

JAN 21 1926

FULL NAME..... DeWITT, Hugh B. *Sub. sig*

RANK..... Private ✓ SERIAL..... 1811242 ✓

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION..... Company E, 109th Infantry ✓ 28 dis ✓

DATE OF DEATH..... *Sept 6, 1918* ✓

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME..... *md.* ✓

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED..... *none found* ✓

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION.....	4	7	D
	Date	Grave	Row
			Block

608

Cemetery

B A. G. O.  
 JAN 23 1926  
 WORLD WAR DIV.

*War Div. CLE  
DEC 27 1927*

TO THE A. G. O.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

JAN 26 1926

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 M. & R. BRANCH  
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Co. Bp 109th Infantry  
28th division.

De Witt, Hugh B. - Pvt. R 2

He was killed instantly by bullet in his head on September 6th 1918, near Vesle River. I saw him carrying another man back when he was hit. Buried near Villetette.

Private William E. Faits, 1811262 of 215 Belmord Ave. Baltimore, Md. last saw him, dead, on hill near Villetette.

Informant : La Verma, Paul C - Corp 1236090  
Co. E, 109th Infantry

Home : Rochester N.Y.

Searcher : H'E' Arnold, 2nd Lt.  
February 19th 1919

FILE

J.R.

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8-209.75  
N-289.81

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Place FISMES (MARNE) CTY. 617.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date 4.4.21

*DeLatt, Hugh B.*

*1811242*

1. REMAINS OF DEWITT, Dayton D. SERIAL NUMBER 1559569

RANK PVT. ORGANIZATION CO. K 28th Inf. *see E. 109th Inf.*

2. Disinterred (date) : From (give complete location) :

4.4.21 GR. 34. SEC. D. PT. 1.

By : Group FOSTER Unit FIELD SECTION # 7

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

4.4.21 GR. 34. SEC. D. PT. 1.

By : Group FOSTER Unit FIELD SECTION # 7 Nature of reburial PINE BOX & BURLAP.

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

BADLY DECOMPOSED FEATURES UNRECOGNIZABLE  
WRAPPED IN BURLAP.

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

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

TAGS ON CROSS AND BODY BOTH HAVE ONLY SERIAL NO. "1811242"

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 DETERMINE

(c) Hair—Color IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

Quantity IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

Characteristics IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

(d) Hair on face—Color IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

Location IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

Quantity IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

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

missing parts) IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

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

HEAD FRACTURED

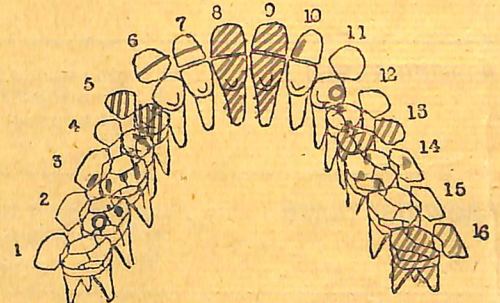
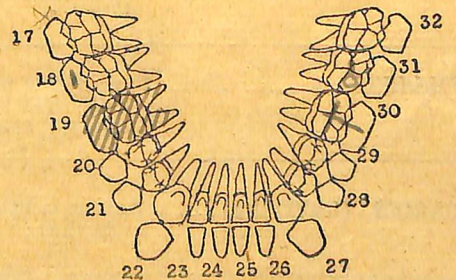


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



*18. 2, al. fil. & cav. 8, 9, mis. a. d. 1. 31, sil. fil. & cav. 3, 4, 12, 14, 30, sil. fil. 5, 13, decay. 6, 7, 10, gold fil. 11, cav 16, 19, ext. 18, al. fil.*

*5-0843*

7. Disinterment supervised by A. E. Dewey  
A. E. DEWEY, 2nd Lt. Q. M. C.

Approved : L. B. Massie  
L. B. MASSIE, Capt. Q. M. C.  
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by A. E. Dewey  
A. E. DEWEY, 2nd Lt. Q. M. C.

Approved : L. B. Massie  
L. B. MASSIE, Capt. Q. M. C.  
(Title)

T. H. bfs

*1-27-34*

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

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

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

**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.

October 28, 1921.

Hon. Hiram W. Johnson,  
United States Senate.

My dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of October 23rd, you are advised that the investigation in the case of the late Private Hugh B. DeWitt, Company "E", 109th Infantry, has been completed. The records of this office now show that the remains of this soldier are interred in Grave #34, Section D, Plot #1, American Cemetery at Fismes, Department of Marne.

In compliance with the request of Mrs. Sarah DeWitt, the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe, will be directed to return the remains of her son to the United States. It is impossible to state at this time when the body will arrive in this country, but Mrs. DeWitt will be notified by telegram from our branch office at Hoboken, New Jersey, as soon as possible after receipt of information from Europe that the remains have been shipped from the European port of embarkation.

I have this day forwarded the above information to Mrs. DeWitt.

Very truly yours,

C. R. KRAUTHOFF,  
Brigadier General, Q.M. Corps,  
Acting Quartermaster General.

*Mailed  
1921*

*2938 De Witt, Hugh B.  
marked 2830X  
109th Inf  
-200X*

October 28, 1921.

Hon. Hiram W. Johnson,  
United States Senate.

My dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of October 22nd, you are advised that the investigation in the case of the late Private Hugh B. Dewitt, Company "E", 103rd Infantry, has been completed. The records of this office now show that the remains of this soldier are interred in Grave 434, Section B, Plot 41, American Cemetery at Hamme, Department of Maine.

In compliance with the request of Mrs. Sarah Dewitt, the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, G.M.C. in Europe, will be directed to return the remains of her son to the United States. It is impossible to state at this time when the body will arrive in this country, but Mrs. Dewitt will be notified by telegram from our branch office at Hoboken, New Jersey, as soon as possible after receipt of information from Europe that the remains have been shipped from the above part of embarkation.

I have this day forwarded the above information to Mrs. Dewitt.

Very truly yours,

C. E. HANCOCK,  
Inspector General, G.M.C.  
Acting Quartermaster General.

*Manly*

X 032.2 Johnson, Hiram W. - U.S.S.  
X 095 De Witt, Hugh B.

*103rd Inf*

DeWitt, Hugh B.  
Pvt.

WESTERN MILITARY BUREAU  
ROUTE AND SCHEDULE

EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE SAILING FROM NEW YORK CITY May 28, 1930

Marin County, State of California

Name DeWitt, Mrs Sarah

Address 25 Karl Avenue, San Anselmo, Calif

Route going: NWP-San Francisco, West Pac-Salt Lake, D&RGW-Denver, CB&Q-Chicago, Penna-New York.

Return: Same route.

		ROAD	TRAIN	TIME	DATE	
Itinerary going	✓ Lv	San Anselmo	NWP	67	8:31AM	May 21
	✓ Ar	San Francisco	"	"	9:35AM	May 21
	✓ Lv	San Francisco	WP	2	10:00AM	May 21
	Ar	Salt Lake	"	"	3:30PM	May 22
	Lv	" "	D&RGW	"	6:15PM	May 22
	Ar	Denver	"	"	8:00PM	May 23
	Lv	"	CB&Q	"	11:30PM	May 23
	✓ Ar	Chicago	"	"	7:00AM	May 25
	✓ Lv	"	Penna	34	10:45AM	May 25
	✓ Ar	New York	"	"	3:35PM	May 26
	Lv	(Penna Station)				
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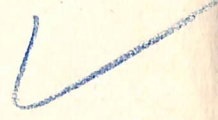
Accommodations: Coach San Anselmo to San Francisco, standard sleeper San Francisco to Chicago and Chicago to New York.

Elapsed Time: 124 hours - 4 minutes. 5 1/4

Extra Fare:

5-9

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE	
NAME	DeWitt, Hugh B	DeW	3	45 <sup>X</sup> / <sub>3</sub>
BURIED	CEMETERY	608	1	2
	GRAVE	4	2	04
	ROW	7	2	07
	BLOCK	20	1	4
STATE		Md.	2	24
RANK		Pvt	1	2
DIVISION		28	2	28
ORGANIZATION		109	3	109
AFM		Inf	1	1
MARITAL		no	1	2
NAME	DeWitt, Sarah	DeW	3	45 <sup>X</sup> / <sub>3</sub>
RESIDENCE	STATE	Calif	2	04
	COUNTY	Marin	2	21
	CITY	San Anselmo	3	XXX
RELATION		mother	1	1
OTHER			1	
ELIGIBILITY			1	1
NATIVITY			1	
RACE			1	
ENGLISH		yes	1	1
ATTENDANT			1	
HEALTH		Good	1	1
NO. OF SONS			1	
DATE OF TRIP	NO.		1	
	YR.	1930	1	
ACCEPTANCE		yes	1	
29/514/EAB				

*Sailed May 25, 1930*

*Accepted OCT 10 1931*

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Party "E" - Itinerary - Oise-Aisne Group

Sailed May 28, 1930 on PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT. Maj. Halpine in charge.

Arrived Cherbourg 4am June 5th. Met by Maj. Dailey, Capts. Ochs, Dalton, Mallett, Kinderman; Lt. Freeman, 5 nurses and 3 civilian employees. Train left at 8.21am for Paris. Arrived Gare des Invalides at 2.10pm. Met by Col. Ellis and members of his staff, a detail of officers, interpreters and nurses. Escorted to hotel. Remainder of day devoted to rest.

June 6th. Morning devoted to personal business; exchange of money, preparing laundry, etc. Left hotel at 3pm for Arc de Triomphe where wreath was placed on tomb of Unknown Soldier by Mrs. R. M. Tiger, who was selected by party for this duty. Proceeded to Restaurant Laurent after ceremony for tea and reception. Returned to hotel. Evening free.

June 7th. Shopping or resting in morning. Sightseeing in afternoon and evening.

June 8th. Those who desired attended Divine Services. Sightseeing in afternoon. Evening devoted to preparation for trip to cemetery next day.

June 9th. Morning free. Lunch. Departed 1.40pm for La Ferte and Soissons.

June 10th Daily trips from Soissons to the Oise-Aisne American  
11th-12th Cemetery.

June 13th Visited Cemetery and Reims.

June 14th Visited Reims Cathedral. Lunch. Chemin-des-Dames,  
Soissons, Compiègne.

June 15th Carrefour de l'Armistice - Compiègne - Chantilly - Re-  
turned to Paris.

June 16th Fontainebleau

June 17th Morning free. Versailles in afternoon.

June 18th. Notre Dame - Napoleons Tomb. Prepared for return trip.

June 19th. Left hotel between 9 and 9.30am for Invalides Railway  
Station. Train left at 10.30am. Accompanied by 5 officers, 6  
nurses, 1 doctor and 2 civilian employees. Arrived Cherbourg 4.10pm.  
Left dock 8.11pm. Sailed at 8.45pm on SS AMERICA. Capt Ross in  
charge. Arrived Hoboken 100 pm June 28th.

NAME DeWITT, MRS. SARAH

S.S. AMERICA

JUN 27 1930

HOME SAN ANSELMO, MARIN COUNTY, CAL.

R.R. P.R.R. to Chi - C B + P to  
Denver - D & R G - W to Salt Lake

STATION W. P. to dest.

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE Feby 21 - 1931.  
Validate

1642

De Witt

THE PULLMAN COMPANY

**PASSENGER'S CHECK**—To identify accommodations purchased. The amount charged is The Pullman Company's rate and a surcharge of 50% of that amount required by and collected as agent for the Railroad Company, as shown on the ticket.

From Chicago

To St. Louis

Accommodations 1st Car 31

Line No. \_\_\_\_\_ Via \_\_\_\_\_ R. R. \_\_\_\_\_

Property taken into car will be entirely at owner's risk.

Office **42-266** Form **1000-3**

Passengers

**1 2 3**

**140**

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1930  
MAY  
21  
THE PULLMAN  
COMPANY

Mrs. S. DeWitt

# Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Co.

Upper No	Lower No.	Sl'pg Car No.
Comp. No	D. R. No.	No. Tickets

**N<sup>o</sup> 187161**

**Passenger's Identification Check**  
for railroad ticket collected  
for this trip and train only.

**RETAIN THIS** until called  
for by Conductor when any  
unused portion of your ticket  
will be returned.

**N<sup>o</sup> 187161**

"E"

Mrs. S. Bellitt

Name..... DEWITT, Mrs Sarah

Paris Hôtel..... HOTEL LUTETIA

Home address..... BOULEVARD RASPAIL  
25 Karl Ave., San Anselmo, Marin County, California

Party..... E..... Group..... 2..... Unit S/S ROOSEVELT

Date of arrival..... JUNE 5<sup>th</sup>, 1930..... Date of departure..... JUNE 19, 1930 S/S AMERICA

Relationship..... Mother

Name of deceased..... DEWITT, Hugh B;

Rank..... Pvt..... Organization..... Co.E, 109th Inf.

Cemetery..... Oise-Aisne

REMARKS



May 12th, 1930

Mrs. Sarah DeWitt  
25 Karl Avenue  
San Anselmo, Cal.

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., O.M. Corps,  
Assistant

Enclosures:  
2 tags.

2 bags

WAR DEPARTMENT  
 "PILGRIMAGE WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"  
 -- ROOM 901 --  
 225 West 34th St., New York, N. Y.

DEWITT, HUGRB OA

PARTY E  
 NUMBER 757

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

Mrs. Sarah De Witt  
 Name of Traveler

Actual cost of through Pullman,  
 New York, to San Anselmo, Cal.

San Anselmo, Marin County  
 Home Address

\$ 3263 thru rate  
San Francisco

Cal.

New York, to San Anselmo, Cal.  
 Destination

Via PENN to Chicago - C.B. & Q to Denver - D. & R.G.W. to Salt Lake - W.P. to dest.

June 26, 1930  
 Date of Departure

Ticket expires - Feb. 21, 1931

	Road	Train Number	Date	Time	Lower OF Seat	Car	U.S.G. Order No.	Actual Cost
LV PENNSYLVANIA STATION	P.R.R.	# 9	6/28	620P				
*AR CHICAGO	"	"	6/29	910P	L6	230	46-227	9
LV " "	C.B. & Q	# 3	" "	1130P				
*AR SAN FRANCISCO	W.P.	# 7	7/3	415P	L8	382		23.63
LV " "	N.W.P.	# 84	" "	445				
AR SAN ANSELMO	N.W.P.	" "	" "	539P			100-1,021,072	
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Remarks: \* THRU CARS - NOTE - Route to

San Anselmo is by North Western Pacific

and above is incorrect. OK

Capt Cistero

NAM

*De Witt, Mrs. Sarah*

E

ADDRESS

*25 Karl Ave., San Anselmo, Cal. Marin Co.*

DATE

*July 4<sup>th</sup>*

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 Sarah DeWitt*

WAR DEPARTMENT

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300.

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS



PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

STATE

*De Witt, Hugh B.*

CALIFORNIA

*DE WITT HUGH B.*

25 Karl Ave.

San Anselmo

Marin County

Mother

NAME *DeWitt, Mrs. Sarah*

HOME ADDRESS

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN *Mr. De Sauls*

*3732 T St.  
Sacramento, Cali.*

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE

*5/26*

HOTEL

*Pen  
quarters: Mrs Augusta Sicht*

ROOM NO.

*1642*

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE

*May 28, 1930*

VESSEL

*S. S. ROOSEVELT*

CABIN NO.

*242H*

DESTINATION

*CHERBOURG, FRANCE*

CEMETERY

*OISE-AISNE*

F

RETURN NEW YORK

JUN 28 1930  
DATE .....

NAME *De Witt, Mrs. Sarah* HOME ADDRESS *25 Karl Ave.,  
San Anselmo, Cal.  
Marin, Ca.*

RETURN ON S. S. **S/S AMERICA** HOTEL **ASTOR** ROOM NO. *671*  
*295-C* *quarters Mrs. Amy Hickok*

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE *6/29* .....

ROAD *PRR* TRAIN *9* CAR *227* BERTH or SEAT *26*

REMARKS .....

881-*Assured* 5/28/30 608  
RETURN RECEIPT

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

*Mrs Sarah De Witt*

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, *5/20*, 19*30*

Form 3811

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**Post Office Department**

**OFFICIAL BUSINESS**

**REGISTERED ARTICLE**

No. 927398

**INSURED PARCEL**

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

*Return to* Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

*Street and Number,  
or Post Office Box,*

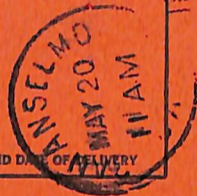
**MUNITIONS BUILDING**

**WASHINGTON,**

**D. C.**

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

POST OFFICE DELIVERING  
OFFICE



AND DATE OF DELIVERY

P81 *Passport* 5/28/30 608  
RETURN RECEIPT

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

*Mrs Sarah DeWitt*

(Signature or name of addressee.)

**Deliver to addressee only.**

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, \_\_\_\_\_,

*5/20* 192*30*

**Post Office Department**

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 9275



INSURED PARCEL

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

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OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to

**Q. M. GENERAL**

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,  
or Post Office Box,

**MUNITIONS BUILDING**

**WASHINGTON,**

**D. C.**

QM 293 A-M  
DeWitt, Hugh B. - 608

July 25, 1930.

Mrs. Sarah DeWitt,  
25 Karl Ave.,  
San Anselmo, Calif.

Dear Madam:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of the testimonial expressing your appreciation to the United States Government, which you and the other mothers and widows returning on the SS America, were so kind as to send me regarding your pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe.

It is gratifying to know that your trip was entirely satisfactory and that the officers and other personnel connected with the pilgrimage rendered such courteous and efficient service. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages and has expended every energy that those making the journey might have a comfortable and pleasant trip. I feel, however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation shown by the mothers and widows who are making the pilgrimage.

I am indeed pleased to receive such complimentary remarks concerning the care and consideration shown the women making the journey by the personnel connected with the pilgrimage.

Sincerely yours,

J. L. DeWITT,  
Major General,  
The Quartermaster General.

JTH  
WRG

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

DeWitt, Hugh B. 608-M

May 13, 1930.

Mrs. Sarah DeWitt,  
25 Karl Ave.,  
San Anselmo, Calif.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. 314334 in the amount of \$ 52.50, to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST THIS CHECK BE CASHED AND USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED.

If for any reason, you are not able to sail on the date mentioned in your invitation, the check must be returned to this office immediately.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl.  
Check No.

DeWitt, Hugh B. 608

May 10, 1930

Mrs. Sarah DeWitt,  
25 Karl Avenue,  
San Anselmo, Calif.

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. San Anselmo	NWP	No. 67	8:31 AM	May 21
Ar. San Francisco	NWP	No. 67	9:35 AM	May 21
Lv. San Francisco	WP	No. 2	10:00 AM	May 21
Ar. Salt Lake	WP	No. 2	3:30 PM	May 22
Lv. Salt Lake	D&RG	No. 2	6:15 PM	May 22
Ar. Denver	D&RG	No. 2	8:00 PM	May 23
Lv. Denver	CB&Q	No. 2	11:30 PM	May 23
Ar. Chicago	CB&Q	No. 2	7:00 AM	May 25
Lv. Chicago	Penna	No. 34	10:45 AM	May 25
Ar. New York (Penna. Station)	Penna	No. 34	3:35 PM	May 26

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

*Capt. Rose*

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

QM 293 A-0

DeWitt, Hugh B. 608

May 5, 1930

Mrs. Sarah DeWitt,  
25 Karl Avenue,  
San Anselmo, California.

Dear Madam:

This office has not yet received your passport for use in connection with your pilgrimage to the American Cometeries in Europe.

It is imperative that every mother or widow making this pilgrimage, whether an American citizen or not, have a passport issued and in the hands of this office before she begins her trip.

Please comply as early as possible with the instructions shown in form letter attached, or if you have heretofore taken this action advise this office to that effect.

Should the clerk of the court not have been furnished with "Special Pilgrimage Passport" applications, please request him to take the matter up at once with the Passport Bureau, Room 170, State, War and Navy Building, Washington, D. C., and he will be furnished with these forms.

The person to whom you should apply is the Clerk of Superior Court at San Rafael, Marin County, California.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, U.S. Corps,  
Assistant.

1 Encl.  
Form Let.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
DeWitt, Hugh B. 608 M

April 11, 1930.

Mrs. Sarah Dewitt,  
26 Karl Ave.,  
San Anselmo, Calif.

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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De Witt, Hugh B

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.

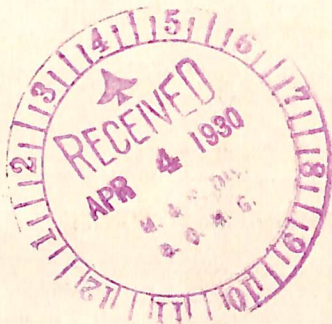
Mrs. Sarah DeWitt

(Name)

25 Karl Ave., San Anselmo, Marin Co., Calif.

(Town or City)

(State)



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

DeWitt, Hugh B. 608-M

March 29, 1930

Mrs. Sarah DeWitt,  
25 Karl Avenue,  
San Anselmo, California.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "Roosevelt" on May 28, 1930.

In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you complete the card enclosed with the invitation signifying whether or not you accept the invitation and return the same to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before April 12, 1930, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

Should you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you advise this office to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

DeWitt, Hugh B. 608-M.

Mrs. Sarah DeWitt,  
25 Karl Ave.,  
San Anselmo, Calif.

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Dear Madam:

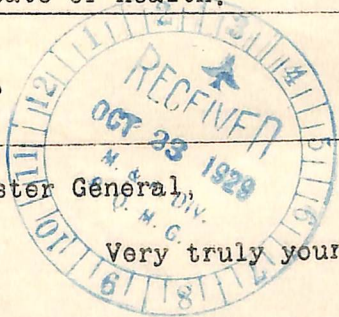
The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, 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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age 62 Health <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(Years) (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(No) Other language (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



*John Harris*

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

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San Anselmo, Calif.,  
July 7<sup>th</sup>, 1929

The Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir;

Replying to your  
inquiry of June 24<sup>th</sup>,  
as per file no. Q. M. 2936-C,  
De Witt, Hugh B., I advise  
you that my son  
Hugh B. De Witt was  
never married.

Kindly address  
any further commun-



ination to me as  
follows:

Mrs. Sarah De Witt  
25 Karl Ave.,  
San Anselmo,  
California.

Very truly yours,

Mrs Sarah De Witt

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
(DeWitt, Hugh B.)

June 24, 1929.

Mrs. Sarah DeWitt,  
c/o Mrs. Corning de Saules,  
1816 You St.,  
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late **Private Hugh B. DeWitt, Co. E, 109th Inf. whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.**

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress.  
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JOHN T. HARRIS,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

QM 293 A-M  
DeWitt, Hugh B. - 608

July 25, 1930.

Mrs. Sarah DeWitt,  
25 Earl Ave.,  
San Anselmo, Calif.

Dear Madam:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of the testimonial expressing your appreciation to the United States Government, which you and the other mothers and widows returning on the SS America, were so kind as to send me regarding your pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe.

It is gratifying to know that your trip was entirely satisfactory and that the officers and other personnel connected with the pilgrimage rendered such courteous and efficient service. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages and has expended every energy that those making the journey might have a comfortable and pleasant trip. I feel, however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation shown by the mothers and widows who are making the pilgrimage.

I am indeed pleased to receive such complimentary remarks concerning the care and consideration shown the women making the journey by the personnel connected with the pilgrimage.

Sincerely yours,

J. L. DeWITT,  
Major General,  
The Quartermaster General.

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DeWitt, Hugh B. 608

May 10, 1930

Mrs. Sarah DeWitt,  
25 Karl Avenue,  
San Anselmo, Calif.

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. San Anselmo	NWP	No. 67	8:31 AM	May 21
Ar. San Francisco	NWP	No. 67	9:35 AM	May 21
Lv. San Francisco	WP	No. 2	10:00 AM	May 21
Ar. Salt Lake	WP	No. 2	3:30 PM	May 22
Lv. Salt Lake	D&RG	No. 2	6:15 PM	May 22
Ar. Denver	D&RG	No. 2	8:00 PM	May 23
Lv. Denver	CB&Q	No. 2	11:30 PM	May 23
Ar. Chicago	CB&Q	No. 2	7:00 AM	May 25
Lv. Chicago	Penna	No. 34	10:45 AM	May 25
Ar. New York (Penna. Station)	Penna	No. 34	3:35 PM	May 26

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.

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DeWitt, Hugh B. 608

May 5, 1930

Mrs. Sarah DeWitt,  
25 Karl Avenue,  
San Anselmo, California.

Dear Madam:

This office has not yet received your passport for use in connection with your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe.

It is imperative that every mother or widow making this pilgrimage, whether an American citizen or not, have a passport issued and in the hands of this office before she begins her trip.

Please comply as early as possible with the instructions shown in form letter attached, or if you have heretofore taken this action advise this office to that effect.

Should the clerk of the court not have been furnished with "Special Pilgrimage Passport" applications, please request him to take the matter up at once with the Passport Bureau, Room 170, State, War and Navy Building, Washington, D.C., and he will be furnished with these forms.

The person to whom you should apply is the Clerk of Superior Court at San Rafael, Marin County, California.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, C.I. Corps,  
Assistant.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
DeWitt, Hugh B. 608 H

April 11, 1930.

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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.

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Assistant.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

DeWitt, Hugh B. 608-M

March 29, 1930

Mrs. Sarah DeWitt,  
25 Karl Avenue,  
San Anselmo, California.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "Roosevelt" on May 28, 1930.

In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you complete the card enclosed with the invitation signifying whether or not you accept the invitation and return the same to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before April 12, 1930, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

Should you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you advise this office to that effect.

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

Dewitt, Hugh B. 608-M

March 21, 1930.

Sarah Dewitt,  
25 Karl Ave.,  
San Anselmo, Calif.

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.  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

DeWitt, Hugh B. 608-M.

Mrs. Sarah DeWitt,  
25 Karl Ave.,  
San Anselmo, Calif.

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,  
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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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(DeWitt, Hugh B.)

June 24, 1929.

Mrs. Sarah DeWitt,  
c/o Mrs. Corning de Saules,  
1816 You St.,  
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late **Private Hugh B. DeWitt, Co. E, 109th Inf. whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.**

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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since 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.

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10/20/21*

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

*Hugh Byron De Witt*

Name ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Byron H. De Witt

Number: 1811242

Rank: *Sol.* ~~None~~

Organization:

~~None~~ *606, 109 de Inf.*

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

1 Unit 304

Disinterred (Date) May 8/19

From: (Give complete location)

From Grave # 4 Sketch 160-Forsberg. 54NW E209.7 N289.8

*Glennes Aisne C-1172*

Reburied (Date) May 8/19 in: (Give complete location)

Grave # 34 Section D. Cemetery #18 Fismes (Marne)

*617*

Map #34 Reims. SW. 286.25N-205.75E

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

Buried 12 inches deep--Body badly decomposed

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes and one on cross

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

Disinterred from unknown-1811242--Identified as Byron H. De Witt (1811242)

name from card found on body

*CONFIRMED No. D*

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Note:

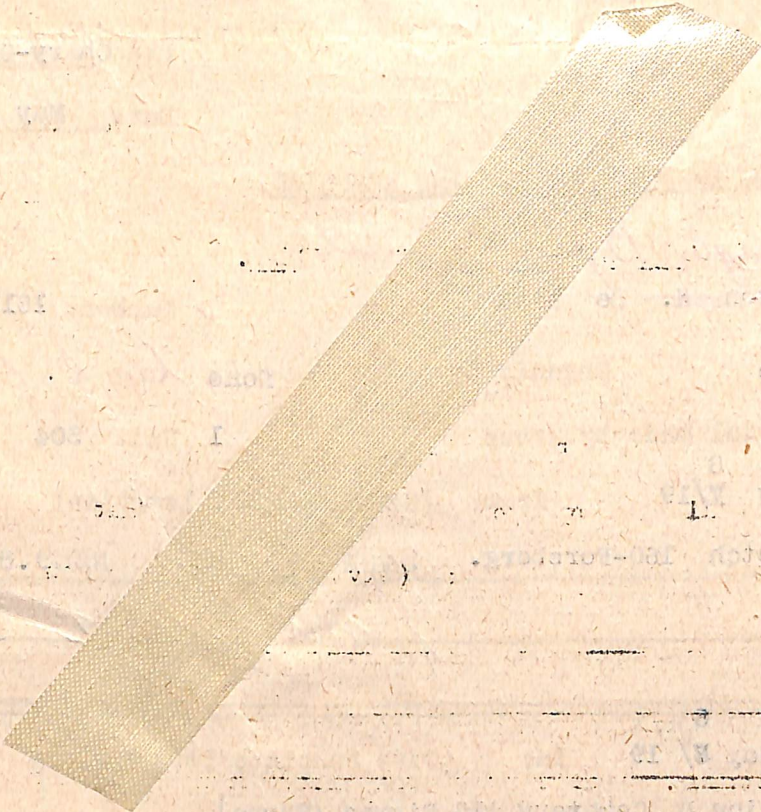
If upon disinterment, effects are found upon the bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct, as is required by G.O. 170, G.H.2, 1918, after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Cpl. C. A. Gammon

1st. Lt. Oscar W. Forsberg.

C.O. Group 1 Unit 304

*[Handwritten signatures and initials]*



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 G.R.S.

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Place Fismes, (Marne)

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Jan. 25, 1922

1. REMAINS OF DeWITT, Hugh B.

SERIAL NUMBER 1811242

RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION Co. E. 109th. Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Jan. 25, 1922. Gr. 34, Pl. 1. Sec. D. Amer. Cem. 617.  
From (give complete location):

By: Group Taggart Unit F. S. 7

3. Reburied (date): Aug. 16, 1922 In (give complete location): Gr. 4, Block D, Row 7, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes et Nesles (Aisne)

By: Group re-burial group Unit ---- Nature of reburial Lined casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Bur; ap and pine box. Badly decomposed. Features unrecog.

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

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

Tag on body reads: "1811242".

Strips on body read: "Dayton D DeWitt, 1559569, - Pvt. Co. K. - 28th. Inf."

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

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

(b) Weight (estimated) Imp. to estimate

(c) Hair—Color none

Quantity

Characteristics

(d) Hair on face—Color none visible

Location

Quantity

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

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

Head shattered.

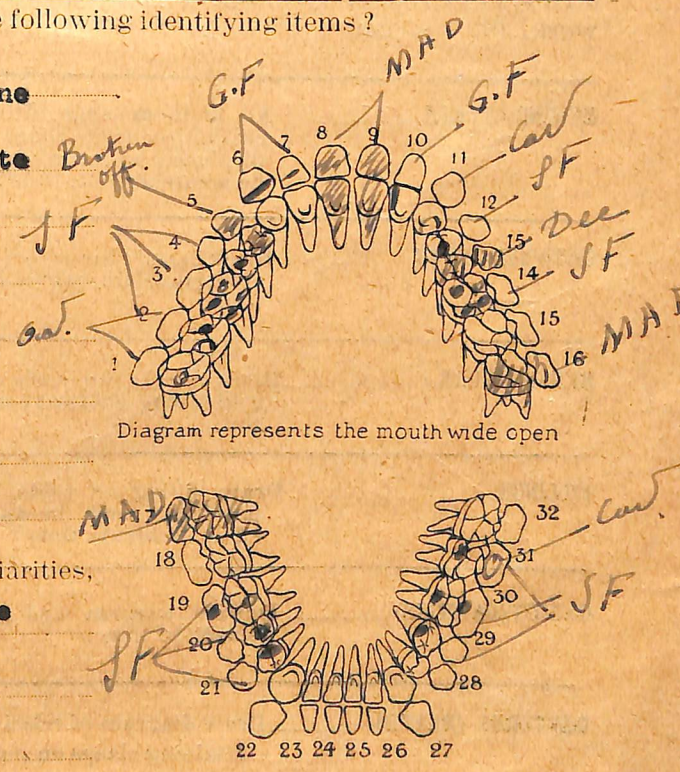
Checker: E. Seils,

7. Disinterment supervised by A. W. Taggart, S. E.

Approved: J. J. Powers  
J. J. Powers, 1st. Lt. QMC  
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by L. D. Hays

Approved: C. J. Blake  
C. J. Blake, Cont., 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 condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be made with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for. Beginning at the middle line in both jaws, list all teeth on either side and classed as incisors, canines, premolars, bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars. Indicate any restorations, such as crowns, bridges, work, fillings, caries (cavities), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found. Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge

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

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

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

De Witt

Hugh B

1,811,242

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt

Co E 109th Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

*Mother*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

*Yes*

(Yes or no.)

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

*Yes*

(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)

*Mrs. Sarah De Witt*

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

*San Anselmo, California*

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

City. 617-308  
W.B. 11-17-41

Memo

REVIEWED  
OSP SS.

11/18/41 DRS

v

QM 293 A-C  
Dewitt, Hugh B. - Pvt.

October 8, 1924

Mrs. Coming de Saules,  
1816 You St.,  
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

This American military cemetery is one of those to be maintained by the United States for all time in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of dignified design, with the 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.

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

Very truly yours,

E.P. HARBOID,  
Major, Q.M.C.,  
Assistant.

Incl.  
Record card.



# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #28053

## I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name DE WITT, Hugh B. Ser. No. 1811242  
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. E, 109th Inf. TYP. DB  
(c) Date of death 9-6-18 (d) Cause of death K/A CKR. DB

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

(a) Grave No. 34 Row -- Plot 1 Sec. D TYP. DB  
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Sarah DeWitt, (Mother) % Mrs. E. K. Wood, San Anselmo, Calif.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases --- CKR. DB

## IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Mrs. Sarah De Witt (b) Relationship Mother  
(c) Address San Anselmo, California  
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? Yes.  
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at Yes.  
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. ---  
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. ---

Examiner's Initials D.S. Date 11-17-, 1921

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

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

Examiner's Initials --- Date ---, 192---

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

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Letter 10-23-21 from  
The Hon. Kieran P. Johnson quoting letter from Mrs.  
Corning to Sauley, which asks about the grave  
location and confirms request  
on card.

Examiner's Initials D.S. Date 12-17-, 1921

COUNTRY France

CEMETERY No. 617

SHEET No. 308

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by \_\_\_\_\_, 192

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
letter on \_\_\_\_\_, 192

ADJUSTMENT RECORD - 12/22/20 - Letter of Transmittal - Europe advised that body of DAYTON D. DEWITT recorded as buried in gr. 34, Plot 1, Sec. D. is not to be returned 11/1/21 - AUDIT DEPARTMENT amended records to show that Gr. 34, Plot 1, Sec. D. contains the body of HUGH B. DEWITT. Case of DAYTON D. DEWITT is held for investigation of grave location. 11/9/21 - F. 115 for DAYTON D. DEWITT was cancelled and filed. Case of HUGH B. DEWITT takes the same cable ref. No. as the cancelled form of DAYTON D. DEWITT. 11/3/21 - Proposed Cablegram to Europe - Body to be returned. 11/29/21 - Europe advised of Adjustment. **REMARKS**

12/9/21 GMF. 12/13/21 2703

Europe 12/10/21 Form 114 step 1  
Letter from Europe 12/10/21 to St. Louis 1/19/22

Letter Oct. 29/1921 to mother gives present grave location, states instructions have been issued to return body for interment in Stationary City, P.A.C. 11-17-21

11-29-21 PROPOSED CABLEGRAM NO. 576 TO EUROPE - BODY - Returned June

11-29-21 Europe advised of adjustment Body to be returned June 11-29-21

Let. 11-8-21 from Mrs. Corning de Saules, 1816 You St., Sacramento, Cal. for mother, wishes to know whether request for return might be cancelled & let remains lie undisturbed.

Let 11-17-21 states that city is temporary and body must be removed and if mother desires body in P.A.C. in France that she so advise this office.

(Pm 12-20-21)

1-7-22 - Europe advised by proposed cable # 648 to Concentrate body. Jan 1-7-22

Letter from Europe 2/2/22 states instructions "concentrate" noted and will be obeyed 2/21/22 att

gr.

G.R.S. FORM #114-A.

STATION

Fismes, (Marne)

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Jan. 25, 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 **DEWITT, Hugh B.**

10. Name

2. No. **1811242**

11. No.

3. Rank **Pvt.**

12. Rank

4. Org. **Co. E, 109th Inf.**

13. Org.

5. D.D. **9.6.18**

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. **KIA**

(b) D.B. **no discrep.**

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. **34** Sec. **D**

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot **1** Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. **no discrep.**

18. Cemetery **American B/A**

19. Commune or town **FISMES**

20. Dept. or County **Marne**

21. Country **France**

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. **617**

23. Disinterred (Date) **Jan. 25, 1922.**

By **A. W. Taggart**

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name **Hugh B. Dewitt**

Serial No.

Rank **Pvt.**

Organization **Co. E, 109th. Inf.**

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? **yes**

On body? **yes**

**E. Seils**  
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

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

**Strips on body read: "Dayton D. Dewitt, 1559569, Pvt. Co. H. 28th. Inf."**

27. Condition of body **Badly decomposed. Features unrecog.**

28. Nature of burial **Burlap and pine box.**

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? **None. Disc on body shows only: "1811242"**

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date **Jan. 25, 1922** By **A. W. Taggart**

31. Casket sealed by **A. W. Taggart**

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

**A. W. Taggart**

AUDITED BY  
202 5 28-22

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **C-26898**

32. Designation of body:

Name **Hugh B. DeWITT**

Serial No. **1811242**

Rank **Pvt.**

Organization **Co.E. 109th Inf.**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **Oise-Aisne American Cty. #608, Seringes-et-Nesles (Aisne).**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **Jan. 25, 1922**

By **A. W. Taggart**

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector

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

36. Remarks

**None**

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date)

To point of Concentration

Convoyer

*W. J. ...*

Signature Shipping Officer

(Name

*J. J. Powers*

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date **Jan. 25, 1922**

To Permanent Cemetery **Oise-Aisne, Amer. Cty. No. 608, Seringes-et-Nesles, (Aisne)**

Convoyer

Signature Shipping Officer

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

40. Received: Date **FEB 3 1922**

G.R.S. Representative

*B. H. Wood*

41. Reinterred **Aug. 16, 1922, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes et Nesles (Aisne)**

(Date

42. Grave No.

**4**

Section

**----**

43. Plot-BLOCK

**D**

Row

**7**

G.R.S. Representative

*C. J. Blake*  
**C. J. Blake,  
Capt., QMC.**

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# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #28053

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name <u>DE WITT, Hugh B.</u>	Ser. No. <u>1811242</u>	} TYP. <u>DB</u> <u>DES</u>
(b) Rank <u>Pvt.</u>	Organization <u>Co. E, 109th Inf.</u>	
(c) Date of death <u>9-6-18</u>	(d) Cause of death <u>K/A</u>	

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

(a) Grave No. 34 Row -- Plot 1 Sec. D TYP. DB  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Sarah DeWitt, (Mother) % Mrs. E. K. Wood, San Anselmo, Calif.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases --- CKR. DES

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 \_\_\_\_\_, 192

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.
<u>Letter from Europe</u>	<u>12/1/21 Form 114</u>	<u>Shipment Hoboken</u>	<u>1/13/21 at</u>
	<u>11-3-21 PROPOSED CABLEGRAM NO 675 TO EUROPE-BODY TO Be Returned</u>		
<u>11-29-21</u>	<u>Europe advised of adjustment. Body to be returned. Form 11-29-21</u>		
<u>1-7-22</u>	<u>Europe advised by proposed cable # 648 to Concentrate body.</u>		
<u>Letter from Europe</u>	<u>2/22</u>	<u>states</u>	<u>Form 1-7-22</u>

VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J. \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
 instructions "Concentrate" will be obeyed at  
2/21/22

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

11/3/21  
THX

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, AND SHIPMENT OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records Office Chief G. R. S.

Discrepancy found upon examination of body.

- |   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| 1. Name <b>DE WITT, Hugh B.</b>   | 10. Name _____     |
| 2. No. <del>1559569</del> <b>1811242</b>                                    | 11. No. _____      |
| 3. Rank <b>Private</b>  | 12. Rank _____     |
| 4. Org. <b>Co. K, 29th Infantry.</b>  | 13. Org _____      |
| 5. D. D. <del>7/21/18</del> <b>9/6/18</b>                                   | 14. (a) D. D _____ |
| 6. C. D. <del>Now presumed to be dead from all available information.</del> | 15. (b) D. B _____ |

Discrepancy found upon disinterment.

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|------------------------|---------------|---------------------|------------|
| 7. Grave No. <b>34</b> | Sec. <b>D</b> | 15. Grave No. _____ | Sec. _____ |
| 8. Plot <b>1</b>       | Row <b>--</b> | 16. Plot _____      | Row _____  |
| 9. _____               | _____         | 17. _____           | _____      |

18. Cemetery **American**
19. Commune or town **Pianes**
20. Department or county **Marne**
21. Country **France**
22. G. R. S. Headquarters Code No. **617**
23. Disinterred \_\_\_\_\_ (Date.) By \_\_\_\_\_
24. Inscription on grave marker { Name \_\_\_\_\_ Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_
25. Was identification disk found on grave marker? \_\_\_\_\_ On body? \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Junior Technical Assistant.

(The following space is reserved for notations to be made by office Chief Graves Registration Service.)

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Cable Ref. No. 308

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(OVER)

PREPARATION

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

28. Nature of burial-----

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G. R. S. records quoted above?  
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30. Body prepared and placed in casket----- (Date.)----- By-----

31. Casket sealed by-----

Signature of Embalmer (Supervisor)-----

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

32. Designation of body { Name **Hugh B. De Witt**----- Serial No. **1559569**  
Rank **Pvt.**----- Organization **Co. K, 28th Infantry.**

33. CONSIGNEE—Name **Quartermaster General, Graves Registration Service.**  
Address **Hoboken, N.J.**

34. Casket boxed and marked----- (Date.)----- By-----

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-----

36. Remarks-----  
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37. Shipped from cemetery----- (Date.)----- To----- (Point of concentration.)

Convoyer----- Signature Shipping Officer-----

38. Received at point of concentration----- (Date.)

Signature Receiving Officer-----

39. Shipped from point of concentration----- (Date.)

To----- (Port.)----- Convoyer-----

Signature Shipping Officer-----

40. Received European port----- (Date.)

Signature of G. R. S. Representative-----

41. Shipped to----- (U. S. port.)----- On----- (Boat.)

Date----- Convoyer----- (Signature of Shipping Officer.)

42. Received----- (Date.)----- By G. R. S. Representative----- (Signature.)

43. Shipped to destination----- (Date.)----- { B/L or Express Order No.-----

Convoyer----- { Shipping Officer-----

11/3/21  
TMW

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, AND SHIPMENT OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records Office Chief G. R. S.

Discrepancy found upon examination of body.

- 1. Name DE WITT, Hugh B. D. 10. Name .....
- 2. No. (1559569) 1811242 11. No. ....
- 3. Rank Private 12. Rank .....
- 4. Org. Co. <sup>8</sup> 109 <sup>Inf</sup> 28th Infantry. 13. Org. ....
- 5. D. D. ~~7/21/18~~ 9/6/18 14. (a) D. D. ....  
Now presumed to be dead from
- 6. C. D. ~~all available information.~~ 15. (b) D. B. ....

Discrepancy found upon disinterment.

- 7. Grave No. 34 Sec. D 15. Grave No. .... Sec. ....
- 8. Plot 1 Row -- 16. Plot .... Row ....
- 9. ----- 17. ....

- 18. Cemetery American
- 19. Commune or town Fismes
- 20. Department or county Marne
- 21. Country France 22. G. R. S. Headquarters Code No. 617
- 23. Disinterred ..... (Date.) By .....
- 24. Inscription { Name ..... Serial No. ....  
on grave marker { Rank ..... Organization .....
- 25. Was identification disk found on grave marker? ..... On body? .....

**FILE**

Signature of Junior Technical Assistant.

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*See letter from  
Rothens, dated Nov. 30, 1921*

Cable Ref. No. 308

(OVER)

PREPARATION

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27. Condition of body.....
28. Nature of burial.....
29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G. R. S. records quoted above?  
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30. Body prepared and placed in casket..... (Date.) By.....
31. Casket sealed by .....
- Signature of Embalmer (Supervisor).....

SHIPMENT (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. ....

32. Designation of body { Name Hugh B. De Witt Serial No. 1559569  
 Rank Pvt. Organization Co. K, 28th Infantry.
33. CONSIGNEE—Name Quartermaster General, Graves Registration Service.  
 Address Hoboken, N.J.
34. Casket boxed and marked..... (Date.) By.....
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.....

36. Remarks.....  
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37. Shipped from cemetery..... (Date.) To..... (Point of concentration.)  
 Convoyer:..... Signature Shipping Officer.....
38. Received at point of concentration..... (Date.)  
 Signature Receiving Officer.....
39. Shipped from point of concentration..... (Date.)  
 To..... (Port.) Convoyer.....  
 Signature Shipping Officer.....
40. Received European port..... (Date.)  
 Signature of G. R. S. Representative.....
41. Shipped to..... (U. S. port.) On..... (Boat.)  
 Date..... Convoyer..... (Signature of Shipping Officer.)
42. Received..... (Date.) By G. R. S. Representative..... (Signature.)
43. Shipped to destination..... (Date.) { B/L or Express Order No. ....  
 Convoyer..... { Shipping Officer.....

11/3/21  
TMW

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, AND SHIPMENT OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records Office Chief G. R. S.

Discrepancy found upon examination of body.

- 1. Name **DE WITT, Hugh B.** 10. Name .....
- 2. No. **(1559569) 1811242** 11. No. ....
- 3. Rank **Private** 12. Rank .....
- 4. Org **Co. K, 22th Infantry.** 13. Org .....
- 5. D. D. **7/21/18 9/6/18** 14. (a) D. D. ....
- 6. C. D. ~~all available information.~~ 15. (b) D. B. ....

Discrepancy found upon disinterment.

- 7. Grave No. **34** Sec. **D** 15. Grave No. .... Sec. ....
- 8. Plot **1** Row **--** 16. Plot .... Row ....
- 9. **----** 17. ....

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- 21. Country **France** 22. G. R. S. Headquarters Code No. **617**
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- 24. Inscription on grave marker { Name ..... Serial No. ....  
Rank ..... Organization .....
- 25. Was identification disk found on grave marker? ..... On body? .....

FILE

Signature of Junior Technical Assistant.

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Cable Ref. No. 308

PREPARATION

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(Date.)

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Signature of Embalmer (Supervisor).....

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Rank **Pvt.** Organization **Co. K, 28th Infantry.**

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(Date.) (Point of concentration.)  
Convoyer..... Signature Shipping Officer.....

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To..... Convoyer.....  
(Port.)  
Signature Shipping Officer.....

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Signature of G. R. S. Representative.....

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(U. S. port.) (Boat.)  
Date..... Convoyer.....  
(Signature of Shipping Officer.)

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Convoyer..... { Shipping Officer.....

11/3/21  
TMW

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, AND SHIPMENT OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records Office Chief G. R. S.

Discrepancy found upon examination of body.

- |  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| 1. Name <b>DE WITT, Hugh B.</b>            | 10. Name _____      |
| 2. No. <b>(1559569) 1811242</b>            | 11. No. _____       |
| 3. Rank <b>Private</b>                     | 12. Rank _____      |
| 4. Org <b>Co. K, 26th Infantry.</b>        | 13. Org _____       |
| 5. D. D. <b>7/21/18</b>                    | 14. (a) D. D. _____ |
| 6. C. D. <b>all available information.</b> | 15. (b) D. B. _____ |

Discrepancy found upon disinterment.

- |                        |               |                     |            |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------------|------------|
| 7. Grave No. <b>34</b> | Sec. <b>D</b> | 15. Grave No. _____ | Sec. _____ |
| 8. Plot <b>1</b>       | Row <b>--</b> | 16. Plot _____      | Row _____  |
| 9. <b>----</b>         |               | 17. _____           |            |

18. Cemetery **American**
19. Commune or town **Pismes**
20. Department or county **Marne**
21. Country **France**
22. G. R. S. Headquarters Code No. **617**
23. Disinterred \_\_\_\_\_ (Date.) By \_\_\_\_\_
24. Inscription on grave marker { Name \_\_\_\_\_ Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_
25. Was identification disk found on grave marker? \_\_\_\_\_ On body? \_\_\_\_\_

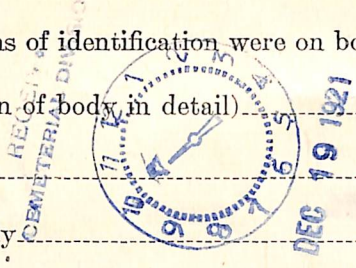
Signature of Junior Technical Assistant.

(The following space is reserved for notations to be made by office Chief Graves Registration Service.)

Cable Ref. No. 308

PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disk or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
27. Condition of body \_\_\_\_\_
28. Nature of burial \_\_\_\_\_
29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G. R. S. records quoted above? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_



30. Body prepared and placed in casket \_\_\_\_\_ (Date.) \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_
31. Casket sealed by \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Embalmer (Supervisor) \_\_\_\_\_

SHIPMENT (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. \_\_\_\_\_

32. Designation of body { Name Hugh B. De Witt Serial No. 1559569  
 Rank Pvt. Organization Co. K, 28th Infantry.
33. CONSIGNEE—Name Quartermaster General, Graves Registration Service,  
 Address Hoboken, N.J.

34. Casket boxed and marked \_\_\_\_\_ (Date.) \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

37. Shipped from cemetery \_\_\_\_\_ (Date.) \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_ (Point of concentration.)  
 Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

38. Received at point of concentration \_\_\_\_\_ (Date.) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature Receiving Officer \_\_\_\_\_

39. Shipped from point of concentration \_\_\_\_\_ (Date.) \_\_\_\_\_  
 To \_\_\_\_\_ (Port.) Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

40. Received European port \_\_\_\_\_ (Date.) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of G. R. S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

41. Shipped to \_\_\_\_\_ (U. S. port.) On \_\_\_\_\_ (Boat.)  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_ Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature of Shipping Officer.)

42. Received \_\_\_\_\_ (Date.) By G. R. S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature.)

43. Shipped to destination \_\_\_\_\_ (Date.) { B/L or Express Order No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ { Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

28053  
concentrated  
from  
102251

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

Date .....

To ..... Room .....

- All Officers,
- Col. Penrose
- ~~Lt. Col. Davis, O. R. C.~~
- Capt. Wynne
- Lieut. Conner



- Principal Clerk
- Personnel Clerk
- Files Clerk
- Cemeterial Clerk

*H 28053*

- Prepare reply( Sec'y of War
- for( General Rogers
- signature of( General Krauthoff
- ( Col. Penrose
- ( Lt. Col. Davis
- ( Capt. Wynne
- ( Lt. Conner

FOR:

- To note
- Information. Need not be returned
- Information and return
- Action or reply
- Approval
- ~~Returned~~
- Remarks and recommendation
- Suspension to.....
- File
- Investigation and report
- Copies.....(State number)
- Papers in case
- Personal conference
- Draft of letter or endorsement
- Signature
- Check for correction
- See other side for remarks

*Concentrate  
not too late*

Final return to:.....

From:.....

NOTE: This form may be used a number of times on same case by crossing off previous marks and inserting new marks (and date) in different colors.

*W.W.*

Memo to Capt. Wynne

1-4-22

#28053

case of De Witt, Hugh B 617-308

E/a - Mrs. Sarah De Witt - mother.

a.g.O. card - mother requests rtn to a N.C.

10-28-21 - Mother adv of grave location & body ordered rtnd. as  
11-3-21 - Europe adv. to return body (previously instructed)

11-8-21 - mother wishes remains undisturbed

11-17-21 - Advise mother Cty is tempo. & if she desires  
remains interred in P.A.C. to advise this office.

so date no reply has been received to latter.

FILL

no record of widow, children or father

Concentration activities in Cty 617 begin 1-20-22.

Shall <sup>telegraphic</sup> follow-up for mother's wishes <sup>be made?</sup> Or

Shall we let body come back and authorize  
Bklyn to ship in accordance with mother's wishes  
as previously stated. a. olewin

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE  
PURCHASE, STORAGE AND RECEIVING DIVISION  
NAVY DEPARTMENT

CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
REGISTRATION BRANCH  
Inquiry & Correspondence Section 2  
Registration Section  
Overseas Project Section

Date 10-26

FILE

TO:

*Mr. Houghton*  
CAPTAIN WYNNE

MR. HUGHITT

MISS BOLAND

MISS MINOGUE

MAIL & PREPARATION OF DATA  
CONGRESSIONAL & SPECIAL REPLY  
GENERAL REPLY  
PHOTOGRAPH SECTION

INVESTIGATION & ADJUSTMENT  
AUDIT  
CARDS

COMPILATION OF DATA  
STATISTICS

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

From *Joo*

Action  
Adjustment  
Approval  
Copies  
Correction  
Draft of letter  
Investigation & Report  
Note (need not return)  
Note and Return  
Papers in Case  
Personal Conference  
Remark  
Reply  
Returned  
Signature

Preparation of Reply for Signature of  
Secretary of War  
Quartermaster General  
Colonel Penrose  
Lt. Col. Davis, O.R.C.  
Captain Wynne

(See other side)

S/3040/LML

File 28053

*Hugh B. De Witt*  
# 1811242 - Co E, 109 Inf.

January 11th, 1919

MEMO FOR: G.R.S. representative, C.R.O.

SUBJECT: Information required for G.R.S.

I. Items checked are to be completed:

- ( ) Surname: DeWitt  
 (✓) Number: 1811242  
 ( ) First name: Hugh B.  
 ( ) Rank: Private  
 ( ) Company: "E"  
 ( ) Organization: 109th Infantry  
 ( ) Date of death: 9/6/18  
 ( ) Cause: K/A  
 (✓) Place:

## Location of hospital:

- Number » »  
 Class » »  
 (✓) Relative: Mrs Sarah DeWitt  
 (✓) Relationship: mother  
 (✓) Address: % Mrs EK Hood,  
 San Anselmo, Calif  
 (✓) Authority:  
 Cablegram No:  
 Telegram from:

dated:

- (✓) Reported to Washington: 272  
 C.C. Nos:

(Underscore the "official" C.C.)

- (✓) Remarks:  
 Present Status

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

Initials of reporter: att



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20 JANV 1919

C.R.S.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

FROM : ADJUTANT GENERAL.  
TO : C. O. Co. E, 109th. Inf.  
SUBJECT : Information for burial Register.

1. You are directed to transmit without delay to the Chief, Graves Registration Service, the information indicated on enclosed Graves Location Blank as necessary for the completion of official records.

By Command of General Pershing:

Robert C. Davis  
Adjutant General.

Note:



In case this item is checked, you will note hereon:

Nearest relative of deceased:

Relationship:

Address:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

TO :

FROM :

SUBJECT :

1. The undersigned is pleased to advise you that the files of the Chief, Federal Bureau of Investigation, for reference indicated in the above letter, are being reviewed by the undersigned in connection with the investigation of the above subject.

Very truly yours,  
Special Agent in Charge

Walter E. Rorer

Special Agent in Charge



December 1st 1921.

FROM : Chief  
TO : The Quartermaster General, Munitions Building,  
Washington, D.C.  
SUBJECT : Initiated G.R.S. Form #114.

1. In accordance with instructions contained in your Cable #952 dated November 4th 1921, the following Authorization G.R.S. Form #114 has been initiated in this office, and shipment will be made as shown opposite name :

DeWITT, Hugh B. #1811242,  
Pvt. Co.E, 109th Inf.  
Grave#54, Sec.D, Plot#1, Cty.#617,  
FISMES, MARNE, FRANCE.

Quartermaster General,  
Graves Registration Service,  
HOBOKEN, N.J.

G.V.S. QUACKENBUSH

HM/jw.

H.F. REYNERS,  
Colonel, Q.M.G.

Noted on Form No. 115 *ta*

Date *1-18-22*

Original Attached to *G.R.S.*

December 1st 1921

FROM : Chief

TO : The Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.

SUBJECT : Initiated G.N.S. Form #112

In accordance with instructions contained in your Cable #112 dated November 4th 1921, the following authorities G.N.S. Form #112 has been initiated in this office, and shipment will be made as shown opposite name :

Quartermaster General,  
 Graves Registration Service,  
 HORNDON, N.S.

DET. Louis E. WILKINS,  
 Pvt. G.O.E. 10th Inf.  
 Graves, Sec. D. 1st Div. G.V. #117,  
 RICHMOND, MARYLAND, BRANSON.

G.V.S. QUACKENBUSH

H.P. RICHMOND,  
 Colonel, G.N.S.

11/21

Noted on Form #112  
 Date: 12-1-21  
 Original Attached to P.R. 2

GENERAL



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November 29, 1921.

293.8 C-R-25055, DeWitt, Hugh B., Cty. 617-308.

FROM: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Cemeterial Division).  
TO: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, G.M.C., in Europe.  
SUBJECT: Supplementary advice on American Cemetery #617, Fismes, Marne, France.

1. Reference paragraph 2, office letter of December 22nd, 1920 (File No. 617 Reg. Sec., Cem. Div.), the records of this office have been amended to show the remains buried in Grave #34, Plot 1, Section D, reported as those of Dayton D. DeWitt, are now identified as those of the deceased soldier named below. This body is to be returned to the United States in accordance with our cable #952.

Cable  
Ref. No.

308. DeWitt, Hugh B., Private, 1611242, Company E, 109th Infantry.

2. It is requested that the records of your office be revised accordingly. Form 114, in triplicate, covering this case was transmitted with confirmation copies of cable #952.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General.

CHARLES J. WYNN,  
Captain, G.M. Corps.

November 17, 1921.

293.8 C-R #28053 (DeWitt, Hugh B., Pvt.) Cty. 617 - Sht. 308.

Mrs. Corning de Saules,  
1816 You Street,  
Sacramento, Calif.

My dear Madam:

In reply to your letter of November 8th, you are advised that the American Cemetery at Fismes, Department of Marne, wherein the remains of the late Private Hugh B. DeWitt, Company "E", 109th Infantry, are interred, is a temporary American cemetery and at the time of concentration of bodies, will be abandoned. The remains of soldiers interred therein whose relatives have requested permanent interment abroad will be transferred to one of the permanent American cemeteries where the graves will be perpetually cared for by the United States Government.

In accordance with previous instructions, the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe, has been directed to return the remains of Private DeWitt to the United States. In view of the fact that the body must necessarily be removed from its present grave location, it is requested that Mrs. DeWitt immediately advise this office if she desires the body permanently interred in a permanent American cemetery in France. Should she desire this action taken, instructions will be issued that the body be retained in France; however, it is possible that the remains will have been prepared for shipment to the United States and that these instructions will be received in Europe too late for compliance.

Present instructions on file for the return of the body will remain unchanged pending further instructions from Mrs. DeWitt.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

GEORGE H. PENROSE,  
Colonel, Q. M. C.,  
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

DS  
BPM

Noted on Form No. 115  
Date Jan 2 - 20, 21

Statement No. 528

November 1, 1921.

CEMETERY

BURIALS  
W/C                      B/C  
Con.Uncon.    Unk.    Con.Uncon.

REVISED REPORT ON CTY. #617

# 617 - American Cty. , Fismes, Marne, Last report 10-18-21 (With 3 suspensions) - 10-21-21 - Case Gr. 34, Sec.D, previously rptd., Dayton D. DeWitt found to be Hugh E. DeWitt. Case of Dayton DeWitt held for investigation of grave location.	1534	0	159	17	0
Cemetery # 617 now reads (With 3 suspensions)	1534	0	159	17	0

October 28, 1921.

293.8 Cem. #28053 (DeWitt, Hugh B., Private)

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

Mrs. Sarah DeWitt, San Anselmo, Calif.

Grave Location.

**FILE**  
**REVIEWED**  
**OSP SS.**

1. Referring to the case of your son, the late Private Hugh B. DeWitt, Company "E", 109th Infantry, you are advised that the investigation instituted to determine the confirmed grave location of this soldier has been completed. The records of this office now show that the remains of the deceased are interred in Grave #34, Section D, Plot #1, American Cemetery at Fismes, Department of Marne.

2. In compliance with your request, the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe, has been directed to return to this country the remains of your son. It is impossible to state at this time when this particular body will arrive in this country, but you will be notified by telegram from our branch office at Hoboken, New Jersey, as soon as possible after receipt of information from Europe that the remains have been shipped from the European port of embarkation.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

DS  
BPM

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

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*Please attach to  
form 115 unless made  
(att. 11-902)*

October 27, 1921.

293.8 Cem. # 28053 ( DeWitt, Hugh B., Private)

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

Mrs. Sarah DeWitt, San Anselmo, Calif.

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By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

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

COPY

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

Date 10/17/21

To Q S P Room \_\_\_\_\_

All Officers,  
Col. Penrose  
Lt. Col. Davis, O. R. C.  
Capt. Wynne  
Lieut. Conner

*To order Body  
returned here  
to I & A for*

Mr. Robb - Principal Clerk  
Mrs. Hodges - Personnel Clerk  
Mr. Houghton - Files  
Mr. Saxton - Cemeterial Branch  
Mr. Grant - Inquiry Branch

*letter  
to Europe*

Prepare reply ( Sec'y of War  
for ( General Rogers  
signature of ( General Krauthoff  
( Col. Penrose  
( Lt. Col. Davis

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Final return to:.....

From: R P M

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October 27, 1921.

Hon. Hiram W. Johnson,  
United States Senate.

My dear Sir:

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I have this day forwarded the above information to Mrs. DeWitt.

Very truly yours,

C. R. KRAUTHOFF,  
Brigadier General, Q.M. Corps,  
Acting Quartermaster General.

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BPM

Chief, Cem. Div.

File 28053

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

Washington, D.C.

DRAFT OF CABLEGRAM

Transmittal by the Adjutant General Requested.

H.L.Rogers,  
Quartermaster General.

Sent as Cablegram	Paragraph No.	Sent from	File No.
No. 952	11/4/21 (MWW)	Date November 4, 1921 Received back	

To:

Military Attache,  
Ambassy, Paris.

3 For Rethers: "RETURN: 617 Hugh B. DeWitt 308  
Grave 34 Plot 1 Section D previously reported Dayton  
D. De Witt; Section 90 Hugo Baessler 133; 1764 George  
Dewey Gaddis 2649."

Copies to: Cemeterial Div., Information & Guidance.

C O P Y

WAR DEPARTMENT  
PURCHASE, STORAGE, AND TRAFFIC DIVISION  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE  
WASHINGTON

#28053

FILE

Memorandum for

Mrs Vail:

Returned for necessary  
adjustment etc in conformity with  
this opinion I approved. Rush this  
then and return it to Mr. Hughitt  
when all action has been completed  
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FILE

File No: 293.8-Cem.Div. #28053-Registration. October 28, 1921.  
 From: The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army (Cemeterial Division).  
 To: The Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe, #8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, France.  
 Subject: Identification.

REVIEWED  
OSP SS.

1. With reference to letter from your office dated October 21, 1920, and 1st Indorsement of this office dated November 9, 1920, copies of which are attached hereto, you are advised that further investigation elicits the information that the body contained in grave #34, Plot 1, Section D, American Cemetery #617 at Fismes, Marne, is that of Pvt. Hugh B. DEWITT, #1811242, Co. E, 109th Infantry, as stated in Par. 2 of your letter dated October 21, 1920, and the records of your office and the inscription on the marker erected over this soldier's grave should be adjusted accordingly, the information furnished in our 1st Indorsement dated November 9, 1920, being incorrect.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

CHARLES J. WYNN,  
 Captain, Q. M. Corps.

1 encl.

WAG/LRL  
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OCT 28 1921

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 Q. M. C.

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293.8 Cem. #28053 (DeWitt, Hugh B., Pvt.)

October 28, 1921.

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File 11/5/21  
AKS.

Hon. Hiram W. Johnson,  
United States Senate.

My dear Sir:

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Brigadier General, Q.M. Corps,  
Acting Quartermaster General.

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M.A.

J. R. R. H.  
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Chief, Cem. Div.

October 27, 1921.

293.8 Cem. #28053 (DeWitt, Hugh B., Private)

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

Mrs. Sarah DeWitt, San Anselmo, Calif.

Grave Location.

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DS ✓  
BPM

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

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CEMETERIAL DIV.  
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CEMETERIAL DIV.  
O. Q. M. G.

C. R. KRAUTHOFF,  
Brigadier General, Q.M. Corps,  
Acting Quartermaster General.

Chief, Cem. Div.

File Number 88053

TO: REGISTRATION BRANCH, G. R. S.

Date 10/26/21

FROM: INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME: DE WITT: HUGH B.

Serial Number 1811242

RANK: Pvt.

ORGANIZATION: Co. E 109th Inf.

No.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with records?	1.... Yes
2.	Date of death.	2.... 9/6/18
3.	Cause and place of death.	3.... K/A
4.	Number of casualty cablegram.	4.... 272
5.	Date buried.	5.... No record
6.	Grave location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of cemetery or commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	6.... Grave 4 , Isolated Graves C-1172 Glennes, Aisne; a09.7E-289.8N Reburied 5/8/19 Grave 34, Sec. D, Plot 1 Amer. B/A Cty #617 Fismes
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G. R. S.?	
9.	Report as to grave marker.	9.... Cross
10.	Identification tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	10a... Yes 10b... Yes
11.	Complete emergency address?	11.... Mrs. Sarah DeWitt- mother c/o Mrs E.K.Wood, San Anselmo, Cal.
12.	Has been notified? (Give date.)	12.... 10/4/18
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record.)	
14.	What is the photograph number?	14.... P-12714
15.	Inquiry made by.	

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..... Confirmed.

..... Unconfirmed.

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N. B.—All proper names to be typewritten, or printed  
in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

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# United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON PATENTS.

October 22, 1921

The Honorable  
The Quartermaster General  
War Department  
Washington, D. C.

**FILE**

Dear Sir:

Because I have received it, permit me to quote to you the following letter from Mrs. Corning de Saules, 1816 You St., Sacramento, California:

"On Aug. 11, 1920 I received a letter from the office of the Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Cemeterial Division) in answer to one of mine inquiring about the grave location of my cousin, Private Hugh B. DeWitt. The file number of the letter was 293.8 Cem. File No. 28053.

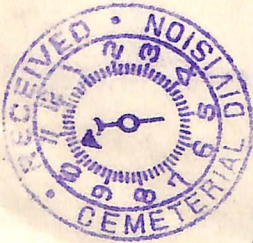
"They advised me that grave location had not been determined but that they would, as I had requested, write the boy's mother, Mrs. Sarah De Witt, as soon as it had been found. As it is over a year since I received this letter and we have heard nothing further, I am writing you hoping you can obtain this information.

"On the card that was sent to the nearest relative, his mother asked that the body be buried in a U. S. National Cemetery, and as many bodies have been brought over here, we would like very much to know if his was among them. The Red Cross had sent a picture of his grave with his name on the cross so we are quite sure his body was not one of the unidentified."

Sincerely,

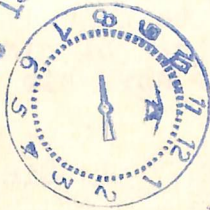
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Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. O. M. G.  
File # 293.8  
# 28053  
De Witt, Hugh B.  
293.8

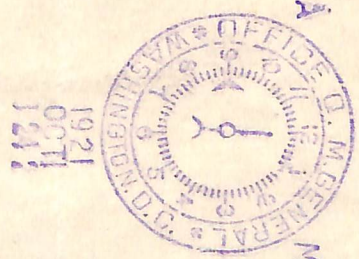


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SYNOPSIS OF COMMUNICATION RECEIVED AND INDORSED OUT.

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DATED:

DATE RECEIVED IN

FROM:

TO:

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10/26/21.

Here is case on which we will have to eat dirt. Europe reported Oct. 21, 1920 that their records showed DeWitt Hugh B. in this grave. Insufficient investigation was made on same and they were ordered to change cross to De Witt Dayton D. another man, who would not logically be buried in this city. It has now been decided that body is that of De Witt Hugh B. which is logical. Write letter to Europe stating that upon further investigation their statement contained in Par. 2. of their letter of Oct. 21, 1920 has been found to be correct and that our ind. of 11/9/20 is therefore in error and request that they change their records accordingly. This looks like very careless work on part of J & A. Find out who in. Case and recommended that the ind. of Nov. 9, 1920 be written and call this to their attention, admonishing them to use more care.

Chughit.

SYNOPSIS OF COMMUNICATION RECEIVED AND INDORSED

DATE RECEIVED IN

DATED:

FROM:

TO:

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HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE. Q.M.C. IN EUROPE  
8. AVENUE D' IENA. PARIS

December 22 ,1921

File No.

From: Chief,

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

Subject: Acknowledgment of Correspondence.

Receipt this date is acknowledged of the following  
correspondence from your office:

Letter )

dated: November 29, 1921.

~~Enclosure~~ )

File No. 293.8 C.R .28053, DeWitt, Hugh B.,Cty.617-308

Subject: Supplementary advice on American Cemetery #617,Fismes,Marne,France

Name: DeWitt, Hugh B.,Pvt.

SL.

H. F. RETHERS,  
Colonel, Q.M.C.

December 22, 1921

File No.

Chief

Quartermaster General, U.S. Army (Comptrol Division)

Subject: Acknowledgment of Correspondence

Reference is made to the following  
correspondence from your office:

Letter

dated: November 22, 1921.

Reference

File No. 100-10000, Serial 10000, dated 10/10/21

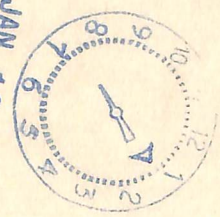
Subject: Supplementary advice on American Chamber of Commerce

Name: Daniel, Hugh B., Esq.

cc.

H. K. HARRIS  
Colonel, U.S.A.

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place in France.

Very respectfully,  
Mrs. Corning de Laules

1816 - You St.,  
Sacramento  
California

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Pursue ✓

Nov 8<sup>th</sup>, 1921

Noted on Form No.  
Date 12-20-21

Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. P. M. G.  
File # 293-8-15

C. R. Krauthoff,  
Brigadier General, I. M. C.  
Acting Quartermaster General

Sir:

Referring to your communication of Oct 28<sup>th</sup> 1921, to Senator Viriam W. Johnson relative to the location of the grave of the late Private Hugh B. De Witt, Company C 109<sup>th</sup> Infantry:

De Witt  
109th Infantry

I am writing at the request of Mrs. Sarah De Witt, the mother of this soldier, to inquire whether it is too late for her to revoke her request for the removal of the body to this country and if not, what steps should she take to have it remain in its present resting

C-R-648

28053

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

Washington, D.C.

TRANSMITTAL BY THE ADJUTANT GENERAL REQUESTED

H.L. Rogers,  
Quartermaster General.

Sent as Cablegram  
No. 1023

Paragraph No. 1-A.  
1/9/22 (MWF)

Sent from  
Date January 7, 1922.  
Received back

File No.

TO:

Military Attache,

Ambassy, Paris.

For Return: RETURN: 614 Edward

Wilkinson 199: Your letter November

22 return 802 Cherobine Fortunate 175.

CONCENTRATE: 617 Hugh B. DeWitt 308.

FILE

Copies to: Cemeterial Division, Information & Guidance.

C O P Y

HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, Q.M.C., IN EUROPE  
8, AVENUE D' IENA

File No. 293.9 DISP. Cty. No. 617

PARIS, November 30, 1921.

FROM : Chief.  
TO : The Quartermaster General,  
Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.  
SUBJECT : Case of Pvt. Hugh B. DeWitt.

1. Attached hereto is G.R.S. Form #114, in triplicate, in the case of:

DE WITT, Hugh B., 1559569, Pvt., Co.K, 28th inf.;  
Grave 34, Sec.D, Plot 1, Cemetery #617, Fismes  
(Marne).

2. Attention is invited to your letter, File 293.8, Cemeterial Division 28053, Registration, dated October 28, 1921, in which it is advised that it is the decision of your office that remains contained in Grave 34, Section D, Plot 1, Cemetery #617, Fismes (Marne), are those of Pvt. Hugh B. DeWitt, 1811242, Co.E, 109th Infantry, and the records of this office were corrected to agree with this information instead of showing Pvt. Dayton D. DeWitt, 1559569, Pvt., Co.K, 28th Infantry as buried in this grave.

3. Inasmuch as confirmation copy of Cable #952, which transmitted the above form, shows "Return 617, Hugh B. DeWitt, 306, Grave 34, Plot 1, Section D, previously reported Dayton D. DeWitt", the attached form is returned, and a new form is being initiated in this office, and remains contained in the above mentioned grave will be returned to the United States under the following particulars:

DE WITT, Hugh B., 1811242, Pvt., Co.E, 109th Inf.

HH/mpd

1 encl. in trip.

*H. F. Rethers*  
H. F. RETHERS  
Colonel, Q.M.C.

Paris, December 19, 1921

TO THE DIRECTOR

Dear Sir:

The American Travel Registration Service, Inc.,  
has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter  
of the 14th inst.

and in reply to inform you that

the same has been forwarded to the  
proper authorities for their consideration.

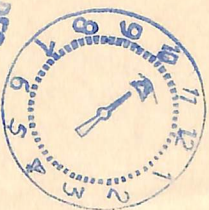
Very respectfully,  
J. B. ...  
Director

Attention is invited to your letter of the 14th inst.  
in which it is stated that you are desirous of  
obtaining a passport for your trip to Europe.  
The American Travel Registration Service, Inc.,  
is pleased to advise you that it is in a position  
to assist you in this regard. The service  
provided by this organization is to issue  
passports for American citizens who are  
traveling in Europe. This service is  
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Very respectfully,  
J. B. ...  
Director

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File No.

November 30, 1921.

FROM : Chief.  
TO : The Quartermaster General,  
Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.  
SUBJECT : Case of Pvt. Hugh B. Dewitt.

1. Attached hereto is G.R.S. Form #114, in triplicate, in the case of:

DE WITT, Hugh B., 1559569, Pvt., Co.K, 28th Inf.;  
Grave 34, Sec.D, Plot 1, Cemetery #617, Fismes  
(Marne).

2. Attention is invited to your letter, File 293.8, Cemeterial Division 28053, Registration, dated October 26, 1921, in which it is advised that it is the decision of your office that remains contained in Grave 34, Section D, Plot 1, Cemetery #617, Fismes (Marne), are those of Pvt. Hugh B. Dewitt, 1811242, Co.E, 109th Infantry, and the records of this office were corrected to agree with this information instead of showing Pvt. Dayton D. Dewitt, 1559569, Pvt., Co.K, 28th Infantry as buried in this grave.

3. Inasmuch as confirmation copy of Cable #952, which transmitted the above form, shows "Return 617, Hugh B. Dewitt, 308, Grave 34, Plot 1, Section D, previously reported Dayton D. Dewitt", the attached form is returned, and a new form is being initiated in this office, and remains contained in the above mentioned grave will be returned to the United States under the following particulars:

DE WITT, Hugh B., 1811242, Pvt., Co.E, 109th Inf.

AH/mpi  
1 encl. in trip.

G. V. S. QUACKENBUSH  
H. F. REYNERS  
Colonel, Q.M.C.

FILE

November 30, 1921

File No.

FROM : Chief

TO : The Quartermaster General,  
War Department Building, Washington, D.C.

SUBJECT : Case of Pvt. Hugh B. Devitt

1. Attached hereto is G.R.S. Form #14, in triplicate,  
in the case of:

DE WIT, Hugh B., 188269, Pvt., Co. K, 88th Inf.,  
Grave 24, Section D, Plot 1, Cemetery #817, Yemassee  
(Name).

FILE

2. Attention is invited to your letter, File 288269,  
General Division 28082, registration, dated October 26, 1921,  
in which it is advised that it is the decision of your office that  
remains contained in Grave 24, Section D, Plot 1, Cemetery #817,  
Yemassee (Name), are those of Pvt. Hugh B. Devitt, 181124, Co. K,  
102nd Infantry, and the records of this office were corrected to  
agree with this information instead of showing Pvt. Dayton D.  
Devitt, 188269, Pvt., Co. K, 88th Infantry as buried in this grave.

3. Inasmuch as confirmation copy of Cable #282,  
which transmitted the above form, shows "Return #17, Hugh B. Devitt,  
308, Grave 24, Plot 1, Section D, previously reported Dayton D.  
Devitt", the attached form is returned, and a new form is being  
initiated in this office, and remains contained in the above men-  
tioned grave will be returned to the United States under the fol-  
lowing particulars:

DE WIT, Hugh B., 181124, Pvt., Co. K, 102nd Inf.

G. V. S. QUINN-BUSH  
M. P. ...  
Colonel, G.M.C.

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FILE

November 29, 1921.

293.8 G-R-28053, DeWitt, Hugh B., Cty. 617-308.

FROM: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Cemeterial Division).  
TO: Chi of, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.  
SUBJECT: Supplementary advice on American Cemetery #617, Fismes, Marne, France.

1. Reference paragraph 2, office letter of December 22nd, 1920 (File No. 617 Reg. Sec., Cem. Div.), the records of this office have been amended to show the remains buried in Grave #34, Plot 1, Section D, reported as those of Dayton D. DeWitt, are now identified as those of the deceased soldier named below. This body is to be returned to the United States in accordance with our cable #952.

Cable  
Ref. No.

308. DeWitt, Hugh B., Private, 1811242, Company E, 109th Infantry.

2. It is requested that the records of your office be revised accordingly. Form 114, in triplicate, covering this case was transmitted with confirmation copies of cable #952.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General.

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MAILED

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Overseas Proj. Sec.  
Cemeterial Division.

CHARLES J. WYNNE,  
Captain, Q.M. Corps.

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HBC

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November 17, 1921.

293.8 C-R #28053 (DeWitt, Hugh B., Pvt.) Cty. 617 - Sht. 308.

FILE

Mrs. Corning de Saules,  
1816 You Street,  
Sacramento, Calif.

My dear Madam:

In reply to your letter of November 8th, you are advised that the American Cemetery at Fiamas, Department of Marne, wherein the remains of the late Private Hugh B. DeWitt, Company "E", 109th Infantry, are interred, is a temporary American cemetery and at the time of concentration of bodies, will be abandoned. The remains of soldiers interred therein whose relatives have requested permanent interment abroad will be transferred to one of the permanent American cemeteries where the graves will be perpetually cared for by the United States Government.

FILE  
Pm  
12-20-21

In accordance with previous instructions, the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe, has been directed to return the remains of Private DeWitt to the United States. In view of the fact that the body must necessarily be removed from its present grave location, it is requested that Mrs. DeWitt immediately advise this office if she desires the body permanently interred in a permanent American cemetery in France. Should she desire this action taken, instructions will be issued that the body be retained in France; however, it is possible that the remains will have been prepared for shipment to the United States and that these instructions will be received in Europe too late for compliance.

FILE

Present instructions on file for the return of the body will remain unchanged pending further instructions from Mrs. DeWitt.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

MAILED

NOV 17 1921

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CEMETERIAL DIV.

O. Q. M. G.

Noted on Form No. 115

Date 12-20-21

GEORGE H. PENROSE,  
Colonel, Q. M. C.,  
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

DS  
BPM  
*[Signature]*

# 28053

HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE. Q.M.C., IN EUROPE  
8. AVENUE D'IENA, PARIS

FILE

File No.

November 14, 1921.

From: Chief,

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

Subject: Acknowledgment of Correspondence.

Receipt this date is acknowledged of the following  
correspondence from your office:


Letter )  
dated: 28 October 1921.

~~Indorsement~~ )

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div. # 28053 Registration

Subject: Identification.

Name: Pvt. Hugh B. Dewitt

  
H. F. RETHERS,  
Colonel, Q.M.C.

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File No.

From: Chief

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

Subject: Acknowledgment of Correspondence

Receipt this date is acknowledged of the following  
correspondence from your office:

Letter )

dated: 28 October 1921

(Information)

File No. 823.6 (see Div. & 12005 Registration)

Subject: Identification

Name: Pvt. Hugh B. Lewis

H. B. Lewis  
Private, U.S. Army

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CEMETERY DIVISION  
REGISTRATION SECTION

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MEMO FOR:

Cards Department.

1.

CASE OF:

Co. E 109th Inf.

ORGANIZATION (Old)  
Pvt. Hugh B. De Witt 1811242

(Name)

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

ORGANIZATION (New)

FILE NO.

SURNAME

SERIAL NUMBER

FIRST NAME AND INITIALS

RANK

DATE OF DEATH

CAUSE OF DEATH

	Date	Place	F-1A No.
Orig.		C-1172	D- 8631
1st Reb.	5/8/19	617	D- 20607
2nd Reb.			D-
3rd Reb.			D-

**FILE**

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

B. Kensett vail- Investigator

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Section

(Department)

5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made  
on Organization  
File Card:

By A.B.

S/1105/IML

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

AMP 1011

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

De Witt 1811242 Hugh B.

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

Pvt. Co E 109th. Inf.

(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: *New Velleto*

CAUSE OF DEATH: *Mes. Bullet*

DATE OF BURIAL: *Sept 8*

PLACE OF BURIAL: *Not known*

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

FILE

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 James (Marne)*

*72 34 SW*

NEAREST RELATIVE: *No further*

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

*James Capt. 109th. Inf.*

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

FILE



*last thing that...*

Commonwealth List No. 72-2311

Daily R. ...

*Ans ...*

10/25/21

Case of

Hugh B. Dewitt- 1811242- Pvt. Co. E, 109th Inf. K/A 9/6/18

RE: G.L.

5/8 W/C unconfirmed

Photo of grave 34 under F 12714

Photographic field records lists F-12714 as being pGr 34 Cty 617 opposite Plot 1, Sec. C 1st row right of flag pole- there is no date to this report, the date on the report just before this one is 8/1/19, that on the one just after this one is 8/12/19- therefore think this report was made sometime bet. 8/1 & 8/12/19.

A.G.O. report Hugh B. De Witt- 1811242- Pvt. Co. E 109th Inf. K/A 9/6/18 he was 24 yrs 11 mos. when entered the service 4/1/18 had light hair, was 5ft 2 inc. There are no teeth shown as missing on D.C. in their records

R.C. Searcher reports Pvt. Hugh B. De Witt, Co. E 109th Inf. was killed instantly by bullet in his head on 9/6/18, near Vesle River. He was carrying another man back when he was hit. Buried near Vilette.

Form 16 of 5/8/19 lists Byron H. Dewitt- 1811242 as taken from Grave #4 sketch 160 Forsberg, 34NW. E209.7-N289.8 5/8/19 and reburied 5/8/19 into Grave 34, Sec. D, Cty 18 Fismes, Marne (Cty #18 was afterwarred coded as 617) Tag found on body and Cross, this was disinterred from UNKNOWN 1811242- identified as Byron H, De Witt (1811242) name from card found on body.

Form 1-A of 5/5/19 Isolated Grave- Forsberg sketch 160- C-1172, Glennese, Aisne; 34NW 209.7-289.8 lists grave 4 as UNIDENTIFIED 1811242- Org. and date of Burial Unknown-- Cross on Gr. Tag on G.M. Tag on body ?

There is no orig. form 1-A for reburial into Cty 617 for this -- but revised form 1-A of 3/21/20 sheet 30, Amer. B/A Cty 617, Fismes, Marne- lists Grave 34- D-1 as Dayton DeWitt 1559569- Pvt. Co. K 28th Inf. V/A

Form 16-A 50,000 series (D50803) Cty 617 of 4/4/21-- shows - Disinterred Dayton D. Dewitt-1559569, Pvt. Co. K 28th Inf. 4/4/21- Grave 34-D-1 Cty 617 and reburied 4/4/21 into Grave 34-D-1-- Tag on Body and G.M. Tag on both body and Cross have only serial 1811242.. Impossible to give any description of body.. Head fractured. Teeth 16 & 19 MBD ; 8, 19 MAD-- 2.3.4.6.7.10.12.14.18.31 flg. 2.31 cav. 5.13 decay

A.G.O. report Dayton DeWitt ( no middle initial) 1559569- Pvt. Co. K 28th Inf. K/A 7/21/18 determination case- W.D. 201-- was 19 yrs when enlisted 3/31/17- shoe 7½ or 8 E- light hair- 5ft 9 inc. weight 135 lbs. 8 lower right only tooth crossed out.

The 1st Div. was in the Soisson 7/21/18-- therefore am of the opinion that

Dayton DeWitt would have been buried into Cty 593-- and not Cty 617- if buried during the early part of 1919--  
As this body ~~was~~ had on it the tag 1811242- which was the serial assigned to Hugh Byron DeWitt of Co. E 109th Inf. and the tag was on the cross- and papers found on the body during concentration gave the name of Byron H. Dewitt 1811242( am of the opinion that this was H<sup>B</sup> Byron DeWitt) think this body is that of

Pvt. Hugh B. DeWitt- 1811242- Co E. 109th Inf. K/A 9/6/18  
D.C. Checks-- as no teeth were missing prior to enlistment-  
and the only teeth listed on 16-A is upper left wisdom and lower right 6.

Therefore

Suggest that our records be changed to read

Pvt. Hugh B. DeWitt- 1811242- Co. E 109th Inf.  
Grave 34-Sec. D- Plot 1. Cty 617.

and

E. Kensett Vail

Grave of Pvt. Dayton DeWitt- 1559569 - Co. K 28th Inf. as yet  
Unlocated.

E. Kensett Vail  
Investigator.

*Approved*  
*Wm R. Goodhope*  
OK.  
CN.  
10/25/21

Registration Section  
Investigation Unit

G. R. S. Form W-A  
Information request A. G. O.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

Date 10/25/21

File No. Registration.

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, Sixth and B Streets NW., 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. ~~W. H. T. T.~~ DEQUITT

f. Date of death. 9/6/18

b. Christian name. HUGH BYRON

g. Cause of death. K/A

c. Serial number. 1811242

h. Authority (C. C. No.)

d. Organization. Co. E 109th Inf.

i. Emergency address.

e. Rank. Pvt.

j. Relationship.

**BODY DESCRIPTION.**

(See page 2 of the Service Record.)

**DENTAL CHARTS.**

(See physical report of examination prior to enlistment.)

a. Age at enlistment. 21 yrs 11 mos

a. Strike out teeth missing:

b. Color of eyes. grey

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
Upper right Upper left.

c. Color of hair. light fair comp

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
Lower right. Lower left.

d. Height. 5 ft 2 in

e. Weight.

no teeth missing

f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment. (Old fractures or breaks.)

E. Hensett Vail  
Investigator.

H. L. ROGERS,  
Quartermaster General, U. S. A.,

Phonem A.G.O. 10/25/21

By

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

*Just Miller*

August 11, 1920.

FILE

No: 293.8 Cem. File No.28053 (DeWitt, Hugh B., Pvt.)  
From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cometerial Division)  
To: Mrs. A. de Saules, 1816 You Street, Sacramento, Calif.  
Subject: Grave Location.

1. In reply to your letter of July 23, 1920, you are advised that we have this date written Mrs. Sarah DeWitt, San Anselmo, Marin County, Calif., as per enclosed copy.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Major, U. S. Army,  
Chief, Cometerial Division.

fkv

By:

jew

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

1 enclosure.

*Mail*  
AUG 11 1920

August 11, 1920.

FILE

No: 293.8 Com. File No. 28053 (Dewitt, Hugh B., Pvt.)  
From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)  
To: Mrs. Sarah DeWitt, San Anselmo, Marin Co., Calif.  
Subject: Grave Location.

1. In reply to the letter of July 23, 1920, from Mrs. A. de Saules, 1816 You Street, Sacramento, Calif., you are advised that the grave location of your son, Pvt. Hugh B. DeWitt, has not been confirmed by this office. It is, therefore, necessary to institute a detailed investigation, the result of which may not be reached for some time. This delay is due to the stress of work in this office and the detailed search of records involved in each case of this nature in order to determine grave location. It may be necessary to communicate with the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe, before final action can be taken.

2. You will be advised immediately upon determination of grave location.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Major, U. S. Army,  
Chief, Cemeterial Division.  
By: jew

CHARLES J. WYNNE,  
Captain, Q. M. C.  
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Recorded, (Ematerial D., O. O. M. G.)  
File # 293,8  
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Colonel Charles C. Pierce  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir;

I am desirous of finding the location of the grave of Hugh Byron De Witt. The Red Cross have very kindly sent his mother photographs of the grave, but as yet, we have been unable to locate where the grave is.

The name given on the

De Witt, Hugh Byron

JUL 30 1920  
G. H. S.



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M. O. M. G.

Cross in the picture is Byron H. De Witt, but think you will find it in the records as H. Byron De Witt. The number given is 34 and at the very bottom of cross is F. 12714.

I would be very grateful for information sent to Byron's mother, Mrs. Sarah De Witt, San Anselmo, Marin Co., California and thank you very much.

Yours truly  
Mrs. C. de Saules

1816 Yeu St, Sacramento, Cal  
July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1920.

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

Date 8/4/20,

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME De Witt, Hugh Byron

Serial Number ?

RANK ?

ORGANIZATION ?

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	(1). no. (Hugh B. DeWitt, Pvt. Co. E, 109th Inf. Ser# 1811242.)
2.	Date of Death.	(2). 9/6/18.
3.	Cause and place of death.	(3). K/A.
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	(4). #272.
5.	Date buried.	(5). no record.
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	(6). Comm. Fismes, C-72 (Marne.)
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	(10) - a. no record, (moth.) (10) - b. " " "
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	(11). Mrs. Sarah DeWitt, c/o Mrs. E. K. Wood, San Anselmo, Calif.
12.	Has been notified? (Give date)	(12). no record, Calif.
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	(13). F-12714.
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	
15.	Inquiry made by?	

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

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

Reference-28053.

May 23rd 1919.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.  
TO : Mrs Corning De Saules, 1862 4th Ave. Sacramento, California.  
SUBJECT : Pvt. H. B. DeWatt, Co. M, 109th Inf. American E.F.

1. In reply to your letter of inquiry, I am very sorry to have to inform you that my field forces has not as yet succeeded in obtaining any definite burial information regarding this soldier. You may rest assured that every possible effort will be made to locate the grave, and, if necessary, a special search will be made of the area where he died and is, no doubt buried.

2. Careful note is being made of your name and address, and immediately the burial information is received, you will be informed.

By direction;

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

(Enclosure G.R.S.)  
(10-B. .004.5.)

GPC-jej.

Per

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

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Dewitt, Hugh E. 2nd Ind.  
Chief, G.R.S., HQ. S.O.S., AM.E.F., A.P.O.#217, May 1, 1919.  
To: Central Records Office, A.G.D., AM.E.F., A.P.O.#902.

FVN/lde

Returned. There is no burial information on record in this office  
regarding Pvt.Hugh E.Dewitt, Co.E. 109th Inf. (1811242).

CHARLES C. PIERCE  
Lt. Colonel, G.M.C., U.S.A.

2 MAY 1919

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PERSONNEL OFFICE  
109th Infantry  
A.E.F.

January 23rd, 1919.

From: Personnel Adjutant, 109th Infantry, AEF

To: Graves Registration Service, American E.F.

Subject: Private Hugh B.De Witt, 1811242.

1. Information is requested as to the location of the grave of Private Hugh B.De Witt, 1811242 formerly of Company E, this regiment. This soldier was killed in action September 6th 1918, while this regiment was on the Vesle River.

Noah F.Frailley  
Captain, 109th Infantry  
Personnel Adjutant

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

FILE NUMBER 28053

FROM:- *A.P.C.*

DATE *4/1/19*

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME

*DEWITT - HUGH - BYRON*, NUMBER *1811242*

RANK

ORGANIZATION

*C. E. 109 INF.*

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY <i>3 R</i>
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	1. De Witt, 1811242 Hugh B. Private. Co. E, 109th Infantry.
2.	Date of Death.	2. 9/6/18
3.	Cause and place of death.	3. K/A
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	4. CC No. 272.
5.	Date buried.	<i>Q. No burial inf.</i>
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	<i>Q. No burial inf.</i>
7.	Who reported burial.	
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	
11.	Who is nearest relative?	11. Mrs. Sarah DeWitt (Mother)
12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	c/o Mrs. E.K. Wood, San Anselmo, Calif. 12. No.
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the Photograph No.? N.B. All Proper names to be printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.	

22 MAY 1919

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1st Ind.

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Chief, G.R.O., H. S.O.S., A.P.O.#717, M.M.F. May 23, 1919.  
To: Officer in Charge, G.R.O., A.G.D., A.P.O.#902, M.M.F.

1. Returned. Your 1st Indorsement dated April 21st 1919 regarding Pvt. Hugh B. DeWitt, 1611342, was answered by this office May 1st.

CHARLES C. PIERCE  
Lt. Colonel, G.M.C., U.S.A.

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

April 22, 1919.

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.  
TO: Home Communication Section A. R. C., Paris.  
SUBJECT: Pvt. Hugh Byron De Witt.

Burial information not yet advised. Inquiry is being made, the result of which will be communicated to you in due course.

By direction

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

MBD/ES.

per

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

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201. De Witt, Hugh.B.Pvt.  
(S.F. 5-8-19)

1st Ind.

JSJ/er

Central Records Office, A.G.D., A.P.O.#902, April 21st, 1919.  
To: Chief, Graves Registration Service, A.P.O."717, requesting  
information as to burial place of Pvt. Hugh B. De Witt, #1811242.

The above mentioned soldier, late of Co.E., 109th  
Infantry, was killed in action on September 6th, 1918.

WM. A. WOODLIEF,  
Adjutant General.

SERVICES OF SUPPLY  
OFFICE QUARTERMASTER, BASE SECTION NO. 1,  
FRANCE.

March 28th, 1919.

102251

From: Base Quartermaster,  
To: Chief, Graves Registration Service, APO 717, AEF,  
Subject: Grave location.

1. Request information pertaining to death and burial of  
Private Hugh Byron De Witt, #1811242 Co. E. 109th Inf. Be given  
Mrs. Sarah DeWitt, San Anselmo, California, direct.

By direction:

Wm. Korst,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant to Base Quartermaster,  
In Charge of the Effects Depot.  
By- *[Signature]*  
C. D. Moore,  
2nd. Lieut. Q. M. C.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 28th, 1919.

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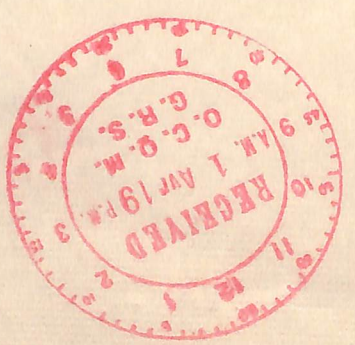
TO: Mr. Tolson, Director, Division of Investigation  
FROM: Mr. [Name], [Title], [Address]

Private Mrs. Byron De Witt, Virginia Co. High Int.  
Mrs. Sarah De Witt, San Antonio, California

BY CITATION:

Mr. Tolson,  
Director, Division of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.  
In the case of the [Name] [Address]

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SERVICE OF SUPPLY  
OFFICE QUARTERMASTER, BASE SECTION NO. 1.  
FRANCE.

March 28th, 1919.

From: Base Quartermaster.

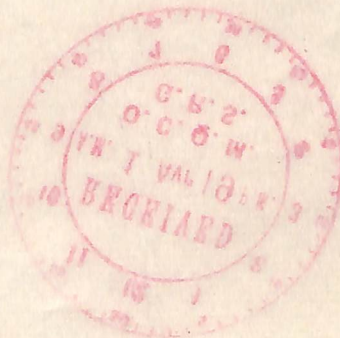
To: Chief, Graves Registration Service, A.P.C. 717, American E. F.

Subject: Grave Location.

1. Request information pertaining to death and burial of  
Private Hugh Byron De Witt, #1811242 Co. E. 109th ~~Inf.~~ <sup>Avn</sup>  
Mrs. Sarah DeWitt, San Anselmo, California. , direct.

By direction:-

Wm. Korst,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Asst. to Base Quartermaster,  
In Charge of the Effects Depot.  
C. D. Moore,  
2nd. Lieut. Q. M. C.



SERVICE OF SUPPLY  
OFFICE QUARTERMASTER, BASE SECTION NO. 1.  
ENGINE.

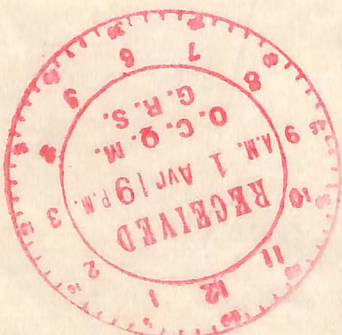
March 28th, 1919.

From: Base Quartermaster.  
To: Chief, Graves Registration Service, A.P.C. VIV, American E. F.  
Subject: Grave location.

I. Request information pertaining to death and burial of  
Private Hugh Byron De Witt, 131222 CO. 2103th  
Mrs. Sarah De Witt, San Anselmo, California.  
direct.

By direction:-

Wm. Kovat,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Asst. to Base Quartermaster,  
In Charge of the Effects Dept.  
O. D. Moore,  
Sub-Lieut. U.S.A.



1062 - 4<sup>th</sup> Ave., Sacramento,  
California

Mar 6<sup>th</sup>, 1919

Graves Registration Bureau,  
France

Dear Sirs,

I am writing for any  
information regarding  
my cousin, Hugh

Byron De Witt, #1,811,242  
Co E, 109<sup>th</sup> Inf., 28<sup>th</sup> Div.

Address of mother Mrs.  
Sarah De Witt, San

who has given her  
child.

Thanking you and hoping  
for a reply, I am

Yours truly,

Mrs. Corning de Saules

Crescent, Marin Co., California:  
She received an official  
telegram stating he was  
killed in action Sept 6<sup>th</sup>  
and we have been unable  
to find out anything  
further. No letters or  
personal effects have  
been returned.

We would be very  
grateful for any information  
you may be able to  
give his mother, a widow

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

FILE NUMBER 28053

FROM:-

DATE 3/28/19

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME DEWITT, HUGH B.

NUMBER 2047

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION C O F

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	① Pvt Co E 109 Inf (1811242)
2.	Date of Death.	② 9-6-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	③ K/a
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	④ 272
5.	Date buried.	⑤ no burial info
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	⑥ No
7.	Who reported burial.	
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	
11.	Who is nearest relative?	
12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	⑪ Mrs. Sarah De Witt (mother) Go Mrs. E. K. Wood San Anselmo Cal.
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	

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

Ref  
3/28/19

Signal Corps, United States Army.  
Telegram.

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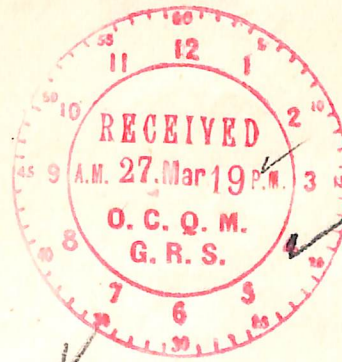
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NAME	RANK	COMPANY DIVISION REGIMENT	EX. DUTY POSITION	OF DUTY DISPOSITION
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March 29, 1919.

Effects Depot  
St Nazaire.

Retel Mar 27th period No record of grave location Pvt Hugh B DeWitt Co E 109th Inf  
1811242.

CARSON.

O. B. C.C. HUTCHINSON, JR  
2nd Lieut., QMO.  
AGL/ WK  
10:40 AM

Date Copy to:  
T & C  
G R S  
Sgt Daly Original

*file*  
FIELD BUREAU

Sheet No.  
Report No.  
O. N. Form No.

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

FILE NUMBER 28053

FROM:-

DATE: 4-29-19

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME DEWITT, HUGH B.

NUMBER 1811242

RANK

Pvt.

ORGANIZATION

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	① Co 'E' 109 INF.
2.	Date of Death.	② 9-6-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	③ KIA
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	④ CC# 272
5.	Date buried.	⑤ NO INFO
6.	Grave Location (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required	⑥ " "
7.	Who reported burial:	⑦ 0 No burial info
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	⑧ No
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	⑨ NO INFO
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	⑩ " " (MER)
11.	Who is nearest relative?	⑪ Mrs. SARAH DEWITT
12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	⑫ Mrs. E.K. Wood
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record).	⑬ SAN ANSELMO, CALIF.
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	⑭ NO

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

no burial INFO

4-29-19

R.P.B.

2 MAY 1919

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

FILE NUMBER 28053

From: - ARL

Date: 1-10-19

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME IE Witt, Hugh Byron NUMBER  
RANK ORGANIZATION 1st E, 109th

No	Question	Reply
1	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	1. Pvt.
2	Date of Death	2. Sept. 6, 1918.
3	Cause and place of death	3. Killed in action.
4	Number of Casualty Cablegram	4. CC272
5	Date buried	6. None.
6	Grave Location (a) <del>Complete record required</del> (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required	
7	Who reported burial	
8	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	8. - NO
9	Report as to Identification Tags	
11	Who is nearest relative?	12. No.
12	Has N/R been notified? (Give date)	
13	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14	What is the Photograph No?	

In Reply, all Proper names to be printed in MAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

FIELD BURIALS

*3052*

Community and Department

Map Reference

Date

Army Sector No.

Jan 9, 1919.

Place of burial

Adj Gen  
G H Q

Location of grave or trench

Retel SD 9830 period No burial information case Pvt Hugh B Dewitt  
Co E 109th Inf.

Nature of marking employed  
ROGERS.

O. B.

Copy to:

C.M. NOETZEL  
2nd Lieut., OMC.  
ACI/ WK  
3:55 PM.

Position  
IN BRANCH

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Sgt Daly Original

NAME  
JAN 22 1919

*Daly*

# Signal Corps, United States Army. Telegram.

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GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

TOURS

S D NINE EIGHT THREE NAUGHT PERIOD ADVISE BY WIRE WHAT PARTICULARS YOU  
HAVE ON PRIVATE HUGH B DEWITT COMPANY E ONE NAUGHT NINE INFANTRY KILLED  
IN ACTION SEPTEMBER SIXTH

DAVIS.



Capt. Dix  
Graves Registration  
APO 717

AMERICAN RED CROSS

Paris,.....17, 1918.....

**Name of Soldier:** Hugh Byron De Witt

**Rank:**

**Company:** E

**Regiment:** 109th Inf.

Forward Burial Report to  
"Bureau of Communication" for  
Martin Baldwin, ARC  
St. Nazaire.

Burial report required for Paris.

*SR*

1-10-18

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

FILE NUMBER 28053

From:-

Date: 1/9/19

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME DEWITT, HUGH B.

NUMBER

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co E. 109 INF

No	Question	Reply
✓ 1	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	
✓ 2	Date of Death	② 9/6/18
✓ 3	Cause and place of death	③ K/A
✓ 4	Number of Casualty Cablegram	
✓ 5	Date buried	
✓ 6	Grave Location (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cometary or Commune only required	
✓ 7	Who reported burial	
✓ 8	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	
✓ 9	Report as to Identification Tags	
✓ 11	Who is nearest relative?	
✓ 12	Has N/R been notified? (Give date)	
✓ 13	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
✓ 14	What is the Photograph No?	

H&S-4X6C2R of Burial  
NO Burial Data Recorded.  
1-22-19

No Record  
JFK

In Reply, all Proper names to be in  
in BROWN BLOCK LETTERS.