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To The A. G. C.

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G.R.S. Form #114 B

APR 27 1922

DATE 1/10/22

1. **NAME** COMPTON, WILLIAM D ✓ **SERIAL No.** 1638931 ✓
RANK Pvt. ✓ **ORGANIZATION** Hq.Co.13th F.A. ✓ **1-27-22**
GRAVE LOCATION Amer.Cty. Souhesmes-la-Grande, Meuse **DIVISION** 4th **Dw** 687
CTY. NAME NUMBER
31 **B**
GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. **ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION** Not known
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.
COORDINATES Nothing of record
CONCENTRATED TO Not known
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT
CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

DATE OF DEATH Oct 7, 1918
STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Calif
MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS 5/4-'21 **31** **B** **687**
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

Information taken from 16-A.

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR *Wm M. Cline* **Wm M. CLINE**
rnj **Captain G.M.C.**

3. **FINAL GRAVE LOCATION** 1/10/22 **19** **21** **Block C.**
DATE GRAVE ROW CEMETERY

Robert O. Devlin
 Major General
 Adjutant General

Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.
 CEMETERY

AUDITED BY
 M.M.-8
 3-6-23

MAY 8 1922

APR 30 1922
 WORLD WAR DAYS


INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.
2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.
3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.
4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form I6, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.



IMMEDIATE ACTION

IN REPLY
REFER TO

QM 293 A-M

WAR DEPARTMENT

Compton, William D. (MA)

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

SPECIAL

October 13, 1932.

Mrs. Mary E. Compton,
139 Parra Grande S
Santa Barbara, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Your Government has provided an opportunity for all Mothers and Widows of deceased members of the American Forces who were lost, buried at sea, or whose remains are now interred in Europe, to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. This was done in the hope that all who may make the pilgrimage will derive a measure of comfort and solace from the visit.

You are numbered among those who are privileged to make this pilgrimage.

During July and September of this year, inquiries were addressed to you as to whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage to Europe. To these inquiries no reply has been received from you.

You probably do not realize how important it is that a reply be received from you. If we do not receive replies, it becomes very difficult to make the necessary and proper arrangements for those who are to make the trip, as everything must be arranged in advance. Consequently, it is just as important for the Government to know the names of those who do not desire to take advantage of its offer as it is to know the names of those who do.

Will you please devote a few moments of your time to write either the word "YES" or "NO" in the following space No, thus indicating whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage during 1933 and sign your name here Mrs. Mary E. Compton. Use the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage, and return this sheet.

This reply will assure your Government that no worthy Mother or Widow has failed to receive its offer in commemoration of a loved one departed, and will greatly assist in making the necessary preparations for those of them who wish to take advantage of the privilege.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Sept. 7, 1932.

Compton, Wm. D. (MA)

Mrs. Mary E. Compton,
139 Parra Grande S.,
Santa Barbara, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

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

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Compton William D (MA)

July 9 1932

Mrs Mary E Compton
139 Parra Grande S
Santa Barbara Calif

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

November 2, 1931

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Compton, William D. M-A M

Mrs. Mary E. Compton,
139 Parra Grande S.,
Santa Barbara, California

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. In your reply to the recent inquiry as to whether or not you desired to make a pilgrimage in 1932, you advised you were undecided.

In view of the fact that steamship reservations must be made several months in advance, it is essential that this office know how many mothers and widows must be arranged for. It is possible that you may have made your decision by this time. It is therefore requested that you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name, and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage. In the event you state you desire to make the journey in 1932 and circumstances prevent your making the pilgrimage, it is requested you notify this office as promptly as possible.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	no ✓
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

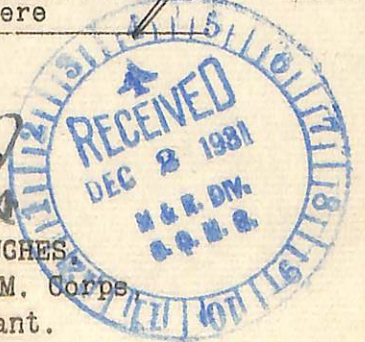
Mary E. Compton
Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes

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-M
Compton, William D. (M-A) M

September 29, 1931.

Mrs. Mary E. Compton,
139 Parra Wende ~~St.~~, *Grande S.*
Santa Barbara, California.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	<i>Don't know</i>
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: <i>60</i> Health: <i>good</i>
3. Do you speak English?	<i>Yes</i>
4. What other language do you speak?	<i>None</i>

Mrs. Mary E. Compton
Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes

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

Encl:
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

June 16, 1931.

Compton, William D. Pvt. (M-A) M

Mrs. Mary E. Compton,
139 Parra Wende S.,
Santa Barbara, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 2, 1930.

Compton, William D. -1232 M

Mrs. Mary E. Compton,
139 Parra Wende S
Santa Barbara, California.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

No ✓
(Write answer here)

Mrs. Mary E. Compton
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29, 1929.

Compton, William D.

Mrs. Mary E. Compton,
Route #2, *changed to 139 Pennlands Rd*
Santa Barbara, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Pvt. William D. Compton, Co.Hq. 13th F.A., 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.

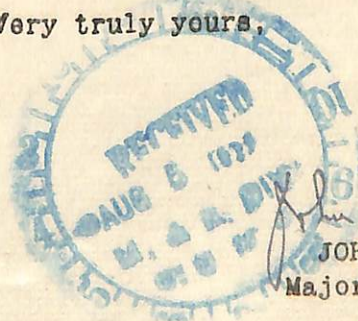
In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.



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

John T. Harris
Dear Sir: My son William D. Compton
was never married.
Respectfully Mary E. Compton

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Compton, Wm. D. (MA)

Sept. 7, 1932.

Mrs. Mary E. Compton,
139 Parra Grande S.,
Santa Barbara, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

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

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Compton William D (MA)

July 9 1932

Mrs Mary E Compton
139 Parra Grande S
Santa Barbara Calif

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

November 2, 1931

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Compton, William D. M-A M

Mrs. Mary E. Compton,
139 Parra Grande S.,
Santa Barbara, California

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Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
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1:50
R BR

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Compton, William D. (M-A) M

September 29, 1951. AL

Mrs. Mary E. Compton,
139 Parra Wende S.,
Santa Barbara, California.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

June 16, 1931.

Compton, William D. Pvt. (M-A) M

Mrs. Mary E. Compton,
139 Parra Wende S.,
Santa Barbara, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 2, 1930.

Compton, William D. -1232 M

Mrs. Mary E. Compton,
139 Parra Wende S
Santa Barbara, California.

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Compton, William D. 1232 M.

Mrs. Mary E. Compton,
139 Parra Wende S.
Santa Barbara, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29, 1929.

Compton, William D.

Mrs. Mary E. Compton,
Route # 2,
Santa Barbara, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Pvt. William D. Compton, Co.Hq. 13th P.A., whose remains are now interred in the House-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

In reply refer to:
293 C-R

Compton, William D.

April 6, 1923.

Mrs. Mary E. Compton,
R.F.D #2,
Santa Barbara, Calif.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of Pvt. William D. Compton, Hq. Co., 13th F.A., is No. 19, Row 21, Block C, Meuse-Argonne American cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse) France.

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

In effecting removal, the utmost care and reverence were exacted and more than willingly accorded by those performing this sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

H. J. Ginner,
Assistant.

Central M.A. File



APR 6 1923

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COMPTON WILLIAM D. #1638931

Pvt. Hq. 13th F.A.

BURIED AMERICAN CEMETERY

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1638931

Name Compton, William O.

Rank. Pvt. Co. Hg. (Corps) 1370. (Regt)

Date of Death. Oct 7-1918

Place. HOE4

Cause. Wounds

Date of Burial

Grave No. 64 from 7 A. S. 7.

Cemetery South West Boston

Identified by (papers) body & cross (Clothing)

List of Effects. None reg 7

Cross

Field Record Made by Sgt. C. Jones

Company 301 Graves Registration Ser.

For additional data use reverse side.



Investigation & Adjustment Dept.
Investigation Unit

G. R. S. 18-W-A
Information requested of A. G. O.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF
WASHINGTON

FROM: O. Q. M. G.
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
Munitions Building
Room 1109

PLEASE
EXPEDITE

33370

File No. 33310 Registration.

Date

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.

FILE

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

- a. Surname. Compton ✓
- b. Christian name. William D. ✓
- c. Serial number. 1638931 ✓
- d. Organization. Hq., Co., 13th F.A. ✓
- e. Rank. Pvt. ✓
- f. Date of death. 10/7/18 ✓
- g. Cause of death. DWRIA ✓
- h. Authority (C. C. No.) 282 ✓
- i. Emergency address. *Mary E. Compton*
- j. Relationship. *RFD #2 - Santa Barbara, Calif. - Mother*

BODY DESCRIPTION.

(See page 2 of the Service Record.)

- a. Age at enlistment.
- b. Color of eyes.
- c. Color of hair.
- d. Height.
- e. Weight.
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment. (Old fractures or breaks.)

DENTAL CHARTS.

(See physical report of examination prior to enlistment.)

a. Strike out teeth missing:

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

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

Donnelly - 1908 - 1918 - 4-26-21-07 mg

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By

Cawley

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

[Signature]
H. J. CONNER,
Captain, Q. M. C.
1st Lieut.,

Rec'd World War Div.
Date APR 25 1921

Investigation & Adjustment Dept.,
Investigation Unit

G. R. S. 18-W-A
Information requested of A. G. O.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

33310

File No. 33310 Registration. Date 4/23/21

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1st Lieut.,

Rec'd World War Div.
Date. APR. 25. 1921

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

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4/23/21

Date

Registration

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File No.

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, Sixth and B Streets NW, Washington, D. C.

Subject: Information required for G. R. S.

FILE

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a. Surname

Compton

A. Date of death

10/7/18

b. Christian name

William D.

C. Cause of death

DWARIA

c. Serial number

1638931

A. Authority (C. G. No.)

282

d. Organization

Hq., Co., 13th F.A.

E. Emergency address

e. Rank

Pvt.

F. Relationship

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page 2 of the Service Record)

a. Age at enlistment

a. Strike out teeth missing:

b. Color of eyes

Upper right 87624321 12345678
Upper left

c. Color of hair

Lower right 87624321 12345678
Lower left

d. Height

e. Weight

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

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

H. J. CONYER
Adj. Gen.,
Quartermaster G. M. C.
1st Floor

WAR DEPARTMENT
QUARTERMASTER CORPS
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
PIER 2, HOBOKEN, N. J.

February 21, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div. Cor. Branch.
(COMPTON, William D.)

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O.Q.M.G.,
Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT: Return of Records - Cemetery #687.
Transmittal Memorandum Number H - 1377.

1. The records pertaining to the following case are returned herewith, it having been definitely determined that the body is to remain in Europe:

REFERENCE NO:

✓ 22

Compton, William D., Private, Serial
Number 1638931, Headquarters Company,
13th Field Artillery.

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,
Officer in Charge.

BY:



F. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

1 Incl.

Recorded 2-28-21

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WAR DEPARTMENT
QUARTERMASTER CORPS
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
Fort S. Hoke, N. C.

February 21, 1921

File No. 223.8 Com. Div. Cor. Branch
(COPTON, William B.)

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. G. H. O.,
Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT: Return of Records - Cemetery 4887.
Transmitted Memorandum Number 11 - 1277.

1. The records pertaining to the follow-
ing case are returned herewith, it having
been definitely determined that the body
is to remain in Europe:

REFERENCE NO:

Copton, William B., Private, Serial
Number 188301, Headquarters Company,
1st Field Artillery.

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February 17, 1921

File No. 293.8 Gen.Div. Cor. Br.
(COMPTON, William D.)

Mrs. Mary E. Compton,
R. F. D. #2,
Santa Barbara, Calif.

Dear Madam:-

Receipt of shipping inquiry dated January 26th, 1921, relative to the remains of your son, the late Private William D. Compton, serial number 1658931, Headquarters Company, 15th Field Artillery, is acknowledged.

Instructions have been issued that your request to have the remains left in France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery be complied with. You are assured that the grave site will always be maintained as a fitting memorial of the late soldier's sacrifice.

The Department desires to convey to you renewed assurance of its sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. H. SHANNON,
Captain, Q.M.G.,
Officer in Charge.

MAILED

FEB 24 1921

COR. DE. C. R. S.

BY:

F. C. PALMAS,
Executive Assistant.

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Noted on Form No. 115
Date 4-9-21 J E O Y

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687-22

Compton

William D.

1,638,931

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt

Hq Co 13th F A

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased *Mother*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? *no*

(Yes or no.)

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

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mary E. Compton

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Orig letter sent to
Mrs. Mary E. Compton,
R.F.D. #,
Santa Barbara, Cal.

Checked
10/19/20

10/11/14
6.87-22
Account by ~~Mr~~ *Mr*

Place Southern 19 Grand House,

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date October 25-21

1. REMAINS OF Compton William D. SERIAL NUMBER 16389 931
1638931
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Hq. Co. 13th P.A.

2. Disinterred (date) : October 25-21 From (give complete location) : Grave 31
Plot B Cam 687

By : Group 2 Unit P.O. 3.

3. Reburied (date) : Jan. 10th, 1922, Grave 19, Block C, R-7 21, Cemetery 1252. In (give complete location) :
Lined Casket

By : Group Reburial 3 Unit _____ Nature of reburial _____

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :
Burlap and Pine box, found under cross.
Badly decomposed recognition impossible.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? Yes
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :
No effects. Bottle record reads dated 5-4-21 shows body identified by group
4 Sec. 2.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items ?
(a) Height (actual measurement) impossible to determine Notal filling 17 19 30 51

(b) Weigh, (estimated) impossible to estimate

(c) Hair—Color Apparently dark brown

Quantity impossible to determine

Characteristics straight

(d) Hair on face—Color none visible.

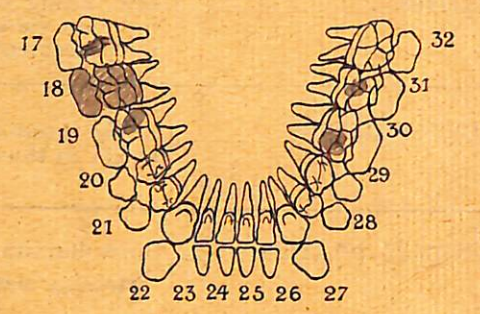
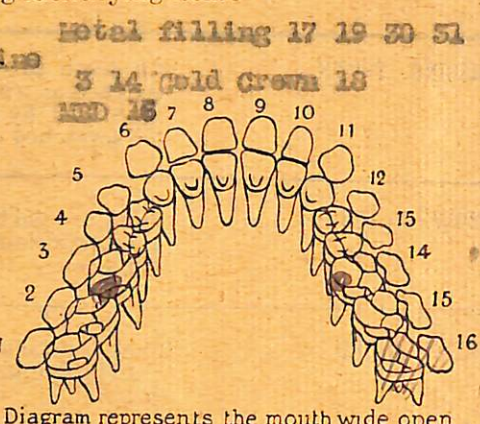
Location none visible.

Quantity none.

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

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

Both femurs fractured.








7. Disinterment supervised by [Signature] Approved : [Signature]
H. J. [unclear] W. R. [unclear], 1st Lt. [unclear]
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by [Signature] Approved : [Signature]
J. L. A. U. Dufault, James W. Younger,
(Title) Captain [unclear]

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.



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE October 25-21

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, WILLIAM D.
 2. No. 1638931
 3. Rank Pvt.
 4. Org. Hq.Co. 13th P.A.
 5. D.D. 10-7-18
 6. C.D. DOUBT

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 31 Sec. _____
 8. Plot B Row _____
 9. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 17. None.

18. Cemetery Ancr.
 20. Dept. or County Meuse.
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 687

19. Commune or town Souhesmes-la-Grande
 21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) October 25-21

By H.L. Harbut

24. Inscription on grave marker:
 Name William D. Compton
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. _____
 Organization Hq.Co. 13 P.A.

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

S.L. Harbut
 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).

No effects. Bottle record dated 5 4 21 Says body identified by Group 4 Sec. 2

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed recognition impossible.

28. Nature of burial Blanket and Pine box. Found under cross.

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Oct. 25-21 By H.L. Harbut

31. Casket sealed by _____

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

H.L. Harbut
H.L. Harbut

AUDITED BY

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. 6-12309

32. Designation of body:

Name Compton, William D Serial No. 1638931

Rank Pvt. Organization Hq. Co. 13th F.A.

33. Consigned to: Officer in Charge Operations,

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse Argonne Amer. Cty. #1232. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon,

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) October 25-21 By H.L. Furlbut

35. I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector [Signature] W.H. Beach, 1st Lt. MC.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) October 25-21

To point of Concentration Verdun Meuse.

Convoyer Thomas Wynn Signature Shipping Officer [Signature] W.H. Beach, 1st Lt. MC.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Oct 25-21

By G.R.S. Representative [Signature] I.A. Luke, Capt., F.A.

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Nov 25, 1921

To Permanent Cemetery Meuse Argonne 1232

Convoyer O. Seeliger Signature Shipping Officer [Signature] R. RICHARDS, 1st Lt QMC

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cemetery 1232. Jan. 10th, 1922.

(Date)

42. Grave No. 19 Section

43. Plot Block C Row 21

G.R.S. Representative [Signature]

JWL

James W. Younger,
Captain Q.M.C.

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File # 33310

(a) Name COMPTON, William D. Ser. No. 1638931

(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Hdq. Co. 13th F.A.

(c) Date of death 10/7/18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA

3/25/22 Examined
TYPE EK

CKR

for Concentration
Munich - Augsburg
#1232 att 14/14/22

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

(a) Grave No. 31 Row -- Plot B Sec. -- TYP. EK

(b) Emerg. Address _____

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

CKR. 9/13

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt None

(a) Name Mary E. Compton (b) Relationship Mother

(c) Address RFD #2, Santa Barbara, Calif.

(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No.

(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at _____

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

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

Examiner's Initials BGR

Date 9-22-

1920.

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

_____, dated _____

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

no correspondence

Examiner's Initials BGR

Date 9-22-

1920.

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes

Examiner's Initials Brown

Date 9-22-

1920.

COUNTRY France

CEMETERY No. 687

SHEET No. 22

Make Form No. 114

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

G. R. S. Form No. 115
Amended Apr. 16, 1920

JAN 6 1921
-acp

CARDED

checked
rel/25
10-19/20

Reviewed # 9-21 J & K
att

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made _____, 1920.

RECEIVED.

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 1920.

FEB 25 1921

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 1920. letter on 2/17, 1920.

CEMETERIAL DIVISION OVERSEAS, 1920. SUB-SEC.

Par # 2. Not to be returned. HJ

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: 1-15-21 Form 120 from Mrs. Mary E. Compton, mother and nearest relative, requests body remain in Europe

H-3-5-21 PW

2-17-21 Hoboken advises mother her wish will be complied with. FEB 4-9-21

FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN - BCCY TO REMAIN IN EUROPE. FEB 25 1921

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
HOBOKEN, N. J.

JAN 15 1921

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.G.
TO: Mrs. Mary E. Compton, RFD #2, Santa Barbara, Calif.
SUBJECT: Remains of... Pvt. William D. Compton, Ser. No. 1638931, Hdq. Co., 13th FA.

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body
.....
Remain in Europe.
.....

If these are not the correct instructions, please correct them. Make corrections on second page.

The nearest relative may choose between, (1) return of the body to any address in the United States; (2) interment in Arlington, Va., or any other National Cemetery; or (3) remain in Europe. All removals are at Government expense.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Lt. Col. Major, U.S.A.

If all blank spaces below are not filled out, it will necessitate a return of this paper and a SERIOUS DELAY in the shipment of this body. State in each case WHETHER these relatives are STILL LIVING.

NAME OF	NO. AND STREET	TOWN	STATE
Was soldier married?	No.		
Soldier's children		
(Name oldest first)		
		
Father	Thomas Compton, Deceased		
Mother	Mary E. Compton, Living, Santa Barbara, Calif.		
Brothers	1. Robert T. Compton, Living		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
	3.		
Sisters	1. Ruth B. Compton, Portland, Oregon		
(Name oldest first)	2. Hilda M. Compton, Santa Barbara, California		
	3.		

Date: Jan 24th 1921
Address: Santa Barbara California

Signature: Mrs. Mary E. Compton
Relationship: Mother

Important.-- CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.

I, the undersigned, am the *Mother* (relationship) and nearest living relative of the within-named soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:

(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

2. ~~To be returned to the U.S. and shipped to.....~~
~~.....~~ (name)

~~.....~~
~~(R.R. station)~~
~~(state)~~

3. ~~To be returned to the U.S. and buried in~~
National Cemetery.

4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Signature *Mrs. Mary E. Conpton*

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instructions as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.

2. The transfer of bodies will be made FREE at Government expense.

3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEAREST OF KIN IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.

4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.

5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.

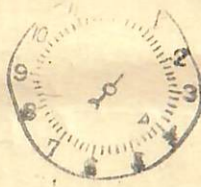
6. If YOU are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.

7. If YOU are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.

8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.

9. Use the inclosed envelope--pay no postage.

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE RECEIVED.
CORRESPONDENCE BRANCH



FEB 25 1921

CEMETERY DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SEC.

JAN 29 1921

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

See Form 115
att 4/14/22

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File # 33310

(a) Name COMPTON, William D. Ser. No. 1638931
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Hdq. Co. 13th P.A.
 (c) Date of death 10/7/18 Cause of death DWRIA

TYP EK

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

(a) Grave No. 31 Row -- Plot B Sect. --
 (b) Emerg. Address -

TYP EK

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

OKR 10/23

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

A.S.C. Card: Mary E. Compton, Mother, R. F. D. # 2,
Santa Barbara, Calif. does not desire return of
remains.

(719-12/23/20)

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 12/17 1920
 (letter of transmittal on 12/17 1920)

Par. # 2. Not to be returned. N.J.

JAN 8 1921

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J.

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VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken

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

FEB 25 1921

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

CEMETERY NO.

SHEET NO.

22

S-666/MB

France

687

JAN 6 1921

ACP

Place ~~Saunama-La-Grande~~, #687,

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date May 4, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF COMPTON, William D. SERIAL NUMBER 1638931

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Hq. Co. 13th F.A.

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

May 4, 1921 Gr. #31 Plot B.

By: Group 4 Unit Section II

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

May 4, 1921 Gr. #31 Plot B.

By: Group 4 Unit Section II Nature of reburial Wooden box, burlap, bottle and strips.

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

Wooden box, blanket Badly decomposed

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

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

Exhumed for the purpose of identifying other bodies in row for shipment to the United States.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items? 3, 15 platinum fillings, 16 missing before death.

(a) Height (actual measurement) indiscernable due to

(b) Weight (estimated) decomposition.

(c) Hair—Color indiscernable due to

Quantity decomposition.

Characteristics none

(d) Hair on face—Color none discernable

Location none

Quantity none

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

missing parts) indiscernable due to decomposition.

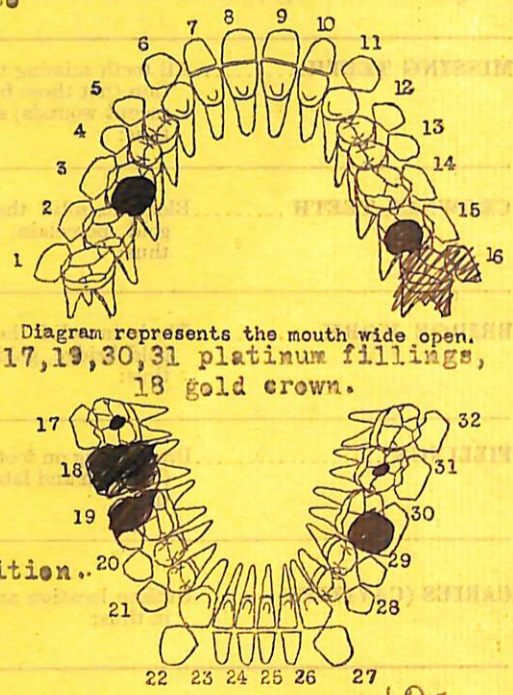


Diagram represents the mouth wide open. 17, 19, 30, 31 platinum fillings, 18 gold crown.

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

Right leg shattered at femur bone. Right arm at elbow.

Braces found on both.

7. Disinterment supervised by F.L. Kaelin

Approved: Geo. C. Bland
(Title) 1st Lt., Q.M.C.

8. Reburial supervised by F.L. Kaelin

Approved: Geo. C. Bland
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER COMPLETION OF G. R. S. FORM NO. 16-A

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

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No."

(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No. 6.
6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

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

DENTURES (PLATES).....Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp."

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