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JAN 7 - 1926

DATE

1. NAME DARLING, Elton B. SERIAL No. 200430

RANK PFC. ORGANIZATION Co. D. 52nd Tel. Bn. S. C.

& DIVISION

GRAVE LOCATION American Cty. NANTES (Loire-Inf.) 88

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

30

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 30 Nantes L.I.  
As shown by GRS Form #1-A, Feb. 9, 1919. GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES Not given

CONCENTRATED TO Nothing of record.

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

Nothing of record.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS None of record

DATE OF DEATH Aug 14 1918 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME N.Y.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR Stanley J. Grogan

STANLEY J. GROGAN, CAPT. INF. USA.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Sept. 16, 1922. 8 Block B.  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Oise-Aisne Amer. #608, Seringes-et-Nesles (Aisne)

CEMETERY

JAN 8 1926  
WORLD WAR DIV.

AUDITED BY

Robert O. Davis,  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General,  
BY CRR

# 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.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Darline* ..... *200430* ..... *ELTON* .....  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

*Pvt.* ..... *Co. D, 52 Inf. Br., S.C.* .....  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL ..... *Aug. 14, 1918* .....

PLACE OF BURIAL .....

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

*American Cemetery No. 80* .....

*Section B* .....

*Nantes, Loire-Inférieure* .....

GRAVE NUMBER ..... *30* .....

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? ..... Cross? .....  
*Bottle to be replaced by Cross*

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

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

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

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

REPORTED BY:

*C. W. Clash*

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer) *# 34*

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

52nd Telegraph Battalion, Signal Corps,  
3rd Army Corps:

DARLING, Pvt. 1st cl., 300430, Elton B.

Died of typhoid fever while in hospital near Chateau Thierry, on or about 15th of August, 1918. Was dropped from the rolls of Co. D, 52nd Telegraph Battalion, Signal Corps, August 14, 1918, while Battalion was in action on that front (Aisne-Marne offensive.)

INFORMANT: FRISBY, J. E., Major, Signal Corps, commanding.

SIGNED: By informant.

BMF

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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	DARLING	3	418
BURIED	CEMETERY 608	1	2
	GRAVE 8	2	08
	ROW 32	2	32
	BLOCK B	1	2
STATE	ny	2	37
RANK	Pvt 1c	1	2
DIVISION	A.C	2	59
ORGANIZATION	52	3	xxx
ARM	Tel. Bn	1	5
MARTIAL	no	1	2
NAME	DARLING	3	418
RESIDENCE	STATE ny.	2	37
	COUNTY Delaware	2	13
	CITY Sidney	3	140
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	good	1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	No age	1	2
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Darling, Elton B. (OA)

July 11, 1932.

Mrs. Helen L. Darling,  
21 River St.,  
Sidney, N. Y.

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.

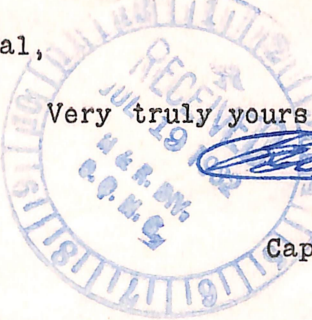
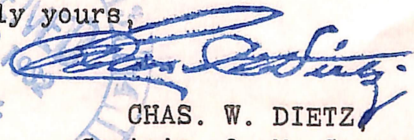
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In order to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations for the mothers and widows making the journey in 1933, reservations for steamship transportation must be made by this office several months in advance. It is requested that you answer the questions 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. Helen L. Darling

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM  
Darling, Elton B. PFC (OA) M

June 22, 1931

Mrs. Helen L. Darling,  
21 River St.,  
Sidney, N. Y.

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.

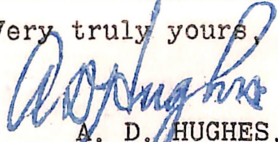
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or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

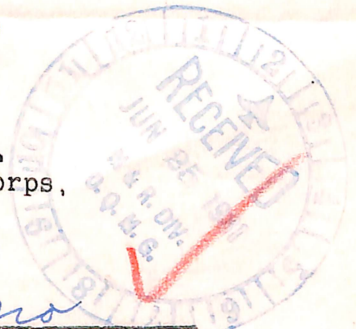
As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

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? no  
Write answer here

Mrs. Helen L. Darling  
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Darling, Elton B. 608 M

June 9, 1930

Mrs. Helen L. Darling  
21 River Street  
Sidney, New York.

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.

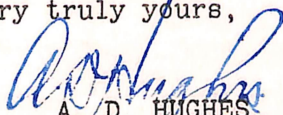
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank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

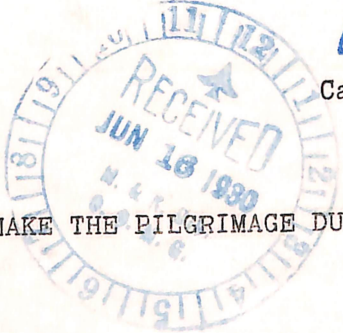
For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? no

(Write answer here) 

  
Mrs. Helen L. Darling  
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

October 7 , 1929.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Darling, Elton B. 608-M.

Mrs. Helen L. Darling,  
21 River Street,  
Sidney, N. Y.

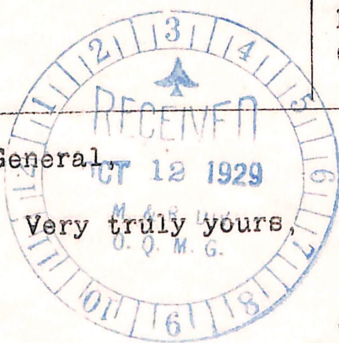
Dear Madam:

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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	(No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <u>57</u> Health <u>medium</u> (Years) (Good) (Poor)	
5. What language do you speak?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English - (Yes) (No) Other language (Specify language spoken)	

For The Quartermaster General



Very truly yours,  
U. S. M. G.

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

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Darling, Elton B.  
608

Aug. 29, 1929.

Mrs. Helen L. Darling,  
21 River St., Sidney, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 24, 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:

*Was not 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.

*Own mother living*

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

*Thank you very kindly but  
will not make pilgrim<sup>age</sup>*

For The Quartermaster General,

O. Q. M. G.

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

*John T. Harris*  
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 24, 1929.

Darling, Elton B.

Mrs. Helen L. Darling  
21 River St., Sidney, N.Y.

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. 1st Cl. Elton B. Darling, Co. D, 52nd Tel. Bn., S.C., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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-M

Darling, Elton B. (OA)

July 11, 1932.

Mrs. Helen L. Darling,  
21 River St.,  
Sidney, N. Y.

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.

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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? \_\_\_\_\_

(Write answer here)

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

QM 293 A-M  
Darling, Elton B.

October 28, 1931.

Mrs. D. H. Darling,  
Guilford, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to your application for a Government headstone to be placed in the Sun Set Hill Cemetery, Guilford, N.Y., in memory of the late Elton B. Darling, who is buried in the Oise Aisne American Cemetery in France.

As Government headstones can be furnished only to mark the graves of veterans, it is with regret that this office must advise you that it will not be possible to provide a headstone to be placed in a cemetery in this country as a memorial to him. His grave in the Oise Aisne American Cemetery is now marked with a headstone.

In view of the above your application has been filed without action.

Again regretting the inability of this office to grant your request, I am

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

0700

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*Shannon*

# APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE

(PLEASE MAKE OUT AND RETURN IN DUPLICATE)

ORIGINAL

Name <i>Darling, Elton B</i>	Rank <i>5-2 Telegraph Battalion</i>	Company <i>D</i>	U. S. Regiment, State Organization, or Vessel	Date of Death <i>aug. 14, 1918</i>
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Name of Cemetery <i>Sum. Mt. Hill Suffield</i>	Located in or near		If World War Veteran		
	City <i>Suffield</i>	State <i>N. Y.</i>	Division <i>52 Telegraph Battalion</i>	State <i>N. Y.</i>	Emblem <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christian <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrew <input type="checkbox"/> None

To be shipped to *Dexter H. Darling*, at *Suffield, Chenango Co., N. Y.*  
(Name of consignee) (Give R. R. station, county, and State)

Whose post-office address is *Suffield, N. Y.*

**DO NOT WRITE HERE**

To A. G. O. ....

Ordered .....

From .....

B/L .....

This application is for the UNMARKED grave of a veteran. It is understood the stone will be furnished and delivered at the railroad station or steamboat landing above indicated, at Government expense, freight prepaid. I hereby agree to promptly accept the headstone at destination, remove it and properly place same at decedent's grave at my expense.

*Dexter H. Darling*, Applicant

Address *Suffield, N. Y.* Date *Oct. 15, 1931*

# APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE

(PLEASE MAKE OUT AND RETURN IN DUPLICATE)

DUPLICATE

Name <b>DARLING, ELTON B.</b>	Rank	Company	U. S. Regiment, State Organization, or Vessel	Date of Death
	<b>Telegraph Battalion</b>	<b>D.</b>		<b>Aug. 14, 1918</b>

Name of Cemetery	Located in or near		If World War Veteran		
	City	State	Division	State	Emblem
<b>Sun Set Hill</b>	<b>Smilford N.Y.</b>	<b>N.Y.</b>	<b>Telegraph Battalion</b>	<b>N.Y.</b>	<b>Christian Hebrew None</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

To be shipped to **Dexter H. Darling**, at **Smilford, Chenango Co., N.Y.**  
(Name of consignee) (Give R. R. station, county, and State)

Whose post-office address is **Smilford, N.Y.**

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**Dexter H. Darling** **Applicant.**

Address **Smilford** Date **N.Y.**

**D. H. DARLING**  
Professional Optometrist  
SIDNEY, NEW YORK

*Over*

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Oct. 8, 1931

The National Rehabilitation Committee of the  
American Legion,  
Washington, D. C.

*Over*

Gentlemen: -

Recently I saw by paper that you would  
furnish regulation burial stones on request  
for graves of veterans without cost.

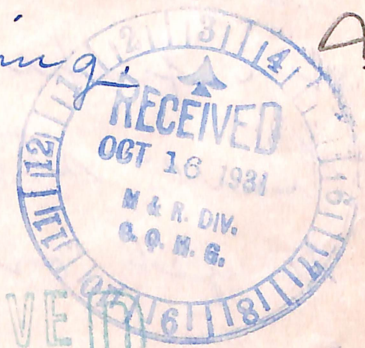
My son was in World War of 1914 to 1918  
gave his life in France for his country.  
name, Elton B. Darling, of Guilford N.Y.

52 Telegraph Battalion, Signal Corps  
A. E. F. France

Please ship stone to Guilford, N.Y.

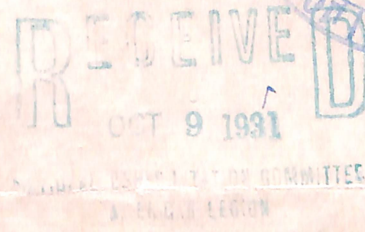
Very Truly,

Mrs. D. H. Darling



*Elton B. Darling*

Please execute enclosed  
applications and file with  
The Quartermaster General  
War Department,  
Washington, D. C.



THE AMERICAN LEGION  
NATIONAL REHABILITATION COMMITTEE  
600 EOND BLDG.  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Oct. 15, 1931

Quartermaster General  
War Department  
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen: -

You will note letter written on other side of this. am sending enclosed application. We had Memorial service in Guilford, N.Y. for our soldier boy Elton B. Darling. Aug. 1918, flowers were placed on our lot in Sun Set Cemetery beside his sister & each year on May 30, a flag has been placed there for him, he is buried in France in American Cemetery. as I saw this article in paper, wondered if we might not have stone here too. we had planned to get one but not been able.

yours very Truly,  
Mrs. D. H. Darling.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

June 23, 1931

Darling, Elton B. PFC (QA) M

Mrs. Helen L. Darling,  
21 River St.,  
Sidney, N. Y.

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.

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For The Quartermaster General,

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

Write answer here

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

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Assistant.

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(Write answer here)

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

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Sidney, N. Y.

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,

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

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Darling, Elton B. 608-M.

Mrs. Helen L. Darling,  
21 River Street,  
Sidney, N. Y.

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,

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

Darling, Elton B.  
. 608

Aug. 29, 1929.

Mrs. Helen L. Darling,  
21 River St., Sidney, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated ~~June 24, 1929~~ making inquiry concerning the name and address of the 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 24, 1929.

Darling, Elton B.

Mrs. Helen L. Darling  
21 River St., Sidney, N.Y.

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. 1st Cl. Elton B. Darling, Co. D, 52nd Tel. Bn., S.C., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

<sup>B.</sup>  
Darling, Elton ~~D.~~

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

200 430  
220,430  
(Army serial number.)

Pvt. Co D, 52nd Tel. Bn Sig Corps

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Father & Mother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

no.

(Yes or no.)

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

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mr. D. H. Helen G. Darling

4 River

(Number and street or rural route.)

Sidney

(City, town or post office.)

Vt.

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by PM  
88-60  
9-30



checked by  
9.m.m. 10/2/20

3/12/21

Drawn by 95  
88-60

checked off  
3.12.21

QM 293 A-C

April 22, 1924

DARLING, Elton B., Pvt. 1/cl.

Mr. D. H. Darling,  
21 River Street,  
Sidney, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

1-Incl.  
Record card.

R. P. HARBOID  
Assistant.

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MAIL & RECORD SECT.



APR 22 1924

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Nov. 28, 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name DARLING, Elton B.

10. Name \_\_\_\_\_

2. No. 200430

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

3. Rank Pvt/1/c1

12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_

4. Org. Co.D. 52nd Tel.Bn.S.C.

13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_

5. D.D. Aug. 14th 1918

14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_

6. C.D. Scarlet Fever.

(b) D.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 30 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_

8. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_

16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_

9. \_\_\_\_\_

17. No-discp

18. Cemetery American Cty.

19. Commune or town NANTES

20. Dept. or County Loire-Inf.

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 88

23. Disinterred (Date) 11-28-21

By C. J. Osgood

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Elton B. Darling

Serial No. 200430

Rank Pvt. 1/c1

Organization Co. D. 52nd Tel. Bn S.C.

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

A. Estab  
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

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

Body tag checks.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed features unrecognizable

28. Nature of burial Uniform and wooden box.

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 11-28-21 By C. J. Osgood

31. Casket sealed by \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

C. J. Osgood

C. J. Osgood

ADMITTED BY  
NOV 29 1921

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **C-19168**

32. Designation of body:

Name **Elton B. DARLING** Serial No. **200430**

Rank **Pvt/1cl/** Organization **Co.D. 52nd Tel Bn.S.C.**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **Oise-Aisne Amer.Cty.608 SERINGES-et-NESTLES(Aisne**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **11-28-21** By **C.J. Osgood**

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 *O. E. Davis*  
**O. E. Davis, 1st Lt. QMC**

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date)

To point of Concentration

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ (Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Shipping Officer

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date **30 NOV. 1921**

To Permanent Cemetery **Oise Aisne, Am.Cty 608, Seringes et Nesles, Aisne**

Convoyer **Pierre de Mont...** (Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Shipping Officer *P. de Mont...*

40. Received: Date **5 DEC 1921** **S.D. CAMPBELL, Capt. Q.M.C.**

G.R.S. Representative **G. F. WAUGH**

41. Reinterred **9/16/22, Oise-Aisne Cem.608, Seringes-et-Nesles, (Aisne)**  
(Date)

42. Grave No. **8, Blk.B** Section

43. Plot Row **37**

G.R.S. Representative *G. J. Blake*  
**G. J. Blake**  
Capt. QMC  
gs

Place Nantes, Cem. 88

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Nov. 28th, 1921

1. REMAINS OF DARLING, Milton B. SERIAL NUMBER 200430

RANK Pvt. 1/cl. ORGANIZATION Co. D. 52nd Tel. Bn. S. C.

2. Disinterred (date): Nov. 28th, 1921 From (give complete location): Gr. 30, Cem. 88,

By: Group 3 Unit Sec. 7

3. Reburied (date): 9/16/22 In (give complete location): Gr. 8, Blk. B. Row 37

Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes-et-Nesles, (Aisne)

By: Group \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial \_\_\_\_\_

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: reburial group metal lined casket

Badly decomposed, features not recognizable. Wooden box and uniform.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: Body tag checks.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Indiscernable due to

(b) Weight (estimated) decomposition.

(c) Hair—Color None

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Characteristics \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Hair on face—Color None

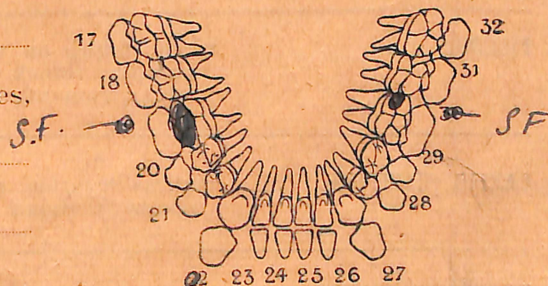
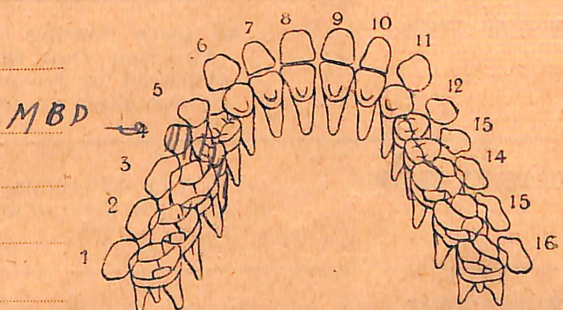
Location \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

None



F. C. Stark, checker.

7. Disinterment supervised by G. J. Osgood, Sup. Amb.

Approved: O. E. Davis  
O. E. Davis, 1st Lt., QMC.  
(Title)






8. Reburial supervised by L. D. Hays

Approved: C. J. Blake  
C. J. Blake  
Capt. QMC  
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## 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:	
<b>CROWNED TEETH</b>	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:	
<b>BRIDGE WORK</b>	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus:	
<b>FILLINGS</b>	Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:	
<b>CARIES (CAVITIES)</b>	Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:	
<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.

G. R. S. Form No 115

COUNTRY FRANCE

Cemetery No. 88

Sheet No. 60

File No. 9609

COMPILATION N/R REQUESTS

I. DATA COMPILATION

A. Location Index Card:-

(1) Name Darling, Elton B. Ser. No. 200430  
 (2) Rank Pvt. 1/c Organization Co. D. 52nd Tel. Bn. Sig. Cps.  
 (3) Date of death 8/14/18

B. Registration Card:-

(4) Cause of death Scarlet Fever TYP. DR  
 (5) Grave No. 30 Row --- Plot --- Sect. --- CKR. Exp.

II. FILES EXAMINATION

A. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; Card agrees with Number (4)

B. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD

Date of receipt None

(6) Relationship Father + Mother  
 (7) Name Mr. J. H. & Helen L. Darling  
 (8) Address 21 River St, Sidney, New York  
 (9) Desires remains brought to U. S.? No  
 (10) Desires remains brought to U. S. and interred in National Cemetery at No  
 (11) If brought back, what shipping instructions? -

att 4-10-20

C. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE

Date of communication

(12) Does correspondence Change or qualify request as made on A. G. O. card? If so, specify such information.

No correspondence.

(13) A. G. O. Files EXAMINED by P. L. (Date) 4-12-20

D. (14) G R S Files - Correspondence. (Has reference been made to File No. Cancellation memos.? Yes). Does such correspondence, if containing request for disposition, reconcile with that of A. G. O.? Yes. (Specify "Yes or "No".) If "No", give date of communication, the name, address, and relationship and substance of request.

No request for disposition.  
Grave Registration Location Blank.

(15) G. R. S. Files EXAMINED by M. H. L. (Date) 4-14-20

(over)

519  
 7/8/22 Examined  
 For Concentration  
 Air - Avenue 608  
 att 7/27/22

checked by  
 3-12-21

checked by  
 J. M. M. 10/2/20

III. FINAL ACTION

A. MEMORANDUM to D. M. O. in E. made (Date) .....

(16) Removal of Remains (within custody of G.R.S.) to .....

(17) Instructions that remains be left undisturbed .....

(18) Typed by ..... Checked b. .... (Date) .....

B. G. R. S. FORM NO. 114 made (Date) .....

(19) Typed by ..... Checked by J. S. W. (Date) 4/17/20

C. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*Form 120 recd 8/3/20 States that soldier was not married & had no children. Father & mother nearest of kin. J.S.W. 8/8/20*

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D. Dispatched (Date) ..... (Let. Trans. no. ....)

*Par. # 2 - Not to be returned MB 15-16-20*

Approved by .....

(Date) .....

*Letter 11/15/20 to Mr. P.H. Darling, 71 Pine Street, N.Y. re disposition.  
11/19/20 - Recd from father letter which requests body remain in France - 11-20-20*

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FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN - BODY TO REMAIN IN EUROPE.



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WAR DEPARTMENT  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION, GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE,  
PIER 2, HOBOKEN, N. J.

November 26, 1920.

FROM: Graves Registration Service, Hoboken, N. J.  
TO: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. G., Wash., D. C.  
Attention of Overseas Project Subsection.  
SUBJECT: Return of O. S. P. Records - Cemetery #88.

1. The enclosed records covering the following cases are returned herewith, it having been definitely determined that the bodies are to remain in Europe:

REFERENCE NO.

- ✓ 60 Darling, Elton B., Pvt., 1/c, Co. D, 52nd Tel. Bn. Sig. Cps.
- ✓ 123 Henegan, Patrick Sergt., Co. D, 101st Inf.
- ✓ 275 Shay, Daniel J., Pvt., Bty. A., 1st A. A. Bn. C. A. C.
- ✓ 296 Stock, George E., Pvt., Co. L, 168th Inf.

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,  
Officer in Charge.

By:

*F. C. Pallas*  
F. C. Pallas,  
Executive Assistant.

*file*  
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*11-29-20*

*Recorded 11/30/20*  
*STSK*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
CENTRAL DIVISION, GRAVE REGISTRATION SERVICE

PIER S. HOBAN, U.S.A.

November 25, 1950

FROM: Grave Registration Service, Hoboken, N. J.  
TO: Chief, Central Division, O.S.M.S., Wash., D. C.  
Attention of Overseas Project Subsection  
SUBJECT: Return of O.S.P. Records - Cemetery 488

1. The enclosed records covering the following cases are returned herewith, it having been definitely determined that the bodies are to remain in Europe:

- REFERENCE NO.
- 60 Berlin, Milton E., Pvt., I/c, Co. D, 88th Inf. Regt., 4th Div., U.S. Army
  - 123 Remegen, Patrick George, Co. D, 101st Inf.
  - 245 Day, Daniel J., Pvt., Bty. A, 1st A.A. Bn., 88th Div.
  - 288 Brock, George B., Pvt., Co. I, 188th Inf.

R. E. HANNON,  
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,  
Officer

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GENERAL PROJECT SECTION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SECTION

November 26, 1920.

FROM: Graves Registration Service, Hoboken, N. J.  
TO: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O.C.M.G., Wash., D. C.  
Attention of Overseas Project Subsection.  
SUBJECT: Return of O.S.P. Records - Cemetery #68.

1. The enclosed records covering the following cases are returned herewith, it having been definitely determined that the bodies are to remain in Europe:

REFERENCE NO.

- ✓ 60 Darling, Elton B., Pvt., 1/c, Co. D, 52nd Tel. Bn. Sig. Cps.
- ✓ 123 Henegan, Patrick Sergt., Co. D, 101st Inf.
- ✓ 275 Shay, Daniel J., Pvt., Bty. A., 1st A.A. Bn. C.A.C.
- ✓ 296 Stock, George E., Pvt., Co. L, 168th Inf.

R. B. SHANNON,  
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,  
Officer in Charge. *veK.*

By:

*[Signature]*  
F. C. Pallas,  
Executive Assistant.

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November 26, 1920.

FROM: Graves Registration Service, Hoboken, N. J.

TO: Chief, General Division, O.D.M.G., Wash., D. C.  
Attention of Overseas Project Expedition.

SUBJECT: Return of O.D.M.G. Records - Cemetery 100.

1. The enclosed records covering the following cases are returned herewith, it having been definitely determined that the bodies are to remain in Europe:

REFERENCE NO.

- ✓ 60 Darling, Milton B., Pvt., 1/c, Co. D, 52nd Inf. Br. 3rd Div.
- ✓ 122 Homeyer, Patrick George, Co. D, 10th Inf.
- ✓ 275 Mrs. Daniel J., Pvt., Hq. A., 1st A.A. Br. O.A.C.
- ✓ 302 Stock, George R., Pvt., Co. D, 168th Inf.

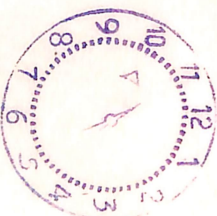
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OFFICE IN CHARGE  
CAPTAIN, QUARTERMASTER CORPS  
U. S. ARMY



By: [Signature]  
Executive Assistant  
U. S. ARMY

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G. H. S.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
 CEMETERY DIVISION, GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
 FIER #5, HOBOKEN, N.J.

November 15, 1920.

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div. Cor. Branch,  
 (DARLING, Elton B. )

Mr. D. H. Darling,  
 21 River Street,  
 Sidney, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

You are requested to inform this office whether or not you still desire the remains of your son, the late Private 1/class Elton B. Darling, Serial Number 200430, Co. D. 52nd Tel. Bn. Sig. Cps, be left in France.

It is your privilege to have the remains left in France, returned to the United States and shipped to you, or interred in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia

Your reply, using the enclosed envelope which requires no postage, will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. E. SHANNON,  
 Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
 Officer in Charge.

By:-

*Clay S. Worick*  
 CLAY S. WORICK,  
 Captain, A. G. D.

*noted on 11/5  
 11-20-20-19*

*We prefer to have the remains left in France*  
*Mr. + Mrs. D. H. Darling,*  
*Sidney, N. Y.*  
*21 River St.*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION, OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL  
1118 1/2 ST. ROBERTS, N. J.

November 15, 1920.

File No. 222.8 Gen. Div. Cor. Branch,  
(DARLING, WILSON B.)

Mr. D. H. Darling,  
21 River Street,  
Sibney, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

You are requested to inform this office whether or not you still desire the remains of your son, the late Private Wilson B. Darling, Serial Number 200430, Co. D. 82nd Inf. Inf. Div. Gps. left in France.

It is your privilege to have the remains left in France, returned to the United States and shipped to you, or interred in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia.

Your reply, using the enclosed envelope which requires no postage, will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

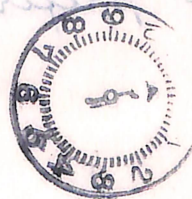
R. W. SHANNON,  
Captain, 9th Corps,  
Officer in Charge.

BY: *[Signature]*  
CLAY B. WORICK,  
Captain, A. G. B.

*Handwritten note:* The remains of Wilson B. Darling

*Handwritten note:* The remains left in France + have been located. Sibney, N.Y.

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DIVISION

November 15, 1920.

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div. Cor. Branch,  
(DARLING, Elton B. )

Mr. D. H. Darling,  
21 River Street,  
Sidney, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

You are requested to inform this office whether or not you still desire the remains of your son, the late Private 1/class Elton B. Darling, Serial Number 200430, Co. D. 52nd Tel. Bn. Sig. Cps, be left in France.

It is your privilege to have the remains left in France, returned to the United States and shipped to you, or interred in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia

Your reply, using the enclosed envelope which requires no postage, will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Officer in Charge.

By:-

*Worick*  
CLAY S. WORICK,  
Captain, A. G. D.

BR:HAM

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*JTB*  
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*Suspended  
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G. R. S. Form #120  
Shipping Inquiry.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON

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APR 22 1920

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.  
TO: Mr. D. H. & Helen L. Darling, 21 River St., Sidney, New York.  
SUBJECT: Disposition of remains of Pvt. 1/c Elton B. Darling.

Records of this office show your request to be as follows:

Remains to be not returned to United States ~~interred~~ .....

~~Shipped to~~ .....

If any modifications of the foregoing are desired please write same fully on the other side of this sheet.

The nearest living relative may choose between, (1) return of remains to homes for burial; (2) interment in Arlington, Va., National Cemetery; or (3) remain in France.

You are requested to fill out the following without delay and return in enclosed penalty envelope, which does not require postage.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE  
Colonel, U. S. Army.

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Widow			
Children(Name oldest first)			
Father			
Mother			
Brothers			
Sisters			

Date .....

Signature .....

Address .....

Relationship .....

G.R.S. Form #120  
Shipping Inquiry.  
(Revised)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON

Noted on Form No. 115

Date

8/18/20  
AUG 7 1920

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.

*Push Answer*

TO: Mr. D. H. & Helen L. Darling, 21 River St., Sidney, N.Y.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. 1/c Elton B. Darling, Co. D. 52nd Tel. Bn. Sig. Cps. (200430)

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body remain in France

*no change we'll*

If these are not the correct instructions, please correct them. Make corrections on reverse side of this sheet.

The nearest relative may choose between, (1) return of the body to any address in the United States; (2) interment in Arlington, Va., or any other National Cemetery; or (3) remain in Europe.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Major, U.S.A.

If all blank spaces below are not filled out, it will necessitate a return of this paper and a SERIOUS DELAY in the shipment of this body. State in each case WHETHER these relatives are STILL LIVING.

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow	<i>not married</i>		
Soldier's Children (Name oldest first)	1. 2. 3. <i>no children</i>		
Father			
Mother			
Brothers (Name oldest first)	1. 2. 3.		
Sisters (Name oldest first)	1. 2. 3.		

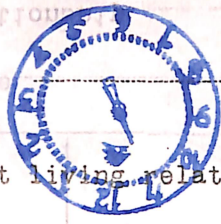
Date.....

Signature.....

Address..... Relationship.....

IMPORTANT:- CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.

(OVER) ✓



1920.

I, the undersigned, am the \_\_\_\_\_ and nearest living relative of the within  
(Relationship)

named soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:  
(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired).

- 1. As stated on first page of this sheet.
- 2. To be returned to the U.S. and shipped to \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(R.R. Station) \_\_\_\_\_  
(State)
- 3. To be returned to the U.S. and buried in \_\_\_\_\_ National Cemetery.

4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT

- 1. If definite instruction as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative within 2 weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.
- 2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.
- 3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT of kin IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.
- 4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
- 5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.
- 6. If YOU are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
- 7. If YOU are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.
- 8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
- 9. Use the enclosed envelope - pay no postage.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File--9609

See Form 115  
cut 7/27/22

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name Darling, Elton B. Ser. No. 200430  
 (b) Rank Pvt. 1/c. Organization Co. D, 52nd Tel. Bn. Sig. Cps.  
 Cause of death Scarlet Fever  
 (c) Date of death 8-14-18

TYP TW  
 MB  
 LM  
*acir*

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

(a) Grave No. 30 Row --- Plot --- Sect. ---  
 (b) Emerg. Address -----

TYP FR

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases card agrees with #4 CKREP

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

*A go card. Mr D.H. and Helen L. Darling (parents)  
 21 River St Sidney New York request that body be  
 not returned acir 10/27/20.*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 192  
 Letter of transmittal on 4-22-1920)

Par. #2. Not to be returned. MB 10-16-20

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. OCT 30 1920 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. NOV. 29 1920 192

COUNTRY France CEMETERY NO. 88 SHEET NO. 60  
 U.S. FORM 115-A  
 August, 1920

*R 10-29-20*

FROM: O. Q. M. C.  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
Munitions Building  
Room 1128

e Army

PLEASE  
EXPEDITE

ate 10/11/20

OCT 12 1920

WAR DEPARTMENT  
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington

G.P. Form 8 A-0  
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 10/11/20

9609

File No. 9609 Registration.

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

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

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

- a. Surname **Darling**
- b. Christian name **Elton B. (Elton) (Elton Baker)**
- c. Serial Number **220,430 (200430)**
- d. Organization **Co D. 52nd Tel. Bn Corps**
- e. Rank **Private**
- f. Date of death **8/14/18**
- g. Cause of death **Scarlet Fever**
- h. Authority (C.C.#) **224**
- i. Emergency address **Westport Darling Guilford N. Y.**
- j. Relationship **father**

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

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

a. Strike out teeth missing

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

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

By:

*H. J. Conner*  
H. J. CONNER,  
~~Quartermaster General~~  
1st Lt. Q. M. C.

SM  
CEMETERY NO: 88

SHEET NO: 60  
TYPED BY: Z/S

S-713/MB



GRAVE LOCATION BLANK. 9609

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Darling.....200430.....Elton.....  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)  
Pvt.....Co. D, 52 Tel. Bn., S.C.....  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL Aug. 14, 1918.....

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

American Cemetery No. 88.....  
Section B.....  
Nantes, Loire-Inferieure.....

GRAVE NUMBER 30.....

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?..... Cross?.....  
Bottle to be replaced by Cross  
Headboard?..... Bottle?.....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?.....Yes.....  
Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker?.....  
If name unknown and tags missing, description and marks should be given here:

REPORTED BY:

W. Clash.....  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)  
Captain Base Hospital # 34

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

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