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To The A. G. O.

G.R.S. Form #114-B

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AUG 16 1926

FULL NAME DEWITT, Arvard W.

RANK Cpl. SERIAL 68392

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION 103rd Infantry Co. G. *26 Div*

DATE OF DEATH 11-9-18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *Maine*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION.....	10-22-1921	25	26	F
Date	Grave	Row	Block	

Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery 1232

Cemetery

Received
AUG 19 26
M. R. BRANCH
O. P. M. G.

23/306/ARK

3 A. G. O.
AUG 16 1926
WORLD WAR DIV.

~~Robert O. Davis,~~
Major General,
The Adjutant General.

RECEIVED WORLD WAR DIV.
APR 4 1928

AUG 18 1926

A. D. C. 4-14-28

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

DeWitt 59292 A.M.
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Col. Co. G. 103d Infantry
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH:

CAUSE OF DEATH:

DATE OF BURIAL: *Mar 12, 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL: *side of hill*

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

Washington D.C. 7-78.9

Map & terrain 1-20,000

GRAVE NUMBER: *2*

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:

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

Place Romagne-sous-Montfaucou,
(Meuse)

Date June 28, 1920.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Remains of:

Name: **DEWITT, Arverd W.**

Number: **68392**

Rank: **Cpl.**

Organization: **CO.G., 103rd Inf.**

Disinterment and Reburial made by: **Area #1**

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

June 23, 1920.

VILLE DEVANT CHAUMONT (MEUSE)

Map 35NW 331.8E 278.6N

J.L.

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

June 23, 1920.

Argonne Cemetery #1232

Grave 116, Sec. 111, Plot 3.

Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: **Body badly decomposed.**

Was one identification tag found upon the body? **No.**

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

Remarks:

One tag found attached to marker.

20959

Supervised by **J.A.O'Neill, 1st Lt., Inf.**

W.R.MANN, Capt., Inf.
Zone Commander

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL



AUG. 16 1920
G. H. S.

TO THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

NAME

NO.

REGIMENT

COMPANY

GRADE

REGIMENT

DATE

GRADE

REGIMENT

NO.

NAME

NO.

NO.

DATE

(Name)

REGIMENT

Disinterment and Burial
Rank: **Opl.**
Name: **DEWITT, ALWARD W.**

REPORT OF

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DeWitt, Arvard W.
Cpl.

Gold Star Pilgrimages,
Party S, Sailing Aug. 27, 1930

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Pilgrims should follow the itinerary exactly as shown because all transportation employes have been instructed to report if any passenger is missing at starting point, enroute, or at destination

✓ DeWitt, Mrs. Maude M. (S-8)
R.D. #1, Ellsworth, Maine ✓

Route Going and Returning: MC, Portland; B&M, Worcester; NYNH&H

Itinerary:

Aug. 25	Leave Ellsworth	3.29 PM	EST	Train 156	MC
Aug. 26	Arrive New York (GCT)	6.52 AM	EST	Train 86	BC
				Train 91	NH

Sleeper, Ellsworth to New York

Elapsed time, 15 hrs. 23 min. 3/11

mt

E. W. Campbell
(nurse)

De Witt, Armand W.
MEDICAL RECORD

Part S. Group 1.

Corporal Co B, 103, Inf. Paris.
Station:

Date: 6/9/30.

Name DE WITT Mrs Maude M.

Home address Ellsworth. R.D. 1. Maine.

Address of Nearest friend or relative S. W. De Witt. (husband)

Same address

Religion Prot.

Age 58.

History of Present complaint: Indigestion.

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(over)

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)

Treatment and Progress: (include dates) 6/9/30. Triple Bromide II. I.d.s.
6/9/30. Milk of Mag. 15^{cc.} No greasy foods.

Disposition: (include dates)

Remarks: B.P. normal.

Sept 18-30. Tocherbony - Beach.

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>De Witt</i>	<i>DEW</i>	3	<i>453</i>
BURIED	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	
	GRAVE <i>25</i>	2	<i>25</i>
	ROW <i>26</i>	2	<i>26</i>
	BLOCK <i>7</i>	1	<i>6</i>
STATE	<i>me</i>	2	<i>23</i>
RANK	<i>cp2</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>26</i>	2	<i>26</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>103</i>	3	<i>103</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>De Witt</i>	<i>DEW</i>	5	<i>453</i>
RESIDENCE <i>Mrs. Maude</i>	STATE <i>me</i>	2	<i>23</i>
	COUNTY <i>Wincock</i>	2	<i>05</i>
	CITY <i>Ellsworth</i>	3	<i>X</i>
RELATION	<i>mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>good</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR. <i>1930</i>	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>yes</i>	1	
	<i>Age</i>		

paid Aug 27-1930

AUDITED
 OCT 20 1931
KPB

Party "S" - Itinerary - Meuse-Argonne Group

Sailed August 27, 1930 on AMERICA. Capt. R. E. Shannon in charge. Capt. Merrill Ross assistant. Arrived Cherbourg September 5th. Met by 11 officers, 8 nurses and 3 civilian employees. Train left 3.50 pm. Arrived Gare des Invalides in Paris at 10.15pm. Met by Officer in Charge and members of his staff, interpreters and nurses.

- Sept. 6th. Morning devoted to transaction of personal business. Exchange of money, preparation of laundry, etc. Wreath placed on tomb of Unknown Soldier at 3.30pm by Mrs. Mary Damon for party. Tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent. Dinner at hotel.
- Sept. 7th. Left 7.15am for Verdun via Porte de Pantin Neaux, La Ferte sous Jouarre, Montairail (rest stop Hotel du Verte), Chalons s/ Marne (lunch Hotel Haute Mare); Ste Mansould (rest stop Modern Hotel). Arrived Verdun 6.15pm. Quarters Hotel Savel.
- Sept. 8th, 9th, 10th. Daily trips made from Verdun to the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery.
- Sept. 11th. Left Verdun at 9.15am for Reims. Lunch at Cemetery. Charpentry; Argonne Forest; Four de Paris; Vienne-le-Chateau; Vienne-le-Ville; Souss Rimes; Snippes (rest stop Hotel Champagne); Jonchery; St. Hilaire-le-Grand; Arrived 6.15pm. Quarters Hotel Bristol Crystal.
- Sept. 12th. Tour Reims and Cathedral. Lunch Hotel Crystal. Left 1.30pm for Paris via Champfleury Ay; Eprenay; Dormant; Chateau Thierry (rest stop Hostellerie du Bonhomme) Belleau Woods; Le Thiolet Montrouil-aux-Liens, La Ferte sous Jouarre. Arrived Paris 6.45pm.
- Sept. 13th. Morning free or shopping. Lunch at hotel. Sightseeing trip of Paris. Sacre Coeur. Dinner at hotel.
- Sept. 14th. Free or Church. Lunch at hotel. Notre Dame. Dinner at hotel. Night sightseeing trip.
- Sept. 15th. Fontainebleau via Barbizon. Lunch at hotel Legris. Visit Chateau. Departed 4pm via Melun. Arrived Paris 6.30pm. Dinner at hotel.
- Sept. 16th. Versailles. Lunch at hotel in Paris. Napoleon's Tomb. Dinner at hotel.
- Sept. 17th. Louvre. Lunch at hotel. Afternoon free. Dinner at hotel.
- Sept. 18th. Train left Gare des Invalides at 2.12pm for Cherbourg. Arrived 6.50pm. PRESIDENT HARDING sailed 11pm. Arrived New York September 26, 1930.

NAME DewITT, MRS. MAUDE M.

S. HARDING

3085

SEP 26 1930

HOME ELLSWORTH, HANCOCK COUNTY, ME.

R.R. N Y N H & H to Worcester

STATION B & M to Portland

TRAIN # One Cent to dest

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE Oct. 26 - 30

Mrs S W De Witt
Ellsworth

Me.

R 72 #1.

Name De WITT, Mrs. Maude M.,

Paris Hôtel HOTEL AMBASSADOR

BOULEVARD HAUSSMANN

Home address Route 1, Ellsworth, Hancock County, Maine.

Party S Group I Unit S/S AMERICA

Date of arrival SEPT. 5. 1930 Date of departure S/SHARDING - Sept. 18, 1930

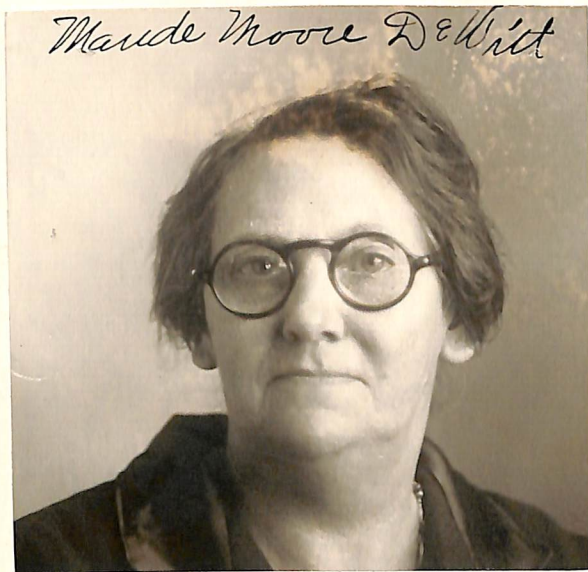
Relationship Mother

Name of deceased De WITT, Arvard W.,

Rank Cpl. Organization Co. G, 103d Inf.,

Cemetery Meuse-Argonne.

REMARKS



Elleworth, Me.
Oct. 10. 1930.

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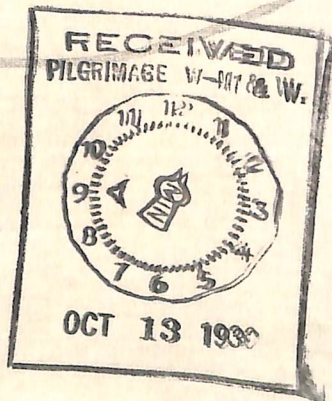
George R Taylor

1st Lieut U. S. M. C.

Dear Sir:— I am ans to yours
of the 6th will say that no
extra suit case came with me.
I sincerely hope Mrs Kuttrig locates
it. yours

Mrs Maude M. DeWitt,

R. D. #1, Elleworth, Me.



August 12th, 1930.

Mrs. Maude M. DeWitt,
R.D. #1,
Ellsworth, Maine.

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.

Enclosures:
3 tags.

2 bags

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

DEWITT, ARVARD W. M.A.

Party "S"

Number ... 3405

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

..... DeWitt, Mrs. Maude M. Actual cost of through Pullman.
 Name of Traveler

..... Ellsworth, Hancock County New York, to Ellsworth, Maine
 Home Address

..... Maine \$ 4.13

New York, to Ellsworth, Maine
 Destination

Via NY.NH. & H. to Worcester - B&M to Portland - MAINE CENT. to dest.

Ticket Expires: Sept. 27th, 1930,
 Oct. 26th, 1930. Date of Departure

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	Car	U. S. G. Order No.	Actual Cost
LV	GR-CENTRAL	94	26	7:15 pm	4	152		
AR	Portland		27	5:45 am			W.O. 1,024,962	4.13
LV								
AR								
LV	Portland	11	27	11:05 am				
AR	Ellsworth		27	4:26 pm				
LV								
AR								
LV								
AR								
LV								
AR								

Remarks:

TOTAL

2645

St Young

QM 293 A-M
DeWitt, Arvard W. Cpl. 1232 M

December 18, 1930.

Mrs. Maude M. DeWitt,
R. D. 1,
Ellsworth, Maine.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 14, 1930, requesting that an American flag in memory of your son, the late Corporal Arvard W. DeWitt, be forwarded you.

Each mother and widow of a deceased member of the military or naval forces who was lost at sea or whose remains are interred in Europe, is entitled to a flag similar to the one which would have draped the coffin of her son or husband had the remains been returned to the United States for burial. Accordingly, an order has this day been issued that a flag be sent you, provided one has not previously been furnished.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

mf

EPK

Order sent

1232

Ellsworth Me ^{Aug. 27,} 1930

Dec. 14, 1930, America

Hancock Co.
Cpl. Co. G. 103rd Inf.

Capt. J. L. Shanley,

16 Witt, Arward W.

Dear Sir: — When ~~was~~

my Pilgrimage of Gold Star
Mothers to France I was told
that every G. S. Mother was
entitled to a flag for their
son if this is so I would

greatly appreciate receiving

one Respectfully Yours

Maudie M. De Witt

D. D. 1. Ellsworth, Me.

Sons name

Cop. Arward N. De Witt

Co G. 103 Infantry 26 Div.

A. E. F.

NAME DEWITT, Mrs. Maude M. S

ADDRESS R.D. #1 Ellsworth Maine

DATE Sept. 30, 1930

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

I beg to inform you that I have returned to my
home safely and in ^{fair} ~~good~~ health.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Mrs. Maude M. Dewitt

WAR DEPARTMENT

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



OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

STATE

.....MAINE.....

DeWitt, Arvard^S W.

R. D. #1, Ellsworth

M
NAME DeWitt, Mrs. Maude M...... HOME ADDRESS Hancock County.....

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN Safford DeWitt same.....

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE Aug 16..... HOTEL New Weston ROOM NO. 632
quarters Mrs A. M. Lancaster

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE August 27, 1930..... VESSEL SS AMERICA..... CABIN NO. 257A

DESTINATION CHERBOURG..... CEMETERY M. A......

M. A.

RETURN NEW YORK

DATE SEP 26 1930

R. D. #1, Ellsworth
Hancock County Maine

NAME DeWITT, MRS. MAUDE M. HOME ADDRESS

RETURN ON S. S. **S/S HARDING** HOTEL **PENNSYLVANIA** ROOM NO. *1409a*

S/S HARDING

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE *9/26*

ROAD *M.M.H.* TRAIN *94* CAR *152* BERTH or SEAT *L 4*

REMARKS
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MEDICAL RECORD

Party S,

E. Campbell, R.N.,

Station: Paris,
Date: Sept. 6, 1930

Name De Witt, Mrs Maude M.

Home address Ellsworth, RFD 1, Maine,

Address of Nearest friend or relative Husband, S.W. DeWitt,
same address

Religion Prot.

Age 58

History of Present complaint: Indigestion. Trip. Bromides ii, tid.
6th, milk mag. No greasy foods.

9/18/30 to Cherbourg. Beach.

(over)

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Diagnosis and complications : (*include dates*)

Treatment and Progress : (*include dates*)

Disposition : (*include dates*)

Remarks :

S. S. HARDING

SEP 26 1930

Able to travel

Thomas Ballard M.D.

3574-c

RETURN RECEIPT

1232

Annica 8-27-50

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

Mrs. Maudie M. DeWitt

(Signature or name of addressee)

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery *8/6/30*, 19

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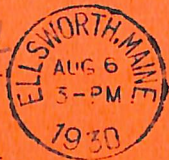
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REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 925814

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____



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

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OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to _____

Street and Number,
or Post Office Box, _____

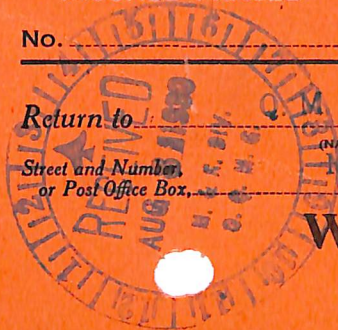
GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

MUNITIONS BUILDING

WASHINGTON,

D. C.



3574 America 8-27-30 / 232

RETURN RECEIPT



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

Mrs. M. J. ...

(Signature or name of addressee)

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery *8/4/30*, 19

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INSURED PARCEL

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POSTMARK OF DELIVERING OFFICE



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Street and Number, }
or Post Office Box, } _____
(NAME OF SENDER) MUNTIONS BUILDING

Post Office at _____

State Washington, D. C.

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DeWitt, Arvard W. 1232 H

August 1, 1930

Mrs. Maude M. DeWitt
R. D. #1
Ellsworth, Maine

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. Ellsworth	MC	No. 156	3.29 PM	August 25
Ar. New York	B&M	" 86	6.52 AM	26
	NYCH&H	" 91		

Lt Young

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.

America

8-27-3

1232

DeWitt, Arvad W.

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.

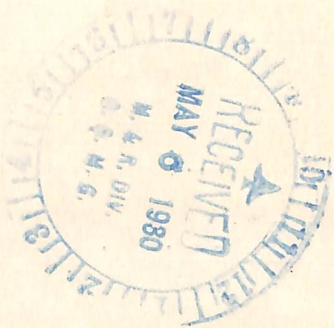
Mrs. Maude M. DeWitt

(Name)

R. D. #1, Ellsworth, Hancock Co., Maine

(Town or City)

(State)



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

May 14, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
DeWitt, Arvard W. -1232 M
America 8-27

Mrs. Maude M. DeWitt,
RD #1,
Ellsworth, Maine.

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.

Name

Spafford W. DeWitt,

Address

R.D. 1, Ellsworth, Me.

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
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

October 7, 1929.

DeWitt, Arvard W. 1232 M.

Mrs. Maude M. De Witt,
RD #1,
Ellsworth, Maine.

Sailed
AUG 27 1930
AUG 27 1930

Dear Madam:

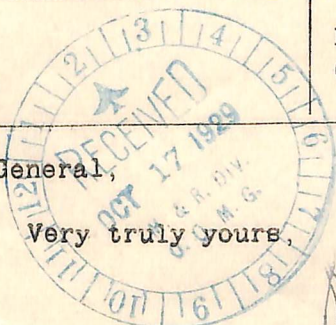
The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, 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) <i>yes</i>	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <i>yes</i>	(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) <i>no</i>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age (Years) <i>57</i>	Health (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <i>yes</i>	(Not) (No) Other language <i>no</i> (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

Encl.
Act
Envelope

Ellsworth Me

July 6 1929.

L. M. 293 A-C

De Witt Award W.

Dear Sir:-

In answer to yours
of June 29, 1929, will say that
my son was unmarried.

I appreciate the effort that
is being made by the Government
in our behalf

Yours

Mrs Maude M. DeWitt,
Ellsworth, Me.
R.D. 1.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29, 1929.

DeWitt, Arvard W.

Mrs. Maude M. DeWitt,
RFD No. ~~7~~ ~~11~~
Ellsworth, Maine.

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 Cpl. Arvard W. DeWitt, Co. G, 103rd Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

QM 293 A-M
DeWitt, Arvard W, Cpl. 1232 M

December 18, 1930.

Mrs. Maude M. DeWitt,
R. D. 1,
Ellsworth, Maine.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 14, 1930, requesting that an American flag in memory of your son, the late Corporal Arvard W. DeWitt, be forwarded you.

Each mother and widow of a deceased member of the military or naval forces who was lost at sea or whose remains are interred in Europe, is entitled to a flag similar to the one which would have draped the coffin of her son or husband had the remains been returned to the United States for burial. Accordingly, an order has this day been issued that a flag be sent you, provided one has not previously been furnished.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

U. S. M. G. S. DIV.

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Order sent

XXX A-M

DeWitt, Arvard W. 1232 H

August 1, 1930

Mrs. Maude M. DeWitt
R. D. #1
Ellsworth, Maine

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. Ellsworth	MC	No. 156	3.29 PM	August 25
Ar. New York	B&N	" 86	6.52 AM	26
	NYNH&H	" 91		

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

DeWitt, Arvard W. - 1232

June 12, 1930

Mrs. Maude M. DeWitt,
R. D. #1,
Ellsworth, Maine.

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.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

May 14, 1930.

IN REPLY TO ^{OM 293 A-C} DEWITT, Edward W. -1232 M
America 8-27

Mrs. Maude M. DeWitt,
RD #1,
Ellsworth, Maine.

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.

Name

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.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

DeWitt, Arvard W. 1232
America 6-27

May 13, 1930

Mrs. Maude M. De Witt,
R.D. #1,
Ellsworth, Maine.

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
DeWitt, Arvard W. 1232 M

May 13, 1930.

Mrs. Maude M. DeWitt,
R.D. #1,
Ellsworth, Maine.

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.

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON

May 1, 1930.

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

Mrs. Maude M. DeWitt,

RD #1,

Ellsworth, Maine.

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
DeWitt, Arvard W. 1232 M.

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Maude M. De Witt,
RD #1,
Ellsworth, Maine.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress not later than December 15, 1929. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

In order that the report referred to may be made and plans completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested that you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office by return mail in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	(No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age (Years)	Health (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No) Other language (Specify language spoken)	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl.
Act
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29, 1929.

DeWitt, Arvard W.

Mrs. Maude M. DeWitt,
RFD No. 3,
Ellsworth, Maine.

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 Cpl. Arvard W. DeWitt, Co. G, 103rd Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DeWitt,

(Surname.)

Arvard W.

(Christian name in full.)

68,392

(Army serial number)

Corp. Co G, 103rd Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

Mother

State your relationship to the deceased

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

Not if convenient
(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.)

residence not permanent

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Maudie M. DeWitt

R.D. 3

Ellsworth

Me.

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

are brought abroad

Drawn by FD

6-3-21

1232 - 117 - 47

Checked by *ab*

6-4-21

November 10, 1923.

Mrs. Maude M. DeWitt,
R.F.D. #3,
Ellsworth, Maine.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the permanent grave of

Corporal Arvard W. DeWitt, Company G, 103rd Infantry,
is Grave 25, Row 26, Block F, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-
sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

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

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

Very truly yours,

Assistant ~~Q.M.G.~~ RD
CENTRAL MAIL ROOM; 752



NOV 10 1923
B. O. C.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File # 60595

(a) Name DEWITT, Arvard W. Ser. No. 68392
(b) Rank Cpl. Organization Co. G. 103rd, Inf. TYP. hmp
(c) Date of death 11-9-18 (d) Cause of death k/a CKR. 30

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

(a) Grave No. 116 Row - Plot 3 Sec. 111 TYP. hmp

(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. S. W. DeWitt (mother) P.O. Box 30, Ellsworth, Maine

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases 1111 CKR. 30

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Maude M. DeWitt (b) Relationship Mother

(c) Address R.D. # 3, Ellsworth, Me.

(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? not if caskets are bought abroad.

(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. residence not permanent

(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S.

Examiner's Initials FD Date 6-3-1921

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

dated

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

Examiner's Initials FD Date 6-3-1921

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

John A. Peters, M.C. Ellsworth, Me. writes for mother of soldier, name not given requesting location of grave

(a) Cancellation memos referred to?

Examiner's Initials FD Date 6-3-1921

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232 Sec. 111 SHEET No. 47

Handwritten notes and signatures at bottom right of page.

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made _____, 192

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 192

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
letter on JUN 16 1921, 192

Sec. III
Par. 2 Not To Be Returned (EW)

IX.

REMARKS

Multiple horizontal dashed lines for writing remarks.

WRITE NOTHING BELOW THIS LINE.

COMPLETION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DAILY

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept. 8. 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 DEWITT, Arvard W	10. Name
2. No. 68392	11. No. 68392 (on disc on gr. marker)
3. Rank Cpl	12. Rank
4. Org. Co.G, 103rd Inf.	13. Org.
5. D.D. Nov. 9th	14. (a) D.D.
6. C.D. KIA	(b) D.B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 116 Sec. 111	15. Grave No. Sec.
8. Plot 3 Row	16. Plot Row
9.	17. no discrep.

18. Cemetery Argonne American	19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon
20. Dept. or County Meuse	21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. #1232 Sec. 111

23. Disinterred (Date) Sept. 8. 1921 By P.P. Kierce

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name DEWITT, Arverd W.	Serial No. 68392
Rank Cpl.	Organization Co. G. 103rd. Inf.

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

Signature P.P. Kierce Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

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

none.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, Unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Pine box, Uniform & burlap.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? none.

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Sept. 8. 1921 By P.P. Kierce

31. Casket sealed by P.P. Kierce

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

Signature P.P. Kierce

AUDITED BY mg. J. 5/9/23

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-4283

32. Designation of body:

Name DE WITT, Arverd W Serial No. 68392

Rank Cpl Organization Co, 3, 103rd Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Argonne American Romagne-sous-Montfaucon #1232

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Sept. 8. 1921 By P.P. Kierce

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 James W. Younger
James W. Younger Capt. QMC.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Sept. 8. 1921

To point of Concentration Argonne Morgue Cem. #1232.
(Name)

Convoyer J. Gerald Cole Signature Shipping Officer
J. GERALD COLE
Captain, C.A.C.

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

40. Received: Date Sept 8, 1921

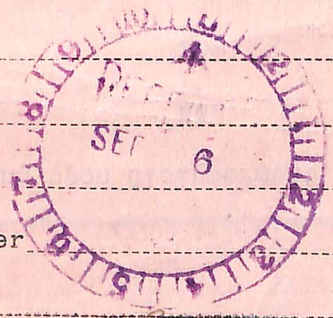
G.R.S. Representative Alfred Paul Morgue Supt

41. Reinterred Meuse Arg. Cty. 1232 Oct. 22. 1921

42. Grave No. 25 (Date) Section

43. Plot Block F Row 26

G.R.S. Representative



Place Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Sept 8th 1921.

1. REMAINS OF DEWITT, Arvard W SERIAL NUMBER 68392 *O.K. Rev. a. G. G.*
RANK Col. ORGANIZATION Co. G. 103rd Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Sept. 8th 1921; Gr 116; Section 111; Plot 3; Argonne Cemetery # 1232
From (give complete location):
By: Group Kierce Unit Section 1

3. Reburied (date): Oct 22nd 1921 Meuse Argonne Cemetery #1232 Gr 25 block F row 26
In (give complete location):
By: Group re-burial S Unit Nature of reburial unlined casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
In pine box, burlap & US. Uniform body badly decomposed, features unrecognizable

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? no On grave marker? yes
Tag on grave marker reads: A.W. Dewitt USA 68292.
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
none



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

Quantity none

Characteristics none

(d) Hair on face—Color none

Location none

Quantity none

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) none U. determinable

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

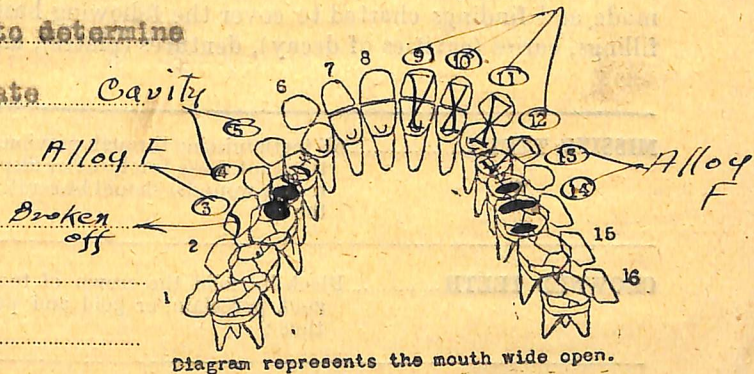
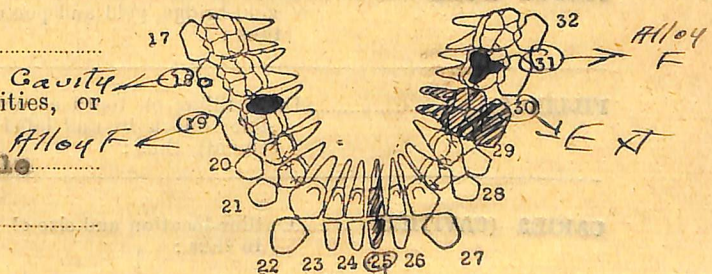


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.








7. Disinterment supervised by J.P. Kierce Approved: James W. Younger
(Title) Capt. QMC.

8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Dufault Approved: James W. Younger
(Title) Capt QMC.

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.

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

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

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

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File # 60595

(a) Name DEWITT, Arvard W. Ser. No. 68392
 (b) Rank Cpl. Organization Co. G. 103rd, Inf. } TYP. hmp
 (c) Date of death 11-9-18 (d) Cause of death k/a } 30

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

(a) Grave No. 116 Row - Plot 3 Sec. 111 TYP. hmp

(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. S. W. Dewitt (mother) P.O. Box. 30, Ellsworth, Maine

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases AW-a copy 7-7-20 page 6-4-21 CKR. 30

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

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V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
 { letter of transmittal on JUN 1-6 1921, 192
Sec. 111
Par. # 2 Not To Be Returned (EW)

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

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

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

COUNTRY _____ CEMETERY No. _____ SHEET No. _____

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF GRAVE OF

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Handwritten scribbles in blue ink, possibly initials or a signature.

Dewitt *68292* *A. W.*
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Cpl *Co G* *103d Infantry*
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH:

CAUSE OF DEATH:

DATE OF BURIAL: *Nov 4 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL: *Side Hill*

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

Coordinates 31.7 78.4

Map Etain at 1:20,000

GRAVE NUMBER: *2*

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:

CMME Blend-les-Bois-a-Mousson

NEAREST RELATIVE: *Sgt 52d E. COORD {E-378.4}*

ADDRESS: *(2363)* *(N-23.7)*

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

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293.8 Cem. #60595 (DeWitt, Arvard, Cpl.)

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FILE

October 16, 1920.

Hon. John A. Peters,
House of Representatives.

My dear Sir:

Pursuant to my letter of August 17, 1920, relative to the case of Corporal Arvard DeWitt, Company "Q", 103rd Infantry, you are advised that the records of this office now show that the remains of this soldier are interred in Grave #116, Section 111, Plot #3, Argonne American Cemetery at Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse.

Very truly yours,

DS H. L. ROGERS, BPM
Quartermaster General.

Chief, Cem. Div.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

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WASHINGTON

Address Partly To

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE & STORAGE

Munitions Building

G.R. S. Form 8-W-A

Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 9-7-20

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File No. Registration.

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

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

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

- a. Surname **DEWITT** ✓
- b. Christian name **ARVARD W** ✓
- c. Serial number **68392** ✓
- d. Organization **Co. G 103rd Inf** ✓
- e. Rank **Cpl** ✓
- f. Date of death **11/9/18** ✓
- g. Cause of death **Snipers shell killed in action** ✓
- h. Authority (C.C.#) **382 Mrs. Spottford W. De Witt** ✓
- i. Emergency address **Ellsworth Maine P.O.#3. 12430.** ✓
- j. Relationship **mother** ✓

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age at Enlistment **18 yrs** ✓
- b. Color of Eyes
- c. Color of Hair
- d. Height **5 ft. 6 1/4 in.** ✓
- e. Weight **136** ✓
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment. (Old fractures or breaks) **Scars on left + rt. side of forehead. Scar on left forearm** ✓

DENTAL CHART

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

a. Strike out teeth missing

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
upper right								upper left							
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
lower right								lower left							

E. KENSETT VAIL
INVESTIGATOR

H. L. ROGERS,
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.,
Director of Purchase & Storage.

By:

H. J. CONNER
Captain, Q.M.C.
Honolulu, Hawaii
E. Lee
9/8/20

Rec'd World War Div.
Date... 9-9-20

Address P ly To
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- a. Surname DEWITT ✓
- b. Christian name *Arward W* ✓
- c. Serial number *719802X*
68,392 ✓
- d. Organization *Co. 9* 103th Inf ✓
- e. Rank *Cpl* ✓
- f. Date of death *11/9/20* ✓
- g. Cause of death *Killed in act.* ✓
- h. Authority (C.C.#) *332* ✓
- i. Emergency address *Mrs. E.W. Dewitt* ✓
- j. Relationship *R+3 Ellsworth, Me. mother* ✓

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age at Enlistment *18* ✓
- b. Color of Eyes
- c. Color of Hair
- d. Height *68 1/2* ✓
- e. Weight *136* ✓
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment. (Old fractures or breaks)

DENTAL CHART

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

- a. Strike out teeth missing
- 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
upper right upper left
- 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
lower right lower left

*Scar on left side of forehead
small scar on left forearm.*

E. Kensett Vail
Investigator

H. L. ROGERS,
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.,
Director of Purchase & Storage.

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By:

H. J. Conner

H. J. CONNER,
Captain, Q.M.C.

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August 17, 1920.

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Hon. John A. Peters,
Ellsworth, Maine.

My dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of August 5, 1920, you are advised that the records of this office do not, at this time, show the confirmed grave location of Corporal Arvard W. DeWitt, Company G, 103rd Infantry. It is therefore necessary to institute a detailed investigation of this case, the result of which may not be reached for quite some time. At least forty-five or sixty days will elapse before a further reply can be made to you. This delay is due to the stress of work in this office and the search of records involved in each case of this nature in order to determine the grave location. It is often necessary to communicate with the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe before final action can be taken.

You will be advised immediately upon receipt of further information.

Very truly yours,

H. L. ROGERS,
Quartermaster General.

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H. L. ROGERS,
Quartermaster General. bpm

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

Ellsworth, Maine,
August 5th, 1920.

To the Graves Registration Bureau,
Washington, D. C.

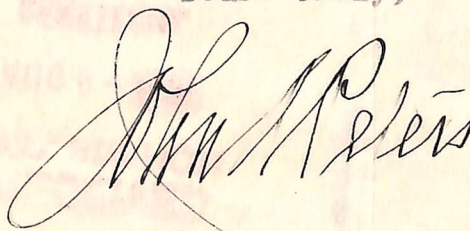
My Dear Sir:-

The mother of Avard DeWitt of this city
has just been in my office and she is very anxious to
know the location of the grave of her son in France.

This soldier was mustered into Company G,
103rd Infantry at Bangor in 1915; in 1916 he was pro-
moted to corporal and went with his Company to the
Mexican border. In October 1917 he went across seas
and was killed at Argonne-Meuse, November 9, 1918. His
serial number was 719,802, I think.

Will you be kind enough to secure this
information and write me in full with regard to it?

Yours truly,



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Records, Central Div., U. S. M. S.
File # 293,8 Cam., 605-95-Avard DeWitt Oswald.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To the Honorable Earl Warren
U. S. Supreme Court Building
Washington, D. C.

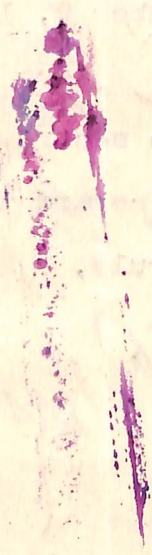
The father of [redacted] is [redacted] who has just been in my office and [redacted] know the location of the grave of [redacted] This notice was mailed to [redacted] 108th Infantry at [redacted] in [redacted] noted [redacted] and [redacted] to the

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Information Requested by:

Date August 5, 1920

Name Mr. Edward B. Moore,

Address K. of C., Paris.

Regarding: DeWitt, A. W., #68292. Rank Organization

Information Given: DeWITT, A. W. #68292. Name Rank Organization

Grave 116 Section 111 Plot 3

Signed Wm. J. Casey.

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CASE PAPER MEMORANDUM

CASE OF:

Dewitt, Arvard W., #68392, Cpl.,
Co. G, 103rd Infantry.

4 x 6 White Card reports Arvard W. Dewitt, #68392, Cpl., Co. G, 103rd Infantry in Grave #2, Crme. Blend-les-Pont a Mousson (M-et-M) C-586. 52SE: 378.4E; 231.7N. C.L. 586-255.

5 x 8 White Card reports Arvard W. Dewitt, #68392, as above, reburied in Grave #116, Section #111, Plot #3, Argonne American Cemetery #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

Form #16, D-20959, reports Arvard W. Dewitt, #68392, Cpl., Co. G, 103rd Infantry taken from Ville Devant Chaumont, Meuse, 35NE. Coord: 331.8E; 278.6N. No tag on body. One tag on marker.

G.L.B. reports A.W. Dewitt, #68292, Cpl., Co. G, 103rd Infantry buried 10/12/18 on side of hill in Grave #2. Coord: 31.7 - 78.4, Map Etaine A 1/20,000. Cross, tag on body. Tag on Marker. Crme. Blend-les-Pont a Mousson, (M-et-M) C-363. Sht. 52SE. Coord: 378.4E; 231.7N. This G.L.B. is stamped with the word "Memorandum" across it.

Crme. Blend-les-Pont a Mousson (M-et-M) is #363, 52SE: 377E; 233N.

Crme. #586 is Chevru, 66NW: 166E; 225N.

Crme. Ville Devant Chaumont, Meuse is #583, 36NW: 332E; 279N; while #583 appears on Map 36NW: Coord. 332E; 279N, runs into Map 36SW, and Coord: 331E; 278N, runs in Map 35NE.


Sheet 586-255 could not be found.

Burial reports for 26th Division reports; A.W. Dewitt, Cpl., Co. G, 103rd Infantry; Jas. Sharvin, #480439, Co. G, 103rd Infantry; Michael Garvin, #487513, Co. G, 103rd Infantry all buried 10/12/18.

Grave in Coord. 32.5-78.3 Map St. Etain on Map Etain this Coord. is near the woods.

Coord. 331.8E; 278.6N, also appears near the woods.

Sharvin is reported on 4 x 6 card (Unconfirmed) as being buried in Ville Devant Chaumont, Meuse.



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CASE OF:

Dewitt, Arvard W., #68392,
Cpl., Co. G, 103rd Infantry.

Garvin and Dewitt are reported unconfirmed as being buried in Blend-les-Pont
a Mousson (M-et-M).

Though they are all reported as being buried on same day, and are all of the
same Company. Therefore, it would appear that the Coord. on the G.L.B. in-
stead of being: 378.4E; 231.7N; should have been 278.4N; 331.7E. This
would seem probable as the G.L.B. is stamped "Memorandum", is unsigned and
is in two handwritings; that in the body of G.L.B. seeming different from
that giving the Commune and Coordination.

Nothing could be found to substantiate that Blend-lesPont a Mousson was
the original burial.

No action requested.

E. Kensett Vail, *EKV*
Investigator

10/9/20.



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Co. G, 103 rd Infantry
28 th Division

DEWITT, Arvard W. - Corp. 68292
Home : Brewer, Maine.

He was on the front line Nov. 10/18 trying to locate an enemy gun when a sniper shot him and killed him instantly.

Informant: Robertson John W - Sgt. 68293
Co. G, 103 rd Infantry
Home : Brewer, Maine.

2/12/19.

Emergency address:
Mrs. S.W. Dewitt
Box N° 30, Ellsworth, Maine.

M.S.

