

G.R.S. Form #114-B

To The *Army*

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FULL NAME. DEANS, James Benjamin

RANK. Private SERIAL. 116427

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION. 49th Co. 5th Marines *Regt. 2nd Div*

DATE OF DEATH. 10/4/1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME. *North Carolina*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED. *None*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION. 2/5/25 7 43 F
Date Grave Row Block

Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery # 1232.
Cemetery

AUDITED BY

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE	
NAME	<i>Deans, Jas. B</i>	<i>Dea</i>	3	451
BURIED	CEMETERY	<i>1232</i>	1	1
	GRAVE	<i>7</i>	2	07
	ROW	<i>43</i>	2	43
	BLOCK	<i>7</i>	1	6
STATE	<i>N. C.</i>		2	38
RANK	<i>Priv.</i>		1	4
DIVISION	<i>2</i>		2	02
ORGANIZATION	<i>5</i>		3	005
ARM	<i>U S MC</i>		1	X
MARTIAL	<i>No</i>		1	2
NAME	<i>Mrs Sallie A Deans</i>	<i>Dea</i>	3	451
RESIDENCE	STATE	<i>N. C.</i>	2	38
	COUNTY	<i>Nash</i>	2	64
	CITY	<i>Middlesex</i>	3	XXX
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>		1	1
OTHER			1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Yes</i>		1	1
NATIVITY			1	
RACE			1	
ENGLISH	<i>Yes</i>		1	al 1
ATTENDANT			1	
HEALTH	<i>Good</i>		1	1
NO. OF SONS			1	
DATE OF TRIP			1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>No</i>		1	2

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Age

65

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Deans James Benjamin (MA)

July 11 1932

Mrs Sallie Ann Deans
R F D #2
Middlesex N C

Dear Madam:

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

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

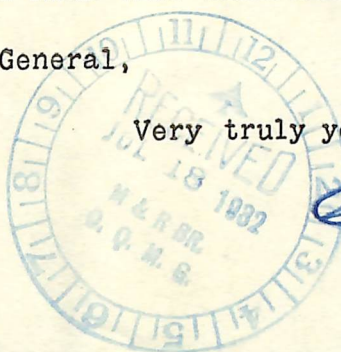
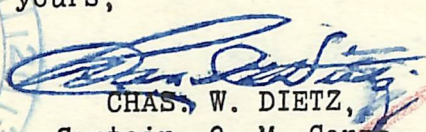
IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU GIVE THE MATTER YOUR MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BEFORE REACHING A DECISION, BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE TRIP AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

2 Encls.

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

(Sign here): Sallie Ann Deans

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Deans, James Benjamin (M-A) M

September 29, 1931. AL

Mrs. Sallie Ann Deans,
R. F. D. #2,
Middlesex, North Carolina.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

In order that the records may be complete, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name, and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

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-AM
Deans, James ~~Benj.~~ Pvt. (M-A) M

June 12, 1931.

Mrs. Sallie Ann Deans,
R. F. D. #2,
Middlesex, N. C.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1932 to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

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

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

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? _____
Write answer here

Sign here

Middlesex. N.C.

R & D #12

War. Dept.

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In reply to

your request.

I will say that the late
Private James Benjamin
Deans Has No Widow
he never was married

Mrs. Sallie Ann Deans



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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Deans, James Benjamin 1232 M

January 20, 1931.

Mrs. Sallie Ann Deans,
R. F. D. #2,
Middlesex, North Carolina

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested that you advise whether or not the late Private James Benjamin Deans, is survived by a widow, and if so, her name and address.

For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed, herewith, a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

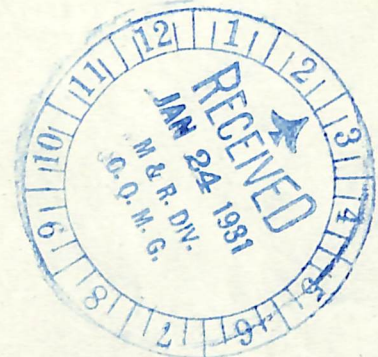
Very truly yours,



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

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In reply to



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Deans, James Benjamin 1232 M

June 9, 1930

Mrs. Sallie Ann Deans
R. F. D. #2
Middlesex, N. C.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

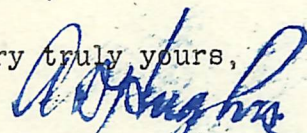
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank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

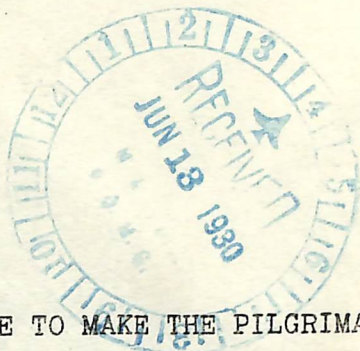
As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope, which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

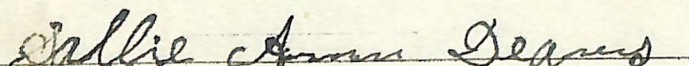
Very truly yours,


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



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

No
(Write answer here)


(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Deans, James Benjamin 1232 M.

Mrs. Sallie Ann Deans,
R.F.D. #2,
Middlesex, N.C.

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.

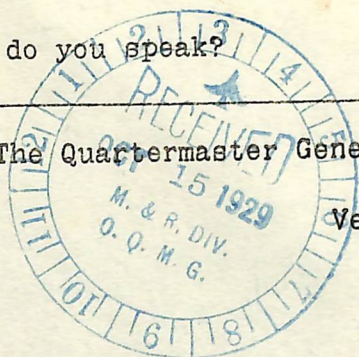
1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes) <i>yes</i> (No) (No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <i>yes</i> (No) (No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes) (Yes) (No) <i>no</i>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <i>65</i> Health <i>good</i> (Years) (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <i>yes</i> (No) (No) Other language _____ (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Deans, James Benjamin
1232

September 4, 1929.

Mrs. Sallie Ann Deans,
RFD #2,
Middlesex, N. C.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 29, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried? If so, give her complete address:

2. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

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

Sallie Ann Deans
Middlesex N.C.
Mother
no

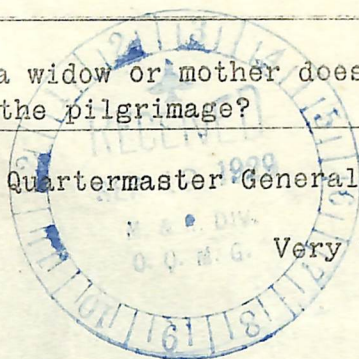
For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

John T. Harris

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Deans, James Benjamin

June 29, 1929.

Mrs. Sallie Ann Deans,
RFD No. 2,
Middlesex, N. C.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Pvt. James Benjamin Deans, 49th Co. 5th Marines, whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Deans James Benjamin (MA)

July 11 1932

Mrs Sallie Ann Deans
RFD #2
Middlesex NC

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Sign here) _____

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Deans, James Benjamin (M-A) M

September 29, 1931. AL

Mrs. Sallie Ann Deans,
R. F. D. #2,
Middlesex, North Carolina.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

In order that the records may be complete, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name, and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
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For The Quartermaster General,

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Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Deans, James Benj. Pvt. (M-A) M

June 12, 1931.

Mrs. Sallie Ann Deans,
R. F. D. #2,
Middlesex, N. C.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1932 to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

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

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

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

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QM 293 A-M
Deans, James Benjamin 1282 M

January 20, 1961.

Mrs. Sallie Ann Deans,
R. F. D. #2,
Middlesex, North Carolina

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested that you advise whether or not the late Private James Benjamin Deans, is survived by a widow, and if so, her name and address.

For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed, herewith, a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Deans, James Benjamin 1232 M

June 9, 1930

Mrs. Sallie Ann Deans
R. F. D. #2
Middlesex, N. C.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Deans, James Benjamin 1232 M.

**Mrs. Sallie Ann Deans,
R.F.D. #2,
Middlesex, N.C.**

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Deans, James Benjamin
1232

September 4, 1929.

Mrs. Sallie Ann Deans,
RFD #2,
Middlesex, N. C.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated ~~June 29, 1929~~ ^{making inquiry} concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried? If so, give her complete address:

2. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29, 1929.

Deans, James Benjamin

Mrs. Sallie Ann Deans,
RFD No. 2,
Middlesex, N. C.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Pvt. James Benjamin Deans, 49th Co. 5th Marines, whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

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

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QM 293 A-C

DEANS, James Benjamin - Pvt.

March 17, 1925

Mr. B.B. Deans,
R.F.D. #2,
Middlesex, N.C.

Dear Sir:

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

R.P.HARBOLD,
Major, Q.M.C.
Assistant.

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1-Incl.
Record card.



*file
2/26/25*

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE Q.M.C. IN EUROPE

IN REPLYING

PLEASE ADDRESS:

CHIEF, AMERICAN GRAVES

REGISTRATION SERVICE.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE SERVICE

20 RUE MOLITOR

FILE NO. 293 Deans, James Benjamin.

X-293 Ievers, William H,

X-293 Quintanilla, Victor.

PARIS, FRANCE February 13, 1925.

Subject: Reburial.

To: The Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.

1. Forwarded herewith are G.R.S. Forms 114-A, 16-A and 1-A covering the following permanent concentrations in Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery:

Pvt. James Benjamin Deans, 116427, 49th Co., 5th Marines,
Grave 7, Block F, Row 43.

X Cpl. William H. Ievers, 2263113, Co.A, 363rd Inf.
Grave 11, Block F, Row 43.

X Pvt. Victor Quintanilla, 2887455, Co.H, 112th Inf.
Grave 12, Block F, Row 43.

Above concentrations were made in compliance with instructions from your office.

Wm. O. Smith
Wm. O. Smith,
Lieut. Col., Q.M. Corps,
Chief.

7 encls.

3 GRS Forms 114-A,
3 GRS Forms 16-A,
1 GRS Form 1-A.



FEB 28 1925

Q.M.C.
293 Deans, James Benjamin

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE January 24th, 1925.

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 DEANS, James Benjamin

10. Name DEANS, James B.

2. No. 116427

11. No. _____

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank _____

4. Org. 49th Co., 5th Marines

13. Org. _____

5. D.D. 10-4-18

14. (a) D.D. _____

6. C.D. KIA

(b) D.B. _____

Buried in "made" grave, Blanc Mont, Commune
St. Etienne-a-Arnes, Map Tahure 1/20000,
E-265.74, N-262.57.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____

8. Plot _____ Row _____

16. Plot _____ Row _____

9. _____

17. No discrepancies.

18. Cemetery ---

19. Commune or town St. Etienne-a-Arnes

20. Dept. or County Ardennes

21. Country France.

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

23. Disinterred (Date) Sept. 15th, 1924.

By Gaetano Tucci.

24. Inscription on grave marker: None.

Name _____

Serial No. _____

Rank _____

Organization _____

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes. On body? Yes (2).

Gaetano Tucci
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail). Marksmans badge found on body. TOB reads "James B. Deans 116427 - 3-Aug-17"

27. Condition of body Flesh of body entirely decomposed. Skeleton disarticulated.

28. Nature of burial Made grave one (1) meter deep, in marines uniform and field shoes size 8 1/2 E.

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 Sept. 18th, 1924. By James McGourty.

31. Casket sealed by James McGourty.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

James McGourty
James McGourty

AUDITED BY
3/7/25

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-32919

32. Designation of body:

Name DEANS, James Benjamin Serial No. 116427

Rank Pvt. Organization 49th Co., 5th Marines

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer. #1232, Romagne-s/Montfaucon (Meuse).

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) January 24th, 1925. By James McGourty.

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 *James McGourty*
James McGourty.

36. Remarks _____

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) _____

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 _____

To Permanent Cemetery _____

(Name)

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____

40. Received: - Date _____

G.R.S. Representative _____

41. Reinterred: February 5th, 1925.

(Date)

42. Grave No. Seven (7). Section Block "F",

43. Plot _____ Row Forty-three (43).

G.R.S. Representative *W. B. Sheild*

W. B. Sheild, Caretaker.

Meuse Argonne Cemetery #1232
Place Romagne sous Montfaucon (Meuse).
Date Sept. 18, 1924.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF DEANS, James Benjamin SERIAL NUMBER 116427
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION 49th Co., 5th Marines.

2. Disinterred (date): Sept. 15, 1924. From (give complete location): buried in made grave with remains of Tommy A. Thompson, 5th Marines. Blanc Mont, Commune St. Etienne-a-Aure, Map Tahure 1/20,000 East 265.74 North 282.57
By: Group two Unit Meuse Argonne Sector

3. Reburied (date): February 5th, 1925. In (give complete location): Grave 7, Block F, Row 43, Meuse-Argonne Cemetery. #1232.

By: Group W.B. Sheild, Civ. emp., Unit AGRS. QMC. in E., Nature of reburial GRS case, casket, sheet and OD blanket.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: made grave one (1) meter deep, in marines uniform and field shoes size 8 1/2. Flesh of body entirely decomposed. Skeleton disarticulated.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? yes 2 (two) On grave marker? yes
TOB reads James B. Deans 116427 - 3-Aug-17
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:

Marksmans badge found on body

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) 5 feet 9 inches

(b) Weight (estimated) 160 lbs.

(c) Hair—Color none visible

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) Tooth #12 mal posted overlapping #11 & 13 outside

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) small hole in skull left side

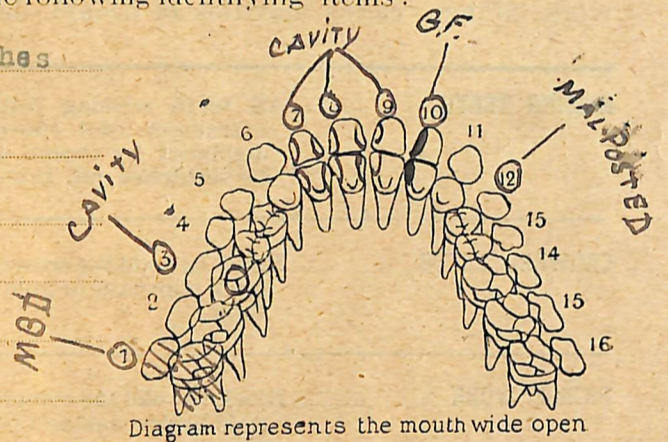
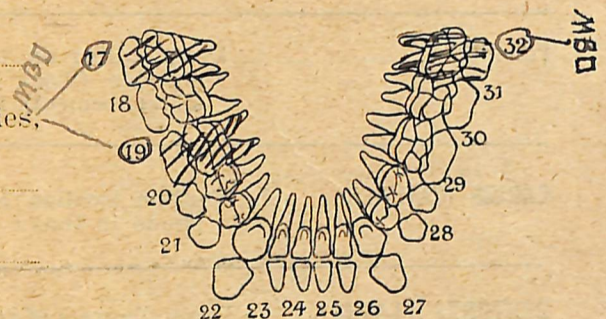


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



7. Disinterment supervised by Carmino Tucci
Carmino Tucci
Investigator

Approved: James M. Court
JAMES M. COURT
Chief Investigator
(Title)

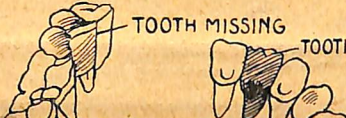

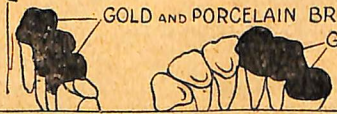
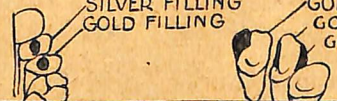

8. Reburial supervised by W. B. Sheild
W. B. Sheild, Caretaker.

Approved: _____
(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.

MISSING TEETH	All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus:	 <p style="text-align: center;">TOOTH MISSING TOOTH MISSING</p>
CROWNED TEETH	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:	 <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD CROWN PORCELAIN CROWN</p>
BRIDGE WORK	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus:	 <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD AND PORCELAIN BRIDGE GOLD BRIDGE</p>
FILLINGS	Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:	 <p style="text-align: center;">SILVER FILLING GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING</p>
CARIES (CAVITIES)	Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:	 <p style="text-align: center;">CAVITY DECAYED DECAYED</p>
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.

IN REPLYING
REFER TO NO.

99101
ACB-wtr-wpb



HEADQUARTERS U. S. MARINE CORPS

WASHINGTON 6 January, 1925.

From: The Major General Commandant.
 To: The Chief of the Cemeterial Division,
 Office of the Quartermaster General,
 U. S. Army, Washington, D. C.

Subject: Instructions regarding final disposition
 of remains of the late Private James B.
 Deans, U. S. Marine Corps.

Reference: (a) War Department's letter QM 293 A-C
 dated 10-30-24.

Enclosure: 1.

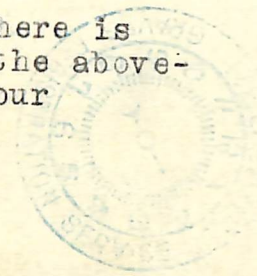
1. In compliance with the reference there is enclosed a copy of letter from the parents of the above-named deceased marine which is forwarded for your information and files.

E. R. Beadle

E. R. BEADLE
-By direction-



JAN 7 1925



*File
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ca*

293
James Deans

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COPY

Middlesex, N. C.

Dec- 30th-1924.

Head-Quarters U. S. Marine Corps.

Washington D. C.-----Dear Gentlemen Sirs.

In Reply To Your Request, We Have Decided to Ask Your
Department to Make Permanent Interment, of Our Sons
Remains, In One of The Cemeteries Which has Been
Provided By The Government.

Please Give Us Any Information Concerning
This Matter, that Will be of Help To Us.

Respectfully Yours,

(Parente----) /s/ B. B. Deans
Sallie Ann Deans

QM 293 A-C
Deans, James, Benjamin

1st Ind.

War Dept., OCMG, Washington, D.C., Jan. 3, 1925--To the Chief, AGRS, QMC.,
in Europe.

1. Identification of the remains of the late Private James Benjamin Deans, 116427, 49th Company, 5th Marines, killed in action Oct. 4, 1918, has been confirmed by this office. The body will not be returned to this country.

2. Concentration advice accompanied by Forms 1-A and 16-A, will be forwarded as soon as practicable.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

R. P. HARBOLD,
Major, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

LN
EKV
GR
WPR

Replied by Statistical Clerk.

~~Date~~ 1/2/25 P.D.



BPM/jm

October 2, 1924.

File No. 293 Deans, James B.

Subject: Recovery.

To: The Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.

1. Forwarded herewith is G.R.S. Form 16-A for the remains of James B. Deans, 116427, U.S.M.C., recovered by the Research personnel of this office.

2. Personal effects noted are on hand at these Headquarters.

3. This constitutes still another chance recovery of a body, as there is no record whatever of such a casualty here. Remains were found as result of information furnished by a French guard living in the neighborhood.

4. If identity is confirmed, it is requested that rank and organization be given.

5. These remains are being held in the mortuary at Romagne pending receipt of advice from your office as to confirmation of identification and disposition.

1 encl.



Wm. O. Smith,
Chief.

*This sheet to be held in
file until 10/20/24*

1/3/25

Case of
James Benjamin Deans- 116427- Pvt. 49th Co. 5th Marines. KIA 10/4/18

ACTION REQUESTED.

Request indorsement to Burpoe, replying to their letter of October 2, 1925, file 293-Deans, James B. ; subject- Recovery, advising them

Pvt. James Benjamin Deans- 116427- 49th Co. 5th Marines. KIA 10/4/18
exhumed from isolated grave, Blanc Mont, Cmme St. Etienne-a-Arnes,
Dept. of Marne, E265.74- -N282.57 Sept 15, 1924, Body held in
Morgue Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery # 1232

TO REMAIN IN EUROPE.

Concentration advise accompanied by Forms 1-A and 16-A is requested with the least possible delay.



E. Kensett Vail- Investigator.

Disposition advise received per phone advice from the Marine Corps, based on letter from the father, advise received from the Marines 1/3/25--- (adviser W.J.R.)

E. Kensett Vail
Investigator.

(a copy of father's letter will be forwarded this office per phone advice)

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QM 293 A-C

Deans, James, Benjamin

Oct. 30, 1924.

SUBJECT: Identification and Disposition.

TO: Major General Commandant,
Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps,
Navy Building, Washington, D. C.

1. The investigation which has been conducted with a view towards locating the grave of the late Private James Benjamin Deans, 116427, 49th Company, 5th Marines, has proved successful. The body was exhumed from a mass grave, Blanc Mont, Commune St. Etienne-a-Arnes, Department of Ardennes, Map Tahure 1/20,000, coordinates, E265.74, N282.57. The body of Private Deans was found in the same grave with that of Tommy Alexander Thompson, 4605815, 67th Company, 5th Marines. Two identification tags were found on the body of Private Deans, also one was on the grave marker. His remains are now in the mortuary at the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France, awaiting instructions as to their final disposition.

2. There is on file a request from Mr. B. B. Deans, (father) Middlesex, N. C., that the body be returned to this country for private interment. As some time has elapsed since the request was made, it is requested that you communicate with the father, and ascertain whether it is still his desire that this action be taken. In the event he does not now wish the body returned, it will be permanently buried in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, where now rest thousands of the comrades of this hero.

3. Will you please advise the father, that it is not the policy of the Department to attempt to influence relatives as to the disposition of their dead, but to endeavor to carry out their wishes so far as is humanly possible. On the other hand the Department is honored when relatives entrust the remains to its care and intends to administer that trust in a manner befitting the service the soldier rendered his country and humanity. If agreeable to him, this office will be glad to receive his permission for burial of the remains of his gallant son among his comrades in Europe, and where the grave will be tenderly cared for by a grateful Nation.

4. An early reply on the subject will be appreciated.

For The Quartermaster General:

R. P. HARBOLD,
Major, Q. M. C.,
Assistant.

LN
EKV
WPR

293 Thompson, Tommy Alexander

10/25/24

Case of

Pvt. James Benjamin Deans- 116427- 49th Co. 5th Marines KIA 10/4/18

Action requested.

Request letter to the Marine Corps advising them -----

Pvt. James Benjamin Deans 116427- 49th Company, 5th Marines
exhumed from a made grave, Blanc Mont, Cmme St. Etienne-a-Arnes,
Dept. of Ardennes, Map Tahure 1/20,000 coord. E 265.74 N282.57
(found in same grave with the body of Tommy Alexander Thompson-
4605815, 67th Co. 5th Marines).

Body now held in Morgue at Meuse-Argonne American Cty.
#1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

2 tags were found on the body, and one on the grave marker.

As our records shows the request for the return of the body to the
U.S. it is requested that you will communicate with the nearest
of kin, asking if this is still ~~theirs~~ their desire to have the
body returned to the US.

E. Kensett Vail
E. Kensett Vail
Investigator.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name DEANS, James Benjamin Ser. No. 116427
 (b) Rank Private Organization 49th Co., 5th Marines
 (c) Date of death 10-4-18 (d) Cause of death K/A

} TYP. P.D.
 } CKR. _____

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

(a) Grave No. Morgue 1232 Row _____ Plot _____ Sec. _____ TYP. _____
 (b) Emerg. Address Miss Ella Deans (sister), Middlesex, N.C.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases _____ CKR. _____

IV. ~~A. G. O.~~ ^{Maring} DISPOSITION CARD: _____ Date of receipt _____

(a) Name B. B. Deans (b) Relationship Father
 (c) Address Middlesex, N.C.
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? Yes
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at No

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. B. B. Deans (Father) Middlesex, N.C.

(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. _____

Examiner's Initials _____ Date _____, 192

V. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from _____

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

Examiner's Initials P.D. Date 10/27/24, 192

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

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? _____

Examiner's Initials _____ Date _____, 192

COUNTRY _____ CEMETERY No. Morgue 1232 SHEET No. 240

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made _____, 192

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 192

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
letter on _____, 192

IX.

REMARKS

[Faint, mostly illegible text in the Remarks section, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]

WRITE NOTHING BELOW THIS LINE.

COMBINATION OF DISPOSITION OF SERVICE ONLY

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD: ~~HEAD~~ James Benjamin

116427

(a) Name Private 49th CSer, Nth Marines
 (b) Rank 10-4-18 Organization R/A } TYP. P.D.
 (c) Date of death _____ (d) Cause of death _____

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

(a) Grave No. Miss Ella Deans (sister), Middlesex, N.C. TYP. _____
 (b) Emerg. Address _____

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases _____ CKR. _____

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

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

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. _____

Meuse Argonne cemetery #1232
Romagne sous Montfaucon (Meuse).

Place.....

Date September 18, 1924.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF DEANS, James B. SERIAL NUMBER 116427

RANK..... ORGANIZATION U.S.M.C.

2. Disinterred (date): Sept. 15, 1924. From (give complete location): buried in made grave with remains of Tommy A. Thompson, 5th Marines, Blanc Mont, commune St. Etienne-Sarnes Map Tahure 1/20,000 East 265.74 North 262.57

By: Group two Unit Meuse Argonne Sector

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

By: Group..... Unit..... Nature of reburial.....

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
made grave one (1) meter deep in marines uniform with field shoes size 8 1/2 E
Flesh of body entirely decomposed, Skeleton disarticulated.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? yes 2 (two) On grave marker? yes.
TOB reads James B. Deans 116427 - 3-Aug-17.

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
Marksmans badge found on body

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) 5 feet 9 inches

160 lbs.

(b) Weight (estimated).....

(c) Hair—Color none visible

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

Quantity do

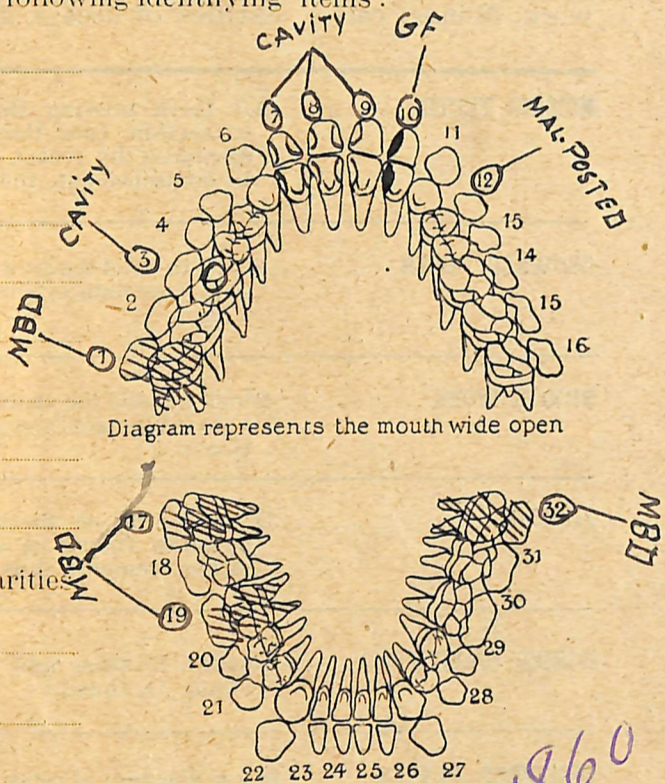
(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities

or missing parts) Tooth #12 mal posted

overlapping #11 & 13 outside

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

small hole in skull left side.



7. Disinterment supervised by Cesario Tuoci
Investigator

Approved: James M. Gourtly
JAMES MC GOURTY
Chief Investigator.
(Title)






8. Reburial supervised by.....

Approved:
(Title)

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

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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.
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MISSING TEETH	All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :	 <p style="text-align: center;">TOOTH MISSING TOOTH MISSING</p>
CROWNED TEETH	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :	 <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD CROWN PORCELAIN CROWN GOLD CROWN</p>
BRIDGE WORK	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus :	 <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD AND PORCELAIN BRIDGE GOLD BRIDGE</p>
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7. Show name of person supervising the disinterment and the name and title of the person approving same.
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O P I N I O N

CASE OF DEANS: JAMES BENJAMIN- 116427- Pvt. 49th Co. 5th Marines... KIA 10/4/18.
Buried in made grave. Blanc Mont, Cmme St. Etienne, Marne. Map Tahure
GRAVE 1/20,000 E265.74 N282.57 Body held in Morgue Cty 1232

DECISION It is my opinion that the body exhumed 9/15/24 from the above grave and held in the Morgue at Cty 1232, IS THAT of Pvt. James Benjamin Deans, 116427
DENTAL CHART

Date of Enlistment		Report on Disinterment			
Marine Corps		Emergency Address		Miss A.D	
Missing	Dental Work	Dental Work	Missing B.D.	Dental Work	
U.R.			1	3 cavity	
No				7;8 cavity	
U.L.				9 cavity	
dental				10 gold glg.	
L.R.			17; 19	12 overlaps 11 & 13	
chart					
L.L.			32		
available					

Above discrepancies can be accounted for as follows: nearly 20 when enlisted 8/30/1917 (would have been 20 on the 22nd)

BODY DESCRIPTION

A.G.O. Report	E/A Report	Report on Disinterment
Height: 5' 9"		5' 9"
Weight 152 lbs		160
Hair Dk brown		none visible
Fractures		

IDENTIFICATION TAGS

Found on Body	Found on Cross
YES (2) JAMES B DEANS 116427--3-Aug-17.	YES

OTHER IDENTIFYING MARKS

Found on Body
Marksman's badge found on body. Skull hole in skull left side.

ORIGINAL BURIAL DATA

Body in this Grave concentrated from Tahure Map
This man reported buried originally 265.1 X282.5
Organizations of other men buried around original location
E. Hensett Vail
Investigator

Concur: *C. J. [Signature]*

APPROVED: *[Signature]*

GLB signed by T.B. Lugg Chaplain of 6th Marines. "DEANS-116427 James B. Pvt. ?
USMC Buried 10/12/18 Place of burial See Tahure Map, co-ord. 265.1 x282.5
One tag nailed to cross, one tag buried with body.

RCS report Pvt. James B. Deans (116427, 49th Co. 5th Marines (was killed instantly
by fragment of enemy shell on morning of October 4th, 1918 as company was advancing in
the Champagne Sector, near St. Etienne, France. Location and number of grave unknown.
Informant Wm. A. Van Train- Sgt. 118541- 49th Co. 5th Marines.

Phone adv. Marine Corps. Pvt. James B. Deans- 116427- 49th Co. 5th Marines was a
marksman, and had a badge for same.

Therefore

The investigator is of the opinion that the body found in a made grave
in Marine uniform, Blanc Mont, in Crome of St. Etienne, - a-arnes, Ardennes. map Tahure
1/20000 265.75- 282.57 body now held in Morgue Cty 1232 IS THAT of Pvt. James
Benjamin Deans- 116427- 49th Co. 5th Mar nes, who was killed in action 10/4/18.

E. Kensett Vail
E. Kensett Vail

Investigator.

Found in same grave with Tommy A. Thompaon- 4605815- 67th Co. 5th Marines.

Marine disposition card shows request for return of body, and so does F 840

EKV

116427

DEANS, JAMES BENJAMIN, CORP'L, 49TH CO.,
5TH REG. MARINES.

DISPOSITION: REQUESTS RETURN OF REMAINS TO
ADDRESS BELOW.

NEXT OF KIN: B.B. DEANS, RELATION, FATHER.

ADDRESS: MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA.

CTY: 217

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

Location of the grave of

~~NAME~~

Deans 116427 James B.

Pvt (?) U.S.M.C.

Buried Oct. 12, 1918.

Place of burial---

See Tahure map, co-ord.

265.1 x 282.5

How buried?

One tag nailed to cross.

One tag buried with body.

Reported by T. B Lugg,

Chaplain 6th Marines.

INDEX SHEET

SYNOPSIS

1. Co. 5th. Marines,
1st. Division.

DEANS, James B., Pvt; 116427
HOME: Middlesex, N.C.

KILLED IN ACTION OCTOBER 4th, 1918.

Private James B. DEANS was killed instantly by fragment of enemy shell on morning of October 4th, 1918 as company was advancing in the Champagne Sector, near St. Etienne, France. Location and number of grave unknown.

INFORMANT: VAN TRAIN, William A. Sgt; 116541
HOME: 49th. Co. 5th. Marines.
55 No. Main Street
Springfield, Mass.

Signed: William A. Van Train.

Next of Kin:
11a Deans
Middlesex, N.C.

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sheets become numerous under a subject they will be entered on the consolidated index
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INSTRUCTIONS.—Under "Synopsis" make brief entry showing date of communication and from whom received and synopsis sufficient to identify the papers. When these index sheets become numerous under a subject they will be entered on the consolidated index sheet and then destroyed.

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Uncolimated Case

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

Place _____

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date _____

1. REMAINS OF *Deans, James Benjamin* SERIAL NUMBER *116427*

RANK *Private* ORGANIZATION *Co. B. (49th) - 5th Regt. USMC*

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

BORN: August 22, 1897 at Springhope, N.C.

ENLISTED: August 3, 1917 at Parris Island, S.C.

By: Group _____ Unit _____

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

By: Group _____ Unit _____ Nature of reburial _____

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

KIA 10-4-18

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: _____

Body description at time of enlistment

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) *69 1/2 inches*

(b) Weight (estimated) *152 pounds*

(c) Hair—Color *dk. Brown*

Quantity _____

Characteristics _____

(d) Hair on face—Color _____

Location _____

Quantity _____

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

missing parts) *P. S. 1" d. L. forearm; P. S.*

1/2" rt. knee; Bmk. l. side; S. 1"

l. index finger; S. 1" r. middle

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

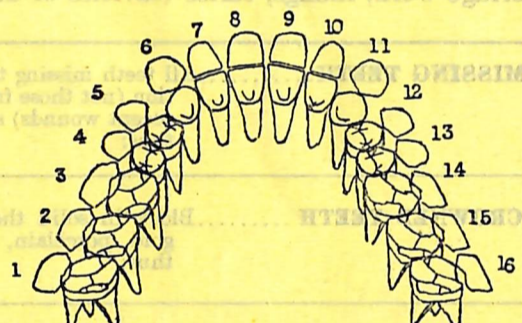
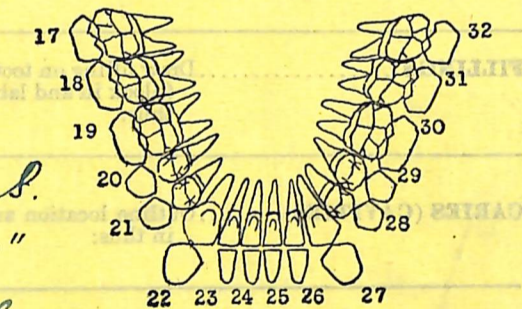


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



No dental chart available in BmX files.

7. Disinterment supervised by _____ Approved: _____

(Title) _____

8. Reburial supervised by _____ Approved: _____






(Title) _____

Comme. St. Etienne-a-Anee, Ardennes.

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), bicuspid (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.

<p>MISSING TEETH.....All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus:</p>	
<p>CROWNED TEETH.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:</p>	
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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."

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From

88333

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

Location of the grave of

DEATH

Deans 116427 James B.

Pvt (?) U.S.M.C.

Buried Oct. 12, 1918.

Place of burial

See Tabular map, co-ord.

265.1 x 282.5

CMME. ST-EXPIRANT-17-ANNO (Ardennes)

(C-217) SIT. 34 N5 COORD { E 265.1

How buried?

{ N 282.5

One tag nailed to cross.

One tag buried with body.

Reported by T. B Lugg,

Chaplain 6th Marines.



(Faint, illegible red handwritten text)

Communal List No. 217-589
Daily Report No. _____

CEMETERIAL DIVISION
REGISTRATION SECTION

FILE

November 28, 1921. ~~192xxx~~

MEMO FOR:

Cards Department.

1.

CASE OF:

Co. B, 5th Marines

ORGANIZATION (Old)

DEANS, 116427, James Benjamin

Pvt.

(Name)

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) 49th Co., 5th Marines

FILE NO.

SURNAME

SERIAL NUMBER

FIRST NAME AND INITIALS

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: M. K. McCarthy

Investigation and Adjustment
(Department)

5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made
on Organization
File Card:

By 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

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Headquarters U. S. Marine Corps,

Washington, November 22, 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. 4168 dated 11-19-21
Case of James Benjamin DEANS Private #116427
49th Co., 5th Marines.

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

FILE

DISPOSITION: To be returned to the U. S.

CONSIGNEE: Name: B. B. Deans,
Address: R.F.D.#2,
Middlesex, North Carolina.

NEXT OF KIN: Name: B. B. Deans,
Relationship: Father
Address: Same as above

REMARKS:

*adj. made
11/24/21
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MACKER BABB,
Lt. Col., Asst. Adjutant & Inspector,
U. S. Marine Corps.
By _____

File No. 4168

Pears James Benjamin
Pot., 110427, 49th Co.,
5th Marines

F-840- dated 11/22/21

FILE

adj. made
11/29/21
MCK

MCKM-11-28-21

INVESTIGATION AND ADJUSTMENT DEPARTMENT.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

FILE

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I. 238
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Date December 22, 1920.

File No. 88333 Registration.

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, Sixth and B Streets NW., 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. **DEANS**
- ✓ b. Christian name. **James B. Benjamin**
- ✓ c. Serial number. **116427**
- ✓ d. Organization. **Co. B, 5th Marines**
- ✓ e. Rank. **Pvt.**
- ✓ f. Date of death. **10/4/18**
- ✓ g. Cause of death. **K/A**
- ✓ h. Authority (C. C. No.) **436**
- ✓ i. Emergency address. **Miss Ella Deans, R.F.D. #2 Middlesex, N. C.**
- ✓ j. Relationship. **Sister (father)**

BODY 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. 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.							

FILE

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

By

H. J. Conner
H. J. CONNER,
1st Lieut. *Quartermaster, Q. M. C.*

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

Original Burial:

C.L.R. # 217.589

Comme. 217 St. Etienne A. Arnes, Ardennes 34 E 265.1

Date December 22, 1930

N 282.5

File No. 88333

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, Sixth and B Streets NW, Washington, D. C.
From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Quartermaster Division)
Subject: Information required for G. R. S.

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- a. Surname. DEANS
- b. Christian name. James B.
- c. Serial number. 116427
- d. Organization. Co. B, 5th Marines
- e. Rank. Pvt.
- f. Relationship. Sister
- g. Emergency address. Miss Ella Deans, Middlesex, N. C.
- h. Authority (C. C. No.). 436
- i. Cause of death. R/A
- j. Date of death. 10/4/18

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Upper right. 2 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
Upper left. 2 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Lower right. 2 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
Lower left. 2 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

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

W. J. CONNER
1st Lieut. xxxxxx Q. M. G.

FILE

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Marines 88333

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

Date May 21, 1920.

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

Please furnish information as checked (✓) below regarding the following soldier:

NAME Deans, James Benjamin

Serial Number 116427

RANK Corporal

ORGANIZATION

49th Co., 5th Reg., Marines

FILE

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	1. No. Deans, James B. Pvt. Co. B, 5th Marines
2.	Date of Death.	2. 10-4-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	3. Killed in Action.
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	4. CC-436
5.	Date buried.	5. 10-12-18
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	6. C.I.E. #217.589 Comme. 217 St. Etienne A. Arnes, Ardennes. 34 E 265.1 N 282.5
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	10. (a) Yes (b) Yes
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	11. Miss Ella Deans (Sister) Middlesex, N. C.
12.	Has been notified? (Give date)	12. No Record.
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	14. No Record. Released by Information Control Dept.
15.	Inquiry made by?DirectoryCards 5x8 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cards 4x6

N.B. All Proper names to be typewritten, or printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

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