

QH 293 A-M  
Akin, Ewell Webster (MA)

January 28, 1933

Mr. John Wesley Akin,  
LaVergne,  
Tennessee.

Dear Sir:

To date no reply has been received to office letter of April 14, 1932, requesting that you advise whether or not your son, the late Private Ewell Webster Akin, is survived by a step-mother, and if so your date of marriage to her.

As it is the earnest desire of this office that every woman eligible to make a pilgrimage be given the opportunity to do so it will be appreciated if you will furnish the above information at your earliest convenience.

A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:  
Envelope.  
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QM 293 A-M  
Akin, Ewell Webster (MA)

April 14, 1932

Mr. John Wesley Akin,  
LaVergne,  
Tennessee.

Dear Sir:

This office is making an earnest endeavor to communicate with all women who may be eligible to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

It is therefore requested that you advise whether or not the late Private Ewell Webster Akin is survived by a step-mother or any woman who stood in loco parentis to him for a period of five years prior to his reaching the age of eighteen, and if so, her name and address. It will also be appreciated if you will furnish the date of death of the natural mother of this late veteran.

A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:  
Envelope.

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**WAR DEPARTMENT**  
**OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL**  
**WASHINGTON**

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
**Akin, Ewell Webster - 1282 F**

**Mr. John Wesley Akin,**  
**La Vergne, Tenn.**

**Dear Sir:**

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

This office has no record of any person entitled under the Act mentioned to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe as the mother or widow of the above named deceased service man. To complete the list of eligibles and to assure that, if the above named man is survived by a mother or widow entitled to make a pilgrimage she receive an invitation to do so, it is requested you answer the following questions in the space provided on this letter and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

2. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not remarried?

If so, give her name and address:

3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?

If so, give her name and address:

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Akin, Ewell Webster  
1232

September 3, 1929

Mr. John W. Akin,  
La Vergne, Tenn.

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:

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Akin, Ewell Webster.

June 29, 1929.

Mr. John W. Akin,  
La Vergne, Tenn.

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 father of the late Private Ewell Webster Akin, Co. L, 128th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a 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,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

October 9, 1925.

Mr. John W. Akin,  
La Vergne,  
Tenn.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the permanent grave of

Private Webster E. Akin, Company I, 128th Infantry,  
is Grave 33, Row 28, Block H, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-  
sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. 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.

You are assured in effecting removal of the remains, the utmost care and reverence were exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed 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,

ALAN CHASE

W.P.R.

File  
8/17/27

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File # 80051

(a) Name AKIN, Webster, E. Ser. No. 2867555  
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. 1, 128th Inf.  
(c) Date of death 11-7-18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. hmp  
CKR. Gp

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

(a) Grave No. 153 Row ----- Plot 3 Sec. 95 TYP. hmp  
(b) Emerg. Address Mr. John W. Akin (Father) La Vergne, Tenn.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases / / / / / CKR. Gp

No card in file (42-5-11-21)

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt -----

(a) Name ----- (b) Relationship -----  
(c) Address -----  
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? -----  
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at -----  
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. -----  
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. -----

Examiner's Initials ----- Date -----, 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: -----

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? -----

Examiner's Initials ----- Date 5-11-21, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232 Sec. 95 SHEET No. 1-208

Checked  
11/18/21



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept. 27, 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 AKIN, Webster E. *Ewell Webster*

2. No. 2867555

3. Rank Pvt.

4. Org. Co. L., 128th Inf.

5. D.D. 11-7-18

6. C.D. KIA

10. Name Ewell W. Akin

11. No. \_\_\_\_\_

12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_

13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_

14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_

(b) D.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 153 Sec. 95

8. Plot 3 Row \_\_\_\_\_

9. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_

16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_

17. No discrepancies

18. Cemetery Argonne American Ctry.

20. Dept. or County House

19. Commune or town ROMAGNE-sous-MONTFAUCON

21. Country France.

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232.-Sec.95

23. Disinterred (Date) Sept. 27, 1921

By J.L.Haky

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name AKIN, Webster E.

Rank Pvt.

Serial No. 2867555

Organization Co. L, 128th Inf.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? yes

*(on peg over body)*  
yes On body? yes

L.B. Ayers

*L.B. Ayers*  
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).

Tags and CRS plaque on body read: "Ewell W. Akin, 2867555."

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features not recognizable.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box in uniform.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? yes as shown by No. 10 hereon.

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Sept. 27, 1921 J.L.Haky

31. Casket sealed by \_\_\_\_\_

J.L.Haky

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

*J.L. Haky*

Place Romagne 1232.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Sept. 27, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF AKIN, Webster E SERIAL NUMBER 2867555

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. L. 128th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Sept. 27, 1921 From (give complete location): Gr. 153 Sec 95. Plot 3.

By: Group 5 Unit SSec. 2.

3. Reburied (date): Oct. 2, 1921. Meuse Argonne Cem. 1232, Row 28 Bl.H. Gr. 33 In (give complete location):

By: Group Reburial Sec. Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial unlined casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: wooden box and uniform, badly decomposed, features not recognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? yes On grave marker? no.

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: Tags on peg over body, and tag on body and G.R.S. plaque on body read, "Ewell W. Akin, 2867555"

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items? 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 14 S.F. 30 cavity, MAD.

(a) Height (actual measurement) impossible to determine.

(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) do

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

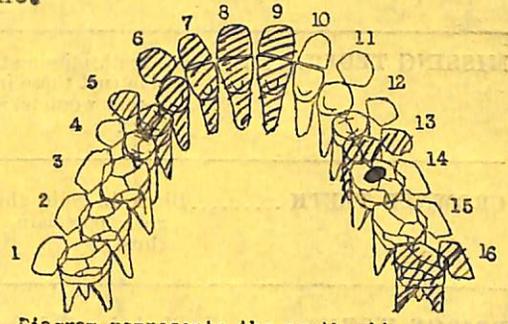
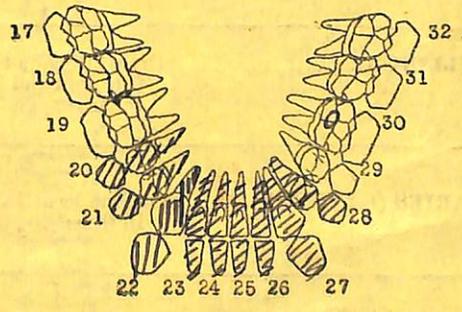


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



7. Disinterment supervised by J. L. Haly

Approved: F. B. Daniel  
(Title) F. B. Daniel, Capt. Q.M.C.

8. Reburial supervised by W. B. SHEILD

Approved: James W. Younger  
(Title) CAPT. Q.M.C.

# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 80051

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD *Erwell Webster*

(a) Name AKIN, Webster, E. Ser. No. 2867555 } hmp  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. L. 128th Inf. } TYP.  
 (c) Date of death 11-7-18 (d) Cause of death R/A } *30*

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

(a) Grave No. 153 Row ----- Plot 3 Sec. 95 TYP. hmp  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mr. John W. Akin (Father) La Vergne, Tenn.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases ////// CKR. *30*

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

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V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
*Sec. #95* { letter of transmittal on MAY 25 1921, 192  
*Par. #2, Not To Be Returned*

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

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.
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VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., \_\_\_\_\_, 192

COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_ CEMETERY No. \_\_\_\_\_ SHEET No. \_\_\_\_\_

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

## LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Akin* *2867555* *Erwell W.*  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

*Pvt.*  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *Nov 10 - 1918*

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

*Map Brandeville Map 61 Aug 21 - 1918*  
*Coord. X 227 y 90.3*

GRAVE NUMBER

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:

*OMM Brandeville (Mouse)*  
*(0568) SIT. 35 NE DOORS E. 322.7*  
*m. 290.3*

REPORTED BY:  
*Chap. John G. Nikolajczak 125 Inf.*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

80051

1. G. S. Form No. 1. Hq. G. R. File

2. Soldier's No. 286755

3. **Akin** **Ewell W.**  
Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials

4. Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. Date of Death Cause, if known

6. Date of Burial Cemetery

7. **Bois de Brandeville** **Meuse**  
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. **G 9**  
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

9. Name Peg? Cross? Headboard? Bottle?  
Check Method of Marking

10. Buried with Body? Attached to Grave Marker? Identification Tags

11. If name unknown and tags missing, give marks and description.

*Sketch #10 Renner*

12. **35 N.E. N. 290.45 E. 322.85**  
Map reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

13. Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed **Sgt. W.G. Durisoe**

Group.....Unit. **301** G. R. S.

G.R.S Form No. 8-1; Central Records  
Liaison.

Card Sec. # 3  
March 4 1920.

Memo For: G.R.S. representative, C.R.O.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

1. Items checked are to be completed:

Surname: Akin ✓  
 Number: 2867555 ✓  
 First name: Webster ✓  
 Rank: Pvt ✓  
 Company: L ✓  
 Organization: 128th Inf. ✓  
 Date of death: 11 7 18 ✓  
 Cause: K/A ✓  
 Place:

Location of hospital:

Number " "

Class " "

Emergency address

Relationship: *John W Akin*  
*La Vergne Tenn.*  
*Father*

Authority:

Cablegram No: *362-59* 362 Sp 59

Telegram from: —

dated:

Reported to Washington:

C.C.Nos.

(Underscore the "official" C.C.)

Remarks:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Colonel, G.M.C., U.S.A.

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*Drigley* 3-9-20

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293. Akin, Webster E.

5th Ind.

RHR/mwd.

Hqs., American G. R. S., QM., in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris. July 9, 1920.  
To: Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, WASHINGTON, D.C.

1. Returned accomplished.
2. The Photographic Section, these Headquarters, has been notified of the change in order that another photograph may be taken of the grave.

H. H. FULLER

H. P. RETIERS  
Lt. Col., Q. M. C.  
Chief.

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G. H. S.

File No.

4th. Ind.

80051  
**FILE** HW/nm.

Hq. Zone of France, A.G.R.S., Q.M.C. in Europe, 7, Rue Quentin-Bauchart, PARIS.  
July 3rd. 1920. - To: Chief, A.G.R.S., Q.M.C. in Europe, 8, Ave d'Iena, PARIS

1. Attention is invited to preceding indorsement.

**RECORDED**



*W. A. Shipman*  
L. A. SHIPMAN,  
Major, Q.M.C.  
Commanding.

✓ 293. Akin, Webster E.

5th Ind.

PR RHR/nwa. **S**

Hqs., American G.R.S., Q.M.C., in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris. July 9, 1920.  
To: Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, WASHINGTON, D.C.

1. Returned accomplished.
2. The Photographic Section, these Headquarters, has been notified of the change in order that another photograph may be taken of the grave.

*H. F. Rethers*  
H. F. RETHERS  
Lt. Col., Q.M.C.  
Chief.

**FILES.**

293.8  
Akin, Webster E.  
80051

File No.  
Suspended.

2nd. Ind.

HW/nm

Hq. Zone of France, A.G.R.S., Q.M.C. in Europe, 7, Rue Quentin-Bauchart, PARIS  
June 16th. 1920. - To: Supervisor, Area #1, A.G.R.S. ROMAGNE-sous-MONTFAUCON.

RECORDED 7. OF F.  
FILED  
Cherish Hill

1. Forwarded for compliance and report by indorsement hereon with the least practicable delay.

By order of Major Shipman:

18 JUN 1920

*W. H. Maris*  
for: W. H. MARIS,  
1st. Lieut. F.A.  
Adjutant.

3rd Ind.

Supervisor, Area #1 Zone of France, AGRS., QMC., in Europe, Romagne-sous-Montfaucou, Meuse., 28 June 1920. To: Commanding Officer, Zone of France.

1. Returned. The above directed changes completed.
2. The Red Cross Photographic Section have not been notified.

*Thomas L. Urquhart*  
Thomas L. Urquhart  
1st Lieut. Inf.  
Adjutant.

For and in the absence of

W.R. Mann  
Capt. Inf. Supervisor.

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2 JUL 1920  
G.A.S.

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1st. Ind.

File No. 293 Akin, Webster E.

RHR/nwa.

Hq. American G.R.S., Q.M.C., in Europe, 8 Ave. d'Iena, Paris, June 12, 1920.

To: Commanding Officer, Zone of France.

1. Referred for compliance and report by indorsement hereon when completed.

By direction:



*Chas. A. Morrow*  
CHAS, A. MORROW  
Major, Q.M.C.  
Executive Officer.

OK.  
G.R.S. Form No. 122.  
Change of Inscription.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

May 25, 1920

File No. 80051 Registration.

From: Office of the Quartermaster General, Chief, Cemeterial Division, (GRS)  
Munitions Building, 19th & B Streets, N.W., Washington, D. C.

To: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.G.S. in Europe,  
8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, France.

Subject: Change of Inscription on Grave Marker.

1. It is requested that the inscription on the marker erected  
over grave # 153, plot 3, section 95, Cty. # 1232,

Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-Sous-Montfaucon, Meuse

be corrected to correspond with the records of this office which show

Private Webster E. Akin, #2867555, Company L, 128th Infantry.

Date of death 11/7/18

2. When this has been done, advise the Red Cross Photographic  
Section in order that another photograph may be taken of the grave with  
the correct inscription.

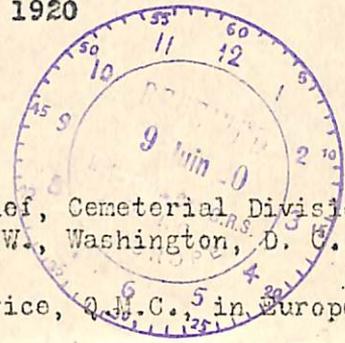
By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

CMN/ms mg  
Inv.S.S.  
Inv. & Adj. Dept.

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RECORDED, A.G.R.S., Q.M.G., IN EUROPE  
FILE No. 798  
Akin  
Webster



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

May 25, 1920

File No. **80061** Registration.

From: Office of the Quartermaster General, Chief, Cemeterial Division, (GRS)  
Munitions Building, 19th & B Streets, N.W., Washington, D. C.

To: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe,  
8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, France.

Subject: Change of Inscription on Grave Marker.

1. It is requested that the inscription on the marker erected  
over grave # 163, plot 3, section 95, Cty. # 1232,

Armees Americana Cemetery, Romagne-Sous-Montfaucon, Meuse

be corrected to correspond with the records of this office which show

Private Webster E. Akin, #2867665, Company L, 126th Infantry.

Date of death 11/7/19

2. When this has been done, advise the Red Cross Photographic  
Section in order that another photograph may be taken of the grave with  
the correct inscription.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

CMN/ms mg  
Inv.S.S.  
Inv. & Adj. Dept.

G. R. A. MAILING  
MAY 26 1920

Classification \_\_\_\_\_

Adjustment \_\_\_\_\_

CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
REGISTRATION SECTION

Date 4-20-20

MEMORANDUM:

To: Registration Files Sub-Section.

Subject: Adjustments made on Registration Files.

1. Changes as checked have been made in the Registration Files which will necessitate a corresponding change in the Classification Files.

	CORR.	ADD. DATA		CORR.	ADD. DATA
File Number			Date of Burial		
Name			Date of Reburial		
Serial Number			Burial Information		
Rank			Nearest Relative 5 x 8		✓
Organization			Notified Nearest Relative		✓
Cause of Death			Blue Card thrown out		
Date of Death			White Card set up		
Casualty Cablegram Number					

O.K. Alphabetical Files RM 4-22-20

~~O.K. Organization Files~~ \_\_\_\_\_

~~O.K. State Files.~~ \_\_\_\_\_

Cemetery Audit Department  
 Investigation & Adjustment Dept.

By J. Jordan

1 Cards attached.

CODE SLIP

145176

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Akin Ewell	3	199
	Webster	1	1
BURIED	CEMETERY	1	1
	GRAVE	2	33
	ROW	2	28
	BLOCK	1	8
STATE	Tenn.	2	48
RANK	Priv.	1	2
DIVISION	32	2	32
ORGANIZATION	128	3	128
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARITAL	Mar	1	2
NAME	Akin, John Wesley	3	199
RESIDENCE (Father)	STATE	2	48
	COUNTY	2	15
	CITY	3	27
RELATION	mother	1	1
OTHER		1	1
ELIGIBILITY	Dead	1	6
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
APPENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

No loco  
no reply to  
consp.

**AUDITED**

MAR 28 1932

RB

ACCEPTANCE 29/514

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QM 293 A-M  
Akin, Ewell Webster (MA)

January 28, 1933

Mr. John Wesley Akin,  
LaVergne,  
Tennessee.

Dear Sir:

To date no reply has been received to office letter of April 14, 1932, requesting that you advise whether or not your son, the late Private Ewell Webster Akin, is survived by a step-mother, and if so your date of marriage to her.

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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:  
Envelope.  
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QM 293 A-M  
Akin, Ewell Webster (MA)

April 14, 1932

Mr. John Wesley Akin,  
LaVergne,  
Tennessee.

Dear Sir:

This office is making an earnest endeavor to communicate with all women who may be eligible to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

It is therefore requested that you advise whether or not the late Private Ewell Webster Akin is survived by a step-mother or any woman who stood in loco parentis to him for a period of five years prior to his reaching the age of eighteen, and if so, her name and address. It will also be appreciated if you will furnish the date of death of the natural mother of this late veteran.

A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

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

Akin, Ewell Webster - 1232 F

Mr. John Wesley Akin,  
La Vergne, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

This office has no record of any person entitled under the Act mentioned to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe as the mother or widow of the above named deceased service man. To complete the list of eligibles and to assure that, if the above named man is survived by a mother or widow entitled to make a pilgrimage she receive an invitation to do so, it is requested you answer the following questions in the space provided on this letter and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

2. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not remarried?

If so, give her name and address:

3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?

If so, give her name and address:

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

DATE 1-15-30

NAME <i>Single</i>	RANK	SERIAL	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
AKIN, Ewell Webster	Pvt.	2867555	Co. L, 128th Inf.	11-7-18

STATE <u>Tenn.</u>	CTY. NO.	1232	GRAVE	33	ROW	28	BLOCK	H
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<u>Check relationship</u>	:	:	:	<u>Living - Deceased</u>	:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOTHER	:	:	:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
STEPMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:	:	:	
NAME MOTHER THRU ADOPTION	:	:	:	:	
AND (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:	:	:	<i>(7) John Wesley Akin La Vergne Tenn.</i>
ADDRESS MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:	:	:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WIDOW (Who has not remarried)	:	:	:	:	
<i>Single man</i>	:	:	:	:	

Veterans Bureau Claim Number C 145-176  
29/156/ *4/18*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

**Akin, Erell Webster.**

June 29, 1929.

**Mr. John W. Akin,  
La Vergne, Tenn.**

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 father of the late **Private Erell Webster Akin, Co. L, 128th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.**

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a 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,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

Place NE CHATEAU

Date 16 June 1919

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Remains of:

Name: AKIN Ewell W

Number 2867555

Rank: Unkn-

Organization

Unkn

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group:

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From (Give complete location)

6 4 June 1919

Grave #9 B A C BRANDEVILLE MEUSE

35NE E322.85 N290.45

1232

Reburied (Date)

In: (Give complete location)

4 June 1919

Grave #153 Sec 95 Plot 3

Argonne Am Cemetery #1232

ROMAGNE MEUSE

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

Burial good, buried in uniform, body badly decomposed.

Was an identification tag found upon the body? Yes

What other means of identification were found on the body? None

12167

Notes:

**CONFIRMED No. D**

If upon disinterment, effects are found on bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Report direct as is required by G.O. 170, C.E. 2, 1918., after being carefully examined for clues of identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Lt Bateman

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

rechecked 2 time by AGO over phone as:

To The A. G. O.

G.R.S. Form #114 B

Ewell Webster Akin

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OCT 5 - 1926

DATE 10/2/21

1. NAME AKIN, Webster E.

SERIAL No. 2867555

RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION & DIVISION Co. L., 128th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION Argonne Amer. Cty. ROMAGNE-sous-MONTFAUCON (Meuse) 1232- Sec. 95/

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

153

95

3

GRAVE

ROW Sec.

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION #9 Brandeville.

Brandeville.

Meuse

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT

COORDINATES Verdun 35 NE

290.45 N

322.85 E

CONCENTRATED TO 6/4/19

153

Sec 95

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DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

Meuse Argonne Cemetery

1232

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on body and on peg over body.

DATE OF DEATH Mar 7 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Tenn

data F-1.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED None

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

M. B. Birdseye

M. B. BIRDSEYE 1st Lt., Q.M. Corps, U.S.A.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION

10/2/21

33

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DATE

GRAVE

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Block

PLOT

AUDITED BY

Meuse Argonne American cty # 1232 Romagne sous Montfaucon

CEMETERY

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m L B 4/30/23

A. G. O. OCT 5 1926 WORLD WAR DIV.

CC 362-459 RLT 12/11

**GRAVE LOCATION BLANK**

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Akin 28675-55-Ewell W.*  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

*Pvt Co L 128 Inf*  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL... *Nov 10 - 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL... *Brandeville*

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

*Map Brandeville No 161 Aug 21 - 1918*

*Coord X 22.7 y 90.3*

GRAVE NUMBER... *9.*

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:  
*Chap. John A. Mikolajczak 128 Inf*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Signed : *H. N. King - 2nd Lt.*  
128 th Inf.

Signed : *John A. Mikolajczak - Chap.*  
3rd Bn. 128 th Inf.

Co.L, 128 th Inf  
32 nd Div.

Pvt. Booth's stat  
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Chaplain John A.  
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Pvt. 3265232

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- Chap. 90308

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Co.L, 128 th Inf.  
32 nd Div.

AKIN, Ewell Webster - Pvt. 2867555

Pvt. Booth's statement: I last saw him November 7th, 1918, on the hill before Brandeville, France. He was getting out of a trench when hit and was instantly killed.

Chaplain John A. Mikolajczak statement: - Pvt. Akin was buried by me Nov. 10th 1918. near Brandeville. His grave #9, is marked with a cross, one of his tags nailed to his cross.

His grave # 9, marked with a cross one of his tags nailed to his cross and one buried with body. Personal effects sent to Effects Dept.

Brandeville 50-131 - Sec. 21, 1918 1/20.000  
Co. 128.7-Y 90.3

Informant: Booth, Dwight L - Pvt. 3265232  
Co.L, 128 th Inf.  
Home : Buffalo, Mo. R # 4.

Informant: Mikolajczak, John A - Chap. 90936  
Co. 3d Bn. 128 th Inf.

Signed : H. N. King - 2nd Lt.  
128 th Inf.

Signed : John A. Mikolajczak - Chap.  
3rd Bn. 128 th Inf.

Co.L, 128 th Inf.  
32 nd Div.

AKIN, Ewell W - Pvt. 2867555

Buried by me Nov.10, 1918. His grave # 9, marked with a cross one tag on cross and one buried with body. Personal effects sent to Effects depot.

Map Brandeville NO-161 - Aug. 21, 1918 1/20.000  
Co X22.7-Y 90.3

Informant: Mikolajczak, John A - Chap. 90908  
Co.3d Bn. 128 th Inf.  
Home : 866 Racine St. Milwaukee - Wis.

Signed : John A. Mikolajczak - Chap.  
3rd Bn. 128 th Inf.

M.S.