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G.R.S. Form #114-B

Brother signs name as De Forest *OK 3-24-27*

FULL NAME **DE FOREST, Walter**

RANK **Sgt.** SERIAL **1204520** *27<sup>th</sup> Div*

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION **Co. G, 105th Inf.**

DATE OF DEATH **Sept 1, 1918**

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME **New York**

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED **None shown**

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION.....	12	1	B
Date	Grave	Row	Block

**Flander's Field Cty. 1252.**

Cemetery



### GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

De Forest 1204520 Walter  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Sergeant 105 Inf Co "G"  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL Sept 2 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL Abele Aerodrome Militia

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

Sheet 27 L 31 A, 8, 1

GRAVE NUMBER No 6 Row "E"

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Yes Cross? —  
Headboard? — Bottle? —

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? yes

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

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

REPORTED BY:

Peter J. Kroll Chaplain 105  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

De Forest 1204520 Walter  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Sgt. Co G 105 Inf  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL Sept 2/18

PLACE OF BURIAL Abele Mil. Camp

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

Map 27 L 31 B central  
Plot 3 Row E

GRAVE NUMBER 6

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? yes Cross? yes  
Headboard? — Bottle? —

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? yes

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

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REPORTED BY:

Royall Tucker  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*De Forrest* *1204520* *Walter*  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

*Sgt* *C* *G* *105* *Inf*  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL

*Sept 2/18*

PLACE OF BURIAL

*Abele Mil. Cem.*

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

*Map 27 L 31 b central*  
*Plot 3 Row E*

GRAVE NUMBER

*6*

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?

*yes* Cross? *yes*

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

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REPORTED BY:

*Royal Tucker*

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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*De Forest 1204520 Walter*  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

*Sergeant 105 Inf Co "G"*  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *Sept 2 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL *Abeek Aerodrome Military Co*

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*Sheet 27 L 31 A, 8, 1*

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HOW MARKED: Name Peg? *Peg* Cross?

Headboard?  Bottle?

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REPORTED BY:

*Peter J. Kroll Chaplain 105 Inf*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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Co. G, 105th Inf.  
27th Division

De FORREST, Walter - Sgt 1204520  
Home: 45, Montross Av.  
Rutherford, N.J.

While returning from the advance on Vierdtraat Ridge on  
Sept. 1, 1918, a shell struck in the midst of the company and instantly  
killed Sgt. De Forrest.

Informant: Vance, Bussey H. - 1st Sgt. 1204544  
Co. G, 105 Inf.  
Home: 835- 4th Ave. Louisville Ky

Searcher: Clyde H. Biggs, Capt.

Emergency address:  
Miss May De Forrest (sister)  
45 - Montross Ave. Rutherford, N.J.

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>De FOXE ST</i>	<i>Inf</i>	3	<i>45-6</i>
<i>Walter</i>	CEMETERY <i>T 1252</i>	1	<i>8</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>12</i>	2	<i>12</i>
	ROW <i>1</i>	2	<i>01</i>
	BLOCK <i>B</i>	1	<i>2</i>
STATE	<i>ny</i>	2	<i>37</i>
RANK	<i>Sgt</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>57</i>	2	<i>27</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>105</i>	3	<i>105</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARITAL <i>(sister)</i>	<i>No</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>De Forest</i>		3	
<i>Helen Miss</i>	STATE <i>Pa</i>	2	
<i>House of the Holy Nativity</i>	COUNTY <i>Phila</i>	2	
<i>RESIDENCE</i>	CITY <i>Phila</i>	3	
<i>117 George St.</i>			
<i>Providence, R.I.</i>			
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Dead</i>	1	<i>6</i>
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RACE		1	
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

July 9, 1930.

DeForest, Walter 1252 S

Miss. Helen DeForest,  
House of the Holy Nativity,  
117 George St.,  
Providence, R. I.

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

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

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

No

If so, give her name and address:

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

No

If so, give her name and address:

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

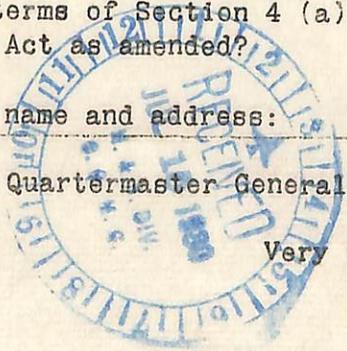
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If so, give her name and address:

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-C

DeForest, Walter - 1252

March 27, 1930

Miss Helen DeForest,  
House of the Holy Nativity,  
117 George Street,  
Providence, Rhode Island.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of the form letter dated March 11, completed by you, together with enclosure inquiring as to whether or not a sister or brother may be allowed to make the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929, in the event there is no surviving mother or widow.

Under the law, the pilgrimages are authorized only for mothers or widows of deceased members of the American forces whose remains are interred in the cemeteries of Europe. The only provision of the law under which anyone other than the mother or widow could be considered for this privilege is contained in Section 4 (a) of the Act which reads in part, "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for the year prior to the commencement of his service in such forces".

However, this case does not come within the scope of this proviso as it has been held that within the meaning of the law a person cannot stand in loco parentis to an adult unless such adult is mentally or physically incapacitated. No man who was mentally or physically incapacitated was accepted for service in the military or naval forces. Inasmuch as the late Sergeant DeForest was an adult at the time of the commencement of his service, his age having been thirty-three years and seven months, no person could have stood in loco parentis to him for the year prior to his entry into the service. Therefore, I regret to advise there is no provision of the existing law under which you or your brother could make this pilgrimage at the expense of the Government.

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  
DeForest, Walter 1252

Miss Helen DeForest,  
House of the Holy Nativity,  
117 George Street,  
Providence, Rhode Island.

March 11, 1930

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*33 yrs 7 mos*  
*Enl 3-26-17*

Dear Madam:

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The records of this office show that you are the sister of the late Sgt. Walter DeForest, Co. G, 105th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Flander Field American Cemetery, Waereghem, Belgium.

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

Write answers in space below:

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

No.

2. If so, give her complete address.

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

No.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*J. T. Harris*

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
 OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
 WASHINGTON

DATE February 15, 1930

NAME	RANK	SERIAL	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
<u>De Forest, Walter</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>1204520</u>	<u>Co. G-105th Inf.</u>	<u>Sept. 1, 1918</u>

STATE	New York	CTY. NO.	1252	GRAVE	12	ROW	1	BLOCK	B
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	<u>Check relationship</u>	<u>Living</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>Deceased</u>
NAME	MOTHER	:	:	:
		:	:	:
	STEPMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:	:
		:	:	:
AND	MOTHER THRU ADOPTION (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:	:
		:	:	:
ADDRESS	MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:	:
		:	:	:
	WIDOW (Who has not remarried)	:	:	:
		:	:	:
	<i>Single man</i>	:	:	:

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*Sister.*

*Helen De Forest*

*House of the Holy Nativity*

*117- George St*

*Providence*

*R.I.*

Veterans Bureau Claim Number 29/156/

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
DeForest, Walter

April 24, 1929.

Miss May DeForest,  
45 Montross Ave.,  
Rutherford, 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".

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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Very truly yours,

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

OM 293 A-C  
de Forest, Walter

June 12, 1930.

Miss May de Forest,  
635 East Spring Ave.,  
Ridgewood, N. J.

Dear Madam:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of June 6, 1930, which was referred to this office by the American Red Cross, there is enclosed herewith a card setting forth the location of the grave of your brother in the Flanders Field American Cemetery in Belgium.

This cemetery is situated within easy walking distance of the town of Waereghem, Belgium. It is approximately 13 kilometers from Courtrai and about 40 kilometers from Lille. If your friend will call at the office of The Chief, American Graves Registration Service, in Europe, 20 rue Molitor, Paris, France, detailed information will be furnished concerning the best routes of travel from Paris.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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June 9, 1950.

The Quartermaster General,  
Cemeterial Division,  
War Department,  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Miss Stoffel

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a letter just received from  
Miss May de Forest, of 635 East Spring Ave., Ridge-  
wood, N.J.

This office will appreciate very much  
your sending to Miss de Forest the information  
requested.



Sincerely yours,

*Edith Spray*

EDITH SPRAY,  
Assistant to the Director,  
War Service.

QM 293 A-C

DeForest, Walter - 1252

March 27, 1930

Miss Helen DeForest,  
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117 George Street,  
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Dear Madam:

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Under the law, the pilgrimages are authorized only for mothers or widows of deceased members of the American forces whose remains are interred in the cemeteries of Europe. The only provision of the law under which anyone other than the mother or widow could be considered for this privilege is contained in Section 4 (a) of the Act which reads in part, "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for the year prior to the commencement of his service in such forces".

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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

DeForest, Walter 1252

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-G  
DeForest, Walter

May 11, 1929.

Miss May DeForest,  
557 East Spring Avenue,  
Ridgewood, N. J.

Dear Madam:

In reply to your letter of May 2, 1929, concerning the pilgrimages of Gold Star Mothers and widows to the cemeteries of Europe, it is regretted to advise that the law authorizing these pilgrimages contains no proviso that would permit of any member of the family other than the mother or widow making the pilgrimage at Government expense.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO

QM 293 A-C  
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April 24, 1929.

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

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For The Quartermaster General,

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Major, Q.M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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QM 293 A-C

DeFOREST, Walter - Sgt.

January 8, 1924

Mr. Edgar G. DeForest,  
45 Montross Ave.,  
Rutherford, N.J.

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

✓ 1- Incl.  
Record card.

O.Q.M.G.  
Central Mail & Files Bn

✓ Assistant.  
R.L. FOSTER

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G.R.S. Form #120  
Shipping Inquiry.WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON.

tvh MAY 11 1920

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.G. *Push Answer*

TO: Edgar G. De Forest, 45-Montrose Ave., Rutherford, New Jersey.

SUBJECT: Disposition of remains of Sgt. Walter De Forrest.

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

Remains to be *(returned to United States)* ~~XXXXXXXX~~Shipped to *(National Cemetery, Arlington, Va.)**Remain  
in  
Europe*

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

The nearest living relative may choose between, (1) return of remains to homes for burial; (2) interment in Arlington, Va., National Cemetery; or (3) remain in ~~XXXXXX~~ EuropeYou are requested to fill out the following without delay and return in enclosed penalty envelope, which does not require postage.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Widow <i>none</i>			
Children (Name oldest first)			
Father <i>Dad.</i>			
Mother <i>Dad.</i>			
Brothers <i>Edgar G. De Forest</i>	<i>45 Montrose Ave</i>	<i>Rutherford</i>	<i>N.J.</i>
Sisters <i>May D. Forrest</i>	<i>233 Washington Ave</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Helene " "</i>	<i>" " "</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>

Date *May 12/20*Address *45 Montrose Ave.  
Rutherford, N.J.*F.B.  
NS-7154/MBSignature *Edgar G. De Forest*Relationship *Brother* *(over)*The transfer of bodies will be made  
entirely at government expense.*(over)*



Refer to this

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## INQUIRY

Request by Dr. Slawson;European calling address Hotel Continental.Mahopac, N.Y.Relationship to dec'd Friend  
For location grave of: -De Forrest #1204520 Walter  
Last name Serial No. First nameSgt. Co.G. 105th Inf.  
Rank Org. Date of deathDate of request Jan. 28, 1921.Recd. by JMK  
(Initials) Other information:

## INFORMATION FURNISHED

Location of grave Country

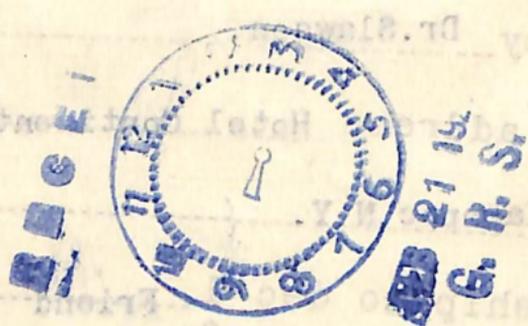
#372 Poperinghe, Abeele British Mil  
Cemetery Commune (town) Dept.Cty. Belgium.Grave No. 6 SectionPlot 3 Row EFurnished by MFD Date Jan. 28,  
(Initials) 1921.

Refer to this

No. 4388

AGRS, Paris  
(Office)

INQUIRY



Request by Dr. Slaw  
 Mr. Collins Hotel  
 Relationship  
 For location grave of:-

De Forest #1204220 Walter  
 Last name Birth No. First name

St. Co. G. 105th Inf.  
 Rank Org. Date of death

Date of request Jan. 23, 1921  
 Recd. by JMK  
 (Initials) Other information:

INFORMATION FURNISHED

Location of grave  
 Country  
 Cemetery  
 City, Belgium  
 Grave No. 6  
 Plot 3  
 Row A  
 Furnished by Mrs. Date Jan. 28, 1921  
 (Initials)

Name DeForest, Walter 1204520

Rank Sgt. Co. G {Corps} {Regt.} 105th Inf

Date of Death Sept. 1, 1918

Place

Cause Killed in action

Date of Burial Sept. 2, 1918

Grave No. 6, Row E, Plot 3

Cemetery Abeele Aerodrome, Belgium

Identified by { Tag }  
{ Papers }  
{ Clothing }

List of Effects

Field Record Made by

Charles W. ...  
1st Lt., Inf., U.S.A.,

Company 302, Graves Registration Service

For additional data use reverse side

19 SEP 1918

DE FORES W. 1204520

Sgt 105th Inf

Pl-3 Row-E

Buried 9/1/18

Grave No 66

Cross Erected  
Abeelee Aerodrome, Mil Cem

Map Reference Sheet

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DE FOREST, 1204520, W  
Sgt 103 Inf

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CEMETERY: Abeele Aerodrome Mil Cem.

Map Ref. 27.L.31.a.8.1.

Plot 3 Row "E" Grave No. 6

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File :.....

DE FOREST (1204520) W.

Sgt. 105th, Inf.

Date of Death: September 1st, 1918.

File No:.....

Date Buried: \_\_\_\_\_

Cemetery: Abeele Aerodrome Military Cemetery  
Watou

Grave No: 6 ~~Seat~~ Plot 3, row E

Company (No:.....) \_\_\_\_\_

Dept: \_\_\_\_\_ Map: \_\_\_\_\_

Coordinates: \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

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Sketch No: \_\_\_\_\_

NP \_\_\_\_\_ CROSS  HD BD \_\_\_\_\_ BTTL \_\_\_\_\_

Ident. Tag on Gr. Mkr: \_\_\_\_\_ b.w.b. \_\_\_\_\_

Authority: \_\_\_\_\_

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INFORMATION FOR  
CHAPLAINS, QUARTERMASTERS AND CHIEFS  
of G. R. S. UNITS AND GROUPS

NAME PEGS FOR CEMETERIES (for temporary use) - Authorization has been given to Quartermasters to purchase locally in such quantities as may be required from time to time, and that requisitions may be made by Chaplains and others upon the nearest Quartermasters, who may have an available source of supply.

SPECIFICATIONS: V shaped wooden peg or board, 1 cm. in thickness, 9 cm. wide at top, 38 cm. in length as measured from center of top line to tapering point at bottom of peg.

TEMPORARY IDENTIFICATION CROSSES which are to serve at the front (or in the Trench "Zone of the Armies"), until it becomes feasible to erect more permanent markers, are approved as follows:

Measurements:	Height	1.04 Metres.
	Spread of cross piece	.35 "
	Width of board	.05 "

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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*De Forrest* 1204520 *Walter*  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

*Sgt Co G* 105 *Inf*  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *Sept 2/18*

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

*Map 27* *L 31* *to central*  
*Plot 3 Row 2*

GRAVE NUMBER *6*

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? *yes* Cross? *yes*  
Headboard? Bottle?

### IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? *yes*

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

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

REPORTED BY:

*Royal K Tucker*

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

*Captain 105 Inf*

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

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OCT 7 1920

WAR DEPARTMENT  
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington.

FROM: O. Q. M. G.  
CEMETERY DIVISION  
Munitions Building  
Room 1128

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

PLEASE EXPEDITE  
Date Oct. 1920

File No. 14888 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.

*Find 10-11  
checkers roll  
change in name*

- a. Surname De Forrest (DeForest)
- b. Christian name Walter
- c. Serial Number 1204520
- d. Organization Co. G. 105th Inf.
- e. Rank Sgt.
- f. Date of death 9/1/18
- g. Cause of death K/A
- h. Authority (C.C.#) 256
- i. Emergency address 24 East 99 St  
my city  
Baltimore
- j. Relationship

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

*Handwritten mark*

*S.M.*

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

CEMETERY NO: 372

BY: *H. J. Conner*  
H. J. CONNER,  
Lieut. ~~EXPEDIENT~~ Q.M.G.

SHEET NO: 12  
TYPED BY: JDB

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M. C. H. [unclear]  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington.

*Special*

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

Date Oct. 7, 1920.

File No. *14888* 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.

*Find 10-11  
checkers note  
change in name*

- a. Surname *De Forrest (Deforest)* Date of death *9/1/18*
- b. Christian name *Walter* Cause of death *K/A*
- c. Serial Number *1204520* Authority (C.C.#) *256*
- d. Organization *Co. G. 105th Inf.* Emergency address *Ledger De Forrest  
24 East 99 St  
my city  
Brother*
- e. Rank *Sgt.* Relationship *Brother*
- j. Relationship

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age of enlistment
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lower right lower left

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*S.M.*

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

CEMETERY NO: 372

BY: *H. J. Conner*  
H. J. CONNER,  
Lieut. ~~XXXXXX~~ Q.M.C.

SHEET NO: 12  
TYPED BY: JDB

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*m. e. h. 11/30*  
*11-5-20*



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THE ORGANIZATION  
Office of the Inspector General of the Army  
Washington

Date: Oct. 7, 1920

Information furnished to A.D.C.  
...

The District of Columbia, D.C. (Geographical Division)

The Department of the Army, War Department, W. D., Washington, D. C.

Subject: Information...

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It is noted that the same subject has been reported...

Office of the Inspector General

Forward (Informant)

Office of the Inspector General

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Question.

If there is no surviving Mother  
or Widow, is the offer to be  
extended to a Sister or Brother?

Please answer.

Helen DeForest.

Deforest, Walter

(Surname)

(Christian name in full.)

1,204,520

(Army serial number.)

Bgt

Co G 105 Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased **BROTHER**

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? **YES**

(Yes or no.)

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

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

*Edw. G. D. Frost.*

45 MONTROSS AVENUE, RUTHERFORD, NEW JERSEY.

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by Pm

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Checked

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357 EAST SPRING AVENUE

RIDGEWOOD, NEW JERSEY

Sergeant Walter de Forest -

Co. G. 105<sup>th</sup> Infantry - 27<sup>th</sup> Division

Killed at Indus Farm, or Vickney Bush Farm

September 2, 1918.

tag number on cross - 1204520

Red Cross picture states buried Beale Aerodrome

Military Cemetery - U. S. A. Plot

Grave - 6 - Row S. S. E.

Red Cross number at base of cross - B. 6492.

If you can't answer this, will you forward it,  
or let me know where I can find out?

May de Forest.

357 EAST SPRING AVENUE  
RIDGWOOD, NEW JERSEY

Quartermaster General; -

Dear Sir; -

I'm reply to your letter of the twenty-fourth, refering to Dr. M. ~~17~~ 293 A. C., De Forest, Walter, would say that his mother died the March before he left for France, and that he was never married. That being the case, and I his eldest sister, could I be included in that invitation? As both mothers and widows can go, each with a friend, would

one more make a very great difference? I  
am not married, and will never be able to  
visit his grave unless some way like this. We,  
I have another brother, were notified we could  
have him brought home, but I couldn't go  
through all that, and we have no place to  
bury ~~my~~ one in, no family plot. Perhaps I  
am asking a lot, but I would so like to  
go. When there is no mother or widow, why  
didn't the Act mention the nearest kin.

My brother went from a real sense of duty,

as he was thirt-five, had heart trouble and  
could have ~~been~~ excused easily. He was a mem-  
ber of the National Guard, the 71<sup>st</sup> of New York.

Hoping that you will be able to allow  
me this wonderful privilege, for I consider it  
such, and that I will know soon,

Very truly yours

May de Forest.

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237 EAST SPRING AVENUE

RIDGWOOD, NEW JERSEY

A. S. MAL ROOM  
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Referred to.....

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Red Cross; -

Dear Sir; -

I have a friend who is going to France the seventeenth of this month, and he wants to visit my brother's grave. The Red Cross sent me a picture of where he was buried, but I have heard he was moved. Could you let me know just where he is now? I'm enclosing a card with all the information I have. Thanking you very much for the trouble you will take, but hoping to hear from you very soon,

Very respectfully

Ray de Forest.

Concentration.

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

Place Abe Cty. #372

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date June 20, 1922.

1. REMAINS OF DE FORREST, Walter SERIAL NUMBER 1204520  
RANK Sgt ORGANIZATION Co. G, 105th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : June 20 1922 From (give complete location) : Gr 6, plot 3, Row E, Cty. 372.

By : Group 2 Unit Sec 2.

3. Reburied (date) June 20, 1922 In (give complete location) : Gr. 12 <sup>Block</sup> Plot B Row 1  
Flanders Field Amer. Cty. No. 1252 Waareghem, Belgium.  
In regulation reburial casket and shipping case.

By : Group Reburial Section 2. Nature of reburial Bottle record placed with body.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :  
buried in uniform, badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags : Buried with body ? yes On grave marker ? no

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :  
collar ornaments reads: "Co. G, 105th Inf." body tag checks.

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

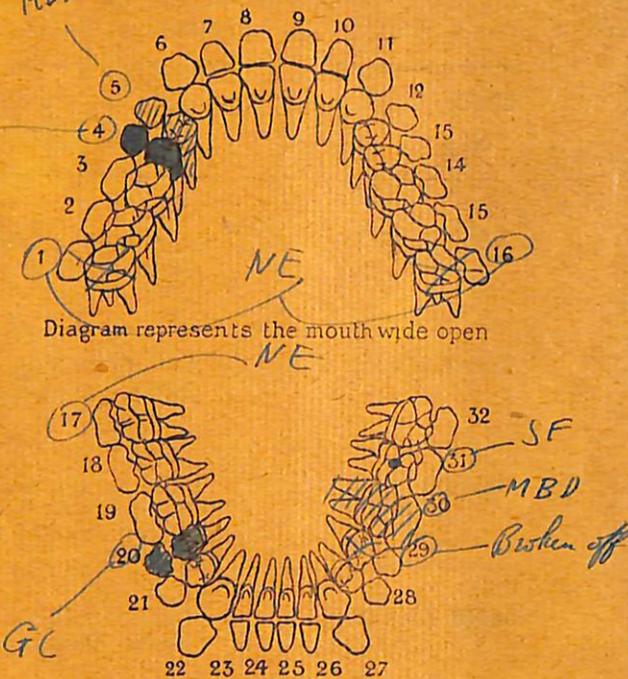
Location do

Quantity do

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) impossible to determine.

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

none visible.



7. Disinterment supervised by Charles P. Keating Approved : J. J. Powers  
(Title) J. J. Powers, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

8. Reburial supervised by A. Pantelis Approved : W. D. Cleary  
(Title) D. Cleary  
Chaplain, U. S. Army

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

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

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

<b>MISSING TEETH</b>	All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus:	
<b>CROWNED TEETH</b>	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:	
<b>BRIDGE WORK</b>	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus:	
<b>FILLINGS</b>	Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:	
<b>CARIES (CAVITIES)</b>	Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:	
<b>DENTURES (PLATES)</b>	Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate block in teeth; attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp".	

7. Show name of person supervising the disinterment and the name and title of the person approving same.
8. Show name of person supervising the reburial and the name and title of the person approving same.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE June 20, 1922.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name De Forrest, Walter

10. Name

2. No. 1204520

11. No.

3. Rank Sgt.

12. Rank

4. Org. Co. G. 105th Inf

13. Org.

5. D.D. 9.1.18

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. KIA

(b) D.B. none

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 6 Sec.

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot 3 Row E

16. Plot Row

9.

17. none.

18. Cemetery Abeele Brit. Mil

19. Commune or town Poperinghe

20. Dept. or County

21. Country Belgium

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 372

23. Disinterred (Date) June 20, 1922

By C. P. Keating.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Walter De Forrest.

Serial No. 1204520

Rank Sgt

Organization Co. G. 105th Inf.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? no On body? yes.

R. L. de Montzen  
Signature Junior Technical Assistant  
R. L. de Montzen.

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).

cellar ornament reads: "Co. G. 105th Inf". body tag checks.

27. Condition of body badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial buried in uniform.

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 June 20, 1922 By C. P. Keating.

31. Casket sealed by C. P. Keating.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

Charles P. Keating  
Charles P. Keating.

C.R.#12  
FR

*Handwritten:* 502 7/16/23

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-1198

32. Designation of body:

Name De Forrest, Walter Serial No. 1204520

Rank Sgt Organization Co.G.105th Inf

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Flanders Field American Cty #1252, Waereghem, Belgium

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) June 20, 1922 By C. P. Keating.

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 J.J. Powers, 1st Lt. M.C.

36. Remarks

Remarks section with horizontal lines.

June 20, 1922.

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 Flanders Field Amer. Cty. 1252. Waereghem, Belgium. (Name)

Convoyer H.N. de Bernardi Signature Shipping Officer J.J. Powers, 1st Lt. M.C.

40. Received: Date June 20, 1922.

G.R.S. Representative W.D. Cleary

41. Reinterred: June 20, 1922. (Date) W.D. Cleary  
Chaplain, U.S. Army

42. Grave No. 12 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot B Row 1  
Block

G.R.S. Representative W.D. Cleary  
W.D. CLEARY  
Chaplain, U. S. Army

G.R.S. Form No. 115

COUNTRY Belgium

Cemetery No. 572

Sheet No. 12

File No. 14888

COMPILATION N/R REQUESTS

I. DATA COMPILATION

A. Location Index Card:

(1) Name DE FORREST, Walter, Ser. No. 1204520 )  
 (2) Rank Sgt. Organization Col. G., 105th Inf. ) TYP. IB  
 (3) Date of death 9-1-18 ) CKR. mcl

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

(4) Cause of death Killed in Action. ) TYP. ALB.  
 (5) Grave No. 6. Row E. Plot 3. Sect. --- ) CKR. mcl

II. FILES EXAMINATION

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

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

(6) Relationship Brother  
 (7) Name Edgar H. DeForest  
 (8) Address 45 Montross Ave. Rutherford, N. J.  
 (9) Desires remains brought to U. S.? Yes  
 (10) Desires remains brought to U. S. and interred in National Cemetery at Yes  
 (11) If brought back, what shipping instructions? -

SEE SUSPENSION REMAINS

J.A.B. Jan 29, 1920

C. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE Date of communication -

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

No Correspondence.

(13) A. G. O. Files EXAMINED by J.A.B. (Date) Jan 29, 1920

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

No request for disposition.  
L.L. 2/10/20

(15) G. R. S. Files EXAMINED by - (Date) -

(over)

Rechecked AH 10-15-

III. FINAL ACTION

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

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

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

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

B. G. R. S. FORM NO. 114 made (Date) Feb. 12, 1920

(19) Typed by SG Checked by B. E. L. (Date) Feb. 12/20.

C. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

J Form 120 5/14/20 Edgar G. De Forest, brother  
nearest of kin, requests body remain  
in France. ec. 5/25/20

D. Dispatched (Date) ..... (Let. Trans. No. 12/11/20)

Par. # 2. Not to be returned.

Approved by .....

(Date) .....

G.R.S. Form No. 114

STATION \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, AND SHIPMENT OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records Office Chief G.R.S.

Discrepancy found upon examination of body.

1. Name DeForrest, Walter  
 2. No. 1204520  
 3. Rank Sgt.  
 4. Org. Co. G. 105th Inf.  
 5. D.D. Sept. 1, 1918  
 6. C.D. Killed in Action

10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_  
 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
 15. (b) D.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 6 Sect. ---  
 8. Plot 3 Row E  
 9. --

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sect. \_\_\_\_\_  
 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 17. \_\_\_\_\_

18. Cemetery Abeele British Military

19. (Commune or Town) Poperinghe

20. (Dept. or County) ---

21. (Country) Belgium

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 372

23. Disinterred (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ BY \_\_\_\_\_

24. Inscription (NAME) \_\_\_\_\_ SERIAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

on ( GRAVE MARKER (RANK) \_\_\_\_\_ ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_

25. Was Identification Disc found on Grave Marker? \_\_\_\_\_ On Body? \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Junior Technical Assistant, \_\_\_\_\_

(The following space is reserved for notations to be made by office Chief Graves Re Registration Service.)

Cable Ref. No.

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(Over)

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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) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
27. Condition of body \_\_\_\_\_
28. Nature of burial \_\_\_\_\_
29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above.
30. Body prepared and placed in casket (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_
31. Casket sealed by \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Embalmer (Supervisor) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

SHIPMENT (Show actual marking of box)

Box No. \_\_\_\_\_

32. DESIGNATION (Name De Forrest, Walter Serial No. 1204520  
OF  
BODY (Rank Sgt. Organization Co G, 105th Inf.
33. CONSIGNEE - Name Quartermaster General  
Address GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, Hoboken, N. J.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

36. Remarks \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

37. Shipped from Cemetery (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ To (Port) \_\_\_\_\_  
Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shpg. Officer \_\_\_\_\_

38. Received European Port (Date) \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

39. Shipped to (U.S., Port) \_\_\_\_\_ On (Boat) \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ (Sig. Shpg. Officer \_\_\_\_\_)

40. Received (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ By G.R.S. Rep. \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature) \_\_\_\_\_

41. Shipped to Destination (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ ) B/L or Express Order No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ ) Shpg. Officer \_\_\_\_\_

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File--14888

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD: *11/6*

(a) Name	DeForrest, Walker	Ser. No.	1204520	} TYP	IB
(b) Rank	Sgt.	Organization	Co. G., 105th Inf.		McC
(c) Date of death	9-1-18	Cause of death	Killed in Action		LM

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

(a) Grave No. *6* Row *E* Plot *3* Sect. *---* TYP ALB

(b) Emerg. Address *-----*

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases *no card* CKR MCH

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

*Form 120, 5/14/20, Edgar G. De Forest, brother, M.R., requests body remain in France.*

*(N.G. - 12/18/20)*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on *192*)  
(Letter of transmittal on *2/11/1920*)

*Par. #2. Not to be returned. H.J.*

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

COUNTRY Belgium  
G.R.S. FORM 115-A  
August, 1920

CEMETERY NO. 372

SHEET NO. 12