

To The A. G. O.

G.R.S. Form #114-B

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DEC 23 1925

FULL NAME *Marbury, Jr.*
rec'd by Garrison
as BALL, John

RANK Private

SERIAL 55237 ^{60x}

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION Company I, 38th Infantry *3rd*

DATE OF DEATH

7-15-18

24
July 12/18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

va

va
Virginia

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

none

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION

Date Grave Row Block
33 14 A

608

Cemetery

not married
no children

23/306/ARK



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REC
AUDITED BY 2-8-29
1324 4/6/24

MISSING 7/10 - CC 290^{12/10} A-1
GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

..... **Ball** **552376** **John**
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

..... **Private,** **L** **--- Co, 38th Inf.**
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL... **July 26, 1918.**.....

PLACE OF BURIAL... **2515 Condé-en-Brie Map.**.....

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

..... **Grave 15 meters above road (between Charteves and Jaulgome), and 220 meters NE of angle in road about 1 kilometer east of Charteves, Marne, France**.....

GRAVE NUMBER.....

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?... **Yes**..... Cross?... **--**.....

Headboard?... **--**..... Bottle?... **--**.....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?..... **Yes**.....

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker?..... **No**.....

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

REPORTED BY:

..... **C. D. Harris** **Captain, Corps of Engineers.**
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Co. L. 38th. Inf.
3rd. Division.

BALL, John. - Pvt. 552376

Our records show soldier to be missing in action since 24 July 1918. Nothing has been heard of him since and there are no members in company who noticed any indications or peculiarities prior to his disappearance.

From Missing July 15th. to Buried by Graves Registration Service. (Record at Statistical Section, Hdqrs. 3d. Div.)

No Informant given.

Not signed.

EB.

6.
Seringes- (Aisne).

June 13, 19.

John Ball.

552376.

Pvt

?

304.

June 13, 19.

Cemetery # 871 Grave 3.

June 13, 19.

Cemetery # 608 Seringes-et-Neales. (Aisne) Map 33 S.E.
Grave 20 Plot 1 Section P.

608

Buried 4 feet deep. Body badly decomposed.

No. None on cr.

None.

Name rank and serial number taken from grave marker.

Sgt R E Vollett

1st Lt O W Forsberg.

304.

11818
CONFIDENTIAL No. D



Place Serres-et-Nesles.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date April 12, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF John Ball SERIAL NUMBER 552370.

RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Co L. 38th Inf.

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

April 12, 1921 Gr 20, Sec P. Pt 1, cem 608

By: Group 3 Unit 2.

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

April 13, 1921. Gr 74. Sec P. pt 2. cem 608

By: Group 3 Unit 2. Nature of reburial Burlap and pine box.

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

Body badly decomposed. Features not recognizable.

Uniform and burlap.

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

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

Only identification is cross over grave.

M-A-D

No disc found or any means of identification.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) skeleton

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(b) Weight (estimated) completely

(c) Hair—Color disarticulated.

cavity

Quantity

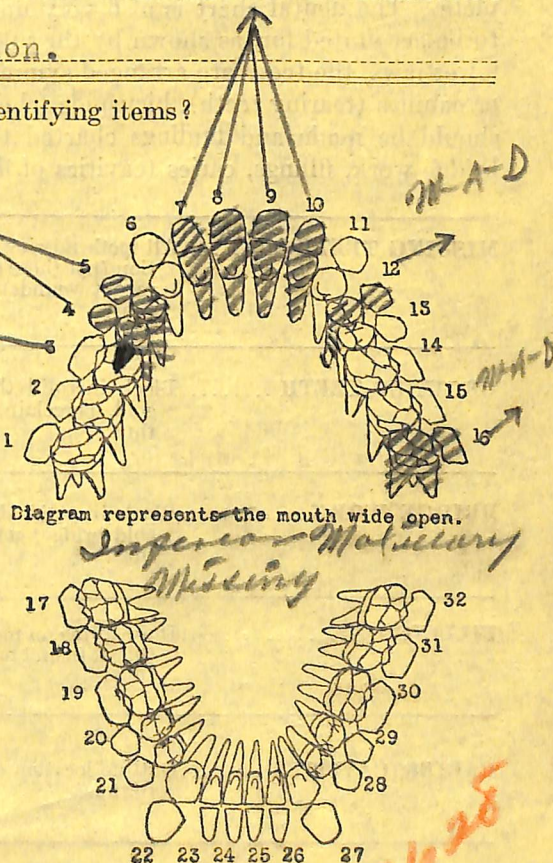
Characteristics

(d) Hair on face—Color

Location

Quantity

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



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

Lower Maxillary Missing! Left Ulna and radial Missing.

7. Disinterment supervised by R.C. Worthington, 1st Lt., Q.M.C.

Approved: W.R. BUCKLEY, Capt., Q.M.C.,
(Title) Master of Section.

8. Reburial supervised by R.C. Worthington, 1st Lt., Q.M.C.,

Approved: W.R. BUCKLEY, Capt., Q.M.C.,
(Title) Master of Section.

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Virginia

GOLD STAR MOTHERS PILGRIMAGE

S.S. WASHINGTON, JUNE 7, 1933.

Cancelled

Tazewell County

Name: Mrs. Ann Ball (B-18)

Address: Raven, Va.

Route: Taxi Cab Raven to Claypool, Bus Claypool to Bluefield, Norfolk & Western Ry. Bluefield, Hagerstown, Pennsylvania R.R. Hagerstown to New York

Lv. Raven Taxi Cab	9.30 A.M., June 5	
Ar. Claypool	9.50 A.M., June 5	
Lv. Claypool Bus	10.00 A.M., June 5	See
Ar. Bluefield	11.30 A.M., June 5	Note
Lv. Bluefield N&W Train No. 2	2.30 P.M., June 5	
Ar. Hagerstown	1.15 A.M., June 6	
Lv. Hagerstown PRR Train No. 5802	1.25 A.M., June 6	
Ar. New York Train No. 22 (Penna. Sta.)	8.10 A.M., June 6	

Accommodations: Bus service from Raven, Va. to Bluefield, W. Va.
Pullman berth from Bluefield, W. Va. to New York, N.Y.

Elapsed Time: 22 hours 40 minutes

NOTE: Train service from Raven to Bluefield does not connect with New York train at latter point, it would entail too much hardship to route the passenger via Lynchburg by using Taxi and Bus to Bluefield, she can get through sleeper to New York.
Taxi fare 50 cents.
Bus fare round-trip \$1.75.

J. F. M.

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John Ball

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

May 22, 1953

MEMORANDUM

To All Concerned:

Please make the following changes in passage.

list for:

HARRINGTON - June 7, 1953

CHANGE

PARTY

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Party B

~~DELETE~~ Mrs. Maria Jorgenson

COLORADO

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~~DELETE~~ Mrs. Clara E. Hansen

ILLINOIS

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~~DELETE~~ Mrs. John Ball

VIRGINIA

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CHANGE - ADDRESS

NEW YORK COUNTY

NEW YORK

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Harriman, Mrs. Louise H.
c/o Mr. Eugene Schilling,
446-2 E. 133rd St., Apt. 10,
New York City

For The Quartermaster General,

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

PARTY "B"
May 22, 1933

Mrs. Ann Ball,
Ravon,
Virginia.

Dear Madam:

Upon your arrival in New York City you will be met at the railroad station by an Army Officer who will engage porter service to take care of your baggage and escort you to the hotel. During your sojourn here before sailing for Europe and upon your return from Europe, you will stop at the Hotel McAlpin, 34th Street and Broadway, New York City.

The two tags and four identification pasters accompanying this communication are intended to protect your baggage while in transit. One tag should be attached to the handle of each piece of your baggage and a paster placed on each end of each piece of your baggage before leaving your home. Your baggage will be safer and also more readily available to you after your arrival in New York if it is placed with you on the train.

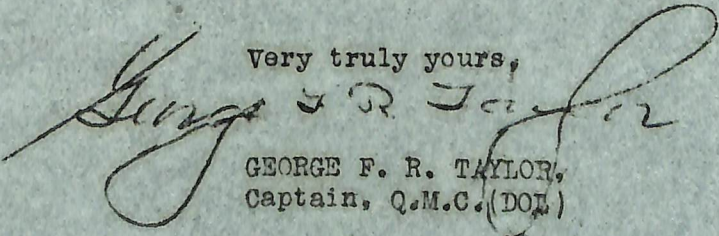
All mail intended to reach you between June 7th, 1933, the day you sail from the United States, and June 29th, 1933, the day you leave Europe, should be addressed to you in care of American Pilgrimage, 20 Rue Molitor, Paris (16), France; for example:

Mrs. Mary Smith,
c/o American Pilgrimage,
20 Rue Molitor,
Paris (16), France.

The party you are to travel with will be disbanded in New York City on the day following your return from Europe and all arrangements for your Pullman accommodations will be made with the railroads in advance by this office. This will require you to remain in New York at the hotel over night as a guest of the United States Government.

Information relative to the cemeteries in Europe is enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,


GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR,
Captain, Q.M.C. (DOL)

- 7 Incls.:
- 2 Baggage Tags
- 4 Baggage Pastors
- 1 Copy Cemeterial Information

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	BALL	3	212
DECEASED	CEMETERY	1	2
	GRAVE	2	33
	ROW	2	14
	BLOCK	1	1
STATE	Virginia	2	54
RANK	Priv.	1	2
DIVISION	13	2	03
ORGANIZATION	38	3	038
ARM	Inf.	1	1
MARITAL	No	1	2
NAME	Ball Mrs	3	212
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	54-
	COUNTY	2	93-
	CITY	5	XXX.
RELATION	Stepmother	1	3
OTHER	Med dead 1912	1	
ELIGIBILITY	no load	1	
NATIVITY	10 yrs	1	1
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Bad	1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	1933	1	
	No	1	

AUDITED
 FEB 4 1932
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declined bur. 7-3-33

m/l

PAAB

Washington

Ball, John

6-7-33

OA

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Declines by letter 5-18-33

I ~~accept~~ the invitation extended
Accept or decline

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

Mrs. Ann Ball,

Name

Raven, Tazewell County, Virginia.

Town or City

State

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Ball 2500

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RETURN RECEIPT

S. S. Washington 6-7-23

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

Mrs Anna Ball

(Signature or name of addressee)

Business Manager of Tartan Co

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery 5-19, 1923

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 926817

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____

Return to Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number, MUNITIONS BUILDING
or Post Office Box, _____

WASHINGTON,

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE
TO AVOID PAYMENT OF
POSTAGE, \$300.

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING
OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

D. C.

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DA

RETURN RECEIPT

S.S. Washington 6-1-33

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

Mrs Anna Hall

(Signature or name of addressee)

Witness Harvey J. Tavel

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery May 19, 1933

Form 3811

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

e 5-6116

Write address in this column only

Handwritten scribble

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 926707

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____

Return to _____

Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

*Street and Number,
or Post Office Box,* _____

MUNITIONS BUILDING

WASHINGTON,

D. C.

**PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE
TO AVOID PAYMENT OF
POSTAGE, \$300.**

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING
OFFICE

MAY
19
1933
P.M.

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Ball, John (OA)

June 1, 1933

check # 178,482
750
Rec'd 6-7-33
RS
C.R.
ETR

Mrs. Ann Ball,
Raven, Virginia.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to office letter of May 15th, forwarding check for \$7.50 to cover incidental expenses to New York, and advising that the check should be returned promptly if you did not make the pilgrimage.

To date the check has not been received and it is requested you return the check or an amount equal thereto in order that the case may be closed.

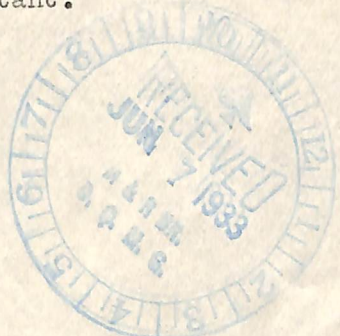
A self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience in returning the amount to this office.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Jas. H. Laubach
JAS. H. LAUBACH,
Lt. Col., Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

Encl:
Env.



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QM 298 A-11
Ball, John (QA)

June 1, 1933

Mrs. Ann Ball,
Raven, Virginia.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JAS. H. LAUBACH,
Lt. Col., Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

Encl:
Env.
bb

QM 293 A-M
Ball, John (OA)

May 24, 1933

Mrs. Annie Ball,
Red Ash, Va.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 18th, advising that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your stepson, the late Private John Ball.

It is regretted you are not able to make the pilgrimage. The reservation made for you on the Washington, sailing June 7th, has accordingly been cancelled.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JOH. H. LAUBACH,
Lt. Col., Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

bb

May 18 1933

Gentlemen
I am not able to make the
trip to Europe I am fast from winter
and I can't go now no more on account
of my legs and feet I thank you
very much for the offer of the trip
and would prefer it if I was able to
go
Yours
Frank Ball
Reel ash wa



changed from
accept to Decline
Wash. - 6-7-33

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 AM
Ball, John (OA)

April 20, 1933

Mrs. Ann Ball,
Raven,
Virginia.

Dear Madam:

Your passport for the pilgrimage to the Oise Aisne American Cemetery in Europe has not as yet been received in this office.

You must have a passport to enter Europe. Please go at once to the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Tazewell, Va., taking with you:

1. Four (4) photographs of yourself made on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches or less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ x $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in size.
2. Your invitation and any evidence of citizenship you may have.
3. Someone who has known you for at least two years for the purpose of identifying you.

The Clerk will help you fill out the application and HE will forward it to the State Department, Washington, D.C. Your passport will be issued and sent to this office for delivery to you aboard the ship. No charge will be made for either the application or the passport.

Please advise this office at once if you have made application, stating the name given by you on the application. If conditions have arisen that will prevent your making the pilgrimage on June 7, it is requested that this office be advised in order that reservations made for you may be cancelled.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,


CHAS. W. DIETZ,

Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

1 Encl.
Envelope

QM 293 A-M

May 15, 1933

Ball, John (OA)

Mrs. Ann Ball,
Raven, Va.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed Check No. ^{178,432} in the
amount of \$ ^{7.50}, to pay for your meals and incidental
expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage
authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST THIS CHECK BE CASHED
AND USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED.

If for any reason, you are not able to sail on
the date mentioned in your invitation, the check must be
returned to this office immediately.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Check No.

JAS. H. LAUBACH,
Lt. Col., Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

REF:NDY
1 Incl.
Lot of 141.

R. H. SHANNON,
Captain, 9. M. Corps,
Assistant.

Very truly yours,

For The Quartermaster General.

In order to cover the additional expense involved in the taxi and bus fare, this office is mailing you under separate cover, an additional per diem check of \$3.76. Your itinerary letter showing the time you should leave Haven and arrive at Bluefield, and complete train schedule while enroute, is inclosed.

As the train from Haven does not connect with the through New York train at Bluefield, it is thought that your best routing would be to use a taxi to Bluefield, arriving in Bluefield in time to leave on the 2:30 PM train for New York.

In arranging your transportation from your home to New York in connection with the pilgrimage you are scheduled to make to the Old Stone American Cemetery in Europe, sailing from New York on the SS Washington, June 7, 1933, it is noted that the train service from Haven is not very good.

Dear Madam:

Mrs. Ann Bell,
Haven,
Virginia.

May 20, 1933

John O. Bell,
ON 293 AM

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Ball, John (OA)

May 19, 1933

Mrs. Ann Ball,
Raven,
Virginia.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements have been completed for your transportation to New York City on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe. One week before your departure the railroad ticket agent, of the first road shown below, will deliver your railroad and pullman ticket to you. Your route to New York will be as follows:

Lv. Raven	via Taxi Cab	9:30 AM	June 5
Ar. Claypool	" " "	9:50 AM	" "
Lv. "	" Bus	10:00 AM	" "
Ar. Bluefield	" "	11:30 AM	" "
Lv. "	N&W Train No. 2	2:30 PM	" "
Ar. Hagerstown	" " " "	1:15 AM	" 6
Lv. "	Penna. " " 5802	1:25 AM	" "
Ar. New York (Penna. Sta.)	" " 22	8:10 AM	" "

Accommodations: Bus service from Raven, Va. to Bluefield, W.Va.
Pullman berth from Bluefield, W. Va. to New York, N. Y.

All railroad employees have been instructed by their officials to see that you are shown every courtesy and given assistance, particularly at points where it is necessary to change cars.

Should you not receive your ticket six days before the date shown for your departure please take up at once with the ticket agent and if he does not have your ticket, telegraph this office, collect, to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant

Circuit Court

Tazewell
Va

01 293 AM
Ball, John (OA)

April 20, 1933

Mrs. Ann Ball,
Raven,
Virginia.

Dear Madam:

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The Clerk will help you fill out the application and HE will forward it to the State Department, Washington, D.C. Your passport will be issued and sent to this office for delivery to you aboard the ship. No charge will be made for either the application or the passport.

Please advise this office at once if you have made application, stating the name given by you on the application. If conditions have arisen that will prevent your making the pilgrimage on June 7, it is requested that this office be advised in order that reservations made for you may be cancelled.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

1 Encl.

Envelope

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 295 A-M
Ball, John (OA)

October 7, 1932

Mrs. Annie Ball,
Raven, Virginia.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date, advising that you desire to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your stepson, the late Private John Ball, during the summer of 1933.

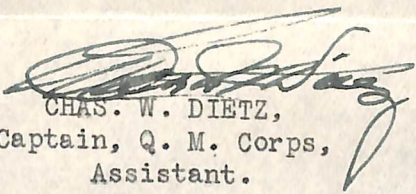
In order that you may be assured a comfortable and satisfactory pilgrimage, it is requested that you furnish the following information.

1. What is your condition of health? *note very Good*
2. Do you speak any language other than English? *no*

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,


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

Enclosure:
Envelope.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Ball, John (OA)

September 21, 1932.

Mrs: Annie Ball,

Raven, Virginia.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries Of Europe during the years 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933 for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces who were lost or buried at sea or whose remains are interred in Europe.

Your attention is particularly invited to the fact that this is the last opportunity you will have to make the pilgrimage under the provisions of the above mentioned Act. Unless you take advantage of this LAST chance to make a trip in 1933 you will receive no benefit from the Act. There is no provision of law which will permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow who does not choose to make the pilgrimage.

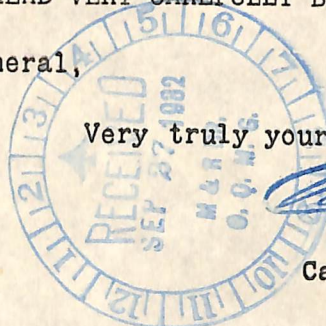

IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU GIVE THE MATTER YOUR MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BEFORE REACHING A DECISION, BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE TRIP AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

In order to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations for the mothers and widows making the journey in 1933, reservations for steamship transportation must be made by this office several months in advance. It is requested that you answer the questions below by writing "Yes" or "No" or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question. When you have answered the question, sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. PLEASE DO NOT DELAY, as it is essential that the information be in this office promptly.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make the pilgrimage during the years 1930, 1931 or 1932. There is enclosed a circular of information WHICH YOU SHOULD READ VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING YOUR DECISION.

For The Quartermaster General,

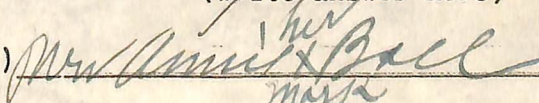
Very truly yours,



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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933?

Yes
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)


Annie Ball

hunted 1933 acc.
English
Widow
age - 70
2 Encls.

See
552396

(608)

HP
139920

Ball, John Born 4-16-87 d. 9-21-17

SM? Ann Baeb- Raven, Va.

act. address

Father is dead - 1-20-31

m died 1912

date of fathers marriage not in file

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QM 295 A-M
Ball, John (OA)

September 21, 1932.

Mrs. Annie Ball,
Haven, Virginia.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, which authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries of Europe for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces who were lost or buried at sea or whose remains are interred in Europe.

As the stepmother of the late Private John Ball, who lost his life during the World War and whose remains are interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery in France, you are eligible to make a pilgrimage to his grave at the expense of the Government.

In order that your desires regarding the pilgrimage may be recorded, it is requested you complete and return the enclosed questionnaire to this office at the earliest practicable date.

I am returning the marriage certificate which you recently forwarded in order that your eligibility to make the journey might be determined.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Marriage Certificate
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Ball, John (OA)

September 13, 1932

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Mrs. Ann Ball,
Raven, Virginia.

Dear Madam:

An Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, and amended May 15, 1930, provides for pilgrimages to be made to the cemeteries of Europe by the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces whose remains are interred in Europe or who were lost or buried at sea.

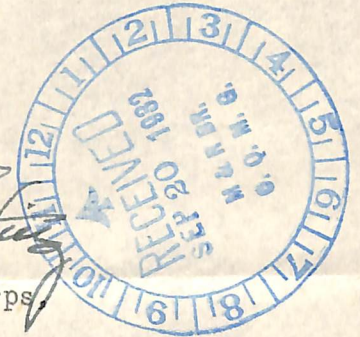
It is therefore requested that you advise the date of your marriage to Mr. Ensley Ball, in order that your eligibility to visit the grave of your stepson, the late Private John Ball, may be determined.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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



Enclosure:
Envelope.

*my Dot of marriage June 26. 1917
I send this marriage certificate
hope you will have one sent to
this for I am in need of it
Ann Ball
Raven VA*

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enl 9-21-17
born 4-16-87 (?)

date of fathers
marriage not
in file

XC 139 920 Ball, John

single
Enl-9-21-17
bn-4-16-87(?)

date of Mothers death

1912-

date of Fathers death

1-20-31

Step-Mother

Ann Ball - age 70

Loco

active address ?

Parson, Va

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 AM
Ball, John (OA)

August 6, 1932.

Mr. Ensley Ball,
Swords Creek,
Virginia.

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Dear Sir:

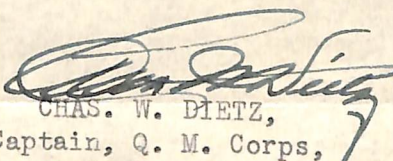
This office is making an earnest endeavor to communicate with all women who may be eligible to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

It is therefore requested that you advise whether or not the late Private John Ball is survived by a stepmother, and if so, her name and address and the date of your marriage to her. It will be appreciated if you will also furnish the date of death of his mother.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,


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

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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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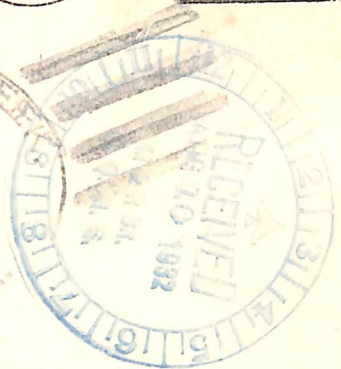
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

July 3, 1930.

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Ball, John EOB F

Mr. Ensley Ball,
Swords Creek, Va.

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:

mother dead

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

If so, give her name and address:

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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:

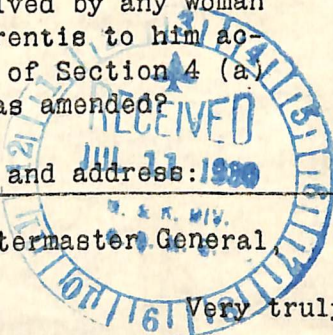
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For The Quartermaster General

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:
Envelope
Act
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A. D. Hughes
A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

DATE February 10 1930

NAME	RANK	SERIAL	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
Ball John	Pvt	552376	Co L 38th Inf	July 24 1918

STATE	CTY. NO.	608	GRAVE	33	ROW	14	BLOCK	A
Virginia								

	<u>Check relationship</u>	<u>Living</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>Deceased</u>	
	MOTHER	:	:	✓	<div style="font-size: 2em; font-family: cursive;">X C 139920</div>
	STEPMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:		
NAME	MOTHER THRU ADOPTION	:	:		
AND	(For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:	(4)	
ADDRESS	MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:		
	WIDOW (Who has not remarried)	:	:		
	<i>Single man</i>	:	:		
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Easley Ball
Swords Creek
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Veterans Bureau Claim Number 29/156

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Ball, John

June 20, 1929.

**Mr. Basley Ball,
Swords Creek, Va.**

Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, entitled an Act "To enable the mothers and widows of the deceased soldiers, sailors and marines of the American forces now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries".

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late **Private John Ball, Co. L, 58th Inf., 3rd Div., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.**

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

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relative is a stepmother, mother through adoption or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. If he was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

QM 293 A-M
Ball, John (OA)

June 1, 1933

Mrs. Ann Ball,
Raven, Virginia.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to office letter of May 15th, forwarding check for \$7.50 to cover incidental expenses to New York, and advising that the check should be returned promptly if you did not make the pilgrimage.

To date the check has not been received and it is requested you return the check or an amount equal thereto in order that the case may be closed.

A self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience in returning the amount to this office.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JAS. H. LAUBACH,
Lt. Col., Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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QM 295 A-M
Ball, John (OA)

May 24, 1933

Mrs. Annie Ball,
Red Ash, Va.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 18th, advising that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your stepson, the late Private John Ball.

It is regretted you are not able to make the pilgrimage. The reservation made for you on the Washington, sailing June 7th, has accordingly been cancelled.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JOH. H. LAUBACH,
Lt. Col., Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

1933 MAY -24- PM 2:00



QM 293 AM

Ball, John OA

May 20, 1933

Mrs. Ann Ball,
Raven,
Virginia.

Dear Madam:

In arranging your transportation from your home to New York in connection with the pilgrimage you are scheduled to make to the Oise Aisne American Cemetery in Europe, sailing from New York on the SS Washington, June 7, 1933, it is noticed that the train service from Raven is not very good.

As the train from Raven does not connect with the through New York train at Bluefield, it is thought that your best routing would be to use a taxicab from Raven to Claypool and then to take a bus from Claypool to Bluefield, arriving in Bluefield in time to leave on the 2:30 PM train for New York.

In order to cover the additional expense involved in the taxi and bus fare, this office is mailing you under separate cover, an additional per diem check of \$3.75. Your itinerary letter showing the time you should leave Raven and arrive at Bluefield, and complete train schedule while enroute, is inclosed.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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ON 293 AM
Ball, John (OA)

April 20, 1953

Mrs. Ann Ball,
Raven,
Virginia.

Dear Madam:

Your passport for the pilgrimage to the Oise Aisne American Cemetery in Europe has not as yet been received in this office.

You must have a passport to enter Europe. Please go at once to the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Taxewell, Va., taking with you:

1. Four (4) photographs of yourself made on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches or less than 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches in size.
2. Your invitation and any evidence of citizenship you may have.
3. Someone who has known you for at least two years for the purpose of identifying you.

The Clerk will help you fill out the application and HE will forward it to the State Department, Washington, D.C. Your passport will be issued and sent to this office for delivery to you aboard the ship. No charge will be made for either the application or the passport.

Please advise this office at once if you have made application, stating the name given by you on the application. If conditions have arisen that will prevent your making the pilgrimage on June 7, it is requested that this office be advised in order that reservations made for you may be cancelled.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Ball, John (QA)

October 7, 1932

Mrs. Annie Ball,
Raven, Virginia.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date, advising that you desire to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your stepson, the late Private John Ball, during the summer of 1933.

In order that you may be assured a comfortable and satisfactory pilgrimage, it is requested that you furnish the following information.

1. What is your condition of health?
2. Do you speak any language other than English?

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Ball, John (OA)

September 21, 1932.

Mrs. Annie Ball,

Raven, Virginia.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries of Europe during the years 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933 for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces who were lost or buried at sea or whose remains are interred in Europe.

Your attention is particularly invited to the fact that this is the last opportunity you will have to make the pilgrimage under the provisions of the above mentioned Act. Unless you take advantage of this LAST chance to make a trip in 1933 you will receive no benefit from the Act. There is no provision of law which will permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow who does not choose to make the pilgrimage.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU GIVE THE MATTER YOUR MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BEFORE REACHING A DECISION, BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE TRIP AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

In order to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations for the mothers and widows making the journey in 1933, reservations for steamship transportation must be made by this office several months in advance. It is requested that you answer the questions below by writing "Yes" or "No" or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question. When you have answered the question, sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. PLEASE DO NOT DELAY, as it is essential that the information be in this office promptly.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make the pilgrimage during the years 1930, 1931 or 1932. There is enclosed a circular of information WHICH YOU SHOULD READ VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING YOUR DECISION.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933?

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

QM 293 A-M
Ball, John (OA)

September 21, 1932.

Mrs. Annie Ball,
Raven, Virginia.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, which authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries of Europe for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces who were lost or buried at sea or whose remains are interred in Europe.

As the stepmother of the late Private John Ball, who lost his life during the World War and whose remains are interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery in France, you are eligible to make a pilgrimage to his grave at the expense of the Government.

In order that your desires regarding the pilgrimage may be recorded, it is requested you complete and return the enclosed Questionnaire to this office at the earliest practicable date.

I am returning the marriage certificate which you recently forwarded in order that your eligibility to make the journey might be determined.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Marriage Certificate
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QM 295 A-M
Ball, John (OA)

September 13, 1932

Mrs. Ann Ball,
Raven, Virginia.

Dear Madam:

An Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, and amended May 15, 1930, provides for pilgrimages to be made to the cemeteries of Europe by the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces whose remains are interred in Europe or who were lost or buried at sea.

It is therefore requested that you advise the date of your marriage to Mr. Ansley Ball, in order that your eligibility to visit the grave of your stepson, the late Private John Ball, may be determined.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:
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QM 293 AM
Ball, John (OA)

August 6, 1932.

Mr. Ensley Ball,
Swords Creek,
Virginia.

Dear Sir:

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

It is therefore requested that you advise whether or not the late Private John Ball is survived by a stepmother, and if so, her name and address and the date of your marriage to her. It will be appreciated if you will also furnish the date of death of his mother.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

July 3, 1930.

Ball, John #08 F

Mr. Ensley Ball,
Swords Creek, Va.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Ball, John
608

Aug. 27, 1929.

Mr. Ensley Ball,
Swords Creek, Va.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 20, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Ball, John

June 20, 1929.

Mr. Ensley Ball,
Swords Creek, Va.

Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, entitled an Act "To enable the mothers and widows of the deceased soldiers, sailors and marines of the American forces now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries".

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Private John Ball, Co. L, 38th Inf., 3rd Div., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

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

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relative is a stepmother, mother through adoption or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. If he was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON

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IN REPLY
REFER TO
AG 293 Ball, John (WW)

SUBJECT: Date of death

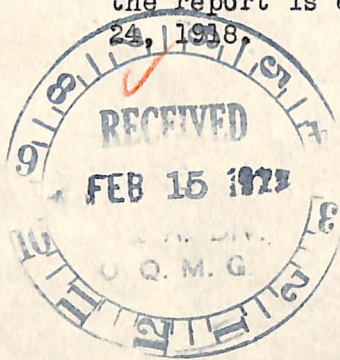
February 14, 1928

To: The Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

An investigation recently completed by this office in the case of John Ball, Army serial number 552,376, Private, Company I, 38th Infantry, who was reported to have been killed in action July 15, 1918, shows that the report is erroneous and that this soldier was killed in action July 24, 1918.

By order of the Secretary of War:

[Handwritten Signature]
Adjutant General.



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*Q.M.G.
293 Ball, John*

AG 201 Ball, John (WW)

Date of death

February 14, 1928

The Quartermaster General,

Washington, D. C.

An investigation recently completed by this office in the case of John Ball, Army serial number 552,376, Private, Company L, 38th Infantry, who was reported to have been killed in action July 15, 1916, shows that the report is erroneous and that this soldier was killed in action July 24, 1916.

By order of the Secretary of War:



F. C. Reilly
Adjutant General.

QM 293 A-C

Bull, John - Pvt.

October 29, 1925

Mr. Ensley Bull,
Swords Creek,
Va.

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.

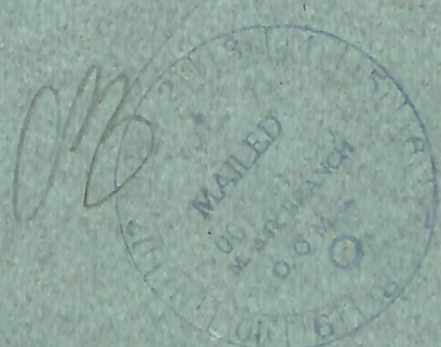
Very truly yours,

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L.W. HEDINGTON,
Major, G.M.C.,
Assistant.

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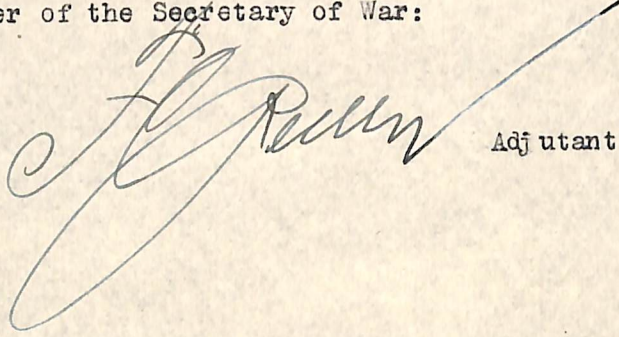
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War Department, A.G.O., February 10, 1928. To: The Quartermaster General.

The records of this office show that the correct date of death of John Ball, A.S.#552376, was July 24, 1918.

By order of the Secretary of War:



Adjutant General.

OK mhr

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE February 8, 1928

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BALL, John *Va*

10. Name _____

2. No. 552370 *6*

11. No. _____

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank _____

4. Org. Co. L, 38th Inf. 3rd Div.

13. Org. _____

5. D.D. July 15, 1918 *24*

14. (a) D.D. _____

6. C.D. KIA.

(b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 33 Sec. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____

8. Plot Block A Row 14

16. Plot _____ Row _____

9. _____

17. _____

18. Cemetery Oise-Aisne

19. Commune or town Seringes-et-Nesles

20. Dept. or County Aisne

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 608

23. Disinterred (Date) February 8, 1928

By P.D. Woodman

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name BALL, John

Serial No. 552370

Rank Pvt.

Organization Co. L, 38th Inf.

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

Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

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

27. Condition of body _____

28. Nature of burial Pine box and burlap

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date February 8, 1928 By P.D. Woodman

31. Casket sealed by P.D. Woodman

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) _____

P.D. Woodman

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. _____

32. Designation of body:

Name BALL, John Serial No. 552370

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. L, 38th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) February 8, 1928 By Charles E. Spahn

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 Charles E. Spahn
Charles E. Spahn

36. Remarks _____

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) _____

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 _____

Convoyer _____ (Name) Signature Shipping Officer _____

40. Received: Date _____

G.R.S. Representative _____

41. Reinterred February 8, 1928, Oise-Aisne American Cty.
(Date)

42. Grave No. 33 Section _____

43. Plot Block A Row 14

G.R.S. Representative William E. Moore
William E. Moore, Superintendent.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF BALL, John SERIAL NUMBER 552370
RANK Private ORGANIZATION Co. I. 38th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : February 8, 1928. From (give complete location) :
Grave 33, Block A, Row 14
By : Group Cty. Unit _____

3. Reburied (date) February 8, 1928. In (give complete location) :
Grave 33, Block A, Row 14
By : Group cty. Unit _____ Nature of reburial Metallic casket

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

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

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

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) _____

(b) Weight (estimated) _____

(c) Hair—Color _____

Quantity _____

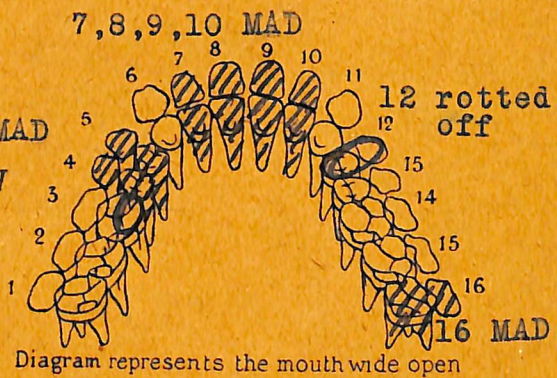
Characteristics _____

(d) Hair on face—Color _____

Location _____

Quantity _____

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



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

Left ulna and radius missing. Lower jaw missing.

7. Disinterment supervised by J. Woodman Approved : _____

(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by Charles E. Spahr Approved : _____

(Title)

W. E. Moore

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+
COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 83812

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BALL, John Ser. No. 552376
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co.L. 38th Inf.
(c) Date of death 7/15/18 (d) Cause of death K/A
TYP. EK
CKR. A/B

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

(a) Grave No. 20 Row -- Plot 1 Sec. P TYP. EK
(b) Emerg. Address Enz Ball(father) Swords Creek, Va.

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

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

No card in file 12-10-20 mks
Date of receipt

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

SEE INSPECTION REMARKS
12/15/20

Examiner's Initials _____ Date _____, 1920.

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

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

no cor

Examiner's Initials mks Date 12-10, 1920.

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? _____

Yes all

Examiner's Initials att Date 12-11, 1920.

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 608 SHEET No. 125

FORM 115 - A COMPLETELY
CARDER

SurR-1-24-21

Reviewed 2/25/51 EP



GENERAL DIVISION
CORRESPONDENCE BR.

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made _____, 1920.

RECEIVED

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 1920.

MAR 17 1921

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by

cable on _____, 1920

letter on Jan-15-, 1920

GENERAL DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SEC.

Part 2 - Not to be returned (JES-1-17-21)

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: 2/3/21/ap Form # 120, Mr. Ensley Ball, father and next of kin, wishes body remain in Europe. H-3/2/21/ap

FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN BODY
TO REMAIN IN EUROPE.

MAR 17 1921

C.M.

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TYP BK

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases..... CKR *MB*

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

*No aso Card in file
 No request for disposition (JGJL-17-21)*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on..... 192
 (letter of transmittal on 1/15 1921)

Par 2 - not to be returned (good)

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. JAN 26 1921 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. MAR 17 1921 192.....

Sub-1-24-21

March 12, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Gen. Div. Cor. Br.
(BALL, John)

Mr. Ensley Ball,
Swords Creek, Va.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt of shipping inquiry dated February 3rd, 1921, relative to the remains of your son, the late Private John Ball, serial number 552376, Company L, 38th Infantry, is acknowledged.

In accordance with your desire, the remains will be left in France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery. You are assured that the grave site will always be maintained as a fitting memorial of the late soldier's sacrifice.

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. B. SHANNON,
Captain, Q.M.C.,
Officer in Charge.

BY:

F. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

MAILED
MAR 16 1921
COR. BR. G. R. S.

ff/cmw

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
WASHINGTON
Fobcken, N.J.

JAN 31 1921

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

To: Mr. Erz Ball, Swords Creek, Va.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. John Ball, Ser. No. 552376, Co. I., 38th Inf.

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above-named ~~request has been made as to disposition of remains.~~

Remain in Europe

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 <i>None</i>	<i>Noted 7115</i>		
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	<i>3-2-21 af</i>		
1 <i>None</i>			
2 <i>None</i>			
3 <i>None</i>			
Father <i>Ensley Ball</i>		<i>Swords Creek Va</i>	
Mother <i>Sarah Ball</i>	<i>Dead</i>		
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	<i>Swords Creek Va</i>		
1 <i>Frank Ball</i>	<i>u</i>	<i>u</i>	
2 <i>Thomas Ball</i>	<i>u</i>	<i>u</i>	
3 <i>Charles Ball</i>	<i>u</i>	<i>u</i>	
<i>Jonah Ball</i>	<i>u</i>	<i>u</i>	
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	<i>u</i>	<i>u</i>	
1 <i>Molly Griffith</i>	<i>u</i>	<i>u</i>	
2 <i>Pearl Ball</i>	<i>u</i>	<i>u</i>	
3 <i>Pearl Ball</i>			

Date *Feb 3 1921*

Signature *Ensley Ball*

Address _____

Relationship *Father*

Feb 3, 1921

I, the undersigned, am the Father and nearest living next of kin of the within-named 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 Emery Ball
mark

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.

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
CORRESPONDENCE BRANCH

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.

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Ball **552376** **John**
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Private, **---Co, 38th Inf.**
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL... **July 26, 1918.**

PLACE OF BURIAL. **2515 Conde-en-Brie Map.**
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

Grave 15 meters above road (between Charteves and Jaulgome), and 220 meters NE of angle in road about 1 kilometer east of Charteves, Marne, France

GRAVE NUMBER.....

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? **Yes** Cross? **--**
Headboard? **--** Bottle? **--**

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:
Was one buried with body?..... **Yes**
Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker?..... **No**
If name unknown and tags missing, description and marks should be given here:

Crume - Jaulgonne - 49 NE.
E. 192.45 N. 261.50
@ 11

REPORTED BY:
C.D. Harris
C.D. Harris, Captain, Corps of Engineers.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

This portion to be sent to Chief of Graves Registration Service.
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Communal List No. _____
Daily Report No. _____

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File #83812

Nov. 12, 1919

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Research Section.

Card Dep.

G.R.S Form No. 8, W; Central Records Liaison.

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

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

1. Items checked are to be completed:

- ✓ Surname: Ball
- ✓ Number: 552376
- ✓ First name: John
- ✓ Rank: Private
- ✓ Company: L.
- ✓ Organization: 38th Inf.
- ✓ Date of death: 7/19/19 - 7-15-18
- ✓ Cause: *See below*
- Place:

Location of hospital:

Number " "

Class " "

✓ Emergency address

*Emz. Ball,
Swords Creek,
Va.*

✓ Relationship:

Father

Authority:

Cablegram No:

Telegram from:

dated:

Reported to Washington:

✓ C.C.Nos. 402-35

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(Underscore the "official" C.C.)

✓ Remarks: *Now reptd. killed in action*

*Cas. Sec
11/17/19
H.F.C*

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

NS-3404/MB

Form 1-A shows:

Cemetery #871,
Grave #3

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

2. Soldier's No. 552376

3. BALL JOHN
Surname (In Block Letters) First Name and Initials

4. Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. July 1918
Date of Death Cause, if known

6. 10/15/18 Mont St Pere
Date of Burial Disinterred Cemetery

7. MONT ST PERE AISNE
Town or Commune (In Block Letters) Department

8. 3 2
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

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

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

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

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12. Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

13. Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

PBL
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Signed

GROUP No 2
Unit G. R. S.

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Dec 11, 1918.

Central Records Office
Bourges

Retel Croix 4487 period Burial officer case John Ball is Capt C D
Harris Corps of Engrs.

ROGERS

C. B.

C. M. NOETZEL
2nd Lieut., QMC
ACL/ wlr
4:00 PM

Copy to:
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G R S
Sgt Daly Original

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[Handwritten signature]

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Signal Corps, United States Army Telegram.

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CRO KS FOUR FOUR EIGHT SEVEN WIRE NAME AND ORGANIZATION BURIAL OFFICER
OF JOHN BALL YOUR REPORT OCTOBER SEVENTEENTH SHEET TWO

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Lt. Naetzel

Burial officer ~~Col John Bull~~
was -

C. S. Harris,
Capt. Corps of Engrs.

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