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MAR 10 1920

DATE 2/11/22

1. NAME DE WITT, Lawrence

SERIAL No. 1446211

RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION Co. B. 129th MG. Bn.

35 400

8 DIVISION

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse Argonne American, Romagne/s/Montfaucon, Meuse. 1232, Sec. 20

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

120

Sec. 20

3

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

Bac. 6 Baulny, Meuse

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES Verdun 35 SE

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CONCENTRATED TO

5/2/19

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Meuse Argonne

1232

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on body and cross.

DATE OF DEATH

Sept 28, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

no

data F-1.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

none

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

ccg,

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

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CEMETERY

SIGNATURE AREA SUPERVISOR

M. B. BIRDSEYE

Q.M. Corps

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION

2/11/22

23

23

Block B.

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

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

CEMETERY



AUDITED BY

4006  
3-22-23

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.

2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.

3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.

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



Robert O. Davis

*RD*  
MAR 15 1928

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>De Witt</i>	<i>Deur</i>	3	<i>45-5<sup>2</sup></i>
BURIED	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
	GRAVE <i>23</i>	2	<i>23</i>
	ROW <i>23</i>	2	<i>23</i>
	BLOCK <i>B</i>	1	<i>2</i>
STATE	<i>mo</i>	2	<i>29</i>
RANK	<i>Pvt</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>35-</i>	2	<i>35-</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>129</i>	3	<i>129</i>
ARM	<i>Infantry</i>	1	<i>2</i>
MARTIAL	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>De Witt</i>	<i>Deur</i>	3	<i>45-3<sup>12</sup></i>
RESIDENCE	STATE <i>okla</i>	2	<i>1/2</i>
	COUNTY <i>Stephens</i>	2	<i>69</i>
	CITY <i>Marlow</i>	3	<i>XXX</i>
RELATION	<i>mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Poor</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>No</i>	1	
29/514/PJ.	<i>Age</i>	1	

*Audited*  
JAN 21 1932

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
DeWitt, Lawrence (MA)

July 7, 1932.

Mrs. V. DeWitt,  
R. F. D. #2,  
Marlow, Okla.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries Of Europe during the years 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933 for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces who were lost or buried at sea or whose remains are interred in Europe.

Your attention is particularly invited to the fact that this is the last opportunity you will have to make the pilgrimage under the provisions of the above mentioned Act. Unless you take advantage of this LAST chance to make a trip in 1933 you will receive no benefit from the Act. There is no provision of law which will permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow who does not choose to make the pilgrimage.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU GIVE THE MATTER YOUR MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BEFORE REACHING A DECISION, BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE TRIP AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

In order to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations for the mothers and widows making the journey in 1933, reservations for steamship transportation must be made by this office several months in advance. It is requested that you answer the questions below by writing "Yes" or "No" or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question. When you have answered the question, sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. PLEASE DO NOT DELAY, as it is essential that the information be in this office promptly.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make the pilgrimage during the years 1930, 1931 or 1932. There is enclosed a circular of information WHICH YOU SHOULD READ VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING YOUR DECISION.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

CHAS. W. DIETZ,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

2 Encls.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933?

"No"

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Mrs V. DeWitt



QM 293 A-M  
DeWitt, Lawrence (MA)

February 24, 1932

Mrs. Virna DeWitt,  
R. F. D. #2,  
Marlow, Oklahoma.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Lawrence DeWitt. In reply to a questionnaire, you advised that you did not desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer of 1932.

It is noted you previously stated your health was poor and in this connection you are advised that personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided, and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years many women who were in poor health and of advanced age made the pilgrimage and appeared to benefit by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

In the event you change your mind and desire to visit your son's grave during the coming summer, it is requested that you so notify this office. Should you make a pilgrimage you are assured that the journey will not only be made at the expense of the Government but that everything possible for your comfort and welfare will be provided.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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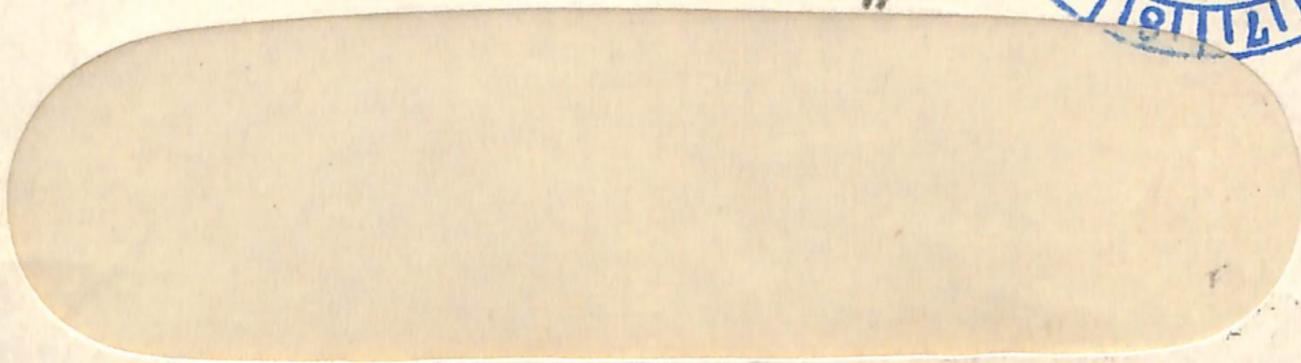


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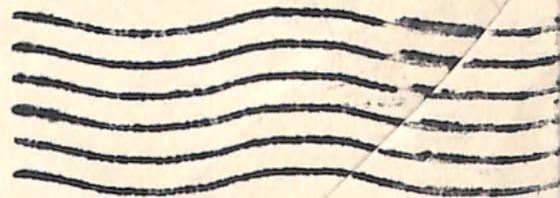
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
DeWitt, Lawrence (MA)

January 28, 1932.

Mrs. Virna DeWitt,  
Star Route, Box 10,  
Duncan, Oklahoma.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Lawrence DeWitt. In reply to a questionnaire, you advised that you did not desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer of 1932.

It is noted you previously stated your health was poor and in this connection you are advised that personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided, and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years many women who were in poor health made the pilgrimage and appeared to benefit by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

In the event you change your mind and desire to visit your son's grave during the coming summer, it is requested that you so notify this office. Should you make a pilgrimage you are assured that the journey will not only be made at the expense of the Government but that everything possible for your comfort and welfare will be provided.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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DeWitt, Lawrence, Pvt. Co. B. 129 M.G.Bn. Mo.

Single

X<sup>o</sup> 175736

father died - 8-30-31

Mother - <sup>v</sup>Virna DeWitt, - Mail returned from ~~Star Route, Box 10~~  
~~Duncan, Okla~~

R. F. W + 2

Latest address - Marlow -  
Okla.

QM 293 A-M

October 30, 1930.

DeWitt, Lawrence Pvt. 1232 M

Mrs. V. DeWitt,  
Star Route, Box 10,  
Duncan, Oklahoma.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to the form letter forwarded you from this office under date of October 14, 1930, relative to the pilgrimage of mothers and widows to the cemeteries of Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, and amended May 15, 1930.

Notation has been made of the statement that you are not financially able to make this pilgrimage. You are advised that all necessary expenses in connection with the trip will be borne by the Government from the time of your departure from home until your return thereto.

If you should desire to make the journey at some time during the summer months of 1931, 1932 or 1933, it is requested that you communicate with this office in order that the necessary arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Dewitt, Lawrence Pvt. (M<sub>1</sub>A) M

June 12, 1931.

Mrs. V. DeWitt,  
Star Route Box 10,  
Duncan, Okla.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1932 to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question.

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

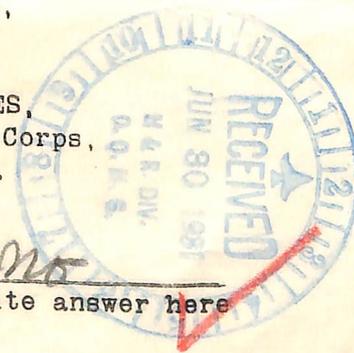
This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*A. D. Hughes*

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



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? No

Write answer here

*Mrs. V. DeWitt*

Sign here

**WAR DEPARTMENT**  
**OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL**  
**WASHINGTON**

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
 Dewitt, Lawrence Pvt 1232 M

October 14, 1930

Mrs. V. DeWitt  
 Star Route Box 10  
 Duncan, Oklahoma

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	<u>not financially able</u>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	<u>No</u>
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age <u>53</u> Condition of health <u>not so good</u>
4. Do you speak English?	<u>yes</u>
5. What other language do you speak?	<u>none</u>

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Dewitt, Lawrence - 1232 M

June 18, 1930.

Mrs. V. Dewitt,  
Star Route Box 10,  
Duncan, Oklahoma.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

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

1232 ✓

DeWitt, Lawrence

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~~no~~

I Decline 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.

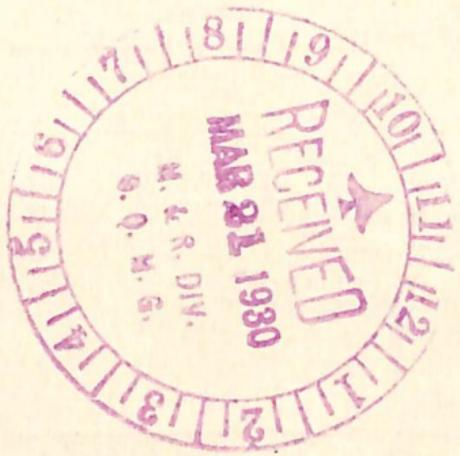
Mrs. V. De Witt

(Name)

Star Route, Box #10, Duncan, Stephens Co., Okla.

(Town or City)

(State)



**WAR DEPARTMENT**  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Dewitt, Lawrence 1232 M.

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. V. DeWitt,  
Star Route Box 10,  
Duncan, Okla.

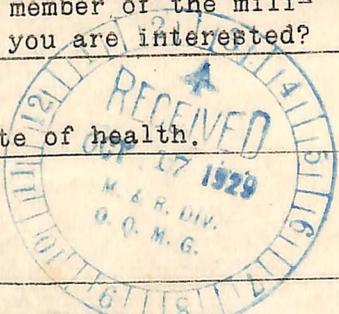
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Dear Madam:

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) <i>yes</i> (No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <i>yes</i> (No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes) (No) <i>no</i>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <i>54</i> Health <i>good</i> (Years) (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	<i>English</i> English - (Yes) <i>no</i> (No) <i>other</i> Other language (Specify language spoken)



For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Dewitt, Lawrence  
1232

September 4, 1929.

Mr. Lundy DeWitt,  
S. Kentucky Ave.,  
Carterville, Mo.

Dear Sir:

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

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

Write answers in space below

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

*He was never married*

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

*His mother is living  
in Stephens Co Okla  
Duncan, Star, R. Box 10  
Mrs Virginia DeWitt*

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

*None*

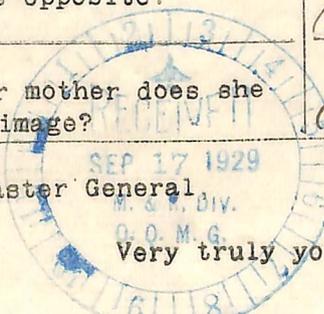
For The Quartermaster General

Very truly yours

*John T. Harris*

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29 , 1929.

Dewitt, Lawrence

Mr. Landy Dewitt,  
S. Kentucky Ave.,  
Cartersville, Mo.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Pvt. Lawrence Dewitt, Co. B, 129th M.G.Bn., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

### GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Dewitt 1446211 *Lawrence J* 311  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt. *D* ~~Unknown~~ 129 *M.G.*  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL... Oct. 7, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL... Chaudron Farm, France

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

278.5 - 302.25

Map Vouziers

GRAVE NUMBER... 53

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?..... *Marker*

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

REPORTED BY:

*Chaplain King*

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

293. De Witt, Lawrence J

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

DeWitt, Lawrence (MA)

July 7, 1932.

Mrs. V. DeWitt,  
R. F. D. #2,  
Marlow, Okla.

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CHAS. W. DIETZ,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933? \_\_\_\_\_

(Write answer here)

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

QM 293 A-M  
DeWitt, Lawrence (MA)

February 24, 1932

Mrs. Virna DeWitt,  
R. F. D. #2,  
Marlow, Oklahoma.

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In the event you change your mind and desire to visit your son's grave during the coming summer, it is requested that you so notify this office. Should you make a pilgrimage you are assured that the journey will not only be made at the expense of the Government but that everything possible for your comfort and welfare will be provided.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M  
DeWitt, Lawrence (MA)

January 28, 1932.

Mrs. Virna DeWitt,  
Star Route, Box 10,  
Duncan, Oklahoma.

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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM  
Dewitt, Lawrence Pvt. (M-A) M

June 12, 1931.

Mrs. V. DeWitt,  
Star Route Box 10,  
Duncan, Okla.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1932 to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question.

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

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? \_\_\_\_\_  
Write answer here

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sign here

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QM 293 A-M

October 14, 1930

Dewitt, Lawrence Pvt 1232 M

Mrs. V. Dewitt  
Star Route Box 10  
Duncan, Oklahoma

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M

October 30, 1930.

DeWitt, Lawrence Pvt. 1232 M

Mrs. V. DeWitt,  
Star Route, Box 10,  
Duncan, Oklahoma.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to the form letter forwarded you from this office under date of October 14, 1930, relative to the pilgrimage of mothers and widows to the cemeteries of Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, and amended May 15, 1930.

Notation has been made of the statement that you are not financially able to make this pilgrimage. You are advised that all necessary expenses in connection with the trip will be borne by the Government from the time of your departure from home until your return thereto.

If you should desire to make the journey at some time during the summer months of 1931, 1932 or 1933, it is requested that you communicate with this office in order that the necessary arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Dewitt, Lawrence - 1232 M

June 18, 1930.

Mrs. V. Dewitt,  
Star Route Box 10,  
Duncan, Oklahoma.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Dewitt, Lawrence 1232-M

March 20, 1930

Mrs. V. DeWitt,  
Star Route Box 10,  
Duncan, Oklahoma

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.  
Regulation.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Dewitt, Lawrence 1232 M.

October 7 , 1929.

Mrs. V. DeWitt,  
Star Route Box 10,  
Duncan, Okla.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl.  
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Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Dewitt, Lawrence  
1232

September 4, 1929.

Mr. Lundy DeWitt,  
S. Kentucky Ave.,  
Cartersville, Mo.

Dear Sir:

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

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29 , 1929.

Dewitt, Lawrence

Mr. Lundy DeWitt,  
S. Kentucky Ave.,  
Cartersville, Mo.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Pvt. Lawrence Dewitt, Co. B, 129th M.G.Bn., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

In reply refer to:  
293 C-R

June 19, 1925.

Mr. Landy DeWitt,  
South Kentucky Ave.,  
Cartersville, Mo.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that  
Private Lawrence DeWitt, Company B, 127th Machine  
the permanent grave of  
Gun Battalion, is Grave 23, Row 23, Block B, Meuse-Argonne American  
Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

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

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

Very truly yours,

H. J. Conner,  
Assistant.

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JUN 19 1925  
R O C

Dewitt,  
(Surname)

Lawrence  
(Christian name in full.)

1,446,211  
(Army serial number.)

Pvt

Co B 129 M G Bn

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased FATHER.

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? NO.  
(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery? NO.  
(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:

LUNDY DEWITT - CARTERVILLE Mo. Same.  
(Name of person to receive remains.) (Express office.) (Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

CARTERVILLE  
(City or town.)

Missouri  
(State.)

(Sign here)

Lundy Dewitt

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Brown by J A

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# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File ~~86558~~ <sup>86553</sup> ✓

(a) Name DEWITT, Lawrence Ser. No. 1446211  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. B, 129th M.G.Bn. } TYP. als  
 (c) Date of death 9-28-18 (d) Cause of death K/A } CKR. DTB

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

(a) Grave No. 120 Row -- Plot 3 Sec. 20 TYP. als  
 (b) Emerg. Address Lundy DeWitt, (Father) S. Kentucky Ave., Cartersville, Mo.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases/ / CKR. DTB

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

OK 3/31/21B

Date of receipt None

(a) Name Lundy DeWitt (b) Relationship Father  
 (c) Address Cartersville, Mo.  
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no  
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at no

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. Cartersville, Mo.

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

Examiner's Initials JD Date 3-31, 1921

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

\_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_

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

No correspondence

Examiner's Initials JD Date 3-31, 1921

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes

Examiner's Initials JD Date 3-31, 1921

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232-sec. 20 SHEET No. 52

CARDED

AP 4-14-20

3-31-21

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 192

RECEIVED

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

APR 28 1921

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by

{ cable on \_\_\_\_\_  
letter on \_\_\_\_\_, 192

Cemetary Division  
192  
Overseas Project Sub-Section

APR 8 1921

*Sec. 20-20*

Par. 2 Not to be returned.

(EW)

IX.

REMARKS

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Location Index

Discrepancies

Name

Location Index .....

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Org. ....

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G. R. S. Corr. ....

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Rank .....

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Remarks

*checked 3/31/21*

# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #86558

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

**DEWITT, Lawrence**

1446211

(a) Name <u>Pvt.</u> (b) Rank <u>9-28-18</u> (c) Date of death _____	Ser. No. _____ Co. B, 129th M.G.Bn. Organization _____ K/A (d) Cause of death _____	}	als TYP. <i>D/B</i>
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II. REGISTRATION CARD.—(Check Reg., Card Inf. against Loc., Ind., Inf.):

(a) Grave No. <u>120</u>	Row <u>-- 2 1/2 1/2 1/3 3</u>	Plot <u>3</u>	Sec. <u>20</u>	als
(b) Emerg. Address <u>Lundy DeWitt, (Father) S. Kentucky Ave., Cartersville, Mo.</u>				TYP. _____

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases \_\_\_\_\_ CKR *D/B*

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

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
 letter of transmittal on APR 8 1921, 192

Sec. 20 - Par. 2 Not to be returned. (EW)

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., APR 16 1921, 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J. \_\_\_\_\_, 192

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

*AP 4-14-20*

Place Comagne 1232.

Date Feb 10, 1922.

G. R. S. Form. No. 16-A

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF DE WITT, Lawrence SERIAL NUMBER 1446211  
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. B. 129th M.G.Bn.

2. Disinterred (date): Feb 10, 1922 From (give complete location): gr 120, sec 20, plot 3. Cty. 1232.  
By: Group Russell. Unit SEC 1

3. Reburied (date): Feb 11 1922 In (give complete location): Meuse Argonne Cty 1232 Gr 23 B1 B Row 23  
By: Group Reburial S Unit Unlined Casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: wooden box and burlap and U.S. uniform, body decomposed, unrecognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? yes. On grave marker? no  
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: Identification card on body with "--witt" visible. Tag on body reads " De Witt, 144----

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

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

(b) Weight (estimated) do

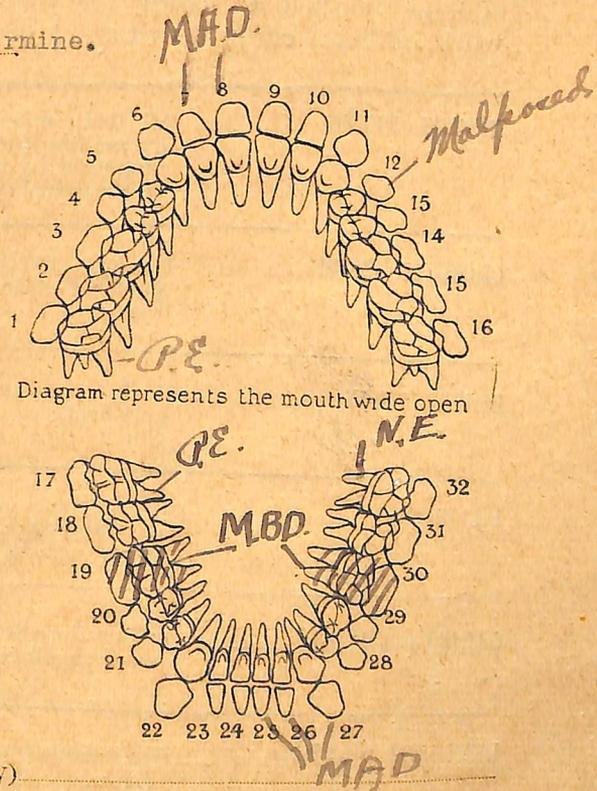
(c) Hair—Color do  
Quantity do  
Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do  
Location do  
Quantity do

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

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

none visible.



7. Disinterment supervised by C.V. Russell  
C.V. Russell,

Approved: [Signature]  
R.R. Richards, 1st Lt. O.M.C.  
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by W.B. Shields  
W.B. Shields

Approved: [Signature]  
A.E. Dewey 1st Lt O.M.C.  
(Title)

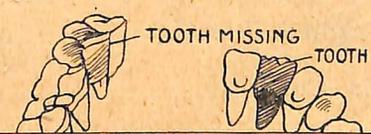
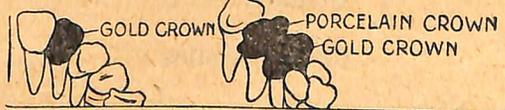
## INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER COMPLETION OF G. R. S. FORM NO. 16-A

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

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".

(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No 6.

6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

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

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

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

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Feb 10 1922

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT <sup>rms.</sup> COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters. Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name <u>DE WITT, Lawrence</u>	10. Name
2. No. <u>1446211</u>	11. No.
3. Rank <u>Pvt.</u>	12. Rank
4. Org. <u>Co. B. 129th MG. Bn.</u>	13. Org.
5. D.D. <u>9-28-18</u>	14. (a) D.D.
6. C.D. <u>KIA</u>	(b) D.B. <u>None</u>

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. <u>120</u> Sec. <u>20</u>	15. Grave No.	Sec.
8. Plot <u>3</u> Row	16. Plot	Row
9.	17.	<u>None</u>

18. Cemetery <u>Meuse Argonne American,</u>	19. Commune or town <u>Romagne/s/Montfaucon,</u>
20. Dept. or County <u>Meuse,</u>	21. Country <u>France.</u>
22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. <u>1232, Sec. 20</u>	

23. Disinterred (Date) Feb 10 1922 By C V Russell

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name <u>Lawrence De Witt</u>	Serial No. <u>1446211</u>
Rank <u>Pvt</u>	Organization <u>Co B 129 MG Bn</u>

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

Rex M Moody  
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION Rex M Moody

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).

Identification card on body with "Witt" visible  
Tag on body "De Witt 124"

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed features unrecognizable

28. Nature of burial Wooden box US Uniform burlap

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Feb 10 1922 By C V Russell

31. Casket sealed by C V Russell

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor C. V. Russell  
C V Russell

AUDITED

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-22308

32. Designation of body:

Name Lawrence DE WITT Serial No. 1446211

Rank Pvt. Organization Co.B. 129th MG.Bn.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse Argonne American, 1232, Romagne/s/Montfaucon, Meuse.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Feb 10 1922 By C V Russell

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

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
R Richards 1st Lt. OMC

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Feb 10 1922 66

To point of Concentration Morgue Romagne (Name)

Convoyer W J Royed Signature Shipping Officer *[Handwritten Signature]*

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Feb 10 1922

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery (Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred

Meuse Argonne Cty 1232 Rm (D.F.C.) Feb. 11 1922

42. Grave No. Section

BLOCK 23

43. ~~FILE~~ B Row 23

G.R.S. Representative *[Handwritten Signature]*

A.F. Dewey 1st Lt O.M.C.



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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: DEWITT, ~~J. L.~~ Lawrence.

Number: 1446211

Rank: UKN

Organization:

UKN.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

2nd., May, 1919

From: (Give Complete location)

Grave #6 Plot A Exermont, Ardennes.

35 SE 278.51 N. 302.46 E.

Reburied (Date)

2nd., May, 1919

in: (Give complete location)

Grave #120 Section #120 Plot #3

ARGONNER AMER. CETY. # 1232

ROMAGNE, MEUSE.

1232

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

BURIAL GOOD. BODY BURIED IN UNIFORM. BODY BADLY DECOMPOSED.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? YES.

What other means of identification were found on the body? NONE.

CONFIRMED No 10351

Note:

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

Supervised by: LT. CASWELL

HS

R. H. ROSENTHAL

C.O. Group 2nd Lie Unit O. M. C. U. S. A.

Place WINDYHATCH  
Date 6th June 1919

REPORT OF DISTURBANCE AND REBURIAL

Remains of:

Name: DEWITT, J. W.  
Rank: 1ST LT  
Organization: US Army  
Unit: 1448211

Disturbance and Reburial made by Group

Disturbed (Date) 2nd May 1919  
From: Grave #6 Plot A Extension, Arronnes

35 31 278.51 N. 302.46 E.

Reburied (Date)

2nd May 1919  
Grave #20 Section #150 Plot #8

ARRONNES, METR. CEMT. # 1502

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

MURIAL COFFIN. BODY SEVERELY DECOMPOSED.

Was one identification tag found upon the body?

What other means of identification were found on the body?

*Handwritten initials*



Note:

If upon disturbance, effects are low, report to the Effects Dept direct, as is required after being carefully examined for clues to whom it will be made and reported to G.O.C.

Supervised by: M. CASWELL

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# GRAVE LOCATION BLAN

## LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Dewitt 2146211 J.L.

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

Pvt.

Unknown

(Rank.)

(Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL..... Oct. 7, 1919

PLACE OF BURIAL..... Chaudron Farm, France

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

278.5 - 302.25

Map Vouziers

GRAVE NUMBER..... 53

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?..... Marker

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

### REPORTED BY:

Cha-John King

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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



1 G.R.S. FORM NO. 1

1446211

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3 NAME DEWITT J. L.

4 RANK X X U.S.A.

5 X

6 X BATTLE AREA CEMETERY

7 2 KILO.E.OF APREMONT MEUSE

8 GRAVE NO. 6 PLOT A.

9 CROSS

Sketch 41

10 TAG ATTACHED TO CROSS

RBSh  
160

11 X

12 302.4 E. 278.4 N. VERDUN S.E. 35

200 yds. S. of road.

13 X

SIGNED. *Orville Hamelin*.....

GROUP 2

G.R.S. 305

