

FEB 9 1926

FULL NAME... ARBEITER, Theodore A.

RANK... Corporal

SERIAL... 1975387

DIVISION &amp; ORGANIZATION... 30th Div. Company C, 115th M.G. Bn.

DATE OF DEATH...

Oct. 18, '18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME...

Ill.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED...

None

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION...

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Date

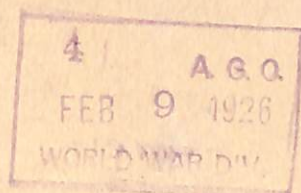
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Cemetery



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MAR 24 1926

AUDITED BY  
FOR 3-21-25

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Date Nov. 7/19.REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

## Remains of:

Name: ARBEITER, T.A.Number: 1975387Rank: Cpl.Organization: 115th M.G. Co. C.Disinterment and Reburial made by Group G.R.S. Unit Area #3.Disinterred (Date) Nov. 7/19

From: (Give complete location)

Grave 16 Row A American Plot Vadencourt British Mil. Cem.Map reference 13 S.W. East 172.8 North 354.7Reburied (Date) Nov. 7/19

in: (Give complete location)

Grave 171 Row 7 Plot J BONY American Mil. Cem.Map reference 13 S.W. East 176.3 North 363.8

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

Body wrapped in Burlap. Condition Poor.Was one identification tag found upon the body? None.What other means of identification were found on the body? None.DATA TAKEN FROM CROSSCONFIRMED No. 0

## 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: E. Maire, Caretaker Bony. MACK FARR, Lt. Col. G.S.C.O. Group. Unit



Co. C, 115 MGBN

ARBITER, Theodore A., Cpl., 1975287

Murphysboro, Tenn.

(Home address)

- (a) Informant was an eye witness.
- (b) -----
- (c) Soldier died about eight hours after being wounded. Place of burial unknown
- (d) Informant knew Christian name and initials of soldier.
- (e) There was no other man by the same name and initials in this Company or Battalion.
- (f) Soldier was known to his intimate friends as "Ted."
- (g) -----
- (h) I believe the above statement to be accurate and reliable.

Informant: Rau, Wilmer D., Pvt. 1323118,

Co. C, 115 MGBN,

Home address: Castle Hayes, N. C.

Emergency address:  
Mrs. William Arbiter,  
Murphysboro, Tenn.

Victor A. Rudosill, Searcher,  
1st Lt. 115th MGBN

Feb. 1, 1919

ND

ARBITER, Theo R.  
Died at 47 C.C.S.

Cpl.

1975387

115th. Inf. M.G. Co. Oct. 18/18.

*over*



# CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB- HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Arbeiter	3	1 8 2
	Theodor A		
BURIED	CEMETERY 636	1	5
	GRAVE 8	2	08
	ROW 33	2	33
	BLOCK B	1	2
STATE	Ill	2	13
RANK	Cpl	1	2
DIVISION	30	2	30
ORGANIZATION	115	3	115
ARM	M G Bn	1	2
MARITAL	no	1	2
NAME		3	
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	
	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER	no loco no 3 M	1	
ELIGIBILITY	Dead (since 1930)	1	6
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	MB
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	
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AUDITED

SEP 19 1932



636 Washington  
5-21-30

Arbiter, Theodore

I ~~declined~~ - W.H. advises 4-3-30  
the invitation extended  
(Accept or decline)

me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of the  
Government of the United States under the provisions of  
the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Engel Arbiter  
(Name)

R#2 Memphisboro, Ill.  
(Town or City) (State)

Jackson Co.

# Signal Corps, United States Army

Received at

War Department Message Center,  
Room 3441, Munitions Building,  
Washington, D. C.

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RADIOGRAM

3-9313

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1929

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*JM*

RE YOUR NR NINE YDA MRS ENGELARBEITER RFD NUMBER TWO MURPHYSBORO ILLS  
SIGNED DEWITT QM GENERAL WESTERN UNION ADVISES UNDELD PARTY DIED MARCH  
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RADIOGRAM

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YOUR NUMBER NINE MRS ENGEL ARBEITER RFD NUMBER TWO MURPHYSBORO ILLS  
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Arbeiter - Leodore A.



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Night Letter

Washington, D. C., April 1, 1980.

MRS. RUFEL ARBEITER,  
R. F. D. #2,  
MURPHYSBORO, ILLINOIS.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL MAY TWENTY ONE NOT RECEIVED STOP

DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE THE ANSWER 121 GEM

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

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QM 293 A-C Arbeiter, Theodore A.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Arbeiter, Theodore A. 636-M

March 24, 1930

Mrs. Engel Arbeiter,  
R. F. D. #2,  
Murphysboro, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "Washington" on May 21, 1930.


In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you complete the card enclosed with the invitation signifying whether or not you accept the invitation and return the same to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before April 5, 1930, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

Should you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you advise this office to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

# WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

VALUABLE MAIL

*Declassified*

**RETURN TO WRITER**  
 REASON FOR NON-DELIVERY CHECKED  
 Unclaimed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Deceased \_\_\_\_\_  
 Moved \_\_\_\_\_  
 No such post office in state named \_\_\_\_\_  
 For better address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Unknown \_\_\_\_\_  
 Refused \_\_\_\_\_

WASHINGTON, D.C.  
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PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$3.00

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VALUABLE MAIL

RECEIVED  
 APR 7 1930  
 M. & N. O. H.

MURRAY  
 APR 5 1930  
 1230 PM

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

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

**Arbeiter, Theodore A. 636-M**

**March 21, 1930**

**Mrs. Engel Arbeiter,  
R.F.D. #2,  
Murphysboro, Illinois**

Dear Madam:

This letter, which contains general information regarding the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, is being sent to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during the calendar year 1930. The general plan for the conduct of the pilgrimage is shown in the Pilgrimage Regulations, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. In addition to the information shown in the regulations, the following explains in detail some of the most important things connected with the pilgrimage.

Formal invitations are being extended to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during 1930. In so far as practicable, these invitations are being extended with a view to keeping the women from each state together and the order in which the invitations to the women from the several states are issued is based on a drawing by lot which was held about one month ago. Inclosed with each invitation is a card for acknowledgment and it is quite important that you accept or decline this invitation promptly in order that the necessary railroad, steamship and hotel reservations may be arranged. The government will defray all the necessary expenses of the pilgrimage, including railroad fare, hotel accommodations, steamship fare and all other incidental expenses. It will not provide anything other than the necessary expenses so that you should bring with you such funds as you may desire to use for making small purchases and for other uses distinctly of a personal nature.

Arrangements have been made with the American Railroad Association which assures us the united support and cooperation of all of the railroads in the United States in handling the movement to and from New York City. The local ticket agent will secure your railroad and sleeper ticket and will make the necessary pullman reservations. Before your departure from your home we will mail you a check, sufficient to pay for your meals and other travelling expenses while enroute to New York. Your railroad ticket will provide for a round trip from your home to New York and upon arrival in New York the army officer in charge of the New York office will collect the return trip stub and hold it until your return to New York from Europe.

Upon arrival in New York, you will be met by an army officer

and escorted to a first class hotel where reservations have been made. The duration of your stay in New York will be from 24 to 48 hours. At the proper time, you will be escorted to the steamship upon which passage has been engaged for Europe. All of the women making this trip will be provided with cabin class accommodations aboard steamers which means that from two to four will be quartered in the same stateroom. If you have any friend that you would like to be quartered with we will endeavor to arrange it if you will communicate with this office.

The ocean voyage will last about 8 days and when the ship docks at Cherbourg, France, each party will be met by officers especially detailed for the purpose and taken in a special train to Paris where first class hotel accommodations have been reserved. The first day in Paris will be a day of rest. On the 2d day, the women of each party will place a wreath on the tomb of the French unknown soldier. In the afternoon there will be a reception in which the French war mothers, government officials, and prominent civilians will participate. The following morning the groups going to the different cemeteries will leave Paris, travelling in motor busses, and proceed to the cemeteries where they will remain for about 7 days. Twenty-five women will be assigned to each bus and an army officer will have charge of the bus. The itineraries to and from the cemeteries and the daily itineraries while at the cemeteries have been varied so as to take in points of historical interest as well as some parts of the battlefields where American troops were engaged. Upon return to Paris, each party will remain for about 5 days and during this time an opportunity will be given to see the points of historical interest in Paris and vicinity. The entire duration of your stay in Europe will be 14 days, and the itineraries have been so arranged that each day will be provided for. Except in case of illness or other unavoidable cause it will not be possible for any woman making the pilgrimage to remain in Europe for a longer period than 14 days nor to leave the party with which she is travelling unless she is prepared to pay all of her expenses after leaving the party since the Act of Congress authorizing the pilgrimage specifically states that the government shall not pay the expenses of any woman who willfully leaves her party.

Upon return to the United States each ship will be met in New York City by army officers who will escort the mothers and widows to the trains which will take them home. Before leaving New York each woman will be provided with her return railroad ticket, a sleeping car ticket and funds to cover the cost of meals and other travelling expenses.

Army officers are being used as guides and escorts throughout this entire movement and care has been taken to select officers who will see that proper care is taken of the women who are entrusted to their charge. Arrangements have been made for taking care of women who may be taken sick during the pilgrimage and also to care for the remains of any who may die and provision has been made for returning the remains of any who may die to their homes. It is essential that each woman making the pilgrimage furnish The Quartermaster General with an emergency address of some relative or friend to be notified in the event of an emergency. Medical care will be provided by civilian agencies. If such care is needed in New York City it will be furnished by the hotel physicians or



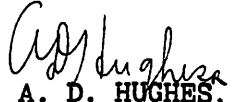
by local hospitals. Aboard ship, medical care will be provided by the ship's doctors and in Paris arrangements have been made with the American Hospital for the hospitalization and treatment of any women who may need it. In addition to this, six doctors of the regular army will be on duty throughout the pilgrimage.

Baggage will be limited to not to exceed two pieces of hand baggage and the articles taken should be such as will be required for a trip of about one month. Laundry service can be obtained in New York and Paris. Since the climate of Europe is much colder than that of the United States, each woman should provide herself with sufficient warm clothing to stand the motor bus trip and the visit to the cemeteries.

Since it is necessary for this office to make all reservations for your accommodations throughout this pilgrimage, it will be greatly appreciated if you will make prompt reply to any communications received from this office.

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.  
Regulation.

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

*Deceased*

RETURN TO WRITER  
REASON FOR NON-DELIVERY CHECKED  
Unclaimed ☒   
Deceased ☐   
Moved ☐   
Left no address ☐   
No such post office in state named ☐   
Unknown address ☐   
For better address ☐   
Refused ☐



PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID  
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE



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I ~~Decline~~ <sup>deep</sup> ~~will regret~~ the invitation extended  
(Accept or decline)

me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of the  
Government of the United States under the provisions of  
the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

----- Mrs. Viania O'Dell -----

(Name)

----- Rt. #2, Richfield Springs, Otsego Co., N. Y. -----

(Town or City)

(State)



WAR DEPARTMENT.  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Arbeiter, Theodore A.  
636

August 27, 1929.

Mrs. Engel Arbeiter,  
RFD #2,  
Murfheysboro, Ill.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 15, 1929, making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

*No*

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

*Mother*  
*Mrs Engel Arbeiter*

*R.F.D. #2*

*Murfheysboro, Ill*

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

*Yes- Mother*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Arbeiter, Theodore A.

May 15 1929.

Mrs. Engel Arbeiter,  
RFD #2,  
Murphysboro, Ill.

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 Corporal Theodore A. Arbeiter, Company C, 116th Machine Gun Battalion, whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, Aiano, France.

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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since 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.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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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

Arbeiter, Theodore A. 536-M

March 24, 1930

Mrs. Engel Arbeiter,  
R. F. D. #2,  
Murphyboro, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

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Since it is necessary for this office to make all reservations for your accommodations throughout this pilgrimage, it will be greatly appreciated if you will make prompt reply to any communications received from this office.

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.  
Regulation.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7 1929.

Arbeiter, Theodore A 636 -M

Mrs. Engel Arbeiter,  
R. F. D. #2,  
Murphysboro, Ill.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress not later than December 15, 1929. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

In order that the report referred to may be made and plans completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested that you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office by return mail in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the mili- tary or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	(No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age (Years)	Health (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No)	Other language (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

**Arbeiter, Theodore A.**  
**636**

**August 27, 1929.**

**Mrs. Engel Arbeiter,**  
**RFD #2,**  
**Murphysboro, Ill.**

**Dear Madam:**

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 15, 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,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO ~~QM 293~~-A-C

Arbeiter, Theodore A.

May 15 1929.

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RFD #2,  
Murfreesboro, Ill.

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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 Corporal Theodore A. Arbeiter, Company C, 115th Machine Gun Battalion, whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incs.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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



Place Bony (Aisne) France.

## REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date 1/13/21.1. REMAINS OF THEODORE A. ARBEITER SERIAL NUMBER 1975387RANK Cpl. ORGANIZATION Co. C 115 M.G.Bn.

2. Disinterred (date): From (give complete location):

1/13/21. Grave 171, Row 7, Plot J, American cemetery 636. Bony (Aisne) France.By: Group 5 Section 4

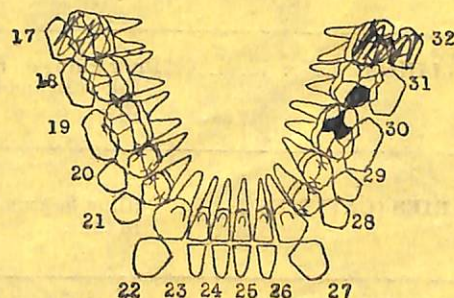
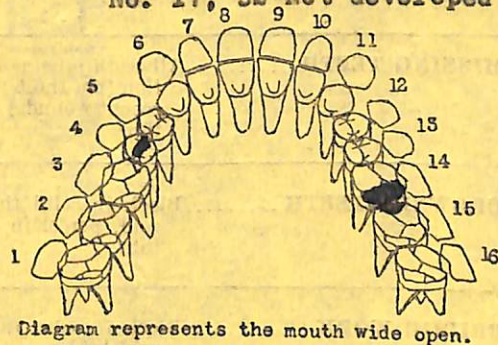
3. Reburied (date): In (give complete location):

1/13/21/ Grave 171, Row 7, Plot J, American cemetery 636. Bony (Aisne) France.By: Group 5 Section 4 Nature of reburial In blanket, wooden box, with bottle, strip and data.

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

In burlap <sup>no</sup> and uniform. Body badly decomposed, recognition impossible.5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? No. On grave marker? No.

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

No effects found.6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items? Nos. 4, 14, 15, 30, 31(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) Both feet missing.(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Both feet missing.7. Disinterment supervised by W.C. RAPINEApproved: V.L. ROBINSON(Title) 2nd Lt. Q.M.C.8. Reburial supervised by W.C. RAPINEApproved: V.L. ROBINSON(Title) 2nd Lt. Q.M.C.








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

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

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

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

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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.



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE March 24, 1928

## REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

## DISINTERMENT

## COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name ARBEITER, Theodore A.

10. Name

2. No. 1975387

11. No.

3. Rank Corpl.

12. Rank

4. Org. Co. C, 115th M.G.Bn.

13. Org.

5. D.D. Oct. 18, 1918

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. DOW

(b) D.B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 15 Sec.

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot Block B Row 34

16. Plot Row

9.

17.

18. Cemetery Somme19. Commune or town Bony20. Dept. or County Aisne21. Country France22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. #63623. Disinterred (Date) March 24, 1928By L. Gordon

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name ARBEITER, Theodore A.Serial No. 1975387Rank Corpl.Organization Co. C, 115th M.G.Bn.

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

Signature Junior Technical Assistant

## PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).

27. Condition of body

28. Nature of burial Pine box and burlap

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date March 24, 1928 By L. Gordon31. Casket sealed by L. Gordon

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

L. GORDON

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

32. Designation of body:

Name ARBEITER, Theodore A. Serial No. 1975387

Rank Corpl. Organization Co. C, 115th M.G.Bn.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Somme, Bony, Aisne

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) March 24, 1928 By J.J. DILLON

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 \_\_\_\_\_

J.J. DILLON

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

*J.J. Dillon*

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

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 \_\_\_\_\_

(Name)

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

41. Reinterred March 24, 1928 Somme American Cty.

(Date)

42. Grave No. 8 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot Block B Row 33

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

*J.F.V. Brady*  
J.F.V. BRADY  
Superintendent.



Place Somme Cty. 636

## REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date March 24, 19281. REMAINS OF ARBEITER, Theodore A. SERIAL NUMBER 1,975,387RANK Cpl.

ORGANIZATION

Co. C. 115th M.G. Bn.2. Disinterred (date) : March 24, 1928

From (give complete location) :

Grave 15, Block B, Row 34By : Group Cty.

Unit

3. Reburied (date) : March 24, 1928

In (give complete location) :

Grave 8, Block B, Row 33By : Group Cty.

Unit

Nature of reburial Metalic casket

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

Pine box and burlap5. (a) Identification tags : Buried with body ? On grave marker ?

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

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

(a) Height (actual measurement)

(b) Weight (estimated)

(c) Hair—Color

Quantity

Characteristics

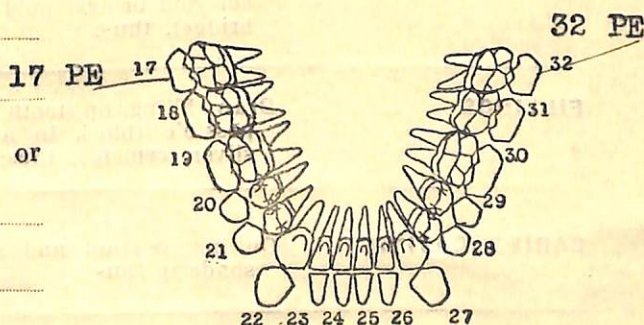
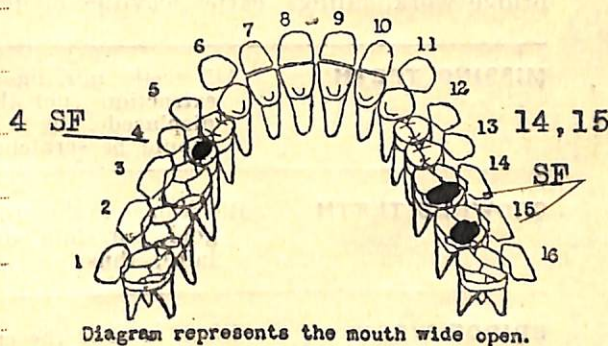
(d) Hair on face—Color

Location

Quantity

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

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

7. Disinterment supervised by L. Gordon

Approved :

(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by J. J. Miller

Approved :

(Title)



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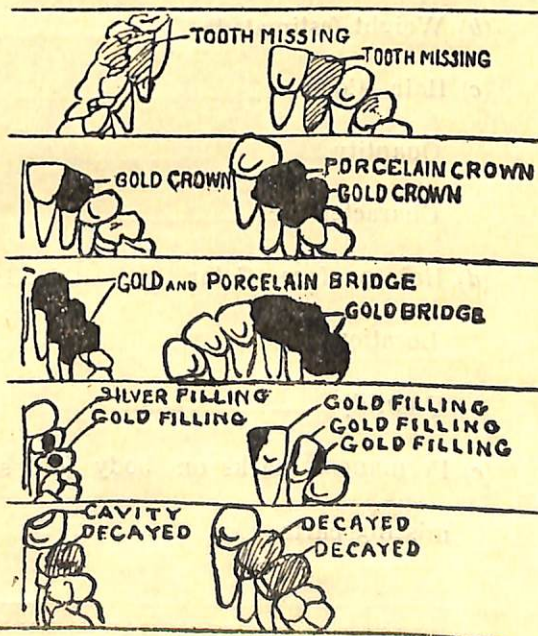
**CROWNED TEETH** Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:

**BRIDGE WORK** Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus:

**FILLINGS** Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:

**CARIES (CAVITIES)** Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:

**DENTURES (PLATES)** Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp".



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

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



Arbeiter,

Theodore A

1 975,387 ✓

(Surname)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Cpl

Co C 115 M. G. Bn.

(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)

Engel Arbeiter

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

3-6713

Mr. William Arbiter  
Murphysboro, Ill.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-C

✓ ARBEITER, Theodore A. - Corp1.

May 18, 1926

Mr. William Arbeiter,  
Murphysboro,  
Ill.

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 overseas military cemetery is to be maintained by the United States for all time. The graves will be permanently marked by white headstones inscribed with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves, as soon as possible, and without necessity for special action or request on the part of relatives.

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

Very truly yours,

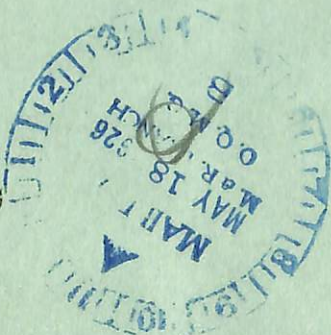
F.H. POPE,  
Colonel, Q.M.C.,  
Assistant.

✓ 1 Incl.  
Record card.

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25/560/EYS





# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA File # 43499

## I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name ARBEITER, Theodore A. Ser. No. 1975387  
 (b) Rank Cpl. Organization Co. C. 115th M.G. Bn.  
 (c) Date of death 10-18-18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA

TYP. LS  
 CKR. g.m.c.

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

(a) Grave No. 171 Row 7 Plot J Sec. ---- TYP. ZK  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mr. William Arbeiter (Father) Murphysboro, Ill.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases ---- CKR. LS

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

Date of receipt -----

(a) Name Wm Arbeiter (b) Relationship Father  
 (c) Address Murphysboro Ill. (Reverse card)  
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No  
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at -----

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. -----

(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. -----

Examiner's Initials MM Date 9-1-, 1920.

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

-----, dated -----

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

No correspondence

Examiner's Initials MM Date 9-1-, 1920.

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes H. St

Examiner's Initials H St Date 9-1-, 1920.

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 636 SHEET No. 38



VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made 9/2, 1920.

Typed by PS, Checked by, 9/2, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on, 1920  
letter on 9/4, 1920

Par. #2 Not to be returned. (med.)

IX.

CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE.

ACTION TAKEN.

Desires body be

Body to be shipped to

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

Letter 11/5/20 to William Arbeiter  
Murphysboro Ill. re widow & children  
also disposition

3/19/21 WREA Mrs. Engel Arbeiter (mother) Murphysboro, Ill. RFD#2. H-3-31-21 BF

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

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 (c) Date of death 10-18-18 Cause of death DWRIA

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

V.H.

*met*

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III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases NO CARD CKR L.S.

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

*A.G.O. Card: Wm Arbeiter (father) Murphysboro, Ill. requests body not to be returned to U.S. Ees. 9/28/20*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 192)  
 (letter of transmittal on 9/2 192)

Par. #2, Not to be returned.

SEP 28 1920

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

COUNTRY France  
 G.R.S. FORM 115-A  
 August 1920

CEMETERY NO.

636

SHEET NO.

38

S-666/NB

RETURN TO OSP-SS



C- 115802

Please  
rushOFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERY DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION

HOLMETH, N.J.

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

Arbeiter, Theodore A.

636-38

2/19/21

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

Date of Death

1975387

Co. C., 115th M.G.Bn.

10-18-18

Copy forwarded to  
Adjustment Department  
Date 3/19/21

## WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE March 17, 1921.

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Mrs. Engel Arbeiter,

Mother

Address

Murphysboro, Ills. RFD #2.

Cor. Sec.

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*in card*

*Q M*

File 293.8 Cem. Div. Cor. Branch,  
(Arbeiter, Theodore A.)

November 15, 1920.

Mr. William Arbeiter,  
Murphysboro, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

It is requested that you please inform this office if the late Corporal Theodore A. Arbeiter, Serial #1975387, Co. C, 115th M. G. Bn., is survived by a widow and children, and if so, kindly furnish name and address of each.

The above information is necessary due to the fact that instructions for the disposition of remains will be issued by this office only upon properly executed authority of the legal next of kin; and in this case, if the soldier is married, the widow (and if she has remarried, the children of the late soldier) would be the legal next of kin.

If the deceased is not survived by any of the above mentioned persons, it is requested that you inform this office definitely if you wish the body of the late soldier left in France for burial in an American National Cemetery, or returned to the United States and shipped to you, or interred in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Va.

An early reply from you, using the enclosed envelope which requires no postage, will be appreciated.

*Inspected until Dec 5*

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,  
Officer in Charge.

By:

CLY S. MORICK,  
Captain, A. G. D.

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*shipped until Dec. 5*

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,  
Officer in Charge.

By: *DW*  
CLAY S. WORICK,  
Captain, A. G. D.

*Nov 16 1920*

FF/rw

SEP 7 1920

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WAR DEPARTMENT

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

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C.

To: ~~Mr. Wm. Arbeiter, Murphysboro, Ill.~~

SUBJECT: Remains of ~~Cpl. Theodore A. Arbeiter, Ser. No. 1975387, Co. C, 115th M.G. Bn.~~

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

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Major, U. S. A.

If all blank spaces below are not filled out, it will necessitate a return of this paper and a SERIOUS DELAY in the shipment of this body. State in each case WHETHER these relatives are STILL LIVING.

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)			
1.			
2.			
3.			
Father			
Mother			
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)			
1.			
2.			
3.			
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)			
1.			
2.			
3.			

Date

Signature

Address

Relationship

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



\_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

I, the undersigned, am the \_\_\_\_\_ and nearest living relative of the within-named  
(Relationship.)  
soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:  
(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(R. R. station.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(State.)

3. To be returned to the U. S. and buried in \_\_\_\_\_ National Cemetery.

4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instruction as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.

2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.

3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT of kin IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.

4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.

5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.

6. If YOU are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.

7. If YOU are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.

8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.

9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

3-2/10/21

WAR DEPARTMENT  
Cemeterial Division, Graves Registration Service,  
Pier 2, Room 350, Hoboken N.J.

January 21, 1921

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div. Cor. Br.  
(ARBEITER, Theodore A.)

Mr. William Arbeiter,  
Murphysboro, Illinois.

Dear Sir:-

The Department desires assurance that no relative of your late son Theodore A. Arbeiter, Serial No. 1975387, Corporal, Co. C. 115th. M.G. Bn. properly entitled to a voice in the disposition of his remains, is denied an opportunity of expressing his wishes and it is therefore requested that you inform this office whether or not the late soldier is survived by a widow or children and if so, furnish the name and address of each.

If the late soldier is not so survived, kindly express your wishes as to disposition of the remains, stating whether you desire the body left in France in a permanent American Cemetery, returned to the United States and shipped to you, or interred in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia.

Mailed 50 P.M.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

31 JAN 24 1921

R.E. SHANNON,  
Captain Quartermaster Corps,  
OFFICER IN CHARGE.

By-

J.F. BUTLER,  
1st. Lieut. Inf.

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Regt. or Corps

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K.I.A.

Date of Death

Cause, if known

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Date of Burial

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9. Name Peg? ..... Cross? <sup>X</sup> ..... Headboard? ..... Bottle? .....  
Check Method of Marking10. Buried with Body? ..... Attached to Grave Marker? .....  
Identification Tags

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

12. Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

13. Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed

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

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