

LIST OF PAPERS

Dr. 1832

File under No. 293.8

*Maj. Howard H. Beal.
Med. Corps.*

3-6788

SERIAL NUMBER	FROM—	DATE	TO—	SYNOPSIS
	<i>Ft. Meyer, Va.</i>	<i>4-25-28</i>	<i>Mr. M^cBright for Mrs. Norman</i>	

Beal, Howard W.

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Major, Medical Corps

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased wife

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)

Walter Hans Farm

Amherst, Hampshire Mass

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by L. K.

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Case # 34



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REVIEWED
OSP SS.

FULL NAME BEAL, Howard W.

RANK Major SERIAL

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION MRC Med. Corps 6th F. A. 1st Div

DATE OF DEATH July 20 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Massachusetts

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED: None

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 32 4 B
Date Grave Row Block

Suresnes, #34

Cemetery

REC'D WORLD WAR DIV

3 AUG 1925 1925

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

Beal Howard *Howard*
LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF
Howard **W. Beal**
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Major **U. . M.C.**
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL **23 July**

PLACE OF BURIAL **A.F.F. Cemetery #34**
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

Suresnes, Paris, France

GRAVE NUMBER **675**

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?
Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:
Was one buried with body?

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

OK

REPORTED BY: **T. A. Flanagan Chaplain**
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Howard - Maj.
or Beal left Montfontaine for the aid station for the Inf. About of the wonderful work of the boys at to the front did not return l, etc. Shortly after the Maj. ~~left~~ separated from their Regt asked the three Infantrymen to sleep. the best you can. I had just fi- out of the door of his tent, pre- the other boys. As the Maj. Stepped n being immediatly on my right. his moment an Aeroplane bomb fell e side of the hill. I was knocked eet the Infantryman said "I am nd near his heart and said "Boys ajor down and called for Lt. Brady Major and went with him to the Brady what to do for him in re- n. The ambulance was with us at n the hours of 9 and 10 P.M. July ing him to the hospital.

Signed: **Marcus L. McDonough - Med. Dept.**
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Co. M.D. 6th F.A.
1st. Division.

BEAL, Howard - Maj.

On or about 12.00 A.M. July, 18th 1918, Major Beal left Montfontaine for the front with intention of establishing a first aid station for the Inf. About 8.00 P.M. he returned and after telling us of the wonderful work of the boys said he was very tired. His orderly, who went to the front did not return with him so I attended to him fixing his bed, etc. Shortly after the Maj. laid down three Infantrymen who had become separated from their Regt asked if it would be all right to fix a place for the three Infantrymen to sleep. He replied, Yes sir, young man, fix them up the best you can. I had just finished talking with the Maj. when he stepped out of the door of his tent, presumably with the intention of speaking to the other boys. As the Maj. stepped out he was on my left, one of the Infantrymen being immediately on my right. We were standing at the foot of a hill. At this moment an Aeroplane bomb fell about 50 feet in front of us, striking on the side of the hill. I was knocked to the ground and before I could regain my feet the Infantryman said "I am wounded". Maj. Beal put both hands to the wound near his heart and said "Boys I'm done for". Pvt. Peyton and I layed the Major down and called for Lt. Brady of the Med. Dept. 6th F.A. He waited on the Major and went with him to the hospital that night. The Major had told Lt. Brady what to do for him in regard to the wounds while we were dressing him. The ambulance was with us at the time the bomb exploded, which was between the hours of 9 and 10 P.M. July 18th, 1918. There was no time lost in conveying him to the hospital.

Signed: Marcus L. McDonough - Med. Dept.
6th FA.

G.P.

Place Suresnes (Seine)

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date 9.10.21

1. REMAINS OF BEAL, Howard W. SERIAL NUMBER -----

RANK Major, MRC. ORGANIZATION Med. Det. 1st Div. Hqrs.
Corps - CBIR-2-25-12

2. Disinterred (date) : 9.10.21 From (give complete location) :
Gr. 515 Cem. 34. Suresnes.

By : Group 2 Unit F.S. 6

3. Reburied (date) : 9.10.21 In (give complete location) :
Gr. 32, Row 4, Cem. 34, Suresnes. Block B

By : Group 2 Unit F.S. 6 Nature of reburial Shipping case & metallic casket and blanket.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :
Partially decomposed - features unrecognizable. In sheet and pine box.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks : No effects. Exhumed for burial in permanent cemetery at Suresnes.. No means of identification other than grave marker. This was the last body in row and body in adjacent grave was identified.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Imp. to det.

(b) Weight (estimated) Imp. to det.

(c) Hair—Color None visible

Quantity None visible

Characteristics None visible

(d) Hair on face—Color None visible

Location None visible

Quantity None visible

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

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

Post mortem case.

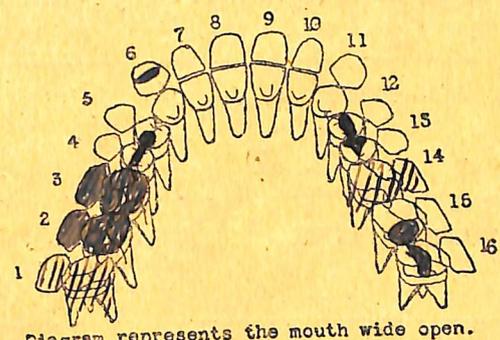
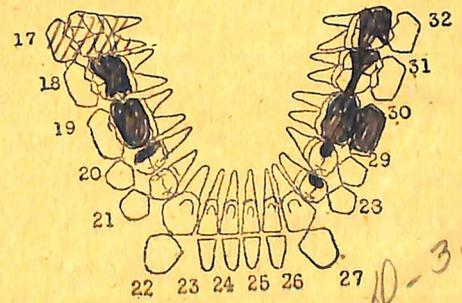


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



1 & 17 not erupted. 2 & 3 Gold crown. 4, 5, 12, 15 & 16 Sil. Fil. No. 6. Porc. Fil. 14 M.B.D. 13 Gold filling. 18, 19, 2, 28, 29 & 32 Sil. Fil. No. 30 Gold crown. No. 31 Gold filling.

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7. Disinterment supervised by A. Lee, S.E.

Approved E. J. Riordan,
(Title) Capt., QMC.

8. Reburial supervised by J.A. Lee, S.E.

Approved : E. J. Riordan,
(Title) Capt., QMC.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER COMPLETION OF G. R. S. FORM NO. 16-A

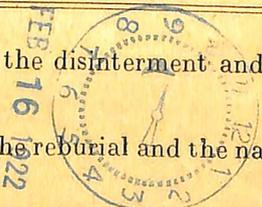
Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Question 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".
 (b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No. 6.
6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

MISSING TEETHAll teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :	
CROWNED TEETHBlock in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :	
BRIDGE WORKBlock in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :	
FILLINGSDraw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :	
CARIES (CAVITIES)Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :	
DENTURES (PLATES)Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp."	

7. Show name of person supervising the disinterment and the name and title of the person approving same.

8. Show name of person supervising the reburial and the name and title of the person approving same.



DENTISTRY DIVISION

To the
~~Official Bulletin~~
Washington D.C.

From you

I am writing on behalf
of my Sister Mrs. Pral
widow of Major Howard W.
Pral killed in France last
July and buried at
Suresnes (near Paris) Mrs. Pral
is anxious to know what
Committees of the House ▽

the desired information would
you be kind enough to
place this in the proper
hands.

Very truly yours

Conrad Hobbs.

455 Boylston St
Boston Mass.

90 American Red Cross

Senate has charge of
the affairs of officers in
France - He would like a
list of the Committees'
personnel -

Mrs. Deal would also
like to know what legislation
has been passed regarding
this subject - Can you
find copies of the acts?

Any other information
bearing on the matter would
be much appreciated
If you cannot find the

(1)

From: Office, G. A. of A.
To: Conrad Webb, Esq., 755
Boylston St., Boston, Mass.
c/o. American Red Cross.

Subject: Return of body of
Major Bernard W. Reed,
interred at Suresnes Cemetery,
near Paris, France.

In reply to your letter
of no date, relative to the a-
bove subject, I beg to ~~say~~
report as follows:

1. There are no com-
mittees of Congress charged
with the graves of officers

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in France. The Graves Registration Service is in charge there and this office here.

2. No legislation has been passed by Congress upon this subject but several bills have been introduced proposing the establishment of "American Fields of Honor" in France, for the interment of our dead soldiers.

3. The matter of ^{general} disinterments is now being discussed by the French Chambers and nothing can be done until this is decided.

H. L. R.
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293.2 (Beal, Howard W.)-Cemeterial.

July 8, 1919.

Office, Quartermaster General of the Army.

Conrad Hobbs, Esq., 755 Boylston St., Boston, Mass.,
C/o American Red Cross.

Return of body of Major Howard W. Beal, interred at
Suresnes Cemetery, near Paris, France.

In reply to your letter of no date, relative to the
above subject, I beg to report as follows:

1. There are no committees of Congress charged
with the graves of officers in France. The Graves Regis-
tration Service is in charge there and this office here.
2. No legislation has been passed by Congress upon
this subject but several bills have been introduced pro-
posing the establishment of "American Fields of Honor" in
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until this is decided.

H. L. Rogers,
Quartermaster General of the Army.

By:

H. R. Lemly,
Major, Quartermaster Corps.

HRL/u

293.2 Beal, Howard W.

Dear Copy to the Press

Hotel Belmont

FORTY-SECOND ST.

CABLE ADDRESS "MONTBEL" (OPPOSITE GRAND CENTRAL TERMINAL)
AT PARK AVENUE
Central Mail

New York

November 19, 1918.



B.L.M. BATES



The Honorable Newton D. Baker,
Secretary of War,
Washington, D. C.

ASSISTANT AND CHIEF CLERK
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WAR DEPT.

My dear Secretary;

I am anxious to enter a very serious and solemn request that the body of my husband, Major Howard W. Beal, Medical Corps, who fell in France on July 18th, be not removed from the grave where it is now resting, in Suresne Cemetery, just outside of Paris. I do not know the proper person to address on this subject, so I am appealing to you and ask that you use your authority to have my request acceded to, thru the proper channel.

No circumstance in the experience of my life can duplicate the pride I know in having had my husband offer his life for his country when it was needed, and after a fruitful service of over a year, which followed two years in England before America entered the war, to know that his body has found a resting place in the soil of France, warmed by the love and sympathy existing between America and France, is a great comfort to me. It is as I wish it.

Will you kindly issue an order so that my request will be granted ?

Very sincerely,

Henrietta H. Beal

Mrs. Howard W. Beal.

NOV 24 1918

Mrs. Howard W. Beal.

Hotel Belmont

FORTY SECOND ST. AT PARK AVE.

New York



The Honorable Newton D. Baker,
Secretary of War,
Washington,
D. C.

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293.2-Cemeterial.

November 25, 1918.

The Quartermaster General of the Army.

Mrs. Henrietta Hobbs Beal, Hotel Belmont, Forty-Second St. at Park Ave.,
New York City, N. Y.

Disposition of remains of Major Howard W. Beal, Medical Corps.

1. This office is in receipt of your letter of the 19th instant requesting that the body of your husband, Major Howard W. Beal, Medical Corps, who fell in France on July 18, 1918, be not removed from the grave where it is now resting at Suresne Cemetery just outside of Paris.

2. In reply you are informed that your wish will be complied with and the Chief of the Graves Registration Service, American Expeditionary Forces, in France, who has immediate supervision over the cemeteries in which American soldiers are buried, has been advised accordingly.

R. E. WOOD,
Acting Quartermaster General,

By:

H. R. Lemly,
Major, Q. M. Corps.

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COPY to the
Chief, Graves Registration Service,
American Expeditionary Forces,
France.

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293.2 Beal, Howard W.

QM 293 A-C

May 28, 1928.

Beal, Howard Washburn - Major.

Mrs. Laura Nichols Graham,
Washington, D.C.,
Bethesda Branch, R.11, Box 54.

Dear Madam:

In reply to your letter of April 9, 1928, addressed to the Surgeon General, U.S. Army and referred to this office, The Quartermaster General desires you be advised that there are no funds available for the purpose of securing photographs of graves of deceased service men interred in the American cemeteries in Europe.

The return from Europe of the World War Military dead has been discontinued except in such isolated cases where recent identification of the bodies has been made and requests for return of these bodies on file in this office previous to August 15, 1921.

Very truly yours,

J. McLintock,
Major, Q.M. Corps,
Assistant.

Q.M. G.M. & R. DIV.

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Washington, D. C.,
Apr. 9, 1928.

The Surgeon General, U. S. Army.

Sir:

In re S.G.O. 201, (Beal, Howard Washburn): your letter to me of Apr. 6th 1928.

May I enquire, further, whether the Graves Registration Service has already prepared, or will furnish on request, a photograph of Grave #34, in row 4, block B, Suresnes, France.

I should greatly appreciate more information, since I had supposed Doctor Beal's service was in England. I have only now been able to bring myself to enquire concerning him. Will you please state briefly the nature and bodily location of his fatal wound? Was it at Chateau Thierry? Had he suffered any previous wounds in the service? His age at death?

I recall as tho' it were yesterday, the day (now 28 or 29 years ago) when he left his colleagues - then called "Doctor" - Leonard Wood, at the Mass. Gen'l Hosp., came down to the Army Building and "signed up" with the Transport Service for the Porto Rico run. A year later, perhaps, he sailed for the Philippines with a commission as lieutenant surgeon.

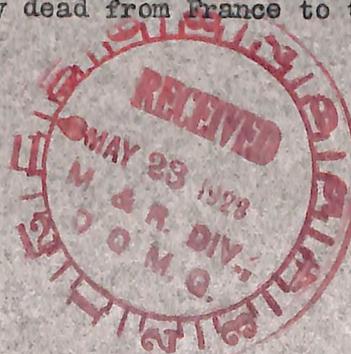
Dr. Beal's widow having remarried some years ago, I should prefer to write to his parents. Kindly furnish their first names and local address in Lewiston, Maine.

Very respectfully,

(Mrs.) Laura Nichols Graham
late Spanish War nurse.

Washington, D. C.,
Bethesda Branch,
R. 11, Box 54

Has the transfer of military dead from France to the U. S., been discontinued?



SGO 201 (Beal, Howard Washburn)

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War Dept., SGO, Washington, April 14, 1928. - To The Adjutant General.

1. The writer of this communication was advised, under date of April 6, 1928, that Maj. Howard W. Beal was wounded by a bomb from an air plane July 18, 1918 and died July 20, 1918, and was buried in Suresnes, France. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Beal, resided in Lewiston, Maine, when last heard from in 1918. This communication has not been replied to.

For The Surgeon General:

15 Received A. G. O. APR 16 1928

Rec'd World War Div.

APR 17 1928

Chas. L. Foster

Chas. L. Foster
Lieut. Col., Medical Corps
Assistant

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A.G. 201 Beal, Howard W.
(4-9-28) WW

2nd Ind.

DLB/MB 1-206.

War Department, A.G.O., April 21, 1928.--To The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army, Washington D.C.

1. Forwarded for reply to so much of letter as pertains to the office of The Quartermaster General.
2. The writer has been advised of this reference.

By order of the Secretary of War:

John Dalton
Adjutant General.

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copy of letter

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Beal, Howard W.

A.G. 201 Beal, Howard W.
(4-9-28) WW

2nd Ind.

DLE/MB 1-206.

War Department, A.G.O., April 21, 1928.--To The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army, Washington D.C.

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2. The writer has been advised of this reference.

By order of the Secretary of War:

J. N. Datto

Adjutant General.

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copy of letter



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Beal, Howard W.
Datto, J. N.

A.G. 201 Beal, Howard W.
(4-9-28) WW

April 21, 1928.

Mrs. Laura N. Graham,
R. 11, Box 54,
Bethesda Branch,
Washington D.C.

Dear Madam:

I have received from The Surgeon General of the Army your letter of April 9, 1928, concerning the late Major Howard W. Beal, Medical Corps.

Major Beal while serving with the Medical Detachment, 6th Field Artillery, 1st Division, in France, in the Aisne-Marne offensive was struck in the left chest by a bomb from an enemy plane near Morte Fontaine July 18, 1918, which resulted in his death July 20, 1918. The records do not show that he was wounded in action prior to July 18, 1918. His date of birth is shown as November 26, 1869.

In his personal record I find that in papers dated sometime prior to the World War he gave as the names and address of relatives: "Mr. or Mrs. J.D. or Bertha H. Beal, Lewiston, Maine." No other address of relatives in Lewiston, Maine, has been found in his record.

Inquiries regarding the burial of our soldiers and officers pertain to The Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington D.C. I am, therefore, transmitting your letter to him for further reply and with whom, it is suggested, you communicate directly for any information you desire relative to the burial of Major Beal.

Very truly yours,

Major General,
The Adjutant General,
By:

July 13, 1919.

My dear General Harris:

Major Howard W. Beal of the Medical Corps, who died of wounds on the 20th of July 1918, is buried in Suresnes Cemetery, just out side of Paris. Mrs. Beal is in great fear that her husband's body will be removed from there and returned to this country, and she is anxious that it be allowed to rest in France. I understood that if people did not want the bodies of their dead returned to this country their wishes would be complied with, but I should be glad if you could inform me definitely in regard to this.

Very truly yours, H.C. Lodge,

Maj. Gen. P.C. Harris:
The Adjutant General,
War Department.

293.2 Beal, Howard W.

JUL 19 1919

2nd Ind.

In answer refer to file No. 293.2-Comterial.
Office, Quartermaster General, July 19, 1919. -- The Adjutant General,
(REFERENCE A.G. 293.8, Deal, Howard W., July 16, 1919.)

1. Returned. It is understood that the American Cemetery at Suresnes, France, will be permanent. The Chief of the Graves Registration Service, American Expeditionary Forces, has been requested to comply with Mrs. Deal's wishes and the name of Major Howard W. Deal, Medical Corps, has been listed in this office for his body to remain in France.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

H.N. Lealy,
Major, Quartermaster Corps.

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A.G. 293.8

Beal, Howard W.

1st Ind.

RT - 428.

War Department, A.G.O., July 16, 1919. To: The Quartermaster
General of the Army, Cemeterial Branch. Attention: Major H. R.
Lemly.

To note Mrs. Beal's wishes and comply therewith, if
possible.

Report of action taken is desired.

By order of the Secretary of War:

Charles J. Kindler

Adjutant General.



Returned. It is understood that the
American Cemetery at Suresnes, France,
will be permanent. The ~~Chief~~ Chief of
the Graves Registration Service, American
Expeditionary Forces, has been ~~so~~
^{requested} ~~instructed~~ to comply with Mrs. Best's wishes
and the name of Major Howard V. Best
Medical Corps, has been listed in this office
for his body to remain in France.

By authority, &c.

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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Beal, Howard H.</i>	<i>BEA</i>	3	<i>251</i>
	CEMETERY <i>34</i>	1	<i>6</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>32</i>	2	<i>32</i>
	ROW <i>4</i>	2	<i>04</i>
	BLOCK <i>B</i>	1	<i>2</i>
STATE	<i>Mass.</i>	2	<i>25</i>
RANK	<i>Major</i>	1	<i>1</i>
DIVISION	<i>1</i>	2	<i>01</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>6</i>	3	<i>006</i>
ARM	<i>I. a.</i>	1	<i>3</i>
MARITAL (<i>Pre-in-law</i>)	<i>Remarried</i>	1	<i>3</i>
NAME <i>Hobbs, Conrad</i>		3	<i>252</i>
<i>419 Summer St.</i>	STATE	2	<i>25</i>
<i>Boston, Mass.</i>	COUNTY <i>Suffolk</i>	2	<i>13</i>
RESIDENCE	CITY <i>Roslindale</i>	3	<i>019</i>
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER	<i>Pre-in-law</i>	1	<i>3</i>
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Dead</i>	1	<i>6</i>
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RACE		1	
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HEALTH		1	
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DATE OF	MO.	1	<i>RS</i>
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ACCEPTANCE		1	
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AUDITED

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QM 293 A-M
Beal, Howard W. (Sur)

October 7, 1932.

Mr. Conrad Hobbs,
419 Sumner St.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

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

It will therefore be appreciated if you will advise whether or not your brother-in-law, the late Major Howard W. Beal, is survived by a stepmother or any woman who stood in loco parentis to him for a period of not less than five years at any time prior to his reaching the age of eighteen, and if so, her name and address. It is requested you furnish, if possible, the dates of death of his parents.

The enclosed self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is 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

Boal, Howard W. S4-BLL

July 3, 1930.

Mr. Conrad Hobbs,
419 Sumner St.,
Boston, Mass.

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.

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May 9, 1929

Major John T. Harris
Office of the Quartermaster General
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

QM 293 A-C-Howard W. Beal: I took the liberty of opening the letter referred to above, as my sister, Mrs. H. H. Friend is now living in Paris, and I act as her agent here.

If you will refer to your letter, it states that Mrs. Henrietta Hobbs Beal, who is now Mrs. Friend, was the mother of the late Major Howard W. Beal. This is not correct. Major Beal's mother has died, and my sister, who has since married again, was Major Beal's widow.

Her address is 1 Rue du Cardinal Lemoine, Paris, and perhaps you will wish to write her there regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,

CH:W



Howard Hobbs

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Beal, Howard W

May 3, 1929.

Mrs. Henrietta Hobbs Beal,
Water Lane Farm,
Shrewsbury, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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 ^{widow} mother of the late Major, Howard W. Beal, Medical Corps, whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, 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 an 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 remarried 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,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Heal, Howard W. (Sur)

October 7, 1932.

Mr. Conrad Hobbs,
419 Sumner St.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

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

It will therefore be appreciated if you will advise whether or not your brother-in-law, the late Major Howard W. Beal, is survived by a stepmother or any woman who stood in loco parentis to him for a period of not less than five years at any time prior to his reaching the age of eighteen, and if so, her name and address. It is requested you furnish, if possible, the dates of death of his parents.

The enclosed self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is 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

Beal, Howard W. 81-BIL

July 3, 1930.

Mr. Conrad Hobbs,
419 Summer St.,
Boston, Mass.

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

QM 293 A-C

IN REPLY REFER TO
Beal, Howard W

May 3, 1929.

Mrs. Henrietta Hobbs Beal,
Water Lane Farm,
Shrewsbury, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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 mother of the late Major, Howard W. Beal, Medical Corps, whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, 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 an 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 remarried 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,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

June 13, 1922.

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FILE: 293.8 C-R - #8518-- (Beal, Howard W., Major.)
FROM: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army.
TO: Mrs. Henrietta Hobbs Beal, Water Lane Farm,
Shrewsbury, Mass.,
SUBJECT: Permanent Grave Location of Major Howard W. Beal,
Medical Corps.

1. The permanent grave of this officer is No. 32, Row 4.
Block B, The American Cemetery of Suresnes, Department of Seine,
France.

2. 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 and date of soldier's death. 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.

3. 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
By authority of the Quartermaster General:

mdt

JUN 14 1922

G.R.S.

GEORGE H. PENROSE,
Colonel, Q. M. Corps,
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

DATE _____

1. NAME Beal, Howard W SERIAL No. _____

RANK Maj. MRC ORGANIZATION Med.Dept. 1st Div.Hqrs.

GRAVE LOCATION Amer.Cem. Suresnes - Seine 34
CTY. NAME NUMBER

515
GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 515 SURESNES. Seine
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES American Cty. #34.

CONCENTRATED TO Original burial.
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.

Original burial.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS None.
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR G.V.S. QUACKENBUSH.
Lieut. Col., Q.M.C. Chief, Operations Div.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 9-10-21. 32. 4. Block B.
DATE GRAVE ROW ~~CEMETERY~~

SURESNES AMERICAN CEMETERY #34. (Seine) SURESNES
CEMETERY

AUDITED BY
S B/K. 2-25-22

RECEIVED
SERIAL DIVISION
12 16 922

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.
2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.
3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.
4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form I6, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE 9.10.21

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 Beal, Howard W 10. Name _____
 2. No. _____ 11. No. _____
 3. Rank MAJOR MRC 12. Rank _____
 4. Org. Med. Det. 1st Div. Hqrs. 13. Org. _____
 5. D.D. 7-20 14. (a) D.D. _____
 6. C.D. DOW (b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 515 Sec. _____ 15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
 8. Plot _____ Row _____ 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 9. _____ 17. No discrepancy

18. Cemetery Amer 19. Commune or town Suresnes20. Dept. or County Seine 21. Country France22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 3423. Disinterred (Date) 9.10.21 By J.A. Lee.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Howard W. Beal Serial No. NoneRank Maj. M.R.C. Organization M.D. 1st Div. Hq.25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? No On body? No

William H. Warren
 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).

No effects. No means of identification other than grave marker. This was the last body in row and body in adjacent grave was identified.

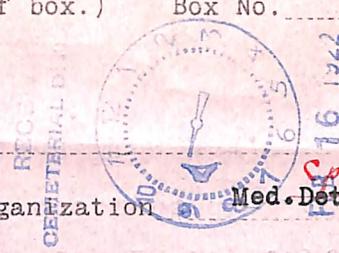
27. Condition of body Partially decomposed - features unrecognizable.28. Nature of burial In sheet and pine box.29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date 9.10.21 By J.A. Lee.31. Casket sealed by J.A. Lee.Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) J.A. Lee

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **C-4980**

32. Designation of body:

Name **Beal, Howard W** Serial No.

Rank **Maj/ MRC** Organization **Med. Det. 1st Div. Hqrs.**



33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **Suresnes Amer. Cem. #34**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **9.10.21** By **J.A. Lee.**

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 *E.J. Riordan*
E.J. Riordan,
Capt., QMC.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) **9.10.21**

To point of Concentration **Suresnes (Seine)**
(Name)

Convoyer **W.H.S.** Signature Shipping Officer **W.H.S.**

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 **W.H.S.** Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred **9.10.21** (Date)

42. Grave No. **32** Section

43. Plot **Block B** Row **4 (Cem. 34)**

01 G.R.S. Representative *E.J. Riordan*
E.J. Riordan,
Capt., QMC.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 8518

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BEAL, Howard W. (1-8-21) - ok Ser. No. ---
 (b) Rank Major Organization Med. Det. Hq. 1st. Div. TYP. EK
 (c) Date of death 7/20/18 (d) Cause of death DWRJA CKR. [Signature]

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

(a) Grave No. 515 Row -- Plot -- Sec. -- TYP. EK
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. H. ^{Henrietta} Hobbs Beal (wife) Water Lane Farm, North Grafton, Mass.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases Shrewsbury (7/29/20) TYP. [Signature] CKR. [Signature]

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt 12-15-20

(a) Name Henrietta Hobbs Beal, (b) Relationship Wife
 (c) Address Water Lane Farm, Shrewsbury, Mass.
 (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 P. G. Date 12-30-, 1920.

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

Senator W. C. Lodge, U.S. Wash., D.C., dated July 13, 1919, confirming request in Par. IV., item stating Mrs. Beal, (wife) above, or requesting that years that her husband's remains will be removed from

burial cemetery & returned to U.S. Requests that he be

Examiner's Initials P. G. Date 12-30-, 1920.

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

Henrietta Hobbs Beal (wife)
Hotel Belmont, New York City, N.Y. 11/19/18, very anxious to have
body of husband not removed from its present resting place
in France.

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes P. F.

Examiner's Initials P. F. Date 1-3-, 1920.

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 34 SHEET No. 45

checked 2/26/21

Drawn by

34-45

12-30-20

REVIEWED
OSP SS.

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Beal, Howard W. (Maj. M.C.)

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

85-18

RECORD OF COMMUNICATION RECEIVED

From: Conrad Hobbs, A.R.C., Boston, Mass. Dated: July 10, 1919.

To: Hon. George Holden Tinkham, House of Representatives Rec'd A. G. O. July 16, 1919.

Subject: Letter as follows:

"My sister, Mrs. Howard W. Beal, who is now in Paris, is very much exercised over the final resting place of her late husband, Major Howard W. Beal of the Medical Corps, who died of wounds on the 20th of July, 1918. He is buried in Suresnes Cemetery, just outside of Paris.

From all the information Mrs. Beal can obtain, she is in great fear that her husband's body will be removed from there and returned to this country. She has talked with some of the high authorities of the Army in France and also with the Red Cross Commissioner there, and they can give her no assurances of the final disposition of Dr. Beal's body. She knows many other women who are equally concerned, and she is exceedingly anxious that the bodies of those whose families are anxious to have them remain where they are buried, should be allowed to rest in France.

If you feel that this is a reasonable request, I trust that You will do everything in your power to obtain legislation to this end. "

Original returned to Mr. Tinkham, as requested.

Handwritten in red ink on the right margin: "293.8 - Beal, Howard W."

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES U.S. PUBLIC DOCUMENT, FREE.

Handwritten signature: George Holden Tinkham

M. C.

REFERRED TO

Adjutant General's Office.

For Information, Compliance and Return, GEORGE HOLDEN TINKHAM, M. C.

Handwritten notes in the bottom right corner: "7-10-1919", "File Taylor-425", "7/17/19."

21 Received A. G. O. JUL 16 1919 BOSTON, MASS.

A.G. 293-B
Neal, Howard W.

July 17, 1919.

R.T. - 428

Hon. George Holden Tinkham, M. C.
Boston,
Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to the letter addressed to you by Mr. Conrad Hobbs of Boston, dated July 10, 1919, regarding the disposition of the remains of the late Major Howard W. Neal, Medical Corps: I beg to advise you that the policy of the War Department, as contemplated, regarding the disposition of the bodies of American dead in France is to return to the United States for burial in either private or national cemeteries those bodies which the nearest relative desires brought back. On the other hand, if the nearest relative expresses the wish that the body be left in France, then it is contemplated to assemble these bodies in national cemeteries or "Fields of Honor", authority for the establishment of which has been asked of Congress.

The War Department, of course, is not able to make any positive statement in this matter until the necessary legislation shall have been enacted by Congress. It is not thought that Mrs. Neal need have any anxiety about Major Neal's body not being allowed to remain in France, and it is thought that it will not be necessary to disturb it. The cemetery at Suresnes will in all probability be made permanent, and used as one of the Fields of Honor.

The Cemeterial Branch of the Quartermaster General's Office has been notified of Mrs. Neal's wish that the body of her husband be not disturbed, and requested to comply therewith, if at all practicable.

As requested, we are returning herewith Mr. Hobbs' letter of July 10, 1919.

Very truly yours,

P. O. Harris.

JUL 18 1919
A. G. O.

The Adjutant General.

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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

RECORD OF COMMUNICATION RECEIVED

G. M. L. 293.8 Beal, Howard W. 1002, 23 Lodge, N. C. Hen.

EVIDENCE 15

From: Hon. H. C. Lodge, U. S. Senate

Dated: July 15, 1919.

To: TAG

Rec'd A. G. O. July 16, 1919.

Subject: Letter as follows: "Major Howard W. Beal of the Medical Corps, who died of wounds on the 20th of July, 1918, is buried in Surennes Cemetery, just outside of Paris. Mrs. Beal is in great fear that her husband's body will be removed from there and returned to this country, and she is anxious that it be allowed to rest in France. I understood that if people did not want the bodies of their dead returned to this country their wishes would be complied with, but I should be glad if you could inform me definitely in regard to this."

Letter to Senator Lodge July 16, 1919.

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A.G. 293.8
Beal, Howard W.

1st Ind.

RT - 428.

War Department, A.G.O., July 16, 1919. To: The Quartermaster General of the Army, Cemeterial Branch. Attention: Major H. R. Lanly.

To note Mrs. Beal's wishes and comply therewith, if possible.

Report of action taken is desired.

By order of the Secretary of War:

Charles J. Kindler

Adjutant General.

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A.G. 293.8
Beal, Howard W.

July 16, 1919.

R.T. - 425

Honorable H. C. Lodge,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Lodge:

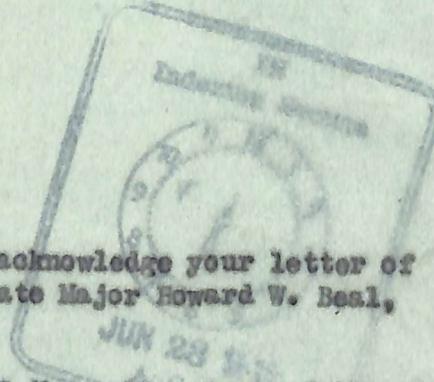
I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of July 13, 1919, regarding the late Major Howard W. Beal, Medical Corps.

Your understanding of the policy to be followed with regard to returning the bodies of deceased American soldiers to this country is correct; if the nearest relative does not desire the body returned, it will be left in France, provided Congress passes legislation to this effect.

It is not deemed practicable to approve requests that the bodies be left where first buried for the following reason. The French authorities have indicated a desire, which is entirely reasonable, that all isolated interments and, where necessary, small cemeteries be concentrated in order to salvage the land for agricultural purposes. However, in the case of Major Beal, who is buried in the American cemetery at Suresnes, it is thought that this request can be met, since that cemetery will probably be made permanent. Your letter is being referred to the Cemeterial Branch of the Quartermaster General's Office, in order that Mrs. Beal's wishes can be noted and complied with, if possible.

Very sincerely yours,

P. C. Harris
The Adjutant General. 17 1919



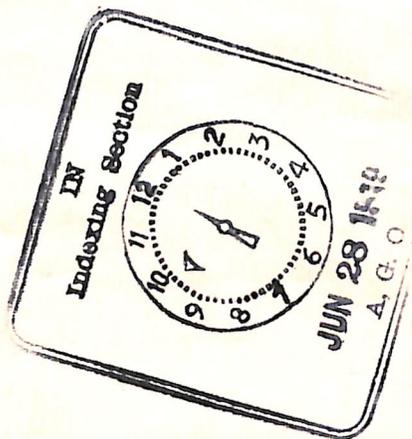
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A.G. 293.8

Beal

Mayor

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Ansurn June 18th
1919

P. C. Harris

Dear Sir

no reply necessary
File
Taylor-428

Your letter rec. in reply-
 cannot say I received
 the card you sent in
 March, and as Mayor Beal
 had a wife living in
 Boston, I sent the card
 to her. She is now in
 Paris, and I presume she
 will do what she thinks
 best. I hardly think she
 will have the remains
 removed. Res. Mrs. J. W. Beal

JUN 25 1919

HENRY CABOT LODGE, MASS., CHAIRMAN.
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United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

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July 13, 1919

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 Ag 293.8 - Beal, Howard W. (May. M. C.)
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My dear General Harris:

Major Howard W. Beal of the Medical Corps, who died of wounds on the 20th of July, 1918, is buried in Suresnes Cemetery, just outside of Paris. Mrs. Beal is in great fear that her husband's body will be removed from there and returned to this country, and she is anxious that it be allowed to rest in France. I understood that if people did not want the bodies of their dead returned to this country their wishes would be complied with, but I should be glad if you could inform me definitely in regard to this.

Very truly yours,

H. C. Page

Maj. Gen. P. C. Harris,
 The Adjutant General,
 War Department.



Received A G O JUL 16 1919

May. M. C.

A.G. 293.8
Beal, Howard W.

1st Ind.

RT - 428.

War Department, A.G.O., July 16, 1919. To: The Quartermaster General of the Army, Cemeterial Branch. Attention: Major H. R. Lemly.

To note Mrs. Beal's wishes and comply therewith, if possible.

Report of action taken is desired.

By order of the Secretary of War:



MR. DAVIS

O. Q. M. C.
CEM. BR.
Rec'd

JUL 19 1919

Abdul Hamid
Adjutant General.



JUL 18 1919

2nd Ind.

In answer refer to file No. 293.2-Cemeterial. Office, Quartermaster General, July 19, 1919. -- The Adjutant General, (REFERENCE A.G. 293.8, Beal, Howard W., July 16, 1919.)

1. Returned. It is understood that the American Cemetery at Suresnes, France, will be permanent. The Chief of the Graves Registration Service, American Expeditionary Forces, has been requested to comply with Mrs. Beal's wishes and the name of Major Howard W. Beal, Medical Corps, has been listed in this office for his body to remain in France.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

H. R. Lemly

H. R. Lemly,
Major, Quartermaster Corps.

HRL/pow

REC'D BACK JUL 26 1919

A.G. 293.8
Beal, Howard W.

July 22, 1919.

R.T. - 428

Honorable H. C. Lodge,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

With further reference to your letter of July 13, 1919, regarding the disposition of the remains of the late Major Howard W. Beal, Medical Corps, I beg to quote an indorsement just received from the Office of the Quartermaster General, reading as follows:

"It is understood that the American Cemetery at Suresnes, France, will be permanent. The Chief of the Graves Registration Service, American Expeditionary Forces, has been requested to comply with Mrs. Beal's wishes and the name of Major Howard W. Beal, Medical Corps, has been listed in this office for his body to remain in France."

It is hoped that this will be satisfactory to Mrs. Beal.

Very truly yours,

The Adjutant General.

JUL 23 1919
A. G. O.

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Taylor 428
7/22/19.

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Beal
Howard ~~W. Beal~~
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Major U. S. M. C.
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL 23 July

PLACE OF BURIAL A.F.H. Cemetery # 34

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

..... Sureresnes - Paris, Seine France

GRAVE NUMBER 676

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? *Yes*

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: *Yes*

Was one buried with body? *Yes*

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

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

**REVIEWED
OSP SS.**

REPORTED BY:

T. A. Glavanan Chaplain
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

21 AUG 1950

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Adjutant General
Washington

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-Q
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 1/3/21

File No. Registration.
JAN 12 1921

File No. _____
From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)
To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.
Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

- a. Surname **Beal** ✓
- b. Christian name **Howard (Howard W.)** ✓
- c. Serial Number ---
- d. Organization **Med. Det. Hq. 1st Div. (Medical Corps)** ✓
- e. Rank **Major** ✓
- f. Date of death **7/20/18** ✓
- g. Cause of death **DWRIA** ✓
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- i. Emergency address
- j. Relationship

BODY DESCRIPTION
(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age of enlistment
- b. Color of eyes
- c. Color of hair
- d. Height
- e. Weight
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

DENTAL CHARTS
(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

- a. Strike out teeth missing
- 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
upper right upper left
- 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
lower right lower left

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

BY: *H. J. Conner*
H. J. CONNER,
1st. Lieut. Q.M.C.

CEMETERY NO: 34
SHEET NO: 45
TYPED BY: JBC

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Classification

Adjustment

CEMETERY DIVISION
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
REGISTRATION SECTION

Date July 19, 1920

MEMORANDUM:

To: Registration Files Sub-Section.
Subject: Adjustments made on Registration Files.

1. Changes as checked have been made in the Registration Files which will necessitate a corresponding change in the Classification Files.

	CORR.	ADD. DATA		CORR.	ADD. DATA
File Number			Date of Burial		
Name			Date of Reburial		
Serial Number		Re	Burial Information	✓	
Rank			Nearest Relative		
Organization			Notified Nearest Relative	✓	
Cause of Death			Blue Card thrown out		
Date of Death			White Card set up		
Casualty Cablegram Number					

O.K. Alphabetical Files 11, 8, 7 - 23 - 20

O.K. Organization Files _____

O.K. State Files. _____

FILE

— Cemetery Audit Department
Investigation & Adjustment Dept.

By E. Yagor

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1 Cards attached.

Hdqrs. Graves Registration Service
Quartermaster Corps
American Expeditionary Forces

Reference: #8518

January 3, 1919

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FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E. F.

TO: Mr. Henry H. Abbott, 32 Liberty Street, New York City.

SUBJECT: Major Howard W. Beal, Med. R. C.

1. In reply to your letter of November 7th, 1919, in respect of place of burial of the above mentioned officer, information has been received here that Major Beal's body was interred in the American Cemetery at Suresnes, Paris, in the Department of the Seine.
2. This information has not as yet been confirmed by my officers in the field, but there is very little doubt that the grave is situated in the cemetery above named.
3. I am enclosing a note which gives general answers to some of the questions which our bereaved friends are often asking, and it will probably give information concerning some of the things you are

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France, December 19, 1918.
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From: Commander-in-Chief.
To: Mrs. Henrietta H. Beal, Hotel Belmont, Forty-
Second Street & Park Ave., New York, N. Y.
Subject: Disposition of Remains of Major Howard W.
Beal, Medical Corps.

1. The Commander-in-Chief directs me to acknowledge receipt of your letter expressing your wish that the body of your husband, Major Howard W. Beal, Medical Corps, should remain in France, and to state that your request will be complied with.

2. The Commander-in-Chief wishes me to express to you his sympathy in the loss which you have sustained in the cause of our Country.

By direction:

J. M. Woolfolk,
Adjutant General.

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G. H. Q., American E. F., France, December 19, 1918 - To the Commanding General, S. O. S.

Approved. This request will be made of record by Graves Registration Service.

By command of General Pershing:

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J. M. Woolfolk

Adjutant General.

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IN REPLY REFER
To A.G.O., S.O.S. No.



201: Beal, Howard W.

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Hqrs., S.O.S., 21 Dec. '18. - To Chief Quartermaster (For G.R.S.)

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Request



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

8518

December 3rd, 1918.

My Dear Mrs. Beal:

I have caused note to be made of your letter of November 8th, requesting that the body of Major Beal should remain permanently interred in France, and will see that it is given every consideration at the proper time.

If only you could see the cemetery at Suresnes, I am sure that it would impress you as being an ideal spot for selection as the resting place of our heroic dead, and I can assure you that everything possible is being done to further beautify the place, and to do honor to those whose tenure of the soil will make the place a shrine.

With assurance of deep sympathy, and with the purpose to serve you to the extent of our ability, I beg to remain

Sincerely yours,

CHARLES C. PIERCE
Lieut.-Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.
Chief, G.R.S.

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

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No. 293.2-Cemeterial. November 25, 1918.
From: The Quartermaster General of the Army.
To: Mrs. Henrietta Hobbs Beal, Hotel Belmont, Forty-Second St. at Park Ave.,
New York City, N.Y.
Subject: Disposition of remains of Major Howard W. Beal, Medical Corps.

1. This office is in receipt of your letter of the 19th instant requesting that the body of your husband, Major Howard W. Beal, Medical Corps, who fell in France on July 18, 1918, be not removed from the grave where it is now resting at Suresne Cemetery just outside of Paris.

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2. In reply you are informed that your wish will be complied with and the Chief of the Graves Registration Service, American Expeditionary Forces, in France, who has immediate supervision over the cemeteries in which American soldiers are buried, has been advised accordingly.

R. E. WOOD,
Acting Quartermaster General,

By: H. R. Lemly,
Major, Q. M. Corps.

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COPY to the
Chief, Graves Registration Service,
American Expeditionary Forces,
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Hotel Belmont

FORTY-SECOND ST.
AT PARK AVENUE

CABLE ADDRESS
"MONTBEL"
(OPPOSITE GRAND CENTRAL TERMINAL)

H.L.M. BATES.

New York
November 19, 1918.

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General John J. Pershing,
American Expeditionary Forces,
France.

My dear General Pershing;

I am very anxious that the body of my husband, Major Howard W. Beal, Medical Corps, be not removed from its present resting place, in the Suresne Cemetery, just outside of Paris. Not knowing the proper authority to address in this matter, I wish to ask that you issue an order thru the proper channel to have my request acceded to.

I am very proud in the knowledge that my husband offered his services to his country when needed, and after fruitful service of a year which followed two years in England before America entered the war, it is a great consolation and comfort to me in knowing that his body rests in the welcoming soil of France. It seems to me very fitting and right that his grave remain undisturbed.

Will you not kindly see that the proper steps are taken by the bureau in charge of the Graves of Americans in France, to prevent the removal of Major Beal's body?

Very sincerely,

Henrietta Beal
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Mrs. Howard W. Beal.

Belmont Hotel,
New York City.
November 8, 1918.

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TO: Lieut.-Colo. Charles C. Pierce, Q.M.C.,
Chief of Graves Registration Service,
American Expeditionary Forces,
France.

FROM: Mrs. Howard W. Beal.
Above address.

I have just learned thru my friend Mr. Paul Abbott, Ecole de L'Artillerie, Fontainbleau, France, with whom you have had correspondence in regard to the care of the grave of my husband, Major Howard W. Beal, that Madame Cazalou is attending it.

The War Department has announced thru the press in this country that the bodies of American men fallen in battle are to be removed and brought to this country. I wish to enter a very earnest request with you, as being in charge of the graves of Americans in France, that I do not wish the body of Major Howard W. Beal removed at any time from the grave in Suresne Cemetery. If it is possible that you have not charge of this particular point of the work, will you kindly advise me immediately with whom I may make my wishes known, both in France and at headquarters in Washington D. C.?

Yours very truly,

Henrietta W. Beal

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U. S. Graves Registration Dept.
Elysee Palace Hotel
Paris.

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DATE Sept 17 1918
Paris

Dear Sir:

I have been asked by Mrs. Howard
Beal, the widow of the late Major Beal, M. C. to visit
his husband's grave at Suresne Cemetery and
see that it is cared for. Please inform me where
this cemetery is and how to reach it and oblige

Sincerely yours,

Paul Abbott, C. A.

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War Dept., A. G. O., November 20, 1918. To: The Quartermaster General,
American Expeditionary Force.

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BREED, ABBOTT & MORGAN

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JAMES MCV. BREED
SUMNER FORD
WILLIAM J. QUINN
EUGENE W. LEAKE

COUNSELORS AT LAW
32 LIBERTY STREET
NEW YORK
CABLE ADDRESS: "BREEDABBOT"

November 7, 1918.

War Department,
Washington, D. C.

re C-27341, Howard W. Beal, Major, Med. R.C.

Gentlemen:

died July 20-1918 from wounds received in action

I write on behalf of Mrs. Howard W. Beal, widow of Major Howard W. Beal, of Worcester, Mass., who was killed in France in active service on or about the 20th day of July last, and is now buried in the Suresnes Cemetery, near Paris, just beyond the Bois de Boulogne.

Mrs. Beal has been informed that it is the intention of the government to return to this country the bodies of soldiers dying in France. Mrs. Beal is desirous that her husband's body should remain buried in France, and wishes to lodge proper instructions with the War Department to that effect.

Will you please advise what steps she should take in order to accomplish this and to make certain that Major Beal's body is not disturbed.

Yours very truly,

H. H. Arthur

ASSISTANT AND CHIEF CLERK
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TO:- REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.

File Number 8518

From:- *ARA*

Date: *12/14/18*

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:-

NAME *BEAL, Howard W.*

NUMBER

RANK *Major* ORGANIZATION *?*

No.	Question	Reply
1	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	N.B. All Proper names to be printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS
✓ 2	Date of Death	(1) Howard Beal Major Med. Dept. Hq. 1st Div.
✓ 3	Cause and place of death	(2) 7-20-18 <i>wounded in action</i> (3) Wounded in Action
✓ 4	Number of Casualty Cablegram	(4) C.C. # 215
5	Date buried	
✓ 6	Grave location (a) Complete record required (b) Name of cemetery or commune only required	(6) No. 515 (Amer) Suresnes Paris Seine
7	Who reported burial?	
✓ 8	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	(8) <i>NO</i>
9	Report as to grave marker	
10	Report as to identification tags	
11	Who is nearest relative?	
✓ 12	Has N/R been notified? (Give date)	(12) 10-26-18
13	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14	What is the photograph No.?	
✓ 15	<i>Organization</i>	(15) Med. Dept. Hq. 1st Div.

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Chas O'Brien

Co. M.D. 6th F.A.
1st. Division.

BEAL, Howard - Maj.

8-2-18

On or about 12.00 A.M. July, 18th 1918, Major Beal left Montfontaine for the front with intention of establishing a first aid station for the Inf. About 8.00 P.M. he returned and after telling us of the wonderful work of the boys said he was very tired. His orderly, who went to the front did not return with him so I attended to him fixing his bed, etc. Shortly after the Maj. laid down three Infantrymen who had become separated from their Regt asked if it would be all right to fix a place for the three Infantrymen to sleep. He replied, Yes sir, young man, fix them up the best you can. I had just finished talking with the Maj. when he stepped out of the door of his tent, presumably with the intention of speaking to the other boys. As the Maj. stepped out he was on my left, one of the Infantrymen being immediately on my right. We were standing at the foot of a hill. At this moment an Aeroplane bomb fell about 50 feet in front of us, striking on the side of the hill. I was knocked to the ground and before I could regain my feet the Infantryman said "I am wounded". Maj. Beal put both hands to the wound near his heart and said "Boys I'm one for". Pvt. Peyton and I layed the Major down and called for Lt. Brady of the Med. Dept. 6th F.A. He waited on the Major and went with him to the hospital that night. The Major had told Lt. Brady what to do for him in regard to the wounds while we were dressing him. The ambulance was with us at the time the bomb exploded, which was between the hours of 9 and 10 P.M. July 18th, 1918. There was no time lost in conveying him to the hospital.

signed: Marcus L. McDonough - Med. Dept.
6th FA.

G.P.

In reply refer to
File No. 293,71-0-0

June 26, 1922

Mrs. Howard W. Beal,
Water-Lane Farm,
Shrewsbury, Mass.

My dear Mrs. Beal:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 18th instant, relative to the grave of your husband, the late Major Howard W. Beal, Medical Corps, buried in the American Cemetery of Suresnes, Department of Seine, France.

In reply to your inquiry concerning the wording of the inscription to be cut on the permanent headstone to be created at the grave, the Secretary of War has approved the recommendations of a Board consisting of the Assistant Secretary of War, the General of the Armies, Chief of Staff, and the Quartermaster General, convened to consider the question of the headstone for the graves of World War Veterans, which provides:

(a) That the headstone be 24" high, 15" wide, and 4" thick, extending into the ground 18", or making a total stone of 42" long, 15" wide by 4" thick.

(b) That the full name of the soldier with state from which he came, his rank, regiment and division, with date of death, appear on the face of the stone.

(c) That the rosette at the top carry with it the device of religious faith - a Latin cross for the Christian and the double triangle for the Hebrew faith.

(d) That the relatives be permitted, at their own expense, to have placed any inscription in the nature of a text or other suitable quotation or term of endearment that they may desire, providing the number of letters does not exceed sixty letters.

(e) That on the reverse side of the stone will appear the grave number corresponding with the number in the Register Book of Burials in the cemetery.

You will observe from paragraph "d" of the recommenda-

293.71 Beal, Howard W.
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A description of the headstone is given in the marked paragraph of the enclosed memorandum. The headstones will be placed at the graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible. It will not be possible to have them placed as early as this Summer, however.

Referring to your inquiry as to whether burial privileges in Suresnes are similar to those in Arlington National Cemetery, I have to advise you they are not, owing to widely differing conditions.

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Very truly yours,

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GEORGE H. PEROSH,
Colonel, Q.M.C.,
Chief, Graves Registration Service

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GEORGE H. PENROSE,
Colonel, Q.M.C.,
Chief, Graves Registration Service

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WATER-LANE FARM
SHREWSBURY MASSACHUSETTS

June 18 1922

My dear Mr. Purase,

I am in receipt of the notification of the permanent grave location of my husband.

Major Edward W. Reed for which I want to thank you —

I would deem it a
favor if you would
Kindly let me know
as soon as possible,
if I & his wife, can
choose the wedding
in the head stone
provided I use no
more lines than
the regulations require.
Also have I any
other privileges in