1920 to me

to Mary P. Denton  
in Ballensy NY

Case of Post. Genie. C. Denton  
Med. Det. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Inf

2492619

Place of Burial

Disinterred and Reburied in  
Grave # 14a sec. 2 Co, Plat. 3,

Argonne American

Cemetery # 1232

Ramagne-aux-Bois - Montfaucon,  
Meuse.

(over)

The number on the  
cross at his grave on  
the picture they sent  
me is 1.60 in. instead of 1.66

Letter arrived by

Charles C. Pierce

Colonel 2nd Corps

Chief Graves Registration  
Service



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GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
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ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY

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

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

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Monument  
(Par. #6, Bul. 10-C-W)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Remarks:

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