

Rank
G.R.S. Form #114-B

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1926

FULL NAME BALL, Ralph

RANK Pvt.^{1d} SERIAL 551738

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION Co. I, 38th Inf. 3 Air

DATE OF DEATH 7/29/18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME N. Calif

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION
Date Grave Row Block

Meuse-Argonne, #1232

Cemetery

Rec'd World War Div.
APR 2 1928

A. G. O.
JUN 5 1926
WORLD WAR DIV.

23/306/ARK

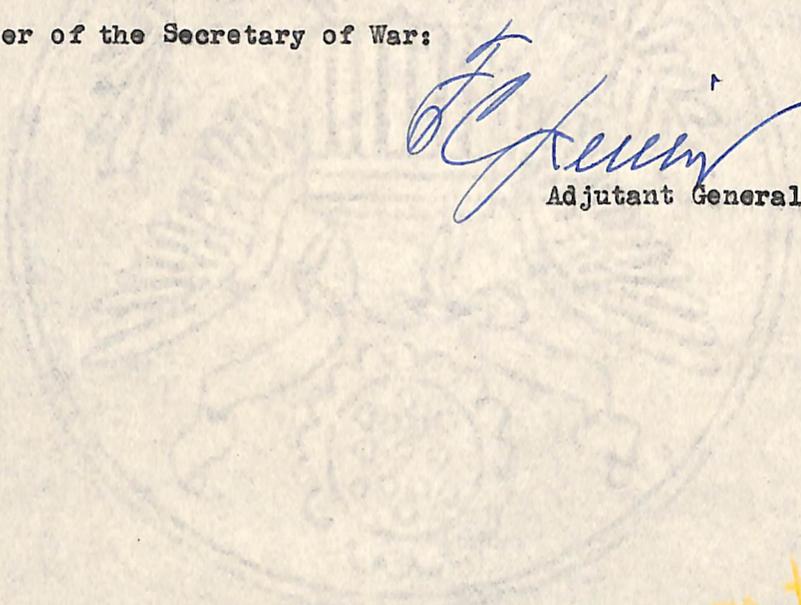
1st Ind.

WW WS 6-3

War Dept., A. G. O., April 7, 1928 - To The Quartermaster General.

The records of this office show that Ralph Ball, Army Serial Number 551,738, held the rank of private 1c1 at the date of his death.

By order of the Secretary of War:


J. C. Keenan
Adjutant General.

OK on # 2

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Ball **551738** **Ralph**
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Private **Co. I, 38 Infantry**
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL... **July 31, 1918**

PLACE OF BURIAL.....

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

American cemetery, Contrexeville, Vosges

GRAVE NUMBER... **19**

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

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:

BALL, Ralph.- Pvt. 551738

**1) received in action 16 July
the place of burial unknown as soldier
t time of death. Date of death 29**

**t: Smith, Stanley.- 1st.Sgt. 551689
Co. I. 38th. Inf.**

: Stanley Smith.

REPORTED BY:

Peter J. ...
1st. Lt. SC. NA
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Peter J. ...
1st. Lt. SC. NA
(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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REPORTED BY:

Walter P. ...
..... **1st Lt. SC. NA.**
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

BALL, Ralph.- Pvt. 551738

Died of wounds (shrapnel) received in action 16 July 1918, in Base Hospital 32. The place of burial unknown as soldier was separated from Company at time of death. Date of death 29 July 1918.

Informant: Smith, Stanley.- 1st.Sgt. 551689
Co. I. 38th. Inf.

Home :

Signed : Stanley Smith.

EB.

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Ball	3	212
BURIED	CEMETERY	1	1
	GRAVE	2	22
	ROW	2	21
	BLOCK	1	5
STATE	N Dak	2	40
BANK	Prntic	1	2
DIVISION	3	2	03
ORGANIZATION	38	3	038
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARTIAL	no	1	2
NAME	Ball	3	212
Muriel	STATE	2	40
RESIDENCE	COUNTY	2	18
1719 University Ave	CITY	3	006
Grand Forks, N.D.	RELATION	1	1
	OTHER	1	3
	ELIGIBILITY	1	6
	NATIVITY	1	
	RACE	1	
	ENGLISH	1	
	ATTENDANT	1	
	HEALTH	1	
	NO. OF SONS	1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

AUDITED
MAR 31 1932

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PM

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

July 3, 1930.

Ball, Ralph 1232 Fr

Mrs. Muriel Ball,
1719 University Ave.,
Grand Forks, No. Dak.

Dear Madam:

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:

No
Ralph Ball's mother
died 3 years ago April 19

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

If so, give her name and address:

No

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:

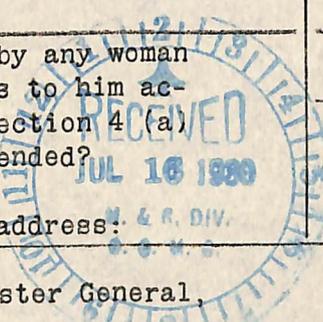
No

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:
Envelope
Act
Amendment

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



QM 293 A-C
Ball, Ralph

1719 University Ave.
Grand Forks N.D.
July 6, 1929.

Quartermaster General
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

This is to notify you in reply
to your letter of June 29 in regard
to the pilgrimage to France, that
Mrs Allie A. Ball mother of
Private Ralph Ball Co I 38th Infantry

died in April, 1927 & that Belgh
Ball was never married
therefore there is no widow
who would be entitled to take
the trip.

Thanking you for your
courtesy, I am
Very truly yours,
Muriel Ball.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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Ball, Ralph.

Mrs. Allie A. Ball,
1719 University Ave.,
Grand Forks,
North Dakota.

Dear Madam:

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The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late
Private Ralph Ball, Co. I, 88th Inf., whose remains are now interred
in the Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty., Romagne-Sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

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

Ball, Ralph

551,738

(Surname)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army service number.)

Pvt.

Co I, 38 Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Mother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

no

(Yes or no.)

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

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mrs. Wm A Ball

(over) 521 No. 4th St

Grand Forks

N. Dak

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Let Sent to:

Mrs. Wm. A. Ball
521 N. 4th St.,
Grand Forks, N. Dak.

Drawn by MRS

94-9

10-21-20

Checked

APC 10-22-20

In reply refer to:
293.8 C-R 7929

January 24, 1923.

Mrs. Allie A Ball,
1719 University Ave.,
Grand Forks, N. Dakota.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of the late Pvt. Ralph Ball, Co I, 38th Inf., is Grave 22, Row 21, Block E, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, (Meuse) France.

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

In effecting removal, the utmost care and reverence were exacted and more than willingly accorded by those performing this sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

MAILED

Very truly yours,

JAN 25 1923

H. J. Conner,
Assistant.

G.R.S.

DATE 11/30/21.

1. NAME Ball, Ralph SERIAL No. 551738

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. I 38th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION Amer.Cty. Contrexeville - Vosges 94

CTY. NAME NUMBER

19

A

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 19 Contrexeville Vosges

GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES E.363.65 N.154.95 Map Mirecourt S.E.84

CONCENTRATED TO Nothing of record

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

Data concerning any identification found on remains when concentrated, such as collar insignias, letters, broken bones, missing parts, etc.

Nothing of record

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS None

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

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SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR Stanley J. Grogan STANLEY J. GROGAN, Capt. Inf. USA.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 11/30/21. 22 21 E.

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT Bloch Plot

e1 Meuse-Argonne Amer.Cty.#1232 Romagne-sous-Montfaucon. (Meuse)

CEMETERY

AUDITED BY SERB 12/19/22

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Oct. 12, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF BALL, Ralph. SERIAL NUMBER 551738
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. I, 38th. Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : Oct. 12, 1921. From (give complete location) : Gr. No. 19
Amer. Mil. Cem. # 94, Contrezeville (Vosges)

By : Group 3. Unit Section No. 4.

3. Reburied (date) : Nov. 30, 1921 In (give complete location) : Meuse-Argonne Cty. #1232 Gr. 22, Block E, row 21.

By : Group _____ Reburial 5 Unit _____ Nature of reburial Lined casket.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :
Buried in uniform, in wooden box. Body badly decomposed, recognition impossible.

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

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

No effects found.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Unable to determine.

(b) Weigh, (estimated) _____

(c) Hair—Color _____

Quantity _____

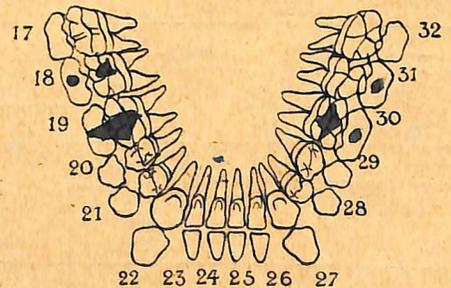
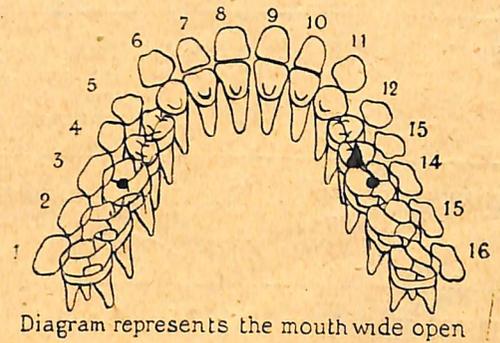
Characteristics _____

(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) No. 1, 16, 17, 32, Not grown.
No. 3, 13, 14, 18, 19, 30, 31, S. F.
Max

Lower right arm fractured.

7. Disinterment supervised by Theo Miller
THEO MILLER.

Approved : R. T. Fain
GCD. (Title) Capt. Q.M.C. bjm

8. Reburial Supervised by A. U. DuFault
A. U. DUFALT.

Approved : James W. Younger
(Title) JAMES W. YOUNGER,
CAPT., Q.M.C.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Oct. 12, 1921.

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, RALPH
 2. No. 551738
 3. Rank Pvt.
 4. Org. Co. I 38th Inf.
 5. D.D. 7-29
 6. C.D. DOWRIA

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 19 Sec. _____
 8. Plot _____ Row _____
 9. _____

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

18. Cemetery Amer.
 20. Dept. or County Vosges
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 94

19. Commune or town Contrexeville
 21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) Oct. 12, 1921.

By Theo Miller.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name BALL, Ralph.
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. _____
 Organization Co. I, 38th. Inf. Gr. 19.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes. On body? No.

Glenn C. Dorsey
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant

GLENN C. DORSEY.

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).

No effects found. Form 16a accomplished.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, recognition impossible.

28. Nature of burial Buried in uniform, in wooden box.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? No.

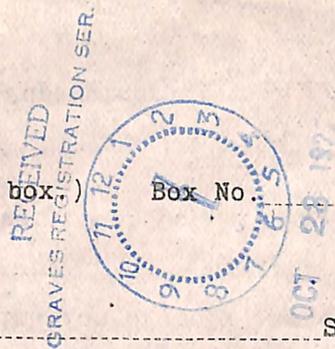
30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Oct. 12, 1921. By Theo Miller.

31. Casket sealed by Theo Miller.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

Theo Miller
 THEO MILLER.

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box) Box No. C-11366



32. Designation of body:

Name BALL, RALPH Serial No. 551738

Rank PVT. Organization CO. I 38th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse Argonne Amer. #1232. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon Meuse

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Oct. 12, 1921. By Theo Miller.

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 R. L. PAIN, CAPT. Q.M.C. BJM

36. Remarks The following graves only are in this row: Nos. 17, 19, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 31. Each body with the exception of 17, 19, and 31 was identified under proper cross. No irregularities of burials found.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Oct. 12, 1921.

To point of Concentration Neufchateau (Vosges) (Name)
Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer Capt. Q.M.C.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date
By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 13 OCT 1921

To Permanent Cemetery Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse) (Name)
Convoyer C. L. RIELEY Signature Shipping Officer W. R. BUCKLEY
W. R. BUCKLEY, Capt. Q.M.C.

40. Received: Date
G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred Nov. 30, 1921 Meuse-Argonne Cty. #1232 (Date)

42. Grave No. 22 Section

43. Plot Block E Row 21

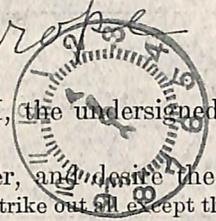
G.R.S. Representative JAMES W. YOUNGER, CAPT. Q.M.C.

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We wish the body to
Remain permanently in
Europe

December 14, 1920.

CEMETERY DIVISION



I, the undersigned, am the Mother and nearest living relative 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. Yes

We wish the body to
Remain permanently in
Europe

Signature Mrs. Wm A. Ball

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instruction as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.
2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.
3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT of kin IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.
4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.
6. If YOU are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
7. If YOU are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.
8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

~~WASHINGTON~~ Hoboken, N.J.

DEC 9 1920

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C.
To: Mrs. Wm. A. Ball, 521 No. 4th St. Grand Forks, No. Dak.
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Ralph Ball, Ser. No. 551738,
Co. I. 38th Inf.

No change

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body remain in Europe.

Yes

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

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

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

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

*Noted
1/15-1/18/21*

Date _____ Signature _____

Address _____ Relationship _____

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

3545

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

*1-16-22 Examined
for Concentration
Mense - Argonne 1232
att 1/1/22*

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File No. 7929

(a) Name BALL, Ralph Ser. No. 551738
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. I, 38th Inf.
(c) Date of death 7-29-18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA.

TYP. als
CKR. [initials]

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

(a) Grave No. 19 Row - Plot A Sec. - TYP. als.
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Alla Ball, (Mother) 521 N. 4th St. Grand Forks, N. Dak.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

-- CKR. [initials]

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Mrs. Wm. A. Ball (b) Relationship Mother
(c) Address 521 - N. 4th St - Grand Forks - N. Dak.
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at -

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

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

Examiner's Initials MC S Date 10-21, 1920.

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

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

no correspondence

Examiner's Initials MC S Date 10-21, 1920.

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

Mother Mrs. Allie A. Ball
521 - N. 4th St. Grand Forks N. Dak. 423-20
requests remains left in France

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? no

Examiner's Initials [initials] Date 10-21, 1920.

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 94 SHEET No. 9

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

12-1-20

Reviewed 3/12/21-EP

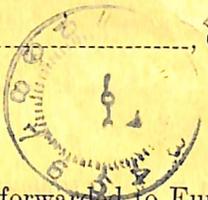
*checked
OK 10-22-20*

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

RECEIVED

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:



FEB 11 1921

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____ letter on 11/16 _____, 1920

CEMETERY DIVISION OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SEC.

Par. #2 - Not to be returned (R/S)

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: ^{14 mother} Form 120 Dec. 8/20 ~~to~~ Mrs. Wm. A. Ball, 521 No. 4th St., Grand Forks, No. Dak. states: body to remain in Europe; no mention made of other relatives.

1-19-21 - Letter - Mrs. Wm. A. Ball, Grand Forks, No. Dak. - mother wishes information re reburial of soldier boys who died in Base hospitals (#-1-25-21-8)

1-12-21 - Letter - Parents - Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Ball advise deceased was unmarried and requests body remain in France - #-1-25-21-8

1-12-21 - Letter to Mother re - widow Children and Father 3/14/21-EP

94-9

1719 University Ave. Grand Forks
TRANSPORTATION OFFICER
PASSENGER BRANCH
N. Dak

R. E. Slamm
to my friend
copy for reply
JAN 15/21



NOTED ON FORM #115
12521-8
944

Recorded, Cemetery
File # 2938
1929
0.10.1921

Dear Sir

Will the bodies of the
soldier boys who died in the base
hospitals & who are buried perhaps
three & four hundred ^{of them} at these places
be disinterred & permanently
placed in Am. Cemetery in France.

Our son is buried in Cem. 94
died at Base 32. Contrepuille France
and it is our wish that his body
remain in France, so wish to know
- We have filled in the necessary data
& forwarded to the addresses given to

Ball - Park

The proper authorities have
our desire in this matter
hoping to hear from you
Regarding this matter
Very truly

Mrs Wm A Ball
Grand Forks
No. Dak

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GEMETRIAL DIVISION
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WAR DEPARTMENT
CEMETERIAL DIVISION, GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE,
PIER 2, HOBOKEN, N. J.

January 29, 1921.

FILE NO. 293.8 Cem. Div. Cor. Branch.
(BALL, Ralph)

MEMORANDUM FOR: Cemeterial Division, O.Q.M.G., Overseas Project
Sub-section, Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT: Return of Records - Cemetery #94.
Transmittal Memorandum Number H - 949.

1. The records pertaining to the following case
are returned herewith, it having been definitely
determined that the body is to remain in Europe:

REFERENCE NO:

9 Ball, Ralph Pvt., Serial Number 551738,
Co. I, 38th Infantry.

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

By:

F. C. Pallas

F. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

1 Incl.

Recd 2/10/21 H

1719 University Ave. Grand Forks N.D.

War Dept.
Cemeterial Div.

124 Crookst Jan 12 - 1921

Dear Sir

Rec'd the notice sent us under date of Jan. 12. Please find enclosed the data you asked for. The late Ralph Ball Co. I. 38 Inf. Serial No. 551738. was unmarried, a youth of a little over eighteen years. He is survived by Father

Wm A. Ball - Grand Forks N.D.

all of the family - Mother Mrs Wm A Ball

Sister - Pearl Ball
Grand Forks

Sister - Bernice Ball
North Dakota

Brother S. Thos. Ball
Sister Muriel Ball

NOTED ON FORM #115
14-1-25-21-48

In previous blanks sent us by your dept. & returned to you filled in by us with proper data. We desire and request that the body of our son be permanently interred in France

Mr and Mrs Wm A Ball
Father & Mother

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

Form 115
See Form 115
2/7/22
att

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File No. 7929

(a) Name BALL, Ralph Ser. No. 551739 } TYP als.
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. I, 38th Inf. } DPB
 (c) Date of death 7-29-28 Cause of death DWRIA.

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

(a) Grave No. 19 Row - Plot A Sect. - TYP als.
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Allie Ball, (Mother) 521 N. 4th St. Grand Forks, N. Dak.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases 33 CKR DPB

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

G. R. S. Comm. 4-23-20 - Mother - Mrs. Allie A. Ball -
521 - N. 4th St., Grand Forks, N. Dak., wishes body
left in France (LES)

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 192)
 (Letter of transmittal on 11/16 1920)

Par. #2 - Not to be returned (LES)

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

DEC 3 1920

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken

VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. FEB 9- 1921 192

MB 12-1-20

January 12, 1921

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div. Cor. Br.
(BALL, RALPH)

Mrs. Wm. A. Ball,
521 North 4th. Street,
Grand Forks, N.Dak.

Dear Madam:-

In order to complete the records of this office and before final disposition of the remains of the late Ralph Ball, Private, Company I. 38th. Infantry, Serial Number 551738, can be determined, it is necessary that you state definitely whether or not he is survived by a widow, children or father, and if so, furnish the name and address of each.

If the late soldier is not so survived, it is requested that you again inform this office whether or not you desire the body left in France in a permanent American Cemetery, returned to the United States and shipped to you, or interred in the National Cemetery, at Arlington, Virginia.

Your early reply will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

By:

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

MC /dw

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JAN 13 1921

Noted on Form No. 118
Date 3/14/21 *gp*

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Ball

551738

Ralph

(Surname.)

(Number.)

(First Name and Initials.)

Private

Company "I" 38th Infantry

(Rank.)

(Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL... July 31, 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL.....

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

American Cemetery, Contraxeville, Vosges.

GRAVE NUMBER... 19

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

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:

Peter J. ...
1st. Lt. SC. NA.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

12A00 E 90

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Ball Ralph #551738

Pvt. Co. I. 38th Inf.

DB 7/31/18

Buried Amer.E.F. Cemetery #94

Grave 19

94

B 608



BALL, RALPH

7929

Pvt. Co. I, 38th Inf.

DD: 7/29/18

Buried: Cemetery #94, Contrezeville

94

B 504



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

*File
JP*

March 22, 1921.

FILE

293.8-Gen. #7929 (Ball, Ralph Pvt.)

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)
To: Mrs. William A. Ball, 1719 University Ave., Grand Forks, N. D.
Subject: Private Ralph Ball.

1. In reply to your letter of January 19, 1921, referred to this office by our branch office at Hoboken, you are advised that it is the policy of the Government to concentrate the remains of our soldier dead which are to be permanently interred in France into permanent American Cemeteries and your attention in this connection is invited to paragraph #9 of the enclosed bulletin.

2. According to the present schedule of concentrations, the remains of our soldier dead now temporarily interred in the American Cemetery, Contrexeville, Department of Vosges, wherein the body of your son, the late Private Ralph Ball, Company I, 38th Infantry, is now interred, will at some future date be removed to the Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse. However, when this transfer has been effected, the legal next of kin will be duly advised of the new grave location.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

MVB

CHARLES J. WYNNIE,
1st Lieut., Q. M. G.

MVB
HT

MAILED
MAR 22 1921
G.R.S.

*Quartermaster General
Cemeterial Division*

MVB 3-22-21

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*Copy detached for O S P A G
3/23/21 J.S.*

File Number 7929

TO: REGISTRATION BRANCH, G. R. S.

Date March 18, 1921.

FROM: INQUIRY BRANCH.

Please furnish information as checked (✓) below regarding the following soldier:

NAME: BALL, Ralph

Serial Number

RANK:

ORGANIZATION:

No.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with records?	1. Yes. Private. #551738, Co. I, 38th Infantry.
2.	Date of death.	2. 7/29/18.
3.	Cause and place of death.	3. DWRIA.
4.	Number of casualty cablegram.	4. 212
5.	Date buried.	5. 7/31/18.
6.	Grave location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of cemetery or commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	6. Grave #19, Plot A, American Cty., #94, Contrexeville, Vosges. ✓
7.	Who reported burial?	7.
8.	Confirmed by G. R. S.?	8.
9.	Report as to grave marker.	9. Cross.
10.	Identification tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	10. (a) Yes. (b) Yes.
11.	Complete emergency address?	11. Mrs. Allie A. Ball, (Mother) 1719 University Ave., Grand Forks, N. Dak.
12.	Has been notified? (Give date.)	12. Yes. 8/21/18
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record.)	13.
14.	What is the photograph number?	14. D-30250
15.	Inquiry made by.	RELEASED BY INFORMATION CONTROL DEPARTMENT. X Confirmed. Unconfirmed.

N. B.—All proper names to be typewritten, or printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

M. M. E.

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

I. GENERAL INFORMATION on Cemetery No. ⁹⁴ (furnished by: MBK) (date 3-15-21)
Data sent Overseas Body not to be returned Let Trans - 11/16/20
Operations to commence (approx.) Have begun
Operations to be completed (approx.) _____
Bodies shipped from European Port _____
Bodies arrived at Hoboken _____

II. CASE OF Ball, Ralph, Pvt., Co. 1, 38th Div. # 557988
The following information was abstracted (Date) 3-10-21 from: Form 112

SOURCE	CLK.	in OFFICE		CLK.	in OFFICE
A. G. O. Cards	—	—	Shppg. Inquiry (sent _____)	—	—
A.G.O. Corresp.	—	—	To _____	—	—
G.R.S. Corresp. relative to disp.	—	—	OSP S-S Corresp. (see Remarks.)	—	—

DESIRES as to Disposition.

Name of Relative	RETURN			REMAIN	SPECIAL
	N. C.	Pvt.	Int.		
Widow					
Children (Name oldest first)					
Father <u>Wm A. Ball - W.K.</u>				✓	
Mother <u>1719 University Ave</u>					
Brothers <u>Grand Forks</u>					
Sisters <u>North Dakota</u>					

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

REMARKS Qty 94 Audited Files in Wash
135 Bodies in Storage at Baguette (center) 457 9/2-21
MBK-3-10-21

OK MBK

C O P Y

293.8 Cem. Div., #7929, BALL, Ralph

1719 University Ave
Grand Forks N Dak.
Jan 19 - 1921

R. E. Shannon:-

Dear Sir

Will the bodies of the Soldier boys who died in the base hospitals & who are buried perhaps three & four hundred of them at these places be disinterred & permanently placed in Am. Cemetery in France.

Our son is buried in Cem. 94 died at Base 32, Contrexville France and it is our wish that his body Remain in France, so wish to know. We have filled in the necessary data & forwarded to the addresses given so the proper authorities have our desire in this matter

hoping to hear from you Regarding this matter

Very truly

Mrs Wm A Ball
Grand Forks
No. Dak

*Letter filed from Hoboken for reply.
orig. kept in O.S.P. #27 3/15/21.*

*NOTED ON 113
(4) 125-21-c 8.*

May 11th, 1920.

7929-Inquiry (Ball, Ralph, Pvt.)

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

Mrs. Allie Alma Ball, 521 N. 4th St., Grand Forks, N. Dakota.

Permanent Burial in France.

1. In reply to your letter of April 23rd, you are advised that there is on file in this office your request that the remains of your son, Private Ralph Ball, Company I, 38th Infantry, be permanently interred in France. No further action on your part will be necessary to have your desire fulfilled.

2. After the work of removal of dead to this country has been accomplished, the remaining bodies will be concentrated into one or more large cemeteries yet to be established. These cemeteries will be maintained and cared for by the United States Government.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

By:

CHARLES J. WYNE,
Captain, C.M. Corps.

G. O. S. MAILED
G. O. S. MAILED

MAY 12 1920
MAY 11 1920

7929
Grand Forks N. Dak
521 N-4th

April 23 - 1920

APR 28 '20

Received -- Inq. Dept.

Colonel Charles C. Pierce

Dear Sir:—

What has been the decision regarding the disposition of the bodies of our soldiers who died and are buried in France, our son died from wounds received in action, in base H, 32, and is buried in Coetzville France, I have been informed that at this or four hundred of our American soldiers buried there, & it is our wish that our sons body be not brought back to America for final burial, will there be a National Cemetery in France

and will bodies who are buried at these
base hospitals be removed to the National
Cemetery? Would like to know about this
matter as soon as possible.

Sincerely

Miss Allie Alma Ball
Grand Forks N. D.
521 N. 4th St.