

G.R.S. Form #114-B

DEC 24 1925

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FULL NAME ..... COWAN, DeWitt C. *Sol. sig*

RANK ..... Sergeant ..... SERIAL ..... 1241815

*28 Div*

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION ..... Company M, 110th Infantry

DATE OF DEATH..... *July 30, 1918*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME... *Pa*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

*none*

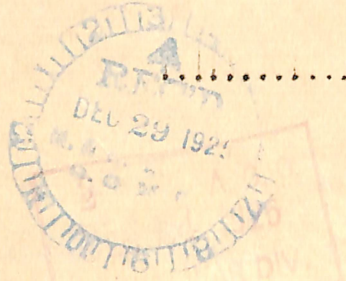
FINAL GRAVE LOCATION.....

Date Grave Row Block

*35*  
~~45~~ 13 A

608

Cemetery



Robert C. ...  
S. ...

*RWA*

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C° M. 110th Inf. 28th Div. A.E.F.

COWAN De Witt. C. - Sgt.

Missing July 30th 1918.

Informant said they were at Hill 212, on the Chateau-Thierry front. Sgt. Cowan was leading a squad of men up the Hill in the attack when a shell from a machine gun hit among them. He was instantly killed. Some men in the squad told informant about it.

Informant: DONNELLY Sam. A. Pvt. I241850  
Navy Base.  
C° M. 110th Inf.  
Home : 3265, Locust St., Phila. Pa.  
Jan. 21st 1919.

Katharine K. Barton - Searcher -

M.C.

Co.M, 110 th Inf.  
28 th Div.

COWEN, De Witt C - Sgt. I241815

Killed by machine gun fire while on the advance line at Sergy Hill . July  
30 th 1918.

Buried on Sergy hill.

Informant: Monticue, Elmer E - Sgt. I21892  
Co.M, 110 th Inf.  
Home : Stahlstorm Pa.

Searcher : Alvah L. Fisher - 1st Lieut.  
110 th Inf.

M.S.

110  
Co. M. 10th Inf. 28th Div.

COWAN. De Witt. C. Sgt.

*Informant gives serial no. 1241818*

Killed July 30th '18

Killed by machine gun fire while on advance line Sergy hill July 30th 1918 Buried on Sergy hill.

Informant: Monticue. Elmer. E. 1241892. Co. M 110th Inf.

Camp Cas. #1 St Nazaire.

Home address: Stahlstown Pa.

Sgt Bates Fred G. of the rCo. was an eye witness and reports the same thing is shot by M.G. bullet. He died on the way back and was buried between the Ourcq river & Sergy hill.

Informant: Bates Fred G. Sgt. 1241809 110th Inf.

Co. M.

Cas Camp #1 St Nazaire.

Home address: Fleeta H. Williams. Leland Stanford M Unit.

April 22nd. 19.

M.J.C.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the investigations which are being conducted with a view towards locating the graves of the Unlocated World War Dead, are proving successful in many cases where sufficient identifying marks can be secured. To assist in the investigation work, it will be appreciated if you will secure, if possible, a chart from the dentist who may have performed dental work for the soldier named above, prior to enlistment. The chart should include crowns, fillings, bridges, and extractions, if any. Should you be unable to obtain a chart, kindly report which teeth you recall crowned or filled.

Any information, sketches or descriptions which you may have received from comrades or officers, regarding the death and burial of this soldier, or which you may now secure from the Local Legion Post, may be of valuable aid in locating his grave, and it will be appreciated if you will forward same to this office.

You may be assured that everything possible will be done by the Department to bring the case to a successful conclusion.

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

Very truly yours,

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

1 incl.  
envelope.

25/256/EYS

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name <sup>Cowan</sup> DEWITT C. COWAN

Number: 1241815

Rank: Sgt.

Organization: Co. M. 110 Inf.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit 304

Disinterred (Date June 12, 1919 From: (Give complete location)

(DM 3-2-21)

Grave # 82 Cem. # 613

Reburied (Date June 12, 1919 in: (Give complete location)

608

Grave # <sup>234</sup> ~~232~~ Pat 5 Section F. Cem. #608 Seringes et Nesles (Aisne)

Map # 33 Soissons S.E.

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

Buried 4 feet deep. Body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes and one on cross.

What other means of identification were found upon the body? None.

11751

CONFIRMED No. D.....

Note:

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

Supervised by Sgt. Mack

1st. Lt. O.W. Forsberg

C.O. Group

Unit

304



# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF Cowan, C. Dewitt SERIAL NUMBER 1241815  
RANK Sgt. ORGANIZATION Co. "M" 110th Inf.

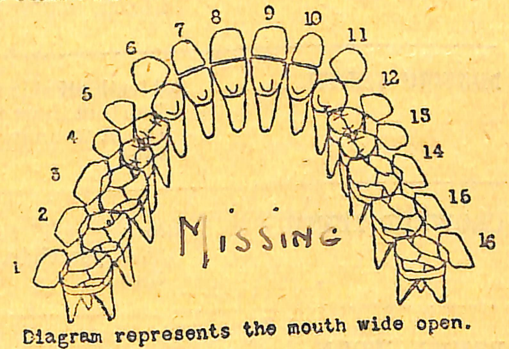
2. Disinterred (date): May 16th 1921 From (give complete location):  
Gr. 232. Sec. F. Pt. 2. Cem. 608  
(Found in Gr. 234. Sec. F. Pt. 5)  
By: Group 3 Unit 2

3. Reburied (date): May 16th 1921 In (give complete location):  
Gr. 90, Sec. P. Pt. 2. Cem. 608  
and pine box  
By: Group 3 Unit 2 Nature of reburial Blanket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Skeleton disarticulated. Features not recognizable. Uniform and  
burlap.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? Yes  
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:  
This body was found in grave 234 Sec. F. Pt. 5. under cross of  
George W. Laird.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items?  
(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to estimate  
(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to estimate  
(c) Hair—Color None visible  
Quantity None  
Characteristics None  
(d) Hair on face—Color None visible  
Location None  
Quantity None



(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) Refer to F.  
DECAY → 19  
CAVITY → 20  
21  
22 23 24 25 26 27  
28 29 30 31 32  
Fractured here  
FR to 32 missing

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Skull and upper Maxillaries  
missing. Right humerus fractured upper third.

7. Disinterment supervised by William J. Turner

Approved: R. C. Worthington  
(Title) 1st Lieut. Q.M.C.

8. Reburial supervised by William J. Turner

Approved: R. C. Worthington  
(Title) 1st Lieut. Q.M.C.

*Handwritten in orange:* 10-20629

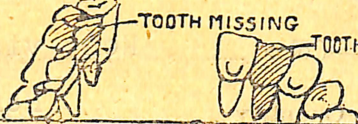




**INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER COMPLETION OF G. R. S. FORM NO. 16-A**

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

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

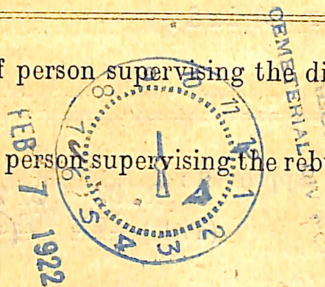
(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No. 6.

6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

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

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

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



Cowan, De Witt C.  
Sgt.

Pennsylvania

GOLD STAR MOTHERS PILGRIMAGE

S.S.AMERICA, JULY 30, 1930

Delaware County

Name: Mrs. Leona O. Cowan (0-11)

Address: 314 Kenney Ave., Sharon Hill, Pa.

Route: Pennsylvania R.R. to New York

Lv. Sharon Hill Train No. 4922	10.36 A.M., July 29
Ar. Philadelphia (Broad St.)	10.49 A.M., July 29
Lv. Philadelphia " " Train No. 210	11.00 A.M., July 29
Ar. New York (Penna. Station)	1.00 P.M., July 29

Accommodations: Coach Service Sharon Hill to Philadelphia  
Parlor Car Seat Philadelphia to New York

Elapsed Time: 2 hours 24 minutes  $\frac{1}{4}$

H.G.

7MM

H. Hoover.

*Cowan, De Witt C.*  
**MEDICAL RECORD**

Group O.

*Sgt, Co M, 1109 Inf.*

Station: Carlton Hotel

Date: Aug. 12 - 30

Name Mrs. Leona Cowan

Home address 314 Kenney Ave. Sharon Hill. penn.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Mr. J. M. Cowan (son)

same address

Religion protestant Age 59

History of Present complaint: Constipation.

**INSTRUCTIONS.** — This card will be started in all cases of Pilgrims requiring medical attention by the Medical Officer or Nurse first rendering such attention. Subsequently it will be carried by the nurse in attendance upon the group to which the Pilgrim is assigned. All Medical Officers rendering any assistance in the case will make an appropriate entry which will include date, time and signature. Upon final disposition of the case the Nurse in charge will deliver the card to the Office of the Chief Surgeon. Pilgrims sent to the American Hospital will be accompanied by this card properly completed, which will be authority for admission, in which case a duplicate card will be made and sent without delay to the Office of the Chief Surgeon.

(over)

Diagnosis and complications : (include dates)

Treatment and Progress : (include dates) 8/12/30. Cascara T 8/16/30. Cascara T.

Disposition : (include dates)

Remarks :

Aug-22-30 Tocherbon. Beach

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Corran</i>	<i>Corr</i>	3	<i>3 5 3</i>
<i>La Witt C</i>	CEMETERY <i>608</i>	1	<i>2</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>35</i>	2	<i>38</i>
	ROW <i>13</i>	2	<i>13</i>
	BLOCK <i>A</i>	1	<i>1</i>
STATE	<i>Pa</i>	2	<i>44</i>
RANK	<i>Sgt</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>282</i>	2	<i>28</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>110</i>	3	<i>110</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>2</i>
MERITORIAL	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Corran,</i>	<i>Corr</i>	3	<i>3 5 3</i>
<i>Mrs Leona O</i>	STATE <i>Pa</i>	2	<i>44</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Delaware</i>	2	<i>23</i>
	CITY <i>Sharon Hill</i>	3	<i>XXX</i>
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Good</i>	1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	YR. <i>1930</i>	1	
<i>29/514/EAB</i>	<i>yes</i>	1	

*Barrett 1233*  
*July 29 1930*

*Audited*  
*OCT 8 1931*  
*A.S.*

*5F*

*Use*

Party "O" - Itinerary - Oise-Aisne Group.

Sailed July 30, 1930 on SS "AMERICA". Major K. M. Halpine in charge. Colonel Oliver L. Spaulding Jr. observer. Arrived Cherbourg at day break. Special tender arrived 4:55 am bearing Capts. Wm. V. Ochs, Lawrence Mitchell and Wm. F. Dalton; Lts. Wm. J. Moroney, Michael H. Zwicker, E. V. Freeman and M. J. Morin; Major H. W. Kinderman; Miss Blanche Rulon, Capt. A. N. C. and 4 nurses; 3 civilian employees. Train left 8:21 am; arrived Gare des Invalides, Paris, 2:15 pm. Met by Col. Ellis and members of his staff, interpreters and nurses. Taken to hotel in busses.

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- August 9th Morning devoted to transaction of personal business. Exchange of money, preparation of laundry, etc. Afternoon - Arc de Triomphe, Wreath laid by Mrs. J. Lukish for party. Tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent. Dinner at hotel.
- August 10th Morning, free or church, Lunch at hotel, 2:00pm visit to Louvre, Dinner at hotel. 9:00 - 11:00pm sightseeing Night Trip.
- August 11th Morning, sightseeing trip Notre Dame; Lunch at Hotel; 2:15 pm sightseeing trip Napoleon's Tomb. Dinner at hotel.
- August 12th Morning free or shopping. Lunch at hotel. Afternoon free. Dinner at hotel - pack luggage to be left at hotel.
- August 13th Morning free, Lunch at hotel, 1:40 pm leave via Porte de Pantin for La Ferte s/s Jouarre. Leave La Ferte s/s Jouarre 4:30pm. Arrive Soissons 6:15pm. Dinner & sleep Hotel Lien Rouge.
- August 14, 15, and 16 Daily trips made from Soissons to the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery.
- August 17th Last visit to cemetery. Lunch at hotel. 2:00pm depart Soissons via Fismes. Arrive Reims 4:25. Dinner and sleep Hotel Crystal.
- August 18th Visit Reims and Cathedral, 11:30 Lunch at hotel. 1:30 pm depart Reims via Berry-au-Bac, Corbeny, Craonne, Chemin-des-Dames, Vaurat, Ferme. to Soissons. Leave Soissons 3:30pm. Arrive 4:25pm Compiègne. Dinner and sleep Hotel Rond Royal.
- August 19th 9:30 am depart for Carrefour de L'Armistice. 10:00am return Compiègne. Lunch Hotel Rond Royal. 2:00pm Leave Compiègne via La Croix St. Ouen Senlis. 4:00pm arrive Chantilly, rest stop Hotel du Parc. Arrive 5:45 pm Paris. Dinner at hotel.
- August 20th Leave 9:45 am for Fontainebleau via Barbizon, Lunch Hotel Legris. Visit Chateau. Depart 4:00pm via Melun for Paris. Arrive Paris 6:30 pm. Dinner at hotel.
- August 21st Leave 9:15 am for Versailles. Visit Chateau (entrance from 10:00 to 10:30 am). Leave Versailles 11:50 am. Lunch 12:30 at Belie Cyclist - Suresnes. 2:15 pm depart sightseeing trip Sacre Coeur, Paris. Dinner at Hotel - Pack luggage.
- August 22nd Leave Gare Des Invalides for Cherbourg and United States.

Next train arrived Cherbourg 4:15pm SS President Roosevelt sailed 6:30pm. Arrived NY Aug 30th.

Mrs. Leona O. Cowan

NAME ... COWAN, MRS. LEONA O. ....  
ADDRESS ..... 314 KENNEY AVE., SHARON HILL,  
DELAWARE COUNTY, PA. ....

DATE *Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 1980* .....

TO:                   Officer-In-Charge,  
                          PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

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

Sincerely,

(Signed)

*Mrs L. O. Cowan*

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.**

MOTHERS AND WIDOWS PILGRIMAGE

NAME Cowan, Mrs. Leona O......

DESTINATION Sharon Hill, Pa......

STATION Penn...... RR Penn......

TRAIN NO. #207..... DATE 8/31/30.....

CAR NUMBER ..... BERTH or SEAT .....

MOTHERS AND WIDOWS PILGRIMAGE

NAME Cowan, Mrs. Leona O......

DESTINATION Sharon Hill, Pa......

STATION Penn...... RR Penn......

TRAIN NO. .... #207..... DATE 8/31/30.....

CAR NUMBER ..... BERTH or SEAT .....

September 3, 1930

File No. 552.01 (Transportation, Party "O" )

SUBJECT: Return Railroad Tickets

TO: The Quartermaster General  
Washington, D. C.

1. Enclosed herewith are return railroad tickets for pilgrims who motored home on party "O".

New Jersey & New York RR	4044	Mrs. Laura E. Scarr
Atlantic City RR	502	Mrs. Wm. J. Mohrer
Pennsylvania RR	61261	Mrs. Annie E. Snellledge
Pennsylvania RR	61260	Mrs. Annie Richardson
Pennsylvania RR	61259	Mrs. Margaret A.W. Metzger
Pennsylvania RR	73	Mrs. Mary Rose McCracken
Pennsylvania RR	56186	Mrs. Margaret E. Ditmars
Pennsylvania RR	252	Mrs. Leona O. Cowan
Pennsylvania RR	49005	Mrs. Clara O. Bolster
D. L. & W. RR	394	Mrs. Lillie Taylor
Pennsylvania RR	47319	Mrs. Mary Treharne
Erie RR	76139	Mrs. Jane Gallagher
Erie RR	95479	Mrs. Bessie Robinson
D. L. & W. RR	2344	Mrs. Augusta Livengood
Delaware & Hudson Co.	29244	Mrs. Mary J. Knight
D. L. & W. RR	1875	Mrs. John L. Bonney
D. L. & W. RR	2371	Mrs. Emma B. Howell
D. L. & W. RR	2342	Mrs. Mary Watkins
Boston & Albany RR	1547	Mrs. Mary J. Noonan

For the Officer in Charge:

JFM:CRS  
Encls. RR Tickets

GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR  
1st Lieut. Q.M.C. (DOL)  
Assistant

PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

NAME MRS. L. O. COWAN

ROOM NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Please be ready to leave Hotel at 8:45PM Daylight Saving  
Time on AUGUST 31, 1930

Leave your bags in your room, packed and ready to go.

You will leave New York via P.R.R. RR Train # 207

You will arrive at SPARON HILL via P.R.R. RR.

Train # 4921 at 11:50AM Standard time-

Days SUNDAY Date AUGUST 31, 1930

Your ticket will be delivered to you at the train.

A. C. TIPTON,  
MAJOR, INF. (DOL)

Mrs. . . . . LEONA O. COWAN . . . . . 0-2768 . . . . .

City . . . . . SHARON HILL . . . . . State . . . . . PA . . . . .

Your Berth Is . . . . . Car . . . . . Train 207 . . . . .

Leave . . . . . PENN STA . . . . . Via PRR . . . . . At 9:00 AM S. T. 8/31/30 . . . . .

Arrive At . . . . . PHILADELPHIA . . . . . At 11:00 AM . . . . .

Leave . . . . . PHILADELPHIA . . . . . Via . . . . . TRAIN #4921 . . . . . At 11:36 AM . . . . .

Arrive At . . . . . SHARON HILL . . . . . At 11:50 AM . . . . .

Leave . . . . . Via . . . . . At . . . . .

Arrive At . . . . . At . . . . .

Leave . . . . . Via . . . . . At . . . . .

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1503

2768

NAME COWAN, MRS. LEONA O.

S.S. ROOSEVELT AUG 30 1930

HOME SHARON HILL, DELAWARE COUNTY, PA.

R.R. Penn to dlt

STATION

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE Sept 26-30

Mrs. S. Lewis Schaffer  
128 W Duval Ave  
Sandston  
Pa

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

COWAN, DEWITT C.

O.A.

Party ... 0 .....

Number ... 2768 .....

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

MRS. LEONA O. COWAN ..... Actual cost of through Pullman.  
 Name of Traveler

SHARON HILL, DELAWARE COUNTY ..... New York, to ... SHARON HILL, PA. ....  
 Home Address

PA. .... \$ ..... 75 Phila .....

New York, to ... SHARON HILL, PA. ....  
 Destination

Via ... PENN. TO DEST. ....

TICKET EXPIRES: ... AUGUST 21, 1930 .....  
 SEPT 26, 1930 Date of Departure

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	Car	U. S. G. Order No.	Actual Cost
LV	PENN. STA.	FRR	8-31	900 A				
AR	PHILA	"	" "	1100 A			<del>WA 1,023,750</del>	75
LV	"	1921	" "	1136 A				Co.
AR	SHARON HILL	"	" "	1150 A				
LV								
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LV								
AR								
LV								
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TOTAL .....

Remarks:

*Left for Phila with son*

Name..... COWAN, Mrs Leona O.

Paris Hôtel..... HOTEL CARLTON

Home address..... AV. DES CHAMPS-ELYSEES  
314 Kenney Ave, Sharon Hill, Delaware Co. Penn.

Party..... 0..... Group..... 2..... Unit SS. AMERICA

Date of arrival..... Aug-8-1930..... Date of departure SS. ROOSEVELT-Aug-22-1930

Relationship..... Mother

Name of deceased..... COWAN, De Witt C.

Rank..... Sgt..... Organization Co. M. 110th Inf.

Cemetery..... Oise-Aisne

REMARKS



STATE

PENNSYLVANIA

*Cowan, DeWitt C.*

M  
NAME *Cowan, Mrs. Leona O.* HOME ADDRESS *314 Kenney Ave., Sharon Hill Delaware County*

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN *Mrs. L. Schaffer 128 W. Drexel St. Lansdowne, Pa.*

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE *July 29 1:00 P.M.* HOTEL *Penn* ROOM NO. *1503*

*met by Capt. Merrill Ross*

*with Mrs Anna Burback*

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE *2 bags JUL 30 1930* VESSEL *S/S AMERICA* CABIN NO. *290A*

DESTINATION *CHERBOURG* CEMETERY *with Mrs. Rogalia Bielak Mrs. Jessie Schaffer*

*cherbourg*

*O.A.*

RETURN NEW YORK

DATE AUG 30 1930

M

NAME Cowan, Mrs. Leona O. HOME ADDRESS 314 Kemey Ave.,

314 Kemey Ave.,

Sharon Hill,  
Delaware County, Penn.

RETURN ON S. S. S/S ROOSEVELT HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA ROOM NO. No/Room

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

AUG 31 1930

DATE .....

ROAD Penn TRAIN 207 CAR ..... BERTH or SEAT .....

REMARKS .....

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Party 0

# MEDICAL RECORD

A. Hoover, R.N.

Station: Carlton

Aug. 12, 1930

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

Name Cowan, Mrs. Leona

Home address 314 Kenny Ave., Sharon Hill, Pa.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Son, G.M. Cowan  
same address

Religion Prot.

Age 59

History of Present complaint: Constipation Cascara , Aug. 12th and 16th.

8/22/30 to Cherbourg, Beach.

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Diagnosis and complications : (*include dates*)

Treatment and Progress : (*include dates*)

Disposition : (*include dates*)

Remarks :

# MEDICAL RECORD

Party: "O" WEST . S. S. ROOSEVELT . AUGUST 24TH, 1930 Eastbound Westbound

Name MRS. LEONA O COWAN .

Home Address SHARON HILL, PENNSYLVANIA .

Name and address of nearest relative or friend MRS. L. SCHAFFER, LANSDOWNE, PA .

Religion Age

History of present complaint: Cabin 239. Constipation. Hinkles Pills -2 Deck.

R. H. WALKER, M. D. CHIEF SURGEON.

(OVER)

INSTRUCTIONS: This card will be prepared for each Pilgrim treated on ship, east or west bound. Cards to be included in report of Liaison Officer upon return to New York.

*Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)*

*Treatment and Progress: (include dates)*

*Disposition: (include dates)*

*Remarks:*

July 14th, 1930

Mrs. Leona O. Cowan,  
314 Kenney Avenue,  
Sharon Hill, Pa.

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:  
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Mrs. Lena B. Cowan  
(Signature or name of addressee.)

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cowan, De Witt C. - 608 M

July 10, 1930.

Mrs. Leona O. Cowan,  
314 Kenney Ave.,  
Sharon Hill, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No **364280** in the amount of \$**2.50** , to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST THIS CHECK BE CASHED AND USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED.

If for any reason, you are not able to sail on the date mentioned in your invitation, the check must be returned to this office immediately.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Check No.

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Cowan, De Witt C. 808 H

July 2, 1930

Mrs. Leona O. Cowan  
514 Kenney Ave.  
Sharon Hill, Pa.

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:

Lv. Sharon Hill	Penna No. 4922	10.36 AM	July 29
Ar. Philadelphia	" "	10.49 AM	29
Lv. Philadelphia	210	11.00 AM	29
Ar. New York	" "	1.00 PM	29

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.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

May 15, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

**Cowan, De Witt C.-608 M  
America 7-30**

**Mrs. Leona O. Cowan  
314 Kenney Avenue  
Sharon Hill, Pa.**

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.

Mrs. G. Lewis Schaffer  
Name

128 - W. Drexel  
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, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Encl.  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 24, 1930.

Cowan, De Witt C. 608 M

Mrs. Leona O. Cowan,  
314 Kenney Ave.,  
Sharon Hill, Pa.

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

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.

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Cowan, De Witt C

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. Leona O. Cowan

(Name)

314 Kenney Ave., Sharon Hill, Delaware Co.,

(Town or City)

Pa.

(State)



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Cowan, De Witt C. 608 M.

October 7, 1929

Mrs. Leona O. Cowan,  
314 Kenney Ave.,  
Sharon Hill, Pa.

*Sailed*  
JUL 30 1930

Dear Madam:

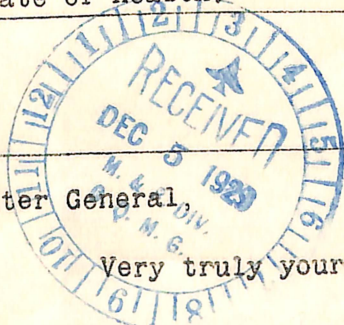
The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, 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.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	<del>(No)</del>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	<del>(No)</del>
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?	<del>(Yes)</del>	(No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age (Years) 68	Health (Good) <del>(Poor)</del>
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes)	<del>(No)</del> Other language <i>none</i> (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

War Department.  
Office of the Quartermaster General.

Dear Sir. I.M. 293 A.C.

In reply to your letter  
of June 24<sup>th</sup> 1929.

Extending to me an invitation  
to visit my Son's Grave at  
Aise-Aisne American Cemetery  
Seranges-et-Mesles, Aisne, France.

Gladly will I accept said  
invitation.

My Son, Sergeant De Witt C. Cowan,  
of Company M. 110 Inf. was not  
married.

Thanking you most  
sincerely, I am

Respectfully,

Mrs Leona Olivia Cowan  
314 Kemney Ave  
Sharon Hill  
Pa.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 24, 1929.

Cowan, De Witt C.

Mrs. Leona O. Cowan,  
36 East Woodland Ave.,  
Sharon Hill, Pa.

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 Sgt. De Witt C. Cowan, Co. H, 110th Inf., whose remains are interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, 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.

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Cowan, De Witt C. 608 M

July 2, 1930

Mrs. Leona C. Cowan  
514 Kenney Ave.  
Sharon Hill, Pa.

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:

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Ar. Philadelphia	"	"	10.49 AM	29
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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.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

June 12, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cowan, De Witt C. - 608 M

Mrs. Leona O. Cowan,  
314 Kenney Ave.,  
Sharon Hill, Pa.

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 15, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Cowan, De Witt C.-608 M  
America 7-30

Mrs. Leona O. Cowan  
314 Kenney Avenue  
Sharon Hill, Pa.

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.

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Name

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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

Cowan, DeWitt C. 608M  
America 7-30

May 9 1930

Mrs. Leona O. Cowan,  
314 Kenney Ave.,  
Sharon Hill, Pa.

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

April 24, 1930.

Cowan, De Witt C. 608 M

Mrs. Leona O. Cowan,  
314 Kenney Ave.,  
Sharon Hill, Pa.

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.

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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.

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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

Cowan, De Witt C.

608 M

April 12, 1930

Mrs. Leona O. Cowan,  
314 Kenney Ave.,  
Sharon Hill, Pa.  
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  
Cowan, De Witt C. 608 M.

October 7 , 1929.

Mrs. Leona O. Cowan,  
514 Kennsey Ave.,  
Sharon Hill, Pa.

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,

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

June 24 , 1929.

Cowan, De Witt C.

Mrs. Leona O. Cowan,  
36 East Woodland Ave.,  
Sharon Hill, Pa.

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 Sgt. De Witt C. Cowan, Co. M, 110th Inf., whose remains are interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, 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-C

Cowan, De Witt C.

February 15, 1929.

Mrs. Leona O. Cowan,  
36 East Woodland Ave.,  
Sharon Hill, Pa.

Dear Madam:

In order to conform to the plans for beautification of the permanent American Military Cemeteries in Europe it has been necessary to make a re-arrangement of the graves in these Cemeteries, which may be considered as permanent for all time.

The enclosed card gives the final resting place of your son, the late De Witt C. Cowan, Sergeant, Company M, 110th Infantry.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl.  
Record card.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE February 14, 1928

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 COWAN, De Witt C.
- 2. No. 1241815
- 3. Rank Sgt.
- 4. Org. Co. M, 110th Inf.
- 5. D.D. July 30, 1918
- 6. C.D. KIA.
- 10. Name
- 11. No.
- 12. Rank
- 13. Org.
- 14. (a) D.D.
- (b) D.B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- 7. Grave No. 43 Sec.
- 8. Plot Block A Row 13
- 9.
- 15. Grave No. Sec.
- 16. Plot Row
- 17.

- 18. Cemetery Oise-Aisne
- 19. Commune or town Seringes-et-Nesles
- 20. Dept. or County Aisne
- 21. Country France
- 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 608
- 23. Disinterred (Date) February 14, 1928 By L. Gordon

- 24. Inscription on grave marker:
- Name COWAN, De Witt C. Serial No. 1241815
- Rank Sgt. Organization Co. M, 110th Inf.

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

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).  
One collar ornament U.S.N.G. One collar ornament 110 M, crossed rifles. One whistle, buried.
- 27. Condition of body
- 28. Nature of burial Pine box and burlap.
- 29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above?
- 30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date February 14, 1928 By L. Gordon
- 31. Casket sealed by L. Gordon

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

L. Gordon.

P. GOLDON\*

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name COWAN, De Witt C. Serial No. 1241815

Rank Sgt. Organization Co. M, 110th Inf.

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

Name of Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) February 14, 1928 By Charles E. Spahn

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 Charles E. Spahn  
Charles E. Spahn

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

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

To point of Concentration \_\_\_\_\_

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping officer \_\_\_\_\_ (Name)

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_ (Name)

40. Received: Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

41. Reinterred February 14, 1928, Oise-Aisne American Cty.

42. Grave No. 35 (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot Block A Row 13

G.R.S. Representative William E. Moore

William E. Moore, Superintendent.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF COWAN, De Witt Dewitt C. SERIAL NUMBER 1241815  
 RANK Sgt. ORGANIZATION Co. M. 110th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : February 14, 1928 From (give complete location) :  
Grave 43, Block A, Row 13

By : Group \_\_\_\_\_ Cty. \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

3. Reburied (date) February 14, 1928 In (give complete location) :  
Grave 35, Block A, Row 13

By : Group \_\_\_\_\_ Cty. \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial Metallic casket

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

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

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

One collar ornament U.S.N.G. One collar ornament <sup>110</sup> crossed rifles. <sub>M</sub>  
One whistle, buried.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Weight (estimated) \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Hair—Color \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Characteristics \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Hair on face—Color \_\_\_\_\_

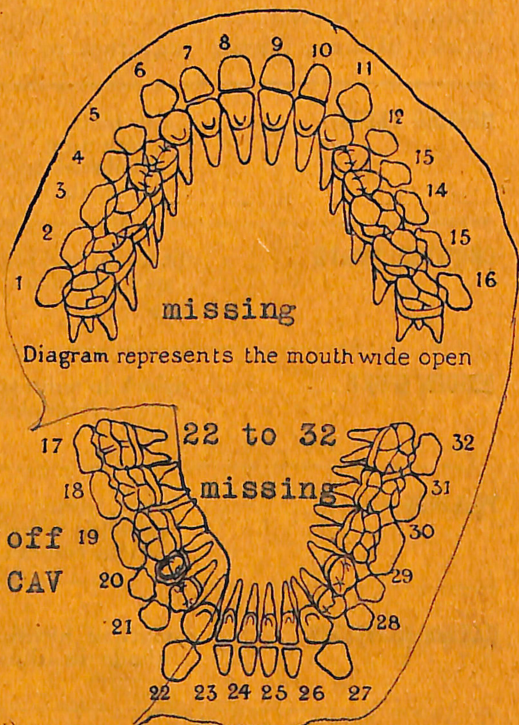
Location \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

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

or missing parts) 19 broken off 19

20 CAV



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

Right scapula fractured. Right humerus fractured upper third. Right ulna and radius shattered.

7. Disinterment supervised by [Signature]

Approved : \_\_\_\_\_

(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by [Signature]

Approved : \_\_\_\_\_

(Title)

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

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

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.

2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.


3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.

4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.

5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".

(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No 6.

6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

MISSING TEETH	All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus:	
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.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-C

IN REPLY REFER TO

COWAN, DeWitt C. - Sgt.

November 5, 1925

Mrs. Leona O. Cowan,  
36 East Woodland Ave.,  
Sharon Hill, Pa.

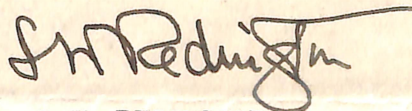
Dear Madam:

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

This American 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.

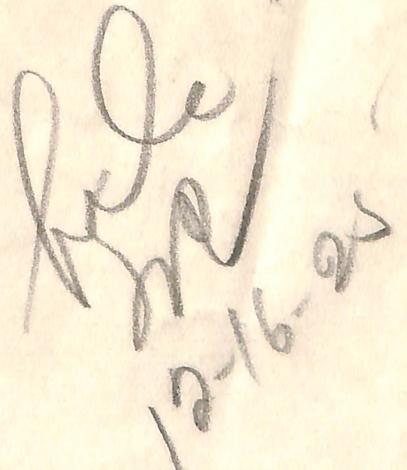
Very truly yours,



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

1 Incl.  
Record card.

25/560/LBM



12-16-25

Soldier's  Overseas  
Grave

Name DeWitt C. Cowan

Rank Sergeant

Organization Company M, 110th Infantry

Grave No. 43 Row 13 Block A

Cemetery Oise-Aisne American

Location Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France



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WASHINGTON

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Major, Q.M.C.,  
Assistant.

RD  
207

1 Incl.  
Record card.

25/560/EYS



Cowan, Dewitt C

1,241,815

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number)

Bgt

Co M 110 Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

*Mother*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

(Yes or no.)

*yes*

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

(Yes or no.)

*no*

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

*Mrs. Leona C. Cowan, Sharon Hill.*

*Sharon Hill*

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

*Sharon Ave.*

*Sharon Hill*

*Pa*

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

*Mrs. Leona C. Cowan*

*203 S. Sharon Ave.*

*Sharon Hill*

*Pa.*

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

checked  
Jan 1952

Drawn by PF

608-652

12-14

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 18766

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name COWAN, De Witt C. Ser. No. 1241815
(b) Rank Sgt. Organization Co. M, 110th Inf.
(c) Date of death 7-30-18 (d) Cause of death K/A
TYP. DB
CKR. [initials]

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

(a) Grave No. 234 Row - Plot 5 Sec. F TYP. DB
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Lester O. Cowan, (Mother) 232 S. Sharon Ave. Sharon, Hill, Pa.
III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases -- CKR. [initials]

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt

(a) Name Mrs. Leonard Cowan (b) Relationship Mother
(c) Address 203 S. Sharon Ave. Sharon Hill, Pa.
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? Yes
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at No
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. Mrs. Leonard Cowan Sharon Ave. Sharon Hill, Pa. Exp + file office Sharon Hill, Pa.
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. See [red handwritten note]

Examiner's Initials PF Date 12-14, 1920.

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

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

No comes

Examiner's Initials PF Date 12-14, 1920.

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to?

Examiner's Initials att Date 12-15, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE

CEMETERY No. 608

SHEET No. 652

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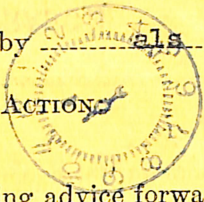
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VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made 12-16-, 1920.

Typed by als, Checked by JOR, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION.

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on JAN 15 1921, 1920



**Par. 1 To be returned.**

*HT*

IX.

**CORRECTIONS**

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: 3/28/21 *HT* 120 Leona O Cowan mother  
n. h. 36 E. Woodland Ave, Sharon Hill Penna  
requests body remain in Europe H4-2-21 ECS  
Form 129 to hold body Fred Wash 4-4-21-13.7

5/2/21 PROPOSED CABLEGRAM NO. 286 TO EUROPE-BODY TO REMAIN 5/2/21 Gms

Letter from Europe 6/8/21 states return cancelled  
as per cable 12/27/21 *HT*

Investigation made by this office and  
grave location shown on our records  
is correct. Wes 3/8/22

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, AND SHIPMENT OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records Office Chief G.R.S.

Discrepancy found upon examination of body.

- 1. Name COWAN, DeWitt C.
- 2. No. 1241815
- 3. Rank Sgt.
- 4. Org Co. M, 110th Inf.
- 5. D.D. 7-30-18
- 6. C.D. I/A
- 10. Name
- 11. No.
- 12. Rank
- 13. Org
- 14. (a) D.D.
- 15. (b) D.B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment.

- 7. Grave No. 238 Sec. F
- 8. Plot 5 Row ---
- 9. -----
- 15. Grave No. Sec.
- 16. Plot Row
- 17.

18. Cemetery American

19. Commune or town Erignes-et-Nesles

20. Department or county Aisne

21. County France

22. G.R.S. Headquarters Code No. 608

23. Disinterred BY 5/2/21  
(Date)

24. Inscription ( Name Serial No. 24118  
on ---  
grave marker ( Rank Organization

25. Was identification disk found on grave marker? On body?

Signature of Junior Technical Assistant.

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

PREPARATION

- 26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disk or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).....
- 27. Condition of body.....
- 28. Nature of burial.....
- 29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G. R. S. records quoted above?.....
- 30. Body prepared and placed in casket..... By.....  
(Date)
- 31. Casket sealed by.....  
Signature of Embalmer (Supervisor).....

RECEIVED  
APR 11 1921  
Cavalry Division  
Cavalry Project Sub-Section

SHIPMENT

(Show actual marking of box) Box No. ....

- 32. Designation of body (Name..... COWAN, DeWitt C. Serial No. .... 1241815  
(Rank..... Sgt. Organization..... Co. M, 110th Inf.)
- 33. Consignee--Name..... Mrs. Leona O. Cowan,  
Address..... Sharon Ave., Sharon Hill, Pa. (Exp. & Tel., Sharon Hill, Pa.
- 34. Casket boxed and marked..... By.....  
(Date)

35. I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.  
Signature of G. R. S. Inspector.....

- 36. Remarks.....
- 37. Shipped from cemetery..... To.....  
(Date) (Point of concentration)  
Convoyer..... Signature Shipping officer.....
- 38. Received at point of concentration.....  
(Date)  
Signature Receiving Officer.....
- 39. Shipped from point of concentration.....  
(Date)  
To..... Convoyer.....  
(Port)  
Signature Shipping Officer.....
- 40. Received European port.....  
(Date)  
Signature of G. R. S. Representative.....
- 41. Shipped to..... On.....  
(U. S. Port) (Boat)  
Date..... Convoyer.....  
(Signature of Shipping Officer)
- 42. Received..... By G. R. S. Representative.....  
(Date) (Signature)
- 43. Shipped to destination..... (B/L or Express Order No. ....  
(Date)  
Convoyer..... (Shipping Officer.....

WAR DEPARTMENT

3-1209

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

WASHINGTON

Hoboken, N.J.

FEB 8 1921

FROM: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. G.

To: Mrs. Leona O. Cowan, 205 S. Sharon Ave., Sharon Hill, Pa.

SUBJECT: Remains of Sgt. De Witt C. Cowan, Ser. No. 1241815, Co. M. 110th Inf.

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above-named soldier be returned to the United States and shipped to you at Sharon Ave., Sharon Hill, Pa. ~~Remain in Europe EAS~~

~~be returned to the United States and shipped to you at Sharon Ave., Sharon Hill, Pa.~~  
~~Kindly sign former request.~~

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Lieut. Colonel, U. S. Army.  
5/2/21 EAS

5/3/21 PROPOSED CABLEGRAM NO. 286 TO EUROPE-BODY TO REMAIN

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 or not these relatives are STILL LIVING.

Was soldier married? no

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Father	Gen. Morton Cowan. (Deceased)		
Mother	Leona O. Cowan		
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1	Gen. Morton Cowan	
	2		
	3		
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1	Kathryn E. Cowan	
	2	Clara D.M. Cowan	
	3		

Noted 5/11/21 EAS  
#412-21608

Date March 28<sup>th</sup> 1921.

Signature Leona O. Cowan

Address 36 E Woodland Ave.  
Sharon Hill, Pa

Relationship Mother

IMPORTANT.—CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.

Date March 28<sup>th</sup>, 1921

I, the undersigned, am the Mother and nearest living next of kin 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 Leona O. Cowan

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.**

1. If definite instructions for the disposition of a body are not received from the next of kin 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 ENTIRELY at Government expense.
3. This paper **MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT 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 next of kin 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 next of kin, please ask the nearest next of kin, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
7. If YOU are not the nearest living next of kin 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.

NOTE.—INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DISPOSITION OF REMAINS will be issued by this office upon the properly executed authority of the legal next of kin in each case. The widow is the first person having disposition of the remains of her husband. Should there be no widow or children, the father and, in turn (upon his decease), the mother, is the proper authority. The brothers, in order of seniority, and then the sisters in order of seniority, if there are no brothers, rank next in authority to decide. Under an opinion rendered by the Judge Advocate General of the Army, if a widow has remarried she forfeits her right, and the next of kin as given above will make decision.

April 4, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div.Cor.Br.  
(Cowan, DeWitt C.)

Mrs. Leona O. Cowan,  
36 East Woodland Avenue,  
Sharon Hill, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:-

Receipt of shipping inquiry dated March 28, 1921,  
relative to the remains of the late DeWitt C. Cowan, Sergeant,  
Serial Number 1241815, Company M, 110th Infantry, is  
acknowledged.

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

The Department wishes to convey to you renewed as-  
surance of its sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, C.M. Corps.  
Officer in Charge.

BY:

F. C. PALLAS,  
Executive Assistant.

*Hubbard P.A.C.*

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April 4, 1921

File No. 232.8 Com. Div. Det. Dr.  
(Cowan, Dewitt G.)

Mrs. Leona O. Cowan,  
28 East Woodland Avenue,  
Sharon Hill, Pennsylvania

Dear Madam:-

Receipt of shipping inquiry dated March 28, 1921,  
relative to the remains of the late Dewitt G. Cowan, Sergeant,  
Serial Number 1241818, Company K, 110th Infantry, is  
acknowledged.

In accordance with your latest request, instructions  
have been issued that the remains be left in France for burial  
in a permanent American Cemetery. You are assured that the  
grave site will always be maintained as a fitting memorial of  
the late soldier's services.

The Department wishes to convey to you renewed as-  
surance of its sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, U. S. Corps,  
Officer in Charge.

F. G. TAYLOR,  
Executive Assistant.

BY:

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*J. P. ...*

*[Handwritten signature]*

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

Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. O. M. G.  
File # 293.8 18766

April 4th- 1921

From: Graves Registration Officer.

To: Quartermaster General, Cemeterial Division, Washington, D. C.

Subject: Supplementary advice concerning:

Name Cowan, DE Witt C. Serial No. 1241815  
Rank Sgt. Organization Company M, 110th Inf.  
Cemetery No. 608 Cable Reference No. (Sheet No.) 652

Request shown below dated March 28th-- is latest in this case:

Name of Relative	Return to	Remain in	Special
		France.	

Widow None

Children .....

Guardian .....

Father Deceased

Mother Leona O. Cowan, 36 East Woodland Avenue, Sharon Hill, Pa.

Brother .....

Sister .....

Others .....

Body to be shipped to, or for interment in: France in a permanent American Cemetery.

MMM

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,  
Officer in Charge. *B.7.*

1 Inclosure.

Cable Letter May 2, 1921, forwarding advice to Europe, dispatched..... 1921.

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*sm.s*

*Cowan, De Witt C.*

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

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1921

From: Graves Registration Office

To: Quartermaster General, Cemetery Division, Washington, D. C.

Subject: Supplementary advice concerning:

Name: *George W. Hill, G.* Serial No. *1241030*

Rank: *Private* Organization: *Company B, 110th Inf.*

Cemetery No. *608* Cable Reference No. (Sheet No.) *655*

Request shown below dated *March 25, 1921* is listed in this case:

Name of Relative: *Wife*  
Return to: *Wife*  
Remain in: *Wife*  
Special: *Wife*

Widow *None*

Children

Grandchildren

Father *Deceased*

Mother *Leona G. Quinn, 33 1/2 Woodbury Avenue, New York 17, N.Y.*

Brother

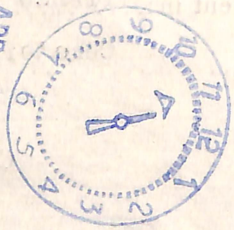
Sister

Other

Body to be shipped for interment in

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QUARTERMASTER CORPS  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
HOBOKEN, N. J.

April 4th-  
..... 1921.

From: Graves Registration Officer.

To: Quartermaster General, Cemeterial Division, Washington, D. C.

Subject: Supplementary advice concerning:

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Mother Leona O. Cowan, 36 East Woodland Avenue, Sharon Hill, Pa.

Brother .....

Sister .....

Others .....

Body to be shipped to, or for interment in: France in a permanent American Cemetery.

MMM

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,  
Officer in Charge. *B.F.*

1 Inclosure.

Cable Letter *May 2,* ..... 1921, forwarding advice to Europe, dispatched ..... 1921.  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
QUARTERMASTER CORPS  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
HONOLULU, H. I.

1921

From: Graves Registration Officer

To: Quartermaster General, Central Postal Directory, Washington, D. C.

Subject: Supplemental index concerning:

Name: *George A. Jones* Social No. *12345*

Rank: *Private* Organization: *1st Infantry Division*

Service No. *10000000* Cable Reference No. (Sheet No.) *1000*

Request shown below dated *March 15, 1921* in letter to this case:

Name of Relative: *Wife*  
Remain in *Paris*  
Remain in *Paris*  
Special

Wife

Children

Guardian

Father

Mother

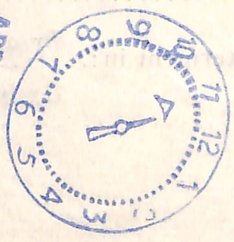
Brother

Sister

Others

Body to be shipped to, or

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Central Postal Directory

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COMPLETION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 18766

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name COWAN, De Witt C. Ser. No. 1241815  
 (b) Rank Sgt. Organization Co. M, 110th Inf. TYP DB  
 (c) Date of death 7-30-18 Cause of death K/A

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

(9m) (a) Grave No. 232-234 Row 5 Plot 5 Sect. F TYP DB  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Lester O. Cowan, (Mother) 232 S. Sharon Ave. Sharon, Hill, Pa. Pa. CKR

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

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

*All card - Mother (Mrs. Leona O. Cowan - 203 S. Sharon Ave - Sharon Hill - Pa.) wishes body sent to her at above address. (H) 1/15/21*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 192 Letter of transmittal on JAN 15 1921)

**Par. 1 To be returned.**

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. JAN 27 1921 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken
<i>Apr. 4, 1921 Form 129</i>	<i>Mother (3/28/21) Leona O. Cowan</i>	<i>To remain in France by proposed cable</i>	<i>5/2/21 Europe advised 286 - To remain 5/2/21 (H) 1/15/21</i>

*Letter from Europe 6/8/21 states return cancelled as per cable 12/27/21*

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

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY NO. 608 SHEET NO. 652  
 G. R. S. FORM 115-A August 1920  
 5-666/EB

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Name Gowan 1241815 Pitt

Rank Sergeant Co. M {Corps  
Regt.} 110th Inf

Date of Death ---

Place Hill 230. 3/4 kilometer south of  
Cierges, France.

Cause ---

Killed in action.

Date of Burial August 6, 1918.

Grave No. 82 Row B

Cemetery Battlefield. 3/4 kilometer south  
of Cierges. Near Bois des Grimpettes.

Identified by { Tag  
Papers } Tags.  
{ Clothing }

List of Effects ---

2nd Lt. T.M. Cameron, F.A.N.G.

Field Record Made by Charles J. Wynne  
2nd Lt. Inf. U.S.A. Com'd'g.

Company 304, Graves Registration Service

Group No. 1.

(Sgt. Wright)

For additional data use reverse side

23 SEP 1918



*FILE UNDER NO.* 18766, Cowan, De Witt C.

## INDEX SHEET

### SYNOPSIS

See Board of Review Proceedings filed under case of Laird, George W., File #8239. Proceedings dated 7/11/21.

Also see Board of Review letter dated 7/26/21 and reply thereto.

Letter referred to above which is held in this Dept. pending completion of its cases will be filed in File #300.4, Board of Review, Cty. #608.

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

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18766

FROM: G. R. S. Officer, Paris.

FILE

FILE NO. 18766

TO: Chief, G. R. S., (Registration Branch), Tours,

DATE May 21, 1919.

SUBJECT: Location, grave of:

NAME COWAN, de Witt C.

SERIAL NUMBER 1241815

RANK Sgt.

ORGANIZATION Co.M, 110th. Inf.,  
28th. Div.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with records?	1. Yes
2.	Date of death:	2. 7/30/18
3.	Grave location:	3. American Battle Area Cemetery, Grave #82, Row B, Commune of Clerges (Aisne) Map reference: Map 33 SE. Co-ordinates: N198: N270.52
4.	Who reported burial?	4. 2nd Lt. Chas. J. Wynne, Group 1, Unit 304, G.R.S.
5.	Confirmed by G. R. S.?	5. Yes
6.	How is grave marked?	6. Not shown
7.	Identification tags:	7. Not shown
	(a) Buried with Body?	
	(b) Attached to grave Marker?	
8.	Emergency address:	8. Mrs. Lester O. Cowan (Mother) 232 S. Sharon Ave. Sharon Hill, Pa.
9.	Has above been notified? (Give Date)	9. 12/26/18

## REMARKS:

Forwarded to Chief, G.R.S., May 22nd. 1919.

FILE

Requested by..... BOYER, Miss H.P. .....

European address... Y.M.C.A. Hdqrs., 12, Rue d'Aguesseau, Paris. .....

Relationship to deceased... Friend. .....

Checked by .....

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DATE MAY 23 1944

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