

G.R.S. Form #114 B

OCT 9 - 1926

DATE Sept. 20th 1921.

1. NAME Desmond, Ray SERIAL No. 2144755

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION & DIVISION Co. E 137th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION Argonne Amer. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon - Meuse 1232 - Sec.91

CTY. NAME NUMBER  
71 - Sec.91 2

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION ~~Apremont~~ (Ardennes) #1 isolated, Chateau de Chigny C-246

GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES Verdun 35SE, 279.4N, 301.5E

CONCENTRATED TO 6/16/19 71 91 2  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

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.

Tag on peg over body.

DATE OF DEATH Sept 28-18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME sep

Data from Form #1. MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

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SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR M. B. BIRDSEYE  
1st Lt., Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Sept. 20th 1921 38 39 H  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

e1 Block

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

CEMETERY  
SEP Robert C. Davis, Major General, The Adjutant General, By 71 OCT 13 1926

AUDITED BY  
2024-27 MB

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

## 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.



Co. "B" 137th. Infantry  
35th. Division

DESMOND, Ray. Pvt. 2144755  
Home: OHIO, Ill.,

Pvt. SHAFER was side of Pvt. DESMOND when the latter was struck in the left breast by a shell splinter and instantly killed. This occurred in Entrebeau Woods North of Baulney on Sept, 28, 1918, where he was buried.

INFORMANT: SHAFER, Irven C., Pvt. 1448373. Co. "B" 137th. Infantry  
HOME: FREDONIA, Kansas.

SEARCHER: A. S. Bigelow, 1st. Lieut. 137th. Infantry

NEXT of KIN:  
Geo DESMOND (father)  
OHIO, Ill.,

/MJM/

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL:

Remains of:

Name DESMOND, Ray

Number: 2144755

Rank Unknown

organization: Unknown

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group:

Unit:

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

16th JUNE 1919

Isolated Grave

APREMONT ARDENNES

SE 35 E. 301.5 N. 279.4

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

16th JUNE 1919

Grave #71 Sec 91 Plot 2

ARGONNE AMERICAN CTY #1232

ROMAGNE MEUSE

1237

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

Burial good; body buried in uniform and blanket and badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? None

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

CONTINUED NO. D. 12238

Note:

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

R. H. ROSENTHAL

Supervised by Lt. Hughes

2nd Lieut. Q.M.G.U.S.A.

C.O. Group \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Desmond	3	45-9 <sup>0</sup>
BURIED	CEMETERY	1	1232
	GRAVE	2	38
	ROW	2	39
	BLOCK	1	8
STATE	Ill	2	13
RANK	Port	1	2
DIVISION	35	2	35-
ORGANIZATION	137	3	137
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARTIAL	Yr	1	2
NAME	Desmond	3	45-9 <sup>0</sup>
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	Ill
	COUNTY	2	Bureau
	CITY	3	Lamotte
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	NO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	no	1	

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Desmond, Ray (MA)

Sept. 7, 1932.

Mrs. Ann Desmond,  
Lamoille, Ill.

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")	<i>NO</i> ✓
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

*Mrs Ann Desmond*  
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*  
CHAS. W. DIETZ,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Encl:  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Desmond, Ray (MA)

July 7, 1932.

Mrs. Ann Desmond,  
Lamotte, Illinois.

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  
Desmond, Ray (MA)

January 28, 1932.

Mrs. Ann Desmond,  
Lamoille,  
Illinois.

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 Ray Desmond. 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 not very good. 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 mothers who were in poor health and of advanced age 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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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Desmond, Ray Pvt. (M-A) M

June 12, 1931.

Mrs. Ann Desmond,  
Lamoille, Ill.

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.

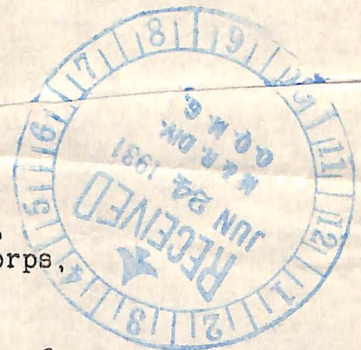
As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

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

Write answer here

Mrs Ann Desmond  
Sign here

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WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO ~~QM 293 A-M~~  
Desmond, Ray Pvt 1232 M

October 14, 1930

Mrs. Ann Desmond  
Lamoille  
Illinois

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	<i>No</i>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	<i>No</i>
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age <i>78 years</i> Condition of health <i>not very good</i>
4. Do you speak English?	<i>Yes</i>
5. What other language do you speak?	

For The Quartermaster General:

*Miss Ann Desmond  
Lamoille  
Illinois*

Very truly yours,

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

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

Desmond, Ray 1232 M

June 9, 1930

Mrs. Ann Desmond  
Buda, Ill.

*La Moille*

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, C. M. Corps,  
Assistant.



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? No

(Write answer here)

*Please Address La Moille Illinois*  
Mrs Ann Desmond  
(Sign here)

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7 , 1929.

Desmond, Ray 1232 M.

Mrs. Ann Desmond,  
Buda, Ill.

Dear Madam:

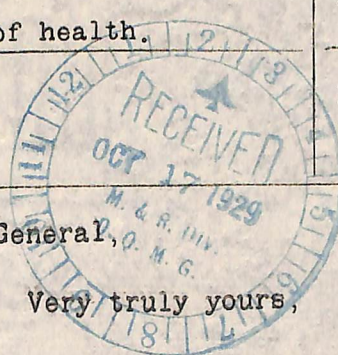
The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, 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>74</u> Health	(Years) (Good) (Poor) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. What language do you speak?	English -	(Yes) (No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Other language	(Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Desmond, Ray

1232

September 4, 1929.

Mrs. Ann Desmond,  
R.F.D. #1,  
Ohio, Ill. *Buda, Ill.*

Dear Madam:

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

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

Write answers in space below

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

*No-*

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.

*Mrs Ann Desmond  
Buda, Ill.*

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

*No-*

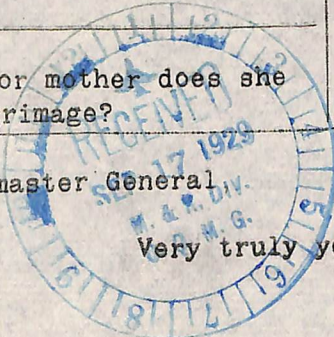
For The Quartermaster General

Very truly yours,

*John T. Harris*

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

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

June 29, 1929.

Desmond, Ray

Mrs. Ann Desmond,  
R.F.D. #1,  
Ohio, Ill.

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 Ray Desmond, Co.E, 157th Inf. whose remains are now interred in the Meuse Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Sept. 7, 1932.

Desmond, Ray (MA)

Mrs. Ann Desmond,  
Lemoille, Ill.

Dear Madam:

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2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
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Sign here

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For The Quartermaster General,

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CHAS. W. DIETZ,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Desmond, Ray (MA)

July 7, 1932.

Mrs. Ann Desmond,  
Lamoille, Illinois.

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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  
Desmond, Ray (MA)

January 28, 1932.

Mrs. Ann Desmond,  
Lancille,  
Illinois.

Dear Madam:

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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Desmond, Ray Pvt. (M-A) M

June 12, 1931.

Mrs. Ann Desmond,  
Lamoille, Ill.

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.

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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? \_\_\_\_\_  
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QM 293 A-M

October 14, 1930

Desmond, Ray Pvt 1232 M

Mrs. Ann Desmond  
Lamoille  
Illinois

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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

Desmond, Ray 1232 M

June 9, 1930

Mrs. Ann Desmond  
Buda, Ill.

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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)

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Desmond, Ray 1232 M.

Mrs. Ann Desmond,  
Buda, Ill.

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

Desmond, Ray  
1232

September 4, 1929.

Mrs. Ann Desmond,  
R.F.D. #1,  
Ohio, Ill.

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.

**Desmond, Ray**

Mrs. Ann Desmond,  
R.F.D. #1,  
Ohio, Ill.

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 Ray Desmond, Co.E, 137th 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.

Desmond  
(Surname.)

Ray  
(Christian name in full.)

2,144,755  
(Army serial number.)

Pvt

Co E 137th Inf  
(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Father

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

No

(Yes or no.)

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

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Geo Desmond

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

R F D No

Ohio

gllg

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Noted by S. C.

Date 4-26-21

1232 Sec. 91-62

Checked  
4/26/21  
SH

September 29, 1923.

Mr. Gen. Desmond,  
R.F.D. #1,  
Ohio, Ill.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the permanent grave of Private Ray Desmond, Company E, 137th Infantry, is Grave 38, Row 39, Block H, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

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

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

Very truly yours,

H.H. CHEAL  
Assistant.

WRP

O. O. M. A. G.  
CENTRAL MAIL ROOM



SEP 29 1923  
R. O. C.

Place Romagne 1232.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Sept. 19, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF DESMOND, Ray SERIAL NUMBER 2144755  
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. E. 137th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : Sept. 19, 1921 From (give complete location) : Gr 71 Sec 91 Plot 2.

By : Group ..... Unit 2

3. Reburied (date) : Sept. 20, 1921. In (give complete location) : Grave 58 Block H Row 59

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

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :  
wooden box and burlap and uniform, badly decompose, & features not recognizable.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :  
Tag on peg over body agrees with G.R.S. records.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items ? 7, 8, 9, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000

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

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

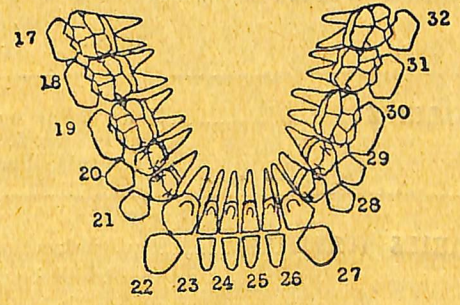
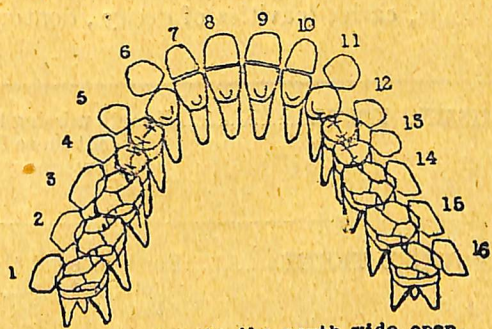
(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

Quantity do

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) do

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) none visible



7. Disinterment supervised by J. C. Van Meter

Approved: G. B. Keidwell  
(Title) ...

8. Reburial supervised by ...

Approved : ...  
(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), bicuspid (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.

<p><b>MISSING TEETH</b>.....All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus:</p>	 <p>TOOTH MISSING TOOTH MISSING</p>
<p><b>CROWNED TEETH</b>.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:</p>	 <p>GOLD CROWN PORCELAIN CROWN</p>
<p><b>BRIDGE WORK</b>.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus:</p>	 <p>GOLD AND PORCELAIN BRIDGE GOLD BRIDGE</p>
<p><b>FILLINGS</b>.....Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:</p>	 <p>SILVER FILLING GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING</p>
<p><b>CARIES (CAVITIES)</b>.....Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:</p>	 <p>CAVITY DECAYED DECAYED</p>

**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. 19, 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 Desmond, Ray  
 2. No. 2144755  
 3. Rank Pvt.  
 4. Org. Co. E 137th Inf.  
 5. D.D. 9-28  
 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. 71 Sec. 91  
 8. Plot 2 Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 17. none.

18. Cemetery Argonne Amer.

19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon

20. Dept. or County Meuse

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232 - Sec. 91

23. Disinterred (Date) Sept. 19, 1921

By J.C. Van Mater.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Ray, Desmond,  
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. 2144755  
 Organization Co. E. 137th Inf.

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

Ray M. Moody  
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant  
Ray M. Moody.

PREPARATION

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

Tag on knix peg over body agrees with G.R.S. records.

27. Condition of body badly decomposed, features not recognizable.

28. Nature of burial wooden box and burlap and uniform.

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 Sept. 19, 1921 By J.C. Van Mater.

31. Casket sealed by J.C. Van Mater.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

J.C. Van Mater.  
J.C. Van Mater.

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-7280

32. Designation of body:

Name Desmond, Ray Serial No. 2144755

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. E 137th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

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

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Sept. 19, 1921 By J.C. Van Meter.

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 G.R. Kidwell  
U.S. Kidwell, 1st Lt. U.S.A.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Sept. 19, 1921.

To point of Concentration Morgue, Romagne.

Convoyer W.J. Royed. (Name) Albert N. Jackson  
Signature Shipping Officer Albert N. Jackson, Capt. U.S.A.

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 House-Argonne Cemetery 1232 Sept. 20, 1921.

(Date)

42. Grave No. 38 Section

43. Plot Block II Row 59

G.R.S. Representative W. M. Olin,

1st Captain, U.S.A.

el

AUDITED BY



COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #33947

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name DESMOND, Ray Ser. No. 2144755
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. E, 137th Inf.
(c) Date of death 9-28-18 (d) Cause of death K/A
TYP. aew
CKR. S.M.

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

(a) Grave No. 71 Row - Plot 2 Sec. 91 TYP. aew
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Ann Desmond, Mother, Ohio, Ill.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases / / CKR. S.M.

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Geo. Desmond (b) Relationship Father
(c) Address 479 #1, Ohio Ill.
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No
(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 G.C. Date 4-26-21, 1920.

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

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

Examiner's Initials Date, 1920.

VI. G. R. S. FILES, CORRESPONDENCE—shows as follows: Mrs. Geo. Desmond, mother, Ohio, Ill. 6-8-20 asks for location of grave.

(a) Cancellation memos referred to?

Examiner's Initials G.C. Date 4-26-21, 1920.

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 1232, Sec. 91 SHEET No. 62

Checked 4/26/21 J.H.

ACP 5-11-21



COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA File #33947

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

.....  
 .....  
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V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
 letter of transmittal on 5/5/21, 192  
Section # 91  
par # 2 - Not to be returned - AD

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

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

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

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

*ADP. 5-11-21*

DESMOND,

ROY.

21 55

Organization Unknown.

Grave of this soldier located in the Bois de Xermamont, and plainly marked by Cross and Identification tag.

CMME. Exermont (Ardeunes)  
(C-209) SHT. 35 N E

Letter of Oct 24th 1918. By Francis H. A. McKeon, 2nd Lieut. USA, 167th Inf. Acting Personnel Officer.

CMME. Exermont (Ardeennes)  
(C-209) SHT. 35 N E COORD

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Command File No.  
Daily Report No.

ROY. YOR. BIRMINGHAM

Organization Unknown.

Grave of this soldier located in the  
State of Kentucky, and plainly marked  
by Cross and Identification tag.

CPT. EMMETT (Armed)  
(0-209) SPT. 35 W B

Letter of Oct 24th 1918. by Francis  
H. A. McKern, 2nd Lieut. USA, 107th Inf.  
Acting Personnel Officer.

Communal List No. 209-578  
Daily Report No. \_\_\_\_\_

33947

FILE

4/26/07  
(Date)

FORM 115 has been compiled on the following case:-

CEMETERY NO. 1232 SECTION 91

FORM 115 Sheet No. 62

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Form No. 1011.

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July 1, 1920.

FILE

293.8-Cem.-33947, (Desmond, Ray, Pvt.)

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

Mrs. George Desmond, Ohio, Illinois.

Inscription on Cross.

1. In reply to your letter of June 8th, 1920, you are advised that the body of your son, Private Ray Desmond now rests in grave #71, section #91, plot #2 of the Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montraucou, Department of the Meuse.

2. Relative to the inscription on the cross erected over the graves of our soldier dead you are advised that the name, rank and organization and also the date of death are inscribed on the cross. It is the intention of the War Department to erect appropriate stone monuments over the graves of our dead. A design is now being worked out by the National Fine Arts Commission.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Colonel, U. S. Army,  
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

By:

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

*(Handwritten initials)*

RG

HMG

G. B. S. MAILED

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Ohio, Ill.

June 7, 20!

Colonel Chas. C. Pierce,  
Chief, Graves Registration  
Service, Wash. D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Some time ago  
I received from the Red Cross  
pictures of my son's grave in  
France, Port. Ray Desmond  
Co E. 137 Inf. A. E. F. The  
location of the grave was not  
given. But the R. C. instructed  
me to write you for such  
information.

I would greatly appreciate

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DIV. Q. M. C.



the information you may give  
me.

would also like to know  
just what inscription, if any  
placed upon these graves:

Thanking you - and hoping to  
receive the above information.

I am

Sincerely,

Mrs Geo. Desmond

Ohio, Illinois.

✓  
P.C.

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GENERAL  
DIV. O. M. G.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE & STORAGE  
WASHINGTON

*W*

*Desmond*

ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY *6/12/30*

\_\_\_\_ 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: *Y.L.*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
*note letter*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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NOTE: In addition to information furnished on Nos. 1, 6, 11; and 12, G.R.S. Form 101-A (Information Blank), supply data on the following:

Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15.

*✓*  
*He*

*✓*  
*mjt*

Analysis Clerk.

TO: Inquiry Section .  
From: Overseas Project Sub-Section.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION on Cemetery No. (furnished by: \_\_\_\_\_) (date \_\_\_\_\_)

Data sent Overseas \_\_\_\_\_

Operations to commence (approx.) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Bodies arrived at Hoboken \_\_\_\_\_

II. CASE OF Diamond, Ray - Prot. Co. E. 137th. Inf. 2, 144, 75-57.

The following information was abstracted (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ from:

SOURCE	CLK.	in OFFICE		CLK.	in OFFICE
A. G. O. Cards			Shppg. Inquiry (sent _____)		
A.G.O. Corresp.			To _____		
G.R.S. corresp. relative to disp.			OSP, S-S Corresp. (see Remarks.)		

DESIRES as to Disposition.

*a 50 card.*

Name of Relative	RETURN.		REMAIN	SPECIAL
	N. C.	Pvt. Int.		
Widow				
Children (Name oldest first)				
✓ Father <i>Geo. Desmond</i> <i>R. # 1. Ohio, Ill.</i>			✓	
Mother				
Brothers				
Sisters				

*HCH 6/19/20*

Body to be shipped to \_\_\_\_\_

was shipped (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS

*City 1232 has not been reported by the Audit Dept. BEB 8/17-20*

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

Date 6-14-20

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME *Desmond, Ray* Serial Number  
 RANK *Priv* ORGANIZATION *Co. E 137th Inf.*

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	1) yes Serial # 2144755
2.	Date of Death.	2) 9-28-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	3) KIA
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	4) 289
5.	Date buried.	5) not given
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	6) Grave #1 Isolated Chatel Chabery C-246 Ardennes Reburied 6-16-19 Grave #71 Sec. 91 Plot 2 Argonne Amer. Cty. #1232 Romange-sous Montfaucon, Meuse
7.	Who reported burial?	10) a) yes b) yes. (Mother)
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	11) Mrs. Ann Desmond Ohio, Ill.
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	
12.	Has been notified? (Give date)	13) 2/19 2-19-19 3-3-20-187
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	14) -A-27523
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	
15.	Inquiry made by?	

Released by Information Control  
 Dept.  
 Directory  
 Cards 5x8  
 Cards 4x6  
*Edh.*  
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N.B. All Proper names to be typewritten, or printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.