

Amundsen

Engine F

2,263,672

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt.

Co. E

59th Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased.....

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

(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)

.....
(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

OCT 5 - 1926

DATE Oct. 8, 1921

1. NAME ^{MMB} ^{E of} AMUNDSON, Eugene F

SERIAL No. 2263672

RANK Pvt

ORGANIZATION Co. E 59th Inf. *4th Div.*

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne/s/Montfaucon 1232 Sec. 63

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

122

Sec. 63

3

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Bac 89, *Plot 2,* Septsarges, Meuse. *cty #702*

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES Verdun 35 NE. 280.9 N 313.15 E

CONCENTRATED TO May 20-19 122 63 3

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

Meuse Argonne

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. Collar ornaments " Co. E59 Inf"

DATE OF DEATH *Oct 5 1918*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *Montana*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED *None*

Data form 1
SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

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. Army

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Oct. 8, 1921 17 12 Block H

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

CEMETERY

Meuse-Argonne American Cty 1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse)

CEMETERY

AUDITED BY
2224-18-23
OCT 5 1926
WORLD WAR DIV.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

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



Co. B., 59th. Inf.
4th. Div.

AMUNDSEN, Eugene - Pvt. 2263672

Killed in action, Oct. 5/18, in Meuse and Argonne offensive.
Buried in American Cemetery near Septsarges Woods. Grave No. 88

No informant given.

Not signed.

SJ

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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Amundson</i>	AMU	3	^{0 12} 13 1
BURIED	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	1
	GRAVE <i>17</i>	2	17
	ROW <i>12</i>	2	12
	BLOCK <i>H</i>	1	8
STATE	<i>Mont</i>	2	31
RANK	<i>Pvt</i>	1	2
DIVISION	<i>4</i>	2	04
ORGANIZATION	<i>59</i>	3	059
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	1
MARITAL	<i>W</i>	1	2
NAME <i>Amundson</i>	AMU	3	^{0 12} 13 1
<i>Mrs Lauria</i>	STATE	2	
RESIDENCE	COUNTY	2	
<i>all rel. foreign</i>	CITY	5	
RELATION	<i>mother</i>	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Foreign</i>	1	4
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	
<i>29/514</i>	<i>Norway</i>	2	09

AUDITED

JAN 20 1932

Rm

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

DATE 8/14/31

NAME	RANK	SERIAL	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
AMUNDSEN, Eugene F.	Pvt.	2263672	Co. E, 59th Inf	10/5/18

STATE	CTY. NO. 1232	GRAVE 17	ROW 12	BLOCK H
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NAME AND ADDRESS	Check relationship	Living	Deceased	
	MOTHER	<i>ins</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
STEPMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
MOTHER THRU ADOPTION (For the year prior to commencement of service)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS (For the year prior to commencement of service)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>all ul foreign</i>
WIDOW (Who has not remarried)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>1-12-33</u>

Single man

Veterans Bureau Claim Number KC 85, 751
29/156

In reply refer to:
QM - 293 C-R

Sept. 10, 1923.

Mrs. Lena Amundsen,
Scheaffergst #10,
Kristiania, Norway.

Dear Madam: The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of

Private Eugene F. Amundsen, Company E, 59th Infantry, is Grave 17, Row 12, Block H, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagnous-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. H. CHEAL,

H. J. Conner,
Assistant;

WOPR

In

O.Q.M.G.
Central Mail & File Bx



SEP 11 1923
H.B.

Date June 11, 1919

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: AMUNDSEN, Eugene

Number: 30436

Rank:

Organization:

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

20th May 1919

Grave 89 Septsarges Meuse

35NE 280.9N 313.15E

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

20th May 1 19

Grave 122 Sec 63 Plot 3

Argonne American Cty 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

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct, as is required by G. O. 170, G.H. 2, 1918., after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, G.R.S.

Supervised by: Lt Caswell.

R. H. ROSENTHAL

C.O. Group 2nd Lieut. Unit C.U.S.A.

BM

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CONFIRMED N° D

COMPLETION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #69101

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name AMUNDSEN, Eugene F. Ser. No. 2263672
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. E, 59th Inf.
(c) Date of death 10-5-18 (d) Cause of death k/a.
TYP. HWL.
CKR. AMP

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

(a) Grave No. 122 Row - Plot 3 Sec. 63 TYP. HWL.
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Lena Amundsen (Mother) Scheaffergst #10, Krestionia, Norway.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

CKR. AMP

no card in file - 66R - 5-9-21

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:

Lena Amundsen, mother, Schaffergst 10, Kristiania, Norway 3-5-21, Requests that body remain in

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? France

Examiner's Initials Date 5-9-1920

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 1232, Sec. 63 SHEET No. 2

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE

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	AMUNDSEN, Eugene F.	10. Name	
2. No.	2263672	11. No.	30436
3. Rank	Pvt.	12. Rank	
4. Org.	Co.E 59th Inf.	13. Org.	
5. D.D.	10-5	14. (a) D.D.	
6. C.D.	K.I.A.	(b) D.B.	

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No.	122	Sec.	63	15. Grave No.		Sec.	
8. Plot	3	Row		16. Plot		Row	
9.				17.	No discrepancy.		

18. Cemetery	Meus-Argonne Amer.	19. Commune or town	Romagne/s/Montfauc on
20. Dept. or County	Meuse	21. Country	France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. #1232 Sec.63

23. Disinterred (Date) Oct. 7th 1921 By J.L.HAKY

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Eugene F. Amundsen.

Serial No. 2263672

Rank Pvt.

Organization Co. E. 59 Inf.

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

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).

Collar ornament Co.E.59 Inf.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Uniform and wooden box.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? See par 11.

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Oct. 7th 1921 By J.L.HAKY

31. Casket sealed by

J.L.HAKY

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

J.L.HAKY



SHIPMENT (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-9677

32. Designation of body:

Name AMUNDSEN, Eugene F. Serial No. 2263672

R nk Pvt. Organization Co.E 59th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer.Cty. Romagne /s/ Montfaucon 1232

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Oct. 7th 1921 By J.L.HAKY

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 A.E. Dewey
A.E. DEWEY 1st Lieut G.M.C.

36. Remarks _____

None.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Oct. 7th 1921

To point of Concentration Morgue Romagne.

Convoyer W.J. ROYND Signature Shipping Officer Albert M. Jackson, Capt. G.A.C. ewz

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

By G.R.S. Representative _____

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

To Permanent Cemetery _____

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____

40. Received: Date _____

G.R.S. Representative _____

41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cemetery 1232, row 12, block H, grave 17
October 8, 1921.
(Date)

42. Grave No. _____ Section _____

43. Plot _____ Row _____

G.R.S. Representative James W. Younger
gl James W. Younger, Capt. G.M.C.



Place Romagne Cemetery 1232

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Oct. 7th 1921

1. REMAINS OF AMUNDSEN, Eugene F. SERIAL NUMBER 2263672

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. C. 59th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): October 7th 1921 From (give complete location): Grave 122 Sec. 63 Plot 3. Cem. 1232

By: Group 5 Unit F.S.2.

3. Reburied (date): Oct. 8, 1921, Mause Arbonne Cemetery 1232, Row 12, Block H, grave 17. In (give complete location): unlined casket

By: Group Reburial 3. Unit Nature of reburial

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable. Uniform and wooden box.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: Collar ornaments "Co. E. 59 Inf."

(21-22-23-24-25-Cavities.)

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items? 16-29-30-M.B.D. 1-19-20-27-S.F.

(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

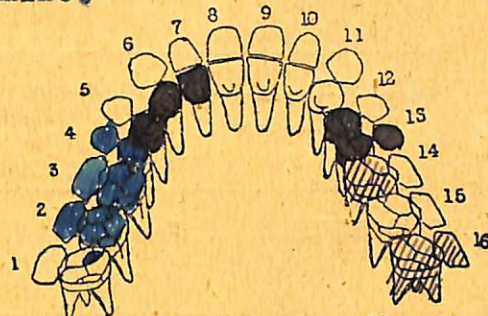
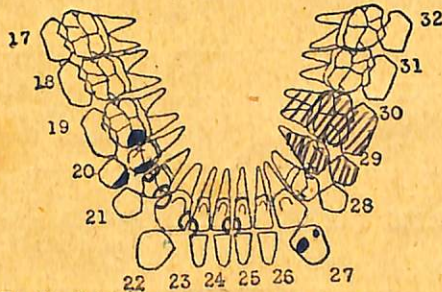


Diagram represents the mouth wide open. 2-4-Gold Crown.



3-Gold Bridge. 5-Gold, por. bridge. 3-Gold bridge. 6-pivot tooth with gold back. 7-Gold and porcelain face. 15-Gold Crown. 12-Gold & porcelain bridge. 14-Decayed.

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) 8-9-10-11-

None visible.

Pivot teeth. 9-Porcelain broken off. 7-Per. lost.

7. Disinterment supervised by J. L. Haky
J. L. HAKY

Approved: A. E. Dewey
A. E. DEWEY 1st Lieut Q.M.C.
(Title)

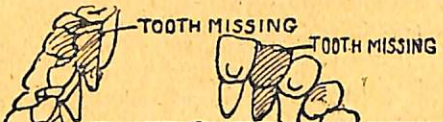




8. Reburial supervised by W. L. Field
W. L. FIELD

Approved: James T. Taylor
James T. Taylor, Capt. U.S.A.
(Title)

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

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

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".
 (b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No. 6.
6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

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

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



COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #69101

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name AMUNDSEN, Eugene F. Ser. No. 226 3672
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. E, 59th Inf.
 (c) Date of death 10-5-18 (d) Cause of death k/a.

} HWL.
 TYP.
RAMP

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

(a) Grave No. 122 Row - Plot 3 Sec. 63 TYP. HWL.
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Lena Amundsen (Mother) Scheaffergst #10, Krestionia, Norway.

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

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

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
 letter of transmittal on MAY 28 1921, 192

Sec 63

Par. 2 Not to be returned. *LPW*

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.

*5-4-21 - Col. Potture states that next of kin desire permanent burial in France.
 A.E. - 7-27-21*

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

COUNTRY _____ CEMETERY No. _____ SHEET No. _____

1. G. R. S. Form No. 1.

Hq. G. R. S. File

6911

2. Soldier's No. 30436

3. Amundsen Eugene
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
B.A.C.

7. Briouilles Meuse
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. 89
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.

12. "A" sketch 47
Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

13. Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

GROUP No. 3 Signed Sgt. Baker

Group.....Unit.....G. R. S.

PROV. UNIT "A" G.R.S.

AMERICAN ~~REDACTED~~ HEADQUARTERS ~~REDACTED~~ REGISTRATION SERVICE, Q.M.C., IN EUROPE
8, AVENUE D'IENA

File

Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. O. M. G.
File # 293.8 - 69101

File No. 293.9 Disp.Cem.#1232.

PARIS May 4, 1921.

From: Chief.

To: Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.

Subject: Disposition of remains of Pvt. Eugene F. Amundsen, Co. E, 59th Inf., Cem. #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

1. Reference letter from your office dated April 4th, 1921, (File #293.8 Cem. #69101) on the above subject, you are advised that the desire of the next of kin has been made of record in this office, and their letter to you acknowledged, as per copy attached.

1 IS
WEL/BB

H. F. DRETHERS
H. F. DRETHERS,
Colonel, Q.M.C.

rem
rem

Amundsen, Eugene E.

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MAY 31 1921

Copy in O.S.P. File.
A.E.
7-29-21

File No. 295.2 Disp.Com.#1252.

May 4, 1921.

Frue Lina Amundsen,
Schoffersgt 10,
Kristiania,
Norway.

Min Hæde,

Vi har modtaget Deres Brev af den Marts 5, 1921, angaaende
Liget af Deres Søn, Private Eugene F. Amundson.

Dette Hegeringskontor er villige og skal rette sig efter
Deres /nskn. Saa snart Liget er begravet i en bestandige militær
Begravelsesplads skal vi underrette Dem om Beliggenheden.

Aerbødigste,

CHAS. A. MORROW,
Captain, Q.M.C.

(Translation)

Your letter dated March 5, 1921, with reference to the
disposition of the remains of your late son, Pvt. Eugene F. Amundson,
has been received.

This office is pleased to advise you that your wishes have
been made of record and will be complied with. When the remains of
your late son have been finally placed in a permanent Field of Honor,
this office will advise you as to its location.

Yours sincerely.

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Central Division

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City 1232
Sec 63

File
J.P.
FILE

April 4, 1921.

293.8 Cem. #69101 (Amundsen, Eugene F., Private)

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

Mrs. Lina Amundsen, Schoffersgt. 10 Kristiania, Norway.

Private Eugene F. Amundsen.

1. In reply to your letter recently received in this office, you are advised that notation has been made of your desire that the remains of your son, the late Private Eugene F. Amundsen, Company "E", 59th Infantry, be permanently interred in France. The Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe, has been advised to this effect, and you will undoubtedly receive further response from that office.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

DS

CHARLES J. WYNNE,
1st Lieut., Q.M.C.

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Forward O.S.P. See

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FILE

April 4, 1921.

293.8 Cem. #69101 (Amundsen, Eugene F., Private)

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

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

Private Eugene F. Amundsen.

1. Enclosed herewith for your information and record is
copy of letter from Mrs. Lina Amundsen, Schoffersgt. 16
Kristiania, Norway and copy of reply from this office.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

DS

CHARLES J. WYNNE,
1st Lieut., Q.M.C.

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APR 5 1921

Cemeterial Division
Overseas Project Sub-Section

1615

Kristiania 5/3 - 1921

To The Quartermaster General U. S. Army
(Cometrial division)

Dear Sir!

Your letter of 29th of January last
received and read and I wish to say that
I prefer my sons body to rest in France
and not to be removed to America.

and obliged
Yours truly
Mrs. Kina Amundsen
Schaffersgt. 10
Kristiania
Norway

File no: 293.8 com. # 69/01 (Amundsen J. Eugene)

Subject: desecration of Grave.

C O P Y

293.8 Cem. Div., #69101, AMUNDSEN, Eugene P.

Kristiania 5/3-1921

To The Quartermaster General U.S. Army
(Cemeterial Division)

Dear Sir:

Your letter of 29th of January last, received
and read and I wish to say that I prefer my sons body to
rest in France and not to be removed to America.

And Obliged

Yours truly

Mrs. Lina Amundsen
Schofferstgt. 10
Kristiania
Norway

File No: 293.8 Cem. #69101 (Amundsen P. Eugene)

Subject: Decoration of Grave

January 29, 1921.

293.8-Cem.#69101-(Amundsen, Eugene F. Private)

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

To: Miss Lina Amundsen, Schaffersgt 10, Kristiania, Norway.

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2. The United States Government employs care-takers in the maintenance of our cemeteries in France and you may rest assured that the grave of your brother will always be tenderly and fittingly cared for. The Argonne American Cemetery at Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse, in which the remains of your brother are buried, has been designated as a permanent American Cemetery and every effort will be made to make this cemetery a lasting memorial to our soldier dead.
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MAILED by authority of the Quartermaster General:

JAN 29 1921

G.R.S. LW

CHARLES J. WYNNE,
2nd Lieut. Q.M.C.

HW

Jan. 24, 1921.

MEMORANDUM TO: Inquiry Section.

Your attention is invited to the request of Miss Lena Amundsen that her brother's grave be decorated with a Norwegian flag.



Amundsen, Eugene F. (E M) 2,263,672
Pvt. Co. E, 59 Inf.
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WAR DEPARTMENT.
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON.

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Kristiania 194-20
(Norway)

To

Graves Registration Service
War Department
Official Business
Washington

#69101

VFD

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CENTRAL

OFFICE

Ad: Private Eugene F. Amundsen
Company E. 59th Infantry
American Cemetery, Septsberg,
Sweden.

Replying to your favor of the June 2-1919.
we hereby beg you try to fix up our dear
dead brothers grave.

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could put some flowers and Norwegian and
American flags upon it and otherwise try
to make the grave so nice as possible.

awaiting your kindly reply as soon
as possible.

Yours truly
Rina Amundsen
Schiffergt. 10th Sq.
Kristiania
Norway.

REGISTRATION SECTION.
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
CEMETERIAL DIVISION.

File No.
OSPSS Ref. NO.
Follow-up No. 785

TO: Inquiry Section .
From: Overseas Project Sub-Section.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION on Cemetery No. (furnished by:) (date.....)
Data sent Overseas
Operations to commence (approx.)
Operations to be completed (approx.)
Bodies shipped from European Port
Bodies arrived at Hoboken

II. CASE OF Amundson, Eugene F. Port. Co. E 5-9 Inf.
2263672
The following information was abstracted (Date) from:

SOURCE	CLK.	in OFFICE	CLK.	in OFFICE
A G. O. Cards				
A.G.O. Corresp.				
G.R.S. corresp. relative to disp.				

DESIRES as to Disposition.
No A.G.O. Card on file with request for disposition
a-a-5-26-20

Name of Relative	RETURN			SPECIAL
	N. C.	Pvt. Int.	REMAIN	
Widow				
Children (Name oldest first)				
Father				
Mother				
Brothers				
Sisters				

Body to be shipped to
..... was shipped (Date)

REMARKS Cemetery 1232 has not been reported
from Audit department a-a-5-26-20

Concerning Return of Bodies of American Soldiers
Who Died Abroad

LETTER OF
THE SECRETARY OF WAR
TO
HON. J. W. WADSWORTH, JR.
Chairman Committee on Military Affairs
United States Senate



WASHINGTON
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WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, D. C., March 11, 1920.

HON. J. W. WADSWORTH, JR.,

Committee on Military Affairs, United States Senate.

MY DEAR SENATOR: In compliance with your request of March 5 I take pleasure in giving herewith the information in general which you have asked with reference to the question of returning to United States the bodies of American soldiers now buried abroad.

It is not possible at this moment to locate a copy of the French law of 29th December, 1915, with regard to the acquisition of cemeterial sites, the full text not having been included in the registration records shipped from France, but I am inclosing herewith a résumé of the same which will probably give to you the particular points which you may have under consideration.

Concentration of bodies.—During the heat of battle and the rapid movement of contending armies many bodies were necessarily buried in isolated locations and in sections where future maintenance was impossible. The Graves Registration Service, falling heir to these unsatisfactory conditions, took the initiative in attempting salvage of bodies, and their concentration in places where suitable maintenance might be assured. Practically 40,000 bodies have been so transferred, some 10,000 isolated graves having been removed in one battle area alone. No direction has been given concerning the permanency of these concentration cemeteries, but it is undoubtedly due to the forethought and energetic action of the Quartermaster Corps and its Graves Registration Service that many bodies of the dead which were in danger of loss may be returned to their homes.

Project of removal.—Three distinct projects of removal have had to be considered, owing to the fact that the consent of foreign Governments has been and is being progressively secured and no authorization has yet been received for the disposition of the entire list of American dead overseas.

The first project involves removals from all countries outside of France, and orders were given by this office to immediately undertake the same. Under this order removals have been made from Siberia; 111 bodies have been removed from the Archangel district in north Russia, the work having been suspended before its completion because of disturbance in that country which made further work at this time impossible. One hundred and eleven bodies still remain in north Russia, and it is probable that nothing can be done toward their removal for a period of one year, or such time as conditions in Russia shall become more normal.

The evacuation of Germany is to be undertaken at once, the officer in charge of the zone of mid-Europe having completed plans therefor.

In Great Britain there are 92 places in which our dead are interred. Evacuations are now taking place in the southern part of that zone. Eighteen bodies have been returned from several cemeteries in south England and advices are immediately expected as to the shipment of a much larger consignment from other cemeteries in that area.

In Italy all bodies have been concentrated in one place, and the matter of their transfer to the States will be easily effected.

The second project of removal, for which authority was subsequently obtained, involves the French zone of the interior, including all the base and intermediate sections back of the battle area. It was first intended to begin work at Paris, the cemetery at Suresnes, a suburb of that city, having been recommended as a permanent cemetery, so that as other cemeteries are closed it might be possible to remove bodies that are to remain in France to Suresnes for permanent interment, but the congestion of French railways has been such that it has thus far been impossible to obtain transportation inland, and the necessary caskets and personnel have been transferred to Brest, where the latter is now operating, with the expectation that we shall very early receive advices of the shipment of bodies from that region. Should the railway congestion continue thereafter, it will be the policy to shift operations to other ports and operate in such cemeteries as may be contiguous thereto, where motor transportation may be utilized for the shorter distance involved in getting bodies to the port of shipment, to which ocean transportation can be diverted as required.

The third project of removal will become operative so soon as the Government of France shall have agreed to recommendations relative to evacuation from the zone of the armies, which are to be submitted by an international council appointed for the comprehensive study of the question affecting allied dead interred within that zone. So far as the American Government is concerned nothing can be done relative to this phase of the question until conclusions have been reached by the French Government itself.

The general work of removals to the United States involves in brief the following preparatory action:

The small force of the Graves Registration Service, left in France after the work of demobilization, was slightly increased so as to provide sufficient official and civilian personnel to attend to the work of perfecting and maintaining our cemeteries, which had been previously reduced by concentration in number from 2,400 to about 600. The force already there has since been augmented by the dispatch of about 15 additional officers and upwards of 260 graduated personnel

of directive capacity, and the officer in charge has been given full authority to employ all necessary labor for the prosecution of his work. Further personnel of graduated character will be sent so soon as requisitions are made by the officer in charge in Europe. Preparations have already been made for the execution of this plan.

Seventeen thousand caskets have already been purchased, but the shortage of materials for manufacture has caused vexatious delay in their delivery. In addition to those already shipped to Europe 3,000 will be forwarded during the month of March and 5,000 during April and each month thereafter until the contract is completed. Anticipating the possibility of French consent to the evacuation of the battle areas designated as the zone of the armies, the Quartermaster General has been making an exhaustive study of the sources of procurement, with a view to placing an order, at the earliest possible date, for the necessary number of caskets to complete the entire work of removing all bodies in Europe from the places where they are now interred, and transferring the same either to their homes or to such place as may ultimately be selected, in addition to Suresnes for a permanent cemetery in France.

Motor transportation has been secured from a variety of sources to meet the entire requisitions for the same by the officer in charge in Europe, and ample requisitions have been prepared for further procurement from existing supplies to be filled so soon as advices are received from him as to additional needs and points of desired delivery.

The graduated personnel referred to above includes qualified embalmers, who are to supervise sanitary arrangements and insure the most approved professional preparation of bodies for return to their homes.

The personal requests from relatives indicate that practically 70 per cent of the dead are to be returned to their homes (about 50,000 in all), and with about 20,000 or 25,000 to remain permanently interred abroad.

An estimate of the probable cost of this project can be only tentative at this time, but it is likely to involve a minimum expense of \$500 in each case where a body is to be returned to the home of the next of kin, and probably \$200 or \$250 in connection with the permanent interment in a field of honor abroad. It is believed that a minimum appropriation of \$30,000,000 will be required for the completion of the work. The sundry civil bill for the current year contains an appropriation of \$8,451,000, at least \$6,000,000 having been already required for existing projects, contracts and the above-mentioned provision for additional caskets for the zone of the armies. It is requested that the amount appropriated in the sundry civil bill for the current year may be made a continuing appropriation and that

there may be added thereto a further appropriation to cover the balance of the \$30,000,000 herein suggested.

Division of territory.—Three zones have been created in Europe. First, the zone of Great Britain with headquarters at London, comprising three sections, with boundary lines running from east to west. Second, the zone of mid-Europe, comprising all the continental countries outside of France and having headquarters at Cochem. Third, the zone of France. This zone practically covers two large areas, one of which involves the extensive work of cemeterial maintenance at the north, and the other covers the area of evacuations, which are immediately to be made from the rear section. The central office of the zone of France is in Paris and Col. Rethers, the officer in charge in that country, is employing there a sufficient clerical force for the dispatch of business.

The chief of the Graves Registration Service is at the head of a new division of the Quartermaster General's Office, and is directing a large clerical force, which is engaged in the work of reconciling conflicting reports, completing identifications which have hitherto been in doubt, and working out from the great mass of diverse and even conflicting requests from relatives the necessary data upon which the return of bodies may be effected.

Sincerely, yours,

(Signed)

NEWTON D. BAKER,
Secretary of War.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

1. The GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE is now a branch of the CEMETERIAL DIVISION of the Quartermaster General's Office and is the official organization of the War Department charged with the acquisition, maintenance, construction and control of all American cemeteries and plots in foreign cemeteries in Europe in which the remains of our soldier dead are interred. The headquarters of the Graves Registration Service, Cemeterial Division, is now in Washington, D. C., where all data necessary for the final disposition of the remains of soldiers of the American Expeditionary Force is prepared. Burial reports of all descriptions are completed and recorded and inquiries of nearest relatives and friends of the deceased members of the American Expeditionary Force are answered. This Division is not prepared to give information on other subjects than the above.

2. The exact LOCATION OF A GRAVE is communicated whenever possible to the person whom the soldier had previously registered as the proper one to be addressed in case of emergency. Many changes in grave location have been made since first notifications were sent to relatives, in order that bodies may be better located and the care of graves more fittingly maintained. These transfers were made at the instance of the French Government and all the allied armies have been engaged in this policy of concentration. This work has reduced the number of burial places for American dead from approximately 2,400 to 600. Entire cemeteries, which in the stress of battle and other emergency had been poorly located, were removed; all isolated graves opened and the bodies reinterred in Concentration Cemeteries.

3. CHANGE OF ADDRESS on the part of relatives has caused return of thousands of letters of notification to this office by the postal authorities, which accounts in many cases for failure of relatives to receive notification as to the change of grave location. Notification as to change of address, so that communication may be maintained with relatives, must be forwarded to this office if the records are to be kept up to date. If notification has not been received, we shall be glad to be advised.

4. THE RETURN OF BODIES from all countries in Europe is now being arranged for and will be completed as promptly as conditions and the reverent handling of our dead will permit. France has been divided into two (2) general zones, the "Zone of the Interior" (including rear areas) and the "Zone of the Armies" including battle areas). The field forces of the Graves Registration Service are actively engaged, in the midst of many practical difficulties, in removing bodies from the "Zone of the Interior". This work has been greatly retarded by reason of the impossibility to secure rail transportation and the difficulty in procurement of supplies from contractors. It is difficult to forecast a date when removals from the "Zone of the Interior" may be completed, inasmuch as this work is dependent upon circumstances which cannot always be controlled, but it is being prosecuted as vigorously as possible. The French Government has consented to the removal of all soldier dead buried within the "Zone of the Armies" after September 15th, 1920. Arrangements to proceed in accordance with this agreement are now being made.

5. The "ZONE OF THE INTERIOR" includes the Departments of:

Ain (not Aisne)	Ariege	Basses Alpes
Allier	Aube	Basses Pyrenees
Alpes Maritimes	Aude	Bouches du Rhone
Ardeche	Aveyron	Calvados
Cantal	Haute-Loire	Morbihan
Charente	Haute-Marne	Mayenne
Charente-Inferieure	Haute-Pyrenees	Nievre
Cher	Haute-Saone	Orne
Correze	Haute-Savoie	Puy-de-Dome
Cote d'Or	Haute-Vienne	Pyrenees-Orientales
Cotes-du-Nord	Ille-et-Vilaine	Rhone
Creuse	Indre	Saone-et-Loire
Deux Sevres	Indre-et-Loire	Sarthe
Dordogne	Isere	Savoie
Doubs	Jura	Seine
Drome	Landes	Seine-Inferieure
Eure	Loire	Seine-et-Marne*
Eure-et-Loir	Loire-et-Cher	Seine-et-Oise
Finistere	Loir-Inferieure	Tarn
Gard	Loiret	Tarn-et-Garonne
Gers	Lot	Var
Gironde	Lot-et-Garonne	Vaucluse
Herault	Lozere	Vendee
Hautes-Alpes	Maine-et-Loire	Vienne
Haute-Garonne	Manche	Yonne

*Note - *Seine et Marne, including only the following cemeteries containing American dead and which are located within the arrondizements of this department, within the "Zone of the Interior":

- Cannes-Ecluse
- Fontainbleau
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- Lieusaint
- Melun
- Samois-sur-Seine
- St. Mammes

All Departments in France not included in the above are in the "Zone of the Armies".

The bodies which still remain in Russia cannot be removed until weather conditions and the attitude of the Russian people will permit. Public announcement will be made at the appropriate time.

Removals must be made with due regard to orderly procedure, accuracy and fairness; therefore no request for priority should be made. Regardless of whether or not their return has been requested, no bodies will be permanently left in Germany, Luxembourg or North Russia. They will be interred in National Cemeteries in the U.S. unless relatives direct otherwise.

6. All EXPENSES OF THE SHIPMENT of remains to the point of delivery as designated by the legal next of kin will be borne by the Government. If delivery is to be made at a railroad station or street address, the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, Washington, D. C., will, upon application, pay the actual funeral expenses

from the railroad station or street address to the Cemetery, up to the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00). This includes the cost of the grave site when purchase is necessary and the opening of the same for burial.

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

Requests of individuals to return to the United States the remains of their soldier dead under their personal direction cannot be granted. Our agreement with other nations contemplates that the entire responsibility of such transfer shall rest with this Government. Permits of this nature would be a manifest injustice to those relatives, who, though equally bereaved, are unable to bear the considerable expense involved.

Requests from the legal next of kin that bodies remain in established French Cemeteries will be granted when possible to do so, providing that the next of kin relieves the Government from further care of the grave. Formal release of a body will not be made to next of kin until the final disposition has been made of all bodies in that particular cemetery and the Zone in which it is located. When, however, a body cannot be left undisturbed, where the general policy requires evacuation of the cemetery in which it lies, it will be transferred at government expense to a permanent American Cemetery in that country, and its future maintenance will be a care of the Government. Bodies will be concentrated into larger general cemeteries, and not into religious groups.

8. PERMANENT CEMETERIES or Fields of Honor will be maintained by our Government in France, in which all bodies will be concentrated which are to remain overseas, unless relatives may choose other places of burial and agree to maintain them independently of the Government after they have been transferred to such places by the Graves Registration Service.

The Secretary of War has designated Suresnes Cemetery, on the outskirts of Paris for permanent retention, as well as Romagne-sous-Montfaucon and Belleau Wood. Perhaps one or two other designations may ultimately be made; if so, due notice of their location will be given. It will be the policy to concentrate upon these few permanent places the best care of our Government.

9. MONUMENTS. Thus far no private monuments of any sort have been authorized; all graves being temporarily marked with a cross or Jewish marker pending the substitution of stone monuments of uniform and artistic design in place of the crosses and other markers now employed. These permanent headstones will be put in place by the Government when cemeteries are completed.

10. The present INSCRIPTIONS ON GRAVE MARKERS were necessarily taken from burial reports, identification tags and other available means which sometimes proved to be not correct in every detail. A careful comparison of these inscriptions with the records of this office and of The Adjutant General's office is being made, and the permanent stone markers will conform to the exact spelling and other data. Where possible, this Service has taken the utmost care to indicate the graves of Jewish soldiers by the use of the approved Jewish marker. Because there was

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11. PHOTOGRAPHS OF GRAVES have been taken by a Section of the American Red Cross, assigned to the Graves Registration Service, and are being distributed without charge to the next of kin. These are being released automatically, without application, as each case is reached. Considering the large number of cases involved and the great amount of detailed work in the furnishing of these photographs, it must be understood that they cannot be sent to any persons other than the relative of the deceased. Photographs have been received by the next of kin which clearly show mistakes in inscription. As stated in the above paragraph, all errors will be corrected. Photographs were taken by the Photographic Section in some cases before the corrected data had been inscribed upon the grave marker, and while the establishment of cemeteries was still in progress. This will explain the appearance of any photographs which may show an untidy foreground or background. All of our cemeteries in Europe are now in excellent condition and innumerable letters of commendation have been received on this subject.

This office is unable to furnish sectional photographs of cemeteries.

12. If in the dispatch of a great volume of daily correspondence, there may be letters which seem to the readers to be too brief and business-like, it is hoped that no one will believe us lacking in sympathy with those in sorrow. It is the aim of the office to show the utmost courtesy to all inquiries and to satisfy their desires within the limit of our power.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
COLONEL, U.S. ARMY,
CHIEF, CEMETERIAL DIVISION.



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