

Darby,

(Surname.)

William

(Christian name in full.)

42,858

(Army serial number.)

Pvt.

Co. E, 16th Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship ~~to the~~ deceased \_\_\_\_\_

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? \_\_\_\_\_

(Yes or no.)

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

(Yes or no.)

If you desire the remains interred at the home of the deceased, give full information below as to where they should be sent:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of person to receive remains.) (Express office.) (Telegraph office.)\_\_\_\_\_  
(Number and street.) (City or town.) (State.)

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

To The A. G. O.

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G.R.S. Form #114-B  
MT

APR 27 1926

DATE 2/21/22  
SERIAL No. 42758

1. NAME DARBY, William J  
RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Co E 16th Inf  
GRAVE LOCATION Meuse Argonne Amer 1232 Romagne-s-Montfaucon Meuse Sec 8  
CTY. NAME NUMBER

169 Sec 8 4  
GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 16 BAC, Exerment, Ardennes  
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES Verdu n 35SE 278.85N 302.33E

CONCENTRATED TO 3/29/19 169 8 4  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse Argonne 1232

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on cross

data f-1/pfb

DATE OF DEATH Oct 10, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Ill

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED Order m 501, 1st dir dat 9/1/20

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

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

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 2/21/22 3 12 C  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

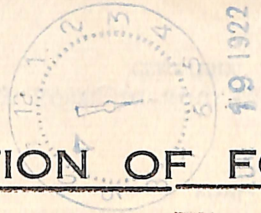
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Meuse-Argonne American City Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse) 1232  
CEMETERY

AUDITED  
3-14  
MAY 5 1926

APR 30 1926  
WORLD WAR DIV.

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# INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.
2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.
3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.
4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form 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.



# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

*Darby*

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Darby, 48762 William*

(Surname.)

(Number.)

(First Name and Initials.)

*Pvt.*

*Co. "E" 18th. Inf.*

(Rank.)

(Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL

*10/10/18.*

PLACE OF BURIAL

*East side of Chaudron Farm*

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

*Exermont road 78.75 - 04.25*

*Map Argonne 1:50,000 28th. Regts.*

GRAVE NUMBER

*16*

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?..... Cross?.....

Headboard?..... Bottle?.....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?..... *Yes*

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

If name unknown and tags missing, description and mark 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.

Co. E. 16th. Inf.  
1st. Division.

DARBY, William J.-Pvt. 42758

This soldier was killed by Artillery fire in the Argonne offensive on October 4, 1918, and was buried on the hill northeast of Charpentry.

His duty as a company runner necessitated his exposure to great danger and hardship, and although his first time in action displayed great courage and willing obedience.

Informant: McGlynn, John T.-Sgt.42815  
Co. E. 16th. Inf.

Home : 487 Hoyt St.  
Kingston, Penn.

Signed : H. K. Downe  
1st. Lt. 16th. Inf.  
Cmndg. Co. E.

EB.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

January 23, 1930

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
~~Darby, William J. 1232~~

Mrs. Elva Cobin,  
611 42nd St.,  
Boardstown, Ill.

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 Pvt. William J. Darby, Co. E, 16th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return 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?
2. If so, give her complete address.
3. 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.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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

Q.M.G.M.  
1930 JAN 23 PM 2:00  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Darby, William J.  
1232

September 4, 1929.

Mrs. Elva Gobin,  
811 E. 2nd. St.,  
Beardstown, Ill.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated <sup>June 23, 1929</sup> 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.

**Darby, William J.**

**Mrs. Elva Cobin,  
811 E. 2nd St.,  
Beardstown, Ill.**

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 Pvt. William J. Darby, Co.E. 16th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT

In reply refer to: OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
293 C-R

WASHINGTON

March 20, 1923.

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Mrs. Elva Gobin  
811 E. 2nd St.  
Beardstown, Ill.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of Private William J. Darby, Company E, 16th Infantry is Grave 3, Row 12, Block C, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse, France.

This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, 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 maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

H. J. Conner,  
Assistant.

23/236/ARK



Date: 28th April 1919

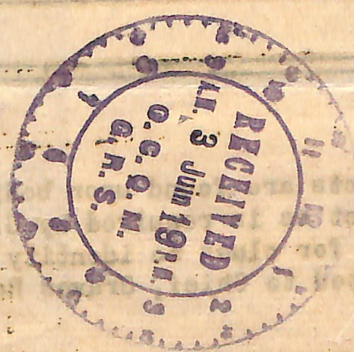
REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Remains of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: DAVID, William J.  
 Rank: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Co. T. 18th, Inf.  
 Unit: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Disinterment and Reburial made by Group: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: 28th March 1919  
 From: (Give complete location) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grave: 18th Co. T. 18th, Inf. \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 28th March 1919  
 Grave: 18th Co. T. 18th, Inf. \_\_\_\_\_  
 From: (Give complete location) \_\_\_\_\_

Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
 Buried in uniform. Body in fair condition.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? None.  
 What other means of identification were found on the body? None.



It upon disinterment, effects \_\_\_\_\_  
 sent to the Effects Post Office \_\_\_\_\_  
 that being carefully examined for \_\_\_\_\_  
 that will be made and reported \_\_\_\_\_  
 Reported by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 H. H. ROBERTSON  
 and Lt. Col. G. M. G. S. A.  
 Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Place Roma, 1232.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Feb 21, 1922.

1. REMAINS OF DARBY, William J. SERIAL NUMBER 42758

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. E. 16th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Feb 21, 1922 From (give complete location): gr 169, sec 2, plot 4, Cty. 1232.

By: Group Russell. Unit sec 1.

3. Reburied (date): Feb. 21, 1922 In (give complete location):

Meuse Argonne Cty. 1232, Gr. #3. Bl. C. Row 12.

By: Group Reburial Sec. Unit Unlined casket Nature of reburial

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

wooden box and burlap and U.S. uniform. body badly decomposed.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: body was found in Gr 169, sec 8, plot 4. Cty. 1232. Tag on body entirely corroded.

Tag on cross reads: William J. Darby, Pvt. Co. E. 16th Inf. U.S.A.

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

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

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

Quantity do

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

do

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

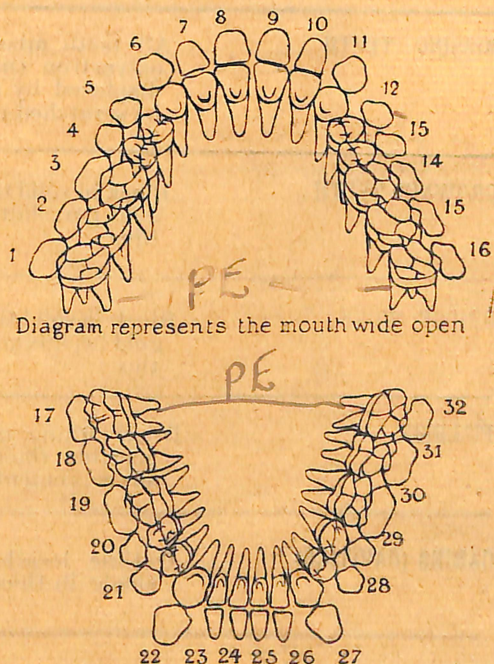
none visible.

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

Approved: R. Richards  
R. Richards, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.  
(Title)

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

Approved: A.E. Dewey  
A.E. Dewey  
(Title) 1st Lt. Q.M.C.



## 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.

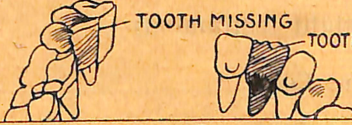




3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.

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.

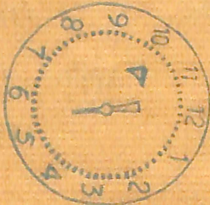
6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There 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 GOLD 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 GOLD 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 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.

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To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Feb 21 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 DARBY, William J
- 2. No. 42758
- 3. Rank Pvt
- 4. Org. Co E 16th Inf
- 5. D.D. 10-10-18
- 6. C.DKIA
- 10. Name
- 11. No.
- 12. Rank
- 13. Org.
- 14. (a) D.D.
- (b) D.B. None

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- 7. Grave No. 169 Sec. 2<sup>8</sup>
- 8. Plot 4 Row
- 9.
- 15. Grave No. 169 Sec. 8
- 16. Plot 4 Row
- 17. Cem 1232
- 18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer
- 19. Commune or town Romagne-s-Montfaucon
- 20. Dept. or County Meuse
- 21. Country France
- 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232 Sec 8
- 23. Disinterred (Date) Feb 21 1922 By C V Russell
- 24. Inscription on grave marker:
  - Name William J Darby Serial No. 42758
  - Rank Pvt Organization Co E 16th Inf

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes On body? Yes

*Rex M Moody*  
Signature Junior Technical Assistant  
Rex M Moody

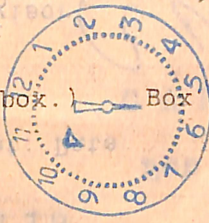
PREPARATION

- 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).  
Tag on body entirely corroded. Tag on cross reads "William J Darby, Pvt Co E 16 Inf USA"
- 27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognisable
- 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? See Item 15
- 30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Feb 21 1922 By C V Russell
- 31. Casket sealed by C V Russell
- Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) C V Russell

AUDITED

C V Russell

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

32. Designation of body: \_\_\_\_\_

Name William J Darby Serial No. 42758

Rank Pvt Organization Co E 16th Inf

33. Consigned to: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer Romagne-s-Montfaucon 1932  
Meuse

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Feb 21 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 [Signature]  
R Richards 1st Lt. QMC

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

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Feb 21 1922 oo

To point of Concentration Meuse Argonne Morgue Romagne

Convoyer W J Royed Signature Shipping Officer [Signature]  
G F Spann, Capt. QMC

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_

To Permanent Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_ (Name)

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

40. Received: Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cty. 1232. Feb. 21. 1922  
(Date)

42. Grave No. 3. Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot block C. Row 12.

G.R.S. Representative [Signature]  
A.E. Dewey 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File No. 85679

## I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name DARBY, William J. Ser. No. 42758  
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. E, 16th Inf.  
(c) Date of death 10-10-18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. OB  
CKR. [Signature]

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

(a) Grave No. 169 Row -- Plot 4 Sec. 8 TYP. Ob  
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Elva Goben, (Mother) Saidora, Ill. <sup>o.v. (3/29/21) E. M.</sup> (over)

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases --- CKR. [Signature]

## IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD: no card in file FD 3-22-21 Date of receipt \_\_\_\_\_

(a) Name \_\_\_\_\_ (b) Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
(c) Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? \_\_\_\_\_  
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at \_\_\_\_\_  
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. \_\_\_\_\_  
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. \_\_\_\_\_

Examiner's Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

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

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

no correspondence

Examiner's Initials L.G. Date 3-23-, 1920.

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

no request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes L.G.

Examiner's Initials L.G. Date 3-23-, 1920.

COUNTRY France. CEMETERY No. 1232-Sec. 8 SHEET No. 47

Quest 4-21-21 H  
5/3/21

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

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

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on 3/31/21, 1920

*Section # 8*

*Par # 2 - Not to be returned - #5*

IX.

**CORRECTIONS**

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*319. W.P. Mr. Elva Gobin  
(Mother) 811 - E 2nd St. Beardstown, Ill.  
(Em. Address) 5-4-21-H*

Name .....

Rank .....

Location Index .....  
..... Discrepancies .....  
Name .....  
Rank .....  
Serial No. ....  
Org. ....  
Remarks

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A.G.O. Card & Corr. ....  
..... Discrepancies .....  
Name .....  
Rank .....  
Serial No. ....  
Org. ....  
Remarks

.....  
G. R. S. Corr. ....  
..... Discrepancies .....  
Name .....  
Rank .....  
Serial No. ....  
Org. ....  
Remarks

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Checkers .....  
..... Discrepancies .....  
Name .....  
Rank .....  
Serial No. ....  
Org. ....  
Remarks

*718W. auct.*  
*3-23-21*  
*WR, BA*  
*checked*  
*70-3-23-21*

# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File No. 85679

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name DARBY, William J. Ser. No. 42758  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. E, 16th Inf. } TYP. OB  
 (c) Date of death 10-10-18 (d) Cause of death K/A } R70

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

(a) Grave No. 169 Row -- Plot 4 Sec. 8 TYP. Ob  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Elva Goben, (Mother) Saidora, Ill. *Ch. 3/29/21 E.M.*

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases --- CKR. R70

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  
 Section # 8 letter of transmittal on 3/31/21, 192  
 Par # 2 - Not to be returned - R70

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

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION.

*Please rush*

Harlow C.W.		
NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER	CEMETERY NO.	DATE
Darby, William J., Pvt.	1232-Sec.8 - 47	5/23/21.
SERIAL NUMBER	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
42758	Co. E, 16th Inf.	10/10/18.

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Copy forwarded to  
Adjustment Department  
Date 5-4-21-H

PERSON NAMED BY SOLDIER TO BE BENEFICIARY OF INSURANCE	RELATIONSHIP
Mrs. Elva Gobin,	(Mother)
ADDRESS	

PERSON RECEIVING DEATH COMPENSATION	RELATIONSHIP
811-E, 2nd St Beardstown, Ill.	(Em. Address)
ADDRESS	

1858

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From

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JOHN COLE OF DVA

1 G.R.S. FORM NO. 1

2 # NO NUMBER

75675

3 NAME DARBY WILLIAM J.

4 RANK PVT. CO. E. 16 INF.

5 X

6 X BATTLE AREA CEMETERY

7 2 KILO. E. OF APREMONT. MEUSE

8 GRAVE NO. 16 PLOT B

9 CROSS

10 TAG ATTACHED TO CROSS

*R. B. Sh*  
178

11 X

12 302.1 E. 278.8 N. VERDUN S. E. 35  
100 yds. W. of road

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SIGNED.....

*Will Hamilton*

GROUP 2

G. R. S. 305



FROM: O.Q.M.G.   
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
Munitions Building  
Room

PLEASE  
EXPEDITE

WAR. DEPARTMENT  
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-O  
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 3/23/21.

File No. Requisition.

(SPECIAL)

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

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

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

- a. Surname Darby ✓
- b. Christian name William J. ✓
- c. Serial Number 42758 ✓
- d. Organization Co. E, 16th Inf. ✓
- e. Rank Pvt. ✓
- f. Date of death 10/10/18. ✓
- g. Cause of death K/A. ✓
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- ~~i. Emergency address~~
- ~~j. Relationship~~ Steph. Robert  
Adora. Ill  
mother.

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DATE 3/29/21 E.M.

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BODY DESCRIPTION  
(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age of enlistment
- b. Color of eyes
- c. Color of hair
- d. Height
- e. Weight

DENTAL CHARTS  
(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

- a. Strike out teeth missing
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H. L. ROGERS,  
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BY: H. J. Conner

H. J. CONNER,  
1st. Lieut. Q.M.C.

Rec'd World War Div  
Date MAR 25 1921  
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1232-Sec. 8.  
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SHEET NO: 47  
TYPED BY: I.W.

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1. G. R. S. Form No. 1 Eq. G. R. S. File

2. Soldier's No. none

3. DARFY WILLIAM J.  
Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials

4. Pvt. E. 16Inf  
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Death Cause, if known

6. \_\_\_\_\_ American  
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. EXERMONT ARDENNES  
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. 16 15  
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

9. Name Peg? ..... Cross? \*... Headboard? ..... Bottle? .....  
Check Method of Marking

10. Buried with Body? ..... Attached to Grave Marker? NO .....  
Identification Tags

11. If name unknown and tags missing, give marks and description.

*CMME. Chatel Chechery (Ardenne)*  
*(10-244) SUT 35 S.E. 302.1*  
*Sketch No. 24 26 279.4*

12. 279.4, N. 302.1, E. Lambert. (35) S.E.  
Map reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

Hilltop, 1/4, K.E. of woods. 1.3/4, K.S. of

13. Exermont. 1/2, K.N. of Chaudron Fme.  
Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed C.M. Daugherty

Group 2 Unit 306 G. R. S.

1432



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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

✓ Darby, 42758 William J.  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt. Co. "E" 16th. Inf.  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL... 10/10/18.

PLACE OF BURIAL... West side of Chaudron Farm

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

Exermont road 78.75 - 02.25

Map Argonne 1:50,000 20th. Div.

GRAVE NUMBER.....

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? ..... Cross? .....

Headboard? ..... Bottle? .....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?..... Yes

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker?..... Yes

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

Exermont (Ardenne)

209 3502 {E302,25  
U 278,75

REPORTED BY:

Chaplain King  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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



Serial List No. 209-1919  
Daily Report No. \_\_\_\_\_

OSPSS CtY. No. 1232

Sec 8 case no

477A

FILE

Classification \_\_\_\_\_  
 Adjustment \_\_\_\_\_

CEMETERY DIVISION  
 GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
 REGISTRATION SECTION

Date 5-14-20

MEMORANDUM:

To: Registration Files Sub-Section.  
 Subject: Adjustments made on Registration Files.

1. Changes as checked have been made in the Registration Files which will necessitate a corresponding change in the Classification Files.

	CORR.	ADD. DATA		CORR.	ADD. DATA
File Number			Date of Burial		
Name <u>5x8</u>	✓		Date of Reburial		
Serial Number			Burial Information		
Rank			Nearest Relative		✓
Organization			Notified Nearest Relative		✓
Cause of Death		✓	Blue Card thrown out <u>5x8</u>	0	0
Date of Death		✓	White Card set up <u>5x8</u>	✓	
Casualty Cablegram Number		✓	<del>Redundant</del> <u>3x5</u>	✓	
			<u>4x6</u>	✓	
			<u>Cross-reference</u>	✓	

O.K. Alphabetical Files THEY 5-18-20  
 O.K. ~~Organization~~ Files \_\_\_\_\_  
 O.K. ~~State~~ Files \_\_\_\_\_

Cemetery Audit Department  
 ✓ Investigation & Adjustment Dept.  
 By DB [Signature]

5 Cards attached.

Research Section.

Card Dept.

G.R.S. Form No. 8-W; Central Records

Liaison.

Form 1-10809-1, 1-1

Memo For: G.R.S. representative, C.R.O.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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1. Items checked are to be completed:

Surname: *Darby, William J.*  
 Number: *42,758*  
 First name: *William J.*  
 Rank: *Private*  
 Company: *Co. E.*  
 Organization: *16th Inf.*  
 Date of death: *Oct. 10, 1918*  
 Cause: *Killed in action*  
 Place:

Location of hospital:

Number " "  
Class " "

Emergency address *Elva Goben Sandova, Ill.*  
Relationship: *Mother*

Authority:  
Cablegram No:  
Telegram from:

dated:  
Reported to Washington:  
C.C.Nos. *Cable 432-72*

(Underscore the "official" C.C.)  
Remarks:

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

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*2-20-20*

Form 1-A, D-10809 shows:

Cemetery #1232,

Grave #169

Name: Darby, William J.

Co. F, 18th Inf.

G.R.S. Form No. 6: Central Records Liaison.

Memo. For: G.R.S. representative: C.R.O.

**FILE**

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

1. Items checked are to be completed:

- ( ) Surname: DARFY,
- (✓) Number: 42758 *Darf*
- ( ) First Name: William J.
- ( ) Rank: Pvt
- ( ) Company: E.
- ( ) Organization: 16th Inf.,
- (✓) Date of Death:
- (✓) Cause:
- ( ) Place: *Buried*

Location of hospital:

Number " "

Class " "

- (✓) Relative: *Ehva Gaben*
- (✓) Relationship: *Mother*
- ( ) Address: *Saidara*

- (✓) Authority:
- Cablegram No.: *432 s.p. Jll*
- Telegram from: *72.*

dated:

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

(Underscore the "official" C.C.)

- ( ) Remarks:
- ( ) Show present status on reverse side.

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

Initials of Reporter:

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D. B. 10-10-18

Cty 742,

Amer B/A Cty, Exermont, Ardennes,

Reported by G. R. S.



WAR DEPARTMENT,  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
WASHINGTON,

Aug. 19, 1919

Dear Madam:

This is the second request for information concerning this matter that has been sent to you. Inasmuch as no reply has been received to the first request it is presumed you did not receive it, and as the information indicated on the inclosed card is necessary to complete the records it will be appreciated if you will fill in and return the card at the earliest practicable date.

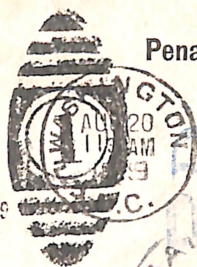
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NAME	dear	3	412
BURIED	CEMETERY 1232	1	1
	GRAVE 3	2	03
	ROW 12	2	12
	BLOCK C	1	3
STATE	Ill.	2	13
RANK	Priv.	1	2
DIVISION	1	2	01
ORGANIZATION	16	3	016
ARM	Inf.	1	1
MARITAL	Remarried	1	3
R.W. NAME	Miss Dorothy Weisenheim	3	252
RESIDENCE	2 North Brighton Ave Atlantic City, N.J.	2	13
	COUNTY	2	09
	CITY	3	13
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	no SM no loco Dead - since war	1	6
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ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
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TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

**AUDITED**

APR 22 1932

RS

*John*

M. 29/514

El-149028

Darby, Wm J.

Wife dead

Widow - Remarried

P. Wikow

Mrs Dorothy Meisenheimer

27. Brighton Ave

Atlantic City

N. J.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

January 23, 1930

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Darby, William J. 1232

Mrs. Elva Cobin,  
811 42nd St.,  
Beardstown, Ill.

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 Pvt. William J. Darby, Co. E, 16th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return 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?

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. 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.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*John T. Harris*

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

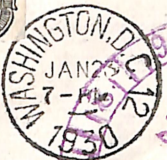
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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

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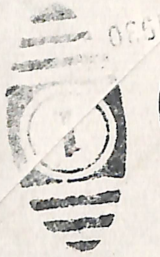
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Beardstown



Nashby <sup>Wm. J.</sup> 149028

m. Mrs Elsa ~~John~~ 1232

~~811 E. 2nd St~~

~~Beardstown~~

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AWARDS DIVISION

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29 , 1929.

**Darby, William J.**

**Mrs. Elva Gobin,  
811 E. 2nd St.,  
Beardstown, Ill.**

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