

Place Waereghem,
Belgium
Date June 24, 1919

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name ADAMS, Ralph

Number: 2943020

Rank Pvt

Organization: Co. L, 148 Inf.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group 3

Unit 302

Disinterred (Date)

From: (give complete location)

6-4-19

Grave 9, American B.F Cem. Denterghem, West Flanders,

Belgium B.M. 1/40,000 S-21-P-26-d-3-7

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

6-4-19

Grave ⁵⁷88, Plot B, American Mil. Cem., Waereghem, West

Flanders, Belgium. B.M. 1/40,000 Sheet 29.

D-28-d-6-9.5

1252

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

Body buried in uniform, badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? yes

What other means of identification were found upon the body? none

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CONFIRMED N° D

Note:

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

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME ADAMS	ADA	3	141
Ralph W	CEMETERY 1252	1	8
BURIED	GRAVE 7	2	07
	ROW 1	2	01
	BLOCK B	1	2
STATE	NY	2	37
RANK	Priv.	1	2
DIVISION	37	2	37
ORGANIZATION	148	3	148
ARM	Inf.	1	1
MARITAL (Sister)	No	1	2
NAME Dettman		3	
Mrs. S.	STATE	2	
324 Federal St.,	COUNTY	2	
RESIDENCE Rochester, N.Y.	CITY	3	
	RELATION Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Dead (1927)	1	6
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Adams, Ralph W. 1252 S

November 8, 1930

Mrs. L. Dettman,
324 Federal Street,
Rochester, New York.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date advising this office of the death of your mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Adams.

It is requested that you advise this office whether or not the late Private Ralph W. Adams is survived by a widow, and if so, her name and address.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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



Dear Mr. Hughes:
The late Private Ralph
H. Adams was not married,
so had no widow, as you
wished to know in the letter
above.

Sincerely
Mrs L. Dettman

Unknown

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Adams, Ralph W. Pvt 1252 M

October 9, 1930

Serial # 294 3020

Mrs. Elizabeth Adams
324 Federal Street
Rochester, New York

Deceased

Dear Madam:

A reply has not been received to office letter of recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages in 1931, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age Condition of health
4. Do you speak English?	
5. What other language do you speak?	

For The Quartermaster General:



Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes

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

Encls:
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Amendment
Envelope

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Mrs E. Adams died 3 years ago. Would only be so glad to go if she were here. Her daughter

Mrs L. Dutton

QM 293 A-M

October 9, 1930

Adams, Ralph W. Pvt 1252 M

Mrs. Elizabeth Adams
324 Federal Street
Rochester, New York

Dear Madam:

A reply has not been received to office letter of recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages in 1931, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age Condition of health
4. Do you speak English?	
5. What other language do you speak?	

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

Encls:
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Envelope

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M. C. K. S. DIV.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Adams, Ralph W. 1252 M

June 5, 1930

Mrs. Elizabeth Adams
324 Federal Street
Rochester, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? _____
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Adams, Ralph W. 1252

February 24, 1930

Mrs. Elizabeth Adams,
324 Federal Street,
Rochester, New York.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Ralph W. Adams, Co. L, 148th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Flanders Field American Cemetery, Wacraghem, Belgium.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return 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? | |
| 2. If so, give her complete address. | |
| 3. 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. | |

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Act of Congress
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Admas, Ralph W.

August 7, 1929.

Mrs. Elizabeth Adams,
324 Federal St.,
Rochester, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated April 22, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO ~~Q-295~~ A-0
Adams, Ralph W.

April 22, 1929.

Mrs. Elizabeth Adams,
524 Federal St.,
Rochester, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Ralph W. Adams, Company L, 148th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Flanders Field American Cemetery, Wareghem, Belgium.

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

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

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

The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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MAY 22 1929
Q.M. G. H.

LEB

Adams,

Ralph W.

2,943,020

(Surname)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

~~Pvt.~~

Co L 148 Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Mother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

No

(Yes or no.)

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

(Yes 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)

Elizabeth E Adams

324 Federal St
(Number and street or rural route.)

Rochester
(City, town, or post office.)

N York
(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by Jm

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ADAMS, Ralph W., Pvt.

February 6, 1924

Mr. John Q. Adams,
324 Federal Street,
Rochester, N. Y.

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

✓ 1. Incl.
Record card.

Q. Q. M. G.
Central Mail & Files Bx.



FEB 6 11 1924
H. B.

✓ ASSISTANT POSTER

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COMPILATION N/R REQUESTS

I. DATA COMPILATION

A. Location Index Card:-

(1) Name Adams, Ralph W. Ser. No. 2943020)
 (2) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. I. 148th Infantry) TYP. ESW
 (3) Date of death 10-31-18) CKR MEH

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

(4) Cause of death DVRIA) TYP. JS
57 transportation 5/24/22 888)
 (5) Grave No. 68 Row ----- Plot ----- Sect. -----) CKR TH

II. FILES EXAMINATION

A. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; no card

B. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD Date of receipt none

(6) Relationship Mother
 (7) Name Elizabeth E. Adams
 (8) Address 324 Federal St. Rochester, New York
 (9) Desires remains brought to U. S.? NO
 (10) Desires remains brought to U. S. and interred in National Cemetery at -----
 (11) If brought back, what shipping instructions? -----

MEB 3-29-20

C. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE Date of communication -----

(12) Does correspondence change or qualify request as made on A.G.O. card? If so, specify such information. -----

no correspondence

(13) A. G. O. Files EXAMINED by AB (Date) 3/29/20

D (14) G R. S Files - Correspondence. (Has reference been made to File No. Cancellation memos.? yes MEH Does such correspondence, if containing request for disposition, reconcile with that of A. G. O.? MEH (Specify "Yes or "No".) If "No", give date of communication, the name, address, and relationship and substance of request.

No request for disposition
Requests give location.

(15) G. R. S. Files EXAMINED by MEH (Date) 3-31-20

AP 12/22/20

Rechecked
MEH 10-87

III. FINAL ACTION

A. MEMORANDUM to D. M. O. in E. made (Date)

(16) Removal of Remains (within custody of G.R.S.) to.....

(17) Instructions that remains be left undisturbed

(18) Typed by Checked by (Date)

B. G. R. S. FORM NO.114 made (Date)

(19) Typed by Checked by (Date)

C. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

7-22-20. From 120. Father & Mother; same address, request of kin request remain in Europe 7-18-20 - E.P.

D. Dispatched (Date) (Let. Trans. No. *12/3/20.*)

Par. # 2. Not to be returned. HJ.

Approved by

(Date)

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE June 19, 1922

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, RALPH W.
 2. No. 2943020
 3. Rank PVT.
 4. Org. CO. L 148th Inf.
 5. D.D. 10-31-18
 6. C.D. D.O.W.

10. Name _____
 11. No. _____
 12. Rank _____
 13. Org. _____
 14. (a) D.D. _____
 (b) D.B. none

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 123 Sec. _____
 8. Plot C Row _____
 9. _____

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

18. Cemetery AMERICAN

19. Commune or town WAEREGHEM

20. Dept. or County BELGIUM

21. Country _____

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1252

23. Disinterred (Date) June 19, 1922

By W.C. Follmer

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name ADAMS, Ralph W.
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. 2943020
 Organization Co. L. 148th Inf.

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

C.T. Brown
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant
 C.T. BROWN.

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).
Body tag checks.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box, burlap and U.S. uniform.

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 June 19, 1922 By W.C. Follmer

31. Casket sealed by _____

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

W.C. Follmer
W.C. Follmer

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 C.R.2

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-856

32. Designation of body:

Name ADAMS, RALPH W. Serial No. 2943020

Rank PVT. Organization CO. L 148th Inf

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Flanders Field American Cemetery, Waareghem, Belgium, Cemetery #1252

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) June 19, 1922 By W.C. Fuller

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 *O.C. Davis*
O.C. Davis, 1st Lt Q.M.C.

36. Remarks

none

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) June 19, 1922

To point of Concentration _____
(Name)
Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date _____

By G.R.S. Representative _____

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date _____

To Permanent Cemetery Flanders Field Amer Ce, 1252 Waareghem, Belgium
(Name)
Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer *O.C. Davis*
O.C. Davis, 1st Lt Q.M.C.

40. Received: Date June 19, 1922

G.R.S. Representative *W.D. Cleary*
W.D. Cleary, Chaplain.

41. Reinterred June 19, 1922. (Date)

42. Grave No. 7 Section _____

43. Plot B Row 1

BLOCK

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G.R.S. Representative *W.D. Cleary*
W. D. Cleary
Chaplain, U. S. Army

Place Waereghem, Belgium.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date June 19, 1922

2943020

1. REMAINS OF ADAMS, Ralph, W.

SERIAL NUMBER

RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION Co. I. 148th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) :

June 19, 1922

From (give complete location):

Gr. 123 Plot C. Cem. 1252

123

By : Group

3

Unit

Sec 2.

Block

3. Reburied (date) June 19, 1922 In (give complete location): Gr 7 Plot B Row 1 Flanders Field American Cemetery No. 1252 Waereghem, Belgium.

In regulation reburial casket and shipping case.

Bottle record placed with body.

By : Group

Reburial

Unit

Section 2.

Nature of reburial

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

wooden box, burlap and U.S. uniform

Badly decomposed, 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 :

Body tag checks.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement)

estimated 68 inches

(b) Weight (estimated)

Impossible to determine

(c) Hair—Color

dark brown

Quantity

considerable

Characteristics

straight

(d) Hair on face—Color

none visible

Location

none

Quantity

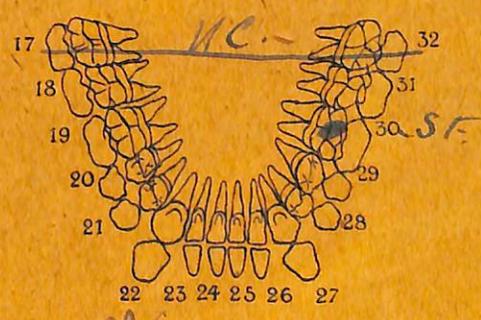
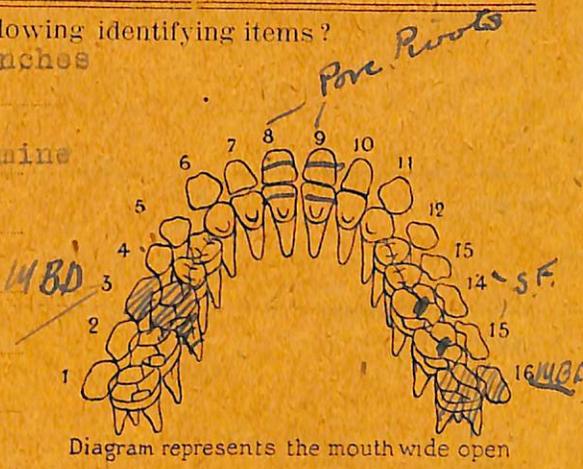
none

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

or missing parts) none visible

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

None visible



7. Disinterment supervised by

W. C. Palmer

Approved:

O. E. Davis

(Title)

1st Lt U.S.A.

8. Reburial supervised by

J. S. Pantelis

Approved:

W. D. Cleary

(Title)

Chaplain, U.S. Army

Place Waereghem, Belgium.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date 3-16-21.

1. REMAINS OF ADAMS, Ralph W. SERIAL NUMBER 2943020

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. L, 148th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): 3-16-21. From (give complete location):

Gr. 57, Plot B, American Cemetery #1252, Waereghem, Belgium.

By: Group 2 Unit Section No. 4

3. Reburied (date): 3-16-21. In (give complete location):

Gr. 123, Plot C, American Cemetery #1252, Waereghem, Belgium. ✓

By: Group 2 Unit Sect. No. 4 Nature of reburial Uniform; burlap; wooden box; with strip and bottle.

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

Buried in breeches uniform, burlap, blanket and wooden box; body badly decomposed; recognition impossible.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? Yes *Pl B. Gr. 68.*

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
Cross reads: "Pvt. Ralph W. Adams, Co. L, 148th Inf. Gr. #68." Disc on cross reads: "Ralph W. Adams, 2943020." G.R.S. strip on back of cross reads: "Adams, Ralph W., 2943020, Pvt., Co. L, 148th Inf. 68-B-1252." Disc on body reads: "Ralph Adams, 2943020." No effects found. This body was found under cross No. 57, Plot B, reading: "Pvt. 1/cl. Al Wilburn, Co. H, 145th Inf."

data added

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items? Nos. 3,4, - Missing after death. Nos. 15,16 - Silver fillings. Nos. 17 and 32 - Not grown

(a) Height (actual measurement) Unable to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) -

(c) Hair—Color -

Quantity -

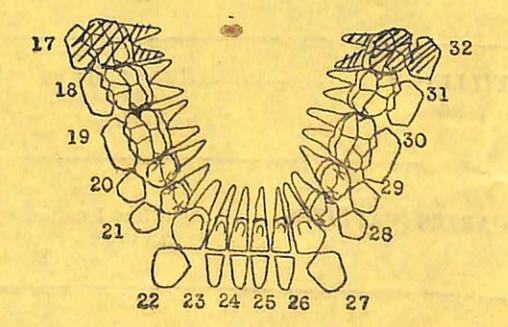
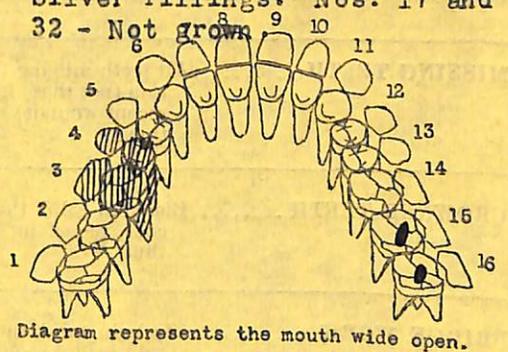
Characteristics -

(d) Hair on face—Color -

Location -

Quantity -

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) Unable to determine



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

D. 30141

7. Disinterment supervised by J. E. BENSON

Approved: F. B. DANIEL
(Title) 1st Lt., Q.M.C.

8. Reburial supervised by J. E. BENSON

Approved: F. B. DANIEL
(Title) 1st Lt., Q.M.C. gvc

COMPLETION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

File No. 55827

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name	ADAMS, Ralph W.	Ser. No.	2943020	} TYP	esw
(b) Rank	Pvt.	Organization	Co. I. 148th Inf.		meh
(c) Date of death	10/31/18	Cause of death	DWRIA		jek

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

(a) Grave No. 68 Row --- Plot --- Sect. --- TYP JS

(b) Emerg. Address

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases No Card. CKR vh

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

*A.G.O. Card. Mother, Elizabeth E. Adams,
324 Federal St., Rochester, N.Y. does not
desire return of remains.
Father same address. (M.G. - 12/15/20)*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 192
(Letter of transmittal on 1/4/6192 o

Par. # 2 Not to be returned. M.G.

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

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken

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

20 Nov 1931 CL 322 RLT 12/8

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Adams #2743020 Ralph

(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Inf. Co. L. 148th Inf.

(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL... *November 1/8*

PLACE OF BURIAL... *Destinyhem, Belgium*

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

GRAVE NUMBER... *11*

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

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

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:

REPORTED BY:

1st Lt Alfred J. Farnard

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

1917 20 0000

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington.

G.R.S. Form S-W-A-0
Information requested of A.C.O.

Date 10/19/20.

File No. *5587* Registration.

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

a. Surname **Adams** ✓

f. Date of death **10/31/18** ✓

b. Christian name **Ralph W.** ✓

g. Cause of death **DWRIA** ✓

c. Serial Number **2943020** ✓

h. Authority (C.O.#) **322** ✓

d. Organization **Co. I. 148th Infantry
(Co. L. 148th Inf.)** ✓

i. Emergency address **Mrs. Elisabeth Adams
304 - Federal St.
Rochester N. Y.**

e. Rank **Private** ✓

j. Relationship **mother** ✓

BODY DESCRIPTION
(See page #2 of the Service Record)

a. Age of enlistment

b. Color of eyes

c. Color of hair

d. Height

e. Weight

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

DENTAL CHARTS
(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

a. Strike out teeth missing
8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
upper right upper left

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
lower right lower left

CIMETERY NO: 1252

SHEET NO: 2
TYPED BY: ZS.

3-713/7B

FILE

BY:

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

H. J. Conner
H. J. CONNER,
~~Quartermaster General~~
1st.Lt. Q. M. C.

*Dornelly - OEP
Wood Sew Desk #34
October 20/1920.*

CEMETERY DIVISION
REGISTRATION SECTION

January 30

1922

FILE

MEMO FOR:

Cards Department.

1.

CASE OF:

Co. L. 148th Infantry.,
ORGANIZATION (Old)

ADAMS 2943020 Ralph W., Pvt.,
(Name)

Correction or additional data changes as shown below have been made on the Registration Card of the above-mentioned soldier and a corresponding change will be necessary on the Organization Card:

ORGANIZATION (New)

FILE NO.

SURNAME

SERIAL NUMBER

FIRST NAME AND INITIALS

RANK

DATE OF DEATH

CAUSE OF DEATH

	Date	Place	F-1A No.
Orig.			D-
1st. Reb.	3/16/21	1252	D- 30141
2nd Reb.			D-
3rd Reb.			D-

(Note: In the above spaces below double line fill in ONLY the new date and data correcting previous information)

BY: Miss Lannon

Card.,

(Department)

5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made
on Organization
File Card:

By AB.
S/3324/LML

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

JUL 20 1920

Rush Answer

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.
TO: Elizabeth E. Adams, 324 Federal St., Rochester, N. Y.
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Ralph W. Adams

AUG 7 1920

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body be not returned to the U. S.

I wish the body to remain in Europe

*no change
a.c. 8/11/20
noted on 8-14-20
EP*

If these are not the correct instructions, please change them. Make changes on reverse side of this sheet.
The nearest living relative may choose between, (1) return of the body to any address in the United States; (2) interment in Arlington, Va., National Cemetery; or (3) remain in ~~France~~ Europe

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow	<i>Un married</i>		
Soldier's Children	1. (Name oldest first)		
	2.		
	3. <i>no children</i>		
Father	<i>John D Adams 324 Federal St Rochester New York</i>		
Mother	<i>Elizabeth E Adams 324 Federal St Rochester New York</i>		
Brothers	1. <i>Harold B " 611 Garrison Ave " " "</i>		
(Name oldest first)	2. <i>Lubrey S " Ezra L 324 Federal St " " "</i>		
Sisters	<i>Mrs Frances A Dellman 70 South 10th St Brooklyn " "</i>		
Date	<i>July 22nd 1920</i>		
Signature	<i>Elizabeth E. Adams</i>		

The transfer of bodies will be made efficiently at Government expense.

Address *324 Federal St* Relationship *Mother*

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

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Adams, 2743020 Ralph
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Col. Co. L. 148th Inf.
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL. November 1/18.

PLACE OF BURIAL. Denterghem, Belgium.
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

GRAVE NUMBER. //

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? Yes

Head Board? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

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:

Denterghem (Belgium)
915 (O.S.H.) 215.6.00. (E. 197) m 471

REPORTED BY:

1st Lt. Alfred J. Funnell
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

This portion to be forwarded to Adj. Gen'l., G. H. Q., A. E. F.

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

Reference - 55827.

May 7th, 1919.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.
TO : Mr. John Adams, 324 Federal Street, Rochester, NEW YORK.
SUBJECT: Pvt. Ralph W. Adams, Co. I, 148th Infantry, American E.F.

1. In reply to your letter of inquiry, with reference to the regretted death of this soldier, according to the records at these headquarters he is buried in Grave #11, in the Commune of DANFERCHEN, BELGIUM.

2. The grave location has not as yet been confirmed by the field force of this Service, but the notification of burial has been made to us, as herein stated, and is officially entered.

By direction:

(Enclosures - G.R.S. :)
(10-B. .004.5)

MBD:gg.

Per

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

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

✓

Reference: 55827

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

May 7th, 1919.

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.
TO: Mr. Leroy E. Snyder, The American Red Cross, Home Service
Section, 75 State Street, Rochester, NEW YORK.
SUBJECT: Pvt. Ralph W. Adams, Co. L, 148th Infantry, American E.F.

I have today forwarded the location of the grave of Private
Ralph W. Adams direct to Mr. John Adams, #324 Federal Street,
Rochester, New York.

By direction

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

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

MBD-gg.

✓

12 AVRIL 1919

NAME **Ralph W Adams**

FILE NUMBER **55827**

RANK **Pvt**

ORGANIZATION

SERIAL NUMBER **2943020**

Co.L 148th Inf

NO. QUESTION REPLY

- ✓ 1. Do particulars of soldier given above agree with records? **(2) Yes.**
- 2. Date of Death
- ✓ 3. Grave Location: **(3) Commune #915. DENTERSKEN (BELGIUM)**
Mar # 11. 21 S.E. { E 197. N 471 }
- 4. Who reported burial?
- ✓ 5. Confirmed by G.R.S.? **(5) No**
- 6. How is grave marked?
- 7. Identification Tags:
 - (a) Buried with Body?
 - (b) Attached to grave Marker?!
- 8. Emergency address:
- 9. Has above been notified? (Give Date) **(3)**

ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY

Flowers, flags, etc. (Par. #5, Bul. 10-B)	Effects (G.R.S. Form Nos. 7&7-A)
Monuments (Par. #5, Bul. 10-B)	Accrued pay (G.R.S. Forms Nos. 19& 22)
Disinterrments (Par. #6, Bul. 10-B)	Liberty Bonds (G.R.S. Forms Nos. 21& 22)
Circumstances of death (G.R.S. Form No. 6)	War Risk Insurance (G.R.S. Forms Nos. 20& 22)
Photograph requested (File 004.5)	Disposition of Remains (a) Return to U.S. (Form 23)
Grave Location	(b) Remain in France (Form 24)
	(c) Miscellaneous (Letter)

Remarks:

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ROCHESTER CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN RED CROSS
HOME SERVICE SECTION
75 STATE STREET
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

ROCHESTER CHAPTER

GEORGE EASTMAN, CHAIRMAN
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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

March 22, 1919

Chief, Graves Registration Service
Headquarters Service of Supply
A. P. O. 717
American E. F. France

Gentlemen:

On December seventh, 1918, Mr. John Adams of #324 Federal Street, received word from the War Department that his son, Private Ralph W. Adams, Company L. 148th United States Infantry, A. P. O. 763 Army serial number 2943020, American E. F., had died of wounds received in battle on 10/31/18. Mr. Adams is anxious to know particulars as to the location of his son's grave.

Can you furnish us these particulars to give to Mr. Adams?

Very truly yours,

Leroy E. Snyder
CHAIRMAN
L.

✓
LES (RCB)N

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FULL NAME ADAMS, Ralph W.

RANK Pvt.

SERIAL 2943020

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION Co. L, 148th Inf. 37th Div.

DATE OF DEATH 10/31/18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME New York

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED None

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Date 7 Grave 1 Row B Block

Flander's Field Cty. 1252.

Cemetery