

To The A. G. O.

7088

G.R.S. Form #114-B

MAY 14 1925

DATE 11/22/21

1. nem

NAME BATTLES, Frank F.

SERIAL No.

RANK Capt.

ORGANIZATION <sup>Co.</sup> M.G. Bn. 314th Infantry.

<sup>&</sup> DIVISION 79th

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse. 1232 - 46

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

28

Sec. 46.

1

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Unknown Mainey (Meuse).

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES

35 NE

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CONCENTRATED TO

DATE

GRAVE

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PLOT

Meuse Argonne 1232.

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on cross.

DATE OF DEATH Nov 10, '18

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SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Penna

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DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED None!

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR



M. B. BIRDSEYE

1st Lt., Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION

DATE 11/22/21

GRAVE 8

ROW 40

PLOT Block D

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery #1232, Romagne-s-Montfaucon, Meuse

CEMETERY

AUDITED BY

Smile  
4-10-23

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15 1924  
WORLD WAR DIV.

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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Battles,</i>	<i>BAJ</i>	3	<i>210<sup>12</sup></i>
<i>Frank J</i>	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>8</i>	2	<i>08</i>
	ROW <i>40</i>	2	<i>40</i>
	BLOCK <i>0</i>	1	<i>4</i>
STATE	<i>Penna.</i>	2	<i>44</i>
RANK	<i>Capt.</i>	1	<i>1</i>
DIVISION	<i>79</i>	2	<i>79</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>314</i>	3	<i>314</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Battles,</i>	<i>BAJ</i>	3	<i>210<sup>12</sup></i>
<i>Mrs. Frank</i>	STATE <i>Pennas</i>	2	<i>44</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Phila.</i>	2	<i>51</i>
	CITY <i>Phila.</i>	3	<i>220</i>
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER	<i>Father</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>

AUDITED

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Battles Frank F (MA)

July 7, 1932

Mrs Frank Battles  
131 S 5th St  
Philadelphia Pa

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.

2 Encls.

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

Up  
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Lucy E. Battles  
(Lucy E. Battles)



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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Battles, Frank F. Capt. (M-A) M

June 11, 1931.

Mrs. Frank Battles,  
131 S. 5th St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1932 to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? Yes

Write answer here

*Frank Battles (Mrs. F.)*  
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Battles, Frank F. 1232 M

June 6, 1930

Mrs. Frank Battles,  
131 S. 5th St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.


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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? No -

(Write answer here)

*Mrs Frank Battles*  
(Sign here) FB

BATTLES, FRANK F  
Capt MG Co. 314 Inf.

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110-771

VETERAN SINGLE

Mother.

MRS Frank Battles

131 South Fifth St

Philadelphia

Pa.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Battles, Frank F.

June 29, 1929.

Mr. Frank Battles,  
131 S. 5th St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

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 Capt. Frank F. Battles, MG Co., 314th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, 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.

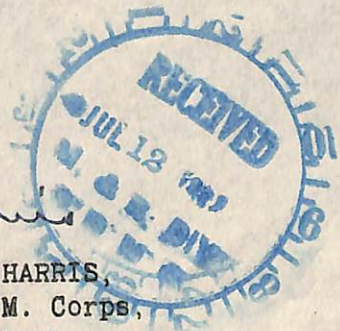
For your reply, you may use the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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



*no desire to avail ourselves of these privileges for Frank Battles*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Battles Frank F (MA)

July 7, 1932

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DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Write answer here)

(Sign here) \_\_\_\_\_

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 298 A-M  
Battles, Frank F. Capt. (M-A) M

June 11, 1931.

Mrs. Frank Battles,  
131 S. 5th St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

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Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? \_\_\_\_\_

Write answer here

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sign here

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RECEIVED  
JUN 11 1931  
COMM. M. B. B. B.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
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Assistant.

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(Write answer here)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7 , 1929.

Battles, Frank F. 1232 M

Mrs. Frank Battles,  
131 South Fifth Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

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

In reply refer to:  
CM 293 C-R  
Battles, Frank F. Capt.

Aug. 16, 1923.

Mr. Frank Battles,  
131 South Fifth St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 9th instant, the Quartermaster General desires you to be advised that the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery has been entirely rearranged according to plans formulated by a commission which visited the permanent cemeteries and made recommendations for their arrangement and ornamentation. The number of disinterments for return to the United States necessitated a rearrangement of burials and in connection therewith the space between graves was increased to six feet. All this was with a view to making more fitting, the permanent burial place of our comrades whose bodies are to remain overseas. The work was conducted with due reverence and under the direction of officers some of whom had been comrades-in-arms with the men whose final burials they supervised.

The question of permitting private headstones to be placed at graves in permanent American cemeteries in Europe, was carefully considered, and the Federal Commission of Fine Arts consulted. As a result, it was decided that erection of private monuments would not be authorized. Each grave will be marked by a regulation headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, division, organization date of soldier's death and State from which he came.

It is desired to make the permanent American cemeteries in Europe as beautiful as any in the world and stones of various sizes and designs would destroy the symmetry and impair their dignity. It is also desired to suppress all inharmonious display and erect headstones alike for both officer and enlisted man. All these men sacrificed equally for their country and it is felt all should be remembered equally by the Nation.

Very truly yours,

H. J. CONNER,  
Assistant.

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*W. J. Conner*

# BATTLES & COMPANY

ESTABLISHED 1890

INVESTMENT SECURITIES

131 SOUTH FIFTH STREET

PHILADELPHIA

NEW YORK  
30 BROAD STREET

TELEPHONE  
LOMBARD 6521

August 9, 1923

War Department,  
Office of Quartermaster-General,  
Washington, D. C.

QM-293C-R

Dear Sir:

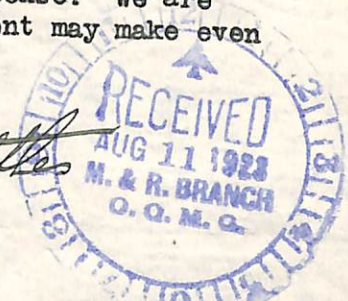
I have your letter of the 28th in reference to the permanent grave of my son, Captain Frank F. Battles.

His Mother and I have visited the cemetery three times at yearly intervals. It was a great disappointment to us to have so many bodies removed. It seems so fitting that they should lie where they fell.

My purpose in writing, however, is to ascertain whether or not the markings must be uniform. We have had a facsimile of my son's cross in marble placed in the yard of an old church here in which we are interested. It exactly reproduces the markings on the wooden cross save for the thickness demanded by difference of material. Is it possible for us to erect such a cross at Romagne, or will the Government erect one such for us at our expense? We are perfectly content to abide by any decision the Department may make even though it may not fall in precisely with our views.

Very truly yours,

*Frank Battles*



FB-N

Battles

(Surname)

Frank F.

(Christian name in full.)

(Army number.)

Capt.

M.G. Co. 314 Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Father

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?

No

(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)

Frank Battles

131 So 5th St P 12a

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

3-6713

Rec'd Off. Div  
3/25/19

Amer-Cty #1232

Noted by S. C.

Date 4-30-21

1232 Sec, 46 - 11

Checked  
4/30/21  
S/C

In reply refer to:  
QM - 293 OAR

July 28, 1923.

Mr. Frank Battles,  
131 South 5th St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of Captain Frank P. Battles, Machine Gun Company, 314th Infantry, is Grave 8, Row 40, Block D, Meuse-Argeois 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 headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, division, 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.

Very truly yours,

H. J. Conner,  
Assistant.



JUL 28 1923  
C. E. H.

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #60050

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BATTLES, Frank F. Ser. No. -----
(b) Rank Capt. Organization M.G.Co., 314th Inf.
(c) Date of death 11-10-18 (d) Cause of death k/a.
TYP. HWL.
CKR. [Signature]

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

(a) Grave No. 28 Row - Plot 1 Sec. 46 TYP. HWL.
(b) Emerg. Address Frank Battles(Father) 131 S.5th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

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

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Frank Battles (b) Relationship Father
(c) Address 131 So. 5th St., Philadelphia, Pa.
(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 G. C. Date 4-30-21, 192

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

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

Examiner's Initials Date, 192

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

2-13-19 Edward H. Bousall, Land Title Bldg., Phila Pa, for father requests body remain where it is in same grave.

(a) Cancellation memos referred to?

Examiner's Initials G. C. Date 4-30-21, 192

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 1232, Sec. 46 SHEET No. 11A

JUN 1 1921

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[Handwritten notes and signatures]



Place Romagne 1232.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Nov 22, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF BATTLES, Frank F. SERIAL NUMBER.....

RANK Capt. ORGANIZATION M.G.Bn. 314th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : Nov 22, 1921 From (give complete location) :

gr 29, sec 46, plot 1

By : Group 1 Unit sec 1

3. Reburied (date) : Nov 22nd 1921 In (give complete location) :

Meuse Argonne Cemetery # 1232 Gr. B block D row 40

un Met Lt casket

By : Group re-burial 5 Unit..... Nature of reburial.....

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

metal box not opened.

5. (a) Identification tags : Buried with body ? case not opened grave marker ? yes.

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

metal brass plac on casket reads, Capt. Frank F. Battles, M.G.Co. 314th Inf.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items ? I certify that tooth chart was not taken as body was in a hermetically sealed casket, and identify fully established.

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

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

Quantity do

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

case not opened.

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

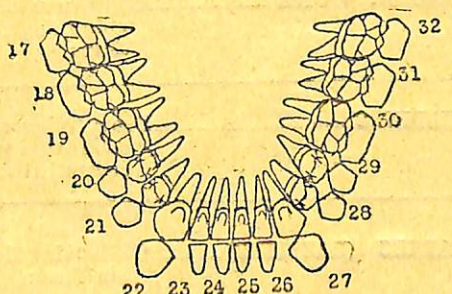
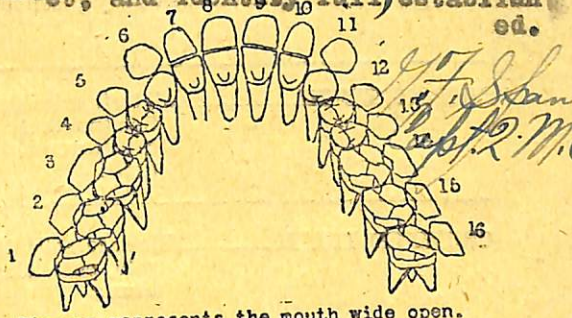
case not opened.

7. Disinterment supervised by A. N. Foster Approved: G. F. Spann

H. E. Poster. (Title) G. F. Spann, Capt. Q.M.C.

8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Dufault Approved: James W. Younger

A. U. Dufault (Title) James W. Younger, Capt QMC



Date 4th June 1919.REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: BATTLES, Frank F.

Number:

Rank: Capt.Organization: 314th Inf.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

21st, April 1919.French Civil CemeteryMOIREY, MEUSE.35 NE 330.5 E 281.22 N

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

21st, April 1919.Grave #28 Sec. #46 Plot #1.ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY No.1232.ROMAGNE, MEUSE.

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

Burial good. Buried in uniform; Badly decomposed.Was one identification tag found upon the body? NoWhat other means of identification were found on the body? Officers Uniform  
Officers collar insignia. Placed in special casket.

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct as is required by G.O. 170, G.H. 2, 1918., after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Lt. Koming

**R. H. ROSENTHAL**  
**2nd Lieut. Q.M.C.U.S.A.**  
C.O. Group \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

HLW

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Nov 22 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

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Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BATTLES, Frank F.  
 2. No. --  
 3. Rank Capt.  
 4. Org. M.G.Bn. 314th Infantry.  
 5. D.D. Nov. 10. 1918  
 6. C.D. KIA

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 28 Sec. 46  
 8. Plot 1 Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 17. None

18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer.

19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon

20. Dept. or County Meuse.

21. Country France.

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232 - 46

23. Disinterred (Date) Nov 22 1921

By H H Foster.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Frank F Battles

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

Rank Capt.

Organization MG Bn 314 Inf

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes On body? Case not opened

*John H. Crawford*  
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

John H Crawford

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).

Metal brass plaque on casket reads "Capt French F Battles, MG Bn, 314 Inf.

27. Condition of body Case not opened.

28. Nature of burial Case not opened.

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Nov 22 1921 By H H Foster.

31. Casket sealed by H Foster.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) *H. H. Foster*

"Do not Disturb" per letter OQMG 5/14/21.

AUDITED BY

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **C-15618**

32. Designation of body:

Name **Frank F. BATTLES** Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

Rank **Capt.** Organization **M.G.Bn. 314th Infantry.**

33. Consigned to:

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

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **Nov 22 1921** By **H H Foster.**

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 *Geo. F. Spann*

**Geo F Spann, Capt. QMC**

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

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) **Nov 22 1921** cc

To point of Concentration **Morgue Romagne**

Convoyer **W J Royed** Signature Shipping Officer **J. Gerald Cole**  
(Name) **GERALD COLE**  
Captain, C. A. G.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_

To Permanent Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_

(Name) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

41. Reinterred **Meuse Argonne Cemetery # 1232** **Nov 22nd 1921**

(Date)

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

**Block**

43. ~~Block~~ **D** Row **40**

G.R.S. Representative *James W. Younger*  
**James W. Younger, Capt. QMC**

jt.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #60050

*not card*

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name **BATTLES, Frank F.** Ser. No. -----  
 (b) Rank **Capt.** Organization **M.G.Co., 314th Inf.**  
 (c) Date of death **11-10-18** (d) Cause of death **k/a.**

} TYP. **HWL.**  
*CB*

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

(a) Grave No. **28** Row ----- Plot **1** Sec. **46** TYP. **HWL.**  
 (b) Emerg. Address **Frank Battles (Father) 131 S. 5th St., Philadelphia, Pa.**

III. ~~Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases~~ CKR. *CB*

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

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V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on -----, 192  
 letter of transmittal on **5/14**, 1921  
*See 46*  
*Par 3 Not to be disturbed* **SPW**

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

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

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

COUNTRY ----- CEMETERY No. ----- SHEET No. -----

Address reply to  
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE & STORAGE  
Munitions Building

WAR DEPARTMENT.  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE  
WASHINGTON

February 11, 1920.

(Battles, Frank F., Capt.) G. R. S.

Graves Registration Service.

Mr. Frank Battles, Battles & Company, Independence Square,  
Philadelphia, Penna.  
Dimensions of Crosses.

1. Replying to your letter of February 6th you are advised that the crosses located over the soldier's graves in France are made of wood,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches thick. The crosses extend  $4\frac{1}{2}$  feet above the ground and the following are the dimensions:

Height	$72\frac{1}{2}$ inches
Width of Board	$4\frac{1}{2}$ inches
Length of cross piece	$23\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Colonel, U. S. Army,  
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

By:

CHARLES J. WYNNE,  
Captain, Q. M. C.,  
Graves Registration Service.

HHH:BG

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

2. Soldier's No.

3. BATTLES ..... F. F. ....  
Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials

4. Captain ..... M. G. Co. .... 314. Inf. ....  
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. Nov. 9, 1918 ..... Killed in action .....  
Date of Death Cause, if known

6. .... French Civil. ....  
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. ~~MOIR~~ MOIREY ..... MEUSE .....  
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. ....  
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

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

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

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

Sk. #136

897

12. Verdun NE 35 ..... E 330.5 N 281.22 .....  
Map reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

OMME. MOIRY (MEUSE)

(G 284) SHT. 35 NE COORD E 330.5

13. N 281.22  
Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed .....

Headquarters Group ..... Unit... 311 G. R. S.

**BATTLES & COMPANY**

INVESTMENT BANKERS

INDEPENDENCE SQUARE

PHILADELPHIA

*Capt.  
Romagne*

February 6, 1920.

COLONEL CHARLES C. PIERCE

CHIEF OF GRAVE REGISTRATION SERVICE

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Will you be good enough to give me the dimensions of the Crosses erected over the Soldiers' Graves in France? If there is any difference between that of Officers and Men, I would say that my inquiry is in reference to the grave of my son Captain Frank F. Battles, who is buried in the cemetery at Romagne.

Please tell me the height of the cross above the ground and its face measure. I understand that they are of wood, only, so the thickness is immaterial.

Yours truly,

*Frank Battles*

FB/CEG.

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**GRAVE LOCATION BLANK**

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BATTLES

Frank F.

(Surname.)

(Number.)

(First Name and Initials.)

Captain

Machine Gun Co 314th Infantry

(Rank.)

(Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL..... 13 November 1918.....

PLACE OF BURIAL In cemetery, north of ruins...

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

of church, in "Moirey", France, beside and  
north of grave of Henry Lecompte whose gr-  
ave is marked by a headstone.

GRAVE NUMBER.....

HOW MARKED: ~~XXXXXX~~..... Cross? **Yes**.....

~~XXXXXX~~..... ~~XXXXXX~~.....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Had identification tag

Was one buried with body? **on wrist.**.....

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:

*William H. T. Mackie, Capt 51427*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Refer to this

(Office) **A**

No.

**60050**

## INQUIRY

Request by **Mr. Clark,**European address **Ritz Hotel.****New York City.**Relationship to dec'd **Friend.**

For location grave of:-

**Battles, Frank F.**

Last name Serial No. First name

**Capt. M.G. Bn. 314th Inft.**

Rank Org. Date of death

**10/13/21.**

Date of request

Recd. by **JMK**

(Initials) Other information:

## INFORMATION FURNISHED

Location of grave Country

**#1232. Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty.**

Cemetery Commune (town) Dept.

**Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.**Grave No. **28** Section **46**Plot **1** Row

Furnished by Date

(Initials)

Signal Corps, United States Army.  
Telegram.

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CHIEF GRAVES REG SERVICE

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RETEL G 878 C CAPT F F BATTLES M G CO THREE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH  
INFANTRY BURIED FRENCH CIVIL CEMETERY COMMA MOIREY DEPT MEUSE NOVEMBER  
NINTH NINETEEN EIGHTEEN MAP THIRTY FIVE NORTHEAST COMMA EAST THREE  
THIRTY POINT FIVE COMMA NORTH TWO EIGHTY ONE POINT TWENTY TWO PERIOD  
G 461 R PERIOD

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O. C. S.  
G. R. S.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

January 26th, 1919

FROM : ADJUTANT GENERAL.  
TO : CHAPLAIN M G Co., 314TH INFANTRY,  
American E. F., France  
SUBJECT : Information for burial Register.

1. You are directed to transmit without delay to the Chief, Graves Registration Service, the information indicated on enclosed Grave Location Blank as necessary for the completion of official records.

By Command of General Pershing:

Robert C. Davis  
Adjutant General.

Note:

In case this item is checked, you will note hereon:

Nearest relative of deceased:

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Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Sigsbee Corps, United States Army.

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CHIEF GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

TOURS

RETEL G EIGHT SEVEN EIGHT C PERIOD NO BURIAL INFORMATION YET RECEIVED

THESE HEADQUARTERS IN CASE CAPTAIN FRANK F BATTLES PERIOD SEARCH

BEING CONTNUED PERIOD G-331 R

STATEN

1225 PM

*Susp*  
*1/24*



*2:20 P.M.*

REC. DIVISION  
JAN 01 07 09  
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Dec 23, 1918.

Capt C E Staten  
Graves Registration Officer  
Neufchateau

Confirm grave location Capt Frank F Battles MG Co 314th Inf reported buried in French Cemetery at Meirey ( Meuse) 16 kilometers north of Verdun approximate coordination sheet 35 NE comma E 330 point 4 comma N 281 point 15 G 878 C.

ROGERS.

O. B.

C.M. NOETZEL  
2nd Lieut., QMC.  
ACL/ WK  
1:50 PM

Copy to:  
T & C  
G R S  
Sgt Daly Original

1/21/19

*[Handwritten signature]*  
~~77~~

*[Large handwritten checkmark]*

Office in charge of Burial

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
A.P.O. 717. FRANCE.

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December 23rd, 1918.

MEMORANDUM FOR CAPTAIN O'CONNOR.

Attached copy of telegram shows action taken, case  
Capt. Frank P. Battles, Machine Gun Company, 314th Inf.

Buried at ...  
A. C. LaPerriere,  
2nd Lieut., Q.M.C.

ACL/mck.

15 file ...

④  
Lieut.  
Lieut.

Frank F. Battley <sup>50</sup>

315th Infantry

Nov. 9th - 1918

Burial at Mouney

16 Kil. south of Verdun

French Cemetery

only an grave in French  
Cemetery

L. Loetzgel.

Have you any  
record. This info given over  
phone by his brother WBC

3/2/19

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EDWARD H. BONSAALL  
LAND TITLE BUILDING  
PHILADELPHIA

February 13th, 1919.

Lieutenant-Colonel Charles C. Pierce,  
Chief, Graves Registration Service,  
A. E. F. France.

My dear Dr. Pierce:-

I had a call recently from Frank Battles, whom you will probably remember as the Accounting Warden of the Church of the Saviour, West Philadelphia. His son, Captain Frank F. Battles was killed in France and is now interred in the French Civilian Cemetery of Moirey, Meuse, France.

The present inclination of Mr. and Mrs. Battles is not to change the grave, if it is fairly certain that the cemetery, where their son is buried, will continue to be maintained and no change made by the authorities in after years.

Mr. Battles has asked to me write to you to ask if it would be possible for you to express a personal opinion with regard to the desirability of permitting the body to remain where it is; and also to ask if you would have a photograph of the grave showing the inscription and also a photograph showing the surroundings. I know Battles very well and if you could do what he wants, I will appreciate it, although I do not like to trouble you with anything which is likely to add to your already heavy burdens. In case you would advise the change in the place of interment, could you let me know whether it has been decided to establish a National Cemetery in France to which, if established, the remains might be removed.

I might add that Captain Battles' brother is Major W. W. Battles of the 808th Infantry. If there is any occasion for further information, he no doubt could supply it. It was at his instance that the body was moved from where it was interred on the Battle Field to its present resting place.

I had a call at the office a day or two since from Mrs. Pierce and Mirian and Mrs. Bonsall was down to call on them at Ridley on Saturday morning.

We are still at sea at St. Matthew's, but are riding pretty steadily under the guidance of Dr. Yerkes. We all miss you very much.

Very sincerely yours,

*Edward H. Bonsall*