

G.R.S. Form #114-B CAUSE OF DEATH

Soldier's Sig Desabe

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FULL NAME. DESABE, Edward C. *OK.*

RANK. Pvt. *lc* ✓ SERIAL. 110267 *OK.*

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION. Co. B, 103rd M.G. *bn*, *OK.* 26 Div

DATE OF DEATH. 7/20/1918 *OK.*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME. *Vermont*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED. *none go 22, Hq. 26th Div 3-15-19*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION. Date 19 Grave 5 Row A Block

Cty 1764

Cemetery

A.G.O.
MAY 9 1927
WORLD WAR DIV.

*966-3
9/12/27*

Co B. 103rd M.G. Bn.
26th Division

DESABE Edward G. Pvt I/cl. II0267

HOME: New York, N.Y.

" Died about 15 minutes after being hit by sniper's bullet and never recovered consciousness. He was firing at the enemy with machine gun as they were retreating. Was struck just above heart.
Date: July 20th 1918
Place: Edge of town Belleau above Chateau Thierry. Buried there in marked grave. "

Informant: La Fleury, Alferie Sgt. II0222
Co B. 103rd M.G. Bn.
Home: Richford, Vt. *Wt.*
February 12th 1919

Searcher: Chaplain Robert Campbell Jr.

Emergency Address:
Mrs. James Deborde, (Sister)
1 St. Louis Academy,
New-York, N.Y.

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Lesabe</i>	<i>DE S</i>	3	<i>45 9</i>
<i>Edward C</i>	CEMETERY <i>1764</i>	1	<i>4</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>19</i>	2	<i>19</i>
	ROW <i>5</i>	2	<i>05</i>
	BLOCK <i>a</i>	1	<i>1</i>
STATE	<i>VA</i>	2	<i>53</i>
RANK	<i>PFC</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>26</i>	2	<i>26</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>103</i>	3	<i>103</i>
ARM	<i>M. G. Bn</i>	1	<i>2</i>
MARTIAL	<i>76</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Catholie</i>	<i>Ant</i>	3	<i>31 0</i>
<i>Home Bureau</i>	STATE <i>NY</i>	2	<i>37</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>NY</i>	2	<i>31</i>
<i>NY</i>	CITY <i>NY</i>	3	<i>101</i>
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER <i>Parents dead</i>		1	<i>0</i>
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Dead</i>	1	<i>6</i>
NATIVITY <i>no loco</i>		1	
RACE <i>no SM</i>		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE 29/514/PJ.	<i>Dead</i>	1	<i>B</i>

AUDITED

AUG 18 1932

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Desabe, Edw. C. (AM) C 27 863

PFC Co. B, 103rd M G Bn

Vt.

Date of mother's death?

SM?

Loco?

Single

Get an active address

None

no ins - no inf
no claim for conty

11/22/22

RS

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Desabe, Edward C 1764-S

July 8, 1930

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St. Louis Academy,
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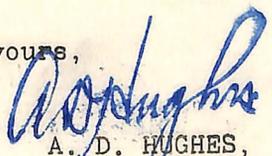
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If so, give her name and address:

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:
Envelope
Act
Amendment


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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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August 29, 1929.

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Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WORLD WAR DIVISION
PERSONNEL RECORDS SECTION

.....1929

TO

Addresses given as shown on attached
letter.

Try: Exec Sec.,
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MIM # 53

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Assistant.

27863

(Sister) Miss Jeanne Desobe,
St Louis Academy
New York City

X
Emergency address only
one given

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

DATE 7-20-29

NAME	RANK	SERIAL	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
DESABE, Edward C.	Pvt.1/cl.	110267	Co. B, 103rd M.G.Bn.	7/20/18

STATE	CTY. NO.	1764	GRAVE 19	ROW 5	BLOCK A
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	<u>Check relationship</u>	<u>Living</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>Deceased</u>
	MOTHER	:	:	:
	STEPMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:	:
NAME	MOTHER THRU ADOPTION	:	:	:
AND	(For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:	:
ADDRESS	MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS	:	:	:
	(For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:	:
	WIDOW	:	:	:
	(Who has not remarried)	:	:	:

Veterans Bureau Claim Number C-27863
29/156

7/23P

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON

DATE 7-20-23

TO: THE CHIEF OF STAFF, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
FROM: THE CHIEF OF STAFF, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
SUBJECT: [Illegible]

1. [Illegible]

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U. S. DEPT. OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF

RT. REV. MSGR. FRANCIS J. O'HARA
PRESIDENT

THOMAS F. FARRELL
VICE-PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY AND TREASURER

The Catholic Home Bureau For Dependent Children

ROOM 703
485 MADISON AVENUE
COR. 52ND STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y.

TELEPHONE 2620 WICKERSHAM

MISS MARY FRANCES GODLEY
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

NEW YORK

September 7th, 1929

Major John T. Harris
Quarter Master Corps
War Department
Washington, D.S.

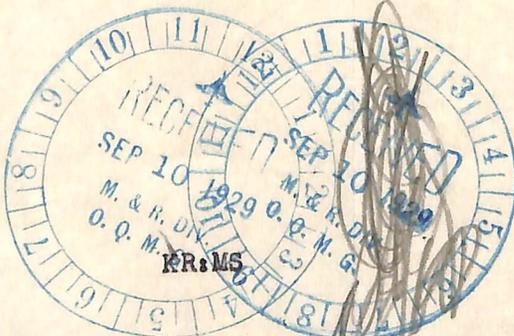
Re: QM 293 A-C
De Sabe, Edward

Dear Sirs:

In reply to your letter concerning next of kin of Edward De Sabe, I am sorry to state that Edward was committed to one of our child-caring Institutions at the age of three years. At the time of his committment his mother and father were dead and we can find no record of any other relative who might be interested in him.

Very sincerely yours,
CATHOLIC HOME BUREAU

Mary F. Godley
(Miss) Mary F. Godley
Executive Secretary



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Assistant.

Memorandum for

V. B 10-27-28

deceased

had no insurance

address of sister

no good —

mail returned

unclaimed. file
SC 10/27-28

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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: Desable, Edward G.

Number: 110267

Rank: Pvt.

Organization: Co. B, 103rd M.G.Bn.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit "B"

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

June 11, 1919

Plot-64 Myers, at Belleau Aisne

Coord. 2631.N - - 175.85E

Grave 74

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

June 11, 1919

National Cemetery at Belleau Woods, Aisne

Coord. 262.60N - - 176.04E

Plot-4, Sec. M, Grave 173

1764

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

Body in poor condition.

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 upon bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct, as is required by G.O. 170, G.H. 2, 1918., after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notations whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Sgt. L.A. Turner

H.C. Mannerow
C.O. Group _____ Unit _____

Prov. Unit B. G.R.S.

20330
file
4/10/27

RECEIVED
3-7 JUN 1919
O. C. Q. M.
G. R. S.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date 6.15.21

1. REMAINS OF DESABIE, EDWARD C. SERIAL NUMBER 110267

RANK PVT. ORGANIZATION CO. B., 103rd, M. G. Bn.

2. Disinterred (date): 6.15.21 From (give complete location): GR. 173 SEC. M. Pt. 4.

By: Group Avery Unit FIELD SECTION #7

3. Reburied (date): 6.15.21 In (give complete location): GR. 173 SEC. M. Pt. 4.

By: Group Avery Unit FIELD SECTION #7 Nature of reburial BOX & BURLAP

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
BADLY DECOMPOSED FEATURES UNRECOGNIZABLE
Uniform and box.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? NO On grave marker? YES

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
Fifteen francs in silver. (sent to Hq. AGRS.)

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

(b) Weight (estimated) IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

(c) Hair—Color IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

Quantity IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

Characteristics IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

(d) Hair on face—Color IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

Location IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

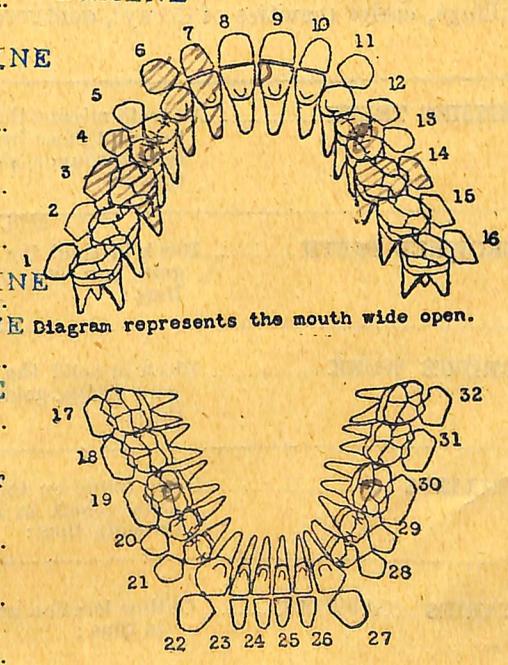
Quantity IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) 3, 14, ext; 4, dec; 6, 7, mis. a. d.; 9, 12, 13, 19, 30 cav;

Right and left radials and ulnae missing.



7. Disinterment supervised by G. F. Avery Approved: R. S. Williams

G. F. AVERY, SUP. EMB. (Title) R. S. Williams, 1st Lieut, Q. M. Corps,

8. Reburial supervised by G. F. Avery Approved: R. S. Williams

G. F. AVERY, SUP. EMB. (Title) R. S. WILLIAMS, 1st. LT. Q. C.

Handwritten: 10-51051

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 TEETHAll teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :	
CROWNED TEETHBlock in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :	
BRIDGE WORKBlock in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :	
FILLINGSDraw 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 Oct. 23, 1922

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

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Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name *DeSable* DESABLE, Edward G.

10. Name _____

2. No. 110267

11. No. _____

3. Rank Private *iel*

12. Rank _____

4. Org. Co. B. 103rd M.G. Bn.

13. Org. _____

5. D.D. ----- *7/20/18*

14. (a) D.D. _____

6. C.D. ----- *K/A*

(b) D.B. no discrep.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 173 Sec. M

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____

8. Plot 4 Row _____

16. Plot _____ Row _____

9. _____

17. no discrep.

18. Cemetery Aisne-Marne Amer. Cty.

19. Commune or town Belleau

20. Dept. or County Aisne

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1764

23. Disinterred (Date) Oct. 23, 1922

By C.W. Dodge

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Edward C. Desable

Serial No. _____

Rank Private

Organization Co. B. 103rd. M.G. Bn.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? yes On body? no

J.C. Amabel
Signature Junior Technical Assistant
J.C. Amabel,

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).
Bottle record agrees.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features unrecog.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box and burlap.

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 Oct. 23, 1922 By C.W. Dodge

31. Casket sealed by C.W. Dodge

C.W. Dodge
Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) C.W. Dodge

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-51360

32. Designation of body:

Name Edward C. DESABLE Serial No. 110267

Rank Private Organization Co. B. 103rd M.G. Bn.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Aisne-Marne Amer. Cty. #1764 Belleau, Aisne.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Oct. 23, 1922 By C.W. Dodge

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 O.E. Davis, 1st Lt. QMC

36. Remarks

none

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Oct. 23, 1922

To point of Concentration _____
(Name)

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date _____

By G.R.S. Representative _____

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Oct. 23, 1922

To Permanent Cemetery Aisne Marne Cem. 1764, Belleau (Aisne)
(Name)

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer O.E. Davis, 1st Lt. QMC

40. Received: Date _____

G.R.S. Representative _____

41. Reinterred Oct. 23, 1922, Aisne-Marne Cem. 1764, Belleau (Aisne)

(Date)

42. Grave No. 19 Section _____

43. Plot BLOCK Row 5

G.R.S. Representative W.D. Cleary
W.D. Cleary
Lt., Chaplain, USA.

Place: Belleau (Aisne)

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date: Oct. 23, 1922

1. REMAINS OF DESABIE, Edward G SERIAL NUMBER 110267
RANK Private ORGANIZATION Co. B. 103rd. M.C.Bn.

2. Disinterred (date): Oct. 23, 1922. From (give complete location): Gr. 173, Sec. M. Pl. 4. Cem. 1764

By: Group 1 Unit Aisne Marne

3. Reburied (date) Oct. 23, 1922 In (give complete location): Gr. 19, Block A, Row 5, Aisne Marne Cem. 1764, Belleau (Aisne)

By: Group re-burial group Unit _____ Nature of reburial Lined casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
Wooden box and burlap.
Badly decomposed. Features unrecog.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
Bottle record agrees.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

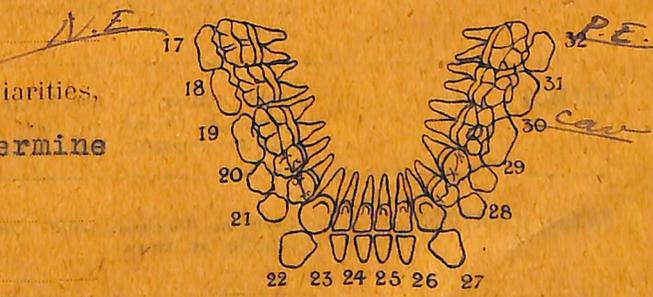
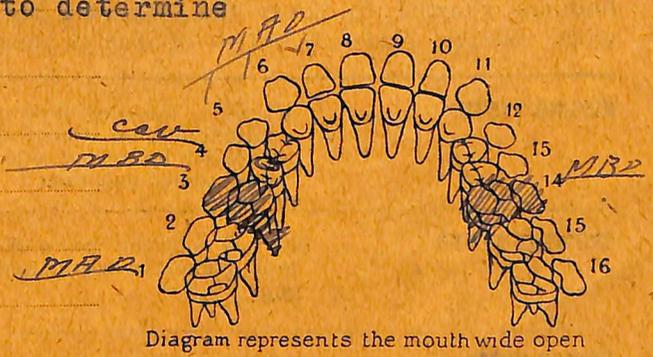
Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

Quantity do

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) Imp. to determine



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

Fractures: None
Missing parts: Both radii and ulnae.

Checker: J.C. Annabel,

7. Disinterment supervised by C.W. Dodge S.E. Approved: W.D. Cleary, 1st. Lt. OMC

8. Reburial supervised by L.D. Hays Approved: W.D. Cleary
(Title) _____ (Title) Lt., Chaplain, USA.

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.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #6723

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name DESABE, Edward C. Ser. No. 110267
(b) Rank Pvt. 1/c Organization Co. B, 103rd M.G. Bn.
(c) Date of death 7/20/18 (d) Cause of death k/a

TYP. evs
CKR. L

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

(a) Grave No. 173 Row - Plot 4 Sec. M TYP. evs

(b) Emerg. Address Miss Jeanne Delonde (Sister), c/o St. Louis Academy,
N.Y.C., N.Y.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

CKR. L

no card in file A.R. 2-21-21

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt _____

(a) Name _____ (b) Relationship _____
(c) Address _____
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? _____
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at _____
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. _____
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. _____

Examiner's Initials _____ Date _____, 1920.

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

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

no correspondence

Examiner's Initials A.R. Date 2-21, 1920.

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

*no request for disposition
c.a. same*

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? _____

EM

Examiner's Initials A.R. Date 2-21, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1764 SHEET No. 552

*Checked
3-16-21
EM*

HS. 3-18-21

HS 18-26-21

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Overseas Project Sub-Section

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

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 1920
letter on _____, 1920

PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED *aeu*

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*B. A. M. R. Miss Jeanne Desobe, (Sister)
c/o St. Louis Academy, New York, N.Y. 3-16-21
E.M.*

Discrepancies

Name
Rank
Serial No.
ORG.
Remarks

P. P. P. P. P.
A. G. O. Card & Corr. *2-21-21*

Discrepancies

Name
Rank
Serial No.
ORG.
Remarks *E. A. O.*

G. R. S. Corr.

Discrepancies

Name
Rank
Serial No.
Org.
Remarks

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Discrepancies

Name
Rank
Serial No. *7. 8. W. sent*
ORG. *2-23-21*
Remarks

[Handwritten signatures and scribbles]

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION

Please rush!
C-27863

Harlow C.W.

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO:

DATE

Desabe, Edward G., Pvt. 1/c.

1764 - 552

2/23/21.

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

110267

Co. B, 103rd M.G. Bn.

Date of death - 7/20/18.

Copy forwarded to
Adjustment Department

Date 3-16-21 E.M.

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE _____

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Miss Jeanne Desabe

(Sister) - Em Address

Address

% St. Louis Academy, New York, N.Y.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #6723

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name <u>DESABE, Edward O.</u>	Ser. No. <u>110267</u>	} TYP <u>evs</u> <i>[Signature]</i>
(b) Rank <u>Pvt. 1/c</u>	Organization <u>Co. B, 103rd M.C. Bn.</u>	
(c) Date of death <u>7/20/18</u>	(d) Cause of death <u>r/o</u>	

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

(a) Grave No. 175 Row _____ Plot 4 Sec. M TYP. evs

(b) Emerg. Address Miss Jeanne Delonde (Sister), c/o St. Louis Academy, N.Y.C., N.Y.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases W. MH 3/10/21 CKR. *[Signature]*

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

No request for disposition.

AP 3/17/21

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
letter of transmittal on MAR 10 1921, 192

PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED *acu*

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., MAR 22 1921, 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.

VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., APR 23 1921, 192

COUNTRY _____ CEMETERY No. _____ SHEET No. _____

CLAIM 27863

VERIFY SPELLING OF SOLDIERS NAME FROM WAR RISK

~~DESABE~~, or DESABO, or DESABLE, 110267

Pvt. 1/cl Co. B, 103rd M.G.Bn.

MAIL SENT TO SISTER %

St. Louis Academy, N.Y.C. returned .

*W and for us
8-31-26*

Q# 293 C-R

Desabe, Edward C

Sept. 26, 1923.

Herbert T. Johnson,
The Adjutant General,
Montpelier, Vermont.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 22nd instant, the Quartermaster General desires you to be advised that the remains of the late Private, 1st class, Edward C. Desabe, 110267, Company B, 103rd Machine Gun Battalion, have been permanently buried in Grave 19, Row 5, Block A, Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, Belleau Wood, Aisne, France.

Very truly yours,

LN

H. H. CHEAL,
Assistant.

O.Q.M.G.
Central Mail & F. S.



SEP 26 1923

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STATE OF VERMONT
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
MONTPELIER

September 22, 1923.

Subject: Place of burial of Edward C. Desabo,
110,267.

To: The Quartermaster General, Washington,
D. C.

1. Will you please furnish this office
with what information you have regarding the place
of burial of the above named man?

2. If his remains have been returned
to the United States, we would like to know to whom
they were sent.



SEP 24 1923



Herbert T. Johnson
(Herbert T. Johnson)
The Adjutant General

293 Desabo? Edward C

Desabe,

Edward C.

110,267

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number)

Pvt

Co B 103 MG Bn

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

(Yes or no.)

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

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

DETACHED UNCLAIMED

Name Desabe, 110267 Edward G. 3

Rank Pvt. Co. B {Corps} 103rd M. G. Bn
{Regt.}

Date of Death

Place Exhumed-
From along railroad E of Belleau.

Cause

Date of Burial

Grave No. 74

Cemetery L. O. MYERS

Identified by { Tag } tag
 { Papers }
 { Clothing }

List of Effects

Field Record Made by

GROUP N° 1
Unit 308. G. R. S.

Company, Graves Registration Service

For additional data use reverse side

SEP 18 1918



Registration Card.

File No. 6723. ~~_____~~

January 23 1919.

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

SUBJECT: Information required for G.R.S.

I. Items checked are to be completed:

- () Surname: Desabe.
- () Number: 110267.
- () First name: Edward. C.
- () Rank: Pvt. 1/c.
- () Company: B.
- () Organization: 103rd M.G. Bn.
- () Date of death: July-20-1918.
- () Cause: K/a.
- () Place:

Swanton, VT

Location of hospital:

Number » »

Class » »

(✓) Relative: Miss Jeanne Delonde.

() Relationship: Sister

(✓) Address c/o St. Louis Academy.
New York. N.Y.

*Old
New*

() Authority:

Cablegram No:

Telegram from:

dated:

() Reported to Washington:

C.C. Nos: 209

(Underscore the "official" C.C.)

(✓) Remarks:

burial notification, was sent to this address and returned, advise correct address.

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

Initials of reporter: *CP*

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File No:

Desabe, 110267, E.C.

Pvt. Co. B. 103rd. Inf. M.G. Bn.

Date of Death: _____

File No:

Date Buried: _____

Cemetery: _____

Grave No: _____

Sect: _____

Commune (No:..34..) Belleau.

Dept: _____ Aisne Map 49NE

Coordinates: _____ E176.2 N263.6

Remarks: _____

Sketch No: _____

NP _____ CROSS _____ HD BD _____ BTTL _____

Ident. Tag on Ca. Lkr: _____ b.w.b. _____

Authority: _____

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
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Harlow G.W.
NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

Serial No. Edward C., Pvt. 1/c. ORGANIZATION

1764 - 552

2/25/21.

FILE

110267

Co. B, 103rd M.G.Bn.
Date of death - 7/20/18.

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

NOTED FORM 115

DATE 3-16-21 EM

DATE

Adjustment Made

5-19 1922

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NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Miss Jeanne Desade

Sister

Address

cp. St Louis Academy, New York, N.Y.

File No.

FROM: O. Q. M. G.

CEMETERIAL DIVISION
Munitions Building
Room 1109

PLEASE

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

FILE

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Date **May 27, 1921.**

File No. **6723** Registration.

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, Sixth and B Streets NW., Washington, D. C.

Subject: Information required for G. R. S.

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

- a. Surname. *Desabe* ✓ ~~DOZABE~~
- b. Christian name. *Edward C.* ✓
- c. Serial number. *110267* ✓
- d. Organization. *Co. B, 12th M.G. Bn.* ✓
- e. Rank. *Pvt. 1/c* ✓
- f. Date of death. *7/20/18* ✓
- g. Cause of death. *K/A* ✓
- h. Authority (C. C. No.) *209* ✓
- i. Emergency address. *Miss Jeanne Deland*
- j. Relationship. *Sister* ✓

BODY DESCRIPTION.

(See page 2 of the Service Record.)

- a. Age at enlistment.
- b. Color of eyes.
- c. Color of hair.
- d. Height.
- e. Weight.
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment. (Old fractures or breaks.)

DENTAL CHARTS.

(See physical report of examination prior to enlistment.)

a. Strike out teeth missing:

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

FILE

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

By

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

Mr. Wilson,
DTD

Honnolly & Co. E.P.S.

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Rec'd World War Div.
Date **MAY 28 1921**

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Date **JUN 1 1921**

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

FILE

Date May 27, 1921.

Registration.

File No.

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, Sixth and B Streets NW, Washington, D. C.

Subject: Information required for G. R. S.

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

tion shown.

w. Surname. *DOZABE*

b. Christian name. *Edward G.*

c. Serial number. *110267*

d. Organization. *Co. 8, 12th M.G. Bn.*

e. Rank. *Pvt. 1/c*

f. Relationship.

g. Emergency address.

h. Authority (C. G. No.) *209*

i. Cause of death. *K/A*

j. Date of death. *7/20/18*

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page 2 of the Service Record.)

a. Age at enlistment.

b. Color of eyes.

c. Color of hair.

d. Height.

e. Weight.

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

g. Strike out teeth missing:

Upper right 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Upper left

Lower right 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Lower left

DENTAL CHARTS

(See physical report of examination prior to enlistment.)

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Mr. Wilson,
DTD

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

W. L. CONZEL,
1st Lieut.

MAY 31 1921

DATE

FROM: O. O. M. G.
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
Munitions Building
Room 1123

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

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File No. Registration. **Cty.# 1764** Date **12-2-20**
From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Cemeterial Division).
To: The Adjutant General of the Army, Sixth and B Streets NW., Washington, D. C.
Subject: Information required for G. R. S.

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

a. Surname. **Desabe,** ✓
b. Christian name. **Edward C.** ✓
c. Serial number. **10267** 110,267
d. Organization. **Co. B 103 M.G. Bn.** ✓
e. Rank. **Pvt. 1/c** ✓

f. Date of death. July 20, 1918
g. Cause of death. Killed in action
h. Authority (C. C. No.) 209
i. Emergency address. Miss Joanne Delande
St Louis Academy
New York City
j. Relationship. Sister

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

DENTAL CHARTS.
(See physical report of examination prior to enlistment.)

a. Age at enlistment.
b. Color of eyes.
c. Color of hair.
d. Height.
e. Weight.
f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment. (Old fractures or breaks.)

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

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By
Date **DEC 3 1920**

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

H. J. Conner
H. J. CONNER,
Captain, Q. M. C.
1st Lt.

Rec'd World War Div.
Date **DEC 3 1920**

Donnelly B. F. S.
Edw. Penick, Insp 12/3/20

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

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

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

a. Surname. Desobe,
b. Christian name. Edward G.
c. Social number. 10267 110 207
d. Organization. Co. B 103 M.G. Bn.
e. Rank. Pvt. 1/c
f. Date of death. _____
g. Cause of death. _____
h. Authority (C. G. No.). _____
i. Emergency address. _____
j. Relationship. _____

DENTAL CHARTS

(See physical report of examination prior to enlistment.)

a. Age at enlistment. _____
b. Color of eyes. _____
c. Color of hair. _____
d. Height. _____
e. Weight. _____
f. Strike out teeth missing:
Upper right. 87654321 12345678
Upper left. _____
Lower right. 87654321 12345678
Lower left. _____

A. Enlistment marks and physical labels at enlistment (Old features in brackets).

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

DEC 4 1920

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M. M. COZZAN
Quartermaster, U. S. A.

sent with War Dept

DEC 3 1920

FROM: O.Q.M.G.

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Room

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WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-0
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 2/23/21.

File No. Requisition.

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)
To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.
Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

- Shaw*
- a. Surname **Desabe** ✓
 - b. Christian name **Edward C.** ✓
 - c. Serial Number **110267** ✓
 - d. Organization **Co. B, 103rd M.G. Bn.** ✓
 - e. Rank **Pvt. 1/c.** ✓
 - f. Date of death **7/20/18.** ✓
 - g. Cause of death **K/A.** ✓
 - h. Authority (C.O.#) **209**
 - i. ~~Emergency address~~ *Mrs. Jimmy Delande*
 - j. ~~Relationship~~ *St. Anne Academy New York, N.Y.*

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

- a. Age of enlistment
 - b. Color of eyes **Adjustment Made**
 - c. Color of hair **MAR 31 1921**
 - d. Height **File No.**
 - e. Weight
 - f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)
- DENTAL CHARTS**
(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)
- | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | a. Strike out teeth missing |
| 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 | upper right upper left |
| 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 | lower right lower left |

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Rec'd World War Div
Date FEB 24 1921

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

BY:

H. J. O'Connell
H. J. O'CONNOR,
1st. Lieut. Q.M.C.

Rec'd S & S Div., A.G.O.

FEB 24 1921 6

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C.W.
CEMETERY NO: 1764
SHEET NO: 552
TYPED BY: I.W.
S/713/LML

FILE

Donnelly B. J. S. Ent. Div. Feb. 24/21

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

G.A.S. Form 84-A-0
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 2/28/21.

File No. Registration.

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

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

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

a. Surname *Doobie* 1. Date of death *1/20/18.*

b. Christian name *Edward O.* 2. Cause of death *K/A.*

c. Serial Number *110557* 3. Authority (C.O.A.)

d. Organization *Co. B, 103rd M.G. Bn.* 4. Emergency address

e. Rank *1/c.* 5. Relationship

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION
(See page 2 of the Service Record)

a. Age at enlistment

b. Color of eyes

c. Color of hair

d. Height

e. Weight

1. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (G.I. treatment & breaks)

MAR 31 1921

FEB 26 1921

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H. J. HOFFER,
Quartermaster General, U. S. Army

[Handwritten signature]

Feb 24 1921

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Miss Jeanne Delong,
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Dear Madam:

The War Department desires to ascertain the wishes of the families of officers, enlisted men, and civilian employees regarding the permanent disposition of the bodies of those who have died overseas.

The original plan of the Department was to deliver the body in every case at the home address of the deceased to the person legally entitled to dispose of the remains. A desire has been expressed, however, in numerous instances to have the body remain abroad, and General Pershing is likely soon to enter into negotiations with the French and Allied Governments with the view of establishing permanent cemeteries for members of the American Expeditionary Forces. Marshal Petain in a most courteous letter has informed General Pershing that "France would be happy and proud to retain the bodies of the American victims who have fallen upon her soil."

A bill is now before Congress for the establishment of "Fields of Honor" abroad, which will insure future care by the United States Government as national cemeteries are now cared for. Burials have been made heretofore in cemeteries of the Allied nations or at or near the battle field in land set apart for this purpose as a cemetery, and religious services in accordance with the rites of the Protestant, Catholic, or Hebrew faith have been held at the grave.

In case the remains of a deceased soldier are returned to the United States they will be interred either at the former home of the deceased or at a national cemetery, according to the wishes of the one authorized to direct the disposition of the remains, and all expenses, including transportation, casket, shipping case, flag, and the preparation of the remains for shipment, will be paid by the United States. Hire of a hearse and other burial expenses incurred at the home of the deceased may be paid, on application by the relatives, by the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, Treasury Department.

In order that the proper disposition of the remains may be made, and that such disposition be directed by the person entitled to do so, the War Department will recognize the right to direct the disposition of remains in the following order:

In the case of an unmarried man—

- (1) Father; (2) mother, if father is dead; (3) brother, if both parents are dead; (4) sister, if both parents are dead and there are no brothers.

In the case of a married man—

- (1) Wife; (2) parents or children and other relatives in order set forth above.

It is desired that the information indicated on the inclosed card be furnished concerning the person named thereon at the earliest practicable date. If the card is received by some one not authorized to direct the disposition to be made of the remains, please deliver this circular and the card to the person who is entitled to do so.

The Department is unable to state when it will be possible to begin the removal of the remains of the soldiers, but the information requested is being collected at this time in order that there may be no delay when the time comes for such removal.

In returning the card please use the inclosed addressed penalty envelope, which requires no postage.

Very respectfully,

P. C. HARRIS,
The Adjutant General.