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1. NAME ARNESS, Nels A SERIAL No. 2164154

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co.E., 328th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION American Military Cty. Nevers. Nièvre 395  
CTY. NAME NUMBER

391

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 391 NEVERS (Nièvre)  
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES

CONCENTRATED TO Not of record

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

DATE OF DEATH Oct. 26, '18.

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Iowa.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED None.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS Not of records

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

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SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR W.H. QUARTERMAN, CAPT. F.A., Supervisor Area N°4

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION July 8, 1922 15 2 Block C  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

St. Mihiel American #1233, Thiaucourt M et M.  
CEMETERY

AUDITED BY  
K. A. T.  
7/13

NOV 30 1925  
WORLD WAR DIV.

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Arness 2165154 Mels A.  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Private Co. E - 328. Inf.  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: U.S.A. Base Hosp. #35

CAUSE OF DEATH: G.S.W. Left Leg and right

DATE OF BURIAL: October 28 - 1918

PLACE OF DEATH: Military Cemetery -

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

Hospital Centre

Mars - sur - Allier, France

GRAVE NUMBER: B 77

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Yes Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: - 2 -

Was one buried with body? Yes

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

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

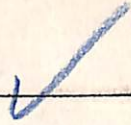
NEAREST RELATIVE: Mrs. Edward Arness

ADDRESS: R. F. D. #1, Decatur, Iowa

RELATIONSHIP: Mother

REPORTED BY: Clinton J. Irvine - Chaplain  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	<i>Arnes Nels A</i>	<i>ARN</i>	<i>3</i>
	CEMETERY	<i>1233</i>	<i>1 3</i>
BURIED	GRAVE	<i>15</i>	<i>2 15</i>
	ROW	<i>2</i>	<i>2 02</i>
	BLOCK	<i>C</i>	<i>1 3</i>
STATE	<i>Iowa</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>16</i>
RANK	<i>Pvt.</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>82</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>82</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>328</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>328</i>
ARM	<i>Infantry</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>no</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>
NAME	<i>Mrs Arnes Minnie</i>	<i>ARN</i>	<i>3</i>
	STATE	<i>Iowa</i>	<i>2 16</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY	<i>Winnebago</i>	<i>2 96</i>
	CITY	<i>Decorah</i>	<i>3 025</i>
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>
OTHER		<i>1</i>	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		<i>1</i>	
RACE		<i>1</i>	
ENGLISH		<i>1</i>	
ATTENDANT		<i>1</i>	
HEALTH		<i>1</i>	
NO. OF SONS		<i>1</i>	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	<i>1</i>	
	YR.	<i>1</i>	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>no</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>

*Audited*  
 DEC 12 1931  
*AT*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Arness, Nels A. (STM)

July 11, 1932

Mrs. Minnie Arness,  
Route 1,  
Decorah, Iowa.

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)

Minnie Arness

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Arness, Nels A. Pvt. 1cl. (StM) M

June 12, 1931.

Mrs. Minnie Arness,  
Route #1,  
Decorah, Iowa.

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



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? No

Write answer here

*Mrs Minnie Arness*

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

June 7, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Arness, Nels A. -1233 M

Mrs. Minnie Arness,  
Route 1,  
Decorah, Iowa.

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.

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? No

(Write answer here)

Mrs. Minnie Arness  
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

August 27, 1929.

Arness, Nels A.  
1233

Mrs. Minnie Arness,  
Route #1,  
Decorah, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 25, 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:

*He was not married*

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.

*Minnie Arness  
is his mother*

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

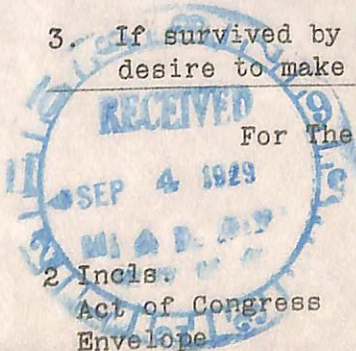
*It would be wonderful  
but am too old to make  
the pilgrimage*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Arness, Nels A

May 25, 1929.

Mrs. Minnie Arness,  
Route # 1,  
Decorah, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late **Private, first class, Nels A. Arness, Co. E, 328th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Mourthe-et-Moselle, 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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Envelope.

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-M

Arness, Nels A. (STM)

July 11, 1932

Mrs. Mimie Arness,  
Route 1,  
Decorah, Iowa.

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.

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Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933?

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Arness, Nels A. Pvt. 1cl. (STM) M

June 12, 1931.

Mrs. Minnie Arness,  
Route #1,  
Decorah, Iowa.

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.

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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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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Arness, Nels A. -1233 M

June 7, 1930.

Mrs. Minnie Arness,  
Route 1,  
Decorah, Iowa.

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.

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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)

Arness

Nellis A

2,164,154

Dup

(Surname)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt.

Co E 328 Inf

OK

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

*Father*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

*No*

(Yes or no.)

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

}

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

*Edward Arness*

(Number and street or rural route.)

*RFD #1*

(City, town, or post office.)

*Decorah*

(State.)

*Iowa*

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by PMJ

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12-21

REVIEWED  
OSP SS.

J.M.M. 12-21-'20

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 8, 1929.

Arness, Nels A. 1233 M.

Mrs. Minnie Arness,  
Rt. #1,  
Decorah, Iowa.

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.

Encl.  
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Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

August 27, 1929.

Arness, Nels A.  
1233

Mrs. Minnie Arness,  
Route #1,  
Decorah, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 25, 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.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Arness, Nels A

May 25, 1929.

Mrs. Minnie Arness,  
Route # 1,  
Decorah, Iowa.

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

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QM 293 A-C

ARNESS, Nels A. - Pvt. 1/c

November 25, 1924

Mrs. Minnie Arness,  
Route #1,  
Decorah, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

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

1-Incl.  
Record card.



RD  
702

1863  
X  
COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File No. 49264

OK  
4/27/22  
Examined  
Per instructions  
1233  
St. Michael  
at 3/15/22

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name ARNESS, Nels A. Ser. No. 2164154)  
(b) Rank Pvt. 1/c Organization Co. E, 328th Inf.)  
(c) Date of death 10-26-18 of death DWRIA)

TYP. EML  
CKR. OK

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

(a) Grave No. 391 Row --- Plot --- Sect. ---) TYP. ILH  
(b) Emerg. Address Ed Arness (Father), Route #1, Decorah, Iowa

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; NO CARD) CKR. OK

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

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

(a) Name No Card in file (b) Relationship at 5-26-20  
(c) Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? \_\_\_\_\_  
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at \_\_\_\_\_

SEE DISPOSITION REMARKS

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U.S. \_\_\_\_\_  
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U.S. \_\_\_\_\_

Examiner's Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ 1920

V. A.G.O. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from \_\_\_\_\_

dated \_\_\_\_\_, confirmed request in Par. IV. item \_\_\_\_\_, above, or requesting that  
no correspondence

Examiner's Initials JOB Date 5/26/ 1920

VI. G.R.S. Files - Correspondence - shows as follows:

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes, T.L.

Examiner's Initials T.L. Date 5-28- 1920

CENETRIAL DIVISION



JAN 5 1921

RECEIVED.

VII. G. P. Form No. 114 Date \_\_\_\_\_, 1920

JAN 10 1921

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_

Checked by \_\_\_\_\_

1920

CENETRIAL DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SEC.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by- ( cable on \_\_\_\_\_ 1920  
( letter on 8/2 1920

*Par. # 2 Not to be returned (MacB)*  
*LARM-1-3-21*

IX. CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

J. 6-28-20

*Form 120 - 6-21-20, from Minnie Arness, mother & nearest kin, Decorah, Iowa, Route #1, requests that body remain in Europe. 6-28-20 J.*

FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN - BODY  
TO REMAIN IN EUROPE JAN 10 1921

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Dec. 16, 1921

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 ARNESS, Nels A
- 2. No. 2164154
- 3. Rank Pvt. 1/c
- 4. Org. Co. E., 328th Inf.
- 5. D.D. 10-26-18
- 6. C.D. WRIA

- 10. Name \_\_\_\_\_
- 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_
- 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_
- 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) D.B. None

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- 7. Grave No. 391 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_

- 15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_
- 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_
- 17. None

18. Cemetery Amer. Mil.

19. Commune or town Nevers.

20. Dept. or County Nievre

21. Country France.

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 395

23. Disinterred (Date) Dec. 16, 1921

By W R Tomlinson

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name ARNESS, Nels A

Rank Pvt.

Serial No. 2164154

Organization Co. E. 328 Inf.

Gr. No. 391

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

*Thos A Pace*  
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant

**Thos A Pace**

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).

**No effects found, form 16a accomplished. Reburial record on body checks.**

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed recognition impossible.

28. Nature of burial In uniform and wooden box.

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Dec. 16, 1921 By W R Tomlinson

31. Casket sealed by W R Tomlinson

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor *W R Tomlinson*)  
**W R Tomlinson**

AUDITED BY  
*9/25 10/2/23*

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-23675

32. Designation of body: \_\_\_\_\_

Name Nels A. ARNESS Serial No. 2164154

Rank Pvt. Organization Co.E., 328th Inf.

33. Consigned to: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel American Ctry. #1233 Thiaucourt M-et-M.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Dec. 16, 1921 By W R Tomlinson

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 *D E Lowry*  
D E Lowry, 1st Lieut QMC

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

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Dec. 16, 1921

To point of Concentration Nevers, Nievre  
(Name)

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer Capt. QMC

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_

By G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 22 DEC 1921

To Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel (1233) Thiaucourt M et M  
(Name)

Convoyer R L Hall Signature Shipping Officer *R L Hall*

40. Received: Date 26 DEC 1921

G.R.S. Representative *F B Daniel, Capt, 2 MC*

41. Reinterred July 8th, 1922. Gr \_\_\_\_\_

(Date)

42. Grave No. 15 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot Block C. Row \_\_\_\_\_ 2

G.R.S. Representative *A E Dewey*  
A. E. Dewey, 1st Lt. QMC.

**REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL**

1. REMAINS OF **ARNESS, Nels A** SERIAL NUMBER **2164154**  
 RANK **Pvt. 1/c** ORGANIZATION **Co. E. 328 Inf.**

2. Disinterred (date): **Dec. 16, 1921** From (give complete location): **Gr. No. 391**  
**Amer. Mil. Cem. No. 395 Nevers, Nievre**

By: Group **1** Unit **4**

3. Reburied (date): **July 8th, 1922.** In (give complete location): **Gr 15. Row 2. Block C.**

By: Group **Reburial** Unit **Casket and shipping case.**  
 Nature of reburial

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
**Wooden box in, in uniform and blanket. Badly decomposed, Recognition impossible.**

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? **Yes** On grave marker? **yes**

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

**No effects found.**

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) **Unable to determine**

(b) Weight (estimated) **Unable to estimate**

(c) Hair—Color **Unable to determine**

Quantity **do**

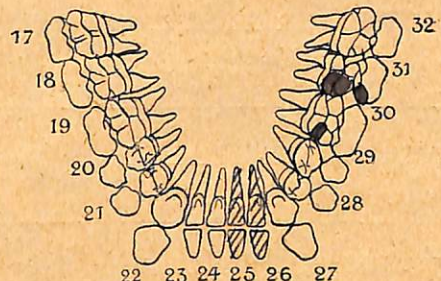
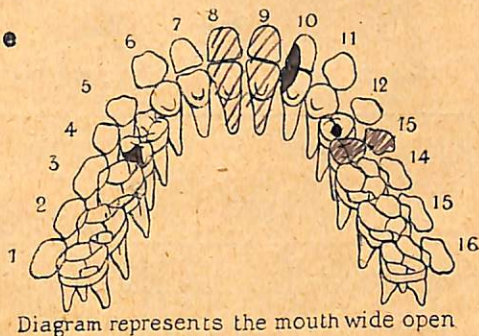
Characteristics **do**

(d) Hair on face—Color **None**

Location **"**

Quantity **"**

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) **None visible.**



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) **MAD, 8, 9, 25, 26, GC, 13, SF, 4, 12, 30, 31**  
**GR. 10**

7. Disinterment supervised by **W R Tomlinson**

Approved: **D E Lowry**  
 (Title) **1st Lieut QMC jsk**

8. Reburial supervised by **H. L. Keamer**

Approved: **A. E. Dewey**  
 (Title) **A. E. Dewey, 1st Lt. QMC.**

Date June 18, 1919.REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

## Remains of:

Name: Nels A. Arnes,Number: 2164154.Rank: Pvt.Organization: Co. E., 328th Inf.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit Detachment.

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give Complete location)

June 15, 1919.Grave B-77, American E.F. CemeteryNo. 85, Mars-sur-Allier (Nievre).

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

June 15, 1919.Grave 391, American E.F. CemeteryNo. 395, Nevers (Nievre).

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

Buried in strong coffin, body clothed, badly decomposed, water covered coffin.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? No question as to identity.

What other means of identification were found on the body?

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## Note:

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

Supervised by:

Harry S. Sands

G.O. Group

Unit

**CHAS. S. DENNY**  
1st Lieut. C. A.

*met*

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

*Rush Answer*

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.  
TO: Mr. Ed Arness, Route #1, Decorah, Iowa.  
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Nels A. Arness

JUN 9, 1920

*Europe*

The records of this office show that you have ~~expressed your desires~~  
~~not~~ expressed your desires as to the disposition of body.

*Remain in*

If these are not the correct instructions, please change them. Make changes on reverse side of this sheet.

The nearest living relative may choose between, (1) return of the body to any address in the United States; (2) interment in Arlington, Va., National Cemetery; or (3) remain in France.

Noted on Form No. 115

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

Date 6-28-20

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

KMB

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow	<i>None</i>		
Soldier's Children	1.	2.	
(Name oldest first)	3. <i>None</i>		
Father	<i>deceased</i>		
Mother	<i>Mrs. Arness</i>		
Brothers	1. <i>Edwin Arness</i>	<i>Decorah Iowa</i>	
(Name oldest first)	2. <i>Conrad Arness</i>	<i>Decorah Iowa</i>	
Sisters	<i>Signe Arness</i>		
		<i>Decorah Iowa</i>	
Date	<i>June 18-1920</i>		
Address	<i>Decorah Iowa</i>		
Relationship	<i>Mother</i>		

Signature *Mrs. Arness*

Note: - Instructions on the reverse side of this sheet should be carefully read before filling out this paper.

(OVER)

The transfer of bodies will be made entirely at Government expense

Mrs Minnie Arner does not  
desire that the remains be  
returned to the United States  
but is satisfied to let her  
remains rest in France

RECEIVED.

JAN 10 1921

CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SEC.

J. Nelson  
SECRETARY WINNEBIEK CO. CHAPTER  
AMERICAN RED-CROSS  
Dunkirk



JAN 10 1921  
G. R. S.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT

1. This paper MUST be signed by the person who is the NEXT of kin in the order shown in the square on other side of this sheet.
2. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
3. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the legally appointed guardian of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.
4. If YOU are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
5. If YOU are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.
6. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
7. Use the enclosed envelope - pay no postage.



PLEASE  
EXPEDITE

Adjustment Made  
JAN 3 1921

WAR DEPARTMENT

Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington

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

Date 12/24/20.

File No. 49264  
Registration.

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)  
To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.  
Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed, Request confirmation of all information shown.

- a. Surname Arness *OK*
- b. Christian name ~~Nels A.~~ *OK*  
or (Nels A.) *OK*
- c. Serial Number 2164154 *OK*  
or (2165154)
- d. Organization Co. E, 328th Inf. *OK*
- e. Rank Pvt. *1/cl*
- f. Date of death 10/26/18. *OK*
- g. Cause of death DWRIA. *OK*
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- i. Emergency address
- 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

*12/30/20*

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

BY: *[Signature]*  
H. J. CONNERY  
1st. Lieut., Q.M.G.

Rec'd World War Div.

Date... *12 27 '20*

CEMETERY NO: 395

SHEET NO: 17  
TYPED BY: I.W.

S/713/LML

*Donnelly - Emb  
EPS - 78 - 12/27/20*

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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Arness ..... 2165154 ..... Neels A.  
 (Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).  
 Private ..... Co. E - 328 Inf.  
 (Rank). (Organization)

PLACE OF DEATH: U.S.A. Base Hospt. # 35

CAUSE OF DEATH: J.S.W. Left leg and thigh

DATE OF BURIAL: October 28 - 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: Military Cemetery

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

Hospital: Centre

Mars - sur - Allier

GRAVE NUMBER: ~~B 77~~ B 77

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?  Yes, Cross?

Headboard?  Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: - 2 -

Was one buried with body?  Yes

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: Mrs. Edward Arness

ADDRESS: R. F. D. # 1, Decorah - Iowa

RELATIONSHIP: Mother

REPORTED BY:

Clinton J. Grime - Chaplain  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)



2 NOV 1918

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

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201. Arness, Nels A.

3rd. Ind.

ods/ds.

Central Records Office, A.G.D., A.P.O. 902, A.E.F., April 23rd, 1919 - To:  
Chief Graves Registration Service for all available information as to burial  
of this soldier. Papers to be returned to this office with least practicable  
delay.

By command of General Pershing:

Adjutant General.

4th. Ind.

FVN/RH

Chief, Graves Registration Service. HQ., S.O.S. Amer. E.F.  
To : Central Records Office. A.G.D. A.P.O. 902. A.E.F.

May 9. 1919

Returned. Records of this office show Private Nels  
A. Arness, Co.E, 328th. Infantry to have been buried October 28,  
1918 in Grave B-77, American Cemetery of Mars -sur-Allier,  
Dept. Nievre.

Grave is marked by a Cross. Grave location was  
furnished by Clinton J. Green and has been confirmed by the  
Graves Registration Service.

CHARLES C. PIERCE.  
Lt. Colonel Q.M.C. USA.

FILE



REVIEWED  
DSP SS

12 MAY 1919

(S. F. 4.19.19 )  
201. Arnese., Nels A.

1st. Ind.

Central Records Office. A.G.D. A. P0902 April 4, 1919 To -  
Base Quartermaster, Effects Depot. Base Section #1. for report  
as to the disposition of personal effects of Pvt. Nels A. Arnese,  
shown by the records of this office to have been killed in action  
10.26.18.

Wm. A. Woodlief.  
Adjutant General.

2nd. Ind.

O.Q.M. Base Section No.1.S.O.S. France/ April 21.1919.  
Central Records Office, A.G.D. A.P.O. 902. Arnese. E.F

1. Returned. The effects of the late Pvt. Nels A. Arnese  
have been received at this depot, and are being prepared for  
shipment to the Effects Bureau, Hoboken, New Jersey, .  
Shipment will go forward within a short time.

By direction:-

Wm. Korst.  
Major. Q.M. Corps.  
Asst. to Base Q.M.  
InChg of Effects Dept.



COMPANY E-328th. Inf.  
American Ex. Force. France.  
March 6.1919.

From : C.O. Company E. 328th Infantry, Amer. E.F. A.P.O. 742  
To : Central Records Office .A.P.O. 902. Amer. E.F.  
Subject : Request for information of Pvt. Nels A. Arness (2164154)

1. Pvt. Nels A. (2164154) Arness, formerly a member of Company E 328th. Infantry was wounded in action on October 9th. in the Argonne Forest, near Chatel-Chehery .

2. Request that you furnish me with any information you may have of this man, if dead, kindly advise me as to burial place and date of death and disposition of his personal effects.

C.R. Hopper.  
Captain. 328th. Infantry.

