

WAR DEPARTMENT.

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*Demond, Thomas*  
*5086-*  
*1st Lt. Co. D. 18th Inf.*

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*Jan 27-1919*



To The A. G. O.

G.R.S. Form #114 B

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DATE

1. NAME DESMOND, Thomas W.

SERIAL No.

RANK 1st. Lt.

ORGANIZATION Co. D, 18th Inf.

3 DIVISION 1st Div

GRAVE LOCATION American Cty., Villers Tournelle, Somme

176

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

58

GRAVE

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PLOT

ROW

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

Unknown Gr. 118 P.F.F.

Unknown 176

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES Unknown

No data on file in Hqrs. Area #3, AGRS, covering the original grave location of this burial.

CONCENTRATED TO 1/14/19.

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DATE

GRAVE

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Am. Mil. Cem. Villers Tournelle (Somme) 21 SE. E119.8. N330.8.

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CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

Per Form 1-A, 6/28/19.

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

Form 1, Not dated, unsigned shows this body buried in Gr. 118, V. Tournelle 1/14/19.

Form 1-A, 6/28/19. shows Identification tag on body.

Form 16-A, 11/23/20. signed S.D. Campbell, Capt. Inf. shows identification tag on body. ~~1st. Lieut. Bars insignia on collar. U.S.R. Inf.~~

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS 11/23/20.

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GRAVE

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CEMETERY

Per Form 16-A, 11/23/20.

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Mass.

DATE

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CEMETERY

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED Cities in 50<sup>th</sup>

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

W.R. BUCKLEY, Capt. Q.A.C. 1st Div. Active Jan 1, 1920

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Oct. 18, 1922.

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Somme Amer. Cty. #636, Bony (Aisne).

CEMETERY

Rec'd World War Div.

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AUDITED BY

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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.



Co D 18th Inf.  
1st Division

DESMOND, T.W.- 1st Lieut.

I saw first Lieut. Desmond when he was shot by a sniper. This was at Cantigny sometime in May 1918. He died in a few minutes after he was shot.

Informant : McCofferty, Joseph - Sgt.  
Co D. 18th Inf.  
Home : 1129 Kirkwood St,  
Willimington, Del.  
Signed : not.

A/A/

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Planned : not.  
Home : 1129 Kirkwood St.  
          : Co D. 18th Inf.  
Informant : McCafferty, Joseph - Sgt.

Co D 18 Inf.  
DESMOND Thomas W 1st Lieutenant

Killed in action May 27-1918

This information has very little value as Thomas had practically no cooperation simply states that he is positive that Lieut. Desmond was buried at Cantigny.

Informant: Thomas Fred H Pvt. 239866  
Hospital 208 (formerly 6)  
Co D 18th Inf.  
Home : Ozark Alabama  
Jan. 22-1919

F/N.

Enginers: 1) Mass Soldiers & Sailors Bureau State House Boston.  
2) Jeremiah J Desmond Pleasant St Randolph Mass

I consider the informant sincere in his statement.--

Helen Clark Hind  
Searcher.

18 INFANTRY co. D.

DESMOND, Thomas W. 1st Lieut.

Killed 27 May, 1918

Killed in Action May 27th. Buried May 27, Grave N° 1, French  
N° 13 Cemetery.

January 30, 1919

DH

Enquirers: Mass. Soldiers & Sailors, Bureau, State House  
Boston  
Jeremiah J. Desmond, Pleasant St. Randolph, Mass.

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CO. D.

DESMOND, Thomas W. 1st Lieut.

18th Inf Co. D.

DESMOND THOMAS W. Lt 1st

Killed in action May 27th 1918

Lt Desmond was killed May 27th. I saw his grave in a rock quarry between Cantigny and Villers Tournelle. It was marked by a cross and his dog tag. His name was also printed on there. I saw it in the latter part of June. We used to call him. "Desperate Desmond" He was one of the main men in the 4th platoon, always leading the raids. He was liked by all the company."

Informant. Crowell Mitchell Pvt. 46609

Co. D. 18th Inf.

Camp Pontanezen Brest.

Home. Trimble Tenn.

Feb. 15 1919

Natharine K. Barton Searcher.

Enquirer. Mass Soldiers and Sailors Bureau State House Boston.

Jeremiah J Desmond Pleasant St Randolph Mass.

S.G.

Co D. 18th Infantry

DESMOND Thomas W. 1cl/Lt.

Killed May 27th 1918

" Sims is pretty sure that Lt. Desmond was in eCo. C. at the time he was killed . He was a mighty nice fellow . They called him Desparate Desmond ; he was too brave . His death was company talk . He was killed in regular duty , killed by a shell . He may have been buried with the other at Villers-Tournell. The boys called it " Dead men's town " it was such a bad town for shells . "

Informant : SIMS Harry K. Pvt. 46719  
Hospital II4

Inquirers :-  
Mass Soldiers & Sailors Bureau  
State House , Boston .  
Jeremiah J. Desmond , Pleasant St.  
Ran dolph , Mass .

Home : Snover - Michigan .  
January 6th 1919

M.H. Jackson - Searcher .

C.F.

Co D. 18th Infantry

DESMOND Thomas W. 1cl/Lt.

Killed May 27th 1918

" Killed at Villers-Tournelle , and probably buried there . "

Informant : Baxter , Roy E. Lt.  
Camp I St. Nazaire  
Co D. 18th Infantry  
Home : 6 Blackburn St.  
Detroit , Mich.  
December 9th 1918

Inquirers :

Mass . Soldiers & Sailors Bureau  
State House , Boston .  
Jeremiah J. Desmond , Pleasant St.  
Randolph , Mass .

Edith E. Metcalf - Searcher .

C.F.

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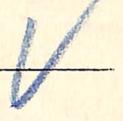
D E S M O N D, Thomas W.

1st Lt. Inf. ORC.

Died 5/27/18 . Killed in action.

(293.2-AGO 7/9/18)

CODE SLIP



| HEADING                          | SUB-HEADING           | NO. OF COLS | CODE       |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|------------|
| NAME <i>Desmond</i>              | <i>DES</i>            | 3           | <i>459</i> |
| BURIED <i>Thomas W</i>           | CEMETERY <i>636</i>   | 1           | <i>5</i>   |
|                                  | GRAVE <i>16</i>       | 2           | <i>16</i>  |
|                                  | ROW <i>22</i>         | 2           | <i>22</i>  |
|                                  | BLOCK <i>C</i>        | 1           | <i>3</i>   |
| STATE                            | <i>Mass.</i>          | 2           | <i>25</i>  |
| RANK                             | <i>1st Lt</i>         | 1           | <i>1</i>   |
| DIVISION                         | <i>1</i>              | 2           | <i>01</i>  |
| ORGANIZATION                     | <i>18</i>             | 3           | <i>018</i> |
| ARM                              | <i>Inf</i>            | 1           | <i>1</i>   |
| MARTIAL                          | <i>No</i>             | 1           | <i>2</i>   |
| NAME <i>Desmond</i>              | <i>DES</i>            | 3           | <i>459</i> |
| <i>Mrs. Maria L</i><br>RESIDENCE | STATE <i>Mass</i>     | 2           | <i>25</i>  |
|                                  | COUNTY <i>Norfolk</i> | 2           | <i>11</i>  |
|                                  | CITY <i>Randolph</i>  | 3           | <i>120</i> |
| RELATION                         | <i>Mother</i>         | 1           | <i>1</i>   |
| OTHER                            |                       | 1           |            |
| ELIGIBILITY                      | <i>Yes</i>            | 1           | <i>1</i>   |
| NATIVITY                         |                       | 1           |            |
| RACE                             |                       | 1           |            |
| ENGLISH                          |                       | 1           |            |
| ATTENDANT                        |                       | 1           |            |
| HEALTH                           | <i>Bad</i>            | 1           | <i>2</i>   |
| NO. OF SONS                      |                       | 1           |            |
| DATE OF TRIP                     | MO.<br>YR.            | 1<br>1      |            |
| ACCEPTANCE                       | <i>No</i>             | 1           |            |

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Desmond, Thomas W. (Som)

July 12, 1932

Mrs. Maria L. Desmond,  
66 Pleasant St.,  
Randolph, Mass.

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?

no  
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Mrs. Maria L. Desmond

Randolph, Mass.,  
January 7, 1931.

A. D. Hughes,  
Captain, 2. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

War Department,  
Washington, D.C.

Re: 2M293 A-M

Desmond, Thos. W. (son)

Dear Captain Hughes,

Received your letter regarding a pilgrimage to my son's grave in France. I certainly appreciate your kindness and would love to go but it is impossible

as my health is so poor  
also my sight is failing  
have been operated on for  
one cataract and another  
is forming, and I am just  
about blind.

Once again thanking you,  
I am

Sincerely,  
(Mrs.) Maria L. Desmond.

By A. C. D.

QM 293 A-M  
Desmond, Thomas W. (Son)

December 24, 1931.

Mrs. Maria L. Desmond,  
66 Pleasant Street,  
Randolph, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence with this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late First Lieutenant Thomas W. Desmond. In reply to a questionnaire you advised that you did not desire to visit your son's grave next summer.

It is noted you previously stated your health was not good and in this connection you are advised that personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided, and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years a number of mothers and widows in poor health and of advanced age made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

It is believed you should feel no hesitancy in making the journey, and should you later decide to visit your son's grave, next summer, it is requested you so notify this office. Should you make the trip, you are assured that the pilgrimage will not only be made at the expense of the United States but that everything possible for your comfort and welfare will be provided.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Desmond, Thomas W. 1st Lt. (Som) M

June 15, 1931

Mrs. Maria L. Desmond,  
66 Pleasant St.,  
Randolph, Mass.

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. Maria L. Desmond*

Sign here



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Desmond, Thomas W. 636 M

June 5, 1930

Mrs. Maria L. Desmond  
66 Pleasant Street  
Randolph, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931?

No ✓  
(Write answer here)

*Maria L. Desmond*

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Desmond, Thomas W.  
636

August 28, 1929.

Mrs. Maria I. Desmond,  
66 Pleasant St.,  
Randolph, Mass.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 16, 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 never married*

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

*Maria I. Desmond*

*Mother*

*Randolph Mass*

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

*cannot tell at present*

*not in good health*

For The Quartermaster General

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

*John T. Harris*  
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, Thomas W.

May 16 , 1929.

Mrs. Maria L. Desmond,  
66 Pleasant St.,  
Randolph, Mass.

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 First Lieutenant Thomas W. Desmond, Co. D, 18th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Soame American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Desmond, Thomas W. (Som)

July 12, 1932

Mrs. Maria L. Desmond,  
66 Pleasant St.,  
Randolph, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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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) \_\_\_\_\_

QM 293 A-M  
Desmond, Thomas W. (Son)

December 24, 1931.

Mrs. Maria L. Desmond,  
66 Pleasant Street,  
Randolph, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence with this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late First Lieutenant Thomas W. Desmond. In reply to a questionnaire you advised that you did not desire to visit your son's grave next summer.

It is noted you previously stated your health was not good and in this connection you are advised that personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided, and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years a number of mothers and widows in poor health and of advanced age made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

It is believed you should feel no hesitancy in making the journey, and should you later decide to visit your son's grave, next summer, it is requested you so notify this office. Should you make the trip, you are assured that the pilgrimage will not only be made at the expense of the United States but that everything possible for your comfort and welfare will be provided.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Desmond, Thomas W. 1st Lt. (Som) M

June 15, 1931

Mrs. Maria L. Desmond,  
66 Pleasant St.,  
Randolph, Mass.

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.

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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

Desmond, Thomas W. 636 M

June 5, 1930

Mrs. Maria L. Desmond  
66 Pleasant Street  
Randolph, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Write answer here)

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Desmond Thomas W 636 -M

Mrs. Maria L. Desmond,  
66 Pleasant Street,  
Randolph, Mass.

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<br>(Years)  | Health<br>(Good) (Poor) |
| 5. What language do you speak?  | English - (Yes) (No)<br>Other language<br>(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, Thomas W.  
636

August 23, 1929.

Mrs. Maria L. Desmond,  
66 Pleasant St.,  
Randolph, Mass.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 16, 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.

Desmond, Thomas W.

February 23, 1927.

QM 293 A-C

Mr. Jeremiah J. Desmond,  
Pleasant St.,  
Randolph, Mass.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires to invite your attention to the inclosed card which gives the permanent cemetery location of the soldier's grave in which you are interested.

This American overseas military cemetery is to be maintained by the United States for all time. The graves will be permanently marked by white headstones inscribed with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves, as soon as possible, and without necessity for special action or request on the part of relatives.

Please be assured that in effecting removal of the dead, the utmost reverential care was exercised by those who performed this sacred duty. For the future, these graves will be perpetually maintained by the Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

K. J. HAMPTON,  
Lt. Col., Q.M.G.,  
Assistant.

*Men  
W.P.R.*

1 Incl.  
Record card.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Desmond, Thomas W.

May 16, 1929.

Mrs. Maria L. Desmond,  
66 Pleasant St.,  
Randolph, Mass.

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 First Lieutenant Thomas W. Desmond, Co. D, 18th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

Desmond,

(Name.)

Thomas W.

(Christian name in full.)

176-118  
A.G. 293.8

(Armed Forces Serial number.)

1st Lieut.

Co. D, 18th Infantry.

(Rank and organization.)

Father

State your relationship to the deceased

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)

Jeremiah Desmond

66 Pleasant St Randolph

Mass

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Amer City # 176

COMPLETION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA File # 4300

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name DESMOND, Thomas W. Ser. No. ---  
 (b) Rank 1st Lt. Organization Co. D, 18th Inf.  
 (c) Date of death 5-27-18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. DB  
 CKR 1

*6/22/22 Exhumed  
 for Concentration  
 Somme # 636  
 Mass 6-9-22*

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

(a) Grave No. 104 Row - Plot - Sec. C TYP. DB  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. J. J. Desmond, ( Pleasant St., Randolph, Mass.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases NO CARD CKR. 16

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt None

(a) Name Jeremiah J. Desmond Relationship Father  
 (c) Address 66 Pleasant St, Randolph, Mass  
 (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. -

*OK  
 AH*

Examiner's Initials A.E.S. Date 9-16-2, 1920.

V. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from Jeremiah J. Desmond  
(father) Randolph, Mass., dated 6-6-19  
 confirming request in Par. IV., item Yes, above, or requesting that -

Examiner's Initials A.E.S. Date 9-16-, 1920.

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes. AM  
 Examiner's Initials AM Date 9-17, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 176 SHEET No. 118

*e  
 ERA*

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

RECEIVED BY  
MAIL UNIT

JUN 29 1921

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on 9-24, 1920

Immigration Division  
Overseas Project Sub-Section

*Par. 2. Not to be returned (H.S.)*

IX.

CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE.

ACTION TAKEN.

Desires body be \_\_\_\_\_

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*Letter 11/19/20 to Mrs. J. Desmond, 66 Pleasant St. Randolph, Mass., re widow + children, also wishes as to disposition*

*War Risk E.A. 1/27/21*

*Mrs. Maria L. Desmond (mother)*

*66 Pleasant St., Randolph, Mass.*

*3-16-21- Letter from P. M. Randolph, Mass. advise he gave our communication to <sup>father</sup> who said he had ~~also~~ already informed this office he wishes body left in France. (H-3-23-21-58)*

Place Villers - Tournelle  
Date Nov-23-1920

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF DESMOND-THOMAS-W SERIAL NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

RANK 1st Lieut ORGANIZATION Co-D-18th Inf

2. Disinterred (date): 11-23-20 From (give complete location): Gr-104-Plot-C-  
Amm-Cem-176-Villers-Tournelle-Somme

By: Group 2 Unit 1

3. Reburied (date): 11-23-20 In (give complete location): Gr-58-Plot-C-  
Amm-Cem-176-Villers-Tournelle-Somme

By: Group 2 Unit 1 Nature of reburial in pine box in blanket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
in uniform - body decomposed - unrecognizable

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

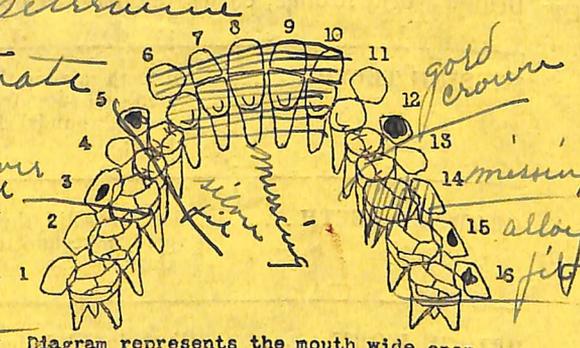
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:  
1st Lt. Bar - insignia on collar - U.S.R. - Inf -

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) impossible to determine

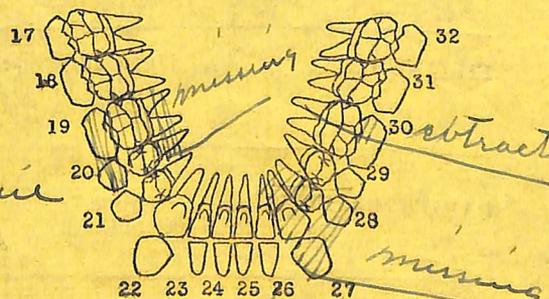
(b) Weight (estimated) impossible to estimate

(c) Hair—Color None on skull  
Quantity None  
Characteristics None



(d) Hair on face—Color None on face  
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) impossible to determine  
file 17/10/20

7. Disinterment supervised by Clarence W. Dodge Approved: (S.D. Campbell)  
Capt. M. C. Inspector (Title) Capt. Infantry Mas. of Sec. #1

8. Reburial supervised by Clarence W. Dodge Approved: (S.D. Campbell)  
Capt. M. C. Inspector (Title) Capt. Infantry Mas. of Sec. #1

**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.

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|--|--|
| <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><b>CROWNED TEETH</b>.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:</p>  |  |
| <p><b>BRIDGE WORK</b>.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus:</p>  |  |
| <p><b>FILLINGS</b>.....Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:</p>   |  |
| <p><b>CARIES (CAVITIES)</b>.....Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:</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.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Nov. 14, 1921

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

1. REMAINS OF DESMOND, Thomas W. SERIAL NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
RANK 1st Lt. ORGANIZATION Co. D, 18th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Nov. 14, 1921 From (give complete location): Gr. 58, Plot C, Amer. Mil. Cem. 176, Villers Tournelle, Somme

By: Group 1 Unit U.S.C.

3. Reburied (date): 10/18/22 In (give complete location): Grave 17 Row 22 Block C, Somme Cem. #636, Bony (Aisne)

By: Group Reburial Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial Reg. Case t, Shipping Case

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: raped in blanket and in wooden box. Skeleton disarticulated, features unrecognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? yes On grave marker? no  
Fragments of Officer's uniform found.  
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: Body previously reburial by field section. Metal strips and bottle record found, agree with form 11-A.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to estimate

(c) Hair - Color none visible

(d) Hair on face - Color none visible

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities) none visible

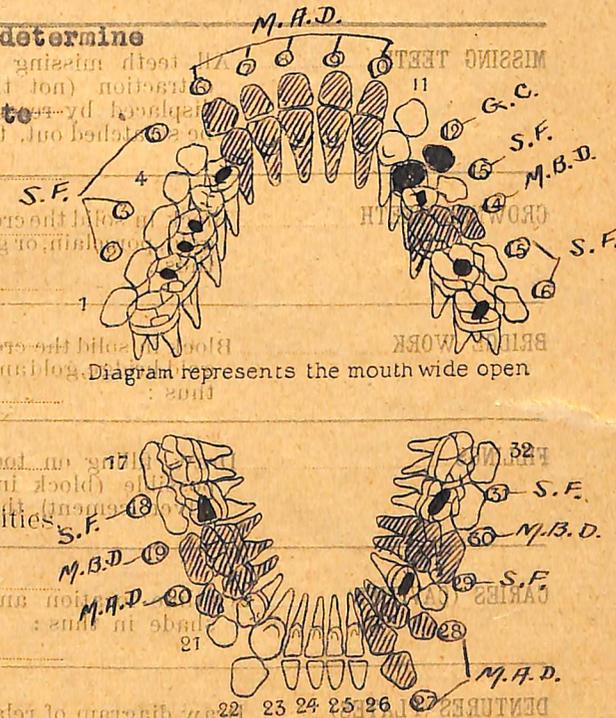
(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) \_\_\_\_\_

Both pelvic bones shattered. Some ribs broken.

Checked by B. J. Black

Disinterment supervised by James McCourty Approved: J. J. Powers  
Title: 1st Lt. Insp.

Reburial supervised by B. A. Bradford Approved: D. E. Lowry  
Title: 1st Lt. Q.M.C.



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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.

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| 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 Nov. 14, 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, Thomas W.  
 2. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Rank 1st Lt.  
 4. Org. Co. D, 18th Inf.  
 5. D.D. May 27th 1918  
 6. C.D. KIA

Disc on body, partly corroded shows:  
 10. Name " T.W. ---ond  
 11. No. 5086  
 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 13. Org. 18th Inf. U.S.A."  
 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) D.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 58 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. Plot C Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 17. no discrepancy

18. Cemetery American

19. Commune or town Villers Tournelle

20. Dept. or County Somme

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 176

23. Disinterred (Date) Nov. 14, 1921

By James McGourty

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Thomas W. Desmond  
 Rank 1st.Lt.

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organization Co.D.18th. Inf.

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

Bernard J. Black  
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant

Bernard J. Black

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).

**Fragments of officer's uniform found. Body previously reburied by Field Section.. Metal strips and bottle record found, agree with form 114-A. Disc on body, partly corroded, shows: "T.W. ---ond, 5086, 18th. Inf. U.S.A."**

27. Condition of body Skeleton disarticulated. Features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Wrapped in blanket and in wooden box.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? \_\_\_\_\_

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Nov. 14, 1921 By James McGourty

31. Casket sealed by James McGourty

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

James McGourty  
 Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

AUDITED  
 757 2-26 25

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-13473

32. Designation of body:

Name DESMOND, Thomas W. Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

Rank 1st Lt. Organization Co. D. 18th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Somme Amer. #636, Bony, Aisne

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Nov. 14, 1921 By James McGourty

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 J. J. Powers, 1st Lt. QMC GS

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

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Nov. 14, 1921

To point of Concentration Hubert Amiens, Somme

Convoyer J. Stewart Signature Shipping Officer J. J. Powers, 1st Lt. QMC

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Nov. 14, 1921

By G.R.S. Representative H. W. Beyette  
Hubert W. Beyette, Capt. QMC

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 21 NOV 1921

To Permanent Cemetery No. 636, Bony, Aisne

Convoyer Charles Humbach Signature Shipping Officer H. W. Beyette  
H. W. Beyette, Capt. QMC

40. Received: Date 25 NOV 1921

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

41. Reinterred: Oct. 18, 1922

(Date)

42. Grave No. 17 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot Block C Row 22

G.R.S. Representative D. E. Lowry  
D. E. Lowry, 1st Lt. QMC.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 4300

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name DESMOND, Thomas W. Ser. No. ---  
 (b) Rank 1st Lt. Organization Co. D, 18th Inf.  
 (c) Date of death 5-27-18 Cause of death K/A

TYP DB

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

(a) Grave No. 104 Row --- Plot --- Sect. C TYP DB  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. J. J. Desmond, (Pleasant St., Randolph, Mass.)

**NO CARD**

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases NO CARD CKR H.S.

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

a. g. o. card - Jeremiah J. Desmond (father)  
66 Pleasant St. Randolph, Mass. requests  
that body be not returned to U.S.  
JJ - 10-2-20

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 192)  
 (letter of transmittal on 9/24 192)

Par. 2. not to be returned (H.S.)

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. OCT. 12. 1920 192 388 10-12-20

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. 6-29 192 1

5/22/22 Exhumed for mass burials  
 Consultation  
 Somme # 636  
 6-9-22

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FILE

CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
REGISTRATION SECTION

October 31 192 1.

MEMO FOR:

Cards Department.

i.

CASE OF:

Company D, 18th Inf.

ORGANIZATION (Old)

DESMAND THOMAS W. 1st. Lt.

(Name)

Correction or additional data changes as shown below have been made on the Registration Card of the above-mentioned soldier and a corresponding change will be necessary on the Organization Card;

ORGANIZATION (New)

FILE NO.

SURNAME

SERIAL NUMBER

FIRST NAME AND INITIALS

RANK

DATE OF DEATH

CAUSE OF DEATH

|           | Date     | Place | F-1A No. |
|-----------|----------|-------|----------|
| Orig.     |          |       | D-       |
| 1st. Reb. |          |       | D-       |
| 2nd Reb.  | 11/23/20 | 176   | D- 30274 |
| 3rd Reb.  |          |       | D-       |

(Note: In the above spaces below double line fill in ONLY the new date and data correcting previous information)

BY: Miss Iannon

Card.

(Department)

5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made  
on Organization  
File Card:

By [Signature]  
S/3324/LML

176-118  
3-5/8/21

FILE NO. 293.8 Cem.Div.,Cor.Branch.  
(DESMOND, Thomas W.)

APRIL 16, 1921.

Mr. Jeremiah Desmond,  
66 Pleasant Street,  
Randolph, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of a communication from the Postmaster, Randolph, Massachusetts, who states that you desire the remains of your late son Thomas W. Desmond, First Lieutenant, Company D, 18th Infantry, left in France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

The Department desires to be assured that no relative properly entitled to a voice in the disposition of the remains of the late officer has been denied the opportunity of expressing his or her wishes. Therefore, kindly advise this office if the deceased is survived by widow or children, giving the name and address of each.

Your immediate attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,  
Officer in Charge.

FF:LLK

By:

F. C. PALLAS,  
Executive Assistant.

Quartermaster General  
Central Division  
APR 16 1921  
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MAIL UNIT

JUN 29 1921

Cemeterial Division  
Overseas Project Sub-Section

ΕΠΙΧΕΙΡΗΣΙΑΣ ΥΠΕΡ ΤΑ ΣΩΜΑΤΑ  
Α. Ο. ΠΑΤΡΙΩΝ

ΕΠΙΤΥΧ

ΠΑ:

ΟΡΓΑΝΟΝ ΤΩ ΟΡΓΑΝΩ  
ΕΠΙ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ ΣΤΟΝ ΕΞΩΤΕΡΟΝ  
Υ. Π. ΠΑΤΡΙΩΝ

ΕΝ ΑΠΟΚΛΕΙΣΤΙΚΩΝ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΟΚΑΤΑΓΕΝΕΣ ΟΡΓΑΝΩΝ:

ΟΡΓΑΝΟΝ ΕΠΙΧΕΙΡΗΣΕΩΣ

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FILE NO. 293.8 Cem.Div., Cor.Branch.  
(DESMOND, Thomas W.)

Mr. Walter L. Hickey, Postmaster,  
Randolph,  
Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

Receipt of your communication dated March 16,  
1921, conveying information regarding the next of kin  
of the late Thomas W. Desmond, First Lieutenant, Com-  
pany D, 18th Infantry, is acknowledged, and your co-  
operation in this connection is greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,  
Officer in Charge.

FF:LLK

By:

F. C. BALLAS,  
Executive Assistant.

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"MAILED"  
MAR 20 1921  
"COR. BR. G. R. S."

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FILE NO. 293.8 Gen.Div., Cor.Branch.  
(DESMOND, Thomas W.)

APRIL 18, 1921.

Mr. Jeremiah Desmond,  
66 Pleasant Street,  
Randolph, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of a communication from the Postmaster, Randolph, Massachusetts, who states that you desire the remains of your late son Thomas W. Desmond, First Lieutenant, Company D, 18th Infantry, left in France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

The Department desires to be assured that no relative properly entitled to a voice in the disposition of the remains of the late officer has been denied the opportunity of expressing his or her wishes. Therefore, kindly advise this office if the deceased is survived by widow or children, giving the name and address of each.

Your immediate attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,  
Officer in Charge.

By:

F. C. PALLAS,  
Executive Assistant.

*cm*

FF:LLK

"MAILED"  
APR 20 1921  
"COR. BR. G. R. S."

*J.M.*

November 19th. 1920.

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div. Cor. Branch  
(DESMOND, THOMAS W.)

Mr. Jeremiah J. Desmond,  
66 Pleasant St.  
Randolph, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

In order that the records of this office may be complete in the matter of final disposition of remains of the late 1st. Lieut. Thomas W. Desmond, Co. D. 18th. Infantry, it is necessary that you inform whether the deceased is survived by widow and children, giving the names and addresses of each. If he was not married kindly forward a statement to that effect.

The above information is necessary due to the fact that instructions for the disposition of remains can be issued by this office only upon properly executed authority of the legal next of kin; and in this case, if the soldier is married, the widow (and if she has been divorced or remarried, the children of the late soldier) would be the legal next of kin.

If the deceased is not survived by any of the above mentioned persons, it is requested that you state definitely if you wish the body of the late soldier left in France for burial in an American National Cemetery, or returned to the U.S. and shipped to you, or interred in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia.

This office wishes to convey its expressions of sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,  
Officer in Charge.

FF:DW

BY:

*CLAY S. WORICK,*  
Captain, A.G.

*CLAY S. WORICK*

*J.S.*

*Suspended  
Dec 9/20*

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S-3/21/21.

March 7th, 1921.

File No. 295.8 Cem.Div.Cor.Br.  
(Desmond, Thomas W.)

Postmaster,  
Randolph,  
Massachusetts.

Sir:-

Communications from this office addressed to Mr. Jeremiah J. Desmond, 66 Pleasant Street, Randolph Massachusetts, have received no reply.

In view of the above your co-operation is desired in an effort to locate Mr. Desmond, and ascertain from him whether the late Thomas W. Desmond, 1st Lieutenant, Co. D., 18th Infantry, is survived by widow or children, and if so, kindly furnish their names and addresses.

If the deceased is not survived by any of the above kindly endeavor to obtain from the father of the late officer, a signed statement indicating whether he desires the remains left in France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery, returned to the United States and delivered to him, or interred in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia.

This information is necessary before proper disposition of the remains can be made and your assistance in this connection will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:-

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q.M. Corps.  
Officer in Charge.

*Pro* Mailed-O.F.D.

MAR 10 1921

BY:-

*af* F. C. PALLAS,  
Executive Assistant.

MC/rkj.

November 19th. 1920.

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(DESMOND, THOMAS W.)

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Randolph, Mass.

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R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,  
Officer in Charge.

BY:

*ad* CLAY S. WORICK,  
Captain, A.G.

FF:DW

Mailed-O.P.D.  
NOV 19 1920

*Answered  
Dec 9.*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON

OCT 18 1920

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C.

To: **Mr. Jeremiah J. Desmond, 66 Pleasant St., Randolph, Mass.**

SUBJECT: Remains of **1st Lt. Thomas W. Desmond, #----, Co. D, 18 Inf.**

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body remain in Europe.

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Major, U. S. A.

If all blank spaces below are not filled out, it will necessitate a return of this paper and a SERIOUS DELAY in the shipment of this body. State in each case WHETHER these relatives are STILL LIVING.

| NAME OF—                                    | NO. AND STREET. | TOWN. | STATE. |
|---|-----------------|-------|--------|
| <b>Was soldier married?</b>                 |                 |       |        |
| Soldier's widow                             |                 |       |        |
| Soldier's children.<br>(Name oldest first.) | 1               |       |        |
|   | 2               |       |        |
|   | 3               |       |        |
| Father                                      |                 |       |        |
| Mother                                      |                 |       |        |
| Brothers.<br>(Name oldest first.)           | 1               |       |        |
|   | 2               |       |        |
|   | 3               |       |        |
| Sisters.<br>(Name oldest first.)            | 1               |       |        |
|   | 2               |       |        |
|   | 3               |       |        |

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

IMPORTANT.—CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.

....., 1920.

I, the undersigned, am the ..... and nearest living relative of the within-named  
(Relationship.)  
soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:  
(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to .....  
(Name.)  
.....  
(R. R. station.) ..... (State.)

3. To be returned to the U. S. and buried in ..... National Cemetery.

4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Signature .....

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.**

1. If definite instruction as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.

2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.

3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT of kin IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.

4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.

5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.

6. If YOU are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.

7. If YOU are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.

8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.

9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

## UNITED STATES POST OFFICE

RANDOLPH, MASS.

WALTER L. HICKEY, POSTMASTER

mar. 16-21

War Dept.

Graves Reg. Service, 176-118  
Coboken, N. J.NOTED ON FORM #115  
H-3-23-21

Gentlemen.

I have given communication relative to remains of Thos. W. Desmond, 1st Lieut. Co. D. 18th Inf. for a signed statement, to his father, Jeremiah J. Desmond.

However, Mr. Desmond, states he wishes remains of his son left in France. He says he has already answered two communications relative to matter.

Respectfully yours,  
Walter L. Hickey

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
HOBOKEN, N. J. OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION

*Copy*

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

Desmond, Thomas W.

1st Lieut.

176-118

1-11-21

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

Co. D, 13th Inf.

Date of death 6-27-18

**FILE**

Adjustment Made

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE

FEB 1 1921

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Mrs. Maria L. Desmond,

Mother

Address

66 Pleasant St., Randolph, Mass.

S/709/LML

*Orig. filed in Hoboken 1/27/20*

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
GENERAL INVESTIGATION

*Please Push.*

HOBOKEN, N.J.

OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION

DESMOND THOMAS W. 1ST LIEUT. 176-118 1/11/21.  
NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER CEMETERY NO. DATE

88 ----- CO.D.13TH INF. 5/27/18  
SERIAL NUMBER ORGANIZATION DATE OF DEATH.

*C-22905-*

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

NAME OF BENEFICIARY Mrs. Maria L. Desmond RELATIONSHIP Mother  
Address 66 Pleasant St., Randolph, Mass.  
Cor. Sec. \_\_\_\_\_

*copy sent to adv. dept. 1/27/21*

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## INQUIRY

Request by **Mr. Vaughn,**  
**21 Blvd. Bessiere.**

European address

**Boston, Mass.**Relationship to dec'd **Friend.**  
For location grave of:-**Desmond, Thomas W.**

Last name Serial No. First name

**1st Lt. 18th Inft. Co.D.**

Rank Org. Date of death

Date of request **11/7/21.**Recd. by **JMK**

(Initials) Other information:

**Died May 27, 1918.**

## INFORMATION FURNISHED

Location of grave Country

**#176. Villers-Tournelle.**

Cemetery Commune (town) Dept.

**American Cty. Somme.**Grave No. **58** SectionPlot **C** RowFurnished by Date  
(Initials)

CEMETERIAL L.



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1st Regt. 15th Inf. Co. I.

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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Desmond (5086) Thomas W.

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

1st. Lieut.

(Rank).

Co. "D" 18th. Inf.

(Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Villiers Tournelle sector

CAUSE OF DEATH: HES

DATE OF BURIAL:

PLACE OF BURIAL:

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

GRAVE NUMBER:

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

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 here?

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

Wesley G. Brooker

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

Capt. 18th Inf. USA

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

1930 (1930) Boston

Co. "D" 18th Inf.

1st. Inf.

Warrior Journal Boston

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Name **Desmond, T.W.**

Rank **1st. Lieut.** *18th* **61th. Inf.** { Corps }  
Co. .... { Regt. }

Date of Death .....

Place .....

Cause .....

Date of Burial **5/27/18** .....

Grave No. **Trench 13 Grave 1** .....

Cemetery **Villers Tournelle** **Somme** .....

Identified by { Tag }  
{ Papers }  
{ Clothing } .....

List of Effects .....

Field Record Made By **Sgt. Tabler Pvt. Ince** .....

**1st. Advance Group** Company **302** Graves Registration Service

For additional data use reverse side

**15 JUL 1918**

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

December 4th, 1918.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service,  
A.P.O. 717, American E. F.

TO : C.O. 18 INF. Co D.

SUBJECT: Query as to Identification Tag.

1. This office has received from

Effects Depot.

identification tag as follows:

Name: <sup>Thomas</sup> DESMOND (5086) <sup>H.W.</sup>

Rank: <sup>1st</sup> LT. Organization: 18 INF. Co D.

2. It is possible that the wearer of this tag was killed in action. If so, will you please fill out, as far as possible, the enclosed Grave Location Blank, and furnish any other information available which will tend to establish the place of his death and burial, and mail same promptly to office, C.H.S., Hdqrs. S.O.S., with return of this paper.

3. If he was not killed in action please advise as to present status, by notation hereon.

CHARLES C. PIERCE

Lieut. Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.

No Tag:



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1st. Ind.

C.O. Co. "D" 18th. Inf. Germany, Jan 1. 1919. To : Chief, G R S.

(Desmond, Thomas J. 1st. Lieut.)

1: All information at hand in regards to the grave location is furnished on attached Blank.

Wesley G. Brocker  
Wesley G. Brocker,  
Capt. 18th. Infantry.  
Commanding Co. "D"

GRS-8-Central Records

JAN 28 1919

*[Handwritten signature]*

Int. Ind.

G.O. Co. "D" 1834. Int. Germany, Jan 1. 1919. To: Chief, G. R. B.

(Demand, Thomas J. Lathrop.)

All information held in regard to the grave location is furnished on attached blank.

Chief, G. R. B.  
G.O. Co. "D" 1834. Int. Germany.  
Demand, Thomas J. Lathrop.



1st. Ind.

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C.O. Co. "D" 18th. Inf. Germany, Jan 11th. 1919. To : Chief, G R S.

(Desmond, Thomas J. 1st. Lieut.)

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Wesley G. Brocker,  
Capt. 18th. Infantry.  
Commanding Co. "D"





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1st. Ind.

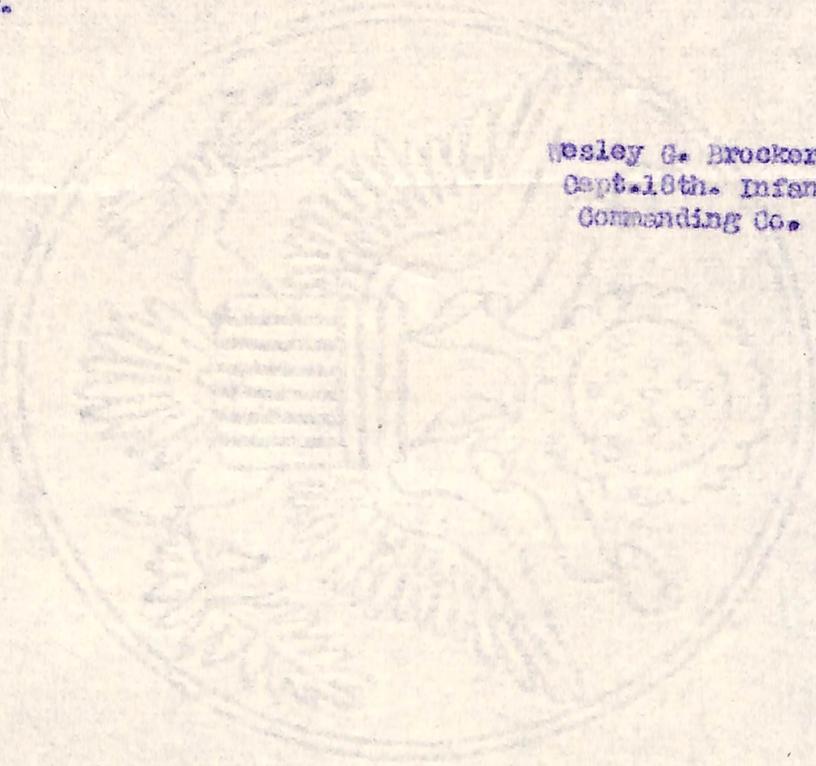
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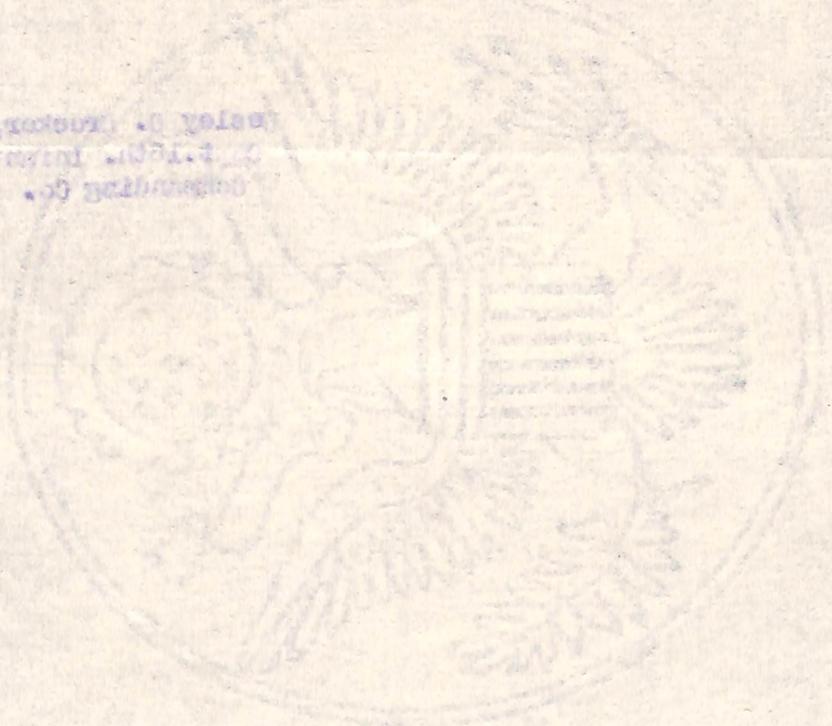
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Central Records Office, A.G.D., A.P.O. 902, A.E.F., September 29, 1918  
To: Graves Registration Service, A.P.O. 717, for information relative  
to the burial place of 1st Lieutenant Thomas Desmond, formerly of  
Company D, 18th Infantry, who is shown by the records of this Office to  
have been killed in action May 27th, 1918.

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It is also desired that these papers be forwarded to the Commanding  
Officer, Effects Depot, Base Section No. 1, for report as to the disposition  
of the personal effects of this officer. These papers to be returned to  
this Office as soon as practicable by the officer in charge of the Effects  
Depot.

3 OCT 1918

By command of General Pershing:

R. J. DONNELLY  
ADJUTANT GENERAL

By:  
Captain, A.G.D., U.S.A.

2nd Ind.

Am. Ex. Forces, Hq. S.O.S., C.G.R.S. France, October 5th, 1918.  
To: Co.O. Effects Depot, Base Section #1, A.E.F.

1. Forwarded, with the information that 1st Lt. Thomas Desmond Co. D, 18th Inf.,  
was buried May 27th, grave 1, trench 13, cemetery at Villers Tournelle.
2. These papers forwarded for compliance with Par. 2 of first indorsement.

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

REH/pf.

TO:- REGISTRATION BR. G.R.S.

FILE NUMBER 4300

FROM:- *A R C*

DATE: *3/7/19*

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME *DES MOND, THOS. M* NUMBER  
RANK ORGANIZATION

| NO. | QUESTION  | REPLY  |
|-----|---|--|
| 1.  | Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?   | 1. Desmond Thomas W.<br>1st Lieut Co.D. 18th Inf.            |
| 2.  | Date of Death.  | 2. 5/27/18   |
| 3.  | Cause and place of death.   | 3. k/a   |
| 4.  | Number of Casualty Cablegram.   | 4. C.C. 178  |
| 5.  | Date buried.  | 5. 5/27/18.  |
| 6.  | Grave Location.<br>(a) Complete record required.<br>(b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.          | Cty 176. Grave No. 1 Trench 13.<br>Villers Tournelle, Somme. |
| 7.  | Who reported burial?  |  |
| 8.  | Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.?  | 8. <i>yes</i>  |
| 9.  | Report as to Grave Marker.  | 9. none  |
| 10. | Report as to Identification Tags.   | 10. none   |
| 11. | Who is nearest relative?  |  |
| 12. | Has N/R been notified?<br>(Give Date)   | 12. yes- 10/28/18  |
| 13. | Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case.<br>(Reply in all cases if no information on record) |  |
| 14. | What is the Photograph No?  |  |

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

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AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE,

April 21, 1919.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.  
TO : Mr. William Curtis, Jr., 148, State Street, Boston, Mass, U.S.A.,  
C/o, Stone & Demer Co.  
SUBJECT : 1st Lieut. Thomas W. Desmond, Co. D., 19th Infantry, American E.F.

In reply to your letter of inquiry, with reference to the regretted death of this soldier, according to the records at these headquarters he is buried in the Cemetery at VILLERS TOURNELLE, department of the SOMME. The grave is number 1, Trench 13.

By direction

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

Per MAURICE B. DIX,,  
Captain, American Red Cross  
Representative assigned to  
Graves Registration Service.

( Enclosures - G.R.S. )  
( 10 - B, .004.5. )

MBD/gc.

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Feb 14 1919

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Draws Registration Bureau

A.P.O. 717 Am. E. F.

Dear Sir:

Some time ago your Bureau was good enough to furnish me with the cemetery and grave number of 1st Lt. W. H. Diamond. That information may be

His mother was very grateful for the news received. She quite naturally would like to know the location of the cemetery, and a photograph of the grave would also be appreciated.

The cemetery number 176 would you be so kind as to forward the above information to my mother at 140 State St. Boston Mass 02107. Stone & Downer. I am at present with the Red Cross.

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Very truly yours  
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Desmond Thomas W. Deceased.  
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The Adjutant General,  
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir, Regarding the  
disposal of the body of my son  
Thomas W. Desmond, first  
Lieut. Co. D. 18th Inf.

First Div. now buried  
in France, near Cantigny,  
I wish to countermand the  
order given you March 26, 1919  
and you ask that his body  
remain in France to be  
buried in a permanent cemetery  
selected by the government

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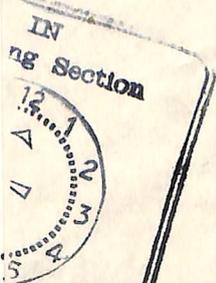
Yours truly  
Jeremiah J. Resmond  
66 Pleasant St.  
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Mr. Jeremiah J. Desmond,  
66 Pleasant Street,  
Randolph, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your letter of June 6, 1919, I beg to enclose herewith a new blank card, which it is requested that you fill in showing the disposition you now wish made of the remains of your son, Lieut. Thomas W. Desmond, and return to this office as soon as practicable. The card previously returned by you has been destroyed.

The Government will be very glad to meet your request that Lieut. Desmond's body be allowed to remain in France.

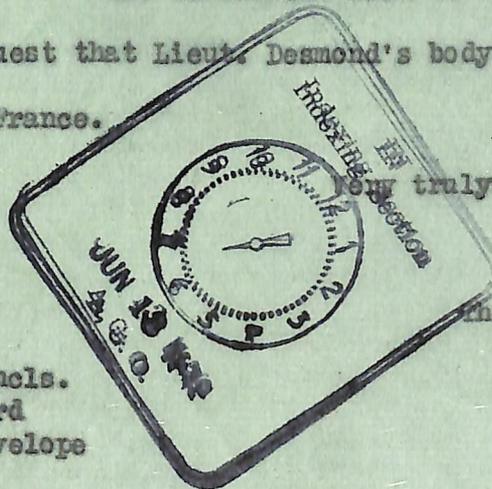
Very truly yours,

The Adjutant General,

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L. S. Chappelauf.

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