

Birchby, James A. 109

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Y.M.C.A.

G.R.S. Form #114-B

FULL NAME BIRCHBY, James Arthur, James A. Birchby

Secy. Y.M.C.A.

RANK Secretary SERIAL -

France

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION YMCA

New Argonne

DATE OF DEATH October 9, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME California

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED.

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32 1 F.

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION.....

Date Grave Row Block
Romagne, Cty. 1232.

Cemetery

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Birchby

(Surname.)

(Number.)

James A.

(First Name and Initials.)

Y.M.C.A.

(Rank.)

(9th Inf)

(Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL... October 5, 1918.

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

North of Mt. Blance at Cross Road foot of the Mt.

GRAVE NUMBER... 1

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

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

REPORTED BY :

Chaplain J. J. Babst, 23rd Inf.

(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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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

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

secretary.....
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Near Somme-Py.....

CAUSE OF DEATH: German shell fire.....

DATE OF BURIAL: Oct. 5, (?) 1919.....

PLACE OF BURIAL: Shell hole near Somme-Py.....

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

Just N. W. of Somme-Py off main road from

Skippes to Attigny (Ardennes).....

GRAVE NUMBER: buried in hole made by ar-

HOW MARKED: tillery..... Cross?

Headboard?..... Bottle? yes

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?.....

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE:.....

H. B. Birchby

ADDRESS: 540 South Marengo Ave. Pasadena

RELATIONSHIP: California
brother

REPORTED BY:

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

In reply refer to:
QM - 293 C-R

Civilian

August 1, 1923.

Mr. W.H. Birchby,
California Institute of Technology,
Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of Secretary James Arthur Birchby, Y.M.C.A., is Grave 32, Row 1, Block F, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagnous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

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

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

Very truly yours,

H. J. Conner,
Assistant.



*AUG 1 1923
C.L.H.*

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G.R.S. Form #114 B

DATE 9/26/21.

1. NAME BIRCHBY, James Arthur SERIAL No.

RANK Secretary ORGANIZATION Y.M.C.A.

GRAVE LOCATION Argonne Amer. Romagne/s/Montfaucon 1232 sec 92

CTY. NAME NUMBER

88 sec 92 2

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Somme Py, (Marne)

GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES Rheims 34 S.E. - N.281.35 - E.267.5

CONCENTRATED TO 6/16-'19 88 Sec.92 2

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse-Argonne #1232 CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

G.R.S. tag on body.

Data from Form #1.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR M. B. BIRDSEYE 1st Lt., Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

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3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 9/26/21. 32 1 F 27 35 H.

DATE GRAVE ROW Block

Auth. 2nd Ind. from Europe 6-23-23.

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

Dub 114B made

AUDITED BY B.W. 28-23

6/7/23

INDEX SHEET

SYNOPSIS

Letter

From: Q.M.G.O.
To: Chief American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe.

Advising that the following discrepancies in grave locations appear on therecords of this office:

Y.M.C.A. Sec. James A. Birchby, reported concentrated into the same grave location as Cpl. Johnson.

DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO. 293 Knobloch, Louis - Pvt.

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Reply from Europe in cty correspondence

INSTRUCTIONS.—Under "Synopsis" make brief entry showing date of communication and from whom received and synopsis sufficient to identify the papers. When these index sheets become numerous under a subject they will be entered on the consolidated index sheet and then destroyed.

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 77324 ✓

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name <u>BIRCHBY, James Arthur</u> Ser. No. <u>----</u>	}	TYP. <u>hmp</u>
(b) Rank <u>Sec.</u> Organization <u>YM. C.A.</u>		CKR. <u>30</u>
(c) Date of death <u>10-4-18</u> (d) Cause of death <u>German Shell fire.</u>		

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

(a) Grave No. 88 Row ---- Plot 2 Sec. 92 TYP. hmp

(b) Emerg. Address H. B. Birchby, (brother) 540 S. Marengo. Ave., Pasadena. Calif.

III. Files of soldiers ~~dying from contagious diseases /~~ CKR. 30

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt no card in file - dCOR - 5-9-21

(a) Name _____ (b) Relationship _____

(c) Address _____

(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? _____

(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 _____ Date _____, 192

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

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

Examiner's Initials _____ Date _____, 192

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

W. M. Birchby, n/k. Brother, % Calif. Institute of Technology, Pasadena Calif. 7-22-20. Requests body remain in France. Deceased was not married, father and mother deceased.

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? _____

Examiner's Initials 68R Date 5-9-, 192 1

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232 Sec. 92 SHEET No. 19

Checked
4/11/21 5/23/21

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made _____, 192

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, _____, 192

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
letter on **MAY 20 1921**, 192

Sec. 92.

Par. 2 Not to be returned. *Civilian* *Ess.*

IX.

REMARKS

710-5-10-21

G.L.B. gives as Ed. H.R. Burchby 5-40 So. Marindig Ave., Pasadena, Calif. brother

Location Index

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

A.G.O. Card & Corr.

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

G. R. S. Corr

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

Checkers

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

S-1783/MB

EA

checked, 10-21

7A-5-1

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 77324

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BIRCHBY, James Arthur Ser. No. _____

(b) Rank Sec. Organization YM. C.A. } TYP jmp

(c) Date of death 10-4-18 (a) Cause of death German Shell fire. } 7

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

(a) Grave No. 88 Row _____ Plot 2 Sec. 92 TYP. jmp

(b) Emerg. Address H. B. Birchby, (brother) 540 S. Marengo Ave., Pasadena. Calif. CKR. 7

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases /

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

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V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192

Ser. 92, { letter of transmittal on MAY 20 1921, 192

Par. 2 Not to be returned. Civilian (Est)

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

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

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

COUNTRY _____ CEMETERY No. _____ SHEET No. _____

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date September 23rd 1921.

1. REMAINS OF BIRCHBY, James Arthur SERIAL NUMBER.....

RANK Y.M.C.A. Secretary ORGANIZATION Y.M.C.A.

2. Disinterred (date) : September 23rd 1921 From (give complete location) : Grave 88. Sect. 92. Plot 2. Cem. 1232.

By : Group 4 Unit P.S. 2.

3. Reburied (date) : In (give complete location) :

Sept 26th 1921. Meuse Argonne Cemetery # 1232 Gr ⁹² block ^F row ¹ 35.

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

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment : Auth. 2nd Ind. from Europe - 6-25-25.
Uniform burlap and wooden box. Body badly decomposed, features
unrecognizable.

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

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

G.R.S. plaque on body reads, " James A. Birchby killed in action
Oct. 5th 1918. No. effects.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items ? 1-3-15-16-Silver filling. 4-Missing.

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

(b) Weight (estimated)..... do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

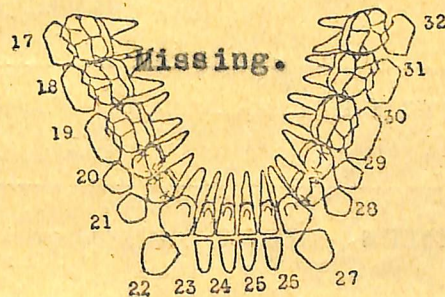
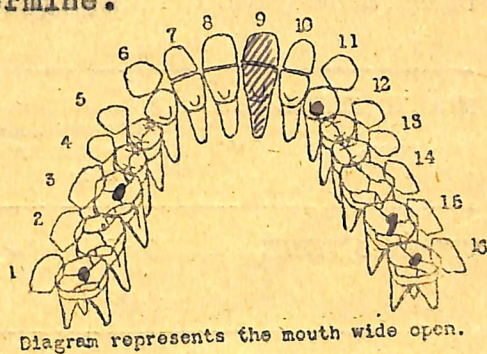
Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location..... do

Quantity do

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



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Extra tooth after 16.

Skull completely shattered. Lower jaw missing.

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7. Disinterment supervised by E. J. RENOARD

Approved : Geo. C. Bland. 1st Lieut.
(Title) C.M.C. ewr

8. Reburial supervised by W. B. Shields

Approved : James W. Younger, Capt CMC.
(Title)

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept. 23, 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 BIRCHBY, James Arthur

10. Name

2. No.

11. No.

3. Rank Secretary

12. Rank

4. Org. YMCA

13. Org.

5. D.D. Oct. 4-18

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. Killed by German Shell Fire

(b) D.B. none.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 88 Sec. 92

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot 2 Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. none.

18. Cemetery Argonne Amer.

19. Commune or town Romagne/s/Montfaucon

20. Dept. or County Meuse

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232 sec 92

23. Disinterred (Date) Sept. 23, 1921

By E.J. Renouard.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name James Arthur Birchby

Serial No. none.

Rank Sec'y

Organization Y.M.C.A.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? no

On body? no

E. J. Renouard
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).

G.R.S. plaque on body reads, "James A. Birchby. Killed in Action Oct. 5, 1918"

27. Condition of body badly decomposed, features not recognizable.

28. Nature of burial wooden box and burlap and uniform.

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 Sept. 23, 1921 By E.J. Renouard.

31. Casket sealed by E.J. Renouard.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

E. J. Renouard
Signature

AUDITED BY



SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box) Box No. C-6218

32. Designation of body:
Name BIRCHBY, James Arthur Serial No. _____
Rank Secretary Organization YMCA

33. Consigned to:
Name of Permanent Cemetery Argonne Amer. 1232 Romagne/s/Montfaucon

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Sept. 23, 1921 By E.J. Renouard.

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector Geo. C. Bland
Geo. C. Bland 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

36. Remarks _____

none.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Sept. 23, 1921.
To point of Concentration Morgue. Romagne.

Convoyer W.J. Hoyet. Signature Shipping Office Albert M. Jackson
Albert M. Jackson, Capt. C.A.C.

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

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date _____
To Permanent Cemetery _____
Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____

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

41. Reinterred House Argonne Cemetery # 1232 Sept. 26th 1921,
(Date)

42. Grave No. 32 Section _____
27

43. Plot H Row 55

and had from Europe
6-23-23

G.R.S. Representative James W. Younger
James W. Younger, Capt QMC.
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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Birchby

(Surname.)

(Number.)

James A.

(First Name and Initials.)

Y.M.C.A.

(Rank.)

(9th Inf)

(Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL. October 5, 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL

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

North of Mt. Blance at Cross Roads
foot of the Mt.

GRAVE NUMBER. 1

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS

Was one buried with body?

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

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

CMME. Raon l'Etape (Vosges)
(C-145) SHT. 708.E. COORD E. 434
N. 179

3 NOV Rpt

REPORTED BY:

Chaplain J. J. Babst, 23rd Inf.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Birchby **James Arthur**
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

secretary **Y.M.C.A.**
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: **Near Somme-Py**

CAUSE OF DEATH: **German shell fire**

DATE OF BURIAL: **Oct. 5, (?) 1919**

PLACE OF BURIAL: **Shell hole near Somme-Py**

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

Just N W; of Somme -Py off main road from

Suippes to Attigny (Ardennes)

GRAVE NUMBER: **buried in hole made by ar-**
tillery

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? **yes**

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: **H. B. Birchby**

ADDRESS: **540 South Marengo Ave. Pasadena**
California

RELATIONSHIP: **brother**

REPORTED BY:

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

Paris.

(Office)

Refer to the

No.

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INQUIRY

FILED

Request by Leverett Bradley,

European address Hotel Lutetia.

Boston, Mass.

Relationship to dec'd Friend.

For location grave of:

Birchby

James A.

Last name Serial No. First name

Y.M.C.A.

Rank Org. Date of death

Date of request 4.27.21.

Rec'd. by JMK

(Initials) Other information:

INFORMATION FURNISHED

Location of grave Country

#1232 Romagne. Cemetery Commune (town) Dept.

Grave No. 88 Section 92

Plot 2 Row

Furnished by Date (Initials)

August 5, 1920.

No: 293.8-Cem. File #77324 (Birchby, James A. Sec. Y.M.C.A.)
From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)
To: Mr. W. N. Birchby, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, Cal.
Subject: Permanent Burial in France.

1. In reply to your letter of July 22, 1920 directing that the remains of your brother, James A. Birchby, Y.M.C.A. Secretary, be permanently buried in one of the American Fields of Honor in France, you are advised that instructions will be issued to have your wishes complied with.

2. Your attention is respectfully invited to paragraph #9 of the attached Grave Registration Service Bulletin (No.10-F-W) which gives information relative to permanent Fields of Honor.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

By:

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

HW

AUG 6 - 1920

CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY,

PASADENA, CALIFORNIA.

JULY 22, 1920.

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*Copy
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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL,
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEAR SIR:-

I AM IN RECEIPT OF A COMMUNICATION SENT THROUGH THE DEMOBILIZED PERSONNEL BUREAU OF THE Y.M.C.A. TO MY BROTHER, H. B. BIRCHBY, WHO DIED APRIL 6TH, OF THIS YEAR, IN REGARD TO THE DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF JAMES A. BIRCHBY, Y.M.C.A. SECRETARY, BURIED IN GRAVE No 88, SECTION 92, PLOT 2, CEMETERY No 1232, ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY, ROMAGNE-SOUS-MONT-FAUCON, MEUSE.

I AM HIS BROTHER, AND NEXT OF KIN, AS NEITHER HIS FATHER OR MOTHER IS LIVING, AND HE WAS UNMARRIED. I WISH THE BODY TO REMAIN UNDISTURBED WHERE IT LIES.

YOURS TRULY,

W. N. Birchby

RECEIVED
INC. BRANCH

JUL 28 1920

CEMETERIAL
Div. of M. C.

Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. D. M. G.
File # 293.8
Cem. 77524

Birchby James A

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Paris Headquarters
American E.F. Y.M.C.A.

Feb. 4, 1919

Office of Chief of Graves Registration Service
American E.F.
France

Dear Sir/

We enclose herewith grave location blank of our
deceased secretary James Arthur Birchby.

Yours very truly,

Roy J. Clark, M.C.
PERSONNEL DIVISION

Enclosure
HM

