

G.R.S. Form #114-B

DEC 24 1925

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DATE

1. NAME DARLING, Herbert D. *Saney* SERIAL No. 1701966

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. E. 306th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION American Cty. NANTES (Loire-Inf.) & DIVISION 77 CTY. NAME NUMBER 88

139

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 139 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

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CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

*OK sent to Sec. 17, 1926*

DATE OF DEATH *Oct. 26, 1918* Nothing of record.

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *ny*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED *none*

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS None of record.

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SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR *Stanley J. Grogan*

STANLEY J. GROGAN, CAPT. INF. USA.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION *Sent. 13, 1922.* 5 *33* 38 Block A

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

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

CEMETERY

AUDITED BY *AMS*

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1925  
24 DIV.

## 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.

skull fracture & skull 10/25/18 cc 339

12/10/18 JH

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Darling..... 1701966..... Herbert.....  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Private..... Co. E., 306. Inf.....  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Base Hos. 38, Nantes.....

CAUSE OF DEATH: GSW head; abscess of brain;  
meningitis.

DATE OF BURIAL: Oct. 29th, 1918.....

PLACE OF DEATH: Nantes.....

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

American Cemetery, Sec. B., No. 88.....

GRAVE NUMBER: 139.....

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

Headboard?..... Bottle to be replaced by cross.

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

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker? to be affixed to cross

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: Mrs. A. Darling.....

ADDRESS: Pitcher, New York.....

RELATIONSHIP: Mother.....

REPORTED BY:

John H. Chapman, Chaplain.  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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..... Private..... Co. E., 306 Inf.....  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL... October 29th, 1918.....

PLACE OF BURIAL... American Cemetery, Nantes.....

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

..... Section B... No. 88.....

..... Place of death: Base Hospital 38, Nantes.....

..... Cause: GSW. head... 2. Depressed fracture skull  
3. Abscess of brain. 4 Meningitis.

GRAVE NUMBER..... 139.....

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Headboard?..... Bottle to be replaced by cross.

IDENTIFICATION TAGS :

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

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

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

..... Next of kin: Mother, Mrs. A. Darling,.....

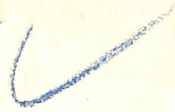
..... Pitcher, N.Y. ....

REPORTED BY :

John H. Chapman..... Chaplain.....  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Warling Herbert Delaney	3	418
BURIED	CEMETERY	1	2
	GRAVE	2	05
	ROW	2	33
	BLOCK	1	1
STATE	N.Y.	2	37
RANK	Pvt	1	2
DIVISION	77	2	77
ORGANIZATION	306	3	306
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARITAL	No	1	2
NAME	Warling, Etta	3	418
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	37
	COUNTY	2	12
	CITY	3	XXX
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Bad	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	NO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	
29/514/EAB	no age		2/74

**AUDITED**  
DEC 19 1931  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Darling, Herbert Delancy (OA)

July 11, 1932.

Mrs. Etta Darling,  
Homer,  
New York.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

2 Encls.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933? No.  
(Write answer here)

(Sign here) Mrs Etta Darling.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-M

October 14, 1930

IN REPLY REFER TO \_\_\_\_\_  
Darling, Herbert Delancy Pvt 608 M

Mrs. Etta Darling  
Homer  
New York

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	Not able to go
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	Will never be able to travel
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age 73 Condition of health Poor
4. Do you speak English?	Yes
5. What other language do you speak?	None

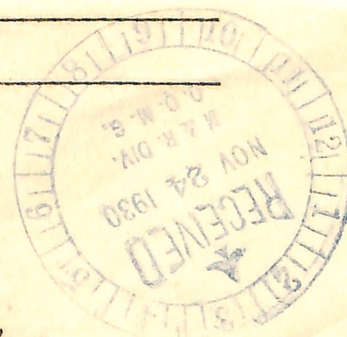
For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Darling, Herbert Delancy 608 M

June 9, 1930

Mrs. Etta Darling  
Homer, 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? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Write answer here)

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

QM 293 A-C  
Darling, Herbert Delancy

August 15, 1929.

Mrs. Etta Darling,  
Homer,  
New York.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 25, 1929, relative to the pilgrimage of the Gold Star Mothers and Widows to Europe.

You are advised that the Act of March 2, 1929, provides only for the mother and unmarried widow to make the pilgrimage to Europe, and it does not contain any provision whereby the mother or widow may delegate someone else to go in her place. It is, therefore, regretted to have to advise you that it is not possible to extend the invitation to Miss Martha Neish to make this pilgrimage. Your reason for wanting Miss Neish to make this pilgrimage in your place is appreciated, and I am sorry that your request can not be granted, but this office has no alternative other than to carry out the law as enacted by Congress.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

sc/vp

Homer, N. Y.  
July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1929.

John T. Harris,  
Major, C. M. Corps  
Washington, D. C.

#608

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Dear Sir,-

My son Pvt. Herbert Delaney  
Darling Co & 306<sup>th</sup> Inf. did not leave a  
wife but his fiancée Miss Martha Keish  
has given up every thing to take care of me.  
I was an invalid at the time of my sons  
went across. Miss Keish promised my  
son at the time she would care for me  
if any thing happened to him. That she  
has done since he left me and an own  
daughter could not have done more for  
me. As it is impossible for me to go  
to France to visit the cemetery where my  
son is buried on account of my health  
I sincerely hope it can be arranged  
for Miss Keish to take my place in that  
trip. Next year 1930 as it would be a great



comfort to me to have one that is so dear  
to my son and myself visit his grave.

I trust that you will feel it is no  
more than right that she should make  
this trip for me. I would give ~~money~~ al-  
most any thing to make this trip myself.  
as my son was all I had and he gave  
the best of himself as thousands of others  
for our country.

Trusting Miss Keish will receive an  
invitation to make the pilgrimage as  
she has staid by me and cared for me  
all these years and I have no fear but  
what she will care for me to the last.

Many thanks for this wonderful chance  
to take the trip.

Sincerely yours,  
Mrs. Etta Darling

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

**Darling, Herbert Delancy**

June 24, 1929.

**Mrs. Etta Darling,  
Pittsford, 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. Herbert Delancy Darling, Co. B, 306th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.**

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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, Herbert Delancy (OA)

July 11, 1932.

Mrs. Etta Darling,  
Homer,  
New York.

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For The Quartermaster General,

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DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Write answer here)

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

CM 293 A-M  
Darling, Herbert Delancy Pvt 608 M

October 14, 1930

Mrs. Etta Darling  
Homer  
New York

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

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June 9, 1930

Mrs. Etta Darling  
Homer, New York.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

**Darling, Herbert Delancy 608-M.**

**Mrs. Etta Darling,  
Homer, 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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QM 293 A-0  
Darling, Herbert Delancy

August 15, 1929.

Mrs. Etta Darling,  
Homer,  
New York.

Dear Madam:

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relative to the pilgrimage of the Gold Star Mothers and Widows to  
Europe.

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out the law as enacted by Congress.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

**Darling, Herbert Delancy**

June 24, 1929.

**Mrs. Etta Darling,  
Honor, N.Y.**

Dear Madam:

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The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late **Pvt. Herbert Delancy Darling, Co. E, 306th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.**

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

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Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON

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December 17, 1926.

IN REPLY  
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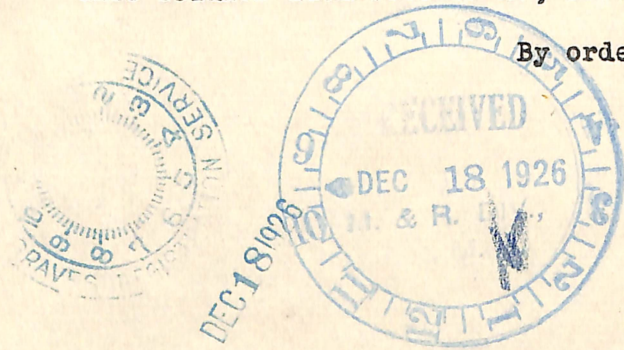
SUBJECT: Date of death.

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

An investigation recently completed by this office in the case of Herbert Delancy Darling, Army serial number 1,701,966, Private, Company E, 306th Infantry, who was reported to have died October 28, 1918, from wounds received in action, shows that the report is erroneous and that this soldier died October 27, 1918, of wounds received in action.

By order of the Secretary of War:

*Wm. Krauthorn*  
Adjutant General.



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AG-291 Darling, Herbert D. (WW)

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Date of death.

December 17, 1926.

The Quartermaster General,

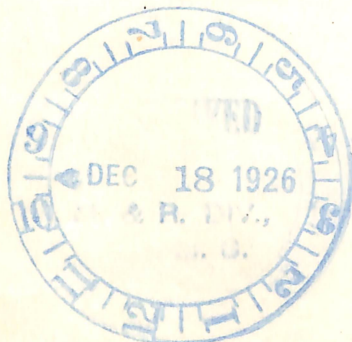
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By order of the Secretary of War:

E. M. Landrum

Adjutant General.



QM 293 A-C

Darling, Herbert, D.

May 8, 1924.

Mrs. E. Darling,  
69 North Main St.,  
Homer, New York.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that receipt be acknowledged of your letter of May 5th, 1924.

The Department regrets to learn of your disappointment in the removal of your son's body from the American Cemetery at Nantes, Loire-Inferieure, France. This cemetery was abandoned and it was necessary to remove Private Darling's body, together with his many comrades, whose relatives requested permanent interment abroad, to the permanent Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France, where the graves will be, for all time, cared for in a reverent manner by a grateful Nation. This cemetery contains approximately 6,000 American dead, and is located near the small towns of Seringes and Nesles, and about 110 kilometers from Paris.

The permanent American cemeteries in Europe are now in the process of reconstruction. Please know that everything possible is being done to expedite the matter of completing and beautifying the final resting places of the hero dead.

No photographs are being made of these cemeteries at the present time, owing to the reconstruction work. However, it is expected at a later date to make official photographs of them.

Very truly yours,

R. P. HARBOLD,  
Assistant.

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Homer, May 5<sup>th</sup> 27.

MRS. DE ETTA DARLING  
69 NORTH MAIN STREET  
HOMER, N. Y.

Quarter Master General, -

Dear Sir, - Received your letter from Washington in regard to my boys change in burial places. When they wrote me to find out whether I wanted him brought home I told them not unless all the boys bodies were brought home for they had written me a letter telling me ~~me~~ about his being buried by his comrades in the cemetery at Nantes with 118 other of our boys sent me a picture of his grave with name &c on it, an Americans rose planted there also pictures of Nantes and the cemetery as a whole said they would never be disturbed. The thought of this place has been a great comfort for me He was my only child I was very lame with rheumatism had no relatives when he had to go seemed as if I never could have him as he put his arms around me to kiss <sup>me</sup> ~~me~~ good by he said Mother be brave it will help me more than any thing else I have a letter from Gen. Perishing telling how brave he was constantly on duty from Aug 27 to 12 midnight Aug 29<sup>th</sup> passed through heavy shell fire at least five separate times under circumstances that called for the greatest determination & courage. It maybe for the best change of burial places makes me feel very lonely. Like an unknown unexplored country where his body is now, will you please if you have any pictures or history of place send it to me.

Yours Truly Mrs. E. Darling

MRS. DEETTA DARLING  
24 NORTH MAIN STREET  
HOMER, N. Y.

Dear Sir -

Respect your letter from  
Washington in regard to my long change in  
address. When they wrote me to find out whether  
I wanted being bought the house, I did not want  
all the big books were bought for me for the  
written you a letter telling me on about the  
house to be owned in the country at  
114th St. of New York and a picture of the  
house on the corner of 114th St. and  
the house was built by the architect of the  
house. The house is very comfortable for one  
with a beautiful view of the city.  
I am sure you will be interested in  
it. I am sure you will be interested in  
it. I am sure you will be interested in  
it.



Darling,  
(Surname.)

Herbert Delancy  
(Christian name in full.)

1,701,966  
(Army serial number.)

Pvt.

Co. E. 306 Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased. *Mother*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? *No \* (over)*  
(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) *Etta Darling,*  
*Pitcher* *N.Y.*

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

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

*(over)*

Letter states that if all soldiers  
are returned, she desires her  
son's remains buried in U.S.  
also

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checked HW  
3-12-14

Drawn by JD

88-61

3/12/21

QM 293 A-C

April 19, 1924

DARLING, Herbert D., Pvt.

Mrs. Etta Darling,  
Homer,  
New York.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

1-Incl.  
Record card.

O.Q.M.G.  
Central M. B.

R. P. HARBOID  
Assistant.

MFK  
ADL



APR 19 1924 B.

AGO report-12/28/23.

Herbert D. serial 1701966.

1701968 belongs to dischg. man.

*BW*

*The American Red Cross*

*sends you the photograph of the grave of*

*this American Soldier*

*who gave his life for his country*

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Nov. 28, 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

jc.

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name DARLING, Herbert D.  
 2. No. 1701966  
 3. Rank Pvt.  
 4. Org. Co. E. 306th Inf.  
 5. D.D. Oct. 28/18  
 6. C.D. DOW.

10. Name "H. Darling" on body tag.  
 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_  
 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) D.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 139 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 16. Plot 3040A Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 17. No discp

18. Cemetery American Cty.  
 20. Dept. or County Loire-Inf.  
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 88  
 23. Disinterred (Date) 11-28-21

19. Commune or town NANTES  
 21. Country France  
 By B.A. Bradford

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Herbert D. Darling  
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. 1701966  
 Organization Co. E. 306th Inf.

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

Signature E. S. Parker 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).

Name "Darling" on cover of burial box. Disc on body and grave marker read "H. Darling #1701966" USA

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed features unrecognizable

28. Nature of burial Uniform and pine 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 B.A. Bradford

31. Casket sealed by B.A. Bradford

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) Ben A. Bradford

ADMITTED BY 11/29-21-23

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-19169

32. Designation of body:

Name Herbert D. DARLING Serial No. 1701966

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. E. 306th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne Amer. Cty. 608 SERINGES-et-NEYLES(Aisne)

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) 11-28-21 By B.A. Bradford

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]*  
M.J. Riordan, Capt. Q.M.C.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date)

To point of Concentration

Convoyer Pierre de Montozon Signature Shipping Officer *[Signature]*

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

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

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

To Permanent Cemetery Oise Aisne, Amer. Cty. 608 Seringes et Noyles, Aisne

Convoyer Pierre de Montozon Signature Shipping Officer *[Signature]*

40. Received: Date 6 DEC 1921

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

41. Reinterred 9/13/22, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes-et-Noyles, (Aisne)

42. Grave No. 5, Blk. A Section

43. Plot Row 38

G.R.S. Representative *[Signature]*  
G. J. Blake,  
Capt. QMC

gs

Place Nantes, Cem. 88

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Nov. 28th, 1921

1. REMAINS OF DARLING, Herbert D. SERIAL NUMBER 1701966  
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. E. 306th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Nov. 28th, 1921 From (give complete location): Gr. 139, Cem. 88  
By: Group 1 Unit Sec. 7

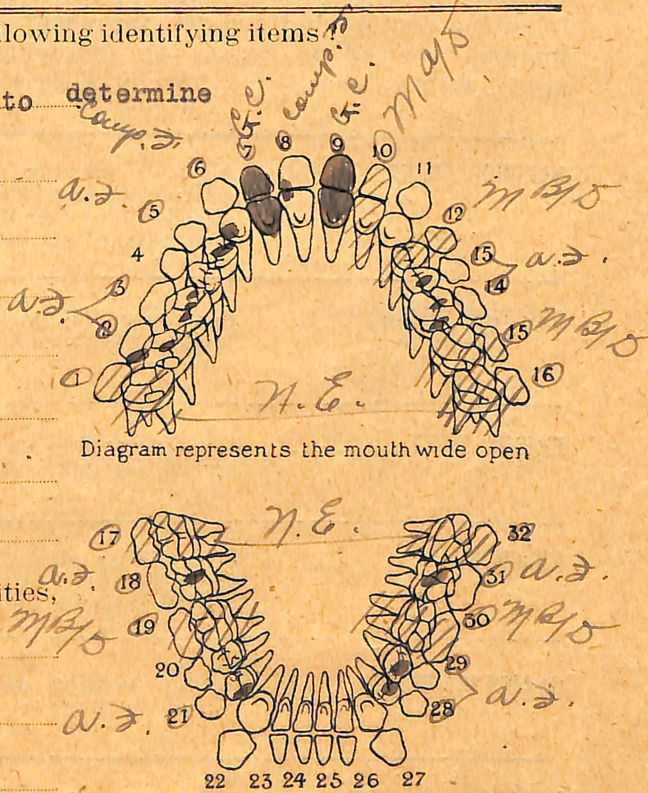
3. Reburied (date): 9/13/22 In (give complete location): Gr. 5, Blk. A, Row 38  
Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes-et-Nesles, (Aisne)  
By: Group reburial group Unit metal lined casket Nature of reburial

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :  
, Pine box and uniform. Badly decomposed, features not recognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? Yes  
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :  
Name "Darling" on cover of burial box. Autopsy on skull.

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

- (a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine
- (b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to estimate
- (c) Hair—Color None  
Quantity \_\_\_\_\_  
Characteristics \_\_\_\_\_
- (d) Hair on face—Color None  
Location \_\_\_\_\_  
Quantity \_\_\_\_\_
- (e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) None



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty)  
Fracture in back of skull. Left leg fractured 4" below knee.  
E. S. Parker, checker.

7. Disinterment supervised by Ben A. Bradford, Sup. Emb. Approved: E. J. Riordan, Capt., QMC.  
(Title) (Title)  
8. Reburial supervised by L. J. Hayes Approved: J. Blake, Capt., QMC.  
(Title) (Title)

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

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

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.  
 2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.






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

4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.

5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".

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

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

<b>MISSING TEETH</b>	All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :	
<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.

*Examined 7/1/22  
for Concentration  
Camp - Aisne  
att 7/27/22*

COMPILATION N/R REQUESTS

I. DATA COMPILATION

A. Location Index Card:-

(1) Name Darling, Herbert Ser. No. 1701968<sup>b</sup> TYP. TW.  
 (2) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. E. 306th Inf. CKR. mB  
 (3) Date of death 10/28/18

B. Registration Card:- (Check Reg. Card Inf. against Loc. Ind. Inf.)

(4) Cause of death DWRIA TYP. FR  
 (5) Grave No. 139 Row --- Plot --- Sect. --- CKR. EP

II. FILES EXAMINATION

A. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; No card

B. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD Date of receipt None

(6) Relationship Mother  
 (7) Name Etta Darling  
 (8) Address Pitcher, N.Y.  
 (9) Desires remains brought to U. S.? No  
 (10) Desires remains brought to U. S. and interred in National Cemetery at \_\_\_\_\_  
 (11) If brought back, what shipping instructions? -

C. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE **SEE SUSPENSION REMARKS # 4-10-20** 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 J. L. (Date) 4-12-20

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

Mrs. Etta Darling (Mother) Pitcher, N.Y. (1-29-19) asks for photographs of grave. Grave location Beauport.

(15) G. R. S. Files EXAMINED by G. C. (Date) 4-13-20

*rechecked 3-12-21*

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 \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

C. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

J Form 120 4/30/20 changes address to Mrs. Elta Darling, Homer, N. Y. Etc. 5/18/20

- D. Dispatched (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ (Let. Trans. no. **APR 22 1920**)

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_

(Date) \_\_\_\_\_

APR 22 1920

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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*Note change in address*

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.G.  
TO: Mrs. Etta Darling, ~~Pittsford~~ <sup>Homer</sup>, N.Y. *Homer (moved)*  
SUBJECT: Disposition of remains of Pvt. Herbert Darling.

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

Remains to be not returned to the U.S...... Interred *I wish his body to remain in France*  
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.

*note of on Form 115  
etc. 5/18/20*

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	- - - -	- - - -	N. Y.
Mother	69 North Main	Homer	
Brothers	- - - -	- - - -	
Sisters	- - - -	- - - -	

Date *April 28, 1920*

Signature *Mrs. Etta Darling*

Address *Homer N. Y.*

Relationship *Mother*

IL

The transfer of bodies will be made entirely at government expense.

APR 23 1947

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

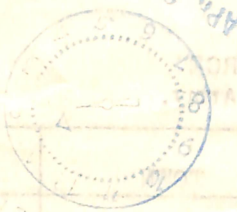
U.S. Form 100  
Gravestone Inventory

*Handwritten notes:*  
Mrs. [Name]  
[Address]

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, D.E.C.  
TO: Mrs. [Name], [Address], N.Y.  
SUBJECT: Disposition of remains of Pvt. Herbert [Name].  
Reports of this office show your request to be as follows:

Remains to be not returned to the U.S.A. [Name] [Address] [City] [State] [Zip]

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 home 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 reply envelope, which does not require postage.



NAME OF	NO. & STREET	
Widow		
Child(ren) of last first		
Father	44 West Main	N.Y.
Mother		
Brothers		
Sisters		

RECEIVED  
CEMETERY DIVISION

Signature: [Name]  
The transfer of bodies will be made [Name]  
[Address]

American Cemetery, Nantes, Loire -  
Inférieure, France. He was in Co. E.  
306th. Inf.

Is it possible to secure a picture  
of the hospital where he died, ? N. S.  
Base Hospital No. 38.

If in time one could visit  
the cemetery how could we  
find it? If there is any-  
way in which we could secure  
literature about Nantes, the  
hospital etc. there we would  
gladly pay for it. As Herbert  
Darling was the only one Mrs Etta  
Darling had left it is doubly  
hard for her being left alone  
an invalid.

Trusting she will receive  
photographs in time,

Sincerely yours.

Mrs Etta Darling.

Via, Martha Neish



Pitcher, N. Y.,  
Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> 1949-

Chief, Graves Registration Service,  
Headquarters Services of Supply,  
A. F. O. 717,

American E. F., Frank,

Dear Sirs:-

A letter received from  
you stating that we  
could receive photographs  
in due time by writing  
you.

We would like very  
much to secure one of  
~~the~~ Private Herbert Darling's  
burial place in the

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

5556

DARLING ..... 1701966 ..... HERBERT .....  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

PRIVATE ..... CO. "E" 306th Inf. ....  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: U.S.A. BASE HOSPITAL NO. 38

CAUSE OF DEATH: GSW. Head, skull, Meningitis, Depressed fracture.

DATE OF BURIAL: October 29th, 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL: American Cemetery, Nantes.

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

SECTION "B" No. 88

GRAVE NUMBER: 139

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: Headboard? ..... Bottle? to be replaced by cross

Was one buried with body? Yes

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker? to be affixed to cross

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

Next of kin: Mrs. A. Darling

NEAREST RELATIVE: Mrs. A. Darling

ADDRESS: Pitcher, N.Y.

RELATIONSHIP: Mother

REPORTED BY:

John H. Chapman  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer) Chaplain

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

31 OCT 1918

63556

*File ✓*

March 21st, 1919.

Mrs. Etta Darling, Pitcher, N.Y.

Burial place of Private Herbert Darling.



1. In reply to your letter of January 29th, 1919, your request for photograph of your son's grave has been made of record and you will receive one in due course.
2. The city of Nantes is of considerable size, and of historical interest. If you wrote to the Mayor of Nantes, stating your requirements, he would no doubt see that some literature concerning the town was forwarded to you.
3. The graves of the American E.F. dead in the cemeteries over here are plotted and recorded in about the same way as in the cemeteries at home, and once you have the location of a soldier's grave, it can be identified for all time.
4. In regard to your son's grave at Nantes, there would not be the slightest difficulty in finding it, should any relative be able to visit Nantes at a later date. The grave is marked with a cross, clearly marked with the name and rank and date of death. It will be cared for by the Graves Registration Service, and you will be able to judge from the photograph that it is in good condition.

*CCP*

CHARLES C. PIERCE  
Lieut. Colonel, O.M.C., U.S.A.

RED/ed.

Mar 20, 1919.

MEMORANDUM FOR MAJOR DAVIS:

Burial information advised; application for photograph of grave entered; forwarded to Major Davis for further reply.

MAURICE B. DIX

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