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To The A. G. O.

G.R.S. Form #114-B

MAR 10 1926

DATE 3/16/22

1. NAME DEWEES, Herbert K. SERIAL No. 1245472

RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Co. K 111th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne/s/Montfaucon 1232 Sec. 5

174 GRAVE Sec. 5 ROW 4 PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION BAC 2 Apremont Ardennes

COORDINATES 35SE 276.3N 299.4E

CONCENTRATED TO 4/24/19 174 GRAVE 5 ROW 4 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 body and cross data f-1/pfb

DATE OF DEATH Oct 3, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Pa

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

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

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 3/16/22 14 GRAVE 1 ROW B. Block

Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. #1232 Romagne-sous-Montfaucon. (Meuse) CEMETERY

AUDITED BY B.W. 3/8/25

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



Robert C. Davis,  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General.

By

*CRS*

MAR 15 1926

Co. K, 111th Infantry  
28th division.

Deweese, Herbert K - Pvt. 1245472

We were advancing up Hill 240 in the Argonne Forest. The ground was covered with underbrush and the Germans had machine gun nests and snipers scattered through it, fighting a rear guard action. The men were scattered along in a skirmish line taking cover as best they could. Pvt. Dewees was lying behind a tree flat on the ground with his rifle ready to fire and was looking through the underbrush for a machine gun nest when he was killed by a German sniper. He was hit square between the eyes ~~XXXX~~ and died instantly, lying on top of his gun as though he had gone to sleep there. Some of the men coming up behind him, spoke to him before they saw that he was dead. He was buried in a little cemetery at the foot of the hill with about forty others and his grave was marked with a cross and his name and number, etc.

FILE

Informant : Gaddis, Thomas - 1st Sgt  
1245485 - Co. K, 111th Infantry

Home : Oil City, Pa.

Searcher : William H. Davis, 2nd Lt. 111th I  
February 18th 1919

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Dewes* 1245472 *Herbert K.*  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

*Priv. Co. K. 111<sup>th</sup> Inf.*  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *October 6<sup>th</sup> 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL *Forêt d'Argonne*

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

*Hill 245*

*Map "Forêt d'Argonne" #195*  
*99.57-76.3*

GRAVE NUMBER

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? .....

Cross? *yes*

Headboard? .....

Bottle? .....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? *yes*

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

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

REPORTED BY:

*Chaplain A. V. Simoni, 111<sup>th</sup> Inf.*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

This portion to be forwarded to Adj. Gen'l., G. H. Q., A. E. F.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: DEWEES, Herbert K.

Number: 1245472

Rank: Private

Organization: Co. K - 111th Inf.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

24th, April 1919

Amer. B/A Cemetery - #2

APREMONT ARDENNES.

35 S.E. 299.4 E; 276.3 N.

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

24th, April 1919

Grave No. 174 - Sec. 5 - Plot 4.

ARGONNE AMER. CEMETERY #1232.

ROMAGNE MEUSE.

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

Burial good; buried in uniform; body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

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

Note:

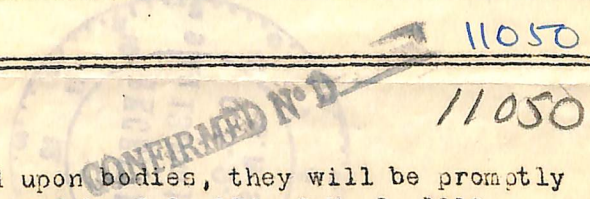
If upon disinterment, effects are found upon bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct as is required by G.O. 170, G.H. 2, 1918., after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Lt. Shelton

R. H. ROSENTHAL

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

C.O. Group            Unit           



Date, June 1919

REPORT OF DISTRICT AND BUREAU

Remains of:

Name: DWYER, Herbert K.
Rank: Private
Organization: Co. M - 11th Inf.

Disturbance and Reburial made by Group

Reburied (Date) 24th, April 1919
From: (Give complete location) Amer. B.A. Cemetery - #2

ARMY ARDENNES.

33 S.E. 200 A E; 200 S. W.

Reburied (Date)

24th, April 1919
Grave No. 174 - Sec. 5 - Plot 4.

ARGONNE AMER. CEMETERY #1323.

ROMANIAN HOUSE.

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

burial good; buried in uniform; body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

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



Note:

If upon disturbance, effects are found... sent to the Effects Dept direct as its receipt... after being carefully examined for clues to identity... where? will be made and reported to Chief, Graves...

Supervised by: Lt. Shelton

Unit

Deweese, Herbert K.  
Pot.

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Pennsylvania

GOLD STAR MOTHERS PILGRIMAGE

S.S. ROOSEVELT, AUGUST 9, 1930

Philadelphia, County

Name: Mrs. Isabel Mertz Dewees (P-3)

Address: 127 E. Horter St., Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Route: Pennsylvania R.R. to New York

Lv. Chelton Ave. Germantown Train No. 3973	12.02 P.M., August 8
Ar. North Philadelphia	12.09 P.M., August 8
Lv. North Philadelphia Train No. 212	12.14 P.M., August 8
Ar. New York (Penna. Station)	2.00 P.M., August 8

Accommodations: Coach Service Germantown to North Philadelphia  
Parlor Car Seat North Philadelphia to New York

Elapsed Time: 1 hour 58 minutes 1/4

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Em

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME DEWEES	DEW	3	45-30
BURIED	CEMETERY 1232	1	1
	GRAVE 14	2	14
	ROW 1	2	0
	BLOCK B	1	2
STATE	Pa	2	44
RANK	Port	1	2
DIVISION	28	2	28
ORGANIZATION	111	3	111
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARTIAL	no	1	2
NAME Dewees	DEW	3	45-31
Mrs Isabel	STATE Pa	2	44
RESIDENCE mertz	COUNTY Phila	2	51
(No mention of natural mother in Vet Bureau files)	CITY Germantown Phila	3	220
RELATION	S-mother	1	3
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY		1	
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Good	1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO. 1930	1	
	YR. 1930	1	1
ACCEPTANCE	Yes	1	1
29/514/PJ	Age		47

PAID  
 9, 1930

AUDITED  
 OCT 18 1931  
 KPS

ITINERARY OF THE MEUSE-ARGONNE GROUP PARTY "P"

Left New York on August 9th 1930 on the PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT in charge of Major J. F. Cottrell. Arrived Cherbourg harbor at daybreak August 17th. A special tender for the transportation of the pilgrims arrived alongside of the ship at 6 am with the following personnel connected with the Paris office: Major G.F.N. Dailey, Captain Stanley G. Saulnier, Captain Pierre Mallett, Captain John Major Reynolds, Lt. Leroy W. Yarborough, Lt. Porter T. Gregory, Lt. Leo C. Paquet, Lt. E.V. Freeman, Major H.W. Kinderman, 3 nurses and 3 civilian employees. Left Cherbourg at 8:21 a.m. and arrived at Gare des Invalides at 2:15 p.m. and met by Col. Ellis and members of his staff, interpreters and nurses. Taken to hotel where the remainder of the day was spent in resting and getting settled.

August 18th - A.M. conference with conducting officer - explanation of points of general information. Lunch at hotel and at 2:45 p.m. departed for the Arc de Triomphe where a wreath was laid on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier by Mrs. Lucy S. Dunning who has two sons buried in the Meuse-Argonne Cemetery. Then to Restaurant Laurent where the usual tea and reception tendered by the Government was held. Returned to the hotel for dinner.

August 19th - A.M. free-P.M. Visited Louvre and Sacre Coeur in p.m.

August 20th - Free or shopping

August 21st - Left Paris at 7:15 a.m. for Verdun via Montmirail, Chalons and Ste. Menhould.

August 22nd - August 23rd - 24th - 25th - Daily visits to cemetery and sightseeing in the vicinity thereof.

August 26th - Depart Verdun for last visit to cemetery. Returned to Paris via Suippes and Reims - remained at Reims for the night.

August 27th - Visited Cathedral and on to Paris via Chateau Thierry

August 28th - A. M. free and visited Versailles in P.M. also Belle Cycliste -Suresnes.

August 29th - free and visit to Napoleon's Tomb in p.m.

August 30th - Visited Fontainebleau

August 31st - free or church - visited Notre Dame in p.m. Night trip.

September 1st - Free

September 2nd - Left Paris at 10:30 a.m. in charge of Captains Saulnier, Mallett, Reynolds, Lieuts. Gregory, Paquet, Zwicker, 7 nurses and 1 civilian. Arrived Cherbourg 4:26 and sailed at 6:30 p.m. Major Cottrell in charge of party and Col. O.L. Spaulding was observer.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
"PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"  
ROOM 901  
225 WEST 34TH ST., NEW YORK, N. Y.

DEWEES, HERBERT K.

M.A.

P  
Party ..... 2908 .....  
Number .....

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

MRS. ISABEL MERTZ DEWEES

Actual cost of through Pullman.

Name of Traveler

PHILADELPHIA, PHILAELPHIA COUNTY

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

New York, to .....

Home Address

PENNSYLVANIA

\$ ..... 75 .....

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

New York, to .....  
Destination

PENN. TO CHELTON AVENUE

Via .....

LIMIT - OCT. 6, 1930

SEPTEMBER 10, 1930

Date of Departure

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	Car	U. S. G. Order No.	Actual Cost
LV	PENN. STA.	PRA	219	7-10	3:00P			
AR	PHILA	"	"	"	5:00P	S-6	37 WQ 1,023,974	75
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TOTAL .....

Remarks:

ANY TRAIN AFTER 2:00PM

W. H. R. Emery escorted her to station

Name..... DEWEES, Mrs Isabel Mertz

Paris Hôtel..... HOTEL AMBASSADOR

BOULEVARD HAUSSMANN

Home address..... 127 E. Horter St. Germantown, Phila, Phila Do. Penn.

Party..... P..... Group..... 1..... Unit SS.ROOSEVELT

Date of arrival..... Aug-17-1930..... Date of departure SS.WASHINGTON-Sept-2-1930

Relationship..... Stepmother..... Cabin 340 with Mrs Brook

Name of deceased DEWEES, Herbert K.

Rank..... Pvt..... Organization Co.K. 111th Inf.

Cemetery..... Meuse-Argonne

REMARKS



*Mrs. Isabel Mertz Dewees.*

July 19th, 1930

Mrs. Isabel Mertz Dewees,  
127 E. Horter Street,  
Germantown,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Please attach the enclosed tags to each piece of baggage, thus to protect the safe arrival of same in New York.

Upon your arrival in this City, you will be met at the Railroad Station by a United States Army Officer, in uniform, who will wear on the left sleeve of his coat a blue cloth band, showing a Gold Star and the word "Pilgrimage". This officer will escort you and your baggage, to your Hotel in New York City.

For The Officer in Charge.

George F. R. Taylor,  
1st. Lieut. Q.M. Corps,  
Assistant.

2 Bamp  
Enclosures:  
2 tags

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NAME DEWEES, MRS. ISABEL MERTZ

S.S. WASHINGTON

SEP 1 1 1930

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HOME PHILADELPHIA, PHILADELPHIA COUNTY, PA.

R.R. Penn to Cheltenham

STATION

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME Oct 6 - 30

DATE

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Dewees, Herbert K. Pvt. Co. K. 111 Inf. Pa.

father died before 1918

Step-Mother sailed

C-63603

single

(SM)

Natural Mother R

~~Widow~~

no mention

mom has Isabel M.  
127.2 Hutter St  
Phil, Pa

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SM

NAME MRS. ISABEL MERTZ DEWEES P

ADDRESS 127 E. HORTER STREET., GERMANTOWN, PA.

DATE .....

TO: Officer-In-Charge,  
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

I beg to inform you that I have returned to my  
home safely and in good health.

Sincerely,

(Signed)

*Mrs. Isabel Mertz Dewees*

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICIAL BUSINESS



Penalty for private use to avoid  
prepayment of postage, \$300.

NORTH PHILA. STA.

**PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS**

**225 WEST 34TH STREET,**

**NEW YORK, N. Y.**

STATE

Dewees, Herbert K

PENNSYLVANIA.

P

SM  
NAME Dewees, Mrs. Isabel Mertz HOME ADDRESS 127 E. Horter St., Germantown, Philadelphia Philadelphia County

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN Mrs. D. Dougherty SAME

*2 pm*

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

AUG 8 1930

ASTOR

DATE ..... HOTEL ..... ROOM NO. 298 with Mrs S B Brooke  
*Capt Child met her*

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

S/S ROOSEVELT

DATE AUG 9 1930 VESSEL ..... CABIN NO. 140a

DESTINATION CHERBOURG CEMETERY M. A.

RETURN NEW YORK

SEP 10 1930

DATE .....

SM  
 NAME Deweese, Mrs. Isabel Mertz HOME ADDRESS 127 E. Horter St.  
Germantown, Philadelphia  
Philadelphia County, Penn.  
 RETURN ON S. S. .... HOTEL ASTOR ROOM NO. 490

S/S GEORGE WASHINGTON

with Mrs Anna Ross

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE 9/10

ROAD Pen TRAIN 219 CAR 37 BERTH or SEAT S6

REMARKS .....

3035

1232

RETURN RECEIPT

Received 8-9-30

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

Deliver to addressee only

X Mrs Isabel Mint Dewers  
(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, 7/26, 1930

# Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 92480

INSURED PARCEL

No. \_\_\_\_\_



Return to Q. M. GENERAL AG

Street and Number, }  
or Post Office Box, }

(NAME OF SENDER)  
MUNITIONS BUREAU

Post Office at \_\_\_\_\_

Rev. 3-24

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State Washington, D. C.

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RETURN RECEIPT

*Passport 8-9-30*

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

*Mrs. Isabel Mary Lewis*

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

*Date of delivery,*

Form 3811



Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 92418

INSURED PARCEL

No. \_\_\_\_\_



POSTMARK OF DELIVERING

OFFICE

NORTH PHILADELPHIA ST.

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

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

Q. M. GENERAL

Street and Number, }  
or Post Office Box, }

MUNITIONS BUILDING

Post Office at \_\_\_\_\_

Rev. 3-24

o 5-0116

State \_\_\_\_\_

Washington, D. C.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Deweese, Herbert K. 1232SM  
Roosevelt 8-9

May 15, 1930

Mrs. Isabel Mertz Dewees,  
127 E. Horter St.,  
Germantown,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not furnished the name of your Emergency Addressee as requested in letter of instructions from this office.

It is requested that in the blank space below you write the name and address of the person in the United States whom you desire to be notified in case you become seriously ill or other emergency arises while you are making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

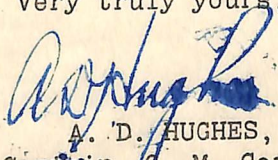
Mrs Bessie Dewees Dougherty  
Name

127 E. Horter St. Germantown, Phila, Pa.  
Address

Please fill in the above and mail it TODAY in the self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Env.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 25, 1930.

Deweese, Herbert K. 1232 SM

Mrs. Isabel Kertz Deweese,  
127 E. Horter St.,  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

The following instructions prepared by the Secretary of State contain the necessary instructions to be followed by you in obtaining the passport or travel document to be utilized in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. Please read the directions carefully and call in person upon the nearest Passport Agent or clerk of a Federal or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. In large cities there are usually two or more courts and at each county-seat a state court authorized to accept these passport applications.

When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

The instructions prepared by the Secretary of State are as follows:

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than 2½x2½ inches in size and such documentary

evidence of her American citizenship as she may have in her possession. In the absence of evidence of citizenship, her application should be witnessed by a credible person residing in the same community who is an American citizen, has known her for a long period of time and is able to swear to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that she is a citizen of the United States.

"A mother or widow who does not owe allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Pilgrimage Travel Document through a clerk of a Federal court or a State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens or through a Passport Agent upon the form of application prescribed for that purpose, entitled APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL DOCUMENT, issued under the Act of March 2, 1929, submitting therewith four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches in size and not less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size. When making application she should be accompanied by a credible witness who has known her for a period of two years or more.

"The Act of March 2, 1929, provides that no fee shall be charged for the execution of an application for a passport or travel document or for the issue of a passport or travel document to a mother or widow making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces are now interred.

"Special Pilgrimage Passports and Pilgrimage Travel Documents when issued by the Department of State will be forwarded to the War Department.

"Applicants resident in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle should execute applications at the Passport Agencies in those cities."

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Roosevelt  
8/9/30  
1232

Deweese, Herbert R

✓ I accept the invitation extended  
(Accept or decline)  
me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of the  
Government of the United States under the provisions of  
the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Isabel Mertz Dewees

(Name)

127 E. Horter St. Germantown, Philadelphia, Phila.

(Town or City) Co., Penna.

(State)



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Deweese, Herbert K.  
1232

October 23, 1929.

*filed 10-29-29  
sent  
10-29-29*

Mrs. Isabel Mertz Dewees,  
127 East Horter Street,  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, enabling the mothers and widows of the members of the military and naval forces of the United States now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries.

The records of this office indicate that you were the step-mother of the late Private Herbert K. Dewees, and in order to determine your eligibility under the Act to make the pilgrimage to his grave it will be appreciated if you will furnish the following information:

- (1) Date of your marriage to the father of Private Dewees. *October 22, 1915*
- (2) Were you married to Mr. Dewees at the time his son entered the military service? *yes.*
- (3) Were you married to Mr. Dewees at the time of his son's death? *yes*

For the Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,



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

2 Incls.  
Act.  
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Deweese, Herbert K 1232 -Sm

Mrs. Isabel Mertz Deweese,  
127 E. Horter Street,  
Germantown, Phila., Pa.

Paid  
AUG 9 1930

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)	<del>(No)</del>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	<del>(No)</del>
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?	<del>(Yes)</del>	(No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age 47	Health (Good) <del>(Poor)</del>
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes)	<del>(No)</del> Other language (Specify language spoken)

RECEIVED  
NOV 5 1929  
M. & R. DIV.  
O. Q. M. G.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

Q.M. 293. A-C.

July 31, 1929.

Dewees, Herbert K.

To the Quarter Master General,

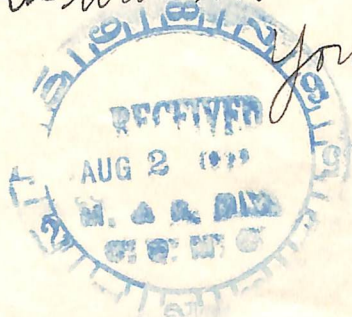
Dear Sir,

I am replying to the letter sent to Mr. Charles Dewees, 121 E. Horter St., Germantown, Phila. Pa. father of Private Herbert K. Dewees, Co. K. 111<sup>th</sup> Inf. who was killed in action Oct. 3, 1918, and whose remains are interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

I am the widow of Mr. Charles Dewees and, as the stepmother of Herbert I would like to claim the privilege of the pilgrimage to France to visit his resting place. Herbert was not married.

yours truly

Mrs. Isabel Mertz Dewees  
127 E. Horter St.  
Germantown, Phila. Pa.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Deweese, Herbert K.

June , 1929.

127 Mr. Charles Dewees,  
121 East Horter St.,  
Germantown, Phila., Pa.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Private Herbert K. Dewees, Co. K, 111th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

XXX A-M  
Deweese, Herbert K. 1232 SM

July 16, 1930

Mrs. Isabel Mertz Dewees,  
127 E. Horter Street,  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements have been completed for your transportation to New York City on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe. One week before your departure the railroad ticket agent, of the first road shown below, will deliver your railroad and pullman ticket to you. Your route to New York will be as follows:

Lv Chelton Ave. (Germantown)	Penna R.R. No. 3973	12:02 PM	Aug. 8
Ar No. Phila.	" " " "	12:09 PM	" "
Lv " "	" " " 212	12:14 PM	" "
Ar New York	" " " "	2:00 PM	" "

All railroad employees have been instructed by their officials to see that you are shown every courtesy and given assistance, particularly at points where it is necessary to change cars.

Should you not receive your ticket six days before the date shown for your departure please take up at once with the ticket agent and if he does not have your ticket, telegraph this office, collect, to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Deweese, Herbert K. 1232 SM

June 12, 1930

Mrs. Isabel Mertz Dewees  
127 E. Horter Street  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Somewhat heavier clothing is required to be worn in Europe than is necessary in the United States, in order to be comfortable. During the summer in Europe it is cool during the day and the nights are frequently chilly. Considerable rain is usually encountered during this time.

In order that you may be comfortable at all times, regardless of the condition of the weather, and may avoid missing any of the sights or any part of the itinerary which has been planned for you, the following suggestions are made.

The clothing which you will take with you should be slightly heavier and warmer than you would normally wear in the United States during the summer and should be strong and durable. It is essential that you take with you the necessary equipment to afford protection from the cold and dampness. Be sure to take at least two pairs of comfortable shoes to provide a change in the event your feet become wet. a pair of rubbers, an umbrella, and a sweater or some warm wrap to be used should the weather become uncomfortably cool. It is very desirable that, in addition to the sweater, you have with you a full length coat of medium weight for general wear.

The shortages of suitable facilities for laundry and the frequency of the moves you will make while in Europe will make it impracticable to secure as frequent service of this nature as may be desired. You should therefore provide yourself with sufficient Underwear, nightgowns, stockings and handkerchiefs to meet your requirements should it be impossible to have your washing done more frequently than once in two weeks.

If you will read carefully the suggestions made above, and comply with them, it will add greatly to your comfort throughout the trip and will assist the Government in carrying out successfully its plans for conducting the pilgrimage. This letter is being sent to every mother and widow who has accepted the invitation sent to her by the Government to visit the grave of her son or husband.

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 A-C

Deweese, Herbert K. 1232SM  
Roosevelt 8-9

May 15, 1950

Mrs. Isabel Mertz Dewees,  
127 E. Horter St.,  
Cermantown,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not furnished the name of your Emergency Addressee as requested in letter of instructions from this office.

It is requested that in the blank space below you write the name and address of the person in the United States whom you desire to be notified in case you become seriously ill or other emergency arises while you are making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

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Name

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Address

Please fill in the above and mail it TODAY in the self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Env.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Deweese, Herbert K. 1232-SM  
8-9

May 9, 1930

Mrs. Isabel Mertz Dewees,  
127 E. Horter St.,  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Requests for stop-overs on return from the pilgrimage to the American cemeteries in Europe are being received by this office, in some cases, too late to take action.

Transportation arrangements for the round-trip are made a month before departure and requests for stop-overs on return must be in this office at that time.

Stop-overs can not be allowed on the trip to New York or in Europe, but may be allowed at any point on return from New York provided there is no additional cost or, if there is, that it is paid in advance by the pilgrim.

If you desire stop-overs at any point on return, please advise this office AT ONCE as to the cities where you desire to stop and we will be glad to arrange accordingly, or advise you if there is any additional cost to be paid by you. Send your request direct to this office and do NOT include it with your passport application.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 26, 1930.

Deweese, Herbert K. 1232 SM

Mrs. Isabel Mertz Dewees,  
127 E. Horter St.,  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

This letter, which contains general information regarding the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, is being sent to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during the calendar year 1930. The general plan for the conduct of the pilgrimage is shown in the Pilgrimage Regulations, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. In addition to the information shown in the regulations, the following explains in detail some of the most important things connected with the pilgrimage.

Formal invitations are being extended to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during 1930. In so far as practicable, these invitations are being extended with a view to keeping the women from each state together and the order in which the invitations to the women from the several states are issued is based on a drawing by lot which was held about one month ago. Inclosed with each invitation is a card for acknowledgment and it is quite important that you accept or decline this invitation promptly in order that the necessary railroad, steamship and hotel reservations may be arranged. The government will defray all the necessary expenses of the pilgrimage, including railroad fare, hotel accommodations, steamship fare and all other incidental expenses. It will not provide anything other than the necessary expenses so that you should bring with you such funds as you may desire to use for making small purchases and for other uses distinctly of a personal nature.

Arrangements have been made with the American Railroad Association which assures us the united support and cooperation of all of the railroads in the United States in handling the movement to and from New York City. The local ticket agent will secure your railroad and sleeper ticket and will make the necessary pullman reservations. Before your departure from your home we will mail you a check, sufficient to pay for your meals and other travelling expenses while enroute to New York. Your railroad ticket will provide for a round trip from your home to New York and upon arrival in New York the army officer in charge of the New York office will collect the return trip stub and hold it until your return to New York from Europe.

Upon arrival in New York, you will be met by an army officer

and escorted to a first class hotel where reservations have been made. The duration of your stay in New York will be from 24 to 48 hours. At the proper time, you will be escorted to the steamship upon which passage has been engaged for Europe. All of the women making this trip will be provided with cabin class accommodations aboard steamers which means that from two to four will be quartered in the same stateroom. If you have any friend that you would like to be quartered with we will endeavor to arrange it if you will communicate with this office.

The ocean voyage will last about 8 days and when the ship docks at Cherbourg, France, each party will be met by officers especially detailed for the purpose and taken in a special train to Paris where first class hotel accommodations have been reserved. The first day in Paris will be a day of rest. On the 2d day, the women of each party will place a wreath on the tomb of the French unknown soldier. In the afternoon there will be a reception in which the French war mothers, government officials, and prominent civilians will participate. The following morning the groups going to the different cemeteries will leave Paris, travelling in motor busses, and proceed to the cemeteries where they will remain for about 7 days. Twenty-five women will be assigned to each bus and an army officer will have charge of the bus. The itineraries to and from the cemeteries and the daily itineraries while at the cemeteries have been varied so as to take in points of historical interest as well as some parts of the battlefields where American troops were engaged. Upon return to Paris, each party will remain for about 5 days and during this time an opportunity will be given to see the points of historical interest in Paris and vicinity. The entire duration of your stay in Europe will be 14 days, and the itineraries have been so arranged that each day will be provided for. Except in case of illness or other unavoidable cause it will not be possible for any woman making the pilgrimage to remain in Europe for a longer period than 14 days nor to leave the party with which she is travelling unless she is prepared to pay all of her expenses after leaving the party since the Act of Congress authorizing the pilgrimage specifically states that the government shall not pay the expenses of any woman who willfully leaves her party.

Upon return to the United States each ship will be met in New York City by army officers who will escort the mothers and widows to the trains which will take them home. Before leaving New York each woman will be provided with her return railroad ticket, a sleeping car ticket and funds to cover the cost of meals and other travelling expenses.

Army officers are being used as guides and escorts throughout this entire movement and care has been taken to select officers who will see that proper care is taken of the women who are entrusted to their charge. Arrangements have been made for taking care of women who may be taken sick during the pilgrimage and also to care for the remains of any who may die and provision has been made for returning the remains of any who may die to their homes. It is essential that each woman making the pilgrimage furnish The Quartermaster General with an emergency address of some relative or friend to be notified in the event of an emergency. Medical care will be provided by civilian agencies. If such care is needed in New York City it will be furnished by the hotel physicians or

by local hospitals. Aboard ship, medical care will be provided by the ship's doctors and in Paris arrangements have been made with the American Hospital for the hospitalization and treatment of any women who may need it. In addition to this, six doctors of the regular army will be on duty throughout the pilgrimage.

Baggage will be limited to not to exceed two pieces of hand baggage and the articles taken should be such as will be required for a trip of about one month. Laundry service can be obtained in New York and Paris. Since the climate of Europe is much colder than that of the United States, each woman should provide herself with sufficient warm clothing to stand the motor bus trip and the visit to the cemeteries.

Since it is necessary for this office to make all reservations for your accommodations throughout this pilgrimage, it will be greatly appreciated if you will make prompt reply to any communications received from this office.

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.  
Regulation.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 25, 1930.

Deweese, Herbert K. 1232 SM

Mrs. Isabel Hertz Dewees,  
127 E. Horter St.,  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

The following instructions prepared by the Secretary of State contain the necessary instructions to be followed by you in obtaining the passport or travel document to be utilized in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. Please read the directions carefully and call in person upon the nearest Passport Agent or clerk of a Federal or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. In large cities there are usually two or more courts and at each county-seat a state court authorized to accept these passport applications.

When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

The instructions prepared by the Secretary of State are as follows:

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than 2½x2½ inches in size and such documentary

evidence of her American citizenship as she may have in her possession. In the absence of evidence of citizenship, her application should be witnessed by a credible person residing in the same community who is an American citizen, has known her for a long period of time and is able to swear to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that she is a citizen of the United States.

"A mother or widow who does not owe allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Pilgrimage Travel Document through a clerk of a Federal court or a State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens or through a Passport Agent upon the form of application prescribed for that purpose, entitled APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL DOCUMENT, issued under the Act of March 2, 1929, submitting therewith four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches in size and not less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size. When making application she should be accompanied by a credible witness who has known her for a period of two years or more.

"The Act of March 2, 1929, provides that no fee shall be charged for the execution of an application for a passport or travel document or for the issue of a passport or travel document to a mother or widow making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces are now interred.

"Special Pilgrimage Passports and Pilgrimage Travel Documents when issued by the Department of State will be forwarded to the War Department.

"Applicants resident in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle should execute applications at the Passport Agencies in those cities."

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C  
Deweese, Herbert K.  
1232

October 23, 1929.

Mrs. Isabel Mertz Dewees,  
127 East Horter Street,  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, enabling the mothers and widows of the members of the military and naval forces of the United States now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries.

The records of this office indicate that you were the step-mother of the late Private Herbert K. Dewees, and in order to determine your eligibility under the Act to make the pilgrimage to his grave it will be appreciated if you will furnish the following information:

- (1) Date of your marriage to the father of Private Dewees.
- (2) Were you married to Mr. Dewees at the time his son entered the military service?
- (3) Were you married to Mr. Dewees at the time of his son's death?

For the Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Deweese, Herbert K 1232 -Sm

Mrs. Isabel Mertz Dewees,  
127 E. Horter Street,  
Germantown, Phila., Pa.

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,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Deweese, Herbert K.

June 28, 1929.

Mr. Charles Dewees,  
121 East Horter St.,  
Germantown, Phila., Pa.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Private Herbert K. Dewees, Co. K, 111th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

Deweese

(Surname.)

Herbert K

(Christian name in full.)

1,245,472

(Army serial number.)

Pvt

Co K 111th Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Stepmother.

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)

Isabel Mertz Dewees

127 E. Horton St Germantown, Phila. Pa.

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card

checked by FDE  
3-18-21

Alrawn by PF

3-18-21

1232- Sec 5-48

In reply refer to:  
293.8 C-R #55431

March 15, 1923.

Mr. Charles Dewees,  
121 East Horter St.,  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of the late Private Herbert K. Dewees, Company K, 111th Infantry, is Grave 14, Row 1, Block B, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of 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, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. The headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

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

Very truly yours,  
MAR 16 1923

H. J. Conner,  
Assistant.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF DEWEES, Herbert K. SERIAL NUMBER 1245472  
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. K. 111th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Mar 14, 1922 From (give complete location): gr 174, sec 5, plot 4. Cty. 1232.

By: Group Maire. Unit sec 1.

3. Reburied (date): Mch 16, 1922, Meuse Argonne Cty 1232, gr 14, bl B, row 1  
In (give complete location):

By: Group Reburial S 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 U.S. uniform. badly decomposed.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? yes. On grave marker? yes. peg.

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: tag on body reads: Herbert K. Dewees-----72, Pvt. Co. K. 111th Inf.

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

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

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

Quantity do

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

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

skull shattered, both jaws fractured.

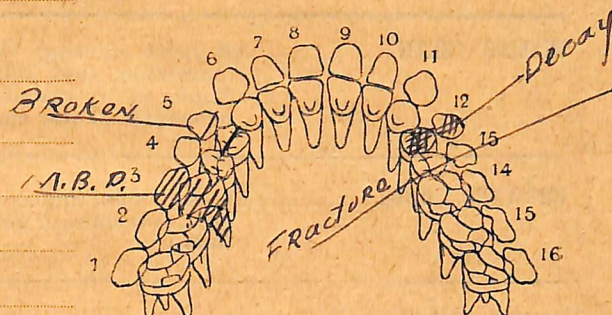
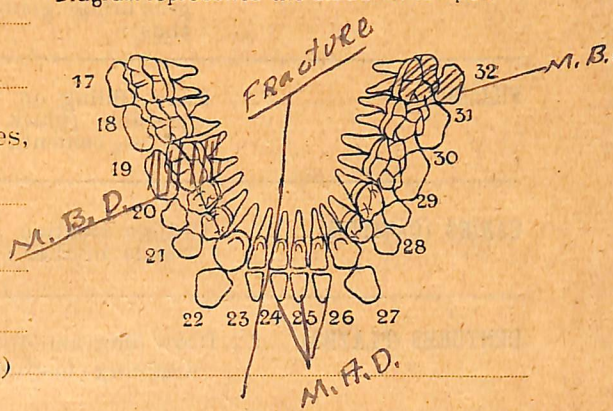


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



7. Disinterment supervised by Edmond Muir  
E. Maire.

Approved: [Signature]  
H. Richards, 1st Lt. J.C.  
(Title)






8. Reburial supervised by [Signature]  
W.B. Sheild

Approved: [Signature]  
A.E. Dewey, 1st Lt, QMC.  
(Title)

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

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

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

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

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

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



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE March 14, 1922.

## REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

## DISINTERMENT

## COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name DEWEES, Herbert K.

10. Name

2. No. 1245472

11. No.

3. Rank Pvt

12. Rank

4. Org. Co.K 111th Inf.

13. Org.

5. D.D. 10-3

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. K.I.A.(b) D.B. None.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 174 Sec. 5

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot 4 Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. None.18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer.19. Commune or town Romagne/s/Montfaucon20. Dept. or County Meuse21. Country France

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

1232 Sec.523. Disinterred (Date) March 14, 1922.By Edmo Maire.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name DEWEES, Herbert K.Serial No. 1245472Rank Pvt.,Organization Co.K., 111th. Inf.25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes, Peg. On body? YesC. T. Brown.  
Signature Junior Technical AssistantC. T. Brown.

## 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).

None.27. Condition of body Badly decomposed; features unrecognizable.28. Nature of burial pine box; burlap; U.S. 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 March 14, 1922. By Edmo Maire.31. Casket sealed by Edmo Maire.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

Edmo Maire.  
Edmo Maire.

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C - 25134

32. Designation of body:

Name Herbert K. DEWLES Serial No. 1245472

Rank vt Organization Co. K 111th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

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

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date March 14, 1922. By Edmo Maire.

35. I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector R. Richards, 1st Lt., QMC.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) March 14, 1922.

To point of Concentration Morgue, Romagne.

Convoyer H. E. Dunton. Signature Shipping Officer G. F. Spain, Capt., QMC (Name)

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 Signature Shipping Officer (Name)

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cty 1232, Mar 16, 1922 (Date)

42. Grave No. 14 Section

43. ~~Block~~ Block B Row 1

G.R.S. Representative A. E. Dewey

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



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

RECEIVED.

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by \_\_\_\_\_, APR 28 1921, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SEC.

Following advice forwarded to Europe by

cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920

letter on 3/26/21, 1920

*Sec. 5.*

*Par. 2. Not to be returned (E&S).*

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*B.A.W.R., Mrs. Isabel Mertz  
Deewes, (mother) 127 E. Horster St.,  
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa., 4/5/21 M.E.B.*



# GRAVE LOCATION LANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*DEWES* 1245472 *Herbert H.*  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initial.)

*Priv.* Co "K" *11th Inf.*  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *October 6 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL *Forêt d'Argonne*  
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

*Sheet 245*  
*Map "Forêt d'Argonne" #195*  
*99.57-76.3*

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:

*OMME Appremont (Ardennes)*  
*(0293) SHT. 3 SSE COORD*  
*(N 276.300)*

REPORTED BY:  
*Chaplain A. V. Simons, 11th Inf.*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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FILE

OSPEs CtY. NO. 1232  
Sec. 5. case no 48

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No 1245472

Sketch No 30

Name DEWEES HERBERT K.

Rank Pvt. Co K (Corp) 111 Inf.  
(Regt)

Date of Death Oct. 5th. 1918

Place APREMONT MEUSE

Cause Killed in action

Date of Burial Oct. 8th. 1918 ✓

Grave No 2 Plot 2

Cemetery Tag 942

Map Ref S.E. slope of hill 245, in orchard  
20 ft. from road .

S.E. & Verdun 35,299.4 E x 276.4 N.

Field record made by *Paul Scott*  
Q.M. Sgt. Sr. Gr.

*RB* Group 3 Unit 305 G.R.S.  
810

For additional data use reverse side.

For additional data use reverse side.

Group 3 Unit 205 G.R.S.

Field record made by G.M. Sgt. Br. Gr.

B. Everdun 55, 299.4 E x 276.4 N.

20 ft. from road.

Map Ref. S.E. slope of hill 250 ft. orchard

Identified by

Cemetery

Grave No. 2

Date of Burial

Cause

Killed in action

Place

APRIMONT

MEUSE

Date of Death

Oct. 24th. 1918

Rank

Pvt. Co

K

(Regt) 111 Inf. (Corp)

Name

IRVENS

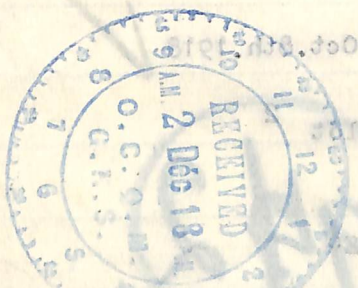
HERBERT K.

No.

Sketch No

1918/25

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

4. 19. 1919.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.  
TO : Mrs Chas. Denvers, 127, E. Hottter St, Germantown, Phila, Pa.  
SUBJECT : Herbert K. Denvers, 1245472, Co. K., 111th 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 American Battle Area Cemetery of APREMONT-SUR-AIRE, department of the ARDENNES. The grave which is number 2 is marked with the regulation cross with one identification tag attached to body and one to grave marker.

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.

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

FILE NUMBER 35431

FROM:- A. P. C.

DATE: 3/17/19

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME DENVERS, HERBERT K. NUMBER

RANK ORGANIZATION Co. K, 111th INF.

NO	QUESTION	REPLY
11.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	D EWES 1245 472
2.	Date of Death.	D 10-3-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	B 1219
4.	Number of Casualty Cablogram.	A 292
5.	Date buried.	D 10-8-18
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	Dety 942 Gr. 2 pl. 2 Ave. B/a Ypresmont-sur-Aire (Ardenne)
7.	Who reported burial?	D "
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S?	D yes
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	D cross
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	D one with body, one on grave marker
11.	Who is nearest relative?	D Mr. Charles Dewees (father)
12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	D yes
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	D 121 E, Harter St Germantown Phila
14.	What is the Photograph No?	D yes Jan. 27-19

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

3-20-19  
JL

Germantown, Pa.

Feb. 18/1919.

Chief Graves Registration Service,

Dear Sir.

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I received this morning the from you, the first information I have been able to secure about the death of my son, Herbert K. Lewis, Co. K. 111<sup>th</sup> Inf.

If it is possible I would like to have a photograph and any information of the location of his grave.

Thanking you in advance for same I am,  
Yours sincerely, Mrs. Chas. Lewis  
127 E. Porter St.  
Germantown, Phila Pa

