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DATE Feb 18th, 1922.

FEB 26 1926

1. NAME DAVIDSON, John E. *agave* SERIAL No. 122146

RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION *83rd Co.* Co. K 6th Marines

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne/s/Mntfaucon 1232 Sec. 9  
CTY. NAME NUMBER

52 Sec. 9 1  
GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 12 Somme PyMarne.  
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES 35SW 277.N 269.3E.

CONCENTRATED TO 4.22.19. 52 9 1.  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse Argonne 1232.

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

✓ Tag on body.  
DATE OF DEATH *Oct 6, 1918*

✓ STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *Mich*

F 1  
✓ MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED *None*

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS  
hb DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

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

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

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

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Feb 18th, 1922 57 Block A. 19.  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty # 1232. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse)  
CEMETERY

AUDITED BY

B.W. 3/12/23.

*Probably found in same place*

## 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

DAVIDSON, 122146, JOHN.  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt. 83rd. Co. 6th. Marines.  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL..... October 7th. 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL... Soame By, Marne, France.....

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

American Military cemetery located 120  
meters east of railroad and road crossing  
and 20 meters south of railroad grade.

GRAVE NUMBER..... 12.

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

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

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

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

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

REPORTED BY:

*Alden A. Green*  
CHAPLAIN, U.S.A.  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Place NEUFCHATEAU

Date JUNE 13 1919

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Remains of:

Name: DAVIDSON John E

Number 122146

Rank: Pvt

Organization 6thCo 61st U S M C

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group:

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From (Give complete location)

6 22 MAY 1919

Grave # 12 Plot 1 B/A CTY

SOMME PY MARNE

35 SW E 269.3 N 277

Reburied (Date)

In: (Give complete location)

22 MAY 1919

Grave # 52 Sec 9 Plot 1

ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY #1232

ROMAGNE MEUSE?

1232

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

Body buried in Uniform, badly decomposed, burial good,

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

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

CONFIRMED No. B-10898

10898

Note:

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

Supervised by: Lt. Strong

R. H. ROSENTHAL

2nd Lieut. Q.M.C.U.S.A.

SCW

C.O. Group Unit



293.3-Cemeterial.

January 24, 1919.

Office, Quartermaster General of the Army.

Mr. John Davidson, 509 McKinstry Ave., Detroit, Mich.

Disposition of the remains of John E. Davidson.

1. This office is in receipt of your letter of the 20th instant, requesting information as to the place of burial of your son, John E. Davidson, who was killed in action October 4th, 1918.

2. In reply I regret to inform you that this information has not yet been received in this office.

R. E. Wood,  
Acting Quartermaster General.

By:

H. R. Lemly,  
Major, Q. M. Corps.

PCW

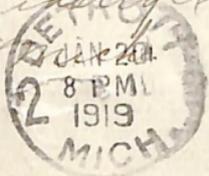
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JAN 24 1919

293.3 Davidson, John E.

John E. Davidson does  
not appear on reports of  
burials in France, for  
October or November, 1918.

W.H.

Mr. John Davidson  
509 McHenry Ave  
Detroit



Graves Registration Service,  
Washington, D. C.

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Jan 20

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G M & P  
JAN 23 1915  
10:21 AM  
BB

Detroit, Mich.,

Jan. 29, 1919.

Graves Registration Service,  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen: -

Receiving word that  
my son, John E. Davidson  
was killed in action on  
the fourth day of October,  
and not receiving any other  
information concerning  
him thought I would write  
to find out if you could  
give me any, in regard

~~to his~~ to his burial and  
location of the grave.

Thanking you in advance  
for any information you may  
be able to give me, I remain

Yours respectfully  
John Davidson

509 McKinstry Ave.,  
Detroit Mich.

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Davidson	3	41 <sup>12</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
BURIED	CEMETERY	1	1
	GRAVE	2	37
	ROW	2	19
	BLOCK	1	1
STATE	Mich	2	26
BANK	Put	1	4
DIVISION	2	2	02
ORGANIZATION	6	3	006
ARM	U S mc	1	X
MARTIAL	(Adm.) no	1	2
NAME	Daniel M Lynch	3	
RESIDENCE	703 Hammond Bldg.	2	
	Detroit, Mich.	2	
		3	
RELATION	no SM no loco mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Dead	1	6
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

**AUDITED**

APR 22 1932

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Davidson, John Edgar 1232 Adm

July 9, 1930

Mr. Daniel M. Lynch  
703 Hammond Bldg.  
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

This office has no record of any person entitled under the Act mentioned to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe as the mother or widow of the above named deceased service man. To complete the list of eligibles and to assure that, if the above named man is survived by a mother or widow entitled to make a pilgrimage she receive an invitation to do so, it is requested you answer the following questions in the space provided on this letter and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

No

2. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not remarried?

If so, give her name and address:

No

3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?

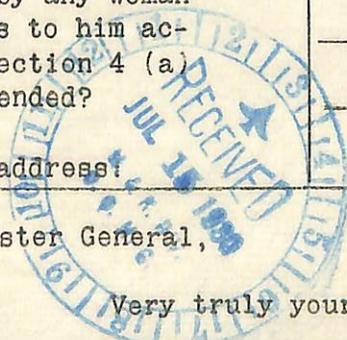
If so, give her name and address:

No

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment

  
*A. D. Reeves*  
A. D. REEVES,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

*Daniel M. Lynch*  
7/14/30

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

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August 14, 1929

Mr. Daniel M. Lynch,  
703 Hammond Bldg.  
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Sir:

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The records of this office show that you are the Administrator of the estate of the late Pvt. John Edgar Davidson, Co. 83rd, 6th Marines, whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried?

No.

2. If so, give her complete address.

✓

3. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 1 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

No.

Daniel M. Lynch

For The Quartermaster General,

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

Davidson, John Edgar,

*Dead*  
Mr. John Davidson,  
509 McKinstree St.,  
Detroit, Mich.

*Adm. of Sold. Est.  
Mr. Daniel M. Lynch,  
703 Hammond Bldg.,  
Detroit, Mich.*

June 27, 1929.

Dear Sir:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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



**WAR DEPARTMENT**

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

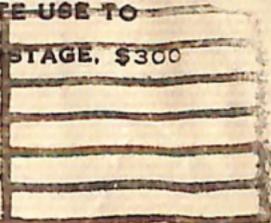
WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS



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**NOTIFY**  
YOUR  
CORRESPONDENTS  
OF CHANGE  
OF ADDRESS



*None -  
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DETROIT, MICH.  
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WASHINGTON

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If so, give her name and address:

3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?

If so, give her name and address:

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
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A. D. HUGHES,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

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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 27 1929.

Davidson, John Edgar,

Mr. John Davidson,  
509 McKinstree St.,  
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Sir:

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

In reply refer to:  
293.8 C-R

31709

March 20, 1923.

Mr. John Davidson,  
509 McKinstree,  
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of Private John Edgar Davidson, 83rd Company, 6th Marines is Grave 37, Row 19, Block A, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse, France.

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

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

Very truly yours,

H. J. Conner,  
Assistant.

*Handwritten signature*



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## Headquarters U. S. Marine Corps,

Washington, March 24, 1921.

From: The Major General Commandant.  
To: The Chief, Cemeterial Division, Office of Quartermaster General of the Army.  
Subject: A.E.F. dead: Confirmation or revision of G.R.S. record of disposition status.  
Reference: Form No. 124, File No. 31709 dated 3-23-21  
Case of DAVIDSON, John Edgar Pvt. #122146  
83rd Co., 6th Marines. 1232-Sec.9-

1. It is requested that the remains of the above-named man be disposed of as follows:

DISPOSITION: Return of remains not desired.

CONSIGNEE: Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

NEXT OF KIN: Name: John Davidson,

Relationship: Father

Address: 509 McKinstree St.,

Detroit, Michigan.

REMARKS: \_\_\_\_\_

*H. Lay*  
H. LAY

Lt. Col., U.S.M.C.

Asst. Adjutant & Inspector.

By \_\_\_\_\_

Special Assistant to the  
Major General Commandant.

CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
REGISTRATION SECTION

31709

**FILE**

June 19, 1922

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MEMO FOR:

Cards Department.

1.

CASE OF:

Co. K, 6th Marine Corps.

ORGANIZATION (Old)

DAVIDSON, 122146, John E. --Pvt.

(Name)

**FILE**

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

ORGANIZATION (New) 83rd Co. 6th Marines

FILE NO.

SURNAME

SERIAL NUMBER

FIRST NAME AND INITIALS John Edgar

RANK

DATE OF DEATH

CAUSE OF DEATH

	Date	Place	F-1A No.
Orig.			D-
1st Reb.			D-
2nd Reb.			D-
3rd Reb.			D-

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

BY: Dolores Tiralla,

Adj. Br.

(Department)

5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made  
on Organization  
File Card:

By A.B.  
S/3324/LML

Address reply to

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

Division

DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE  
Munitions Building

No:

From:

To:

Subject:

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE

WASHINGTON

REPLY TO THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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WASHINGTON

DATE

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SHOES BAKERS AND COOKS  
DEPARTMENT OF COOKING

3/24/21

Mr. Wilson

FILE

BILL OF FARE

Davidson, John Edgar

Put., S# 122146

83rd Co, 6th Marines

Adjustment Made

6-14 1922

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File Norm 840 from Marine Corps  
Date Rec'd 3/24/21

Beverly

SCHOOL FOR BAKERS AND COOKS  
DEPARTMENT OF COOKING

Organization Wm. Williams Date \_\_\_\_\_

~~BILL OF FARE~~

SUPPER	INGREDIENTS
<p><u>Supper</u></p>	<p><u>Ingredients</u></p>
<p>BREAKFAST</p>	<p>Cost of supper</p>
<p>DINNER</p>	<p>Cost of breakfast</p>

31709

# GRAVE LOCATION FORM

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

**DAVIDSON, 122146, JOHN**

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

**Pvt. 83rd Co. 6th Marines.**

(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL **October 7th, 1918.**

PLACE OF BURIAL **Soome Py. Marne France.**

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

**American Military Cemetary located  
120 meters east of rail road and  
road crossing and 20 meters  
south of rail road grade.**

GRAVE NUMBER **12**

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

Headboard? .....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? **Yes**

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

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

**OMME. Soome Py (Marne)**

**(C-262) SIT. 36 SW COORD { E 269  
N 277**

REPORTED BY:

*Helen J. Green* **Chaplain USA**  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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



Continental List No. 722563  
Daily Report No. \_\_\_\_\_

1. G. R. S. Form No. 1.

Hq. G. R. S. File

2. Soldier's No. 12214

3. Davidson ..... John E. ....  
Surname (In Block Letters) First Name and Initials

4. PVT ..... Co. 6 ..... 6<sup>th</sup> U.S.M.C. ....  
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

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

6. .... Battlefield .....  
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. Somme-Py .....  
Town & Commune (In Block Letters) Department

8. 12 ..... @very sketch No. 1 .....  
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

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

10. Buried with Body? Attached to Grave Marker? \* .....  
Identification Tags

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

12. Map 3t. S.W. .... 277.0 N. .... 269.3 E. ....  
Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

13. Chaplain Alden J. Green U.S.A. ....  
Give name of Chaplin or Burial Officer

Signed Ep. Clyde L. Slivinger

Group ... 1 ... Unit ... B G. R. S.

30 OCT RCU

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FILE

OSPE. TY. NO. 1232

Sec. 9. case no 43

HW-

31709

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

May 3, 1919.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.  
TO : Mr. J. Davidson, 509 McKinstry Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.  
SUBJECT: Private John E. Davidson.

In reply to your letter of inquiry, with reference to the  
regretted death of this soldier, according to the records at these  
headquarters he is buried in the American Battle Area Cemetery at  
SOMMEPY, Commune of Sommepey, department of the MARNE.

By direction:

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

Per

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

MBD/rs

31709

Mar 3, 1919.

Central Records Office  
Bourges

Retel CROKS 3259 period Records show Pvt John E Davidson 122146 Co K  
6th Marines killed in action Oct 4th comma 1918 and buried Oct 7th in  
grave 12 American Battle Area Cemetery Sommepey (Marne) burial officer  
Chaplain Alden J Green USA period No record Pvt Frank P Dosch 121150  
Co E 6th Marines.

O. B.

CARSON.

C.M. NOETZEL  
2nd Lieut., OMC.  
ACL/ WK  
2:08 PM

Copy to;  
T & C  
G R S  
Sgt Daly

*Jelle*  
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FIELD OFFICE

To .....

## FIELD BURIALS

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*Q. M. Form No.* .....

*Report No.* .....

*Sheet No.* .....

*Commune and Department* .....

*Army Sector No.* ..... *Date* ..... *Map Reference* .....

*Place of burial* .....

*Location of grave or Trench* .....

*Nature of marking employed* .....

NAME	RANK	DIVISION REGIMENT COMPANY	POSITION IN TRENCH	DISPOSAL OF TAGS

Sigra Corps, United States Army.  
Telegram.

31709  
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BOURGES FEB 27 1919

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

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C R O K S 3259 WIRE BURIAL INFORMATION PRIVATE FRANK P DOSCH 121150  
COMPANY E JOHN E DAVIDSON 122146 COMPANY K BOTH 6TH MARINES REQUEST  
DATE BURIAL AND BURIAL OFFICER AND CAUSE OF DEATH IF AVAILABLE

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Detroit Mich,

March 25, 1919.

Graves Registration Bureau,  
American Expeditionary Forces  
Tours, France.

Gentlemen:—

We received word last  
November that my son  
Private John E. Davidson  
83d. Co. 6th. Regt. U. S.  
Marine Corps was killed  
in action Oct. 4th. Since  
then his name appeared  
in the paper that he  
arrived in New York,  
and we had traces out  
to ascertain if it really  
was him and sad to

it proved to be a John<sup>2.</sup>  
Earl Davidson of North  
Dakota.

We received word the  
other day from a pal of  
his that my son was  
taken to a hospital and  
that there is still hopes  
of him being alive.

Now if there is any  
information you can give  
me as to what injuries  
he received or how he  
died or anything concern-  
ing him whatever, it  
certainly will be appreciated.  
Also if there is any

of his belongings that  
you could send us we  
certainly would be thank-  
ful.

Thanking you in  
advance, I am  
Yours respectfully

John Davidson.  
509 McKinstry Ave,  
Detroit Mich  
U. S. A.



122146

DAVIDSON, JOHN EDGAR, PPVT. 83RD CO., 6TH REG.  
MARINES.

DISPOSITION: RETURN OF REMAINS NOT DESIRED.

NEXT OF KIN: JOHN DAVIDSON,  
RELATION, FATHER.

ADDRESS: 509 MCKINSTREE ST., DETROIT, MICH.

CTY: 1232.

Drawn by M.H.

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concentration.

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

Place Roma 1232.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Feb 16, 1922.

1. REMAINS OF DAVIDSON, John Edgar SERIAL NUMBER 122146  
 RANK Fvt. ORGANIZATION Co. K. 6th Marines.

2. Disinterred (date): Feb 16, 1922 From (give complete location): gr 52, sec 9. plot 1. Cty. 1232.  
 By: Group 3 Unit sec 1

3. Reburied (date): Feb. 18, 1922, Meuse Argonne Cty 1232, gr 37, bl A, row 19 In (give complete location):  
 By: Group Reburial 3 Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial unlined casket

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

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? yes. On grave marker? no.  
 (b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:  
body tag reads: John E. Davidson May 26th 1917.

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

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

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

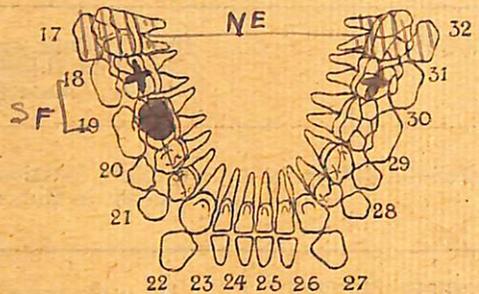
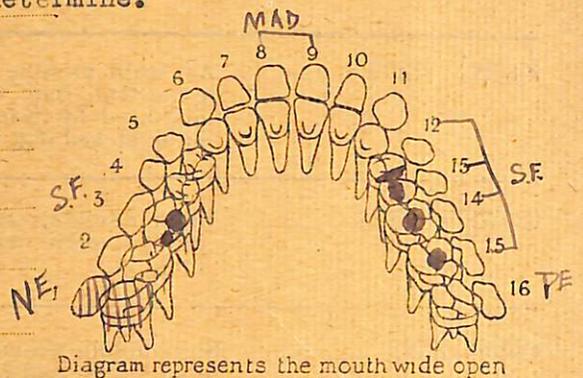
Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

Quantity do

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



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty)  
right side of skull shattered. right femur amputated in middle third.

7. Disinterment supervised by H.E. Strong

Approved: F. Overheiser  
 F. Overheiser, Capt. U.S.M.C.  
 (Title)

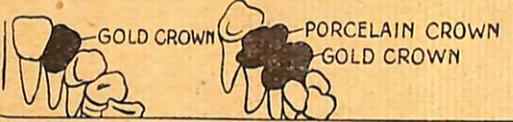
8. Reburial supervised by W.B. Sheild

Approved: A.E. Dewey  
 A.E. Dewey, 1st Lt, U.S.M.C.  
 (Title)

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

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

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

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



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Feb 16 1922

## REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

## DISINTERMENT

## COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name DAVIDSON, John Edgar 10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. No. 122146 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Rank Pvt 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Org. Co. K 6th Marines 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. D.D. 10-6-18 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
 6. C.D. D.O. W.ria (b) D.B. None

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 52 Sec. 9 15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. Plot 1 Row \_\_\_\_\_ 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_ 17. \_\_\_\_\_ none

18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer. 19. Commune or town Romagne/s/Montfaucon  
 20. Dept. or County Meuse 21. Country France  
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. \_\_\_\_\_ 1232 Sec. 9  
 23. Disinterred (Date) Feb 16 1922 By H E Strong

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name John E Davidson Serial No. 122146  
 Rank Pvt Organization Co K 6 Marines

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

John H Crawford  
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant

## PREPARATION

John H Crawford

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).

None27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable28. Nature of burial Blanket, burlap and box29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Feb 16 1922 By H E Strong31. Casket sealed by H E Strong

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor H E Strong  
H E Strong

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.)

Box No. C-25398



32. Designation of body:

Name John E. DAVIDSON

Serial No. 122146

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. K 6th Marines

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne/s/Montfaucon 1232

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Feb 16 1922 By H E Strong

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

*F Overheiser*  
F Overheiser, Capt. QMC

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Feb 16 1922 cc

To point of Concentration Morgue Romagne

Convoyer W J Royed

Signature Shipping Officer

*G F Spann*  
G F Spann, Capt. QMC

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery

(Name

Convoyer

Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred, Meuse Argonne Cty 1232, Feb. 18, 1922

(Date

42. Grave No. 37

Section

43. ~~Block~~ Block A

Row 19

G.R.S. Representative

*A E Dewey*  
A.E. Dewey, 1st Lt, QMC.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

*Marine* ✓

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

*(3/25/21 meB)*

File #31709

(a) Name DAVIDSON, John E. *dgav* Ser. No. 122146  
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. K, *83rd* 6th Marine Corps  
(c) Date of death 10/6/18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA

TYP. DMA  
CKR. B. J.

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

(a) Grave No. 52 Row - Plot 1 Sec. 9 TYP. DMA  
(b) Emerg. Address John Davidson (father) 509 McKinstree, Detroit, Mich

III. ~~Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases~~ CKR. B. J.

*Marine*  
IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt \_\_\_\_\_

(a) Name John Davidson (b) Relationship Father  
(c) Address 509 Mc Kinstry St, Detroit, Mich.  
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No  
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at \_\_\_\_\_  
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. \_\_\_\_\_

Examiner's Initials MH Date 3/22, 1920.

V. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from \_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_, confirming request in Par. IV., item \_\_\_\_\_, above, or requesting that \_\_\_\_\_

*No correspondence*

Examiner's Initials MH Date 3/22, 1920.

VI. G. R. S. FILES, CORRESPONDENCE—shows as follows: Father *del 3/25/19* John Davidson  
509 Mc Kinstry Ave, Detroit Mich  
No request for disposition  
(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes

Examiner's Initials MH Date 3-22, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232-Sec. 9 SHEET No. 43

G. R. S. Form No. 115 Amended April 6, 1920

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Make Form No. 114

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

4-5-4-5-21

*checked 3/25/21 meB*

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

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

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920

letter on 3/30, 1920

Sec 9  
Par 2 not to be returned (Marine) LFW  
Davidson John Edyan

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

~~Form 124 to Marine Corps~~ ~~Form 840 from Marine Corps~~

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: Date Sent 3/23/21 Date Rec'd 3/24/21

Form #840 - Return of remains not desired.  
N. of K., John Davidson, (Father) 509  
M<sup>e</sup> Kinstree St., Detroit, Mich., 3/25/21 MVEB.

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

Marine

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(3/25/21 meB) File #31709

(a) Name DAVIDSON, John E. Edgar Ser. No. 122146  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization 83rd Co. K, 6th Marine Corps } TYP. DMA  
 (c) Date of death 10/6/18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA } B.J.

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

(a) Grave No. 52 Row - Plot 1 Sec. 9 TYP. DMA  
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III. ~~Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases~~ CKR. B.J.

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

Form 840 - John Davidson (father) 509  
Mc Kinstry St., Detroit, Mich. 3/24/21 requests  
body not returned to U.S. no 4-5-21

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
 letter of transmittal on 3/30, 1921

Sec 9  
Par 2, not to be returned (Marine) CPW

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

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

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

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

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

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

FILE NUMBER 31709

FROM:-

DATE: 2/28/19

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME Davidson, John E. NUMBER 122146

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co K 6th Marines

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	① Yes
2.	Date of Death.	② 10-4-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	③ N/A
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	④ #288
5.	Date buried.	⑤ 10-7-18
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	⑥ CTY #788 Lane #12 CTY. AMER. B/A. Commune of SOMMEPY (MARNE)
7.	Who reported burial.	⑦ ALDEN-J-GREEN. Chaplain: USA.
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	
11.	Who is nearest relative?	⑧ Yes
12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	⑨ N/A
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	⑩ one buried with body one attached to grave marker.
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	⑪ MR. JOHN DAVIDSON (FATHER) 509 M <sup>rs</sup> KINGSTREE, DETROIT, Mich.
	N.B. All Proper names to be printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.	⑫ Yes 1-20-19

*[Handwritten signature]*  
3/1/19

10 AVR 1919

G.R.S. FORM NO. 23.

NAME

John E Davidson

FILE NUMBER

31709

RANK

Pvt

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

83rd Co. 6th Marines

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with records?	① Dupes
2.	Date of Death	① 10-4-18 ✓
3.	Grave Location:	③ ety #788 ep. #12 ety Amer B/9 com. of Somme py, (marne)
4.	Who reported burial?	
5.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	② yes
6.	How is grave marked?	
7.	Identification Tags:	
	(a) Buried with Body?	
	(b) Attached to grave Marker?	
8.	Emergency address:	
9.	Has above been notified? (Give Date)	

ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY

Flowers, flags, etc. (Par. #5, Bul. 10-B)	Effects (G.R.S. Form Nos. 7&7-A)
Monuments (Par. #6, Bul. 10-B)	Accrued pay (G.R.S. Forms Nos. 19&22)
Disinterments (Par. #6, Bul. 10-B)	Liberty Bonds (G.R.S. Forms Nos. 21&22)
Circumstances of death (G.R.S. Form No. 6)	War Risk Insurance (G.R.S. Forms Nos. 20&22)
Photograph requested (File OG4.5)	Disposition of Remains
Grave Location	(a) Return to U.S. (Form 23)
	(b) Remain in France (Form 24)
	(c) Miscellaneous (Letter)

Remarks:

Missing 4-15-19  
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