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FULL NAME... *ARMSTRONG, James P.* ✓ *JAN 15 1926*

RANK... *Private* ✓ *1st div.* SERIAL... *1680021* ✓

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION... *17th. Div.* ✓ *Company A, 308th Infantry* ✓

DATE OF DEATH... *Aug. 22 '18* ✓

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME... *New York* ✓

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED... *None* ✓

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION.....	15	22	C
Date	Grave	Row	Block
	608		
.....			
Cemetery			

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JAN 16 1926
WORLD WAR DIV.

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Armstrong 1650024 James P.
.....
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt. Co A 308 Inf.
.....
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL... *Sept 14/15.*

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

Fishers Map - 1/20000
202.5 286.6.

GRAVE NUMBER.....

**Co. "A" 308th. Inf.
77th. Division**

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

**Pl. Cl. 1680021
N.Y.,**

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

1918 while in an

Was one buried with body?..... *yes*
Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker?..... *yes*
If name unknown and tags missing, description and marks should be given here:

**the 24th. of August
in the neck.**

**Prpl. 1707589
th. Infantry.
ion.
L.I., N.Y.**

**Next of Kin:
John Armstrong
Charlotte Sta.,**

REPORTED BY:
J. J. Halpin - Chaplain 308 Inf.
.....
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Co. "A" 308th. Infantry.
77th. Division.

ARMSTRONG, James P., Pvt. 1st. Cl. 1680021
HOME: GREECE, N.Y.,

On the Vesle River near Fismes on the 24th. of August
1928 while in an attack was shot by machine gun bullet in the neck.
Died shortly after.

MEMORANDUM: HORN, Carl F., Corpl. 1707589
Co. "A" 308th. Infantry.
77th. Division.
HOME: NORTHPORT, L.I., N.Y.

SEARCHER: Sgt. Henry J. Kmana

Next of Kin:
John Armstrong
Charlotte Sta., N.Y.,

/MJM/

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	ARM	3	193
BURIED	CEMETERY 608	1	2
	GRAVE 15	2	15
	ROW 22	2	22
	BLOCK C	1	3
STATE	N. Y.	2	37
RANK	PT 1/c	1	2
DIVISION	77	2	77
ORGANIZATION	308	3	308
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARTIAL	brother no	1	2
NAME	Armstrong, John	3	
RESIDENCE	Littleton N. Y. 10	2	
	Charlotte N. Y.	2	
RELATION	Mother	3	
OTHER		1	1
ELIGIBILITY	Head	1	6
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

AUDITED
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Armstrong, James P. - 608 B

July 3, 1930

Mr. John Armstrong
Little Pond Rd. R. F. D.
Charlotte, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

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

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

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

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

If so, give her name and address:

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

If so, give her name and address:

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:
Envelope
Act
Amendment

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

July 1 1929

James P Armstrong
mother died when he were a Boy
and he all ways made his home
with one John Armstrong
and lived with one the time
he went to war he never had a
step mother are no other kind of
a mother his Father is singel now
and owns a Farm in Garland
near yark and is living on it
with Henry Armstrong he has
lived with him since his wife
did Mr John Armstrong

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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Charlotte, N.Y.

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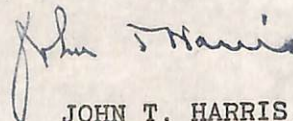
Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother or widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish the full names and addresses of the mother and widow in order that action may be taken to extend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

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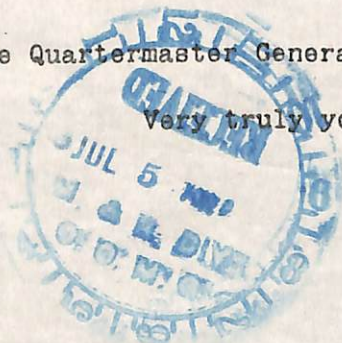
Very truly yours,



JOHN T. HARRIS,

Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.



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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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1929 JUN 20 PM 5
JOHN F. HARRIS,
Major, U. S. Army,
Assistant

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Act of Congress.
Envelope.

~~Armstrong, Patrick~~ James P. 1,680,021

(Surname.) (Christian name in full.) (Army serial number.)

Pvt. Co. A, 308 Inf. ~~B. H. J.~~

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased. brother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? Yes

(Yes or no.)

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

(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:

John Armstrong American

(Name of person to receive remains.) (Express office.) (Telegraph office.)

York of Greece N.Y.

(Number and street.) (City or town.) (State.)

(Sign here) John Armstrong

R. F. J. Charlotte N.Y.

(Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

City-617- File 16655
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card found in respect
of files

City 617 sheet 39

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QM 293 A-C

ARMSTRONG, James P. - Pvt.

September 29, 1924

Mr. John Armstrong,
Charlotte Station,
N.Y.

Dear Sir:

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

R.P. HARBOID,
Major, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

1-Incl.
Record card.

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RDK



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Jan. 18, 1922

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

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 Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

1. Name ARMSTRONG, James P.
 2. No. 1680021
 3. Rank Pvt.
 4. Org. Co. A. 308th Inf.
 5. D.D. Aug. 22nd 1918
 6. C.D. KIA

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

10. Name _____
 11. No. _____
 12. Rank _____
 13. Org. _____
 14. (a) D.D. _____
 (b) D.B. _____

7. Grave No. 93 Sec. A
 8. Plot 2 Row _____
 9. _____

18. Cemetery Amer.
 20. Dept. or County Marne
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 617

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 17. No discp

19. Commune or town Fismes
 21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) 1-18-22

By W.C. Rapine

24. Inscription on grave marker:
 Name James P. Armstrong
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. 1680021
 Organization Co. A. 308th Inf.

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

R. H. Saylor
 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).
Body tag corroded, illegible No evidence found on body to disprove identity.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed features unrecognizable

28. Nature of burial Five feet of earth and uniform.

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date 1-18-22 By W.C. Rapine

31. Casket sealed by _____

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

W.C. Rapine
W.C. Rapine

AUDITED BY
202 5 24 22

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-22932

32. Designation of body:

Name James P. ARMSTRONG Serial No. 1680021

Rank Pvt. Organization Co.A. 308th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne Amer.#608, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) 1-18-22 By W.C. Rapine

35. I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector *O. E. Davis*
O. E. Davis, 1st Lt. & M.C.

36. Remarks _____

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 Oise Aisne, Am. Cty 608 Seringes et Nesles, Aisne. (Name)

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer *O. E. Davis*
O. E. Davis, 1st Lt. & M.C.

40. Received: Date JAN 19 1922

G.R.S. Representative *R. M. Woods*

41. Reinterred, Aug. 28, 1922, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes et Nesles (Aisne) (Date)

42. Grave No. 15 Section -----

43. Pro-BLOCK C Row 22

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

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #16655

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name ARMSTRONG, James P. Ser. No. 1680021 TYP. DMA
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. A, 308th Infantry CKR. JS
 (c) Date of death 8/22/18 (d) Cause of death K/A

O.K. - (7-7-21) W.

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

(a) Grave No. 93 Row --- Plot 2 Sec. A TYP. DMA
 (b) Emerg. Address Mr. John Armstrong (brother) Charlotte Station RFD, Rochester, N. Y.

O.K. - a.s.o. - (7-7-21) W.

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

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

could found in records of files

Date of receipt none
 (a) Name John Armstrong (b) Relationship Brother
 (c) Address R.F.D., Charlotte, N.Y.
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? yes
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at yes
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. John Armstrong, "Long Greece" N.Y.
Amer. Exp

O.K. card in file 11-30-20 mks

Examiner's Initials MEH Date 6/29/21, 1920.

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

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

no con

Examiner's Initials Smad Date 11-30, 1920.

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

no request for disposition.

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes - also
 Examiner's Initials als Date 12-1, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 617 SHEET No. 39

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED CARDED

44-18-21

RECEIVED BY
MAIL UNIT

JUN 24 1921

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 11 made _____, 1920.

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Cemeterial Division
Overseas Project Sub-Station

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 1920
letter on 12/27²², 1920

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

IX.

CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE.	ACTION TAKEN.
Desires body be _____	
Body to be shipped to _____	

(oldest)

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: 2/16/21-F-120 John Armstrong, (brother), gives Gorge Armstrong, (father) as next of kin and requests body returned to the U.S. and interred in the Riverside Nat. Cem. at Rochester, N.Y.-H-2/26/21-rmj.

5/8/21 letter father (N.K.) Geo. A. Armstrong, 35-4 Mortimer St., Buffalo, N.Y. requests Body Remain in France. #. 5-11-21-VII.

5-14-21 - Letter from brother, John Armstrong, Charlotte Station, Rochester, N.Y. - advises ~~brother~~ always made his home with him - and insists that body be returned - That was soldiers wish - (#-5-27-21-88).

8/8/21 - Ins. advises father that instructions have been issued that body remain in France.

8/8/21 - Ins. advises brother that it is necessary to comply with wish of legal N.K. - States if ~~the~~ cancellation of instructions is desired it will be necessary for father to make request - #D 8/12/21

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Jan. 18th, 1922

1. REMAINS OF ARMSTRONG, James P. SERIAL NUMBER 1680021
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. A. 308th Inf.

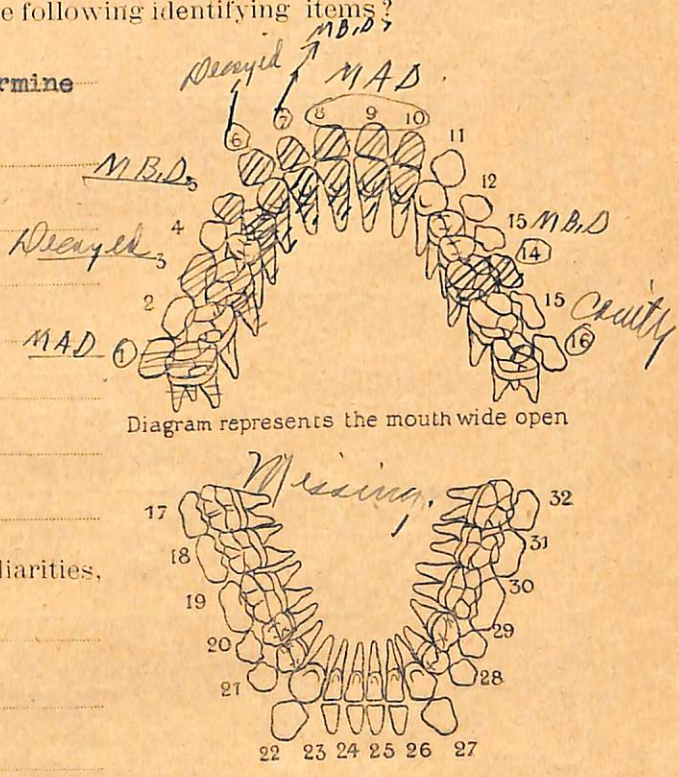
2. Disinterred (date): Jan. 18th, 1922 From (give complete location): Gr. 93, Sec. A, Plot 2, Cem. 617
By: Group 5 Unit Sec. 7

3. Reburied (date): Aug. 28, 1922 In (give complete location): Gr. 15, Block C, Row 22, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes et Nesles (Aisne)
By: Group re-burial group Unit ----- Nature of reburial Lined casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: orp.
Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable. Uniform and pipe ~~box~~ 5' of earth.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? Yes (corroded)
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
Body tag corroded, illegible. No evidence found on body to disprove identity.

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



R. W. Saylor, checker.

7. Disinterment supervised by W.C. Rapine
W. C. Rapine, Sup. Emb.

Approved: O. E. Davis
O. E. Davis, 1st Lt., QMC.

8. Reburial supervised by L.D. Hays
L. D. Hays

Approved: W.D. Cleary
W. D. Cleary
(Title) Lt., Chaplain, USA.

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), bicuspid (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.

MISSING TEETH All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or dislocated by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :



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.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #16655

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name ARMSTRONG, James P. Ser. No. 1680021
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. A, 308th Infantry
 (c) Date of death 8/22/18 Cause of death K/A

DMA
TYP *[Signature]*

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

(a) Grave No. 93 Row 2 Plot 2 Sect. A TYP DMA
 (b) Emerg. Address Mr. John Armstrong (brother) Charlotte Station RFD, Rochester, N. Y.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases. CKR *[Signature]*

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

Also Card - No card in file.
Graves Files Corres - No request for disposition. 4/8/21 - P.

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 1/22/1920)
 (Letter of transmittal on 1/22/1920)

Par. # 2 Not to be returned (P)

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. JAN 18 1921 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken
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VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. 6-24 192

16655

2. Soldier's No. 1680021

3. **ARMSTRONG** J.

Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials

4. **Pvt** **A** **308 Inf**

Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. **Killed in action.**

Date of Death Cause, if known

6. **Reburied in Battlefield Cemetery #18**

Date of Burial Cemetery

7. **Near Fismes, France**

Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. **#301** **Row L**

Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

9. Name Peg? Cross? Headboard? Bottle?

Check Method of Marking

10. Buried with Body? **Yes** Attached to Grave Marker? **Yes**

Identification Tags

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

REVIEWED
OSP SS.

12. **Map #34 Reims S.W.**

Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

286.25 N 205.75 E.

13.

Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed **Oscar W. Forsberg**

1st Lieut Inf U.S. Com'd'g.

Group **I** Unit **304** G. R. S.

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Armstrong *1680024* *J.*
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt *Co A* *388th Inf*
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *Sept 14 / 18*

PLACE OF BURIAL *R.R. near Chateau du Saule*

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

French Map - 1/20000

E 202.5 - N 256.6 - C. 139

Perles (Aisne)

GRAVE NUMBER *33 N.E.*

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? *yes*

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

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

REVIEWED
OSP 83.

29 SEP 1918

REPORTED BY:

J. J. Halligan Chaplain 505th
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

J. L. H.

September 16, 1922.

293.8 C-R #16655 (Armstrong, James P., Pvt.)

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Mr. Edward R. Foreman, Office of the City Historian, Museum Bldg.,
Exposition Park, Rochester, N.Y.

Grave Location.

1. In reply to your letter of September 7, 1922, you are advised that the remains of the late Private James P. Armstrong, Company A, 308th Infantry, are now interred in Grave #93, Section A, Plot 2, American Cemetery at Fismes, Department of Marne. However, according to present plans of concentration, these remains will be removed to the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery at Seringes-et-Nesles, Department of Aisne, where the grave will be perpetually cared for by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our hero dead. When this action has been accomplished and a report of same submitted to this office, the relatives will be advised of the final grave location of this late soldier.

For the Quartermaster General:

E. E. DAVIS,
Executive Assistant, G.R.S.

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HAVE HONOR
YOU WHO READ
FOR THE SONS OF ROCHESTER
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Graves Registration Service,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Where in France is buried James P.
Armstrong, Private first-class; Company A.;
308th Infantry; 77th Division?

This information is desired for the
World War Service Record of Rochester, and upon
request of the members of the family.

Yours truly,

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The Official History

☪ Rochester will write its own war history. The material furnished by the people is being compiled under authority of the municipal government by the Board of Trustees of Public Library, and will be the only official record.

Considered in the mass the contribution of Rochester to the winning of the war was glorious. It should be blazoned upon the printed page.

Objective

☪ We seek the complete story of all Rochester Soldiers, Sailors and Marines who entered the United States service from Rochester, or who served with the military forces of the Allies, or entered such service in localities other than Rochester; also an account of the accomplishments of all civic organizations and their leaders in war enterprises, including the munition production record of the industries. Such parts of the record as are available for the purpose will be published. Material not suitable for publication will be preserved permanently and exhibited in the Municipal Museum.

Spiritual Values

☪ The World War Service Record of Rochester is not compiled merely to preserve history. It will *make* history because in great emergencies men are moved by example. We need but say to the brave past: "Rise and walk before us that we may realize you."

When our liberties were in real peril the sons of Rochester breasted the danger. In their consummate courage, and in the loyal cooperation which united the home folk, the soul of Rochester found highest expression.

Our great city may well memorialize these brave men and women by every expression of honor and by every tribute of love. "It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this."

Their deeds are our memories and our hopes.

Your Respon- sibility

☪ Just as the responsibility for the winning of the war was personal, so is the attempt to make an adequate record. The whole-hearted help of every man, woman and child in the city of Rochester is needed as it was in war time. Send in your war record, with photograph taken in uniform. Address the City Historian, Museum Building, Exposition Park, Rochester, N.Y. Telephone, Main 6213. Put your man on the Honor Roll. *A card missing is a man missing.*

Card Dep. 16655

G.R.S. Form No. 8; Central Records Liaison.
Memo For: G.R.S. representative, C.R.O.
SUBJECT: Information required for G.R.S.

1. Items checked are to be completed:

- () Surname: Armstrong
() Number: 1680021
() First name: James P.
() Rank: Pvt.
() Company: A
() Organization: 308th., Infantry
() Date of death:
() Cause:
() Place:

Location of hospital:

- Number " "
Class " "
() Relative: Mr. John Armstrong,
() Relationship: Brother.
() Address: Charlotte Station, R.F.D.
Rochester, N.Y.
() Authority:
Cablegram No:
Telegram from:

dated:

- () Reported to Washington:
C.C. Nos:
(UnderSCORE the "official" C.C.)
() Remarks:
() Show present status on reverse side.

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

Initials of Reporter:

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WAR DEPARTMENT

Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

File No. 16655

G.R.S. Form 3-W-A-0

Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 6/29/21.

File No. 16655. Registration.

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

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

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

a. Surname Armstrong

f. Date of death 8-22-18.

b. Christian name James P. Patrick James.

g. Cause of death K-A.

c. Serial Number 1680021.

h. Authority (C.O.#) 251

d. Organization Co. A, 308th Inf.

i. Emergency address John Armstrong

e. Rank Pvt.

j. Relationship brother Rochester, N.Y.

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

a. Age of enlistment

b. Color of eyes

c. Color of hair

d. Height

e. Weight

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

DENTAL CHARTS

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

a. Strike out teeth missing

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

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

FILE

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

Donnelly
Eds

BY:

H. J. CONNER,
1st Lieut. Q.M.C.

H. J. Conner

suspend.
CEMETERY NO: 617.

SHEET NO: 39.
TYPED BY: rln.

S-713/MB

Rec'd 3 & 3 Div. AGO

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ACT FROM TROOP

*noted on 7.11.21
7-17-21 - W.*

Address reply to
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
Washington, D. C.

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY.

WASHINGTON.

August 8, 1921.

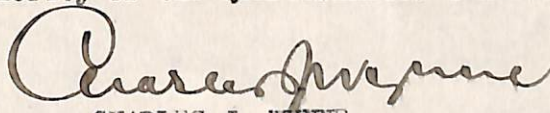
In Answer Refer to File No.

No: 293.8-Cem. File #16655 (Armstrong, James P., Pvt.)
From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Cemeterial Division)
To: Mr. George A. Armstrong, 354 Mortimer St., Buffalo, N.Y.

Subject: Permanent Burial in France.

1. In reply to your letter of recent date addressed to our branch office at Hoboken, New Jersey, and referred to this office for reply, you are advised that instructions have been issued that the body of the late Private James P. Armstrong, Company A, 308th Infantry, be permanently interred in France.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:


CHARLES J. WYNNE,
Captain, Q. M. C.

CEMETERIAL DIVISION BULLETIN NO. 10-G-W.

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, which is the official organization of the War Department charged with the acquisition, maintenance, construction, registration, 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 is now in Washington, D. C., where all data necessary for the final disposition of the remains of soldiers of the American Expeditionary Forces are prepared. Burial reports of all descriptions are completed and recorded, and inquiries of nearest relatives and friends of deceased members of the American Expeditionary Forces are answered. This division is not prepared to give information on other subjects than the above. (See par. 13.)

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. Entire cemeteries, which in the stress of battle and other emergency had been poorly located, were removed, isolated graves opened, and the bodies reinterred in concentration cemeteries.

3. Change of address on the part of relatives has caused the 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. Advice as to the change of address must be forwarded to this office if the records are to be kept up to date. If notification has not been received, this office will be glad to be advised.

4. The return of bodies from all countries in Europe is being accomplished as promptly as conditions and the reverent handling of our dead will permit. It is difficult to forecast a date when removals may be completed, inasmuch as this work is dependent upon circumstances which can not always be controlled, but it is being prosecuted as vigorously as possible.

Prior to operations in the particular cemetery in which the remains of their kin are interred, this office will mail to relatives "Shipping Inquiries" which give such directions for shipment as have been recorded here, and request verification thereof together with necessary information concerning the legal next of kin, with whom alone this office must deal.

The legal next of kin is notified from the Hoboken office of this service as soon as possible after receipt of information from Europe that the remains have been shipped. He is again notified by telegram from Hoboken upon arrival of the remains at that port, giving date of their further shipment inland.

The bodies which still remain in Russia can not 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 will be considered.

It is the policy to deliver the remains of American officers and enlisted men buried overseas to their bona fide homes in foreign countries, when such a course is practicable and the request therefor has been made by the next of kin.

The transfer of a body to a foreign country is subject to the sanitary laws and health regulations of both the country of present interment and that to which removal is requested, as well, also, of any intervening country through which the remains must be transported. Should any of these countries prevent the transfer desired, the body will be retained in the custody of the American Government in such cemetery as will best insure its preservation.

5. 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. Should there be 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 may claim and be accorded the right to direct disposition. The legal guardian of the children of a deceased soldier may, however, also direct disposition and such request will have priority next after the widow of the soldier. The former widow after remarriage, therefore, may still direct disposition of the remains of her former husband if she has custody of the minor children of the deceased in her capacity as their natural guardian.

Requests of individuals to return to the United States the remains of their soldier dead under their own direction can not 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 this 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 area in which it is located. When, however, a body can not be left undisturbed, and 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 permanent American cemeteries without attempting to form special groups, based upon consideration of rank, religion, or organization.

6. The nearest of kin, or an authorized agent may, upon presentation of proper credentials to the office of the Graves Registration Service, at Hoboken, N. J., assume the custody of the remains of a deceased member of the American Expeditionary Forces upon arrival of the remains at that port. When the remains are turned over to the nearest of kin the latter must take absolute possession and entire charge of the body and the responsibility of the United States Government thereupon ceases. The War Department representatives at Hoboken will issue Government transportation for the body and for the nearest relative or the accredited representative who accompanies the body to the home. It must be clearly understood, however, that the expenses of the journey of relatives *from their homes to Hoboken* for the purpose of meeting the remains of their soldier dead must be borne by themselves, as there are no appropriations available for this purpose. If the nearest relatives do not take charge of remains at Hoboken and accompany them to the homes, specially selected soldiers will be detailed to

act as military escorts and these soldiers will proceed with the remains from Hoboken to the places designated by the legal next of kin for delivery.

7. All expenses of the shipment of remains to the railroad station nearest the place designated for burial by the legal next of kin will be borne by the War Department. Expenses incident to and of the actual burial of the body will be reimbursed up to the amount of \$100 upon application direct to the Chief, Bureau of War Risk Insurance, Washington, D. C., supported by an itemized statement of expenses or receipted bills. This will include any proper expense ordinarily incident to the handling of the body from the railroad station as well as the funeral charges and actual burial; not to exceed the \$100 mentioned above. The legal next of kin should communicate with the Chief, Bureau of War Risk Insurance, Washington, D. C., for further information on this matter.

8. Firing squads for funerals of deceased soldiers.—The commanding officer of any post, camp arsenal, depot, or other station, will furnish a firing squad of not to exceed eight (8) men to attend the funeral of a person who has died in the military service, and whose remains have been turned over to the relatives or friends for interment, when request is made by the relatives or friends of the deceased, and provided that such a firing squad can be furnished without interfering with the duties of the men composing it, and without expense to private individuals, or to the Government except in the use of available transportation. The authorization of such details will not be permitted to make necessary any increase in the personnel at any station.

9. Permanent American cemeteries will be maintained 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 the bodies have been transferred to such local cemeteries by the Graves Registration Service.

Four permanent American Cemeteries have been located in France: Suresnes American Cemetery, Department of the Seine, on the outskirts of Paris; the Argonne American Cemetery, at Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse; Belleau Wood American Cemetery, Department of the Aisne (near Chateau Thierry); and Flanders Field American Cemetery, at Bony, Department of the Aisne. Arrangements are being made for a similar cemetery in the vicinity of London for such bodies as relatives have designated for permanent burial in England. It is the policy to concentrate upon these few permanent places the best care of our Government.

Concentration of bodies into permanent cemeteries in Europe will be effected in accordance with a prearranged plan based on geographical location of the present cemeteries in relation to the designated permanent cemeteries and logical considerations of rail transportation. The only exceptions will be in the case of the bodies of blood relatives, which, upon application of the families concerned, may be placed in the same permanent cemetery.

10. Monuments.—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 crosses and other markers now employed. These permanent headstones have been designed by the National Fine Arts Commission, and will be put in place by the Government when cemeteries are completed.

11. 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 according to officially certified records.

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 little or no means by

which this office could determine the faith of soldiers, the Jewish Welfare Board has assisted in compiling a list of Jewish dead in Europe. Crosses which may have been inadvertently placed over such graves are being replaced by Jewish markers as rapidly as possible. Jewish markers are also being removed from Christian graves, wherever error has been made.

12. 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, and without application, as each case is reached, to the next of kin. Considering the large number of cases involved and the great amount of detailed work in furnishing of these photographs, it must be understood that they can not 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 inscriptions; these were taken before the corrected data had been inscribed upon the grave marker and in some cases while the establishment of cemeteries was still in progress. This also explains 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.

Requests have been received in this office for sectional and panoramic photographs of the different cemeteries abroad. This office is unable to furnish such pictures, but photographs of practically every place in Europe of interest in connection with the World War were taken by the Signal Corps of the United States Army and catalogues of these pictures containing necessary instructions relative to procuring them from the Signal Corps will be found in Public Libraries. Large pictures of Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse, are on sale at the Y. W. C. A. Hostess House, Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse, and can be purchased for 2.50 francs, which equals about 25 cents in American money.

13. Inquiries concerning the following subjects should be addressed as indicated:

(a) *Personal effects:* ~~Chief, Effects Bureau, Q. M. C., Room 427, Pier No. 3, Hoboken, N. J.~~ *Adjutant General of the Army, Wash. D. C.*

(b) *Pay:* Auditor for the War Department, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

(c) *Liberty bonds:* Chief of Finance, Washington, D. C.

(d) *War risk insurance:* Chief, War Risk Insurance Bureau, Washington, D. C.

14. 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 businesslike, 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 inquirers and to satisfy their desires within the limit of our power.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

GEORGE H. PENROSE,
Colonel, Q. M. C., Chief, Cemeterial Division.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

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

TO: The relatives of our dead.

SUBJECT: Participation of patriotic societies in funerals.

1. Veteran and other patriotic Organizations have expressed a desire to render any possible aid and comfort to relatives of our soldier dead returned from Europe for burial at their homes, and to honor their fallen comrades through participation in the funeral ceremonies. This office was requested to furnish these Organizations with the names and addresses of next of kin, approximate date of return and other data. This information cannot be furnished to others than relatives of the dead, since it is peculiarly their property and its dissemination to others would be a violation of our obligation to them and to the dead.

2. The desire of these Organizations is brought to your attention in order that, should you wish any aid from such Organizations or that they participate in the funeral of your soldier dead, you may bring the matter to the attention of the commanders of local posts or chapters, or if there be no local posts, to the attention of the National Headquarters of such Organizations.

3. It is understood to be the intention of these National Headquarters, in case there is no local post or chapter in the immediate vicinity of the intended burial place of any returned soldier's remains, to direct the nearest post to take action on those cases where relatives so request.

4. National Headquarters of various Organizations follow:- American Legion, Meridian Building, Indianapolis, Indiana; Veterans of Foreign Wars, 32 Union Square, New York City, N. Y., and the Jewish Welfare Board, 149 Fifth Avenue New York City New York.

5. The American Red Cross also desires to render comfort to the relatives of our dead, through their local chapters, which are in operation in almost every town. You are assured that they will be glad to serve whenever they may be called upon.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

GEORGE H. PENROSE,
Colonel, Q. M. C.
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE, \$300.
ADDRESS _____
YOUR MAIL _____
TO _____
STREET AND _____
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Mr. George A. Armstrong,
354 Mortimer St.,
Buffalo, N. Y.

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BUFFALO, N. Y.

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File O.S.P.

8/12/21 AD

August 8, 1921.

293,3-Cem. File #16655 (Armstrong, James P., Pvt.)

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

Mr. George A. Armstrong, 354 Mortimer St., Buffalo, N.Y.

FILE

Permanent Burial in France.

1. In reply to your letter of recent date addressed to our branch office at Hoboken, New Jersey, and referred to this office for reply, you are advised that instructions have been issued that the body of the late Private James P. Armstrong, Company A, 308th Infantry, be permanently interred in France.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES J. WYNNE, *aks*
JF Captain, Q. M. C. HW

Noted on Form No. 115

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August 8, 1921.

293.8-Cem. File #16655 (Armstrong, James P., Pvt.)

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

Mr. John Armstrong, R.F.D., Charlotte Sta., Rochester, N. Y.

Disposition of Remains.

1. In reply to your letter of recent date referred to this office by our branch office at Hoboken, New Jersey, you are advised that it is necessary for this office to comply with the wishes of the legal next of kin with respect to the disposition of the remains of our soldier dead. The legal next of kin is determined according to the provisions of paragraph #5 of the enclosed Cemeterial Division Bulletin, No. 10-G-W.

2. In the event it is desired to have the body returned to this country, it will be necessary for the father to concur with such request to that effect.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

JF CHARLES J. WYNE, *abb.*
Captain, Q. M. G. HW
[Signature]

Noted on Form No. 115

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Cemeterial Project Sub-Section

7/28/21

Miss [unclear] [unclear]
[unclear] Brother in letter 3/14/21

states "father is an old man
and does not care for his family"
also states "Brother made his home
with me". He wishes body returned
Father says no - remain.

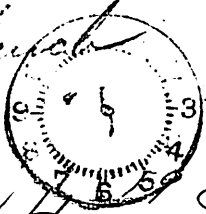
Sometimes Col. Davis gives to the
brother in view of circumstances
~~Do you see~~ Father's letter has not
been acknowledged nor brother
told body to remain by Hoboken.

P M R

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Charlotte Sta

Rochester Ny

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File No. 293.8 Gen

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James P Armstrong

Graves Registration

Service

Pier 2. Hoboken. N.J.

Dear Sir some time

ago we are your letter

in regards to my Brother

James P Armstrong

I sent the letter on

to my father but I

no he does not care
what is done with
James P Armstrong
Bady but I must
say my Father is a
old Bush and does
not care for none of
his children But
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government sure to
I ship all the american
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yark so I really in
sist up on my Brother
James P Armstrong
Bady to be shipped home

to my add it is his
 home town and his
 wishes were to come
 Back to Rochester ~~3rd~~
 "Monroe Co" N.Y.
 this is all I
 have to say hoping
 you will do so
 I remain as ever

Yours John Armstrong
 Charlotte sta.

Rochester N.Y. P. F. L.
 I am the oldest brother
 and my brother James
 P. Armstrong always
 made his home with

noted
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Buffalo N.Y. May 8-21

617-39

Mr R. E. Shannon

Dear sis Miss Church 5/6
your communication
of April 23 received

with regard to the
request of John Armstrong
that the remains of my
son James P. Armstrong
Serial Number 1680021
Company A. 308 Infantry
be shipped to him at
Rochester N.Y. I request
that his remains stay
in France let the dead rest

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CEMETERIAL DIVISION

Yours Truly

George. A. Armstrong

354 Mustimer St

Buffalo N.Y

Father of

James. P. Armstrong

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March 21, 1921.

File No. 29513 Gen. Div., Cor. Br.
(Armstrong, James F.)

Mr. John Armstrong,
Little Pond Road,
RFD., Charlotte,
New York.

Dear Sir:

Receipt of the Department's Shipping Inquiry Form #120, executed by you, is acknowledged.

Please obtain from the father of the late James F. Armstrong, Private, Serial Number 1680021, Co. A, 303th Inf., a signed statement indicating that he agrees with your wishes that the body be returned to the United States and delivered to you at Rochester, New York.

Kindly furnish this statement as soon as possible in order that there may be no delay in the disposition of the remains of the late soldier.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q.M. Corps,
Officer in Charge.

By:

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
WASHINGTON

JAN 27 1921

FROM: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. G.

TO: Mr. John Armstrong, Charlotte Station, RFD, Rochester, N.Y.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. James F. Armstrong, Ser. No. 1690021, Co. A, 508th Inf.

The records of this office show that you ~~had requested that the body of the above named~~
~~have made no request for the disposition of his remains.~~

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

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

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** or not these relatives are **STILL LIVING**.

Was soldier married?

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

I, the undersigned, am the ----- and nearest living next of kin 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 instructions for the disposition of a body are not received from the next of kin 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 next of kin 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 next of kin, please ask the nearest next of kin, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
7. If YOU are not the nearest living next of kin 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.

NOTE.—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. Should there be 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. Under 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.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
WASHINGTON

JAN 27 1921

FROM: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. G.
To: Mr. John Armstrong, ~~Charlotte Station, RFD, Rochester, N.Y.~~ *Sittly Pond Road, P.O., Charlotte, N.Y.*
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. James P. Armstrong, Ser. No. 1680021, Co. A, 308th Inf.

The records of this office show that you ~~have~~ requested that the body of the above named

have made no request for the disposition of his remains. *we have*

ordered the body removed to Rochester N.Y.
If these are not the correct instructions, please correct them. Make corrections on reverse side of this sheet.

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

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

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Was soldier married? *no*

*Noted #115
2/26/21 JCP*

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow	<i>no</i>		<i>N.Y.</i>
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	<i>no</i>		
Father	<i>George Armstrong</i>		
Mother	<i>Anna Armstrong</i>		
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	<i>John Armstrong</i>		
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	<i>Mamie Seland</i>		
	<i>Louella Armstrong</i>		
	<i>Grace Armstrong</i>		

Date *Feb 16, 1921*

Signature *John Armstrong*

Address *Charlotte N.Y. R.F.D.*

Relationship *direct brother*

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I, the undersigned, am the brother and nearest living next of kin 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.)

Cemeterial Division
Overseas Project Sub-Commission

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to John Armstrong

(Name.)

N. Y. Central Charlotte New York

(R. R. station.)

(State.)

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

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

Signature John Armstrong
John Armstrong

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CORRESPONDENCE

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March 21, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div., Cor. Br.
(Armstrong, James P.)

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Little Pond Road,
RFD., Charlotte,
New York.

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By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R.E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q.M. Corps,
Officer in Charge.

By:

JFB J.F. BUTLER, ^{mnc}
1st Lieut., Infantry.
JFB

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File No. 293.8 Com.Div., Cor. Br.
(ARMSTRONG, James P.)

April 23rd, 1921.

Mr. Gorge Armstrong,
Little Pond Road,
R.F.D., Charlotte,
New York.

Dear Sir:

There is on record a request from Mr. John Armstrong, that the remains of your late son, Private James P. Armstrong, Serial Number 1660021, Company A, 308th Infantry, be returned to the United States and shipped to him at Rochester, New York.

As instructions for the disposition of the remains can be issued only on request of the legal next of kin please state if you concur in the above request.

Your immediate attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

BY:

F. C. PALMAS,
Executive Assistant,
Quartermaster Division

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