

FEB 10 1926

DATE

1. NAME BIDWELL Frank A SERIAL No. 1203296

RANK Mech. ORGANIZATION Co.D. 105th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION British Military Cemetery, Roisel (Somme) #77  
CTY. NAME NUMBER

12 A 3  
GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 14, Row B, Pl. 3, Roisel Somme  
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES 13 S.W. E.167.9 N.360.4

CONCENTRATED TO Dec.15,1920 12 A 3  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

British Military Cemetery, Roisel (Somme) 77  
CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag found on body. No other means of identification. Form 16-A dated Dec.15,1920

DATE OF DEATH Oct. 18 '18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME N.Y.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

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SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR Louis R. Dice, Major, CAC.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 10/14/22 8 Block C  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Somme American Cemetery #636, Bony, Aisne.  
CEMETERY

A. G. O.  
FEB 10 1926  
WORLD WAR DIV.

Rec'd World War Div.  
5 MAR 24 1928

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Co A. 105th Infantry  
27th Division

BIDWELL, Frank A; Mch. 1203296  
Home : 9 -13th St. Watervliet  
N.Y.

" Frank A. Bidwell was struck by shrapnel during the attack  
at La Salle River, on October 17th. He was taken to the Hospital where he  
died of wounds. "

<sup>K</sup>  
Informant : Pecarsky Abraham Pvt I/cl. 1203260  
Co A. 105th Infantry  
Home : 15 E. 117th St. New-York City  
February 15th 1919

Searcher : Elmo T. Couthout .

C.F.

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Bidwell, Frank A</i>	<i>Bid</i>	3	<i>294</i>
	CEMETERY <i>636</i>	1	<i>5</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>1</i>	2	<i>01</i>
	ROW <i>8</i>	2	<i>08</i>
	BLOCK <i>6</i>	1	<i>3</i>
STATE	<i>N. Y.</i>	2	<i>37</i>
RANK	<i>Med.</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>27th</i>	2	<i>27</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>105th</i>	3	<i>105</i>
ARM	<i>Inf.</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARITAL	<i>Re-married</i>	1	<i>3</i>
NAME <i>Fay</i>		3	<i>615</i>
<i>Mrs Claire E</i>	STATE <i>N. Y.</i>	2	<i>37</i>
RESIDENCE <i>8305-170 St Jamaica, L.I., Ny</i>	COUNTY <i>Queens</i>	2	<i>41</i>
	CITY <i>Jamaica</i>	3	<i>101</i>
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>7</i>
OTHER <i>no loco</i>		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Head</i>	1	<i>6</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	NO. YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	
<i>29/514/EAB</i>	<i>Head</i>	1	<i>3</i>

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**AUDITED**  
 SEP 19 1932  
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# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF BIDWELL, Frank A. SERIAL NUMBER 1203296

RANK Mech ORGANIZATION Co. D 105th Inf

2. Disinterred (date): Dec. 15th 1920 From (give complete location): Gr. 14, Pl. 3, Row B.

By: Group 1 Unit Section 7

3. Reburied (date): Dec. 15th 1920 In (give complete location): Gr. 12, Pl. 3, Row A.

By: Group 1 Unit Sect. 7 Nature of reburial Burlap pine box

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Hospital shroud and wrapped in burlap  
Badly decomposed.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:  
None

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) 5 Ft. 10 in.

(b) Weight (estimated) 150 Lbs.

(c) Hair—Color Grey

Quantity Thin

Characteristics Straight

(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location

Quantity

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

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

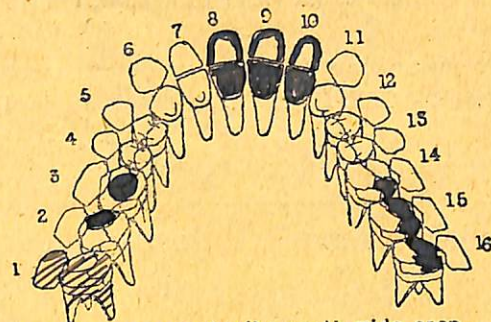
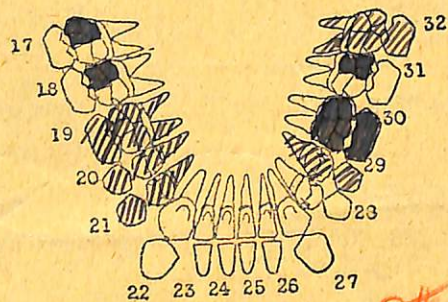


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



TEETH

- #2, 3, 14, 15, 16, 31, 17, 18
- Silver filling
- 1, 32, 20, 19, 20, 21, Missing
- 8, 9, 10—Gold & Porcelain bridge
- 30 Gold Crown

*Handwritten:* # 30095

7. Disinterment supervised by A. E. Dewey  
2nd Lt. A. E. Dewey, I.M.C.

Approved: [Signature]  
(Title) Major, F.A.

8. Reburial supervised by A. E. Dewey  
2nd Lt. A. E. Dewey, I.M.C.

Approved: [Signature]  
(Title) Major, F.A.

QM 293 A-M  
Bidwell, Frank A. (SOM)

September 21, 1932

Mrs. Claire E. Fay,  
8305 - 170th Street,  
Jamaica, L. I., New York.

Dear Madam:

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

It is therefore requested that you advise whether or not the late Frank A. Bidwell, Mechanic, is survived by a step-mother, and if so, her name and address and the date of her marriage to his father. It will be appreciated if you will also furnish the dates of death of his parents.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:  
Envelope.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bidwell, Frank A. - ~~34~~ W

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July 7, 1930

Mrs. Claire E. Fay  
8305 - 170th Street  
Jamaica, L. I., N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

This office has no record of any person entitled under the Act mentioned to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe as the mother or widow of the above named deceased service man. To complete the list of eligibles and to assure that, if the above named man is survived by a mother or widow entitled to make a pilgrimage she receive an invitation to do so, it is requested you answer the following questions in the space provided on this letter and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

Deceased

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

If so, give her name and address:

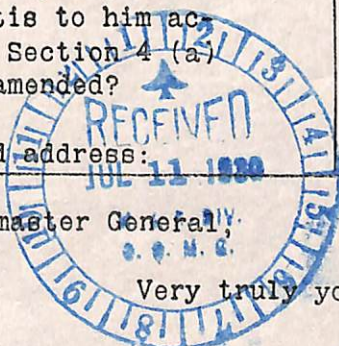
Remarried

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:

None

For The Quartermaster General



Very truly yours,

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment

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

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QM 295 A-C  
Sharkey, William J.

August 21, 1929.

Mrs. Elizabeth A. English,  
Watervliet,  
New York.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date relative to the Pilgrimage of the Gold Star Mothers and Widows to Europe.

I am inclosing herewith for your information, a copy of the Act of March 2, 1929, from which you will note that only those mothers and widows whose sons or husbands are interred in the cemeteries in Europe are eligible to make the pilgrimages at the expense of the Government.

As your son, the late Lt. William J. Sharkey, did not die overseas, and is not interred in one of the cemeteries in Europe, you are not eligible to make the pilgrimage under the provisions of the Act above referred to.

In connection with the case of your son-in-law, the late Frank A. Bidwell, who is buried in the Somme American Cemetery in France, his wife is ineligible to make the pilgrimage as she has remarried subsequent to his death. You will note in this connection that Section 4, (b) of the Act defines the term "widow" as meaning a widow who has not remarried since the death of the member of the military or naval forces. If the late Frank A. Bidwell is survived by a mother, she is the one who would be eligible to make the visit to his grave under the provisions of the Act above referred to. There is no authority of law for you, as his mother-in-law to visit his grave at the expense of the Government.

With reference to the contemplated visit of your other son Corporal Harold J. English, 105th Infantry, to Europe, please be advised that the pilgrimage of the 27th Division is in no way connected with the Gold Star Mothers' and Widows' pilgrimage, authorized by Congress in Public No. 952.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl. Act.  
ESM:LS

ASSISTANT & CHIEF CLERK

JUL 26 1929

WAR DEPT

W.S. War Dept-

*Handwritten initials*

Gentlemen Am I eligible to go on the pilgrimage to Europe

My son St-William J Sharkey <sup>U.S.A.</sup>

was killed in New York during the World War my son-in-law was killed in France

Frank A Bidwell <sup>son</sup> mechanic

<sup>the</sup> 105<sup>th</sup> Inf he is buried in Europe and my son Corp Harold J English <sup>14</sup> 105<sup>th</sup> Inf is going

on the pilgrimage <sup>he</sup> is going with the 27<sup>th</sup> Division I too wish to go please

advise Mrs Elizabeth A English

Waterliet - N.Y. -

*1 has wife my daughter is married again*

June 21-1929

John F. Harris  
Major Q. M. Corps  
~~Assistant~~

Dear Sir: -

in reply to your  
letter I wish to state  
I have remarried and  
Mother of late Frank a  
Bidwell is deceased  
respectfully

Mr. Claire E. Fay

83-05-170 st.

Jamaica  
L.I.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

**Bidwell, Frank A.**

May 31, 1929.

**Mrs. Claire Elizabeth Fay,  
3305 170th St.,  
Jamaica, L. I., N. Y.**

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 of the late **Frank A. Bidwell, Mechanic, Co. D, 105th Inf.,** whose remains are now interred in the **Somme American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne, France.**

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother 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 husband was survived by a mother it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

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QM 293 A-M  
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September 21, 1932

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO <sup>3</sup> QM 293 A-C

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

Q. M. G. M. E. R. DIV.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bidwell, Frank A.

May 15, 1929.

*Claire*  
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Wife remarried, Mrs. Calire Elizabeth Fay.  
8305 170th St.  
Jamaica, L.I.N.Y.

Mrs. Claire E. Bidwell,  
10 - 13th Street,  
Watervliet, N. Y.

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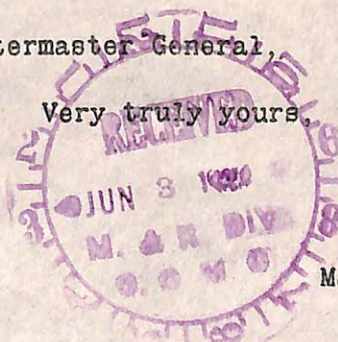
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For The Quartermaster General,

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*[Signature]*  
JOHN T. HARRIS,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
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Bidwell, Frank A

(Surname.)

Christian name in full.)

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1,203,296

(Army serial number.)

Mechanic, Co D, 10th Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Wife

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

yes

(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:

Mrs Claire E. Bidwell

Troy, N.Y.

Troy, N.Y.

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

75-4<sup>th</sup> st.

Troy

N.Y.

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

75-4<sup>th</sup> st.

Mrs. Claire E. Bidwell

Troy

N.Y.

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by Pm

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**REVIEWED  
OSP SS.**

1-25-21

QM 293 A-C

January 22, 1927.

BIDWELL, Frank A. - Mechanic.

Mrs. Claire E. Bidwell,  
10-13th Street,  
Watervliet, New York.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires to invite your attention to the inclosed card which gives the permanent cemetery location of the soldier's grave in which you are interested.

This American overseas military cemetery is to be maintained by the United States for all time. The graves will be permanently marked by white headstones inscribed with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves, as soon as possible, and without necessity for special action or request on the part of relatives.

Please be assured that in effecting removal of the dead, the utmost reverential care was exercised by those who performed this sacred duty. For the future, these graves will be perpetually maintained by the Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

✓  
1 Incl.  
Record card.

F.H. POPE,  
Colonel, Q.M.C.  
Assistant.

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 43298

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BIDWELL, Frank A. Ser. No. 1203296
(b) Rank Mechanic Organization Co. D, 105th Inf.
(c) Date of death 10-18-18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA
TYP. DB
CKR. J.S.P.

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

(a) Grave No. 14 Row B Plot 3 Sec. - TYP. DB
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Edward A. English, (Brother-in-law) 9-13th St., Watervliet, N.Y.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases NO CARD CKR. J.S.P.

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none
(a) Name Mrs. Claire E. Bidwell (b) Relationship Wife
(c) Address 75-4th St., Troy, N.Y.
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? yes
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at no
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. Mrs. Claire E. Bidwell
75-4th St., Troy, N.Y. (Ex. & Telog, Troy, N.Y.)
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S.

Examiner's Initials JAS Date 8/25, 1920

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

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

No Correspondence

Examiner's Initials JAS Date 8/25, 1920

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

Claird E. Fay (nee Bidwell)
34- No Main St Rutland, Vt. 16-19 20; requests remains be left in France; Letter of 6-23-20 over

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes HW

Examiner's Initials HW Date 8-26, 1920

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 77 SHEET No. 7

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

2/10/21 F.L.

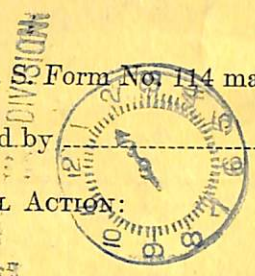
checked by OS1-25-21

OK 4-9-21 J.S.P. Reviewed



VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.



FEB 14 1921

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MAR 11 1921

CEMETERY DIVISION  
OVERSEAS 1920 CT SUB-SEC.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on 8730

*Par # 2 Not to be returned (PGR)*

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*makes same request, adding that if body be on the way to bury in Arlington*

*Form 120 - 9-11-20 from wife Claire E. Fay nee Bidwell, 557 W. 149th St. N. York N.Y. requests body to remain in France. 9-22-20 - E*

*3-11-21 Hoboken advises widow's her wish will be complied with 4-9-21 J.E.W.*

*Let. 11-3-21 - Mrs. Claire E. Bidwell, 10-13th St. Waterloot, N.Y. requests the body of her husband ret'd to the U.S. and interred in Arlington Natl. Cemetery. (abs - 11-7-21)*

FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN - BODY TO REMAIN IN EUROPE.

*3-11-21 NW.*

*Let. 11-7-21 - Insp. advises Mrs. Claire E. Bidwell that her previous req. that the body remain in France has been complied with & that the Sec. of War has directed that no change of req. for return of bodies will be considered after 8/15. (abs - 11-7-21)*

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Oct. 7, 1921.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BIDWELL, Frank A.  
 2. No. 1203296  
 3. Rank Mech.  
 4. Org. Co.D. 105th Inf.  
 5. D.D. 10-18-18  
 6. C.D. Died of wounds

10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_  
 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) D.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 12 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. Plot 3 Row A  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 17. No discrepancy.

18. Cemetery British Military Cemetery

19. Commune or town Roisel

20. Dept. or County Somme

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. #77

23. Disinterred (Date) Oct. 7, 1921

By H.T. Geiler,

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name BIDWELL, Frank A.

Serial No. 1203296

Rank Mech.

Organization Co.D. 105th Inf.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? No. On body? Yes, 2.

Henry Hoffmann  
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)

Tag on body read "Frank A. Bidwell, 1203296, U.S.A." This body previously reburied by Field section. Two tags found attached to burlap. Bottle record and two strips also found, both agree with form.

27. Condition of body badly decomposed. Features unrecognisable.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box and burlap.

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Oct. 7, 1921 By H.T. Geiler,

31. Casket sealed by H.T. Geiler, Sup. Sub.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

H. T. Geiler  
H. T. Geiler.

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11/20/25

Place Roisel (Somme)  
Date Oct. 7, 1921.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF BIDWELL, Frank A. SERIAL NUMBER 1203296  
RANK Mech. ORGANIZATION Co. D, 105th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Oct. 7, 1921, Gr. 12, Plot 3, Row A, Brit. Mil. Cem. 77, Roisel, Somme.  
From (give complete location):

By: Group 3 Unit F.S. 8

3. Reburied (date): 10/14/22 In (give complete location):  
Grave 2, Row 8, Block C, Somme Cemetery, #636, Bony (Aisne)

By: Group Reburial Unit Reg. Casket, Shipping Case.  
Nature of reburial

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Wooden box, burlap. Badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes, 2. On grave marker? No.

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:  
This body previously reburied by Field Section. Two tags found attached to burlap. Bottle record and 2 strips also found. Both agree with form.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to estimate

(c) Hair—Color Impossible to determine

Quantity Medium

Characteristics Impossible to determine

(d) Hair on face—Color None visible

Location

Quantity

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

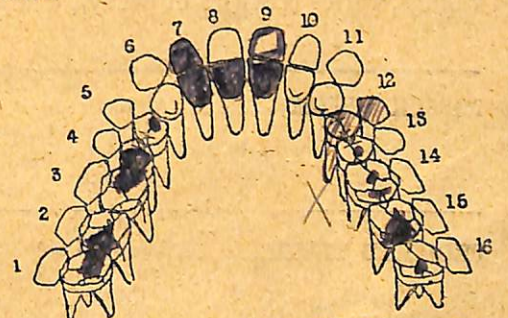
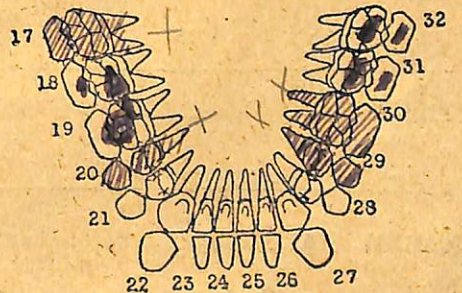


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



(1, 2, 3, 4, 5 SF, 7 GC, 7-8-9 GB,

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) None visible.  
8&9 Perc. teeth, gold backing; 12

(MBD, 13, 14, 15, 16 SF, 17 MBD, 18&19  
(SF, 20 MBD, 29&30 MBD, 31&32 SF

7. Disinterment supervised by H.T. Geiler  
H.T. Geiler, Sup. Sub.

Henry Hoffman, Checker.  
Approved: J. J. Powers  
(Title) 1st Lt., C.M.C.

8. Reburial supervised by B.A. Bradford  
B.A. Bradford, S.E.

Approved: D.E. Bradford  
(Title) 1st Lt. C.M.C.

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-1378

32. Designation of body:

Name BIDWELL, Frank A. Serial No. 1203296

Rank Mech. Organization Co.D. 105th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery American Cemetery # 636 Bony (Aisne)

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Oct. 7, 1921 By H.T. Geller.

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 J.J. Powers, 1st Lt., Q.M.C.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Oct. 7, 1921.

To point of Concentration Reisel (Somme)

Convoyer R.S. Helms Signature Shipping Officer J.J. Powers, 1st Lt., Q.M.C. (Name)

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Oct. 7, 1921.

By G.R.S. Representative Hubert W. Beyette, Capt., Q.M.C.

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Oct 8-1921

To Permanent Cemetery No. 636, Bony (Aisne)

Convoyer R.S. Helms Signature Shipping Officer Hubert W. Beyette (Name H.W. Beyette, Capt., Q.M.C.)

40. Received: Date 17 OCT 1921

G.R.S. Representative R.S. Helms

41. Reinterred Oct. 14, 1922 (Date)

42. Grave No. 2 Section

43. ~~Plot~~ Block C Row 8

G.R.S. Representative D.E. Lowry, 1st Lt., Q.M.C.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

Date 1-5-25

SUBJECT: Information required for Cemeterial Division.

TO: The Adjutant General of the Army, World War Division, Washington, D.C.

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed:

- a. Surname Bidwell
- b. Christian name Frank A.
- c. Serial number 1203296
- d. Organization D-105 Inf
- e. Rank medic
- f. Emergency Address Miss. G.L. English  
9, 13th St., Waterwheel, N.Y.
- g. Date of death 10-18-18
- h. Authority Cable 300, Amphforce 11/1/18.
- i. Cause of death Wounds rec'd in action.
- j. Place of death #48, C.C.S., A.C.F.
- k. Place of burial Cem. 77, G.R.S.
- l. Date of discharge 301 8-4

BODY DESCRIPTION

- a. Date of enlistment June 22, 1916
- b. Age at enlistment 34 yrs.
- c. Color of hair Brown
- d. Height 5 ft. 9 in.
- e. Weight\* 190 lbs.
- f. Fractures or breaks none

DENTAL CHARTS

At Camp

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Upper right								Upper left							
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Lower right								Lower left							

By Local Board no record.

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Lower right								Lower left							

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For The Quartermaster General:

R. P. N.

sub

Rec'd World War Div  
JAN 2 1925

November 7, 1921.

293.8-Cem.#43298 (Bidwell, Frank A., Mech.)Cty.#77-Sht.#7

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

Mrs. Claire E. Bidwell, 10 Thirteenth Street, Watervliet, N.Y.

Disposition of Remains.

1. In reply to your letter of November 3, 1921, you are advised that the records of this office contain your request that the remains of your husband, the late Mechanic Frank A. Bidwell, Company D, 105th Infantry, be permanently interred in France and instructions have been issued that your wishes be complied with.
2. You are further advised that the progress of the work in France has rendered it necessary to establish a definite policy governing requests relative to the disposition of remains of our soldier dead; therefore, the Secretary of War has directed that no change of requests relative to the return of a body will be considered after August 15, 1921. In view of this information it is too late to issue instructions for the return of these remains.
3. The British Military Cemetery at Roisel, Department of the Somme, in which the remains of the deceased are interred, is a temporary American Cemetery. It will be necessary, therefore, to remove the body to one of the permanent American Cemeteries in France where the grave will be marked by a suitable headstone and will be perpetually maintained by our Government in the most careful and reverent manner as a memorial to the late soldier's supreme sacrifice.
4. When the body has been reinterred in one of the permanent American cemeteries you will be duly advised of the new grave location.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

Noted on Form 115  
Date 11-7-21-ans.

CHARLES J. WYNNIE,  
Captain, C. M. C.

CS  
RGR

November 7, 1921.

293.6-Cen.#43298 (Bidwell, Frank A., Mech.)Cty.#77-Sht.#7

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

Mrs. Claire E. Bidwell, 10 Thirtieth Street, Watervliet, N.Y.

## Disposition of Remains.

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By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

Noted on Form 115  
Date 11-7-21-aas

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CEMETERIAL DIV.  
Q. Q. M. G.CHARLES J. WYNN,  
Captain, C. M. G.C  
CS  
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CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
REGISTRATION SECTION

**FILE**

November 9, 1921 192

MEMO FOR:  
Cards Department.

1.  
CASE OF:

Co. A. 105th Infantry  
ORGANIZATION (Old)

BIDWELL Frank A.  
(Name)

Correction or additional data changes as shown below have been made on the Registration Card of the above-mentioned soldier and a corresponding change will be necessary on the Organization Card:

ORGANIZATION (New)

FILE NO.

SURNAME

SERIAL NUMBER

FIRST NAME AND INITIALS

RANK

DATE OF DEATH

CAUSE OF DEATH

	Date	Place	F-1A No.
Orig.			D-
1st Reb.			D-
2nd Reb.			D-
3rd Reb.			D-

(Note: In the above spaces below double line fill in ONLY the new date and data correcting previous information)

5 X 8 White Card File No. 103284 Canceled to 5 X 8 White Card File No. 43928  
BIDWELL #1203296 Frank A.

BY: D. T. Dodson.

Adjustment Section.  
(Department)

5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made  
on Organization  
File Card:

By MLC  
S/3324/LML

Form 1 shows grave 12  
Form 1 A shows grave 14,  
plot 3, Row B - Difference  
in grave number is  
due to different units  
plan of numbering  
same grave - See  
Investigator's chart  
Rosedale, Somme  
City 77.

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from

103284

File No. 48

G.R.S. #106  
DISPOSITION OF BODY

War Department  
Office of the Quartermaster General,  
Graves Registration Service  
Washington, D.C.

July 14, 1920

For information of:

- (a) The Adjutant General of the Army
- (b) G.R.S., Paris, France.
- ~~(c) Office Files.~~
- (d) Photographic Section.

Case of: Mechanic Frank A. Bidwell  
Co. D., 105th Inf.  
#1203296

Grave Location:

Grave #14, plot #3, row "B"  
British Military Cemetery,  
Roisel, Dept. of Somme.

Request for action checked below:

- (a) Return of Body to the U.S.
- ~~(b) Permanent Burial in France.~~
- ~~(c) Cancellation of former requests.~~
- (d) Change of address.
- (e) Photograph of grave.

has been made by:

Mrs. Claire E. Fay (Widow)  
34 North Main St.,  
Rutland, Vermont.

By authority of the Quartermaster General

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.  
Chief, Graves Registration Service.  
NS-2992/L

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G.R.S. #106  
DISPOSITION OF BODY

War Department  
Office of the Quartermaster General.  
Graves Registration Service.  
Washington, D.C.

July 23, 1920.

For information of:

- (a) The Adjutant General of the Army
- (b) G.R.S., Paris, France,
- (c) Office Files.
- 7 (d) Photographic Section.

Case of: Bidwell, Frank A. Mech. #1203296  
Co. A, 105th Infantry.

Grave Location: Grave #14, Plot 3,  
Row B, Roisel Brit. Mil. Cty., Roisel,  
Somme.

Request for action checked below:

- (a) Return of Body to the U.S.
- 3 (b) Permanent Burial in France.
- (c) Cancellation of former requests.
- (d) Change of address.
- (e) Photograph of grave.

has been made by: Wife

Mrs. Claire E. Bidwell, 10 13th St.  
Watervliet, N. Y.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

Chief, Graves Registration Service.

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FROM: O. O. M. G.  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
War Trade Building  
Room 2442

PLEASE  
EXPEDITE

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

NOV 1921

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Date November 3, 1921.

File No. 43298 Registration.

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, Sixth and B Streets NW., 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. BIDWELL <sup>OK</sup>
- ✓ b. Christian name. Frank A. <sup>OK</sup>
- ✓ c. Serial number. 1203296 <sup>OK</sup>
- ✓ d. Organization. Co. D, 105th Inf. <sup>OK</sup>  
or
- ✓ e. Rank. Co. A, 105th Inf. <sup>OK</sup>  
Mech.
- ✓ f. Date of death. 10/18/18 <sup>OK</sup>
- ✓ g. Cause of death. DWRIA <sup>OK</sup>
- ✓ h. Authority (C. C. No.) 300 <sup>OK</sup>
- ✓ i. Emergency address. Mrs. Edward A. English,  
9- 13th St., Watervliet, N.Y. <sup>OK</sup>
- ✓ j. Relationship. (Mother-in-law) <sup>OK</sup>

FILE

**BODY DESCRIPTION.**

(See page 2 of the Service Record.)

- a. Age at 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:
- |              |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
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| Upper right  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | Upper left. |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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| 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. ~~Captain~~ Q. M. C.  
W. W. Div., A. G. O.

mkm/Miss Knight rec'd World War Division.

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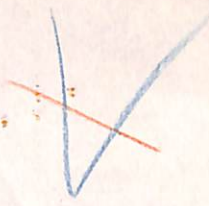
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WAR DEPARTMENT

Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington



G.R.S. Form 8-W-A

Information requested of A.G.O.

Date October 13-21

File No. 105284 Registration.

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 *Bedwell* *Bidwell*
- b. Christian name Frank A.
- c. Serial Number *1, 20 3, 296*
- d. Organization *Co. A. 105th Inf. i.*
- e. Rank *Meck*
- f. Date of death *Oct. 18, 1918*
- g. Cause of death *Died of wounds rec'd in action*
- h. Authority (C.O.#) *300*
- i. Emergency address *Mrs. Edwards English (mother) 9-13 1st Water Street New York*
- j. Relationship *new york*

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

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lower right                      lower left

CEMETERY NO:

SHEET NO:  
TYPED BY:

S/3310/LML

REC'D MAIL SECTION,  
W. W. DIV. A. G. O.  
OCT 15 1921 3

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

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

Rec'd World War Division

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125 APR 1919

NAME

FILE NUMBER

103274

Frank A. Bedwell

SERIAL NUMBER

RANK

ORGANIZATION

Co. A, 105th. Infantry A.E.F.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with records?	
2.	Date of Death	
3.	Grave Location:	
4.	Who reported burial?	
5.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
6.	How is grave marked?	
7.	Identification Tags:	
	(a) Buried with Body?	
	(b) Attached to grave Marker?!	
8.	Emergency address:	
9.	Has above been notified? (Give Date)	

ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY

_____ Flowers, flags, etc. (Par. #5, Bul. 10-B)_____	_____ Effects (G.R.S. Form Nos. 7&7-A)_____
_____ Monuments (Par. #6, Bul. 10-B)_____	_____ Accrued pay (G.R.S. Forms Nos. 19& 22)_____
_____ Disinterrments (Par. #8, Bul. 10-B)_____	_____ Liberty Bonds (G.R.S. Forms Nos. 21& 22)_____
_____ Circumstances of death (G.R.S. Form No. 6)_____	_____ War Risk Insurance (G.R.S. Forms Nos. 20& 22)_____
_____ Photograph requested (File 004.5)_____	_____ Disposition of Remains (a) Return to U.S. (Form 23) <u>26 APR 1919</u>
_____ Grave Location_____	_____ (b) Remain in France (Form 24)_____
	_____ (c) Miscellaneous (Letter)_____

Remarks:

Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> 1921

Recd. Gen. Cemetery Div. O. O. M. G.  
File 293. 43258

~~Graves Registration~~ Washington D.C.  
Gentlemen the wife  
and relatives of Mechanic  
Frank A Bidwell Co A  
105<sup>th</sup> Infantry would wish the  
body brought to Arlington  
National Cemetery if possible

Respectfully  
Elizabeth A English  
Claire E Bidwell

10-Thirteenth St  
Watervliet  
N.Y.

Noted on Form 115  
Date 11-7-21-abb

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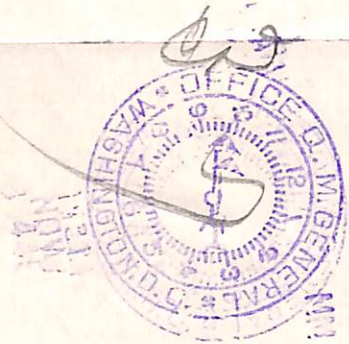
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**FILE**  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
REGISTRATION SECTION

Sept. 9 1921

MEMO FOR:

Cards Department.

1.

CASE OF:

Co. D 105th Inf.

ORGANIZATION (old)

BIDWELL 1203296 Frank A. Mech.

(Name)

**FILE**

Correction or additional data changes as shown below have been made on the Registration Card of the above-mentioned soldier and a corresponding change will be necessary on the Organization Card:

ORGANIZATION (New)

FILE NO.

SURNAME

SERIAL NUMBER

FIRST NAME AND INITIALS

RANK

DATE OF DEATH

CAUSE OF DEATH

	Date	Place	F-1A No.
Orig.			D-
1st Reb.			D-
2nd Reb.	12/15/20,	77	D- 30095
3rd Reb.			D-

(Note: In the above spaces below double line fill in ONLY the new data and data correcting previous information)

BY: Miss Lannon

Card  
(Department)

5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made  
on Organization  
File Card:

By MB

Cemeterial

432 File  
9/2/20  
July 23, 1920.

FILE

293.8 Cem. #43298 (Bidwell, Frank A., Mech.)

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

Mrs. Claire E. Bidwell, 10 13th Street, Watervliet, N. Y.

Permanent Burial in France.

1. In reply to your letter of June 23, you are advised that cancellation of your former request that the body of your husband, Mechanic Frank A. Bidwell, be returned to the United States was made in our files in accordance with instructions contained in your letter of June 19th, and the necessary instructions will be issued to have the body of this soldier permanently buried in France. You will be notified of any change of grave location in the case of this soldier.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

By:

nr

CHARLES J. WYNNE,  
Captain, Q. M. C.

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mail  
JUL 24 1920



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OSP SS.

Waterloo - N Y  
April 8 \_\_\_\_\_<sup>th</sup>

Chief, Graves Registration Service  
Headquarters Services of  
Supply APO 717  
American E & F Forces

Would you send me a card  
to fill out to get the body of the  
Frank A Bidwell Co, A, 105,  
Inf, A, E, F, home

And oblige

Mrs Elizabeth A English  
9-13<sup>th</sup> St

Waterloo

N Y

103284

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

April, 1919.  
April 23, 1919.

FROM : Chief, GRS., Hq. SOS., A.E.F., A.P.O. No. 717,  
TO :  
SUBJECT : Mrs. Elizabeth A. English, 13 Thirteenth St., Watervliet,  
Return of body to the United States. N.Y.

Frank A. Bedwell, Co.A., 105th Inf.

1. Replying to your letter of April 8, 1919, it is regretted that no requests for the transfer of the bodies of our dead can be favourably considered at the present time.

2. Our present instructions are to the effect that nothing will be done until the matter of removal shall have been taken up as an entire project with a view to its execution as an entire project; and that the bodies will remain in the custody of the G.R.S., until the policy shall have been determined and announced.

3. Notation of your request has been made, and action will be taken as nearly in accordance therewith as may be possible in accordance with the instructions received from Washington relative to the procedure governing the disposition of bodies after the war.

4. There is enclosed herewith G.R.S. Bulletin #10-B entitled, "Information for the Friends of Our Dead", which will answer some of the questions that are likely to arise in your mind.

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CHARLES C PIERCE  
Lieut.-Col., Q.M.C., U.S.A.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
QUARTERMASTER CORPS  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
PIER 2, HOBOKEN, N. J.

March 7th, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div. Cor. Br.  
(BIDWELL, Frank A.)

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O.Q.M.G.,  
Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT: Return of Records - Cemetery #77  
Transmittal Memorandum Number H - 1683

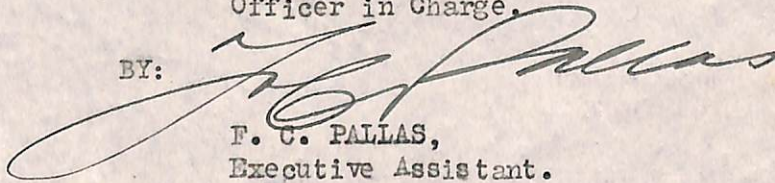
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7 Bidwell, Frank A., Mechanic, Serial Number  
1203296, Company D, 105th Infantry.

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

BY:

  
F. C. PALLAS,  
Executive Assistant.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON

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FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C.  
TO: ~~Chaire E. Fay Bidwell, 34 No. Main St., Rutland, Vt.~~ *337-W. 149th St New York*  
SUBJECT: Remains of Mechanic Frank A. Bidwell, Ser. No. 1203296 Co.D. 105th Inf.

*Rush Answer*  
*ch in address*

GENERAL DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body be not returned to  
United States

*Remain in France*

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

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

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*noted on form 14*  
CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Major, U. S. A.

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

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow <i>Clare E. Fay nee Bidwell</i>	<i>557 - W. 149th St</i>	<i>New York</i>	<i>New York.</i>
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)			
1. <i>none</i>			
2. <i>none</i>			
3. <i>none</i>			
Father <i>dead</i>			
Mother <i>dead</i>			
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)			
1. <i>none</i>			
2. <i>none</i>			
3. <i>none</i>			
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)			
<i>Mrs Minnie Parker</i>	<i>East Chatham</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>New York</i>
<i>Mrs May Fletcher</i>	<i>Le Royville</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>New York</i>
<i>Mrs Mary Shuffet</i>	<i>Pittsfield</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>Mass.</i>

V. A. H.  
Date *Sept. 11 - 1920* Signature *Clare E. Fay nee Bidwell*  
Address *557 - W. 149th St N.Y.C.* Relationship *Wife*



Sept. 11 - , 1920.

I, the undersigned, am the Widow and nearest living relative of the within-named soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz: (Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to \_\_\_\_\_ (Name.) \_\_\_\_\_ (State.) \_\_\_\_\_ (R. R. station.)

3. To be returned to the U. S. and buried in \_\_\_\_\_ National Cemetery.

4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Signature Clair E. Faynes Bedwell *yes*

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instruction as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.

2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.

3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT of kin IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.

4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.

5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.

6. If YOU are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.

7. If YOU are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.

8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.

9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON

77-7

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Major, U. S. A.

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Soldier's widow			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Father			
Mother			
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		

V. A. H.

Date

Signature

Address

Relationship

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

March 7th, 1921.

File No. 293,8 Cem.Div., Cor.Branch.  
(BIDWELL, Frank A.)

Mrs. Claire E. Fay,  
557 West 149th Street,  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Receipt of Shipping Inquiry Form dated September 11th, 1920, relative to the remains of your late husband, Frank A. Bidwell, Mechanic, Serial Number 1203296, Company D, 105th Infantry, is acknowledged.

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

BY:

F. C. PALLAS,  
Executive Assistant.

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March 7th, 1921.

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Captain, Quartermaster Corps,  
Officer in Charge.

BY:

F. C. PALLAS,  
Executive Assistant.

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Noted on Form No. 115  
Date 4-9-21  
J. E. H.

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July 14th, 1920

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295.8 Cen. #43298 (Bidwell, Frank A., Mech.)

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

Mrs. Claire E. Fay, 34 North Main St., Rutland, Vermont.

Mechanic Frank A. Bidwell.

1. In reply to your letter of June 19th, 1920, you are advised that notation has been made of your desire to cancel your former request that the remains of your husband, Mechanic Frank A. Bidwell, Company "D", 105th Infantry, Serial Number 1203296, be returned to the United States for final burial, and of your present wish to have his remains permanently interred in France. The necessary instructions will be sent to the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe, to have your wish granted.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

By:

CHARLES J. WYDNE,  
Captain, Q. M. C.

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**G. R. S. MARSH**

**JUL 15 1920**

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REGISTRATION SECTION.  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION.

File No. \_\_\_\_\_

OSPSS Ref. NO. 77

Follow-up No. 3319

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

I. GENERAL INFORMATION on Cemetery No. 77 (furnished by: W.S.) (date 7-7-20)

Data sent Overseas \_\_\_\_\_

Operations to commence (approx.) \_\_\_\_\_

Operations to be completed (approx.) \_\_\_\_\_

Bodies shipped from European Port \_\_\_\_\_

Bodies arrived at Hoboken \_\_\_\_\_

II. CASE OF Bidwell, Frank A., Mech. Co. U. 105 Inf. #1203296

The following information was abstracted (Date) 7-7-20 from: Files

SOURCE	CLK.	in OFFICE		CLK.	in OFFICE
A. G. O. Cards	<u>W.S.</u>	<u>yes</u>	Shppg. Inquiry (sent _____)		
A.G.O. Corresp.			To _____		
G.R.S. corresp. relative to disp.			OSP S-S Corresp. (see Remarks.)		

DESIRES as to Disposition.

ago card:

Name of Relative	RETURN.			SPECIAL
	N. C.	Pvt. Int.	REMAIN	
Widow <u>Mrs. Claire E. Bidwell</u> <u>75 4th St</u> <u>Troy, N.Y.</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Children (Name oldest first)				
Father				
Mother				
Brothers				
Sisters				

Body to be shipped to Mrs. Claire E. Bidwell, 75- 4th St. Troy, N.Y. was shipped (Date) W.S. 7-7-20

REMARKS

City 77 has not been reported by the Audit Dept. BSEB 7/8

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TO:- REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.

Date

6-30-20

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME *Bidwell, Frank A.* Serial Number

RANK *Mech.* ORGANIZATION *Co. A 105th Inf*

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	(1) <i>W. Co. D 105th Inf. Serial # 1203296</i>
2.	Date of Death.	(2) <i>10-18-18.</i>
3.	Cause and place of death.	(3) <i>DWR 9a</i>
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	(4) <i>300</i>
5.	Date buried.	(5) <i>10-18-18</i>
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	(6) <i>Grave # 14 Plot 3 Row B. Roisel Brit Mil Cty. # 77 Roisel, Somme</i>
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	(10) <i>a) not given</i>
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	(b) <i>" (mother in law)</i>
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	(11) <i>Mrs. Edward A. English 9-13th St. Waterliet, N.Y.</i>
12.	Has been notified? (Give date)	(12) <i>12-13-18</i>
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	(14) <i>B-12991</i>
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	
15.	Inquiry made by?	

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

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*M.M.E*

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

I. GENERAL INFORMATION on Cemetery No. (furnished by: OS) (date 7-1-20)  
Data sent Overseas None  
Operations to commence (approx.) City not reported  
Operations to be completed (approx.) -  
Bodies shipped from European Port -  
Bodies arrived at Hoboken -

II. CASE OF Bidwell, Frank A., Mech. Co. W. 105<sup>th</sup> Inf. #1203296  
The following information was abstracted (Date) 7-1-20 from: ago card

SOURCE	CLK.	in OFFICE		CLK.	in OFFICE
A. G. O. Cards	<u>OS</u>	<u>Yes</u>	Shppg. Inquiry (sent <u>no</u> )	-	-
A.G.O. Corresp.	-	-	To _____	-	-
G.R.S. corresp. relative to disp.	-	-	OSP S-S Corresp. (see Remarks.)	-	-

DESIRES as to Disposition.

ago card:

Name of Relative	RETURN.		REMAIN	SPECIAL
	N. C.	Pvt. Int.		
Widow <u>Mrs. Claire E. Bidwell</u> <u>75 - 4<sup>th</sup> St.</u> <u>Troy, N. Y.</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Children (Name oldest first)				
Father				
Mother				
Brothers				
Sisters				

Body to be shipped to Mrs. Claire E. Bidwell, 75<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> St  
Troy, N. Y. was shipped (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS City 77 has not been reported by Dr  
Audit Dept B2B 7/1-20

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TO:- REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.

Date 6/28/20

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME *Bidwell, Frank A* Serial Number *1203296*

RANK ORGANIZATION *Cv 10-105 "Inf"*

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	1-Yes Except <i>French.</i>
2.	Date of Death.	2. <i>10-18-18</i>
3.	Cause and place of death.	3- <i>WWRJa</i>
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	4- <i>CC-300</i>
5.	Date buried.	5- <i>10-18-18</i>
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	6- <i>Grave 14, Plot 3, Row B Roisel, British Mil. Cly 77, Roisel, Somme</i>
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	<i>10-None</i> <i>10b "</i>
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	11- <i>Mrs. Edward G. English #9-13th St Waterbury, Ct</i>
12.	Has been notified? (Give date)	
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	12- <i>12-13-18</i>
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	14- <i>B-12991</i>
15.	Inquiry made by?	Released by Information Control Dept. Directory Cards 5x8 Cards 4x6

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June 23<sup>rd</sup> - 1920

Ann

Graves Registration Co  
Washington D.C.

Of Frank A Bidwells <sup>the</sup> body  
Mechanic, Co. A. 105<sup>th</sup> Infantry  
body is yet in France leave  
it remain in France, but  
send me where if it is on  
its way to W States send it  
to National Cemetery of  
Arlington

Washington  
D.C.

2938 Currier  
43298  
Birkhead, Frank A.

His wife  
Claire E. Bidwell.

10-13<sup>th</sup> St.

Waterliet, N.Y.

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body reported  
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U.S. Graves Registration Co  
 U.S. Treasury Dept  
 Washington D.C.



JUN 25 1920



Rutland, Vt, June 19th, 1920.

*Ann*

To the Supt of Bureau of registration of Graves.

Dear Sir, I wish to change my request of the removal of the body of my husband Frank A. Bidwell no I203296 who was killed in France dieing on the 18th of October 1918 and who was buiried in a british grave yard at Somme France. His mother died last week and it was only on her account that I requested the body be brought home. If he has not ben removed would appreciate having his body remain in its resting place. Thanking you for past Kindness I remain respectfully,

Mrs Claire E, Fay.

(nee) Bidwell.

Frank A. Bidwell was a member of Co D 105 infantry.

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Bidwell, Frank A.

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CENTRAL  
D. M. C.

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G.R.S. #106  
DISPOSITION OF BODY

43298 (Inquiry)

War Department  
Office of the Quartermaster General.  
Graves Registration Service.  
Washington, D.C.

April 6, 1920.

For information of:

- (a) The Adjutant General of the Army
- (b) G.R.S., Paris, France,
- ~~(c) Office Files.~~
- (d) Photographic Section.

Case of: Mechanic Frank A. Bidwell,  
Co. D, 105th Inf.

Grave Location: Grave #14, plot 3, row B,  
Roisee British Military Cemetery,  
Roisel, Somme.

Request for action checked below:

- (a) Return of Body to the U.S. *Arlington*
- (b) Permanent Burial in France.
- (c) Cancellation of former requests.
- (d) Change of address.
- (e) Photograph of grave.

has been made by: Mrs. Claire E. Bidwell,  
10 - 13th Street,  
Watervliet, N. Y.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES *GW* LERCE,  
Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.

Chief, Graves Registration Service.

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Address reply to  
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE & STORAGE  
Munitions Building

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE  
WASHINGTON

April 6, 1920.

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43298 (Inquiry) Bidwell, Frank A., Mechanic.

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

Mrs. Claire E. Bidwell, 10 - 13th Street, Watervliet, N. Y.

Return of Body to the United States.

1. In reply to your letter of March 30, 1920, you are advised that the files of this office already contain your request for the return to the United States of the remains of your husband, Mechanic Frank A. Bidwell, and the necessary instructions will be forwarded to the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe at the proper time.

2. Notation has been made of your desire that the remains of this soldier be interred in the Arlington National Cemetery, and instructions will be issued to insure the fulfillment of this desire.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

By:

CHARLES J. WYNN,  
Captain, Q. M. C.

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TO:- REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.

Date **4-1-20**

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME **Bidwell, Frank A.**

Serial Number **1203296**

RANK **Mechanic ORGANIZATION Co. D 105th Inf.**

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	(1) <b>yes</b>
2.	Date of Death.	(2) <b>10-18-18</b>
3.	Cause and place of death	(3) <b>DWRGA</b>
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	(4) <b># 300</b>
5.	Date buried	(5) <b>10-18-18</b>
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	(6) <b>Grave # 14 Plot # 3 Row B Roisel British Mil. City # 77 Roisel, Somme</b>
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	(10) (a) <b>not given</b> (b) <b>not given</b>
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	
12.	Has above been notified? (Give date)	(11) <b>Mrs. Edward A. English 9-13th St Waterliet, N.Y.</b>
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.?	(12) <b>12-13-18</b>
15.	Inquiry made by?	

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10 13th Street  
Watervliet, N.Y. Mar 30, 1920

From; Mrs Claire E. Bidwell.

To; The Bureau of Registration of Graves

Subject; Remains of Mch Frank A. Bidwell,

1 I hereby request that the remains of Mechanic, Frank A. Bidwell 1203296 formerly Co "D" 105th Infantry A.E.F. who died of wounds on Oct 8, 1918 and was buried in Boiles cemetary (Somme), France, be transferred to Arlington Cemetary at Washington, D.C.

2 This is my ~~first~~ <sup>second</sup> request in regards to change of buriel place.

Mrs, Claire E. Bidwell

*Claire E. Bidwell*

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10 13th Street  
Watervliet, N.Y. Mar 30, 1920

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To; The Bureau of Registration of Graves  
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2 This is my <sup>second</sup> ~~first~~ request in regards to change of burial place.

Mrs. Claire E. Bidwell

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Bidwell F. #1203296

Mech. 105th Inf.

DD 10/18/18

BURIED ROISEL CML CTY EXT

PLOT 3 Row B

Grave 12

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

January 3, 1919.

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E. F.  
TO: G. W. Kinne, Captain, Engineers, D.E.O. at A.P.O. 738  
SUBJECT: Bidwell, Frank A., Cpl., Co. A, 105th Inf.

Replying to your letter dated December 17, 1918: According to the records in this office the above named non-commissioned officer is buried in grave No. 12, of the cemetery at Roiles, department of the Somme. Grave is marked with the cross. This information was forwarded to the nearest relative, Mrs. Edward A. English, #9 15th Street, Watervliet, New York, December 3, 1918, in the usual channel.

By direction CHARLES C. PIERCE  
Lieut.-Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.

Per MAURICE B. DIX  
Captain, American Red Cross  
Representative assigned to  
Grave Registration Service.

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TO: - REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.

File Number: 43298

From: - Inf cef # 1

Date: 12/17/18

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

NAME Bidwell FRANK A.

NUMBER 1203296

RANK CORP. ORGANIZATION CO "A" 105th Inf.  
MECH.

No.	Question	Reply
1	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	1. All proper names to be printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS
2	Date of Death	2 10-18-18
3	Cause and place of death	3 W/O
4	Number of Casualty Cablegram	4 CC # 300
5	Date buried	5 10-18-18.
6	Grave location (a) complete record required (b) name of cemetery or commune only required.	6 City # 77 grave # 12 City ROILES. (SOMME)
7	Who reported burial?	7 yes
8	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	8
9	Report as to grave marker.	9 across as grave marker
10	Report as to identification tags.	
11	Who is nearest relative?	11 (MOTHER) in-LAW MRS. EDWARD A. ENGLISH
12	Has M/R been notified (give date)?	9-13th St., WATERVILLE N.Y.
13	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record).	12 yes 12/3/18
14	What is the photograph No.?	

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American P.O. 738,  
A. E. F.  
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To: - Graves Registration Service, A.P.O. 717.  
Subject: Location of Grave of Corporal Frank A. Bidwell (1203296),  
Company "A", 105th Infantry.

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" 48 C.C.S.  
B.E.F.  
France, 18-10-18.

Dear Madam:

I am writing you of your husband, Frank A. Bidwell, No. 1203296 - 105th Inf. Co. A. He was very seriously wounded yesterday and was admitted to this hospital almost in a dying condition, indeed so very ill that he died five minutes after he was put to bed.

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~~P.O. No. of Hospital & Cemetery is 748."~~

*G.W. Kinne*  
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Captain, Engineers.

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*Recy. Address Capt Kinne*

2. Soldier No. 1203290

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

4. Mech. 105. Inf. Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. 48 C.C.S. D.O.W. Date of Death Cause, if known

6. 10/18/18 Roisel Cemetery Date of Burial Cemetery

7. Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. 12 Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

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

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

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

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12. Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

13. Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed

Group Unit G. R. S.

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