

O. Q. M. G.  
MAIL & RECORD BRANCH

File 293 - Adams, William H.

Subject Co I - 26<sup>th</sup> Infantry

29/243

LOCO PARENTES

ADAMS William H

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	ADAMS	3	141
	<i>Wm H</i>		
BURIED	CEMETERY	1	1
	GRAVE	2	07
	ROW	2	20
	BLOCK	1	5
STATE	Mich	2	26
RANK	Pub	1	2
DIVISION	1	2	01
ORGANIZATION	26	3	026
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARTIAL	no	1	2
NAME	Mrs. H J Crowell Cra	5	381
Mother dead	STATE	2	26
RESIDENCE	COUNTY	2	79
	CITY	3	XXX
RELATION	Loco Parentis	1	4
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Blank no	1	2
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

*No affidavit  
Close case*

*Audited  
DEC 11 1931  
HPS*

Born 11-27-89  
enl 9-2-17

Adams, William H. Pvt. Co. I. 26 Inf. Mich

single

Natural Mother + father dead

S-M none

XC-100899

Loco

only sur. ul & Bro 1 S.  
Bro died 1-27-27 est. settled 12f.4

Is Mrs H.T. Crandell rec. as Loco no mention top

make of loco

Adm. ~~Harry~~ Crandell. Set went to live  
with some family  
when a small boy but no name in.

KPG

Mrs Rhodes  
DEC 23 1931

QM 293 A-M  
Adams, William H. Pvt-(MA)

August 20, 1951.

Mrs. H. T. Crandell,  
Cass City, Michigan.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to office letter of June 30, 1950, wherein you were requested to furnish affidavits in the event you considered yourself eligible to make a pilgrimage to the grave of the late Private William H. Adams under the provisions of section 4 (a) of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended, which reads in part "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for a period of not less than 5 years at any time prior to the soldier, sailor or marine becoming 18 years of age."

To date the affidavits have not been received and in order that the records may be completed, it is requested you advise whether or not you consider yourself eligible to make a pilgrimage under this provision of the law. A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

In the event you consider yourself eligible and desire to make a pilgrimage, it is requested the affidavit forms sent you be completed by two persons not related to you and returned to this office. If you have misplaced the forms mentioned, another set will be mailed you upon request.

It is further requested you advise whether the late Private William H. Adams is survived by his natural mother.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:  
Env.

LPH

*Eligibility Blank*  
DEC 11 1951  
7495  
c

January 15, 1931

QM 293 A-M  
Adams, William H. 1232 LP

Mrs. Harry T. Crandell,  
Cass City  
Michigan

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested that you advise whether or not the late Private William H. Adams is survived by his natural mother, and if so, her name and address.

For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed, herewith, a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:  
Envelope.  
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QM 293 A-M  
Adams, William H. 1232LP

June 30, 1930.

Mrs. Harry T. Crandell,  
Cass City, Michigan.

Dear Madam:

Information has been furnished this office which indicates that you may be eligible to make the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of Congress, approved March 2, 1929. Section 4 (a) of the Act was amended on May 15, 1930 so that it now reads in part as follows: "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for a period of not less than five years at any time prior to the soldier, sailor, or marine becoming 18 years of age."

In order to satisfy legal requirements it will be necessary for you to furnish as proof of your relationship, in loco parentis, the affidavits of at least two persons who are not related to you.

In the event you consider yourself eligible, under the law, to make the pilgrimage it is requested that the enclosed form be completed and returned to this office in order that your eligibility may be determined. Under paragraphs 1 (c) and 1 (d) sufficient information should be included to permit an intelligible decision as to eligibility.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:  
Forms  
Envelope  
Act - Amendment

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ETK

QM 293 A-C  
Adams, William H.

October 12, 1929

Mr. Harry T. Crandell,  
Cass City, Mich.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of the form letter from this office dated September 3, 1929, completed by you, furnishing information requested in connection with the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

It is noted you desire the privilege of making the pilgrimage to the grave of the late Private William H. Adams, Company I, 26th Infantry, in the Meuse Argonne American Cemetery in France, for your wife, under the provisions of Section 4 (a) of the Act, which states in part "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for the year prior to the commencement of his service in such forces".

It has been held that within the meaning of the law a person cannot stand in loco parentis to an adult unless such adult is mentally or physically incapacitated. No man who was mentally or physically incapacitated was accepted for service in the military or naval forces. Inasmuch as Private Adams was an adult at the time of the commencement of his service, his age having been 26 years and 10 months, no person could have stood in loco parentis to him for the year prior to his entry into the service. Therefore, I regret to advise that Mrs. Crandell is ineligible within the meaning of the law, to make this pilgrimage at the expense of the Government.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

26 <sup>10</sup>/<sub>12</sub> yrs  
Ind 9-27-17

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Adams, William H.  
1232

September 3, 1929.

Mr. Harry T. Grandell,  
Cass City, Michigan.

Port Co I, 26 Jul  
KA 10-6-18

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 29, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried? If so, give her complete address:

No.

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

Mrs. H. T. Grandell  
Cass City

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

Wife  
Loco parentis to  
William H. Adams  
as per Sec. 4 -

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29 , 1929.

Adams, William H.

Mr. Harry T. Crandell,  
Cass City,  
Michigan.

Dear Sir:

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 friend of the late Private William H. Adams, Co. I, 26th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne, Cty., Romagne-Sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-M  
Adams, William H. Pvt-(MA)

August 20, 1931.

Mrs. H. T. Crandell,  
Cass City, Michigan.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to office letter of June 30, 1930, wherein you were requested to furnish affidavits in the event you considered yourself eligible to make a pilgrimage to the grave of the late Private William H. Adams under the provisions of section 4 (a) of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended, which reads in part "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for a period of not less than 5 years at any time prior to the soldier, sailor or marine becoming 18 years of age."

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It is further requested you advise whether the late Private William H. Adams is survived by his natural mother.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:  
Env.

LPH

January 15, 1931

QM 293 A-M  
Adams, William H. 1232 LP

Mrs. Harry T. Crandell,  
Cass City  
Michigan

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested that you advise whether or not the late Private William H. Adams is survived by his natural mother, and if so, her name and address.

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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-E  
Adams, William H. 1232LP

June 30, 1930.

Mrs. Harry T. Crandell,  
Cass City, Michigan.

Dear Madam:

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

Enclosures:  
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Envelope  
Act - Amendment

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QM 293 A-C  
Adams, William H.

October 12, 1929

Mr. Harry T. Crandell,  
Cass City, Mich.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of the form letter from this office dated September 3, 1929, completed by you, furnishing information requested in connection with the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

It is noted you desire the privilege of making the pilgrimage to the grave of the late Private William H. Adams, Company I, 26th Infantry, in the Meuse Argonne American Cemetery in France, for your wife, under the provisions of Section 4 (a) of the Act, which states in part "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for the year prior to the commencement of his service in such forces".

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Adams, William H.  
1232

September 3, 1929.

Mr. Harry T. Grandell,  
Cass City, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JOHN T. HARRIS,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

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

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Adams, William H.

2,019,686

(Name.) (Christian name in full.) (Army or Air Force serial number.)

Pvt. Co. I 26th Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

*None*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

*No*

(Yes or no.)

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

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

*Harry T. Cransell*  
*Cass City Michigan Bx 140*

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

DUPLICATE

drawn by JAH

1232-2437-1

4-29-21

checked  
JAH-4-29-21

In reply refer to:  
QM - 293 C-R

July 19, 1923.

Mr. Harry T. Grandell,  
Box 146,  
Cass City, Mich.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of Private William H. Adams, Company I, 26th Infantry, is Grave 7, Row 20, Block E, 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 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. Conner,  
Assistant.

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# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #47627

## I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name ADAMS, William H. Ser. No. 2019686  
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. I, 26th Inf.  
(c) Date of death 10-6-18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. als  
CKR. OB

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

(a) Grave No. 108 Row -- Plot 3 Sec. 37 TYP. als  
(b) Emerg. Address Harry F. Grandell, (Friend) Cass City, Mich.

## III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases /

CKR. OB

## IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

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

(a) Name Harry F. Grandell (b) Relationship None  
(c) Address Cass City, Michigan, Box 146  
(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 MH Date 4/29, 1920.

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

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

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

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? \_\_\_\_\_

Examiner's Initials MH Date 4/29, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232-Sec. 37 SHEET No. 1-208



REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF ADAMS, William H SERIAL NUMBER 2019686  
RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Co I 26 Inf

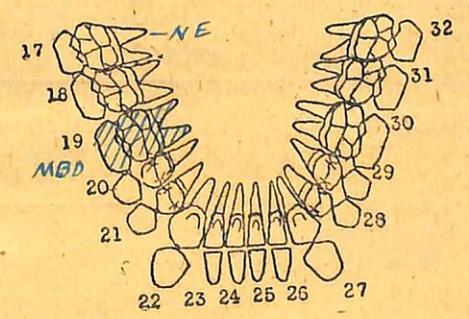
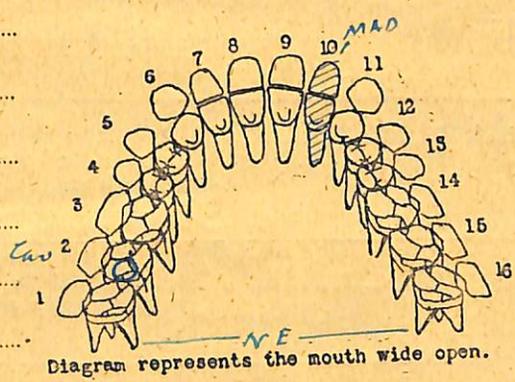
2. Disinterred (date) : Dec 13 1921 From (give complete location) : Gr 108, Sec 37, plot 3 Cem 1232  
By : Group 6 Unit Sec 1

3. Reburied (date) : Dec 14, 1921 In (give complete location) : Meuse-Argonne Cem. 1232, Gr 7, Row 20, Block B  
By : Group Re-burial S Unit S Nature of reburial unlined casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :  
Box, US Uniform, burlap  
Body badly decomposed, ~~facial~~ features unrecognizable

5. (a) Identification tags : Buried with body ? Yes On grave marker ? Yes  
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :  
Tags show: William H Adams 2019686

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items ?  
(a) Height (actual measurement) Imp to det  
(b) Weight (estimated) do  
(c) Hair—Color do  
Quantity do  
Characteristics do  
(d) Hair on face—Color do  
Location do  
Quantity do  
(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) None  
(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) None visible



7. Disinterment supervised by C V Russell Approved : F B Daniel  
C V Russell (Title) F B Daniel Capt QMC

8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Dufault Approved : James W. Younger  
A. U. Dufault (Title) James W. Younger Captain, QMC

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Dec 13 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name ADAMS, William H.  
 2. No. 2019686  
 3. Rank Pvt.  
 4. Org. Co.I. 26th Inf.  
 5. D.D. Oct. 6th. 18  
 6. C.D. KIA

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 108 Sec. 37  
 8. Plot 3 Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

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

18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer.

19. Commune or town Montfaucon

20. Dept. or County Meuse

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232-800.57

23. Disinterred (Date) Dec 13 1921

By C V Russell

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name William H Adams  
 Rank Pvt

Serial No. 2019686  
 Organization Co I 26 Inf

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

E. J. Rasch  
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

E J Rasch

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).

Tags show: William H Adams 2019686

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable

28. Nature of burial Box, US Uniform, burlap

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Dec 13 1921 By C V Russell

31. Casket sealed by C V Russell

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor E. J. Rasch)

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-18587

32. Designation of body:

Name William H. ABAMS Serial No. 2019686

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. I. 26th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

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

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Dec 13 1921 By G V Russell

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 F B Daniel

36. Remarks F B Daniel Capt QMC

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Dec 13 1921

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

Convoyer W J Royed Morgue Romagne (Name J. Gerald Cole  
Signature Shipping Officer J. GERALD COLE  
Captain, C. A. C.

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 \_\_\_\_\_ (Name  
Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

41. Reinterred. Meuse-Argonne Cemetery #1232 (Date Dec. 14, 1921

42. Grave No. 7 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. ~~Plot~~ Block B Row 20

G.R.S. Representative James W. Younger  
James W. Younger  
Captain, QMC  
mr



REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

47627

Remains of :

NAME: ADAMS William H.

NUMBER: 2019686

RANK: Pvt

ORGANIZATION: Co I, 26th Infantry.

DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL MADE BY GROUP:

UNIT:

DISINTERRED: (Date)

FROM: (Give complete location)

7th June 1919.

Isolated Grave

EXERMONT, ARDENNES 35 NE 302.2 E 283.3 N

REBURIED (Date)

IN: (Give complete location)

7th June 1919.

Grave #108 Sec #37 Plot #3

ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY #1232

ROMAGNE, MEUSE.

1232

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

Burial good, buried in uniform, body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body ?

Yes.

What other means of identification were found on the body ?

None.

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Note: If, upon disinterment, effects are found on bodies, they shall be promptly sent to the Effects Depot, direct, as is required by G. O. 170, G. R. S. Form #16 after being carefully examined for clues of identity in doubtful cases, notification thereof will be made and reported to the Chief, Census Registration Service.

Supervised by: Capt. Edwards

cmf.

**R. H. ROSENTHAL**  
**2nd Lieut. Q.M.C.U.S.A**  
C.O. Group            Unit

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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

.....A. D. A. S..... 2019686..... WILLIAMS, H. ....  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

.....Pvt..... Coy. I..... 28. Inf.....  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: near Exermont, France

CAUSE OF DEATH: wounds, apparently received in action.

DATE OF BURIAL: Nov. 20, 1918.

PLACE OF DEATH: (see below) near Exermont  
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department). Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

Small square F12, near 22 - Large square F - 195, Forêt d'Argonne.

GRAVE NUMBER:

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?..... Cross? yes

Headboard?..... Bottle?.....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: 1

Was one buried with body?..... yes

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

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

CMME. EXERMONT (ARDEENNES)  
(C-209) SHIP 357E COORD E near N Exermont

NEAREST RELATIVE:.....  
ADDRESS:.....

RELATIONSHIP:.....

REPORTED BY: H. B. Wilmer

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

H. B. Wilmer, Captain, M.C. USA.

Soldiers No..2019686

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ADAMS. .... WILLIAM..H... ..

Pvt. .... I. .... .. 26Inf..

Rank Co. Regt. Corps

Date death Cause

Oct.20 1918. ....

Date burial Cemetery

EXERMONT.. ... ARDENNES. ...

Town Deartment

Isolated.....

Grave No. Plot No.

..... Cross.....

..... Grave Markings

..yes.. ..yes..

Body Indentification tags Grave

Sketch No.35

282.5.N.301.3.E.Lambert (35) S.E.

Map reference

Edge of woods 1.1/2K.N.of Exermont

2.1/2K.S.of Sommerence. In valley

between two large hills.2.1/4K.E.

Fleville.

C.M.Daugherty

Groupe 2 Unit 306 G.R.S.

P.B.S.H.

St. Juvin (Ardennes)

(C-250) SITT. 35 N.E. COORD E 301.3 N 282.5

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(Date)

FORM 115 has been compiled on the following case:-

CEMETERY NO. 1232 SECTION 37

FORM 115 Sheet No. 1

F.S.

(Initials)

OSP-SS  
Form No. 1011.

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To The A. G. O.

JUN 1 - 1926

1. ~~mg~~ NAME ADAMS, William H. DATE 12/14/21  
 RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co.I. 26th Inf. ~~1st~~ Div  
 GRAVE LOCATION Meuse- Argonne Amer. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, #1232, Sec.37  
 CTY. NAME Meuse NUMBER 3  
 GRAVE 108 ROW Sec.37 PLOT 3

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION No record  
 GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.  
 COORDINATES No record  
 CONCENTRATED TO 6/7/19 108 Sec 37 3  
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT  
 CEMETERY Meuse Argonne CTY. NUMBER 1232

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

Tag on cross and body data f-1/pfb

DATE OF DEATH Oct 6 1918  
 STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Mich.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED Cited - 1/1/20  
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY 1-5iv.  
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR M. B. BIRDSEYE  
 1st Lt., Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 12/14/21 7 20 Block E.  
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT  
 Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

WS 4/5/26  
 A. G. O.  
 JUN 5 1926  
 WORLD WAR DIV.

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Co. I, 26 Inft.  
1st Division.

ADAMS , William H., Pvt. 8019686

On the morning of Oct. 7th, 1918, Pvt. Adams left his position of cover and crawled out to where a wounded man lay in order to bring him back and give medical aid. The enemy opened up with Machine Gun fire, hitting Pvt. Adams and killing him instantly. He was buried where he fell, about 30 metres south of Hill 272, in the Argonne Woods. He gave his life trying to help a wounded comrade.

Informant: Lisdroe, Arthur J., Sgt., 54353.  
Co. I, 26th Infantry.  
Home: 160 Lexington Ave., New York City.  
Signed: Paul M. Starlings, Capt. 26th Inft.