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FULL NAME AYK, Jack

RANK Pvt. SERIAL 2278223

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION ~~Co. G, 364th Inf.~~ *Co. I, 361st Inf.* *91st Div.*

DATE OF DEATH 11/4/18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *California*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED *None*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION	Date	Grave	Row	Block
		18	4	B

Flander's Field, Cty. 1252.

Cemetery

Foreign

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Ayk *2278223* *Jack*
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt *Co. L* *361 Inf.*
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *Nov. 8 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL *Staden, Belgium*

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

*North end of town 100 ft.
from road Am. Cem.*

GRAVE NUMBER *74*

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:

REPORTED BY:

Wm P Campbell, Chaplain asc.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Date June 17, 1919REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: AYK, JackNumber: 2278223Rank: PvtOrganization: Co. L, 361 Inf.Disinterment and Reburial made by Group 3Unit 302

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

6-5-19Grave 74, Row 6, A.E.F.Cem., Staden, West Flanders,Belgium. ~~XXXXX/40,000.SHEET~~ Sheet Roulers-Thielt,168.5E 476.8N

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

6-5-19Grave 155, Plot A, American Mil.Cem., Waereghem, WestFlanders, Belgium. B.M.1/40,000.Sheet 29-D-28-d-6-9.5

Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon
Body buried in blanket, badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found on the body? yesWhat other means of identification were found upon the body? none

Note:

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

Supervised by: Cpl. E.J.Wold, Engrs.H.E.Felter, 2nd Lieut., QMC USAC.O.Group 3Unit 302

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CO. FIRMED N° D

CODE SLIP

No Green Carbons

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	AyK	3	1 ² 5 ¹ 0
BURIED	Jack		
	CEMETERY 1252	1	8
	GRAVE 18	2	18
	ROW 4	2	04
	BLOCK B	1	2
STATE	Calif	2	04
RANK	Priv	1	2
DIVISION	91	2	91
ORGANIZATION	361	3	361
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARITAL	No	1	2
NAME	AyK, MRS	3	1 ² 5 ¹ 1
	Francina		
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	
	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Foreign	1	4
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
. TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	
29/514/	Netherlands	2	17

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Own Country

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DATE February 15, 1930.

NAME RANK SERIAL ORGANIZATION DATE OF DEATH
Ayk, Jack Pvt. 2278223 Co. I-361st Inf. Nov. 4, 1918

STATE California CTY. NO. 1252 GRAVE 18 ROW 4 BLOCK B

Check relationship

Living - Deceased

*C-127-202
220-8m*

MOTHER

*living in
no later info*

mother -

STEPMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)

*Mrs. Francina Ayk.
66. Wilhelminastraat
Amsterdam
The Netherlands.*

NAME

AND

ADDRESS

MOTHER THRU ADOPTION (For the year prior to commencement of service)

MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS (For the year prior to commencement of service)

father

WIDOW (Who has not remarried)

Single

all ul. foreign

Veterans Bureau Claim Number 29/156/

2-21-33

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

DATE April 30, 1929.

NAME	RANK	SERIAL	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
<u>AYK, Jack</u>	<u>Pvt.</u>	<u>2278223</u>	<u>Co. I, 361 st Inf.</u>	<u>11-4-18</u>

STATE	CTY. NO.	GRAVE	ROW	BLOCK
<u>Calif.</u>	<u>1252</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>B</u>

	<u>Check relationship</u>	<u>Living - Deceased</u>	
MOTHER	:	:	:
STEPMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:	:
NAME	:	:	:
MOTHER THRU ADOPTION (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:	:
AND	:	:	:
ADDRESS	:	:	:
MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:	:
WIDOW (Who has not remarried)	:	:	:
	:	:	:

Foreign

File

WB

Veterans Bureau Claim Number _____
29/156

November 21, 1923.

Mr. Antonius Jacobus Van Eyk,
Wilhelminastr 466,
Amsterdam, Netherlands.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the permanent grave of Private Jack Ayk, Company I, 361st Infantry, is Grave 18, Row 4, Block B, Flanders Field American Cemetery, Wacromghem, Belgium.

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

You are assured in effecting removal of the remains, the utmost care and reverence were exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed this sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

O. O. M. G.
CENTRAL MAIL ROOM
D. R. L. TO USE
Assistant.
NOV 21 1923
S. O. C.

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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF AYK, Jack. SERIAL NUMBER 2278223
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. I. 361st Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : June 14, 1922 From (give complete location) : Gr. 155 Plot A. Cem 1252

By : Group 3 Unit Sec 2.

3. Reburied (date) June 14, 1922 In (give complete location) : Gr. 18 Plot B Row 4 Flanders Field American Cemetery No. 1252 Waereghen, Belgium.
In regulation metallic casket and shipping case. Bottle record placed with body.

By : Group Reburial Unit Section No. 2 Nature of reburial

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :
Wooden Box burlap and blanket.
badly decomposed features unrecognizable.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :
Body tag checks.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) estimate 70 inches

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to determine

(c) Hair—Color Black

Quantity considerable

Characteristics straight

(d) Hair on face—Color none visible

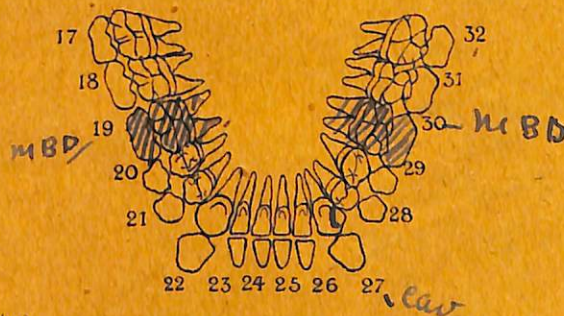
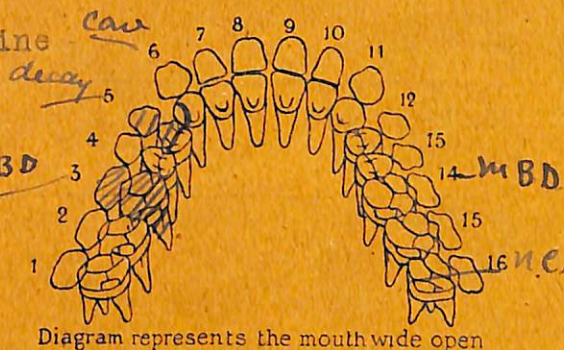
Location none

Quantity none

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) none visible

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

none visible



7. Disinterment supervised by W.C. Follmer Approved: [Signature]
W.C. Follmer (Title) 1st Lt. U.S.A.

8. Reburial supervised by [Signature] Approved: [Signature]
J. S. Pantelis (Title) W. D. Cleary
Chaplain, U.S. Army

Ayk,

Jack

2,278,223

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number)

Pvt. Co. I 361st Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

(Yes or no.)

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

(Yes or no.)

If you desire the remains interred at the home of the deceased, give full information below as to where they should be sent:

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-861

32. Designation of body:

Name AYK, JACK Serial No. 2278223

Rank PVT. Organization CO. I 361st Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Flanders Field American Cemetery #1252, Waeroghem, Belgium.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) June 14, 1922 By W.C. Follmer

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 [Signature]
O.E. Davis 1st Lt. G.M.C.

36. Remarks _____

None

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) June 14, 1922

To point of Concentration _____

Convoyer _____ (Name)
Signature Shipping Officer _____

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

By G.R.S. Representative _____

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

To Permanent Cemetery Flanders Field Amer. Cem. 1252, Waeroghem, Belgium.
(Name)

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer [Signature]
O.E. Davis.. G.M.C.

40. Received: Date June 14, 1922

G.R.S. Representative [Signature]

W.D. Cleary, Chaplain.

41. Reinterred June 14, 1922. (Date)

42. Grave No. 18 Section _____

43. Plot FLOCK B Row 4

EL

G.R.S. Representative [Signature]

W. D. Cleary
Chaplain, U.S. Army.

AUDITED BY
102 5-17-23

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE June 14, 1922

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name AYK, JACK
 2. No. 2278223
 3. Rank Pvt.
 4. Org. Co I 361st Inf.
 5. D.D. 11-4-18
 6. C.D. DOW

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 155 Sec. _____
 8. Plot A Row _____
 9. _____

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

18. Cemetery AMERICAN19. Commune or town WAEREGHEM20. Dept. or County BELGIUM

21. Country _____

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 125223. Disinterred (Date) June 14, 1922By W.C. Follmer

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Ayk, JackSerial No. 2278223Rank Pvt.Organization Co. I. 361st Inf.25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes On body? Yes

C.T. Brown
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant

C.T. Brown

PREPARATION

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

Body tag checks.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.28. Nature of burial Wooden box, burlap and blanket.29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date June 14, 1922 By W.C. Follmer31. Casket sealed by W.C. Follmer

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

W.C. Follmer

COMPILATION N/R REQUESTS

I. DATA COMPILATION

A. Location Index Card:-

(1) Name Ayk, Jack Ser. No. 2278223)
) TYP. TW.
 (2) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. I. 361st Infantry.)
) CKR. MCH
 (3) Date of death 11/4/18)

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

(4) Cause of death DWRIA) TYP. E.R.
)
 (5) Grave No. 155 Row ---- Plot A. Sect. ----) CKR. P. L.

II. FILES EXAMINATION

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

B. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD Date of receipt _____

(6) Relationship No card in file 79E B 3-29-20
 (7) Name _____
 (8) Address _____
 (9) Desires remains brought to U. S.?
 (10) Desires remains brought to U. S. and interred in National Cemetery at _____
 (11) If brought back, what shipping instructions?

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

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

(13) A. G. O. Files EXAMINED by --- (Date) 3/26/20

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

No request for disposition
Grave location blank only

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

III. FINAL ACTION

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

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

(17) Instructions that remains be left undisturbed

(18) Typed by Checked by (Date)

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

(19) Typed by Checked by (Date)

C. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

8/31- Letter to mother in Holland asking her
wishes in re. to Doris Remaris 8/31

D. Dispatched (Date) (Let. Trans. No. 12/6/20.....)

Par # 3. Europe advised to communicate and comply
with wishes of Anthonius Jacobus Van Eyk (Father)
Approved by New Netherlands

(Date)

N/R. Mrs. Francina Eyk (Mother)
St # 66, Amsterdam, Holland

4-28-21- Rethers states that father desires
permanent burial in France.

B.A.W.R. - Mr. Anthonius Jacobus Van Eyk (Father)
66 Wilhelminastraat, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

(4-19-22)
MKM

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File No. 55051

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name AYK, Jack, Ser. No. 2278223 } TYP tw
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. I. 361st Inf. } meh
 (c) Date of death 11/4/18 Cause of death DWRIA } jek

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

(a) Grave No. 155 Row --- Plot A Sect. --- TYP fr *HS.*
 (b) Emerg. Address Mr. Antonius Jacobus Van Eyk (Father)
Wilhelminastr #16, Amsterdam, Netherlands. *(H-19-24)*
mkm fl

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases No card CKR fl

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

*Foreign Communication, nearest of kin
 lives in Europe.*

NJ-12/13/20

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 192
 (Letter of transmittal on 12/6/1920).

*Par # 3 Europe advised to communicate and comply
 with wishes of Antonius Jacobus Van Eyk (Father)
 New Netherlands. NJ*

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

May 25, 1921.

MEMORANDUM for: Mrs. Lewis, Preparation of Data Dept.

CASE OF:

Pvt. Jack Ayr, #2278223,
Co. 1, 261st Inf.
Com. #1252
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Letter from Rethore states that father desires body
of son be left in France for final burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

F.E. Roland,
Clerk in Charge, O.S.P. S.S.

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

Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. Q. M. G.
File # 292.5 - 55051

File No. 293.9 Disp.Cem.#1252.

PARIS April 28, 1921.

From: Chief.

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

Subject: Disposition of remains of Pvt. Jack Ayk, #2278225, Co. I,
361st Inf., Cem. #1252, Waereghem, Belgium.

1. Reference letter from your office dated December 3rd, 1920, (File #1252 Reg.Sec., Cem.Div.) to these Headquarters, wherein it was directed that we communicate with the next of kin of the above deceased soldier, you are advised that reply has been received from Mr. Anthonius Jacobus Van Eyk, Wilhelminastr. 66, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, indicating that he desires the body of his son to be left in France for final burial in a permanent American cemetery.

2. There is enclosed herewith for your records copy of the letter from this office to Mr. van Eyk, advising him that his wishes have been made of record and will be complied with.

1 encl.
VSE/BB

H. F. Rethers
H. F. RETHERS,
Colonel, Q.M.C.

*A. G.
6-10-21*

Ayk, Jack

File No. 233.9 Disposition 1921.

April 24, 1921.

Mr. Antonius Jacobus Van Nyn,
Wilhelminastr. 66,
Amsterdam,
The Netherlands.

Dear Sir:

We have been notified of your desire to have the body of your late son, Private Jack Agic, left in France for final burial in a permanent American cemetery.

We are pleased to inform you that your wishes have been made of record and will be complied with. When the body of your late son has been placed in a permanent American cemetery in France, you will be advised as to its location.

Yours sincerely,

K
WHR/AB

CHAS. A. MURPHY,
Captain, U.S.A.



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PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE - \$300.



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Mrs. Francina Ayk,
St #66,
~~Amsterdam, Holland.~~



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*Washington
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WAR DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY,
WASHINGTON.

August 31, 1920.

File No: 293.8 Reg. Sec., Com. Div.
(AYK, Jack)

Mrs. Francina Ayk,
St #66,
Amsterdam, Holland.

Dear Madam:

The American Government is undertaking to remove the bodies of its soldiers who died in the late war to such places as the relatives may desire, and accordingly you are requested to advise whether you wish the body of your son, the late Private Jack Ayk, Company I, 361st Infantry, United States Army, to remain buried in Belgium, in the care and custody of the United States, or delivered to you for reburial in Holland, or returned to the United States and placed in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia, where the grave is assured constant care by the American Government. This Government bears all expense connected with the transfer of the body.

Should you desire to have the body removed to Holland for reburial such transfer will be subject to the health regulations and sanitation laws of Belgium and Holland and any intervening countries through which the body may have to pass en route, and should the operations of such instrumentalities prevent the removal of the body in the manner desired, it will remain in the care and custody of the American Graves Registration Service in Europe and will be cared for under the supervision of this Government.

Envelope for use in making reply is enclosed herewith.

The Department wishes to convey to you its assurance of sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

By: *H. M. Gwynn*
H. M. GWYNN,
Major, Infantry.

OSP:SS
Cor. & Stat. Dept.

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

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Ayk 2278223 Jake
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt Co L 361 Inf.
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL Nov. 8 1918

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

North end of Town 100 ft.
from road Au Cem.

GRAVE NUMBER 74

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:

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REPORTED BY:

Wm R Campbell Chaplain *arc*
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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REGISTRATION CARD. #55051

Jan. 25, 1919. SEC. #1

MEMO FOR: G.R.S. representative. C.R.O.

SUBJECT: Information required for G R S.

I. Items checked are to be completed:

- () Surname: *Ayk*
- () Number: *2270223*
- () First name: *Jack*
- () Rank: *Pvt.*
- () Company:
- () Organization: *I 361st Inf.*
- () Date of death: *11-4-18*
- () Cause: *w/a.*
- () Place:

Location of hospital:

- Number » »
- Class » »
- () Relative:
- () Relationship:
- () Address:
- () Authority:
- Cablegram No: *319 & 361.*
- Telegram from: 319

dated:

- () Reported to Washington:
- C.C. Nos:

(Underscore the "official" C.C.)

- () Remarks: *CC319 reports Ayk, & CC361 reports Ayke.*

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

Initials of reporter: *AA*

AYK

J

2278223

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Pvt Co I 361st Inf

Date Death 11/4/18.

Buried near Staden, Belgium.

Died of wound

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Ayk, Jack (E.A. M) 2,278,223
Pvt. Co. I, 361 Inf.
ded Death Records 11-3-

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON.

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Mrs. Francina Ayk,
Street Number, 66,
Amsterdam, Holland.

Dear Madam:

The War Department desires to ascertain the wishes of the families of officers, enlisted men, and civilian employees regarding the permanent disposition of the bodies of those who have died overseas.

The original plan of the Department was to deliver the body in every case at the home address of the deceased to the person legally entitled to dispose of the remains. A desire has been expressed, however, in numerous instances to have the body remain abroad, and General Pershing is likely soon to enter into negotiations with the French and Allied Governments with the view of establishing permanent cemeteries for members of the American Expeditionary Forces. Marshal Petain in a most courteous letter has informed General Pershing that "France would be happy and proud to retain the bodies of the American victims who have fallen upon her soil."

A bill is now before Congress for the establishment of "Fields of Honor" abroad, which will insure future care by the United States Government as national cemeteries are now cared for. Burials have been made heretofore in cemeteries of the Allied nations or at or near the battle field in land set apart for this purpose as a cemetery, and religious services in accordance with the rites of the Protestant, Catholic, or Hebrew faith have been held at the grave.

In case the remains of a deceased soldier are returned to the United States they will be interred either at the former home of the deceased or at a national cemetery, according to the wishes of the one authorized to direct the disposition of the remains, and all expenses, including transportation, casket, shipping case, flag, and the preparation of the remains for shipment, will be paid by the United States. Hire of a hearse and other burial expenses incurred at the home of the deceased may be paid, on application by the relatives, by the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, Treasury Department.

In order that the proper disposition of the remains may be made, and that such disposition be directed by the person entitled to do so, the War Department will recognize the right to direct the disposition of remains in the following order:

In the case of an unmarried man—

- (1) Father; (2) mother, if father is dead; (3) brother, if both parents are dead; (4) sister, if both parents are dead and there are no brothers.

In the case of a married man—

- (1) Wife; (2) parents or children and other relatives in order set forth above.

It is desired that the information indicated on the inclosed card be furnished concerning the person named thereon at the earliest practicable date. If the card is received by some one not authorized to direct the disposition to be made of the remains, please deliver this circular and the card to the person who is entitled to do so.

The Department is unable to state when it will be possible to begin the removal of the remains of the soldiers, but the information requested is being collected at this time in order that there may be no delay when the time comes for such removal.

In returning the card please use the inclosed addressed penalty envelope, which requires no postage.

Very respectfully,

P. C. HARRIS,
The Adjutant General.

2-4703

WAR DEPARTMENT.
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, D. C.
OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE. \$300.



Washington

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Informatic Department
to Amsterdam via London

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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.
OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

Penalty for private use, \$300.

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL,

War Department,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

(Disposal of remains.)

WAR DEPARTMENT.

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE, \$300.

**Informatie Beroekingsreg.
to Amsterdam vruchteloos**



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REC'D RECORDS BR. A. G. O. JAN 23 1920



Amsterdam 20/12 8.

Ayk, Jack 2,278,223 Deceased
Pvt. Co. I 361st Inf.
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WAR DEPARTMENT,
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
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Dec. 8, 1919

Mrs. Francina Ayk,
Street Number 66,
Amsterdam, Holland.

Dear Madam:

The War Department desires to ascertain the wishes of the families of officers, enlisted men, and civilian employees regarding the permanent disposition of the bodies of those who have died overseas.

The original plan of the Department was to deliver the body in every case at the home address of the deceased to the person legally entitled to dispose of the remains. A desire has been expressed, however, in numerous instances to have the body remain abroad, and General Pershing is likely soon to enter into negotiations with the French and Allied Governments with the view of establishing permanent cemeteries for members of the American Expeditionary Forces. Marshal Petain in a most courteous letter has informed General Pershing that "France would be happy and proud to retain the bodies of the American victims who have fallen upon her soil."

A bill is now before Congress for the establishment of "Fields of Honor" abroad, which will insure future care by the United States Government as national cemeteries are now cared for. Burials have been made heretofore in cemeteries of the Allied nations or at or near the battle field in land set apart for this purpose as a cemetery, and religious services in accordance with the rites of the Protestant, Catholic, or Hebrew faith have been held at the grave.

In case the remains of a deceased soldier are returned to the United States they will be interred either at the former home of the deceased or at a national cemetery, according to the wishes of the one authorized to direct the disposition of the remains, and all expenses, including transportation, casket, shipping case, flag, and the preparation of the remains for shipment, will be paid by the United States. Hire of a hearse and other burial expenses incurred at the home of the deceased may be paid, on application by the relatives, by the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, Treasury Department.

In order that the proper disposition of the remains may be made, and that such disposition be directed by the person entitled to do so, the War Department will recognize the right to direct the disposition of remains in the following order:

In the case of an unmarried man—

- (1) Father; (2) mother, if father is dead; (3) brother, if both parents are dead; (4) sister, if both parents are dead and there are no brothers.

In the case of a married man—

- (1) Wife; (2) parents or children and other relatives in order set forth above.

It is desired that the information indicated on the inclosed card be furnished concerning the person named thereon at the earliest practicable date. If the card is received by some one not authorized to direct the disposition to be made of the remains, please deliver this circular and the card to the person who is entitled to do so.

The Department is unable to state when it will be possible to begin the removal of the remains of the soldiers, but the information requested is being collected at this time in order that there may be no delay when the time comes for such removal.

In returning the card please use the inclosed addressed penalty envelope, which requires no postage.

Very respectfully,

P. C. HARRIS,
The Adjutant General.

G. R. S. Form No. 107.
Notification of Grave Location.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

November 8, 1919.

TO: Mrs. Francina Ayk,
St. #66, Amsterdam,
Holland.

Case of: Private Jack Ayk, 2278223,
Company I, 361st Infantry.

Place of Burial: Disinterred and Reburied in
Grave #155, Plot A,
American Military Cemetery, #1252,
Waereghem, West Flanders.

1.- It would be likely to involve further delay if we should write personal letters in each of the many cases of notification of relatives as to the present resting places of their noble dead who glorify the nation's roll of honor.

2.- Will you therefore, please accept this letter as being the best we can do, just now? And will you also accept the sympathy of those who have been working hard for many months to render worthy service to tens of thousands of sorrowing people, in the care of their dead?

3.- Many delays in notification have resulted from our ignorance of proper addresses, shortage of clerical personnel, incomplete and imperfect information, or non-delivery and return of former letters.

4.- Thousands of bodies have been transferred to larger and better cemeteries, for reasons which were deemed imperative by the military authorities of all the Allied Nations, and the great task of improving these cemeteries is well under way. The most diligent care has been exercised to insure accuracy, and this immense project is being carried through as an unquestionable service to the friends of our dead.

5.- In serving you and others, we have been hampered by conditions and consequences of such a war as we hope may never involve our country again.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Colonel, Q. M. Corps,
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

G.R.S.)
BULLETIN)
No. 10-C-W)

INFORMATION FOR THE FRIENDS OF OUR DEAD

1. THE GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, a branch of the Quartermaster Corps, is the official organization of the War Department, charged with the acquisition and control of cemeteries in Europe and the marking and preservation of all graves. It is not prepared to give information on other subjects than the above.
2. CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH, The Graves Registration Service does not receive information relative to the circumstances surrounding the death of soldiers, and inquiries under this heading should be addressed to the Chaplain or some other officer of the organization in which the soldier was serving at the time of his death, if the address is known.
3. 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 casualty. The great mass of information to be gathered, verified and transmitted, will generally account for delays in notification.
4. CHANGES IN GRAVE LOCATION have been made in a great many instances since the first notifications were sent to relatives. These transfers of bodies have been undertaken, at the instance of the French Government, for the recovery of land which has heretofore been used for graves, and also in order that bodies may be better located and graves more properly cared for. All the allied governments have been engaged in this policy of concentration.
5. CHANGE OF ADDRESS on the part of nearest relatives has caused the return of thousands of letters of notification to this office by the postal authorities. We must be notified as to change of address or communication with relatives will be impossible.
6. FLOWERS, FLAGS, ETC. We are frequently asked to place flowers, flags and other gifts on individual graves, but such requests must be denied because of the wide extent of our territory, and the impossibility of reaching so many burial places under the difficult conditions which obtain. Efforts will be continued for the beautifying of the places of our dead, and these are destined to be the most attractive in Europe when all plans have been completed.
7. CEMETERIES ARE MAINTAINED and care takers are employed by the government. Commendable progress is reported as to the project of the government to make honorable the resting-place of each one of its loyal dead.
8. MONUMENTS. In order to prevent inequality in the treatment of graves, and for the further reason that the Government would eventually be obliged to transport monuments with bodies to designated places of final burial, it is not at present permitted to erect any permanent or private monument; all graves being temporarily marked with a cross or the regulation headboard such as is used in National Cemeteries in the United States. No other markers can be authorized until the final disposition of the dead has been made. Stone markers of appro-

(No. 8, Monuments, cont'd)

private design will probably be put in place by the Government and the advice of the National Fine Arts Commission is now being sought with a view to securing the best results.

9. INSCRIPTIONS, The present inscriptions on grave markers have necessarily been taken from the burial reports submitted by Chaplains and others. Careful comparison of these inscriptions is being made with the official rolls of The Adjutant General, and the permanent markers may be expected to conform to the exact spelling and other data certified by that office as being official.

10. INQUIRIES CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED AS INDICATED:

- (a) PERSONAL EFFECTS,
Chief, Effects Bureau, Hoboken, N. J.
- (b) PAY
Auditor for the War Department, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.
- (c) LIBERTY BONDS,
Director of Finance, Washington, D. C.
- (d) WAR RISK INSURANCE,
Chief, War Risk Insurance Bureau, Washington, D. C.

11. PHOTOGRAPHS OF GRAVES have been taken by a section of the American Red Cross assigned to the staff of the Graves Registration Service and are being distributed, without charge, to the nearest relatives of our dead. These will be sent, automatically, without application, as each case is reached. Considering the large number of cases involved it will be understood that these photographs cannot be sent to any other persons than the relatives of the deceased.

12. RETURN OF BODIES from France to the United States or their PERMANENT BURIAL IN FRANCE will be made in due time, as may be specifically requested by nearest relative; which request should be addressed to The Adjutant General of the Army, Washington, D.C., who will issue proper instructions. Due announcement will be made, but the time cannot be hastened by appeals for priority, precedence, or favoritism in the listing of claims. The final disposition of bodies will be considered and executed as an entire project, at such time as the vastness and difficulty of this almost inconceivable task may make possible. France desires this project to be deferred till a future date because of sanitary and economic difficulties, and no final decision has yet been reached in the diplomatic exchanges which have been in progress.

13/ While some of these restrictions may seem unreasonable to friends in the first outburst of their sorrow, experience has shown the same to be necessary, and our people are asked to accept the sacrifice which they impose, in the belief that so great and serious an enterprise will eventually be accomplished to the credit of the government and as nearly as possible to the satisfaction of our people.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Colonel, Q. M. Corps,
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

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Mrs. Francina Ayk,

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