

G.R.S. Form #114-B

To The A. G. O.

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OCT 9 - 1926

FULL NAME *COMPTON, Letcher C.*

RANK *2nd Lieut*

SERIAL *1452182*

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION *Company D, 140th Infantry*

DATE OF DEATH *Sept 28 - 18*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *Mo*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED *DSC*

| FINAL GRAVE LOCATION | 9/8/25 | 28 | 43 | H |
|----------------------|--------|-----|-------|---|
| Date | Grave | Row | Block | |

Meuse Argonne American Cemetery # 1232.

Cemetery

AUDITED BY

24/292/EYS

A. G. O.
OCT 11 1926
WORLD WAR DIV



(Handwritten initials in a circle)

Directors
O. H. BLACKMAN
F. J. ROSS
J. K. FRASER
F. J. HERMES
M. L. WILSON

Blackman-Ross Company

Advertising

95 Madison Avenue
New York City

May 15, 1919

O. Q. M. C.
CEN. BR.
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MAY 17 1919

Graves Registration Service,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am writing to ask if you can give me any information as to the location of the grave of Lieutenant Letcher C. Compton.

The following information will probably be sufficient as a basis for you to institute search in your records.

LETCHER C. COMPTON, 2d Lieutenant,
140th Infantry, 35th Div.

Killed in the battle of the Argonne, Sept.
29th, 1918.

At the time of his death acting as Battalion
Intelligence Officer,
First Battalion, 140th
Infantry, Commanding Officer,
Major Fred L. Lemmon.

I have talked to a soldier returned from France who said that he saw my brother's grave in the following location.

1½ miles northeast of the village of
Cheppy - 100 yards to the left of the
road leading northeast out of Cheppy.

This soldier said that the grave was identified by the placing on the cross of Lieutenant Compton's identification disc.

I understand that the Graves Registration Service proposes to furnish relatives of deceased soldiers co-ordinate maps showing thereon

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Compton, Letcher C.

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exact location of graves.

If information concerning Lieutenant Compton's grave has come through to your department by this time I would very much appreciate it if you would send it to me.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,

R. J. Compton Jr.

RJC:FM

May 23rd, 1919.

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Office, Quartermaster General of the Army,

Blackman-Ross Company,
Mr. R. J. Compton Jr., c/o 155 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y.

Location of the grave of 2d Lieutenant Letcher G. Compton.

1. This office is in receipt of your letter of the 15th instant, in regard to the location of the grave of 2d Lieutenant Letcher G. Compton, 140th Infantry, 35th Division, who was killed in action September 29th, 1918.

2. It is regretted that this information cannot be furnished you, as the report of place of burial of the above named soldier, has not yet been received in this office.

H. L. Rogers,
Quartermaster General of the Army,

By:

H. R. Lemly,
Major, Quartermaster Corps.

FRL

MAILED
MAY 28 1919

*Compton, Letcher C.
2nd Lt.*

WESTERN MILITARY BUREAU
ROUTE AND SCHEDULE

EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE SAILING FROM NEW YORK CITY August 19, 1930

St Louis County, State of Missouri

Name Compton, Mrs Cornelia L (R-7)

Address 405 E Adams St Kirkwood, Mo

→ Route going: Mo Pac St Louis, Penna ~~New York~~

→ Return: B&O St Louis, Mo Pac

| | | ROAD | TRAIN | TIME | DATE |
|--------------------|----------------|--------|-------|----------|-----------|
| Itinerary going | Lv Kirkwood | Mo Pac | 30 | 7:30 AM | August 16 |
| | Ar St Louis | " | " | 8:10 AM | " " |
| | Lv " | Penna | Spl | 10:15 AM | " " |
| | Ar New York | " | " | 3:00 PM | " 17 |
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Accommodations: Coach Kirkwood, Mo to St Louis, Mo and standard sleeper St Louis, Mo to New York, N Y

Elapsed Time: 30 Hrs: 30 Min.

Extra Fare:

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November 25, 1919.

From: The Adjutant General of the Army.

To: The Director, Bureau of War Risk Insurance,
(Compensation & Insurance Division).

Subject: Report of Death.

The records of this office show as follows:

| | | |
|--|--|--|
| Letcher C. Compton | 2nd Lt. | Infantry |
| ----- | ----- | ----- |
| Undetermined <small>(Name)</small> | Undetermined, <small>(Rank)</small> | previously reported Missing. <small>(Organization)</small> |
| ----- | ----- | ----- |
| Mrs. Cornelia Compton, 405 East Adams Ave., Kirkwood, Mo. <small>(Date of Death)</small> | Not Given. <small>(Cause)</small> | |
| ----- | ----- | |
| Not Given <small>(Emergency address)</small> | Not Given. | |
| ----- | ----- | |
| No <small>(In line of duty)</small> | Not Given. <small>(Result of own misconduct)</small> | |
| ----- | ----- | |
| No <small>(Date of last entry upon active service)</small> | ----- | |
| ----- | ----- | |
| No <small>(Any facts that show third party responsible for injury or death)</small> | | |

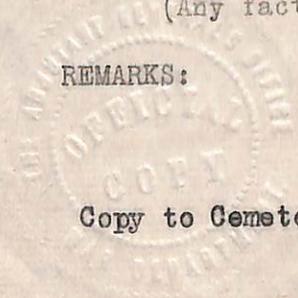
REMARKS:

Copy to Cemeterial Div. QMC

E. K. Craven

Adjutant General.

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November 28, 1919.

From: The Adjutant General of the Army.

To: The Director, Bureau of War Risk Insurance, (Compensation & Insurance Division).

Subject: Report of Death.

The records of this office show as follows:

Ketcher, G. Gordon

Inf. Lt.

Laundry Cemetery

Unidentified

(Rank) (Organization) Unidentified, previously reported missing.

(Date of Death) Mrs. Corbelle Gordon, 408 East Adams Ave., Lincoln, Neb.

(Cause)

(Emergency address) Not given

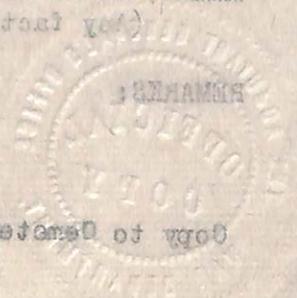
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(In line of duty) (Reason of own misconduct)

(Date of last entry upon active service)

(By facts that show third party responsible for injury or death)

Copy to General Div. OMO



Adjutant General

5 p.m. 5
report of death

CODE SLIP



| HEADING | SUB-HEADING | NO. OF COLS | CODE |
|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|
| NAME <i>Compton</i> | <i>COM</i> | 3 | 3 ⁰⁰ 5 ⁰ 3 |
| <i>Setcher C</i> | CEMETERY <i>1232</i> | 1 | 1 |
| BURIED | GRAVE <i>28</i> | 2 | 28 |
| | ROW <i>43</i> | 2 | 43 |
| | BLOCK <i>H</i> | 1 | 8 |
| STATE | <i>Mo</i> | 2 | 29 |
| RANK | <i>2nd Lt</i> | 1 | 1 |
| DIVISION | <i>35</i> | 2 | 35 |
| ORGANIZATION | <i>140</i> | 3 | 140 |
| ARM | <i>Inf</i> | 1 | 1 |
| MARTIAL | <i>no</i> | 1 | 2 |
| NAME <i>Compton</i> | <i>COM</i> | 3 | 3 ⁰⁰ 5 ⁰ 3 |
| <i>Mrs. Cornelia</i> | STATE <i>Mo</i> | 2 | 29 |
| RESIDENCE | COUNTY <i>St. Louis</i> | 2 | 96 |
| | CITY <i>Kirkwood</i> | 3 | 033 |
| RELATION | <i>Mother</i> | 1 | 1 |
| OTHER | | 1 | |
| ELIGIBILITY | <i>yes</i> | 1 | 1 |
| NATIVITY | | 1 | |
| RACE | | 1 | |
| ENGLISH | <i>yes</i> | 1 | 1 |
| ATTENDANT | | 1 | |
| HEALTH | <i>Good</i> | 1 | 1 |
| NO. OF SONS | | 1 | |
| DATE OF TRIP | MO. | 1 | |
| | YR. <i>1930</i> | 1 | 1 |
| ACCEPTANCE | <i>yes</i> | 1 | |
| 29/514/PJ. | <i>Page</i> | 1 | 57 |

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Party "A" - Itinerary - Meuse-Argonne Group

Sailed August 19, 1930 on GEORGE WASHINGTON. Capt. Arnold J. Funk in Charge. Arrived Cherbourg August 27th. Special tender arrived 11:57 am, bearing Maj. Bailey and Kinderman; Capt. Cohn, Haley, Earnest, Lambert and Stark; Lieut. Yarborough, Freeman and Eiams; five nurses and three civilian employees. Train left 1:37 pm; arrived Gare des Invalides, Paris, 8:00 pm. Met by Col. Ellis and members of his staff, interpreters and nurses. Taken in bus to hotel.

August 28th: Morning devoted to transaction of personal business. Exchange of money, preparation of laundry, etc. Afternoon - Arc de Triomphe, Wreaths laid by Mrs. Seymour and Mrs. Cassels. Tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent. Dinner at hotel.

August 29th: Morning free. Lunch at hotels. Sightseeing trip Paris - Sacre Coeur. Dinner at hotels.

August 30th: Visited Notre Dame in morning. Lunch at hotels. Sightseeing trip Paris - Napoleon's Tomb. Dinner at hotels.

August 31st: Left 7:18 am for Montairall via Porte de Pantin, Meaux, La Ferté-sous-Jouarre (rest stop Hotel du Vert). Left 11:00 am for Chalons s/ Marne. Lunch Hotel Haute Mere. Left 3:00 am for Ste. Mencheuld (rest stop Moderne Hotel). Left Ste. Mencheuld 4:45 for Verdun. Quarters Hotel Nouvel and Hotel Vauban.

September 1st, 2nd & 3rd: Daily trips made from Verdun to Meuse-Argonne Cemetery.

September 4th: Left 9:18 am for Suippes. Lunch cemetery. 2:00 pm via Charpentry, Argonne Forest, Four de Paris, Viennes-le-Chateau (rest stop Hotel Champagne). Left 4:30 for Reims. Quarters Hotel Crystal.

September 5th: Morning free. Lunch Hotel Crystal. Left 1:30 pm for Chateau Thierry via Champfleury, Ay, Spemay, Dormans. (Rest Stop Hostellerie du Bonhomme. Left 4:00 pm for Paris via le Thiolet, Montrouil-aux-Lieux, La Porte s/ Jouarre. Dinner at hotel.

September 6th: Morning free. Lunch at hotels. Afternoon sightseeing trip Paris - Louvre. Dinner at hotels.

September 7th: Free or church. Lunch at hotels. Afternoon free. Dinner at hotels. Night sightseeing trip.

September 8th: Left for Fontainebleau via Barbizon. Lunch at Hotel Logris. Visited Chateau. Left 4:00 pm for Paris via Melun. Dinner at hotel.

September 9th: Morning Versailles. Lunch at hotels in Paris. Afternoon free. Dinner at hotel.

September 10th: Boat train for Cherbourg left 9:44 am, arrived 3:56 pm. AMERICA sailed 5:40 pm. Arrived New York September 19th.

* On Sept. 9th, about 60 Missouri members of this party participated in a ceremony in the Court of Honor of the Invalides when a gavel, in the possession of Mrs. Caylor, was presented to Marechal Joffre.

Mrs Cornelia L. Compton

WAR DEPARTMENT

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

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.



R

NAME Compton, Mrs. Cornelia L.

ADDRESS ..405 E. Adams St. Kirkwood, Missouri

COMPTON, L. C.

DATE

TO: Officer-In-Charge, ST. LOUIS CO.
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

I beg to inform you that I have returned to my home safely and in good health.

Sincerely,

X
(Signed) Cornelia L. Compton

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RETURN NEW YORK

DATE ... SEP 19 1930

M
 NAME Compton, Mrs. Cornelia L. HOME ADDRESS 405 E. Adams St. Kirkwood
 St. Louis County
 Missouri

RETURN ON S. S. S/S AMERICA HOTEL MCALPIN ROOM NO. ... 808

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE ... 9/20

ROAD *Bro* TRAIN *11* CAR BERTH or SEAT

REMARKS *New York City*
Washington D.C.

Name..... COMPTON , Cornelia L.
HOTEL AMBASSADOR
Paris Hôtel.....
BOULEVARD HAUSMANN
Home address..... 405 E. Adams St., Kirkwood, St. Louis County, Missouri
Party..... R..... Group..... I..... Unit..... §§ WASHINGTON
Date of arrival..... AUG. 27. 1930..... Date of departure S/S AMERICA - Sept. 10, 1930
Relationship..... Mother
Name of deceased..... COMPTON, Letcher C.
Rank..... 2nd. Lt. Organization..... Co. D. 140th Inf.
Cemetery..... MEUSE ARGONNE

REMARKS



STATE

MISSOURI

Compton, Letcher C.

405 E. Adams St.,
Kirkwood,

St. Louis County

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NAME COMPTON, MRS. CORNELIA L. HOME ADDRESSNAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN Richard Compton sameARRIVAL IN NEW YORKDATE Aug 17 HOTEL McAlpin ROOM NO. 16083:00 P.M.
by Capt. Wm. Nesbethwith Mrs. Eulalie Brock
2 daysDEPARTURE NEW YORKDATE AUGUST 19, 1930 VESSEL WASHINGTON CABIN NO. 171E2 Bagswith Mrs. Rose WoodmanceDESTINATION CHERBOURG, FRANCE CEMETERY M.A.

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

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WASHINGTON,

D. C.

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TO AVOID PAYMENT OF
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RETURN RECEIPT 1232

Was written 8-19-30

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

Mrs. Emma L. Crompton

(Signature or name of addressee)

(Signature of addressee's agent)

AUG 4 1930

Date of delivery _____, 19__

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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State _____

Washington, D. C.

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

COMPTON, LETCHER C.

M.A.

Party R
 Number 3116

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

Compton, Mrs. Cornelia L. Actual cost of through Pullman.
 Name of Traveler

Kirkwood, St. Louis County New York, to Kirkwood, Mo.
 Home Address

Missouri \$ 10.88

New York, to Kirkwood, Mo.
 Destination

Via B & O to St. Louis - Mo. Pac. to dest.

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

| | Road | Tr. No. | Date | Time | Lower or Seat | Car | U. S. G. Order No. | Actual Cost |
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| LV | Jersey City | B&O | 11 | Daily | 11:22 a | | | |
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TOTAL 10.88.

Remarks:

Stopovers - New York City and Washington ✓

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NAME COMPTON, MRS. CORNELIA

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S.S. AMERICA

SEP 19 1930

HOME KIRKWOOD, ST. LOUIS COUNTY MO

R.R. B & O to St. Louis,

STATION *via Paet to Kirkwood.*

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TIME:

DATE *Oct. 16 - 30*

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Mrs. Cornelia L. Compton

File R-3117

Address 1 Kirkwood Mo.

Stopping at Wye

With Friend

Address _____

Received Railroad And Pullman Ticket

Cornelia L. Compton

QM 293 A-M
Compton, Letcher C. 2nd Lt. 1232 M

October 20, 1930.

Mrs. Cornelia L. Compton,
405 E. Adams Avenue,
Kirkwood, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 10, 1930, expressing your appreciation for the pilgrimage you have made to the grave of your son, the late Second Lieutenant Letcher C. Compton, in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France.

It is gratifying to know that you have returned from the visit to the grave of your son with a feeling of comfort and contentment. The comfort derived by the mothers and widows making the pilgrimage is viewed as full reward for the measures taken and the efforts made by the Quartermaster Corps to insure for them a comfortable and pleasant journey. I feel, however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the mothers and widows taking advantage of the offer of the Government.

I am indeed pleased to know that the officers of the Army and the Superintendent of the Meuse-Argonne Cemetery rendered such thoughtful and considerate service.

With sincere appreciation of the complimentary remarks contained in your letter regarding the pilgrimage, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. L. DeWITT,
Major General,
The Quartermaster General.

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2nd Lt. Archer C. Compton 120274

Washington August 19

Kirkwood Mo.

Oct. 10, 1930

Dear Master General

Washington D.C.

Dear Sir -

As a Gold Star mother I wish

to express to our government through your office my grateful thanks for the wonderful trip just concluded. It has brought comfort and contentment which will abide with us through our remaining years. You were

most happy in your selection of officers to carry out your plans. Col. Williams in N.Y. Capt. Funk, on ship board. Cols. Ellis and Bartlett in Paris -

White in France we were fortunate in being under the care of Lieuts. Garbrough and Bennis. But we were wonderfully kind courteous and attentive. I wish to speak particularly of

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Compton Archer
Fletcher

of Lieut Bowers who accompanied us to
the Argonne Cemetery. A delightful com-
panion, thoughtful, sympathetic and
unerring but an efficient officer as
well. He won the affection of our entire
group. It is no small matter to man-
age a group of women most of whom have
passed middle age. It requires much
tact. Therefore had I the power I should
promote this most likable young officer
and assign him to the diplomatic
corps. when his talents some day might
contribute to World Peace. - Nor must
I forget Mr. Shields - Lieut of the Argonne
Cemetery a man of wonderful kindness
and consideration. We were content
to leave our boys in his care -

With deepest appreciation

Emma L. Compton

405 E. Adams Ave

Sturtevant Mo.

Party R.



August 1st, 1930

Mrs. Cornelia L. Compton
405 E. Adams Street
Kirkwood, Mo.

Dear Madam:

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

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

For The Officer in Charge:

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

Enclosures:
2 tags.

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Compton, Letcher C. - 1232

July 15, 1930.

Mrs. Cornelia L. Compton,
405 E. Adams St.,
Kirkwood, Mo.

Dear Madam:

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

| | | | | |
|-----------------|---------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Leave Kirkwood | Mo.Pac. | Train #30 | 7:30 AM | August 16 |
| Arrive St.Louis | " " | #30 | 8:10 AM | " 16 |
| Leave St.Louis | Penna. | Special | 10:15 AM | " 16 |
| Arrive New York | " | Special | 3:00 PM | " 17 |
| | (Penna. Sta.) | | | |

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Stop-over noted on
trans. list, card and
inv. list

QM 293 A-M
Compton, Letcher C. 1232 M

July 5, 1930

Mrs. Cornelia L. Compton,
405 E. Adams Avenue,
Kirkwood, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated June 27, 1930 relative to your desire to stop over in New York City on your return from the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, sailing on the S.S. Washington August 19, 1930.

In this connection you are advised that this stop-over will be arranged for you for which there will be no additional cost other than expenses incurred during your visit which, of course, must be paid from your personal funds.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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June 27, 30.

St. Louis Co.

L. M. 293. A-C
Compton, Letcher C 1232 M
Washington - 8-19

Wash.
August 19

R. E. Shannon
Captain U. S. Army.

Dear Sir -

I should like
to have a stop-over in New York
City on the return trip from
Europe if it can conveniently
be arranged -

Yours truly
Cornelia L. Compton

405 E. Adams Ave.
Riverside Mo.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

May 14, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Compton, Letcher C. -1232 M
Washington 8-19

Mrs. Cornelia L. Compton,
405 E. Adams St.,
Kirkwood, Mo.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Richard J. Compton

Name

405 E. Adams Ave Kirkwood Mo.

Address

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.
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Noted

Washington

8/19/30

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Compton, attached.

I accept the invitation extended
(Accept or decline)

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

Mrs. Cornelia L. Compton

(Name)

405 E. Adams St., Kirkwood, St. Louis Co., Mo.

(Town or City)

(State)



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Compton, Letcher C. 1232 M.

October 7, 1929

Mrs. Cornelia L. Compton,
405 E. Adams St.,
Kirkwood, Mo.

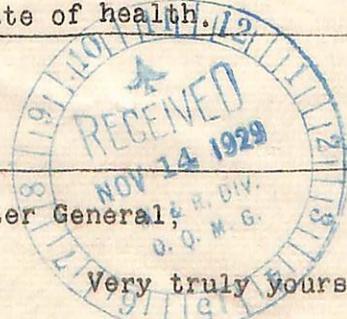
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AUG 19 1930

Dear Madam:

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

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

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| 1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible? | (Yes) <i>yes</i> (No) |
| 2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930? | (Yes) <i>yes</i> (No) |
| 3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested? | (Yes) (No) <i>No</i> |
| 4. Please give your age and state of health. | Age <i>57</i> Health <i>Good</i> (Years) (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
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

Compton, Letcher
1232.

Sept. 5, 1929

Mrs. Cornelia Compton,
405 E. Adams St.,
Kirkwood, Mo.

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:

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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.

*Cornelia L. Compton
Kirkwood Mo
Mother*

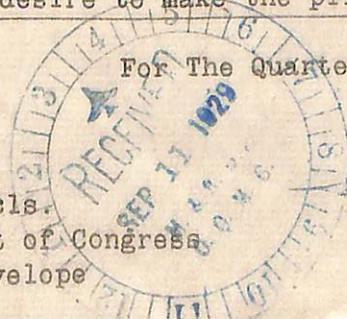
3. If survived by a widow or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage?

Yes

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope



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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Compton, Letcher C.

June 29, 1929.

Mrs. Cornelia Compton,
405 East Adams Street,
Kirkwood, Mo.

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 Second Lieutenant Letcher C. Compton, Co.D, 140th Inf. 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 re-married it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

QM 293 A-M
Compton, Letcher C, 2nd Lt. 1232 M

October 30, 1930.

Mrs. Cornelia L. Compton,
405 E. Adams Avenue,
Kirkwood, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 10, 1930, expressing your appreciation for the pilgrimage you have made to the grave of your son, the late Second Lieutenant Letcher C. Compton, in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France.

It is gratifying to know that you have returned from the visit to the grave of your son with a feeling of comfort and contentment. The comfort derived by the mothers and widows making the pilgrimage is viewed as full reward for the measures taken and the efforts made by the Quartermaster Corps to insure for them a comfortable and pleasant journey. I feel, however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the mothers and widows taking advantage of the offer of the Government.

I am indeed pleased to know that the officers of the Army and the Superintendent of the Meuse-Argonne Cemetery rendered such thoughtful and considerate service.

With sincere appreciation of the complimentary remarks contained in your letter regarding the pilgrimage, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. L. DEWITT,
Major General,
The Quartermaster General.

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XXX A-M
Compton, Letcher C. - 1232

July 15, 1930.

Mrs. Cornelia L. Compton,
405 E. Adams St.,
Kirkwood, Mo.

Dear Madam:

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

| | | | | |
|-----------------|---------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Leave Kirkwood | Mo.Pac. | Train #30 | 7:30 AM | August 16 |
| Arrive St.Louis | " " | #30 | 8:10 AM | " 16 |
| Leave St.Louis | Penna. | Special | 10:15 AM | " 16 |
| Arrive New York | " | Special | 3:00 PM | " 17 |
| (Penna. Sta.) | | | | |

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-M
Compton, Letcher C. 1232 M

July 3, 1930

Mrs. Cornelia L. Compton,
405 E. Adams Avenue,
Kirkwood, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated June 27, 1930 relative to your desire to stop over in New York City on your return from the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, sailing on the S.S. Washington August 19, 1930.

In this connection you are advised that this stop-over will be arranged for you for which there will be no additional cost other than expenses incurred during your visit which, of course, must be paid from your personal funds.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 12, 1950

Compton, Letcher C. 1232-M

Mrs. Cornelia L. Compton,
405 E. Adams St.,
Birkwood, Mo.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

May 14, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Compton, Letcher C. -1232 M
Washington 8-19

Mrs. Cornelia L. Compton,
405 E. Adams St.,
Kirkwood, Mo.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Name

Address

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
~~Compton, Letcher C. 1232 M~~
Washington 8-19

May 15, 1930

Mrs. Cornelia L. Compton,
405 E. Adams St.,
Kirkwood, Mo.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 13, 1930

Compton, Letcher C. 1232 N

Mrs. Cornelia L. Compton,
405 E. Adams St.,
Kirkwood, Mo.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON, D. C.
MAY 1929

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

Compton, Letcher C. 1232-N

May 1, 1930.

Mrs. Cornelia L. Compton,
405 E. Adams St.,
Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.
Regulation.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Compton, Letcher C. 1232 M.

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Cornelia L. Compton,
405 E. Adams St.,
Kirkwood, Mo.

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.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl.
Act
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Compton, Letcher
1232.

Sept. 5, 1929

Mrs. Cornelia Compton,
405 E. Adams St.,
Kirkwood, Mo.

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,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Compton, Letcher C.

June 29, 1929.

Mrs. Cornelia Compton,
405 East Adams Street,
Kirkwood, Mo.

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 **Second Lieutenant Letcher C. Compton, Co.D, 140th Inf.** 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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Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-C

COMPTON, Letcher C. - 2nd Lt.

November 4, 1925

Mr. R.J. Compton,
405 East Adams St.,
Kirkwood, Mo.

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 overseas military cemetery is to be maintained by the United States for all time. The graves will be permanently marked by white headstones inscribed with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves, as soon as possible, and without necessity 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 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,

L.W. REDINGTON,
Major, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

1 Incl.
Record card.



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293 Compton, Letcher C.

2nd Ind.

Hqrs. American G.R.S., Q.M.C., in E., 20 rue Molitor, Paris, France, Sept. 22, 1925. To: The Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.

1. In compliance with instructions in preceding indorsement, forwarded herewith are G.R.S. Forms 114-A and 16-A covering permanent concentration of the remains of this late officer in Grave 28, Row 43, Block H, Cemetery 1232.

2. G.R.S. Form 1-A covering this reburial forwarded this date by 2nd Ind. on letter of this office dated May 16, 1925, subject: "Recovery," reporting concentration of the remains of Pvt. Albert A. Zwiefelhoef, Co.F, 61st Inf.

2 encls.
encl.1-Form 114-A
encl.2-Form 16-A.



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

293
Compton, Letcher C



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HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE Q.M.C. IN EUROPE
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE SERVICE
20 RUE MOLITOR

IN REPLYING
PLEASE ADDRESS:
CHIEF, AMERICAN GRAVES
REGISTRATION SERVICE.

FILE NO. 293-Compton, Lecher C.

PARIS, FRANCE
June 11, 1925.

Subject: Recovery.

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

1. Forwarded herewith is G.R.S. Form 16-A for remains of 2nd Lieut. Letcher C. Compton, Co. D, 140th Inf., located by the Research personnel of this office.
2. Following personal effects found on body are forwarded herewith:
1 Broken silver chain with small religious medal.
3. These remains are being held in the Meuse-Argonne mortuary pending receipt of advice from your office as to confirmation of identification and disposition.

2 encls.
encl. 1-GRS Form 16-A.
encl. 2-envl. containing personal
effects listed in par. 2.



W. O. Smith
Wm. O. Smith
Lieut. Col., G.M. Corps,
Chief.



QM 293 A-C
Compton, Letcher, C. 2nd Lt. 1st Ind.

War Dept., OQMG, Washington, D.C., July 6, 1925--To Chief, AGRS, QMC., in Europe.

1. Identification of the remains of the late 2nd Lieut. Letcher C. Compton, Co. D, 140th Inf., is confirmed by this office. The body is to remain buried in France. When final burial has been accomplished, concentration forms will be forwarded to this office.

By order of The Quartermaster General:



F. P. Harbold
F. P. HARBOLD,
Major, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

293
Compton, Letcher C

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE September 8th, 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 COMPTON, Letcher C.

10. Name

2. No. ---

11. No.

3. Rank 2nd Lieut.

12. Rank

4. Org. Co. D, 140th Inf.

13. Org.

5. D.D. 9/28/18

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. K/A

(b) D.B.

No discrepancies.

Isolated shell-hole in hedge alongside wagon road,
Commune Exermont (Ardennes). Map Foret d'Argonne,
E-302.31, N-279.95.

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 Exermont

20. Dept. or County Ardennes

21. Country France

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

23. Disinterred (Date) May 21, 1925.

By Gaetano Tucci.

24. Inscription on grave marker: No grave marker.

Name _____

Serial No. _____

Rank _____

Organization _____

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? ~~####~~ 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). TOBS partly corroded. One reads "Letch-----2n---140 Inf. USNG". Other tag reads "Letcher ---ton. USNG". Two cross rifles and two US collar insignia on blouse, buried. Tags were attached around neck with silver chain with small religious medal.

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

28. Nature of burial Buried one foot deep OD blouse, Red cross sweater. No pants or shoes.

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 May 23, 1925, By James McGourty.

31. Casket sealed by James McGourty.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

James McGourty
James McGourty.

AUG 10 1925
\$4.00
H/2/25

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-32983

32. Designation of body:

Name COMPTON, Letcher G. Serial No. ---

Rank 2nd Lieut. Organization Co.D, 140th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

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

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) August 1st, 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 September 8th, 1925.
(Date)

42. Grave No. Twenty-eight (28), ~~###~~ Block "H",

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

G.R.S. Representative W. B. Sheild,
W. B. Sheild,
Caretaker.

Meuse Argonne Am. Cemetery #1232.
Place Romagne sous Montfaucon (Meuse).

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date May 21, 1925.

1. REMAINS OF COMPTON, Letcher C. SERIAL NUMBER _____

RANK 2nd Lieut. ORGANIZATION Co. D 140th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): May 21, 1925. From (give complete location): Isol shell hole in hedge alongside wagon road Comms Exerment (Ard), Map Forêt d'Argonne East 302,31 North 279,95.

By: Group two Unit MA. sector.

3. Reburied (date): September 8th, 1925. In (give complete location): Grave 28, Block "H", Row 43, Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cemetery, #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

By: Group W.B. Sheild, Caretaker 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: Buried one foot deep OD blouse red cross sweater. No pants or shoes.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? two On grave marker? No grave marker.

TOB's partly corroded, one reads Letcher - 2nd - 140 Inf. USING

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

two cross rifles and two US collar insignia on blouse, buried. tags were attached around neck with silver chain with small religious medal, forwarded.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) 5' 8"

(b) Weigh, (estimated) 135 lbs.

(c) Hair—Color None

Quantity Do

Characteristics Do

(d) Hair on face—Color Do

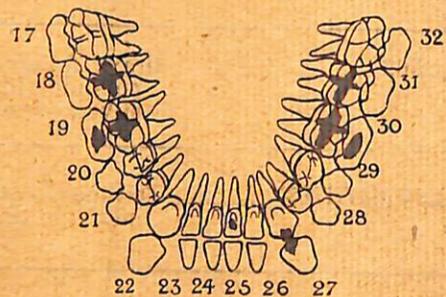
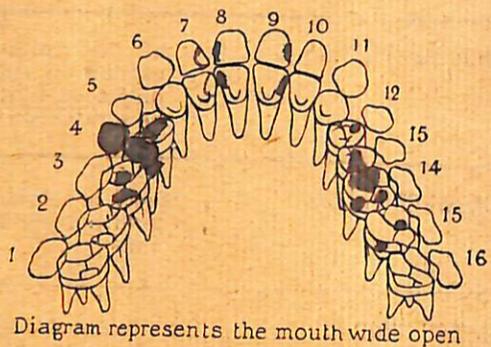
Location Do

Quantity Do

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

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) 12, 13, 14, 15,

Left ulna shattered, upper third.



Teeth 3, 5, 18, 19, 30, 31 of teeth 8, 25, 27 GR. #7 Cav. #9 PP. #4 CC

7. Disinterment supervised by CARTANO TUCCI Approved: JAMES M. GOURTY

Investigator, (Title) JAMES MC GOURTY

8. Reburial supervised by W.B. Sheild, Approved: _____

Caretaker. (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 Questions 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

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

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

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

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA.

File 84259

I. Location Index Card

(a) Name COMPTON, Letcher C. Ser.No. _____
(b) Rank 2 Lieut. Organization Co. D, 140th Inf. TYP. _____
(c) Date of Death 9-28-18 (d) Cause of Death K/A CKR. _____

II. Registration Card

(a) Grave No. Morgue 1232 Row _____ Plot _____ Sec. _____ Block _____
(b) _____
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Cornelia Compton (Mother), 405 East Adams St., Kirkwood, Mo.

III. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

(a) Name No record of a record b) _____
(c) Address _____
(d) Remains to be brought to U.S.? _____
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U.S. at _____

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival in U.S. _____

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

IV. G.R.S. Files ,Correspondence-shows as follows _____

Examiner's Initials RD Date 7/2/25

COUNTRY _____ Cemetery No. Morgue 1232 Sheet No. 319

V. Final Action:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by letter on _____

VI.

REMARKS

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA.

I. Location Index Card

(a) Name - COMPTON, Letcher C. Ser.No. TYP.
(b) Rank - 2 Lieut. Organization - Co. D, 140th Inf. CKR.
(c) Date of Death - 9-28-18 (d) Cause of Death - K/A

II. Registration Card

(a) Grave No. - 1232 Row Plot Sec. Block
(b) Emerg. Address - Mrs. Cornelia Compton (Mother), 405 East Adams St., Kirkwood, Mo.

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(a) Name (b)
(c) Address
(d) Remains to be brought to U.S.?
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COUNTRY Cemetery No. - 1232 Sheet No. - 319

GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE
WASHINGTON

CLAIMS DIVISION

August 1, 1925

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

JWR-711
667128

Quartermaster General,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir: Attention: Maj. R. P. Harbold
Q.M. C.

You are advised that the personal effects of the
late Letcher C. Compton, 2nd Lieut., 140 Inf., are being
forwarded to the parents as of this date. Carbon copy of
letter transmitting the effects is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully,

J. R. McCarl

Comptroller General

By:

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J.M.R.

[Handwritten signature]
8/6/25
[Handwritten signature]

293-
Comptroller Letcher's

August 1, 1925

JVR-711
667128

Richard J. and Cornelia L. Compton,
4405 E. Adams Avenue,
Kirkwood, Mo.

Sir and Madam:

This office is in receipt of your communication of July 26, 1925 in which you request the personal effects of your late son, Letcher C. Compton, who was a 2nd Lieut, 140 Inf., and in compliance with your request, you are advised that the effects received in this office consist of one silver chain, broken, and one religious medal.

Said effects are enclosed herewith and registered. You will please acknowledge receipt thereof, for which purpose an official envelope requiring no postage is enclosed.

Respectfully,

J. R. McCarl

Comptroller General

By:

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QM 293 A-C
Compton, Letcher, C. 2nd Lt.

July 6, 1925.

SUBJECT: Identification.

TO: The Adjutant General,
Washington, D. C.

1. With reference to letter from your office dated December 2nd, 1919, and 1st Indorsement of Dec. 18th, 1919, from this office, you are advised that the remains of 2nd Lieutenant Letcher C. Compton, Company D, 140th Infantry, were recovered, May 21, 1925, from an isolated shell hole in hedge alongside a wagon road, Commune of Exermont, Ardennes; Coord. E.302.31, N279.95. The remains are now in the mortuary in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Rom gne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse, France, awaiting permanent interment therein. Two identification tags, together with a silver chain with a small religious medal were found on the remains. Also, two cross rifles and two U.S. collar insignias.

2. Date of original burial and by whom, in isolated grave, is not known by this office.

For The Quartermaster General:

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

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QM 293 A-C

Compton, Letcher, C. 2nd Lt.

July 6, 1925.

Mr. R. J. Compton,
405 East Adams St.,
Kirkwood, Mo.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General is pleased to inform you that the investigation which has been conducted to locate the remains of your son, the late 2nd Lieutenant Letcher C. Compton, Co. D, 140th Inf., has finally proved successful. The body has been recovered from an isolated grave in the Commune of Exermont, Ardennes, France, and is now in the mortuary in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucou, Department of Meuse, France, awaiting permanent interment therein.

Your son's two identification tags, together with a silver chain with a small religious medal, were found on his remains. You may expect to receive the chain with the medal from the General Accounting Office, Claims Division, Washington, D. C., within a short time.

Upon receipt of a report from Europe regarding the permanent grave location of Lieutenant Compton, you will be advised.

The Department trusts that your knowledge of the recovery and identification of your gallant son's body, will afford you some measure of comfort and lessen the sorrow incident to his death.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C

Compton, Letcher, C. 2nd Lt.

1st Ind.

War Dept., OCMG, Washington, D.C., July 6, 1925--To Chief, AGRS, QMC., in Europe.

1. Identification of the remains of the late 2nd Lieut. Letcher C. Compton, Co. D, 140th Inf., is confirmed by this office. The body is to remain buried in France. When final burial has been accomplished, concentration forms will be forwarded to this office.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

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

LN
EKV
GR
WPR



293-Compton, Lecher C.

June 11, 1925.

Subject: Recovery.

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

1. Forwarded herewith is G.R.S. Form 16-A for remains of 2nd Lieut. Lecher C. Compton, Co. D, 140th Inf., located by the Research personnel of this office.

2. Following personal effects found on body are forwarded herewith:
1 Broken silver chain with small religious medal.

3. These remains are being held in the Meuse-Argonne mortuary pending receipt of advice from your office as to confirmation of identification and disposition.

2 encls.
encl.1-GRS Form 16-A.
encl.2-encl. containing personal effects listed in par.2.



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



MEMO

July 2, 1925

Case of
2nd Lt. Letcher C. Compton- Company D, 140th Inf. KIA 9/28/1918

ACTIONS REQUESTED;

Request

- 1.. Indorsement to Europe , re. their letter of June 11, 1925, file 293-Compton, Letcher C; subj ct- Recovery advising them identification of 2nd Lt. Letcher C. Compton, Company D, 140th Infantry killed in action Sept. 28, 1918 is confirmed .

Body to remain in Europe.

Concentration advice accompanied by G.A.O. forms to be forwarded this office

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- 2.. Letter to Mr & Mrs. R.J.Compton, Kirkwood, Mo. we are pleased to inform them the search for the body of their son 2nd Lt. Letcher C. Compton, Co. D 140th Infantry, has at last been successfull, the remains of this soldier were exhumed from an isolated shell hole in hedge alongside ~~the~~ road in the Cmme. of Exermont, Dept of Ardennes, The remains are now in the Mortuary of the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery # 1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucen, Dept. of Meuse. Grave location in this permanent American Cemetery will be forwarded you upon receipt of such advice from Europe. *wagon*

Two tags were attached around the neck with silver chain with small religious medal. This chain with the medal is this day being forwarded to the ~~Claims~~ Section of the General Accounting office with the request that it be forwarded to you. etc.

- 3.. Letter to the ~~Claims~~ Section, General Accounting Office, room 711, Walker-Johnson Building, New York and 18th Sts. N.W. Washington D.C. enclosing there in the effects found on the remains of 2nd Lt. Letcher C. Compton, Company D, 140th Infantry- with the request that same be forwarded to the parents of this soldier,

- 4.. Letter to the A.G.O. Washington, D.C. re; their letter of 12/2/1919 file AGO201-- (Compton, Letcher C) and our indorsement thereon of Dec. 18, 1919, advising them the remains of 2nd Lt. Letcher C. Compton- Company D, 140th Infantry, was exhumed May 21, 1925 from isolated shell hole in hedge alongside wagon road , Cmme. of Exermont, Dept. Ardennes, Map Foret d'Argonne E 302.31 N279.95 Two tags were attached around the neck with silver chain with small religious medal. Pants and shoes had been removed from the soldier. Two cross rifles and two U.S. collar insignia on blouse. This body is now in the Mortuary at the Meuse-Argonne American Cty. # 1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucen, Meuse. (Grave location has not yet been received.) *permanently* Date of burial in isolated grave or by whom is not known in this office. E. Bennett Vail *E. Bennett Vail* Investigator.

CASE OF COMPTON; LETCHER C. - 2nd Lt. Company D, 140th Inf. KIA 9/28/18
Isolated shell hole in hedge alongside road. Cmme. Exermont, Ardennes
GRAVE E302.31-- 279.95 Body held in Morgue Cty 1232.
It is the opinion of the investigator that the body recovered 5/21/25
DECISION from the above grave IS THAT of 2nd Lt. Letcher C. Compton, Co. D 140th
Inf.

DENTAL CHART

| Date of Enlistment | | Report on Disinterment | | |
|--------------------|-------------|------------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| A.G.O. | | Emergency Address | | |
| Missing | Dental Work | Dental Work | Missing B.D. | Dental Work Miss A.D. |
| U.R. | | 4; slg. flg | | 3;5 Slv. flg |
| None | | 8 por. flg | | 4 G.C. |
| U.L. | | 9 por flg | | 7 cav. |
| Missing | | 13;14 slv. flg | | 8 G. lg |
| | | | | 9 Prd. flg |
| L.R. | | 19 slv. flg. | | 12;13;14;15 Slv. flg |
| of | | | | 18;19 slv. flg |
| L.L. | | | | 25;27 cav. 27 gld. flg |
| Dental chart | | | | 30;31 Slv. flg. |

Above discrepancies can be accounted for as follows: Soldier's age not given by AGO, enl. 6/4/1917. E/Adv. Lt. Compton was 21 yrs 11 mos.

BODY DESCRIPTION

| A.G.O. Report | E/A Report | Report on Disinterment |
|----------------|------------|------------------------|
| Height: 5' 9" | | 5' 8" |
| Weight 141 lbs | | 135 lbs. |
| Hair Lt. Brown | | none |
| Fractures | | |

IDENTIFICATION TAGS

Found on Body Found on Cross
YES (2) (corroded partly.) tags were around neck No Grave Marker
 1-LETCHER 2nd Lt. 140 Inf. U.S.N.G. with silver chain with small religious medal
 2-LETCHER --- TON U.S.N.G. OTHER IDENTIFYING MARKS
 Found on Body
 two cross rifles and two U.S. collar insignia on blouse.
 O.S. blouse red cross sweater. No pants or shoes. Left ulna shattered, upper third.
 ORIGINAL BURIAL DATA

Body in this Grave concentrated from
 This man reported buried originally Over
 Organizations of other men buried around original location

E. Wensett Vail
 E. Wensett Vail
 Investigator

Concur: *68*

APPROVED: *RR Harboed*

- 1... No G.L.B. located for this soldier.
- 2... No R.C.S. report located.
- 3... Soldier was 1st reported Missing in Action, later changed to killed in Action, as G.O. letter of 3/22/1920 gives the following-- Soldier seen by member of organization, lying dead in woods on Sept. 28, 1918
- 4... Organization Sept 27th is shown near Baulny
Sept 28th is shown near Exermont
- 5... Burial for this Officer has never been reported so far as records have been located.

It will be noted that these remains have no pants nor shoes -- which would seem to indicate that the body had been robbed of these articles-- evidently by some one who did not have time to complete the job, or these were the articles needed and the least liable to be discovered as not belonging to the wearer.

Soldier enlisted in June 1917, a year and nearly 4 month before he was killed, therefore it is quite possible that after having the work done by Dr. Williams, that addition work had to be done, therefore the Gold crown on \$ 4 instead of the filling, and gold filling in \$ 8 instead of porcelain filling, also addition fillings- such as 3;5;12;15; 18;30;31

Dr. Williams in letter of 6/1922 to Mr. Compton advises that he add to the dental chart any addition information he may remember, and find out if any other dentist did work.

Therefore

The investigator is of the opinion that the body exhumed from the isolated shell hole in hedge alongside of road IS THAT of Lt. Letcher C. Compton, Co D, 140th Inf.

- (a) Two tags on body, around neck with silver chain with rel. medal.
- (b) Teeth listed by Dr. Williams as having work done is listed by Europe as being worked up. (there is other work shown by Europe.
- (c) Lt. Compton was before Fed. a member of the Mo. N.G.

E. Kensett Vail
E. Kensett Vail
Investigator.

No Disposition card located.

OPINION

1885

LIFE NO

62228

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date **May 21, 1925.**

1. REMAINS OF **COMPTON, Letcher C.** SERIAL NUMBER _____

RANK **2nd Lieut.** ORGANIZATION **Co. D 140th Inf.**

2. Disinterred (date): **May 21, 1925.** From (give complete location): **Isol shell hole in hedge alongside wagon road Comme Exerment (Ard), Map Forêt d'Argonne East 302,31 North 279,95.**

By: Group **two** Unit **MA. 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: **Buried one foot deep OD blouse red cross sweater. No pants or shoes.**

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? **two** On grave marker? **No grave marker.**
TOB's partly corroded, one reads Letcher --- 2nd --- 140 Inf. USMC

(b) ~~Other~~ **Other tag reads Letcher --- ton USMC.**
Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
two cross rifles and two US collar insignia on blouse, buried. tags were attached around neck with silver chain with small religious medal, forwarded.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) **5' 8"**

(b) Weigh, (estimated) **155 lbs.**

(c) Hair—Color **None**

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) **None visible**

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

Left ulna shattered, upper third.

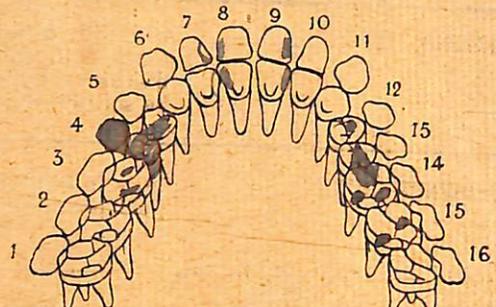
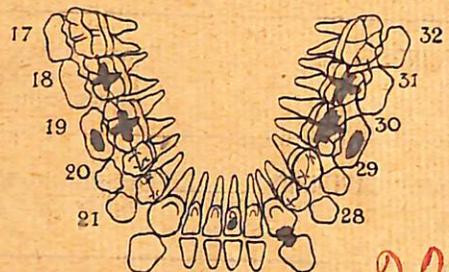


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



Teeth 3, 5, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 SF
teeth 8, 25, 27 GP. #7 Cav.
#9 PF. #4 GG

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7. Disinterment supervised by **Gaetano Tucci**
GAETANO TUCCI
Investigator,

Approved: **James M. Courtney**
JAMES MC COURTNEY
(Title) Chief Investigator,

8. Reburial supervised by _____

Approved: _____
(Title)

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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 : |  |
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| BRIDGE WORK | Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus : |  |
| FILLINGS | Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus : |  |
| CARIES (CAVITIES) | Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus : |  |
| DENTURES (PLATES) | Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp" | |

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

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

G. R. S. Form #124
Disposition Status -
OFFICE MEMORANDUM. -

REGISTRATION SECTION.
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
CEMETERIAL DIVISION.

File No. _____
OSPSS Ref. NO. _____
Follow-up No. 286

TO: Inquiry Section .
From: Overseas Project Sub-Section.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION on Cemetery No. (furnished by: _____) (date _____)
Data sent Overseas _____
Operations to commence (approx.) _____
Operations to be completed (approx.) _____
Bodies shipped from European Port _____
Bodies arrived at Hoboken _____

II. CASE OF _____

The following information was abstracted (Date) _____ from:
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| SOURCE | CLK. | in OFFICE | | CLK. | in OFFICE |
|-----------------------------------|------|-----------|---------------------------------|------|-----------|
| A. G. O. Cards | | | Shppg. Inquiry (sent _____) | | |
| A.G.O. Corresp. | | | To _____ | | |
| G.R.S. corresp. relative to disp. | | | OSP.S-S Corresp. (see Remarks.) | | |

DESIRES as to Disposition.

| Name of Relative | RETURN. | | REMAIN | SPECIAL |
|------------------------------|---------|-----------|--------|---------|
| | N. C. | Pvt. Int. | | |
| Widow | | | | |
| Children (Name oldest first) | | | | |
| Father | | | | |
| Mother | | | | |
| Brothers | | | | |
| Sisters | | | | |

Body to be shipped to _____
_____ was shipped (Date) _____

REMARKS _____

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

Date 2/20/20

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME *Compton, Letcher C* Serial Number

RANK *2nd Lt* ORGANIZATION *Co 10. 140th Inf.*

| NO. | QUESTION | REPLY |
|-----|---|----------------------------|
| 1. | Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records? | 1 |
| 2. | Date of Death. | 2 no record |
| 3. | Cause and place of death. | 3 " " |
| 4. | Number of Casualty Cablegram - | 4 CC 501 Sub. Par 25 |
| 5. | Date buried | 5 no record |
| 6. | Grave Location (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments. | 6 " " |
| 7. | Who reported burial? | 7 " " |
| 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 no record 10 b " " |
| 11. | Complete Emergency Address? | |
| 12. | Has above been notified? (Give date) | 11 " " |
| 13. | Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record) | 12 " " |
| 14. | What is the Photograph No.? | |
| 15. | Inquiry made by? | |

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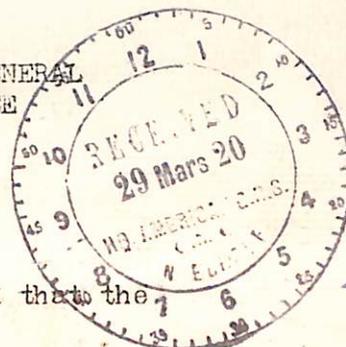
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N.B. All Proper names to be typewritten, or printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

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

February 26, 1920



Recorded, AGRS OMC in Europe
File No. 84359 Compton Letcher C.

1. In reply to your inquiry, you are advised that the grave of:

2nd. Lt. Letcher C. Compton
Co. D. 140th. Infantry

has not yet been registered in this office, but investigations are being made, the result of which will be communicated to you as soon as possible.

2. Please do not be discouraged by the failure, thus far, to secure the information you desire. Each day witnesses the perfecting of records in cases not heretofore reported, and we have hope of sending you comforting assurances in due time.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Colonel, U.S. Army,
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

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G.R.S., O.Q.M.G., 18th & Va. Ave., Washington, D.C.
To: Director of Mortuary Operations in Europe, 12 rue Boissy d'Anglas,
Paris, France.

1. For investigation and report by indorsement hereon as to what information is contained on records of your office as to grave location, together with report as to result of investigation upon completion.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Colonel, U.S. Army,
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

File No. 8000

Form No. 10
Report of Non-Resident



OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

February 20, 1914

In reply to your inquiry, you are advised that the
name of the person who is registered in this office, but investigations
have not been made, the result of which is being communicated to you
as soon as possible.



Please be advised that the name of the person who is registered in this office, but investigations
have not been made, the result of which is being communicated to you
as soon as possible.

By authority of the District Attorney, General

CHARLES C. FERRER
Colonel, U.S. Army
Chief, Civilian Registration Service

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

The following information was furnished to the Bureau of Investigation
on February 20, 1914, by the District Attorney, General
Charles C. Ferrer, of the District of Columbia.

By authority of the District Attorney, General
Charles C. Ferrer, of the District of Columbia.

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Dr. J. G. Williams

Dentist

17 E. Lockwood Ave.

ing

Webster Groves, Mo.,

June 5th, 1922.

Mr. R. J. Compton,
405 East Adams Ave.,
Kirkwood, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Compton:-

Inclosed find record of dental work which I did for Letcher. I am sorry that I have not a more complete record.

I would suggest that you add to this any thing which you may remember in regard to his teeth. Also find out any other dentist who may have worked on them and get his record.

Hoping that this may be of some help, I am,

Sincerely yours,

J. G. Williams

Recorded, Comptrol Div., U. S. H. S.
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Compton, R. J.

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Dr. J. H. Williams

Dentist

17 E. Lockwood Ave.

Webster Groves, Mo.

Dental Work for Litcher Compton.

Silver filling in upper right second bicuspid.

Silver filling in lower right first molar.

Silver filling in upper left second bicuspid.

Silver filling in upper left first molar.

Synthetic porcelain filling in upper left and right centrals.

Letcher was 21 years 11 months



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April 22, 1922.

FILE NO. 293.8 C-R #84359 (COMPTON, 2nd Lt.Letcher C.).
From: The Quartermaster General, U.S.Army (Graves Registration Service).
To: Mr. R. J. Compton, Kirkwood, Missouri.
Subject: Case of 2nd Lt. Letcher C. Compton, Co. D, 140th Infantry.

1. It is requested that you secure from your local dentist and forward to this office a chart of all dental treatment performed for your son, the late 2nd Lieutenant Letcher C. COMPTON, prior to his entry into the Service- the chart to include crowns, bridges, fillings, missing teeth, etc., and any information you may be able to furnish relative to the formation of this officer's teeth, i.e., whether or not they were even and regular and whether some overlapped others. Please also advise this office of the age of your son at date of death and whether or not to your knowledge his wisdom teeth had erupted.

2. The information requested is to be used in matters of identification and will be greatly appreciated by this office. Please use the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage, for your reply.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

1 Incl.
1 penalty envelope.

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CHARLES J. WYNNE,
Captain, Q. M. Corps.



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CHURCHILL COUNTY, CALIF.
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J Benjamin Burdette
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By order of the Superintendent General:

Respectfully
by this office. Please see the enclosed envelope with
warrants of identification and will be respectfully
The information requested is to be used in

Your knowledge of the matter and whether
of the age of your son at date of death and whether or not to
some other persons. Please also advise this office
whether or not they were seen and whether and whether
further relative to the formation of this office's
and any information you may be able to
the date of inquiry should please, if possible, send
Detective C. COMBSON, by the way into the registra-
tion department for your son, the date and present
general and relative to this office a copy of all
It is requested that you advise how long

Subject: Case of and re. Detective C. Compton, Co. D. 140th Infantry.

Re: Mr. B. J. Compton, Kirkwood, Missouri.

From: The Superintendent General, P.O. 1212 (Graves Registration Service).

File No. 22-2 C-1 #84222 (Compton, and re. Detective C.).

Very truly yours,

File

July 21, 1922.

293.8 C-R #84359 (Compton, Letcher C., 2nd Lt.)

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Mr. R. J. Compton, 405 East Adams Ave., Kirkwood, Mo.

Case of 2nd Lieutenant Letcher C. Compton.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of letter dated June 5th, 1922 from Dr. J. H. Williams, 17 East Lockwood Avenue, Webster Groves, Missouri, enclosing a chart showing dental treatment performed for the late 2nd Lieutenant Letcher C. Compton, Company D, 140th Infantry, prior to his entry into the Service.

2. The information received will be used in connection with identification and is greatly appreciated by this office.

For the Quartermaster General:

E. E. Davis
E. E. DAVIS,
Executive Assistant, G.R.S.

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G.R.S. Form No. 8; Central Rec Liaison.

February 18th, 1919.

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MEMO FOR : G.R.S. representative, C.R.O.

SUBJECT : Information required for G.R.S.

I. Items checked are to be completed :

- () Surname : COMPTON
- (✓) Number :
- () First name : Letcher C.
- () Rank : 2nd Lieutenant
- () Company : "A" -
- () Organization 140th Infantry 35th Div'n
- (✓) Date of death :
- (✓) Cause : m9a 10-1-18
- (✓) Place : 3

✓ Location of hospital :

Number » »
Class » »

- (✓) Relative :
- (✓) Relationship :
- (✓) Address :

- (✓) Authority : 3
- Cablegram No :
- Telegram from :

dated :

- (✓) Reported to Washington : 317
- C.C. Nos :

(Underscore the "official" C.C.)

- (✓) Remarks : Present Status

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

Initials of reporter : [Handwritten initials]

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G.R.S.

In reply refer to:
293.8 G-R #84359

January 25, 1923.

Mrs. Cornelia Compton,
405 East Adams Street,
Kirkwood, Mo.

Dear Madam:

To assist this office in an investigation which is being conducted in order to establish the identity of your late son, 2nd Lieutenant Letcher G. Compton, Company D, 140th Infantry, the Quartermaster General desires that you be requested to furnish any information you may have in regard to your son's wearing a signet ring with the monogram "MHS", and the date "1910" engraved on the seal.

The above information will be of material aid to the Department and will be greatly appreciated. Please use the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage, for your reply.

Yours very truly,

H. J. Connor,
Assistant.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
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File 84359
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Case of
2nd Lt. Letcher C. Compton- Co. D 140th In.f. KIA 9/28/18

Unk own taken from Grave 20 B/A Cty Charpentry Meuse and reburied into
grave 91, Sec. 90, Pl. 2 Cty 1232-- listed as having on inside of Blouse
the initials L.C. in indelible pencil. it is thought this Unknown
might be that of Lt. Compton- the Commanding Officer

However- there was Unknown officer taken from the vicinity with a ring
MHS--- therefore

Action requested.

Request letter to Mrs. Cornelia Compton- mother- 403
E. Adams St. Kirkwood Mo. asking if her son wore a ring with the
initials MHS on it- these initials are as a seal ring and are not en-
graved on the inside.

and date
1910
RM.

E. Kensett Vail
E. Kensett Vail- Investigator.

*Unknown ring case
from Barling.*

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

File 84388
1/23/23

Case of
Sgt. L. L. Lecher, Co. B 140th Inf. KIA 9/28/18

On 9/28/18, taken from Grave 20 B/A City Carpenter's House and returned into
grave 21, Sec. 20, Ft. 2 City 1222-- listed as having on inside of blouse
the initials L.C. in indelible pencil. It is thought this Unknown
might be that of Lt. Compton--

However-- there was the name of Lt. Compton taken from the vicinity with a ring
initials--

Action requested.
Request letter to Mrs. Corneil's Compton-- mother - 403
I. Adams St. Newark Mo. asking if her son wore a ring with the
initials L.C. on it-- these initials are as a seal ring and are not en-
graved on the inside.

E. Bennett Val - In charge.

140th INF

File

July 15, 1922.

293.8 C-R #84359-(Compton, 2nd Lt.Letcher G.)

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Mrs. Cornelia Compton, 405 E.Adams St., Kirkwood, Mo.

Dental chart.

1. It is requested that you secure from your local dentist and forward to this office a chart of all dental treatment performed for your late son, 2nd Lieut. Letcher G. Compton, Company D, 140th Infantry, prior to his entry into the Service--the chart to include crowns, bridges, fillings, missing teeth, etc. and any information you may be able to furnish relative to the formation of this officer's teeth, i.e., whether or not they were even and regular and whether some overlapped others. Please also advise this office of the age of your son at date of death and whether or not to your knowledge his wisdom teeth had erupted.

2. The above information will be of material aid in the investigation in this case and same will be much appreciated by the Department. Please use the enclosed penalty envelope, which requires no postage, for your reply.

For the Quartermaster General:

E. E. DAVIS,
Executive Assistant, G.R.S.

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May 24, 1922.

File No. 293.8 C-R #84359 (COMPTON, 2nd Lt. Letcher C.)
To: Mr. R. J. Compton, Kirkwood, Missouri.
Subject: Dental Chart.

FILE

1. The records of this office do not indicate that reply has been received to communication from this office dated April 22, 1922, copy of which is attached hereto.

2. Your prompt attention to this important matter will be greatly appreciated by this office.

3. Please use the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage, for your reply.

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G.R.S.

For the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES J. WYNNE,
Assistant.

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April 22, 1922.

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FILE NO. 293.8 C-R #84359 (COMPTON, 2nd Lt. Letcher C.)
From: The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army (Graves Registration Service.)
To: Mr. R. J. Compton, Kirkwood, Missouri.
Subject: Case of 2nd Lt. Letcher C. COMPTON, Co. D, 140th Infantry.

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2. The information requested is to be used in matters of identification and will be greatly appreciated by this office. Please use the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage, for your reply.

By authority of the Quartermaster General :

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CHARLES J. WYNNIE,
Captain, Q. M. Corps.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
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COMMUNICATIONS, General Staff, D. O. H. S.
File # 293.8. 84359

April 27, 1922.

File No. 293.8-C-R - #84359 - COMPTON, Letcher G.
To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Streets, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.
Subject: Case of 2nd Lieutenant Letcher G. Compton, Company D,
140th Infantry.

FILE

Compton, Letcher G.

1. This office is conducting an investigation for the purpose of locating the grave of the above named officer, and have located the body of an Unknown soldier whom we believe to be that of Lieutenant Compton. In the blouse of this soldier was stenciled, "L.C. 48" and if possible, it is requested that you advise this office the significance of the number "48" and whether or not it was used in any way in the records of Lieutenant Compton.

For the Quartermaster General:

Charles J. Wynne

CHARLES J. WYNNE,
Assistant.

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War Department, A. G. O., May 10, 1922 - To the Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D. C.

1. The records of this office fail to afford any information bearing upon this request. The initials "L.C.", however, are those of Lieutenant Letcher C. Compton, and it is believed that the number "48" may have been this officer's laundry number.

By order of the Secretary of War:

W. H. Woodruff
Adjutant General.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

April 27, 1922.

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 5th St. S.W., Washington, D.C.
Subject: Case of 2nd Lieutenant Letcher G. Gordon, Company D, 140th Infantry.

FILE

This office is conducting an investigation for the purpose of locating and recovering the above named officer, and have located the body of an Unknown soldier whom we believe to be that of Lieutenant Gordon. In the process of this soldier was identified, "U.S. 40" and it is requested that you advise this office the significance of the number "40" and whether or not it was used in any way in the records of Lieutenant Gordon.

For the Quartermaster General:

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The records of this office will be affected upon receipt of your report. The Adjutant General of the Army, Washington, D.C., is advised that the number "40" may have been this officer's laundry number.

By order of the Quartermaster General:

April 27, 1922.

File No. 293.8-C-R - #84359 - COMPTON, Letcher C.
To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Streets, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.
Subject: Case of 2nd Lieutenant Letcher C. Compton, Company D,
140th Infantry.

1. This office is conducting an investigation for the purpose of locating the grave of the above named officer, and have located the body of an Unknown soldier whom we believe to be that of Lieutenant Compton. In the blouse of this soldier was stenciled, "L.C. 48" and if possible, it is requested that you advise this office the significance of the number "48" and whether or not it was used in any way in the records of Lieutenant Compton.

For the Quartermaster General:

Adj. Br.

CHARLES J. WYTHE,
Assistant.

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War Department, A. G. O., May 10, 1922 - To the Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D. C.

1. The records of this office fail to afford any information bearing upon this request. The initials "L.C", however, are those of Lieutenant Letcher C. Compton, and it is believed that the number "48" may have been this officer's laundry number.

By order of the Secretary of War:

Wm. A. Woodcock

Adjutant General.

April 27, 1922.

File No. 225-8-0-R - 58453 - GOMPON, Letcher G.
 To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Streets, N.W.,
 Washington, D. C.
 Subject: Case of 2nd Lieutenant Letcher G. Gompson, Company D,
 140th Infantry.

1. This office is conducting an investigation for the purpose of locating the grave of the above named officer, and have located the body of an unknown soldier whom we believe to be that of Lieutenant Gompson. In the process of this soldier was identified, "L.G. 48" and it is possible, it is requested that you advise this office the significance of the number "48" and whether or not it was used in any way in the records of Lieutenant Gompson.

For the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES A. WYBIE,
Assistant.

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1. The records of this office fail to afford an answer to your request. The initials "L.G." however, are those of Lieutenant Letcher G. Gompson, and it is believed that the number "48" may have been this officer's laundry number.

By order of the Secretary of War

Adjutant General

April 27, 1922.

File No. 293.8-C-R - #84359 - COMPTON, Letcher C.
To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Streets, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.
Subject: Case of 2nd Lieutenant Letcher C. Compton, Company D,
140th Infantry.

1. This office is conducting an investigation for the purpose of locating the grave of the above named officer, and have located the body of an Unknown soldier whom we believe to be that of Lieutenant Compton. In the blouse of this soldier was stenciled, "L.C. 48" and if possible, it is requested that you advise this office the significance of the number "48" and whether or not it was used in any way in the records of Lieutenant Compton.

For the Quartermaster General:

Adj. Br.

CHARLES J. WYNNE,
Assistant.

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File 84359
4/15/22

Case of
2nd Lt. Letcher C. Compton- Co. D 140th Inf. KIA 9/28/18

Grave location desired. No AGO card located.

Listed as M/I/A later reported KIA.

see letter of 12/14/18 from James D. Page=(near Exermont.)
" " 12/14/19 " J.D.Palett =(Vicinity of Varennes)
" note ; Soldier of same Org. reports saw body wounded in chest
in woods. app. dead.) dated 4/10/19

Unknown Amer. Soldier Grave 20 B/A Cty Charpentry, Meuse (cty 976)
(majority of burials 35th Div. mostly 139th Inf.)

This Cty is only about .65 Ko. from the Cmme of Varennes, and about
3Ko. north of town of Varennes.
Charpentry is just south of Exermont.

Unknown American Soldier Grave #20 B/A Cty Charpentry- disinterred
and reburied into grave 91, Sec. 90, Plot 2, Burial good, body
buried in uniform, Body badly decomposed, No tag on body. "L.C."
#48" inside of blouse in indelible pencil.
Lt. Compton was a member of Co. E 5th Mo. Inf.

AGO reports no teeth missing at time of enlistment, but does not
report age at time of enlistment.

Therefore

Action requested. Request letter to father R.J. Compton
Kirkwood, Mo. for D.C. prior to enlistment- age at time of death,
size of shoe, and if 2nd upper right tooth grew behind 1st & 3rd
tooth, if wisdom teeth had all erupted, especially upper, if
lower jaw was short.

also

AGO. of Mo. asking if #48" was used in any way in the records of
Co. E 5th Mo. N.G? or in the records of Lt. Compton.

E. Kensett Vail
E. Kensett Vail
Investigator.

Handwritten initials

No notification sent until now

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Letter requested to father as he is the one who asks for information
as to grave location.

Handwritten initials

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF
WASHINGTON

FROM: O.Q.M.G.,
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
Munitions Building
Room 2442

PLEASE
EXPEDITE

Date

File No. 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. | Compton ✓ | f. Date of death. | 9/28/18 ✓ |
| b. Christian name. | Letcher ✓ | g. Cause of death. | KIA ✓ |
| c. Serial number. | <i>none</i> ✓ | h. Authority (C. C. No.) | <i>201</i> |
| d. Organization. | Co. D, 140th Inf. ✓ | i. Emergency address. | <i>Mrs Cornelia Compton 405 E Adams St. - Turkeston 4ms</i> |
| e. Rank. | Lt. ✓ | j. Relationship. | <i>Mother</i> |

BODY DESCRIPTION.

(See page 2 of the Service Record.)

a. Age at enlistment. ✓

b. Color of eyes. *Gray*

c. Color of hair. *Light Brown*

d. Height. *69 inches 5 1/2 in 9 in*

e. Weight. *141*

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: *none missing*

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

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

When did he enlist? *June 4, 1917*

By

Ever a member of any other Org. WHAT? *Co E 5 mo Inf*

H. J. Conner
H. J. CONNER,
1st Lt. *Adjutant, Q. M. C.*

Rec'd World War Division.

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P.C. Harris
The Adjutant
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

Date 12/27/21 ³⁰

File No. 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.

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|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---|
| a. Surname. | Compton ✓ | f. Date of death. | 9/28/18 ✓ |
| b. Christian name. | Letcher ✓ | g. Cause of death. | KIA ✓ |
| c. Serial number. | <i>mail</i> ✓ | h. Authority (C. C. No.) | <i>201</i> |
| d. Organization. | Co. D, 140th Inf. ✓ | i. Emergency address. | <i>Mrs Cornelia Compton 405 E Adams St. - Turkeston 4ms</i> |
| e. Rank. | Lt. ✓ | j. Relationship. | <i>Mother</i> |

BODY DESCRIPTION.

(See page 2 of the Service Record.)

a. Age at enlistment. ✓

b. Color of eyes. *Gray*

c. Color of hair. *Light Brown*

d. Height. *69 inches 5ft 9in*

e. Weight. *141*

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: *none missing*

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| Upper right. | Upper left. |
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When did he enlist? *June 4, 1917*

By *H. J. Conner*

Ever a member of any other Org. WHAT? *Co E 5 mo Inf*

Rec'd World War Division.

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Rec'd World War Division.

JAN 8

H. L. ROGERS,

Quartermaster General, U. S. A.,

H. J. CONNER,

1st Lt. *Adjutant, Q. M. C.*

REC'D MAIN SECTION,
W. W. DIV., A. G. O.

DEC 31 1921 4

Efficient Mail Investigator

*P.C. Harris
The Adjutant*

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

CEMETERY DIVISION



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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
WASHINGTON

February 26.1920

Capt. J. D. Palet
Camp Benning
Ga.,

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1.- In reply to your inquiry, you are advised that the grave of:

2nd. Lt. Letcher C. Compton
Co. D. 140th. Infantry

has not yet been registered in this office, but investigations are being made, the result of which will be communicated to you as soon as possible.

2.- Please do not be discouraged by the failure, thus far, to secure the information you desire. Each day witnesses the perfecting of records in cases not heretofore reported, and we have hope of sending you comforting assurances in due time.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Colonel, Q.M. Corps,
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

CCP/jad

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CCP/jad

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Colonel, U.S. Army,
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

1st Ind.

G.R.S., O.Q.M.G., 18th & Va. Ave., Washington, D.C.
To: Director of Mortuary Operations in Europe, 12 rue Boissy d'Anglas,
Paris, France.

1. For investigation and report by indorsement hereon as to what information is contained on records of your office as to grave location, together with report as to result of investigation upon completion.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Colonel, U.S. Army,
Chief, Graves Registration Service.



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Camp Benning, Ga.
Dec. 14, 1919.

From: Capt. J. D. Patitt, Adjutant.
To: Graves Registration Service
Subject: Location of Soldiers Graves.

1. On behalf of the relatives of the following named soldiers - 2nd Lt. Zetcher - C. Compton Co "D", 140th Infantry, 35th Division, and Pvt Carl B. Williams Co. "B", 38th Inf, 3rd Div. (both deceased) - it is requested if possible that the location of the graves of these soldiers be furnished.

2. Lt. Compton was killed the latter part of September in the vicinity of Warenes while serving with the 140th Inf (35th Div) during the first days of the Meuse-Argonne offensive. If found, his body may now rest at Romange unless there are other American cemeteries south of that in the vicinity of the Argonne.

Pvt Williams was killed July 16 on the Aisne when the 38th made its stand on that river. It was reported that this soldier
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with 9 others was buried at a little cemetery at Oney (Dept of Arnie) near the Iname River.

3. Any information you may give me - from your records - of these two soldiers will be greatly appreciated by their relatives.

J. J. Palotti
Capt. Infantry
Camp Benning
Ga.

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Hdqrs., American G.R.S., Q.M.C., in E., 12, rue Boissy d'Anglas, Paris,
France, **January 12 1920,** To: The Quartermaster General of the
Army, Washington, D.C.

1. In compliance with instructions, the enclosed communication is forwarded, the writer having been informed that reply would be made from Washington.

2. The records in this office show the following information:

Name: **COMPTON, Letcher C.**

Rank: **2nd Lieut.**

Organization: **Co. D., 140th Infantry, 35th Division**

Grave No: **No Record.**

Section:

Plot No:

Cemetery:

H. F. RETHERS,
Colonel, Q.M.C., *HFR*
Chief.

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1st. Ind.

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Rank: 2nd Lieut.

Organization: Co. D., 140th Infantry, 35th Division

Grave No: No Record.

Section:

Plot No:

Cemetery:

H. F. BETHERS,
Colonel, Q.M.C.,
Chief.

2nd Ind.

Hqrs. American C. S., Q.M.C., in E., 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris.
France, 31st March. 1920. To: The Quartermaster General of the
Army, Washington, D.C.

1. The records in this office show the following information:

Name: Compton, Letcher G.

Rank: 2nd Lieut.

Organisation: Co.D. 140th Inf.

Grave No:

Section:

Plot No:

Cemetery:

Remarks: No grave location on record at this office.

Final Search
5-4-20 BBS.
No Grave Location

R.H. Reithers
H.F. REITHERS,
Colonel. Q.M.C.
Chief. ✓

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WASHINGTON, D.C.
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J. Edgar Hoover
Director

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

*Special
Orders letter*

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
WASHINGTON.

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May 4, 1920.

No: 84359-Inquiry (Compton, Letcher, 2nd Lt.).
From: Quartermaster General, U.S. Army, (Cemeterial Division).
To: Mrs. Cornelia L. Compton, Kirkwood, Mo.
Subject: Report of Non-Registration.

1. Pursuant to our letter of January 29, 1920, in which we advised you that the grave of 2nd Lieutenant Letcher Compton, Company D, 140th Infantry, had not been registered in this office and that investigation was being made in an effort to locate this grave, a report under date of February 28, 1920 was received in this office from our office in France to the effect that there was still no record of this grave.

2. Investigation will continue in this case and upon receipt of any definite information, the same will be immediately communicated to you.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Colonel, U.S. Army,
Chief, Cemeterial Division.
By:

2 encls. ibm

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

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3rd Ind.

8, Avenue d'Iena Paris.

Hqrs., American G.R.S., Q.M.C., in E., 127, rue Boissy-d'Anglas, Paris,
France, 28th February 1920, To : The Quartermaster General of the
Army, Washington, D.C.

L. The records in this office show the following information:

Name: Compton, Letcher C.

Rank: 2nd Lieut.

Organisation: Co. D. 140th Inf.

Grave No:

Section:

Plot No:

Cemetery:

Remarks: No record.
Previous search has been made to locate this grave without success

RRR
final search

H. F. WETHERS
Colonel, Q.M.C.,
Chief.

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RECEIVED BY THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
WASHINGTON, D. C.



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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

3rd

8, Avenue d'Iena Paris.

26th February

Compton, Letcher C.

2nd Lieut.

Co. D. 140th Inf.

No record
Previous search has been made to locate this grave without success.

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APR 9 1920
G. H. S.

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

January 29, 1920.

RECORDED, A.G.R.S., O.Q.M.G., IN EUROPE
FILE NO. *Compton Letcher C. Compton*

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2nd. Lt. Letcher C. Compton,
Co. D, 140th. Infantry.

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CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Colonel, U.S. Army,
Chief, Graves Registration Service.



Hqs. A. G. R. S. in Europe Date FEB 25 1920

C. a. m.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION



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FROM: SAC, PHOENIX
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
WASHINGTON

November 22, 1919.

R. J. Compton, Jr.,
Blackman-Ross Co.,
95 Madison Ave., N. Y. C.

1.- In reply to your inquiry, you are advised that the
grave of:

2nd Lieutenant Letcher C. Compton,
Co. D, 140th Infantry,

has not yet been registered in this office, but investigations
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By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Colonel, Q.M. Corps,
Chief, Graves Registration Service,

CCP/jad

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LETCHER C. COMPTON
2nd Lt 140th Inf. Co D.

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W/ since Oct 1-18 84359
e.c. 317-37-8

F.A. Mrs Cornelia Compton
405 E Adams St mother
Kirkwood Mo.

"soldier same org. state on Sept
18 saw Lt Compton lying in words
with wound in breast and app
dead. no further info av. cc 501
4/10/19

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37th

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Directors
O. H. BLACKMAN
F. J. ROSS
J. K. FRASER
F. J. HERMES
M. L. WILSON

Blackman-Ross Company

Advertising

95 Madison Avenue
New York City

September 29th, 1919.

GRAVES' RECORD BUREAU
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen;

Can you give me any information as to
the location of the grave of the follow-
ing named officer:

Lieutenant Fletcher C. Compton
140th Infantry - 35th Division
Killed: Battle of the Argonne
September 29th, 1918.

Very truly yours,



RJC:E

Blackman Ross Company

New York, N.Y.

100 Broadway
New York City



WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

WASHINGTON

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IN REPLY
REFER TO 201 (Compton, Letcher C.) W

March 22, 1930

From: The Adjutant General of the Army.

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

Subject: Notification of Death.

1. Upon investigation it has been ascertained that 2nd Lieutenant Letcher C. Compton, Company D, 140th Infantry, who was previously reported in Casualty Cablegram 317 as missing in action September 27, 1918 and in Casualty Cablegram 501 as seen by member of organization, lying dead in woods on September 28th, 1918, was killed in action on September 28, 1918.

2. It appears from the records that the deceased was commissioned April 3, 1918 and gave the name of the person to be notified in case of emergency as Mrs. Cornelia Compton, (Mother) 405 East Adams St., Kirkwood, Mo.

By order of the Secretary of War:

R. Harris
The Adjutant General
Per: *AK*

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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON

March 28, 1918

101 (Boston), October 2, 1917

The Adjutant General of the Army

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

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MAR 29 1918
G. H. S.

1. Upon investigation it has been ascertained that the person
referred to in the above captioned letter is a person who was previously reported
in the Boston office of the Adjutant General on September 27, 1918 and in
the Boston office of the Quartermaster General on September 28, 1918.
It appears from the records that the person was contacted
April 2, 1918 and gave the name of the person to be notified in case of
emergency as Mrs. Cora E. (Mother) 408 West Adams St., Kimwood,
Mass.

By order of the Secretary of War:

The Adjutant General

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February 20, 1919

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From Home Communication Section
To Captain W B Dix, Graves Registration Bureau, A P O 717
Subject Ot Letcher Compton, Co L., 140 Inf

Answering your letter of January 25 in reference to the above officer, we would advise that Washington asked for verification of death under date of December 20, stating that it was unofficially reported killed in action. For this reason we thought best to ask you for verification of death.

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Home Communication Section
Bureau of Home and Hospital Service

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Reference:

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

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Reference-84359.

April 24, 1919.

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.
TO: Home Communication Section, A.R.C., Paris.
SUBJECT: 2nd Lieut. Letcher C. Compton, Co. L, 1406h Infantry,
American E.F.

Reference your inquiry relative to above named officer,
I beg to advise that there is no information at these
headquarters relative to death or burial.

By direction CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Lieut.-Colonel, QMC, AEF,

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

MBD-da

~~57/14~~ 6/27
~~57/24~~

*copy sent
1-10-19*

743 American P.O., Am. E.F.
14th December, 1918.

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Red Cross Bureau of Information of Casualties,
Graves Registration Service,
Hq. S.O.S., Am. E.F.

Gentlemen:

One Letcher C. Compton, a Second-Lieutenant, Company D, 140th
Infantry, 35th Division, was reported to have been killed in action
September 28th or 29th, near Exermont. He is a very near friend
of mine, and his Mother has asked that I verify the information, and
get all information possible as to location of the grave, if there is a
record of it, also a picture of it.

As it is probably allowable to photograph the grave at this
time, will you please advise if a picture can be obtained through that
Bureau, and also the location of the grave.

This will be greatly appreciated, not only by myself, but by
his Mother.

James D. Page
James D. Page.

Sgt. James D. Page,
Hq. Co., 110th Supply Train, Am. E.F.
743 American Post Office.



CENSORED:
Charles W. Mankie
1st Lt. QMC, USA.

*Make
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No.

COMPANY K
52ND PIONEER INFANTRY, U. S. A.
(12TH N. Y. INFANTRY)

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La Ville aux Bois, France.
January 31st, 1919.

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FROM: C. O. Co. K, 52nd Pioneer Infantry.
TO: Graves Registration Bureau.
SUBJECT: Information in re Letcher C. Compton, 2nd Lt.

1. Information is desired of 2nd Lt. Letcher C. Compton, Company D, 140th Infantry, 35th Division; reported wounded in battle of Argonne and later as missing in action. Please give all information as to where he was injured; if he died, when and how, and place of burial.

Roy T. McNaghten

Roy T. McNaghten,
Captain, 52nd Pioneer Infantry.

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La Ville aux Bois, France.
January 31st, 1919.

C. O. Co. K, 52nd Pioneer Infantry.

Graves Registration Bureau.

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O. C. Q. M.
G. R. S.

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American Expeditionary Forces
Headquarters Services of Supply
Office of the Chief Quartermaster - American E.F.
Graves Registration Service
France.

January 25, 1919.

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E. F.
TO: Home Communication Section, American Red Cross, Paris.
SUBJECT: Lieut. Letcher Compton, Co. L., 140th Inf.

With reference to your letter of the 26th ult., with reference to above named officer, beg to advise you that there is no record of Lieut. Compton at these headquarters. I would ask that you kindly advise me as to the exact source of your death information.

By direction CHARLES C. PIERJE,
Lieut.-Colonel, Q.M.C., A.E.F.

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

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AMERICAN RED CROSS

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Dec. 26, 1918.

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FROM
TO
SUBJECT

Home Communication Section
M. B. Dix, Graves Registration Bureau, APO 117
Lt. Letcher Compton, Co. L - 140th Inf.

Will you kindly advise if Graves Registration have any information as to the death of the above soldier. If so, please give us full details.

H:MW

Home Communication Section
Bureau of Home and Hospital Service

F. #.

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

FILE NUMBER 84859

FROM:- A.R.C.

DATE: 2/8/19.

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME COMPTON, LETCHER C, NUMBER:

RANK 2nd LT, ORGANIZATION Co. D, 140th INF.

| NO. | QUESTION | REPLY |
|-------|---|---|
| 1. | Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records? | 1- Compton, Letcher Lt. Co L, 140th Inf. |
| 2. | Date of Death | |
| 3. | Cause and place of death | |
| ✓ 4. | Number of dependents | 4- blue card. |
| 5. | Date buried | |
| ✓ 6. | Grave Location (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required | 6- no information. |
| 7. | Who reported burial | |
| ✓ 8. | Has report been confirmed by G.R.S. | ⑧ No |
| ✓ 9. | Report as to Grave Marker | |
| 10. | Report as to Identification Tags | |
| 11. | Who is nearest relative? | |
| ✓ 12. | Has N/R been notified? (Give Date) | |
| 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.? | |

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

bc

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

Date *12/6/19*

FROM: INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME *Compton, Letcher L.* Serial Number
 RANK *2^o Lieut* ORGANIZATION *les D. 140. Inf.*

| NO. | QUESTION | REPLY |
|-----|--|-----------------------|
| 1. | Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records? | <i>1 Yes</i> |
| 2. | Date of Death. | |
| 3. | Cause and place of death | |
| 4. | Number of Casualty Cablegram | <i>4 501 S.P. 25.</i> |
| 5. | Date buried | <i>5 No record -</i> |
| 6. | Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments. | <i>6 no record -</i> |
| 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? | |
| 11. | Complete Emergency Address? | |
| 12. | Has above been notified? (Give date) | |
| 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.? | |
| 15. | Inquiry made by? | |

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

Address reply to
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE & STORAGE
Munitions Building

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE
WASHINGTON

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G.R.S., 293.2
Compton, Letcher C.

1st Ind.

Graves Registration Service, Office of the Quartermaster General, 18th St., & Virginia Ave., Washington, D. C. December 18, 1919. To- Adjutant General's Office, War Department, Washington, D.C.

1. The records of this office fail to show any grave location registered in the case of 2nd Lt. Letcher C. Compton, Co. D, 140th Infantry.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Major, Q.M.C.,
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

By:

CHARLES J. WYNNIE,
Captain, Q.M.C.,
Graves Registration Service.

AG201(Compton, Letcher C.)DR

December 2, 1919.

From: The Adjutant General of the Army.

To: The Chief, Graves Registration Service, Washington, D.C.

Subject: Burial record of Second Lieutenant Letcher C. Compton.

1. For report relative to the date and place of burial, and if reburied the date of the original burial, of Second Lieutenant Letcher C. Compton, Company D, 140th Infantry, or any other additional information which your records afford from which this office may ascertain the date of death.

By order of the Secretary of War:



R. O. Harris, Per
The Adjutant General,
per.

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December 2, 1919.

AGSOI(Compton, Lester G.)DR

From: The Adjutant General of the Army.

To: The Chief, Graves Registration Service, Washington, D.C.

Subject: Burial record of Second Lieutenant Lester G. Compton.

1. For report relative to the date and place of burial, and if reported the date of the original burial, of Second Lieutenant Lester G. Compton, Company D, 140th Infantry, or any other additional information which your records afford from which this office may ascertain the date of death.

By order of the Secretary of War:



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
WASHINGTON

January 29, 1920.

Mrs. Cornelia L. Compton,
Kirkwood, Mo.

1.- In reply to your inquiry, you are advised that the
grave of: **2nd. Lt. Letcher C. Compton,**
Co. D, 140th. Infantry.

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are being made, the result of which will be communicated to
you as soon as possible.

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1. In reply to your inquiry, you are advised that the grave of:

2nd. Lt. Letcher C. Compton,
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has not yet been registered in this office, but investigations are being made, the result of which will be communicated to you as soon as possible.

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To: Director of Mortuary Operations in Europe, 12 rue Boissy d'Anglas,
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1. For investigation and report by indorsement hereon as to what information is contained on records of your office as to grave location, together with report as to result of investigation upon completion.

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R. J. Compton.

Mother's name and address
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