

JUN 14 1928

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DATE 9/28/21

1. NAME DESMARAIS, Samuel

SERIAL No. 1681277

RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION Co. F. 305th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION Argonne Amer. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon

1232-Sec.96

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

183

Sec.96

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GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

#3 Isolated. Apremont, Ardennes C-293

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES

---- 275.8N 297.3E Verdun SW35

CONCENTRATED TO 6-20-19

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sec 96

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Meuse Argonne

1232

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

DATE OF DEATH

OCT. 3, 1918

Data from Form 1

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

Mars

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

none

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

Robert G. Davis, Major General, The Adjutant General. By JUN 18 1928

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

Wm M. Cline

Wm M. CLINE Captain Q.M.C.

Geo. W. Price, Major, Infantry.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION

9/28/21

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

Block PLOT

AUDITED BY kvs of Rec'd World War Div 5 APR 2 1928

Received JUN 21 1928 Meuse Argonne American City # 1232 Romagne sous Montfaucon CEMETERY G.O. 18 1928 D WAR DIV

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

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

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

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

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

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**GRAVE LOCATION BLANK**

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

**DESMARIS 1681277 SAMUEH**  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

**Co 7 305 Inf**  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: **Bois de Noya**

CAUSE OF DEATH: **Killed in action**

DATE OF BURIAL: **Oct 9 1918**

PLACE OF BURIAL: **Bois de Noya**

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

**Map - France - 1.20000  
97.2 75.7**

GRAVE NUMBER: .....

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

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?.....

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: **Peter Lee Johnson, Chap**

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer). **305 Inf**

portion to be sent to Chief of Graves Registration Service.

Date 30 June 1919

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of: . . .

Name DESMARAIS Samuel

Number: 1681277

Rank Pvt

organization: Co F 305 Inf

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

20 June 1919

Isolated grave APREMONT ARDENNES

35SW E297.3 N275.8

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

20 June 1919

Grave #183 Sec 96 Plot 4

Argonne Amer Cemetery #1232

ROMAGNE MEUSE

1232

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

Burial good, in uniform, badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon body? No

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

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Note:

**CONFIRMED No. D**

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

Supervised by Lt Hanes

**R. H. ROSENTHAL**

**2nd Lieut. O.M.C.U.S.A.**

C.O. Group

Unit



CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	<i>Desmarais</i>	3	45 <sup>0</sup> 9
BURIED	CEMETERY	1	1
	GRAVE	2	27
	ROW	2	36
	BLOCK	1	5
STATE	<i>Mass</i>	2	25
RANK	<i>Pvt.</i>	1	2
DIVISION	<i>77</i>	2	77
ORGANIZATION	<i>305</i>	3	305
ARM	<i>Inf.</i>	1	1
MARITAL	<i>No</i>	1	2
NAME	<i>Desmarais</i>	3	45 <sup>0</sup> 9
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	37
	COUNTY	2	10
	CITY	3	X X X
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Yes</i>	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>No</i>	1	2
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Bad</i>	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>No age</i>	1	2
29/514/			70

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*Audited*  
**JAN 21 1932**  
*MB*  
*Jan 1*

*7021*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Desmarais, Samuel (MA)

Sept. 7, 1932.

Mrs. Salina Desmarais,  
Forest, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, ~~making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized.~~ To date no reply has been received.

In order that your desires may be of record, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	No ✓
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health: <i>Not in good health</i>
3. Do you speak English?	No
4. What other language do you speak?	French

Salina Desmarais  
Sign here

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE  
PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:  
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

August 17, 1951

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Desmarais, Samuel Pvt. (MA) M

Mrs. Salina Desmarais,  
Forest, New York

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

Competent personnel will be provided to care for the mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York until their return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities will be arranged for and in the event you decide to make a pilgrimage, you are assured everything possible will be done for your care and welfare. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 many mothers of advanced age and in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited therefrom.

Your name is being placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make a pilgrimage in 1933. However, should you change your mind in view of the above, and desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, it is requested you advise this office in order that arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Desmarais, Samuel Pvt. (M-A) M

June 12, 1931.

Mrs. Salina Desmarais,  
Forest, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



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

*No Not able*  
Write answer here

*I'm too old I don't think I could stand the trip would like to go very bad*  
Mrs. Salina Desmarais  
Sign here

Forest N.Y.  
June 1930

Dear Sir

Theres nothing that  
would please me more  
than to go and see my  
Sons Grave but I ain't  
got the health to go and  
I'm to old also its  
impossible for me to go  
that far as theres nothing  
that would please me  
more than to go as  
theres nothing in the

would to me like my  
son

Mrs. Joseph Desmarais  
Forest  
N. Y.



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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Desmarais, Samuel 1232 M

June 9, 1930

Mrs. Salina Desmarais  
Clinton County  
Forest, 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 - its impossible*  
(Write answer here)

*Mrs Salina Desmarais*  
(Sign here)

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Forest, N. Y.  
Feb. 24 - 1930

Dear Sir

I am the mother of  
Samuel Desmarais.  
We never left home  
before he left to go  
to the Army. Well as  
for me, I would of  
given any thing to go  
to the Pilgrimage, but  
I am too old to go as  
far as that. I don't  
think I'd come back  
alive, with all the  
sorrow, I have. But

I really think it will  
be very nice for those  
that can go. I certainly  
would of gone if I  
was younger.

yours truly  
Mrs. Celine

Desmarais

Forest H. Y.

P.S.

I also thank you  
very much for your  
Pastor's



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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Desmarais, Samuel 1232

February 17, 1930

Mrs. Salina Desmarais  
Forest, New York

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Samuel Desmarais, Co. F, 305th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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

*no.*

2. If so, give her complete address.

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

*Sam. Mrs. Celine  
Desmarais, the  
mother of Samuel  
Desmarais*

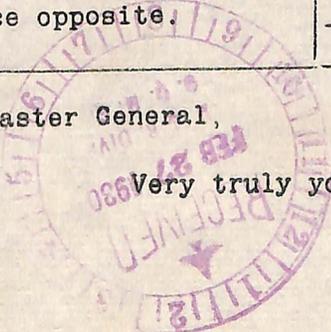
For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*John T. Harris*

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

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Act of Congress  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

DATE January 18, 1950

NAME	RANK	SERIAL	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
Desmarais, Samuel	Pvt.	1681277	Co. F. 305th Inf.	Oct. 3, 1918

STATE	Massachusetts	CTY. NO.	1232	GRAVE	27	ROW	36	BLOCK	E
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	<u>Check relationship</u>	<u>Living - Deceased</u>	
MOTHER	:	:	M -
STEPMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	✓	Mrs. Salina Desmarais Forest ny-
MOTHER THRU ADOPTION (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:	:
MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:	_____
WIDOW (Who has not remarried)	:	:	_____
<i>Single</i>	:	:	_____

Veterans Bureau Claim Number 29/156/

XC 167-575

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June , 1929.

(Desmarais, Samuel)

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Mr. Joseph Desmarais,  
59 Mill St,  
Southbridge, Mass.

Dear Sir:

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 father of the late  
Pvt. Samuel Desmarais, Co. F, 305th Inf. whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relative is a stepmother, mother through adoption, or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. If he was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is also 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.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Sept. 7, 1932.

Desmarais, Samuel (MA)

Mrs. Salina Desmarais,  
Forest, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

In order that your desires may be of record, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:  
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Desmarais, Samuel (MA)

July 7, 1932.

Mrs. Salina Desmarais,  
Forest,  
New York.

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.

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

August 17, 1931

Desmarais, Samuel Pvt. (MA) M

Mrs. Salina Desmarais,  
Forest, New York

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

Competent personnel will be provided to care for the mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York until their return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities will be arranged for and in the event you decide to make a pilgrimage, you are assured everything possible will be done for your care and welfare. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 many mothers of advanced age and in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited therefrom.

Your name is being placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make a pilgrimage in 1933. However, should you change your mind in view of the above, and desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, it is requested you advise this office in order that arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Desmarais, Samuel Pvt. (M-A) M

June 12, 1931.

Mrs. Salina Desmarais,  
Forest, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sign here

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Desmarais, Samuel 1232 M

June 9, 1930

Mrs. Salina Desmarais  
Clinton County  
Forest, 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

Desmarais, Samuel 1232

February 17, 1930

Mrs. Selina Desmarais  
Forest, New York

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Samuel Desmarais, Co. F, 305th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried?
2. If so, give her complete address.
3. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Desmarais, Samuel

1232

September 4, 1929.

Mr. Joseph Desmarais,  
59 Mill St.,  
Southbridge, Mass.

Dear Sir:

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,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29 1929.

(Desmarais, Samuel)

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59 Mill St,  
Southbridge, Mass.

Dear Sir:

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 father of the late Pvt. Samuel Desmarais, Co. F, 305th Inf. whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relative is a stepmother, mother through adoption, or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. If he was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours.

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

October 9, 1923.

Mr. Joseph Desmarais,  
59 Mill St.,  
Southbridge, Mass.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the permanent grave of Private Samuel Desmarais, Company F, 305th Infantry, is Grave 27, Row 36, Block E, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

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

You are assured in effecting removal of the remains, the utmost care and reverence were exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed this sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

H. H. CHEAL  
Assistant.

WPK

Place Romagne Sous Montfaucon

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Sept. 26, 1921.

1681277

1. REMAINS OF DESMARAIS, SAMUEL

SERIAL NUMBER 1681277

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co., F. 305th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Sept. 26, 1921. From (give complete location):

Gr. 183 sec 96 Pt 4, Meuse Argonne Cem., #1232.

By: Group Homes Unit Ser. 1

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

Sept 28th 1921 Meuse Argonne Cemetery # 1232 Gr 27 Block E Row 36

By: Group re-burial Unit Nature of reburial unlined casket

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

IN U. S. uniform wrapped in burlap and buried in a wooden box,

body badly decomposed features unrecognizable

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

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

Col. Orm, F. 305 Inf. identified by ident. tag on peg inside of gr.

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

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

(b) Weight (estimated) Imp to det.

(c) Hair—Color None remaining

Quantity None

Characteristics None

(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location None

Quantity None

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

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

right hip bone fractured.

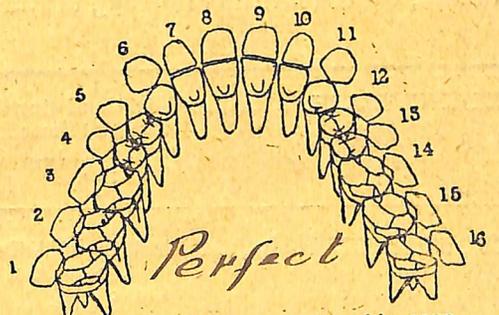
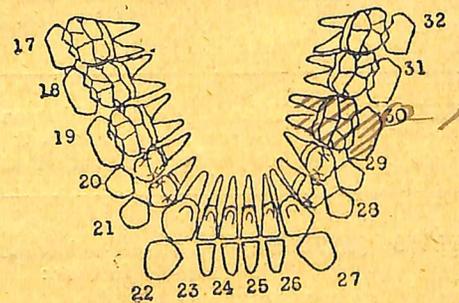


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



M.B.D.

7. Disinterment

supervised by E. Holmes S. J.

Approved H. S. Harpole Lt. QMC (Title)

8. Reburial

supervised by W. B. Shields Jt.

Approved James W. Younger Capt. QMC (Title)

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

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

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

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



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



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



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



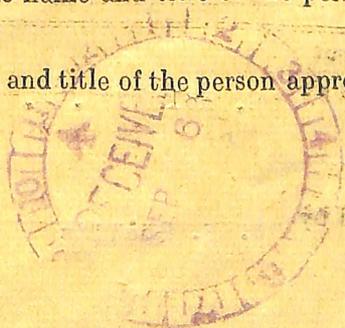
**CARIES (CAVITIES)**.....Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:



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

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

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



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept. 26, 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name DESMARAIS, Samuel  
 2. No. 1681277  
 3. Rank Pvt.  
 4. Org. Co.F.305th Inf  
 5. D.D. Oct. 3rd  
 6. C.D. KIA

10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_  
 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) D.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 183 Sec. 96  
 8. Plot 4 Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 17. No descp.

18. Cemetery Argonne American  
 20. Dept. or County Meuse  
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232-Sec.96.

19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon  
 21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) 9-26-21

By Elza Holmes

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Samuel Desmarais  
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. 1681277  
 Organization Co. F. 305th Inf.

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

*[Signature]*  
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

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

Collar ornament #305th Co. F. Inf.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed features unrecognizable

28. Nature of burial US Uniform burlap and pine 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 9-26-21 By Elza Holmes

31. Casket sealed by Elza Holmes

kvs Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) *[Signature]*

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C - 3569

32. Designation of body:

Name DESMARAIS, Samuel Serial No. 1681277

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. F. 305th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Argonne Amer. Cty. #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) 9-26-21 By Eliza Holmes

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 H.S. Harpole

H.S. Harpole, 1st Lt. QMC

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) 9-26-21

To point of Concentration Meuse Argonne Cem. #1232 (Name) J. Gerald Cole

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

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

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

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

To Permanent Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ (Name) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer

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

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

41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cemetery # 1232 Sept 28th 1921.

(Date)

42. Grave No. 27 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot B Row 36

G.R.S. Representative James W. Younger

James W. Younger, Capt QMC.

jt.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 60137

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name DESMARAIS, Samuel Ser. No. 1681277
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. F, 305th Inf.
(c) Date of death 10-3-18 (d) Cause of death K/A
TYP. lmw
CKR. CB

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

(a) Grave No. 183 Row Plot 4 Sec. 96 TYP. lmw
(b) Emerg. Address Joseph Desmarais, (Father) 59 Mill St., Southbridge, Mass.
CKR. CB

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases/

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

no card in file 4-21-21
Date of receipt PF

(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 PF Date 4-21-1920

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

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

Examiner's Initials PF Date 4-21-1920

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

no request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes PF
Examiner's Initials PF Date 4-21-1920

COUNTRY FRANCE

CEMETERY No. 1232, Sec. 96 SHEET No. 42

checked
MAR 28/24/21 L





Co F 305 Infantry.  
77th Division.

DESMARAIS, Samuel; Pvt 1681977  
Home 59 Mill Street.  
Southbridge Mass.

This soldier was killed while the company was making its second attack on the Hill of the Bois de Naza Argonne Forest, October 5th 1918 against strong german machine gun positions. This soldier displayed rare courage in the face of a strong machine gun fire and seemed at all times to disregard his own safety.

Informant: Harper, Silah F Pvt 1679613.  
Co F 305 Infantry.  
Home: Clyde New York.

Searcher: O.E. Roberts 1st Lt 305 Infantry

Emergency address:  
Joseph Desmarais.  
59 Mill Street.  
Southbridge Mass.

YS.

*File 7/27/21 K*

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

**WESMARAIS / 681277 SAMUEL**

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

**Co F**

**305 Inf**

(Rank).

(Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH:

**Bais de hoya**

CAUSE OF DEATH:

**Killed in action**

DATE OF BURIAL:

**Oct 9 1918**

PLACE OF BURIAL:

**Bais de hoya**

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

**Map - Forest d'Argonne**

**97.2-75.7**

GRAVE NUMBER:

**4**

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?

**BE**

Cross? **yes**

Headboard?

Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

**O**

Was one buried with body?

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

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

**CMME. Apremont (Ardennes)**

**(C 293) SHT. 35 SE COORD. (E 297) (N 275.7)**

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

**Peter Leo Johnson Chap**

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

**305 Inf**

293-1015

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

FILE

4-31-21

(Date)

FORM 115 has been compiled on the following case:-

CEMETERY NO. 1232 SECTION 96

FORM 115 Sheet No. 42

HM

(Initials)

WAR DEPARTMENT.

#1681277

OFFICIAL BUSINESS



PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID  
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$

Desmerrais, Samuel #1681277

Pvt. Co. F 305th Inf.

See letter to

1st Lt. Peter Leo Johnson

Chaplain Hqrs 305th Inf.

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