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DATE

1. NAME BIGELOW, Roland SERIAL No. 189880

RANK Wag. ORGANIZATION Co.A. 502nd Eng.

GRAVE LOCATION American, Dijon, Cote d'Or. *& DIVISION now shown.* # 14  
CTY. NAME NUMBER

371

Enl.

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 371(Enl.p.) DIJON (Côte d'Or)

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES E.298.5 N.59.5 (Lambert Zone Nord)

CONCENTRATED TO Not of record

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

DATE OF DEATH May 16, 1918.

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME New Jersey.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED now shown.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS Not of record

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

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PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR W.H. Quarterman

W.H. QUARTERMAN, CAPT. F.A., Supervisor Area N°4

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION June 10th, 1922 16 28 Block A.

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

~~Plot~~

St-Mihiel Amer. #1233, Thiancourt (M-et-M).

CEMETERY

AUDITED BY

REC'D  
MAY 12 1925  
Robert C. ...  
Major General  
The Adjutant General  
By: ace  
MAY 9 1925

World War Div.

MAY 9 1925

Entered on list

France

Bigelow, Roland

Wagoner, Company A, Engineer  
Corps, 502d

Died May 15, 1918, Amexforce, of  
shell shock.

In line of duty. Not the result  
of own misconduct.

Emergency Address:

Mrs. B. Brindell - Sister  
1027 $\frac{1}{2}$  Sewell Ave,  
Asbury Park, N. J.

A. G. O. 5/22/18

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Write nothing below this line.

CODE SLIP  
**LOCO PARENTIS**

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COILS	CODE
NAME	Bigelow	3	297
	Roland		3
BURIED	CEMETERY 4233	1	
	GRAVE 16	2	16
	ROW 28	2	28
	BLOCK A	1	1
STATE	N.J.	2	35
RANK	Wagon	1	2
DIVISION	Edges	2	49
ORGANIZATION	502	3	502
ARM	Eng. Sgt	1	1
MARITAL	no	1	2
NAME	Brindell	3	289
	Mrs Helene		
RESIDENCE	STATE N.J.	2	35
	COUNTY Monmouth	2	13
	CITY Asbury Park	3	001
RELATION	Loco Parentis	1	4
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	no	1	2
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

**AUDITED**  
MAY 20 1932 LVPB

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QM 293 A-M  
Bigelow, Roland - 1233 LP

June 30, 1930

Mrs. Helene Brindell,  
Lock Box 133,  
Asbury Park, N. J.

Dear Madam:

This letter is in connection with the pilgrimages of mothers and widows to the cemeteries of Europe, under the provisions of the amendment to the Act of March 2, 1929, as approved May 15, 1930.

Under the law, pilgrimages are authorized only for mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces. The only provision of the law under which anyone other than the mothers and widows could be considered for this pilgrimage is contained in Section 4 (a) of the Act as amended, which reads in part, "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for a period of not less than five years at any time prior to the soldier, sailor, or marine becoming 18 years of age."

However, in order to satisfy legal requirements it will be necessary for you to furnish as proof of your relationship in loco parentis to the late Roland Bigelow, the affidavits of at least two persons not related to you.

In the event you believe you are eligible under the law to make this pilgrimage, it is requested that the enclosed form be completed and returned to this office in order that your eligibility may be determined. Under paragraphs 1 (c) and 1 (d), sufficient information should be included to permit an intelligible decision as to eligibility.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

LC  
Enclosures:  
2 affidavit forms.

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

GH 293 A-C  
Bigelow, Roland

September 10, 1929

Mrs. Helene Brindell,  
Lock Box 133,  
Asbury Park, N. J.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of the form letter from this office dated July 29, 1929, completed by you, furnishing information relative to the Gold Star Mothers' and Widows' Pilgrimage to Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress, approved March 2, 1928.

It is assumed you desire to make the pilgrimage to your brother's grave under the terms of Section 4 (a) of the Act which states in part "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces". In determining who is meant by the phrase "who stood in loco parentis", this phrase has been given its usually accepted legal meaning and it has been held that:

(a) A person cannot stand in loco parentis to an adult who is not incapacitated either mentally or physically.

(b) In order for a woman to occupy such a status towards a minor or incapacitated adult, she must act the part of a lawful father of such person in performing the duty of providing for him, intending thereby to take the place of the father in this particular.

(c) In order to receive the benefits of the Act in question, she must have occupied the status toward a particular deceased member of the military or naval forces "for the year prior to the commencement of his service in such forces".

The records indicate that the late Wagoner Roland Bigelow was 28 years of age when he entered the Army for service during the World War. As there is a positive showing that the soldier in question was not incapacitated either mentally or physically at the time of his entry into the military service and that he was more than 21 years of age, it is not possible for you to have stood in loco parentis to him within the meaning of the Act, for the year immediately preceding the commencement of his service in the Army. It is therefore regretted to advise that you are ineligible to make the pilgrimage, at the expense of the government.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON

July 29th

1929

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bigelow, Roland

Mrs. Helene Brindell  
Lock Box 133  
Asbury Park, N. J.

*28 5/12 yrs old  
Ind 9-21-17*

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 sister of the late Wagoner Roland Bigelow, Co. A, 502nd Engineers, whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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

*No*

2. If so, give her complete address:

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

*My brother had his home with me since our parents died I am the oldest and acted as mother to the family*

For The Quartermaster General,

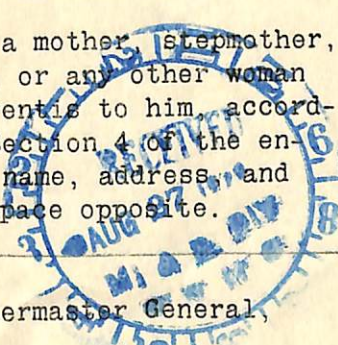
Very truly yours,

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

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Envelope

*MC MB*

*(over)*



when my father died eight years ago  
 I took the family and my husband and  
 brought them up mother died when Roland  
 was 15 years old. Mrs Helene Brindell

Box 133 -

Ashbury Park  
 N.J.

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 3, 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 sister of the late Wagoner Roland Bigelow, Co. A, 502nd Engineers, whose remains are now interred in the St. Michel American Cemetery, Chaumont, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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

3. If he is survived by a mother, whether mother has adoption or any other form who stood in loco parentis to him according to the laws of the state of his birth, give her name, address and relationship in the state of birth.

*Handwritten notes:*  
 My father had  
 no other wife  
 never in parent's  
 home as a wife  
 the family

Very truly yours,

JOHN T. HARRIS  
 Major, U. S. Corps  
 Adjutant

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 Envelope

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bigelow, Roland

May 27, 1929.

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Mrs. Helene Brindell,  
84 E. Park St.,  
Newark, N. J.

(S) Helene Brindell  
Lock Box 133,  
Asbury Park, N.J.

Dear Madam:

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The records of this office show that you are the sister of the late Wagoner Roland Bigelow, Co. A, 502nd Engineers, whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 298 A-M  
Bigelow, Roland - 1233 LP

June 30, 1930

Mrs. Helene Brindell,  
Lock Box 133,  
Asbury Park, N. J.

Dear Madam:

This letter is in connection with the pilgrimages of mothers and widows to the cemeteries of Europe, under the provisions of the amendment to the Act of March 2, 1929, as approved May 15, 1930.

Under the law, pilgrimages are authorized only for mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces. The only provision of the law under which anyone other than the mothers and widows could be considered for this pilgrimage is contained in Section 4 (a) of the Act as amended, which reads in part, "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for a period of not less than five years at any time prior to the soldier, sailor, or marine becoming 18 years of age."

However, in order to satisfy legal requirements it will be necessary for you to furnish as proof of your relationship in loco parentis to the late Roland Bigelow, the affidavits of at least two persons not related to you.

In the event you believe you are eligible under the law to make this pilgrimage, it is requested that the enclosed form be completed and returned to this office in order that your eligibility may be determined. Under paragraphs 1 (c) and 1 (d), sufficient information should be included to permit an intelligible decision as to eligibility.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure  
2 affidavit forms.

U. S. M. G. M. & R. DIV.

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Bigelow, Roland

October 2, 1939

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Hon. Harold G. Hoffman,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoffman:

Reference is made to your telephonic request of September 27, 1939, for information as to the status of Mrs. Helene Brinkwell, a sister of the late Hugues Roland Bigelow, Company A, 502nd Engineers, under the Act of Congress, approved March 2, 1928.

I have had this case thoroughly investigated and find that Mrs. Brinkwell requested the privilege of making the pilgrimage to her brother's grave in France under the provisions of Section 4 (a) of the above mentioned Act, which states in part "for any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for the year prior to the commencement of his services in such forces". While it appears that Mrs. Brinkwell was her brother's landlady and stood in the place of mother to him for a number of years prior to his enlistment in the service, such facts cannot be used as a basis for determining her eligibility to make the pilgrimage.

It has been held in the case of Howard vs. United States, 2 Fed. Cl. Series, 171, 176, decided October 5, 1934, and in other similar cases "that it is not possible for a person to stand in loco parentis to an adult who is not mentally or physically incapacitated". In the instant case, Hugues Bigelow was an adult (his age having been 28 years at the time of his entry into the military service) and was not then incapacitated either mentally or physically. It is therefore apparent that under the Decision of the Court, above cited, no person could have stood in loco parentis to him for the year prior to the commencement of his service.

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Bigelow, Roland  
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In view of the foregoing, Mrs. Brindwell was advised in letter from this office dated September 10, 1929, that she was not eligible to make the pilgrimage to her brother's grave at the expense of the United States.

Trusting that the foregoing report is satisfactory,  
I am,

Very truly yours,

R. P. CHRISTIAN,  
Major General,  
The Quartermaster General.

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*10/6/29*  
*[Signature]*

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2 days. 5 mos.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

9-27-29

Memorandum for Mrs. Ruth:

Harold G.

At 3:40 P.M. this date, Congressman Hoffman of N.J. called on telephone and stated he had a letter from one of his constituents, a sister of one of the men buried in France, who claims to have stood in loco parentis to her brother. She was left his insurance, personal effects and liberty bonds. She claims she stood in this capacity for a number of years prior to his enlistment in the service. The man's name is ~~Rollin~~ Bigelow and Cong. H. requests a letter advising whether or not Bigelow's sister is eligible under provisions of Pub. No. 952.

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Roland Bigelow - St Michiel  
16-28-A

Sister - Mrs. Helene Brindell

QM 298 A-C  
Bigelow, Roland

September 10, 1929

Mrs. Helene Brindell,  
Lock Box 138,  
Asbury Park, N. J.

Dear Madam:

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It is assumed you desire to make the pilgrimage to your brother's grave under the terms of Section 4 (a) of the Act which states in part "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces". In determining who is meant by the phrase "who stood in loco parentis", this phrase has been given its usually accepted legal meaning and it has been held that:

- (a) A person cannot stand in loco parentis to an adult who is not incapacitated either mentally or physically.
- (b) In order for a woman to occupy such a status towards a minor or incapacitated adult, she must act the part of a lawful father of such person in performing the duty of providing for him, intending thereby to take the place of the father in this particular.
- (c) In order to receive the benefits of the Act in question, she must have occupied the status toward a particular deceased member of the military or naval forces "for the year prior to the commencement of his service in such forces".

The records indicate that the late Wagoner Roland Bigelow was 23 years of age when he entered the Army for service during the World War. As there is a positive showing that the soldier in question was not incapacitated either mentally or physically at the time of his entry into the military service and that he was more than 21 years of age, it is not possible for you to have stood in loco parentis to him within the meaning of the Act, for the year immediately preceding the commencement of his service in the Army. It is therefore regretted to advise that you are ineligible to make the pilgrimage at the expense of the government.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JOHN T. HARRIS,  
Major, C. M. Corps.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

July 29th  
1929

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

**Bigelow, Roland**

Mrs. Helene Brindell  
Lock Box 133  
Asbury Park, N. J.

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

Write answers in space below:

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2. If so, give her complete address:
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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

**Bigelow, Roland**

May 27, 1929.

Mrs. Helene Brindell,  
84 E. Park St.,  
Newark, N. J.

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Assistant.

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IN REPLY REFER TO OM 293 A-C  
BIGELOW, Roland Wagoner

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

February 23, 1924

Mrs. Helene Brindell,  
84 East Park Street,  
Newark, N. J.


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 military cemetery is one of those to be maintained by the United States for all time in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of dignified design, with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

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

Very truly yours,

  
R. L. FOSTER  
Assistant.

1-Incl.  
Record card.



WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID

ADDRESS	PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300
YOUR MAIL	_____
TO	_____
STREET AND	_____
NUMBER	_____



*Handwritten:*  
 Mrs. Helene Brindell  
 7/29/14



Mrs. Helene Brindell,

84 East Park Street,

Newark,

New Jersey.

RETURNED TO WRITER  
 BY REGISTERED MAIL  
 U. S. P. O.



Soldier's  Overseas  
Grave

Name Roland Bigelow

Rank Wagoner

Organization Company A, 502nd Engineers

Grave No. 16 Row 28 Block A

Cemetery St. Mihiel American

Location Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France

BIGELOW, Roland Wagoner

February 23, 1924

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Very truly yours,

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Record card.

O.Q.M.G.  
Central Mail & Files Bx.

Assistant,  
R. L. FOSTER

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FEB 25 1924

H. B.

189880

Bigelow  
(Surname.)  
Wagoner

Roland  
(Christian name in full.)  
Co A 502nd Ingrs  
(Rank and organization.)

(Army serial number.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Sister

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?

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(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)

Helene Brundell

84 E. Park St  
(Number and street or rural route.)

Newark N.J.  
(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by Pm

14-28

12-14



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Nov 30 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 BIGELOW, Roland  
 2. No. 189880  
 3. Rank Wag.  
 4. Org. Co.A. 502nd Eng.  
 5. D.D. 5/15/-18  
 6. C.D. fr. shell wounds.

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 371 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. Plot Enl. Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

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

18. Cemetery Amer.

19. Commune or town Dijon

20. Dept. or County Cote d'Or

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 14

23. Disinterred (Date) Nov 30 1921

By A R Cheney

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name BIGELOW, Roland  
 Rank Wag.

Serial No. 189880  
 Organization Co. A. 502 Eng.  
Gr. No. 371

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? yes On body? yes, partly corroded

Glenn C Dorsey  
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

Glenn C Dorsey

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

No effects found, post mortem on head. Wagoner's chevrons on sleeves-US. Engrs.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, recognition impossible.

28. Nature of burial In uniform and wooden box.

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Nov 30 1921 By W R Cheney

31. Casket sealed by A R Cheney

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) A R Cheney  
A R Cheney

AUDITED BY  
102 8/16

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-17607

32. Designation of body:

Name Roland BIGELOW Serial No. 189880

Rank Wag. Organization Co. A. 502nd Eng.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel Amer. #1233, Thiaucourt (M-et-M)

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Nov 30 1921 By A R Cheney

35. I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector *R L Fain*

R L Fain Capt QMC

36. Remarks Disc on cross reads. Pvt. 1 cl. Disc on body ~~xxxxx~~ partly corroded; reads "Co. A 502nd Engrs. USA."

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Nov 30 1921

To point of Concentration Dijon, Cote d'Or, France

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ (Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Shipping Officer Capt. QMC

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

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

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Nov 30 1921

To Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel (1233) Thiaucourt M et M

Convoyer E L Reiley (Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Shipping Officer *W R Buckley*  
W R Buckley Capt QMC

40. Received: Date 5 - DEC. 1921

G.R.S. Representative *J B Daniel, Capt, 2MC*

41. Reinterred June 10th, 1922.

(Date) \_\_\_\_\_

42. Grave No. 16 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. ~~Plot~~ Block A. Row 28

G.R.S. Representative *A E Dewey*

A. E. Dewey, 1st Lt. QMC.

Place Dijon, Cote d'Or, France

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Nov 30 1921

1. REMAINS OF BIGELOW, Roland SERIAL NUMBER 189880  
RANK Wag. ORGANIZATION Co. A 502nd Engrs.

2. Disinterred (date): Nov 30, 1921 From (give complete location): Gr. No. 371  
Dijon, Cote d'Or. France French Civ. Cem No. 14

By: Group 3 Unit 4

3. Reburied (date): June 10th, 1922. In (give complete location): Gr 16. Row 28. Block A.

Reburial Casket and shipping Case

By: Group \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial \_\_\_\_\_

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

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? yes, partly On grave marker? yes  
corroded

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:  
No effects found. Post mortem on head. Wagoner's chevrons on sleeve. US. Engrs. insignia on collar.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) U to D

(b) Weight (estimated) \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Hair—Color Black

Quantity Medium

Characteristics Kinky

(d) Hair on face—Color none

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

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

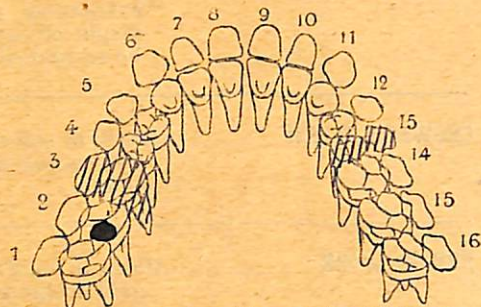
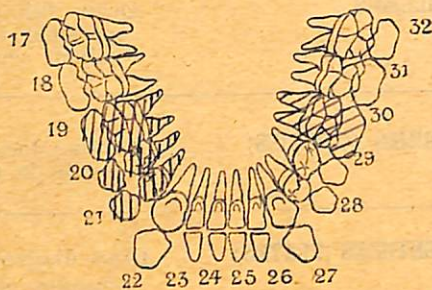


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) MBD. 19, 20, 21, 30. MAD. 3, 15 SF. 2  
none

7. Disinterment supervised by A R Cheney Approved: R L Fain  
A R Cheney 3CD (Title) Capt. QMC jsk

8. Reburial supervised by H L Kramer Approved: A E Dewey  
H. L. Kramer (Title) A. E. Dewey, 1st Lt. QMC.

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

1. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #2418

(a) Name BIGELOW, Roland Ser. No. 189880  
 (b) Rank Wagoner Organization Co.A, 502nd Engrs.  
 (c) Date of death 5-15-18 (d) Cause of death Shell Wounds

*Edmund  
 1/23/33  
 for Centralization  
 Lt. Mitchell att 4/18/30*

11. Registration Card:- (Check Reg. Card Inf. against Loc. Ind. Inf.)  
371-Polygone 4

(a) Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_ Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Sect. \_\_\_\_\_ ) TYP. 11H  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Burke Brindell, (Sister) #1027 1/2 Sewell Ave.,  
 Asbury Park, New Jersey.

*a.w.R.  
 1-22-71  
 S.W.*

111. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; No Card ) CKRM. E. T.

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Helene Brindell (b) Relationship Sister  
 (c) Address 84 E. Park St. Newark, N.J.  
 (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 FB Date 5-12-1920

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

dated \_\_\_\_\_, confirmed request in Par. IV. item \_\_\_\_\_, above, or requesting that \_\_\_\_\_

No Correspondence

Examiner's Initials a-a Date 5-12-1920

VI. G.R.S. Files - Correspondence - shows as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes M.H.S.

Examiner's Initials M.H.S. Date 5-13-1920

CARDED

*rechecked Mac 1/18*

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

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

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by- ( cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
( letter on Dec 4, 1920

*Par. # 2 Not to be returned* *J.H.H.*

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*Form 120- rec'd. 6-7-20 Helene Brindell,  
sister, 84-E Park St., Newark, N. J.  
requests body remain in France. 1-13-21  
es.e.*

**FORM 115 RETURNED BY KEDOKEN-ESDY**

**1-11-21 TO REMAIN IN EUROPE. K**

DEC 29 1920



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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION

*Please make.*

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NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

Bigelow, Roland, Wagoner.

14 - 28

1/13/21.

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

189880

Co. A, 502nd Engrs.

Date of death - 5/16/18.

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Mrs. Helene Brindell

Sister

Address

84 Park St., Newark, New Jersey

S/709/LML

*Copy sent to Adj. Gen. 1-21-21.*

*W.D. 1-22-21*

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

14-28  
MAY 25 1920

*Rush Answer*  
*no change*

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.  
TO: Helene Brindell, 84-E. Park St., Newark, N.J.  
SUBJECT: Remains of Wagoner, Roland Bigelow

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

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

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

*Noted on Form No. 415*  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Colonel, U.S. Army.

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow			
Soldier's Children	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
	3.		
Father			
Mother			
Brothers	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
Sisters	<i>Helene Brindell 84 E Park St Newark N.J.</i>		
	<i>Worship Glynne 3216 Chestnut St Phila Pa</i>		
	<i>Katherine Leigh 507 1/2 Warrmouth Ave Bradley Beach N.J.</i>		
Date		Signature <i>Helene Brindell</i>	

Address 84 E Park St Newark Relationship Sister

Note: - Instructions on the reverse side of this sheet should be carefully read before filling out this paper. (OVER) F.B.

The transfer of bodies will be made entirely at Government expense.

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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bigelow 189,880 Roland

(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Private 1st Cl. 502nd Engineers, Co. A

(Rank.) (Organization.)

May 20, 1918

DATE OF BURIAL

PLACE OF BURIAL Municipal Cemetery of Pe-

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

Joces, Polygone No. 4, Dijon Cote d'Or

France.

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GRAVE NUMBER

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?  Yes Cross?  Yes

Headboard?  No Bottle?  Yes

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?  Yes

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

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

**REVIEWED  
OSP SS.**

REPORTED BY:

Major, MRC, Comdg, Base Hospital #17

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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[Signature]

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

23 MAY 1918

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION

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*Harlow*

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

SER *Digelow, Roland, Wagoner*. ORGANIZATION

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Co. A, 502nd Engrs.

Date of death - 5/16/18.

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to 7115  
1-21-21  
M.*

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE

**FILE**  
JAN 21 1921  
File No. *4418*

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Mrs. Helene Brindell,

Sister.

Address

84th Park St., Newark, New Jersey.

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Adjustment Made

OCT 14 1920

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WAR DEPARTMENT

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

File No. 2418

WASHINGTON

FILE

IN REPLY  
REFER TO

201(Bigelow, Roland)WW

October 2, 1920

OCT-18 1920

From: The Adjutant General of the Army.

To: The Quartermaster General of the Army,  
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Date of death of Wagoner Roland Bigelow, 189,880,  
Company A, 502nd Engineers.

1. Upon investigation, it has been ascertained that the date of death of the above man heretofore communicated to you, is erroneous, and that he died May 16, 1918 of concussion of brain, fat embolism.

2. For purposes of identification, you are advised that the records show that the deceased was enlisted Sept. 21, 1917, and the name of the person to be notified in case of emergency was given as: Mrs. Burke Brindell (sister), 1027 $\frac{1}{2}$  - Sewell Ave., Asbury, Park, N. J.

*D. C. Harris*

The Adjutant General.

Per: *A*

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OSP SS.

*A*

Adjustment Made

OCT 14 1920

WAR DEPARTMENT

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

WASHINGTON

File No. 100

IN REPLY  
REFER TO

301 (Lickow, Roland) 111

October 2, 1920



OCT-2-1920

From: The Adjutant General of the Army.

To: The Quartermaster General of the Army,  
Washington, D. C.

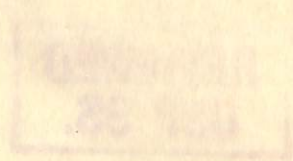
Subject: Date of death of Wagoner Roland Lickow, 182, 880,  
Company A, 802nd Engineers.

1. Upon investigation, it has been ascertained that  
the date of death of the above named person communicated to  
you is erroneous, and that he died May 10, 1917, in consequence of  
being hit by a shell.

2. For purposes of identification, you are advised  
that the records show that the deceased was enlisted, Post No. 1917,  
and the name of the person to be notified in case of emergency  
was given as: Mrs. Burke Brindell (later), 1022 - 66th Ave.,  
New York, N. Y.



*R. E. Johnson*  
The Adjutant General  
For: *R*



Base Hospital No. 17  
AEF  
May 20, 1918.

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- From: Commanding Officer.
- To: Graves Registration Section, Hqrs. SOS.
- Subject: Report of Burial.
1. Name: Roland Bigelow 189,880.
  2. Rank: Private 1st Class.
  3. Company: "A"
  4. Regiment or Corps: 502nd Engineers.
  5. Date of Death: May 16th, 1918.
  6. Cause of Death: Concussion of brain, fat embolism, simple comminuted fracture lower part right femur. In line of duty, not result own misconduct.
  7. Place of Death: Base Hospital No. 17, AEF.
  8. Date of Burial: May 17th, 1918, 1 PM.
  9. Name of Cemetery: Municipal Cemetery of Pejoces, Polygone No. 4.
  10. In what Town and Department: Dijon, Cote d'Or, France.
  11. Number of Grave: 371.
  12. Marking of Grave: By bottle containing data. Peg on side of which was placed identification tag.
  13. Was original tag buried with body? Yes. Placed between undershirt and O.D. shirt.
  14. Disposition of Duplicate tag? Duplicate tag fastened to side of burial peg, as per Art. (5) Par. 4, G.O. #50, GHQAEF., Feb. 15/18.
  15. Nearest Relative of Deceased: Mrs. Burke Brindell.
  16. Relationship and Address: Sister, Asbury Park, N. J.

Angus McLean  
Angus McLean  
Major, MRC.

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OSP SS.

23 MAR 1918

Base Hospital No. 17

AEF

May 20, 1918.

From: Commanding Officer.  
To: Graves Registration Bureau, AEF.  
Subject: Report of Death.

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1. Name: Bigelow, 189,880, Roland.
2. Rank: Private 1st Class.
3. Company: "A"
4. Regiment or Corps: 502nd Engineers.
5. Date of Death: May 16th, 1918.
6. Cause of Death: Concussion of brain, fat embolism, simple comminuted fracture lower part right femur. In line of duty, not result own misconduct.
7. Autopsy Findings: Above diagnosis verified. Autopsy performed by Central Medical Department Laboratory.
8. Place of Burial: Dijon, Cote d'Or, France.
9. Cemetery: Municipal Cemetery of Pojacos, Polygone No. 4.
10. Grave Number: 371.
11. Age: 29 years.
12. Address of Nearest Relative: 1027 1/2 Sewell Ave. Asbury Park, N.J.
13. Nearest Relative: Sister. Mrs. Burke Brindell.

*Angus M. Moran*  
Angus Moran  
Major 4RC

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HEADQUARTERS  
U. S. TROOPS  
APO 712.

May 24th, 1918.

Proceedings of a Board of Inquiry convened at A. P. O. 712, per paragraph 3, Special Order, No. 83, Headquarters, U. S. Troops, A. P. O. 712, May 16th, 1918, to investigate into the accident which occurred near Poinson, France, resulting in the death of Pvt. Biglow, Co. A, 502nd Engineers, and the serious injury of Pvt. Austin of the same company.

Detail for Board:

Major W. A. Sabin, Ord. Dept. N. A.  
Capt. Geo. H. Throop, 24th Engrs. Co. E,  
1st Lt. Frank DuBois, Co. D, 161st Inf.

The Board met at 8:00 P. M. May 16, 1918.

Present: All the members.

The Board then proceeded to investigate into the accident which occurred near Poinson, France, resulting in the death of Pvt. Biglow, Co. A, 502nd Engineers, and the serious injury of Pvt. Austin of the same company.

Captain R. C. Georger, Co. "A", 502nd Engineers was sworn and testified as follows:

About 8:00 o'clock Lt. Lewis dislocated his shoulder in our camp. I sent Wagoner Biglow in the sidecar up to the 507th Engineers, about five miles away to get a doctor. Wagoner Austin who had been up in that direction on a pass during the evening came in and stated that Biglow was stalled up the road without gasoline. I instructed Austin to proceed with gasoline for the stalled car. It had been my intention to send First Class Private Hoagland to Camp Williams as a messenger, so Hoagland went with Austin to take the gasoline before proceeding to Camp Williams.

Apparently Biglow's car had not been stalled, and he was coming in the direction of our camp between the town of Poinson and the Station of Poinson. I have never seen traffic on this road at night; is a road about twelve (12) feet wide, well surfaced, very winding and hilly. The next I heard about this was from the doctor of the 507th, who staggered into my quarters, and said there had been an accident up the road, and that there were four men very seriously hurt. It seems that Biglow had gotten this doctor, and was coming back to camp with the doctor and the Sergeant Major of the 507th, both in the sidecar. The doctor brought the Sergeant Major, as he thought he might need his assistance. They were about a quarter of a mile from our camp, when they crashed into our car. The accident occurred about 9:20 P. M., and as near as I can recall it was a moon-light night.

I went up to the scene of the accident immediately with Lt. Cool of the Gas Service in his Ford ambulance, which he used for delivery purposes, and Sergeant Carlander of the 161st Medical Detachment, who was detached to us for medical attendance. Rather I walked and sent them up in a Ford. I arrived there and found both Biglow and Austin stretched out upon the ground; Biglow unconscious, Austin partly conscious. We bandaged their wounds as well as we could and Lt. Cool drove them into the hospital where they were taken and forwarded to Dijon. Both Biglow and Austin were of the highest character. I have the utmost confidence in both these men. They were both very temperate, and I never knew of them taking a drink, and would trust them anywhere with the machines. They were very careful drivers both of them. Both are mighty fine fellows.

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I investigated the ground, and had measurements made under my direction, as shown in accompanying sketch, "Exhibit A". The ground slopes sharply from Poinson to our camp. The point where the accident occurred is somewhat of a down grade and lies between poinson and our camp. The accident occurred on a short piece of tangent about 300 feet long, between two very sharp curves. Due to the nature of the ground, the trees, bushes, etc., it would be impossible for any one on either of these curves to see an approaching vehicle on the other curve. When both vehicles got on the tangent, the distance between them when they first could have seen each other could not have been more than 150 feet.

The acetylene lamps on both sidecars were not lighted, due to the fact that we had not been able to obtain fresh Presto Lite tanks since January, and both machines were empty. There were small kerosene lamps on both machines. The drivers had instructions to light these at night. I can not say whether they were lighted on this night or not, but in my opinion the moonlight was so strong that when both vehicles came on to the tangent, they could have seen clearly whether the lights were lighted or not.

I looked at the ground the morning following the accident, with an idea to determine for myself as to what the distance would have been between these two vehicles when they could see each other and estimated it between 150 and 200 feet.

Austin was under the impression that Biglow was stalled in Poinson about a mile from the scene of the accident for the lack of gasoline, and was sent out under my order to take that gasoline to him at Poinson. Biglow naturally did not know that any one was being sent out to him. I never have in the month that I have been there seen any travel on that road at night. There are no dwellings or buildings of any kind between our camp and Poinson, and if I were proceeding along that road myself, I would have every reason to believe that I would not meet any vehicles or any one until I reach Poinson.

The condition of the machines showed very clearly that Austin's machine, coming from our camp, struck Biglow's machine at the motor. The reason for this is that Austin's front wheel was crumpled up, and the only part of the machine damaged was the front, and the gasoline tank directly above the magneto on Biglow's machine was dented, and the breaker box on Biglow's magneto had been bent. The car is on the right hand side of the motorcycle, and in passing the motorcycle will naturally be on the inside. The machine coming down the hill was struck on the left side, apparently at the magneto, which is just a little ahead of the center of the motorcycle.

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Private First Class Hoagland was sworn and testified as follows:

Captain Georger came into the office about 15 minutes before we started and mentioned that we were to go to Is-sur-Tille or rather that Wagoner Austin was to go to Is-sur-Tille with a note for Captain Feldes. Wagoner Austin was not in then. I sent outside for Wagoner Austin to come in. He came in about 15 minutes later. I informed him that he was to go to Is-sur-Tille with a note for Captain Feldes. He stated that Wagoner

Biglow was stuck, as he said, about a mile above, meaning the hill, without gasoline. I told him that I would probably go to Is-sur-Tille with him, and to get ready as soon as possible. I stepped into Captain Georger's Office for the note which was to be brought to Is-sur-Tille; told him what Wagoner Austin told me, that Biglow was stuck up the hill without gasoline.

Captain Georger stated that we had better take gas up to him. I then left the office, went out to where the motorcycles were kept. Wagoner Austin was then ready to start. I asked him if he was going to light his light. He said "I have matches but since the engine is going, we will wait till we get on the road." The ground was rough, and we had to push the machine with the motor running out to the road. Without stopping, we put the machine in gear, and I had only time to get in the machine, when we had started up the hill. I should judge the hill to be about 30 feet high, so that by the time we had reached the top he opened his exhaust, as is usual in climbing a hill to cool the motor. He did not shut off the exhaust, and we attained, I should judge, a speed of about twenty-two or three miles an hour. The road we knew well, and there was a bend in the road some short distance beyond the summit of the first hill. There is a small bush, as shown in the diagram, marked "Exhibit "A"", but as one can see ahead, that is from the other side, we really saw no one coming, nor heard the noise of a motor. It seemed as if the other machine came directly from behind the bush, which we were just approaching. The accident occurred immediately. As to myself I was thrown directly forward, landing on the back of my shoulder and neck, and got up practically unhurt. The first one I met was the First Lieutenant, a doctor whose name I do not know, who asked me if I were hurt, to which I answered "no". He then went to the aid of a man whom I now know to be the Sergeant Major, whose name is Smith. I left him and dragged Wagoner Austin from his machine, and laid him by the side of the road. Together, Lieutenant, Smith and I dragged Wagoner Biglow from his machine. He ordered me to go for aid at the camp, which I stated was a short distance, and I started to do so. I ran to the next town, before I knew the direction in which I was going. Returned and the Lieutenant went himself to the camp. The sidecar in which I was riding was turned completely around.

The machines which Austin was driving struck the machine Biglow was driving at an angle of about 15 degrees in front of the motor. The machine which Biglow was driving would be at the outer edge of the turn of the road at out left. We were on the right hand side of his machine. The road is very narrow, not wide enough, that is in the track for two machines to pass, so that when we struck, both machines were in the beaten track. I should judge the travel track was about 6 feet wide.

The night seemed sufficiently moonlight enough to assure one of a sense of security in going ahead at an ordinary rate of speed, I should judge an object the size of a man to be visible at 300 feet. We expected to meet Biglow about a mile from camp, and this was, I should judge about a half-mile from camp. The motorcycle proper would be about in the middle of the road. In approaching this curve, we were on the extreme right hand side of the road, making for the outer side of the curve. Biglow was coming from the inner side of the curve, also going toward the outer side. We met approximately at the middle of the road.

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1st Lt. Monroe A. Meyer, Medical Reserve Corps, Surgeon  
507th Engineers was sworn and testified as follows:

At the request of Captain Georger, in charge of the 502nd Engineers Station at Poinson, I came down in a motorcycle, bringing the Battalion Sergeant Major with me, who happened to be with me at the time I was requested to come. I came in a motorcycle with sidecar, provided by the Captain, and run by his chauffeur for the purpose of reducing a dislocation in the arm of Lt. Lewis. I was sitting in sidecar, and the Battalion Sergeant Major sitting on my lap. The motorcycle was proceeding at a rate of approximately fifteen (15) to eighteen (18) miles an hour at a point a thousand yards above the camp on a straightaway of road. I suddenly saw a second olive drab painted motorcycle with sidecar rounding the curve below the site of accident, at a distance which according to my impression was forty (40) feet. On measuring this distance in the presence of the court, it is apparently 150. Being seated behind the Battalion Sergeant Major, my view of the road was partly obstructed. The motorcycle in which I was riding was well to our right of the road. The oncoming motorcycle was apparently exactly in the center. The oncoming motorcycle did not sound any horn on rounding the curve. We sounded no horn either, but we were on a straightaway.

I can not state definitely the length of time that elapsed between the time of seeing the second motorcycle, and the actual collision. It must have been very brief, inasmuch as my realization that an accident was about to happen, was immediately followed by the crash. A short time after the crash, I found myself lying on the grass on my left side at about eight or ten feet from the actual site, and had apparently been hurled through that distance. From my sensations I realized that I had sustained a moderate degree of concussion. I immediately looked about and saw the Sergeant Major sitting two feet at my right by a stone. After shouting his name at him loudly a half dozen times or more, he began to speak very slowly, complaining that he could neither see nor hear well, and that his hands were numb. I then walked to the wreck and found the chauffeur of the motorcycle in which I had been riding lying to the left of the rear wheel, approximately at the rear wheel of the motorcycle, breathing very heavy, somewhat bloody at the nose and mouth. I then walked across the road and found the passenger of the second motorcycle walking on the road in somewhat dazed fashion. I was very dazed myself, and at times had difficulty in seeing. The second passenger asked me if he should go for help, and I said "yes". He left and as time elapsed I noticed that no aid came. This passenger came back then, seemingly somewhat dazed, laughing a good deal, and said that he had gone in the wrong direction. I then realized that I had not noted the fact myself that he had gone in the wrong direction. I turned to the Sergeant Major then, and told him to remain here, and that I was going to the camp myself. I walked to the camp as best I could, walked into the Captain's Office, and told him to bring help immediately. A Medical Sergeant came along, and took care of administering first aid to the men. I did not interfere in the procedure, because I realized that I had received a very bad concussion, and that I was rather unsteady. After the men were removed into the ambulance to be taken to Camp Williams, I and the Battalion Sergeant Major went to the Captain's Hut, and remained there until the ford returned, and we were taken back to camp.

The chauffeur was running at points and coasting at points, and it is impossible for me to state whether the motor was running at the point where I first saw the other car. It certainly was running however for most of the distance along the road, but we were not coasting continuously. The first I knew there was going to be an accident was the actual sight of the car.

I do not know when I stepped into the sidecar, inasmuch as I know nothing myself about motor vehicle operations I said to the chauffeur, as I usually do under such a case; "is everything all right; are you ready". He said "yes". And I said "all right, go ahead".

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Battalion Sergeant Major Henry N. Smith, 507th Engineers was sworn and testified as follows:

I was sitting in the sidecar and in the lap of Lt. Meyer. I was coming over that hill in the sidecar, and sitting in Lt. Meyer's laps, and I suppose were running somewhere about 15 to 18 possibly 20 miles an hour. We rounded this curve here, and as we rounded the curve, naturally we slackened a little bit to make the curve. As we followed up this road, stated to pick up again. Just as we were about somewhere near those trees (B) but on that point I am not certain, we saw the other machine. Our driver started to pull off to our right of the road, but whether the other driver gave way I am not positive, but the two machines met.

It was not a brilliant night. While a moon shown, it was not sufficient to make it light, and while it was fairly dark there was a moon. It seems to me I have a recollection of thinking at the time that it was remarkable that I had not seen the machine before I did. Looking at the road as we were coming along, it would have been impossible to see the machine on account of bushes. I would say about 30 yards, maybe 25 distat.

From a careful consideration of all the evidence obtainable in this case the Board finds:

1. That the death of Pvt. Biglow and serious injury of Pvt. Austin was in the line of duty.

2. That in traveling, even on a moon light night, some form of light should have been shown, *that road was here shown*

3. That no form of warning was used in rounding curves, and that <sup>there was a sign</sup> speeding on <sup>the</sup> curves should be generally censured. *G. J. D.*

4. That a personal inspection of the scene of the accident, by the Board, disclosed the fact that the embankment (4') four feet high shown on "Exhibit A", was in reality about (2') feet high, and that an un-obstructed view between points (150') one hundred and fifty feet each side of the collision, existed.

5. That the machine driven by Pvt. Austin was traveling nearly in the center of the road, when it should have been on the right side and especially so in the vicinity of this curve where the accident occurred.

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