

G.R.S. Form #114-B CAUSE OF DEATH

M2a

FULL NAME..... DAYTON, Lester B. *OK*

RANK..... Pvt. *OK* SERIAL..... 51741 *OK*

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION..... Co. K, 23rd Infantry *OK* 2 DW.

DATE OF DEATH..... 6-6-1918 *OK*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME..... *New Jersey OK*

MEALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED..... *none*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION. 10-20-22 52 5 A
Date Grave Row Block

31
A. G. O.
MAY 9 1927
WORLD WAR DIV.

Aisne-Marne American Cemetery # 1764
Cemetery

24/292/EYS

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5/13/27

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Entered on list

Dayton

Dayton, Lester B.

Private, Co. K., 23rd Inf.

Killed in action, June 6, 1918.

In line of duty. Not the result
of own misconduct.

EA--Joseph Dayton (father)
Astor Apts. Atlantic City, N.J.

A.G.O., July 27, 1918.

Dayton, Lester B.

Pot.

CENTRAL PASSENGER ASSOCIATION

TRANSPORTATION BUILDING
HARRISON AND DEARBORN STREETS

CHICAGO, ILL.

C. A. FOX, CHAIRMAN
R. E. PEPPER, SECRETARY

FILE NO.

SAILING FROM NEW YORK AUGUST 19, 1930

S. S. WASHINGTON

No. 554

Name Mrs Jennie Dayton (R-14)
Address General Delivery, Lafayette, Ind.
From Lafayette, Ind. To New York City and return

Going Route

CCC&StL to Cleveland
NYC to New York City

Return same route

Train Schedule to New York

Lv. Lafayette	4:24 PM No. 18 Aug. 17
Ar. Indianapolis	6:00 PM No. 18 Aug. 17
Lv. Indianapolis	6:10 PM No. 18 Aug. 17
Ar. New York	5:05 PM No. 18 Aug. 18

→ Parlor car from Lafayette to Indianapolis

Change trains at Indianapolis

→ Sleeping car from Indianapolis to New York

Elapsed time 24 Hrs 41 Min *1 1/4*

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CODE SLIP

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HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME Dayton, Lester B	DAY.	3	41 12
BURIED	CEMETERY 1764	1	4
	GRAVE 52	2	52
	ROW 5	2	05
	BLOCK A	1	1
STATE	New Jersey	2	35
RANK	Pvt.	1	2
DIVISION	2nd	2	02
ORGANIZATION	23	3	023
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARITAL	no	1	2
NAME Jennie B. Dayton	DAY.	3	41 12
Gen. Del.	STATE 2nd	2	15
RESIDENCE	COUNTY Tippecanoe	2	79
	CITY Lafayette	3	047
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Good	1	1
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	NO. 1930	1	
ACCEPTANCE	YR. yes	1	
29/514/EAB	Agv	1	50

Sailed

July 1930

AUDITED
SEP 28 1931 *RM*

Party "R" - Itinerary - Aisne-Marne Group

- Sailed August 19th, 1930 on GEORGE WASHINGTON. Capt. Arnold J. Funk in Charge. Arrived Cherbourg August 27th. Special tender arrived 11:57 am, bearing Maj. Bailey and Kinderman; Capts. Ochs, Haley, Earnest, Lambert and Stark; Lts. Yarborough, Freeman and Binns; five nurses and three civilian employees. Train left 1:37 pm; arrived Gare des Invalides, Paris, 8:00 pm. Met by Col. Ellis and members of his staff, interpreters and nurses. Taken in bus to hotel.
- August 28th: Morning devoted to transaction of personal business. Exchange of money, preparation of laundry, etc. Afternoon - Arc de Triomphe, Wreaths laid by Mrs. Seymour and Mrs. Cassels. Tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent. Dinner at hotel.
- August 29th: Morning free. Lunch at hotels. Sightseeing trip Paris - Sacre Coeur. Dinner at hotels.
- August 30th: Visited Notre Dame in morning. Lunch at hotels. Sightseeing trip Paris - Napoleon's Tomb. Dinner at hotels.
- August 31st: Free or Church. Lunch at hotel. Left for Chateau Thierry via Porte de Pantin to La Ferte s/s Jouarre (rest stop Hotel de la Terrasse.) Quarters in Chateau Thierry - Hostellerie du Bonhomme.
- September 1st & 2nd: Daily visits to Aisne-Marne Cemetery.
- September 3rd: Last visit to Aisne-Marne Cemetery. Left 2:30 pm for Reims. Quarters Hotel Crystal.
- September 4th: Visited Cathedral and Reims. Lunch Hotel Crystal. Left for Compiègne via Berry-au-Bac, Corbeny, Graonne, Chemin des Dames, Vaurains Verme to Soissons (rest stop Hotel Lion Rouge) and arrive Compiègne 4:48 pm. Dinner at hotel. Quarters Hotel Rond Royal.
- September 5th: Visited Carefour De L'Armistice. Lunch at hotel. Left for Paris via La Croix St. Ouen, Senlis, to Chantilly (rest stop Hotel du Parc). Dinner at hotel in Paris.
- September 6th: Morning free. Lunch at hotel. Sightseeing trip Paris - Louvre. Dinner at hotel.
- September 7th: Free or Church. Lunch at hotel. Afternoon free. Dinner at hotel. Sightseeing night trip.
- September 8th: Left 9:45 am for Fontainebleau via Barbizon. Lunch at Hotel Legris. Returned to Paris via Melun. Dinner at hotel.
- September 9th: Visit Versailles in morning. Return to Paris for lunch at hotel. Afternoon free. Dinner at hotel.
- September 10th: Boat train left for Cherbourg 9:44 am, arrived 3:56 pm. AMERICA sailed 5:40 pm. Arrived New York September 19th.

Mrs Jennie Dayton

WAR DEPARTMENT
 "PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"
 ROOM 901
 225 WEST 34TH ST., NEW YORK, N. Y.

DAYTON, LESTER B. A.M.

Party ... *"R"*

Number ... *3253*

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

..... *Dayton, Mrs. Jennie* Actual cost of through Pullman.
 Name of Traveler

..... *Lafayette, Tippecanoe County* New York, to *Lafayette, Indiana*
 Home Address

..... *Indiana* \$ *9.00*

New York, to ... *Lafayette, Indiana.*
 Destination

Via ... *NYC to Cleveland - ccc & ST.L. to dest.*

Ticket Expires: *Sept/ 20, 1930.*
 Oct. 16, 1930 Date of Departure

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	Car	U. S. G. Order No.	Actual Cost	
LV	<i>GR-CENTRAL</i>	<i>NYC.</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>9/20</i>	<i>12:10 P.</i>	<i>Ro. 13</i>	<i>181</i>	<i>Wg-1124241</i>	<i>9.00.</i>
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TOTAL

Remarks:

Extra fare \$ 1.20 - Wg-1024242
escorted to train by St Leo & Young

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICIAL BUSINESS



Penalty for private use to avoid
payment of postage, \$300.



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PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

R

NAME .. Dayton, Mrs. Jennie

ADDRESS .. Gen. Del. Lafayette, Indiana

DATE *Sept 22, 1930*

TO: Officer-In-Charge,
 PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

I beg to inform you that I have returned to my
home safely and in good health. *yesterday June 21-1930*

Sincerely,

(Signed) *Mrs. Jennie Dayton*

RETURN NEW YORK

SEP 19 1930

DATE

M
 NAME .. Dayton, Mrs. Jennie HOME ADDRESS Gen. Del. Lafayette,
Tippecanoe County
Indiana

RETURN ON S. S. S/S AMERICA HOTEL MCALPIN ROOM NO. 1077
*with Mrs Anna Marie
 Lenger*

DEPARTURE NEW YORKDATE 9/20

ROAD nyc TRAIN 39 CAR 181 BERTH or SEAT L13

REMARKS

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Name DAYTON, Mrs. Jennie,
HOTEL LUTETIA
Paris Hôtel
BOULEVARD RASPAIL
Home address General Delivery, Lafayette, Tippecanoe County, Indiana.
Party R Group 4 Unit ~~SS~~ WASHINGTON
Date of arrival AUG. 27, 1930 Date of departure S/S AMERICA - Sept. 10, 1930
Relationship Mother
Name of deceased DAYTON, Lester B.
Rank Pvt. Organization Co. K, 23d Inf.
Cemetery Aisne-Marne.

REMARKS



STATE

INDIANA

Dayton, Lester B.

Gen Del.,

Lafayette

Tippecanoe County

M

NAME DAYTON, MRS. JENNIE HOME ADDRESS

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN

Mrs. E. Franklin Rt # 5

Delphi, Ind.

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE Aug 18 HOTEL Alwa ROOM NO. 2007

alone

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE AUGUST 19, 1930 VESSEL WASHINGTON CABIN NO. 111A

With Mrs Katherine Rausch

DESTINATION CHERBOURG, FRANCE CEMETERY A M

5:05 pm

Met by St. Louis Young

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Post Office Department

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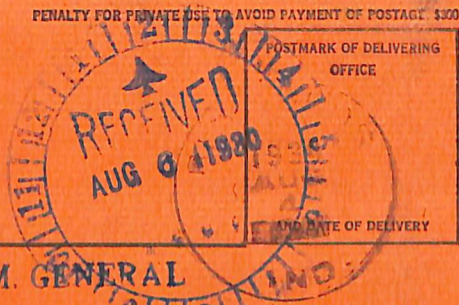
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No. 925324

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE \$300



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OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to _____

Street and Number, }
or Post Office Box, }

Q. M. GENERAL

MONITION'S BUILDING

Post Office at _____

Rev. 3-24

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RETURN RECEIPT

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Wasington 8-19-30

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

Mrs. Jennie Dwyer

(Signature or name of addressee)

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery 8-4, 1930

Form 3811

Deliver to addressee only

Post Office Department

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REGISTERED ARTICLE

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300

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No. _____



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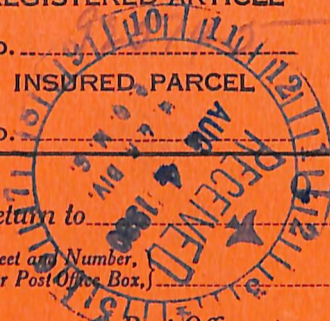
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(NAME OF SENDER)
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Washington, D. C.

State _____



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Washington 8-19-30

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Mrs James Dwyer

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(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery

8-1-30

Form 3811

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1929

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NAME DAYTON, MRS. JENNIE

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S.S.

AMERICA

SEP 19 1930

HOME LAFAYETTE, TIPPECANOE COUNTY
INDIANA

R.R.

nyc + cleveland.

STATION

cccpst. R to Lafayette

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE

Oct 16 - '30

August 1st, 1930

Mrs. Jennie Dayton
Gen Del.
Lafayette, Ind.

Dear Madam:

Please attach the enclosed tags to each piece of baggage, thus to protect the safe arrival of same in New York.

Upon your arrival in this City, you will be met at the Railroad Station by a United States Army Officer, in uniform, who will wear on the left sleeve of his coat a blue cloth band, showing a Gold Star and the word "Pilgrimage". This officer will escort you and your baggage to your Hotel in New York City.

For The Officer in Charge:

George F. R. Taylor,
1st. Lieut., Q.M. Corps,
Assistant.

Enclosures:
2 tags.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

May 16, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Dayton, Lester B. -1764 M
Washington 8-19

Mrs. Jennie Dayton,
General Delivery,
Lafayette, Ind.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not furnished the name of your Emergency Addressee as requested in letter of instructions from this office.

It is requested that in the blank space below you write the name and address of the person in the United States whom you desire to be notified in case you become seriously ill or other emergency arises while you are making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. E. B. Franklin

Name

Delphi, Indiana, Rt 5.

Address

Please fill in the above and mail it TODAY in the self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 15, 1930.

Dayton, Lester B. 1764 M

Mrs. Jennie Dayton,
Gen. Del.,
Lafayette, Ind.

Dear Madam:

The following instructions prepared by the Secretary of State contain the necessary instructions to be followed by you in obtaining the passport or travel document to be utilized in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. Please read the directions carefully and call in person upon the nearest Passport Agent or clerk of a Federal or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. In large cities there are usually two or more courts and at each county-seat a state court authorized to accept these passport applications.

When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

The instructions prepared by the Secretary of State are as follows:

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than 2½x2½ inches in size and such documentary

evidence of her American citizenship as she may have in her possession. In the absence of evidence of citizenship, her application should be witnessed by a credible person residing in the same community who is an American citizen, has known her for a long period of time and is able to swear to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that she is a citizen of the United States.

"A mother or widow who does not owe allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Pilgrimage Travel Document through a clerk of a Federal court or a State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens or through a Passport Agent upon the form of application prescribed for that purpose, entitled APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL DOCUMENT, issued under the Act of March 2, 1929, submitting therewith four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches in size and not less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size. When making application she should be accompanied by a credible witness who has known her for a period of two years or more.

"The Act of March 2, 1929, provides that no fee shall be charged for the execution of an application for a passport or travel document or for the issue of a passport or travel document to a mother or widow making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces are now interred.

"Special Pilgrimage Passports and Pilgrimage Travel Documents when issued by the Department of State will be forwarded to the War Department.

"Applicants resident in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle should execute applications at the Passport Agencies in those cities."

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-C
Dayton, Lester B. 1764-M

April 9, 1930.

Mrs. Jennie Dayton,
General Delivery,
Lafayette, Ind.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 3, 1930, relative to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act approved March 2, 1929.

The plans for the pilgrimage provide that the mothers and widows will make the journey in groups by States. In this connection you are advised Mrs. Hoover made a drawing to determine the order in which the States are to be sent. Indiana appears forty-seventh on this list. Inasmuch as the first sailing is scheduled for May 7, 1930, it is anticipated the mothers and widows from Indiana who will visit the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery will make the journey some time in August.

A formal invitation setting forth the name of the vessel upon which reservation has been made for you and the date of sailing together with detailed information relative thereto will be forwarded you within a reasonable length of time.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,
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
Dayton, Lester B. 1764-M

October 7, 1929

Mrs. Jennie Dayton,
General Delivery,
Lafayette, Ind.

Saved
AUG 19 1930

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes) <i>yes</i> (No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <i>yes</i> (No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes) (No) <i>no</i>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <i>50</i> Health <i>fairly good</i> (Years) (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <i>yes</i> (No) Other language <i>none.</i> (Specify language spoken)

and accompanying

For The Quartermaster General, 16 1929



Very truly yours,

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

Dayton, Lester B.

July 30, 1929

Mrs. Jennie B. Dayton
General Delivery,
Lafayette, Indiana

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 Private Lester B. Dayton, Co. K. 23rd Inf. whose remains are now interred in the Aisne Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, Aisne, 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 - he never was ^{married}
He was only 18 yrs old.

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

Yes.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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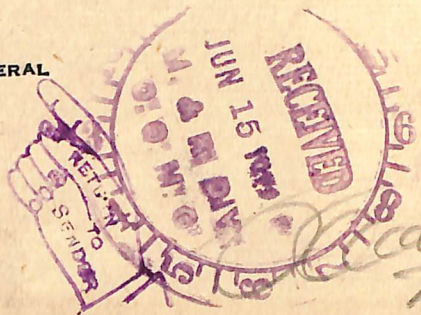
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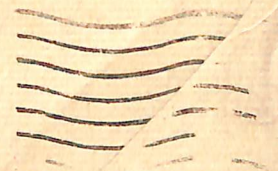
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- CAMPS -



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CAMPDEN
N. J.

Quartermaster
21st Army ^{Gen} ~~Amintur~~ ^{Wash} ~~De~~
Dear Sir

Lafayette
Ind.
Apr 3rd/30

as in one of the War Mothers
to make the pilgrimage to
the battlefields of Threese and
the rest to my sons grave,
nearby. I would like to know
when the Indiana mothers
are to leave. Also what expenses
of the boat, ² also how long
are we notified before we
start from here, I dont want
to miss the trip.

Respectfully

Mr Jimmie P. Dayton
Lafayette
Ind.



See also -
Tippecanoe Co.
1764

dope

listed. No boat
assigned
probably in August

Washington

~~8-19-50~~

1764

Dayton, Letter B

I accept the invitation extended
(Accept or decline)

me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of the Government of the United States under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Jennie Dayton,

(Name)

General Delivery, Lafayette, Tippecanoe Co., Ind.

(Town or City)

(State)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1929

Mrs. Jennie B. Dayton, Lafayette Ind.
Other add. P.O.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Dayton, Lester B.

June 13, 1929.

XC 24 899

Mrs. Jennie B. Dayton, M. Jennie B. Dayton,
106 N. 2nd Street, Gen. Del.
Camden, N.J. Lafayette, Ind.

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 Private Lester B. Dayton, Co. K, 23rd Inf. whose remains are now interred in the Aisne Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, 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 re-married it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

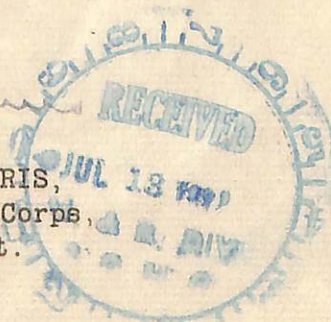
For your reply, you may use the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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



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C° K. 23rd Inf.
2nd Div.

DAYTON, Lester B. Pvt 51741

Killed in action June 6th 1918 during the defensive operations
at CHATEAU-THIERRY. He was buried in the vicinity of Belleau Woods.

Informant : Company Records.

(Not signed)

HC

HC

(Not signed)

Informant: COMPANY RECORDS

70-41
Hill 192

of CHATEAU-THIERRY. He was killed in the vicinity of Belleau Wood.
Killed in action June 6th 1918 during the defensive operations

DAYTON, Lester B. Pvt 51741

Co. K. 23 Infantry

DAYTON Lester B. Pvt.

a
Killed June 6th, 1918

He was killed instantly by machine gun fire on June 6th at Château-Thierry. It was in front of Bois de Belleau, Ravine on left of Paris-Metz road. That was No Man's Land and July 1st we took it again and buried the men. Eighty odd of our company were killed there."

Informant: LASLEY Chas. D. Pvt. 51687
Camp H. No. 33, Pontanezen.
Co. K. 23 Inf.
Home: 406 So. Locust. St.
Centralia, Ill.
February 5, 1919.

D.P.

Mary C. Frost; Searcher

D.B.

WETA C. BLOOF: 2202000

(No: 2202000 2' 1918)

CONTRACT III

Home: 408 20' 10000' 2'

Informant: 2202000

Co. K. 23rd Inf.

Comp H. No. 22' 10000000'

Informant: IVARER 2202000 D. 1918

the man... killed...
long...
infantry...
He was killed... by machine gun fire on June 6th 1918

Killed June 6th 1918

C. K. 23rd. Inf.

Dayton Lester B. Pvt.

Killed in action June 6th 1918.

"June 6th. we were out in the open country between Lucy and Breuches
We were advancing at the time that Dayton was killed by a machine gun
bullet in the head. He died instantly and was buried on the field.
Sgt. then told me this. I don't know where Dayton was from.

Informant: Enigh James W. Cpl. 51751.

B.H. 65.

C/K. 23rd. Inf.

Home Address : Merrisdale Pa.

Dec. 22nd. 1918.

Boulah Whitney. Searcher.

R.S

D.B.

WETA C. Bloaf: general

(Not verified 2 1918)

Company: III

Home: 408 20' Goslat' 24'

Informant: [faded]

Co. K. 23 Inf.

Serial N. No. 22' Bonfeneren'

Informant: IVARFA CRUA. D. BAF. 2188A

[Faded, illegible text]

Killed June 6th 1918

WETA C. Bloaf: general

Dec. 23rd 1918

Home address: Wellingboro Vt.

Co. K. 23 Inf.

Serial No. 22' Bonfeneren'

Informant: EMILY JAMES M. CBY. 21881

Killed in action June 6th 1918.

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Co K 23 Inf.

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DAYTON Lester E. Pvt

Killed in action 6 June 18

DAYTON Pvt Lester of K Co 23 Inf. was killed June 6th. Had started in over the top at 5 h M at "Bisson" near Chateau Thierry - ~~was~~ killed by M G bullets. Helped bury ~~of~~ him in a field near the town. - Knew him ~~well~~ well since Aug. 1917. Knew first name. Through wheat field.

Informant: DAVIS Robert E. Pvt 51834
Co K, 23 Inf.
Camp I St Nazaire.

Home address: 449 Pond St so Weymouth, Mass.
Jan 25, 1919

10/29/28
[Handwritten initials]

Margaret M Lothrop, Searcher.

J.L.

D.B.

Имя С. Блоф: генерал

№ 20112022

Секция III

№ 408 20 Госназ 24

Информация:

С. К. 22 Ин.

Семь Н. № 22 Бондменген

Информация: ГВРГА СЛС Д. БЛФ. ГИГА

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Dayton, Lester B. 1764 M

July 16, 1930

Mrs. Jennie Dayton
General Delivery
Lafayette, Ind.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements have been completed for your transportation to New York City on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe. One week before your departure the railroad ticket agent, of the first road shown below, will deliver your railroad and pullman ticket to you. Your route to New York will be as follows:

Lv. Lafayette	CCC&StL	No. 18	4.24 PM	August 17
Ar. Indianapolis	"	"	6.00 PM	17
Lv. "	"	"	6.10 PM	17
Ar. New York	NYC	"	5.05 PM	18

All railroad employees have been instructed by their officials to see that you are shown every courtesy and given assistance, particularly at points where it is necessary to change cars.

Should you not receive your ticket six days before the date shown for your departure please take up at once with the ticket agent and if he does not have your ticket, telegraph this office, collect, to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 12, 1930

Dayton, Lester B. 1764-M

Mrs. Jennie Dayton,
Gen. Del., Lafayette, Ind.

Dear Madam:

Somewhat heavier clothing is required to be worn in Europe than is necessary in the United States, in order to be comfortable. During the summer in Europe it is cool during the day and the nights are frequently chilly. Considerable rain is usually encountered during this time.

In order that you may be comfortable at all times, regardless of the condition of the weather, and may avoid missing any of the sights or any part of the itinerary which has been planned for you, the following suggestions are made.

The clothing which you will take with you should be slightly heavier and warmer than you would normally wear in the United States during the summer and should be strong and durable. It is essential that you take with you the necessary equipment to afford protection from the cold and dampness. Be sure to take at least two pairs of comfortable shoes to provide a change in the event your feet become wet, a pair of rubbers, an umbrella, and a sweater or some warm wrap to be used should the weather become uncomfortably cool. It is very desirable that, in addition to the sweater, you have with you a full length coat of medium weight for general wear.

The shortages of suitable facilities for laundry and the frequency of the moves you will make while in Europe will make it impracticable to secure as frequent service of this nature as may be desired. You should therefore provide yourself with sufficient Underwear, nightgowns, stockings and handkerchiefs to meet your requirements should it be impossible to have your washing done more frequently than once in two weeks.

If you will read carefully the suggestions made above, and comply with them, it will add greatly to your comfort throughout the trip and will assist the Government in carrying out successfully its plans for conducting the pilgrimage. This letter is being sent to every mother and widow who has accepted the invitation sent to her by the Government to visit the grave of her son or husband.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

May 16, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Dayton, Lester B. -1764 M
Washington 8-19

Mrs. Jennie Dayton,
General Delivery,
Lafayette, Ind.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not furnished the name of your Emergency Addressee as requested in letter of instructions from this office.

It is requested that in the blank space below you write the name and address of the person in the United States whom you desire to be notified in case you become seriously ill or other emergency arises while you are making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Name

Address

Please fill in the above and mail it TODAY in the self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

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

May 15, 1930.

Dayton, Lester B. 1764 M

Mrs. Jennie Dayton,
Gen. Del.,
Lafayette, Ind.

Dear Madam:

The following instructions prepared by the Secretary of State contain the necessary instructions to be followed by you in obtaining the passport or travel document to be utilized in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. Please read the directions carefully and call in person upon the nearest Passport Agent or clerk of a Federal or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. In large cities there are usually two or more courts and at each county-seat a state court authorized to accept these passport applications.

When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

The instructions prepared by the Secretary of State are as follows:

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than 2½x2½ inches in size and such documentary

evidence of her American citizenship as she may have in her possession. In the absence of evidence of citizenship, her application should be witnessed by a credible person residing in the same community who is an American citizen, has known her for a long period of time and is able to swear to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that she is a citizen of the United States.

"A mother or widow who does not owe allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Pilgrimage Travel Document through a clerk of a Federal court or a State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens or through a Passport Agent upon the form of application prescribed for that purpose, entitled APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL DOCUMENT, issued under the Act of March 2, 1929, submitting therewith four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches in size and not less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size. When making application she should be accompanied by a credible witness who has known her for a period of two years or more.

"The Act of March 2, 1929, provides that no fee shall be charged for the execution of an application for a passport or travel document or for the issue of a passport or travel document to a mother or widow making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces are now interred.

"Special Pilgrimage Passports and Pilgrimage Travel Documents when issued by the Department of State will be forwarded to the War Department.

"Applicants resident in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle should execute applications at the Passport Agencies in those cities."

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Dayton, Lester B. 1784 M
Washington 8-19

May 1930
15,

Mrs. Jennie Dayton,
General Delivery,
Lafayette, Ind.

Dear Madam:

Requests for stop-overs on return from the pilgrimage to the American cemeteries in Europe are being received by this office, in some cases, too late to take action.

Transportation arrangements for the round-trip are made a month before departure and requests for stop-overs on return must be in this office at that time.

Stop-overs can not be allowed on the trip to New York or in Europe, but may be allowed at any point on return from New York provided there is no additional cost or, if there is, that it is paid in advance by the pilgrim.

If you desire stop-overs at any point on return, please advise this office AT ONCE as to the cities where you desire to stop and we will be glad to arrange accordingly, or advise you if there is any additional cost to be paid by you. Send your request direct to this office and do NOT include it with your passport application.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Dayton, Lester B. 1764-M

April 30, 1930

Mrs. Jennie Dayton,
General Delivery,
Lafayette, Ind.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.
Regulation.

QM 293 A-C
Dayton, Lester B. 1764-M

April 9, 1930.

Mrs. Jennie Dayton,
General Delivery,
Lafayette, Ind.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 3, 1930, relative to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act approved March 2, 1929. *→ Mrs. Hoover Dir.*

The plans for the pilgrimage provide that the mothers and widows will make the journey in groups by States. In this connection you are advised Mrs. Hoover made a drawing to determine the order in which the States are to be sent. Indiana appears forty-seventh on this list. Inasmuch as the first sailing is scheduled for May 7, 1930, it is anticipated the mothers and widows from Indiana who will visit the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery will make the journey some time in August.

A formal invitation setting forth the name of the vessel upon which reservation has been made for you and the date of sailing together with detailed information relative thereto will be forwarded you within a reasonable length of time.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,
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

October 7, 1929.

Dayton, Lester B. 1764-M

Mrs. Jennie Dayton,
General Delivery,
Lafayette, Ind.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Dayton, Lester B.

July 30, 1929

Mrs. Jennie B. Dayton
General Delivery,
Lafayette, Indiana

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 Private Lester B. Dayton, Co. K. 23rd Inf. whose remains are now interred in the Aisne Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, Aisne, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

QM 293 A-C (Dayton, Lester B.)

July 11, 1929.

Lt. John H. Krim,
2200 Atlantic Avenue,
Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 1, 1929 concerning the grave location of the late Lester B. Dayton, Company K, 25rd Infantry, 2nd Division.

In reply you are advised that the remains of this soldier are permanently interred in Grave 52 - Row 5, Block A, Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, Aisne, France.

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June , 1929.

Dayton, Lester B.

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Mrs. Jennie B. Dayton,
106 N. 2nd Street,
Camden, N.J.

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

Private Lester B. Dayton, Co. K, 23rd Inf. whose remains are now interred in the Aisne Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, 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 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,

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Act of Congress
Envelope.

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

From: 1st Lt. John H. Krimm, Q.M.Res., 2200 Atlantic Ave., Atlantic City, N. J., July 1, 1929.

To: The Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D. C.

Subject: Record of Burial of Lester B. Dayton, Serial 51,741

Information is requested as to the place of burial of the above who was killed in action on June 6, 1918 at or near Chateau-Thierry defensive sector. He was a member of Company K, 23d Infantry, 2nd Division.

If the location of his grave can be furnished his relatives and friends here in Atlantic City will indeed be grateful.



John H. Krimm
John H. Krimm.

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QM 293 A-C

(Dayton, Lester B.)

October 29, 1928.

Mrs. Jennie B. Dayton,
106 N. 2nd St.,
Camden, N. J.

Dear Madam:

The inclosed card gives the permanent cemetery and grave location of the late **Lester B. Dayton.**

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that all American military cemeteries, both in Europe and in our own country, will be maintained by the Government forever; the graves permanently marked by headstones showing the decedent's name, rank, organization, State, and date of death, all of which will be done without the necessity of requests emanating from relatives.

Please understand that in effecting the final disposition of our heroic dead the utmost care and reverence is exercised.

Very truly yours,

J. McCLINTOCK,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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Record card.

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QM 293 A-C
(Dayton, Lester B.)

October 29, 1928.

Mr. Joseph Dayton,
2207 Astor Apts.,
Atlantic City, N. J.

Dear Sir:

The inclosed card gives the permanent cemetery and grave location of the late **Lester B. Dayton**.

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that all American military cemeteries, both in Europe and in our own country, will be maintained by the Government forever, the graves permanently marked by headstones showing the decedent's name, rank, organization, State, and date of death, all of which will be done without the necessity of requests emanating from relatives.

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Very truly yours,

J. McCLINTOCK,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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Record card.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CENETERIAL DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION

Please rush

Harlow C.W.

C-24899

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

Dayton, Lester B., Pvt.

1764 - 520

2/23/21.

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

51741

Co. M, 23rd Inf.

Date of death - 6/6/18.

Copy forwarded to

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

Adjustment Department

DATE March 16, 1921.

Date 3-19-21 E.M.

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Mrs. Jennie B. Dayton,

Mother

Address

106 N. 2d St., Camden, N.J.

S/709/LML

1764-520

July 1, 1921.

293.8-Cem. #5359 (Dayton, Lester B., Pvt.)

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

Mr. Joseph B. Dayton, 2207 Astor Apts., Atlantic Ave.,
Atlantic City, N. J.

Disposition of Remains.

1. In reply to your letter of June 22, 1921, you are advised that in the event you are the legal next of kin to the late Private Lester B. Dayton, Company K, 23rd Infantry, as determined by the provisions of paragraph #5 of the enclosed bulletin, your wishes with respect to the final disposition of his remains will be complied with. The records of this office do not contain any request with respect to the disposition of these remains.

2. The records of this office indicate that Mrs. Jemie B. Dayton, mother of the deceased, resides at 106 North 2nd Street, Camden, New Jersey.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

WVB

CHARLES J. WYNNE,
Captain, G. M. C.

HW

Noted on Form No. 115
Date

[Handwritten signature]
7/18/21

Cemeterial Division
Ordnance Project Sub-Section

JUL 1 1921

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Name..... Dayton, 51741, Lester B

Rank..... Pvt..... Co..... K..... (Corps) 23rd Inf
(Regt)

Date of Death.....

Place..... Exhumed-
Fr Hill 192

Course.....

Date of Burial.....

Grave No. 76

Cemetery..... 70 I. G. MYERS

Identified by { Tag } tags
{ Papers }
{ Clothing }

List of Effects.....

Field Record Made by.....

Unit 303. G. R. S.
Company.... Graves Registration Service

For additional data use reverse side

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GROUP N° 1

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

WAR. DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the
Washington
ADJUSTMENT MADE

PLEASE
EXPEDITE

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-0
Information requested of A.G.O.

APR 8 1921

Date 2/23/21.

File No. Requisition.

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 Dayton. ✓
- b. Christian name Lester B. ✓
- c. Serial Number 51741 ✓
- d. Organization Co. M, 23rd Inf. ✓
Co M, 23 Inf
- e. Rank Pvt. ✓
- f. Date of death 6/6/18. ✓
- g. Cause of death K/A. ✓
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- i. Emergency address *Joseph Dayton apt 10 apartments Atlantic City, N.J.*
- j. Relationship *Father - Atlantic City, N.J.*

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

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

DENTAL CHARTS

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

- a. Strike out teeth missing
- 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

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

A.R.

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

BY: *[Signature]*
H. W. CONNER,
1st. Lieut., Q.M.C.

C.W.
CEMETERY NO: 1764
SHEET NO: 520
TYPED BY: I.W.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army

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ADJUSTMENT

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-0
Information requested of A.G.O.

APR 8 1921

Date 2/23/21.

File No. 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 Dayton. ✓ f. Date of death 6/6/18. ✓
b. Christian name Lester B. ✓ g. Cause of death K/A. ✓
c. Serial Number 51741 ✓ h. Authority (C.O.#)
d. Organization Co. M, 23rd Inf. ✓ i. Emergency address
e. Rank Pvt. ✓ j. Relationship Father - *apartment Atlantic City, N.J.*

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. W. Conner
H. W. CONNER,
1st. Lieut., Q.M.C.

C.W.
CEMETERY NO: 1764

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Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
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Date 2/28/21

APR 8 1921

FILE

U.S. Army Form 2-10
Information requested by U.S. Army

Registration

From:

The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army, (Central Division)

To:

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

Subject:

Information requested for U.S. Army

It is requested that the items checked below be completed. Request continues on all information shown.

- a. Name
- b. Organization (U.S. Army)
- c. Social Number
- d. Grade or Position
- e. Date of birth
- f. Date of death
- g. Authority (C.O. #)
- h. Emergency address
- i. Relationship

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

(See page 2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age at enlistment
- b. Color of eyes
- c. Color of hair
- d. Height
- e. Weight
- f. Government birth and physical status (Citizenship or alien)
- g. Remarks

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U.S. Army
Form 2-10
1921

CEMETERIAL DIVISION
REGISTRATION BRANCH
Inquiry & Correspondence Section
Registration Section
Overseas Project Section

Date 7/26

TO:

CAPTAIN WYNNE

MR. GRANT

MR. HUGHITT

✓ MISS BOLAND

MAIL & PREPARATION OF DATA
CONGRESSIONAL & SPECIAL REPLY
GENERAL REPLY
PHOTOGRAPH SECTION

INVESTIGATION & ADJUSTMENT
AUDIT
CARDS

COMPILATION OF DATA
STATISTICS

Return to Grant

From Grant

Action
Adjustment
Approval
Copies
Correction
Draft of letter
Investigation & Report
Note (need not return)
Note and Return
Papers in Case
Personal Conference
Remark
✓ Reply
Returned
Signature

Preparation of Reply for Signature of
Secretary of War
Quartermaster General
Colonel Penrose
Lt. Col. Davis, O.R.C.
Captain Wynne

Attention has been called to points raised. OK

(See other side)

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CEMETERIAL DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SECTION

July 13, 1921.

MEMO. FOR: Captain Wynne.

Forwarded, suggesting that all cases similar to the attached (1764-520 Lester B. Dayton), if Form 115 is in Washington, that Inquiry request the father if he wishes body returned, to advise this office at the same time whether or not the soldier was married etc.

The father may be the nearest of kin, but may omit in his reply any mention regarding the widow and in such case it would require another letter to complete the follow-up.

*Wynne
Boland
Boland*

F. E. Boland
Clerk in Charge
Overseas Project Section.

Canaan N.J.
Dec 13-18.

Cemetary Section
Office of Quartermaster General
19th & B. Streets.
Wash D.C.

Dear Sir

The Red Cross refers me to
this Dept in my efforts to locate
the grave of my 18 yr old son
Private, Lester B. Dayton, K-Co. 23 Inf. A. E. Force
who was killed in action June 6-1918.
Have you record of his grave, or any information
in regards to it, whatever.
You will do me a great kindness in letting
me know. Enclosed find stamp for
reply.

Many Thanks
Resp

Mrs. Jennie B. Dayton
106 - 1/2 2nd St
Canaan N.J.



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WAR DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY,
WASHINGTON.

December 18, 1918.

In answer refer to file No. 293.3-Cemeterial.

FROM: Office, Quartermaster General

TO: Mrs. Jennie B. Dayton, 106 N. 2nd St., Camden, N. J.

SUBJECT: Shipment home of remains of Pvt. Lester B. Dayton.

1. This office is in receipt of your letter of the 13th instant, requesting shipment to you at Camden, N. J., of the remains of Pvt. Lester B. Dayton, Co. K 23Inf. A. E. F., who died in France, June 6, 1918.

2. In reply I regret to inform you that it will be impracticable to comply with your request in view of the difficulties in transportation in France and overseas, at the present time.

3. You are advised, however, that whenever it is found to be practicable to ship the remains home in accordance with your request, it will be done. If your address as indicated above is not correct, or you should desire that your request for shipment home of the remains be canceled, this office should be advised accordingly.

4. Under existing regulations the necessary steps will be taken by the military authorities in France to mark the grave of each soldier who dies or is killed in battle, and to register the number and location of the grave and to establish beyond a doubt their identity when it becomes practicable to disinter the remains for removal to the United States.

Copy to the
Zone Supply Officer,
46108th Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

R. E. Wood,
Acting Quartermaster General,

By:

H. R. Lonly,
Major, Quartermaster Corps.

MAILED

DEC 18 1918

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File O. S. P.

7/8/21 AD

FILE

July 1, 1921.

293.8-Cem. #5259 (Dayton, Lester B., Pvt.)

The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Comterial Division).

Mr. Joseph E. Dayton, 2207 Astor Apts., Atlantic Ave.,
Atlantic City, N. J.

Disposition of Remains.

1. In reply to your letter of June 22, 1921, you are advised that in the event you are the legal next of kin to the late Private Lester B. Dayton, Company K, 23rd Infantry, as determined by the provisions of paragraph #5 of the enclosed bulletin, your wishes with respect to the final disposition of his remains will be complied with. The records of this office do not contain any request with respect to the disposition of these remains.

2. The records of this office indicate that Mrs. Jemie B. Dayton, mother of the deceased, resides at 106 North 2nd Street, Camden, New Jersey.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

KVB

CHARLES J. WYNN,
Captain, Q. M. C.

HW

Copy filed in O.S.P.

Noted on Form No. 115
Date 7/8/21 AD

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Comterial Division
Overseas Project Sub-Section

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MAIL UNIT

Noted on Form No. 1

Date

7/8/21

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2207 Astor Apts

Atlantic Ave.

Ctbl. City, N.J.

June 22, 1921



JUN 28 1921
G. H. S.

Recorded, Commercial Div., O. O. M. G.
File # 2938
5359

In regard to my son Lester B. Dayton, was killed in Co. K while in action, listed in Grotsockloen New York.

I had written several letters to you telling about my wife's address of which you have not answered yet, so please give me her address and what

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name she is going
under so I can I
correspond with her so
as to get my boy's body
brought over on this
side. My boy died
for this country and
I would like to have
his body brought over
here, and I never heard
from her since she has
received her life

insurance from the boy

Please take care of this
letter as soon as possible

Yours faithfully
Joseph E Dayton

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

STATUS OF CTY. #

1764

as of (Date)

6-28-21

Total Burials in Cty.

2756

Letter of Trans. No. of Bodies to be returned.

1352

Bodies in Storage

(Con. Center

258 at Chateau Thierry

Cable

4/22/21

(Port

181 Antwerp

Cable

4/22/21

Operations to Commence

June 1921

Bodies returned

" enroute

BEB

OSP:SS
Form 1007,

S/2346/LML

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Oct. 20, 1922

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

^{1rk}
DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name DAYTON, Lester B.

10. Name

2. No. 51741

11. No.

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank

4. Org. Co.K. 23rd Inf.

13. Org.

5. D.D. June 6th, 1918

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. KIA

(b) D.B. no discrep.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 134 Sec. 11

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot 5 Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. no discrep.

18. Cemetery Aisne-Marne Amer.Cty.

19. Commune or town Belleau

20. Dept. or County Aisne

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1764

23. Disinterred (Date) Oct. 20, 1922

By C.W.Dodge

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Lester B. Dayton

Serial No.

Rank Pvt.

Organization Co.K. 23rd. Inf.

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

J.C. Annabel
Signature Junior Technical Assistant
J.C. Annabel

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).

Disc on body and bottle record agree.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features unrecog.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box and burlap.

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Oct. 20, 1922 By C.W.Dodge

31. Casket sealed by C.W.Dodge

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) C.W.Dodge *C.W. Dodge*

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8/28/20*

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **C-51344**

32. Designation of body:

Name **Lester B. DAYTON**

Serial No. **51741**

Rank **Pvt.**

Organization **Co.K. 23rd Inf.**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **Aisne-Marne Amer.Cty. #1764 Belleau, Aisne.**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **Oct. 20, 1922** By **C.W. Dodge**

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]
I.H. Joffe, 1st Lt. QMC

36. Remarks

none

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) **Oct. 20, 1922**

To point of Concentration

(Name)

Convoyer

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 **Oct. 20, 1922**

To Permanent Cemetery **Aisne Marne Cem. 1764, Belleau (Aisne)**

(Name)

Convoyer

Signature Shipping Officer

[Signature]
I.H. Joffe, 1st Lt. QMC

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred: **Oct. 20, 1922, Aisne-Marne Cem. 1764, Belleau (Aisne)**

(Date)

42. Grave No. **52**

Section

43. ~~Plot~~ **BLOCK**

A

Row

5

G.R.S. Representative

[Signature]
W.D. Cleary
Lt., Chaplain, USA.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place Belleau (Aisne)

Date Oct. 20, 1922

1. REMAINS OF DAYTON, Lester B SERIAL NUMBER 51741
 RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co K. 23rd. Inf.

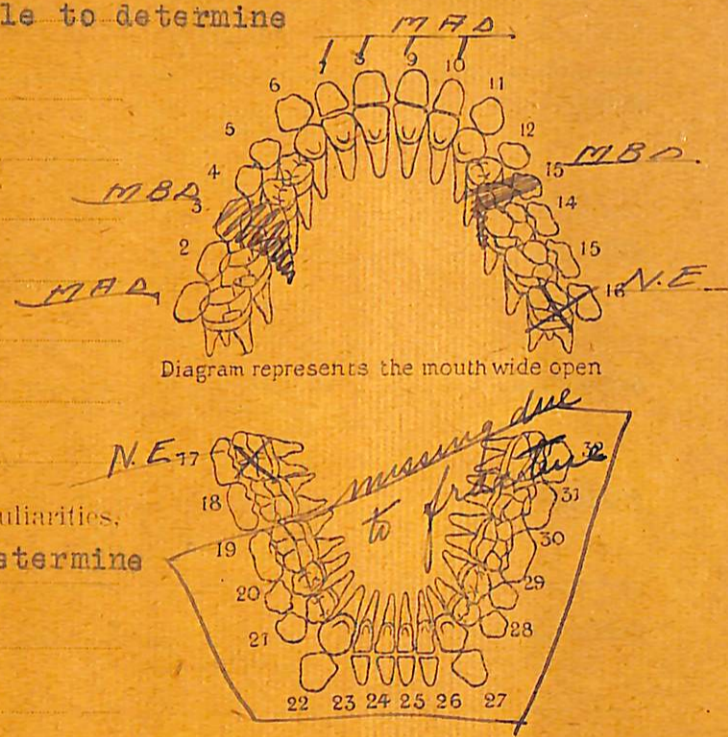
2. Disinterred (date): Oct. 20, 1922. Gr. 134, Sec. M. Pl. 3. Cem. 1764 From (give complete location):
 By: Group 1 Unit Aisne Marne

3. Reburied (date): Pct. 20, 1922 In (give complete location): Gr. 52, Block A, Row 5, Aisne-Marne Cem. 1764, Belleau (Aisne)
 By: Group re-burial group Unit _____ Nature of Reburial Lined casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
Wooden box and burlap.
Body badly decomposed. Features unrecog.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? yes On grave marker? yes
 (b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
Disc on body and bottle record agree. Army buttons.

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) Imp. to determine



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty)
Fractures: Lower jaw.
Missing parts: 1 radius; right tibia and fibula
 Checker: J.C. Annabel,

7. Disinterment supervised by C.W. Dodge S.E. Approved: I.H. Joffe 1st. Lt. QMC
 (Title)

8. Reburial supervised by L.D. Rays Approved: W.D. Cleary
 (Title) Lt., Chaplain, USA.

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.

MISSING TEETH	All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :	
CROWNED TEETH	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :	
BRIDGE WORK	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus :	
FILLINGS	Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :	
CARIES (CAVITIES)	Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :	
DENTURES (PLATES)	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.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #5359

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name DAYTON, Lester B. Ser. No. 51741
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. M, 23rd Inf. TYP. VH
(c) Date of death 6-6-18 (d) Cause of death K/A CKR. B.J.

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

(a) Grave No. 134 Row - Plot 3 Sec. M TYP. VH
(b) Emerg. Address Joseph Dayton, (Father), Astor Apts. Atlantic City, N.J. Over

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

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

No card in file E.M. 2/21/21

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

Examiner's Initials E.M. Date 2/21/21, 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 E.M. Date 2/21/21, 1920.

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to?

E.M.

Examiner's Initials E.M. Date 2/21/21, 1920.

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 1764 SHEET No. 520

G. R. S. Form No. 115 Amended Apr. 16, 1920
FORM 115 - A COMPLETED
MAR 22 1921

CARDED

Make Form No. 114

checked
3-19-21
E.M.

Rev. 5-29-21 F.P.

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 1920.

RECEIVED

APR 28 1921

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by

cable on _____
letter on MAR 10 1921, 1920

Cemeterial Division
Overseas Project, Section

PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED *acc*

IX.

CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE.

ACTION TAKEN.

Desires body be

Body to be shipped to

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*B. G. M. R. Mrs. Jennie B. Dayton (Mother)
106 N. 2d St., Camden, N.J. 3-19-21
6-22-21 letter from father Joseph E. Dayton
2207 Astor Apts. Atlantic Ave, Atlantic City - N.J.
desires return of remains and ASPs for address
of soldier's mother - HD 7/8/21
7-1-21 - Inq. advises father that in event ~~if~~
he is legal ~~if~~ his wish will be complied
with - gives Mother's address as above
HD 7/8/21*

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

A.G.O. Card & Corr.

Discrepancies

Name

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Serial No.

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G. R. S. Corr.

Discrepancies

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Checkers

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2-23-21

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Checked 2/11

2-23-21

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #5359

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 } B. J.

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 (b) Emerg. Address Joseph Dayton, (Father), Astor Apts. Atlantic City,
N.J.

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

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

a. G.O. - No card in file.
G. R. S. - No request for disposition
ARR 3/19/21

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
 letter of transmittal on MAR 10 1921, 192

PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED *over*

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., MAR 29 1921, 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

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

VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., APR 28 1921, 192

COUNTRY _____ CEMETERY No. _____ SHEET No. _____

MAR 22 1921 *P. L.*

Place Plot-70 Myers.

Date June 5, 1919.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name **Dayton, Lester B.**

Number: **51741.**

Rank: **Pvt.**

Organization: **Co. K, 23rd Inf.**

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit **"B"**

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

June 5, 1919

Plot-70 Myers, North slope of Hill #192.

Coord. 259.5N - - 178.3E

Grave 76

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

June 5, 1919

National Cemetery at Belleau Woods, Aisne.

Coord. 252.60N - - 176.04E

Plot-3, Sec. M, Grave 134.

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

Body in fair condition.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? **yes**

What other means of identification were found upon the body? **none.**

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Note:

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

Supervised by: Sgt. J.C. Turner

A.C.M. Cameron

Prov. Unit B. G.R.S.

C.O. Group

Unit



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Place BELLEAU(AISNE) CTY 1764

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date 6.21.21

1. REMAINS OF DAYTON, LESTER B. SERIAL NUMBER 51741

RANK PVT. ORGANIZATION CO. K. 23 INF

2. Disinterred (date) : From (give complete location) :

~~6.21.21~~ 6.21.21 GR. 134 SEC.M.PT. 3.

FIELD SECTION + 7

By : Group Kelly Unit

3. Reburied (date) : In (give complete location) :

6.21.21 GR. 134 SEC.M.PT. 3.

FIELD SECTION + 7

By : Group Kelly Unit Nature of reburial BOX & BURLAP

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

FEATURES UNRECOGNIZABLE

BADLY DECOMPOSED

UNIFORM & BURLAP.

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 O.K.

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 DETERMINE

(c) Hair—Color IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

Quantity IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

Characteristics IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

(d) Hair on face—Color IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

Location IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

Quantity IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

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

missing parts) IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

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

Right leg fractured at the knee. Lower jaw fractured at tooth 20 and missing from tooth 20 to 32 incl. ✓

x7,8,9,10 mis.a.d; 1 mis.a.d; 3,13 ext; 19 mis.a.d; 4,5,11,12,14, cav; 16,17 undev; Jaw bone and teeth 20 - 32 incl. mis.thru fracture; 20-32 incl.

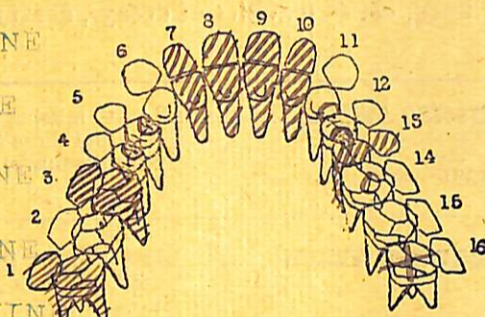
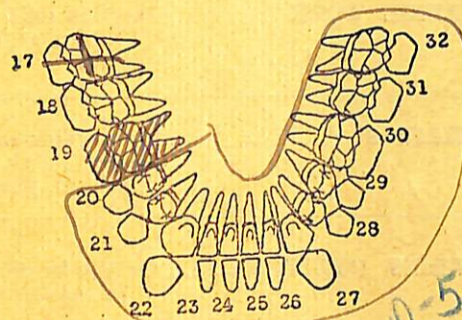


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



D-51049

7. Disinterment supervised by F.G. Kelly

F. G. KELLY. SUP. EMB.

Approved : A. E. Dewey
(Title) A. E. DEWEY, 1st. LT. QMC.

8. Reburial supervised by F.G. Kelly

F. G. KELLY. SUP. EMB.

Approved : A. E. Dewey
(Title) A. E. DEWEY, 1st. LT. QMC.

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.

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



CROWNED TEETH.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:



BRIDGE WORK.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus:



FILLINGS.....Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:



CARIES (CAVITIES).....Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:



DENTURES (PLATES).....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.

