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G.R.S. Form #114-B

JUN 1 - 1926

FULL NAME BITGOOD, Charles E. ✓

RANK Pvt. ✓ SERIAL *None*

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION Bty B, 15th F.A. ✓ *2nd*

DATE OF DEATH *Feb 3, 1918*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *Mass N.H.*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED.

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 22 41 E
Date Grave Row Block

Meuse-Argonne, #1232

Cemetery

23/306/ARK

Rec'd World War Div.
2 APR 2 1928
JUN 9 AGO
WORLD WAR 1926

Robert O. Davis,
Major General.
The Adjutant General.
By *H*
JUN 10 1926

1st Ind.

WW WS 6-3

War Dept., A. G. O., April 7, 1928 - To The Quartermaster General.

The records of this office show that Charles E. Bitgood, private, Battery B, 15th Field Artillery, gave his residence at enlistment as Derry, N. H.

By order of the Secretary of War:



Adjutant General.

20048

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bitgood *Charles E.*
 (Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)
Private *{ Battery B.*
 (Rank.) (15th F. O.)
 (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL... *Feb. 4, 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL.....

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

American Cemetery,
Camp Valdaon,
Valdaon,

Locals.

GRAVE NUMBER... *Nine (9)⁺*

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? *No.* Cross? *Yes*

Headboard? *Cross* Bottle? *Yes*

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? *Yes.*

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:

+ Note on grave number.
I have inspected how this soldier who died
earlier and was buried earlier than soldier
in grave number 241 - came later in
order of marking. I have learned that
burial party in case of Charles E. Bitgood
grave no. 9 - placed body in space
too far. Absolutely correct: Number
and Corpse.

REPORTED BY: *David R. Fleming*
Chaplain Second Cavalry A. E. F.
 (Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Bitgood, Charles E. Pvt. Number
Derry, N.H.

B. 15th F. A., died in
A. E. F. France, on the 3rd day

Co. B. 15th P. A.
2nd Division

Bitgood, Charles E. Pvt No Number
Derry, N.H.

Pvt. Charles E. Bitgood, Battery B. 15th P. A., died in
U. S. Hospital at station U.S.P.O. 704, A.E.F. France, on the 3rd day
of February 1918.

No Informant.

CABLEGRAM RECEIVED AT THE WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D.C.

February 4, 1918. 9:55 P.M.

From: H A R F

To: The Adjutant General, Washington.

Casualty Cable No. 30

DATE SENT February 4th.

Report following deaths: Nurse Alice I. Ireland Army Reserve
Nurse Corps February 3rd pneumonia, Private Charles E. Bitgood Battery
B 15th Field Artillery February 3rd pneumonia, Private Roy I. Swanson
Battery D 15th Field Artillery February 3rd Dilatation of stomach,
Private Percy Ward Battery B 7th Field Artillery February 3rd pneumonia,
Private Willie Cusbert Company H 303rd Stevedores February 3rd pneumonia,
Private Lewis Ousley Company A 16th Infantry transferred from Company
A 164th Infantry February 2nd killed in action, all in line of duty;
not result of own misconduct.

X

X

X

Pershing.

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, WASHINGTON, D.C.

In reply

refer to: 220.86 (MD-OS) General.

February 5, 1918.

Copies to:

CEMETERIAL BRANCH -- FOR INFORMATION.

2933 Bitgood, Chas. E.
x 2933.3 (Stelvio)
x 2934 Ireland, Alice I. Nurse

Entered on list

France

B I T G O O D, Charles E.

Private, Battery B, 15th Field Art.

Died Feb. 3, 1918, Amexforce, of pneumonia.

Emergency address: (Mrs. Edna Feinauer, Box 113, Derry, N. H., friend).

A.G.O.

2/13/18

Remains interred in Grave No. 9, Military Cemetery, U.S.P.O. 704.

CODE SLIP

✓ loco ✓

BITGOOD Charles E

LOCO PARENTS

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME Bitgood,	B L O	3	29 ¹²
Chas. E.	CEMETERY 1232	1	1
BURIED	GRAVE 22	2	22
	ROW 41	2	41
	BLOCK 6	1	5
STATE	New Hamp.	2	34
RANK	Priv.	1	2
DIVISION	2	2	02
ORGANIZATION	15	3	015
ARM	Inf.	1	3
MARTIAL	No	1	2
NAME Bitgood,	B L O	3	29 ¹²
Mrs. Rebecca E.	STATE Conn.	2	06
RESIDENCE	COUNTY Windham	2	08
	CITY Moosup	3	XXX
	Foster-mother (Grandmother)	4	
OTHER Vet		1	
ELIGIBILITY Given legally to Grandmother at age of 2.	Yes (auth Capt Hughes)	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	No	1	
29/514/PJ	Age		2 84

Mother deserted Veteran when a child. Grandmother reared him.

Audited
DEC 15 1931
XPS

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB- HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Bitgood</i>	<i>BIT</i>	3	<i>2912</i>
BURIED <i>Charles E</i>	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
	GRAVE <i>22</i>	2	<i>22</i>
	ROW <i>41</i>	2	<i>41</i>
	BLOCK <i>E</i>	1	<i>5</i>
STATE	<i>NH</i>	2	<i>34</i>
RANK	<i>Pvt</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>2</i>	2	<i>02</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>15</i>	3	<i>015</i>
ARM	<i>7A</i>	1	<i>3</i>
MARITAL	<i>No</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Holgerson</i>	<i>HOL</i>	3	<i>852</i>
<i>Mrs Victor</i>	STATE <i>Conn</i>	2	<i>06</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Windsorham</i>	2	<i>08</i>
<i>49 Elm St, Putnam</i>	CITY <i>Putnam</i>	3	<i>044</i>
<i>Conn.</i>	RELATION <i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>No (auth Capt Hughes)</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TEMP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

Mother deserted vet. He was given legally to Grandmother at age of two.

Revised
DEC 15 1931
NPS

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Bitgood, Chas. E. (MA)

July 13, 1932

Mrs. Rebecca E. Bitgood,
Moosup, Conn.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries Of Europe during the years 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933 for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces who were lost or buried at sea or whose remains are interred in Europe.

Your attention is particularly invited to the fact that this is the last opportunity you will have to make the pilgrimage under the provisions of the above mentioned Act. Unless you take advantage of this LAST chance to make a trip in 1933 you will receive no benefit from the Act. There is no provision of law which will permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow who does not choose to make the pilgrimage.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU GIVE THE MATTER YOUR MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BEFORE REACHING A DECISION, BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE TRIP AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

In order to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations for the mothers and widows making the journey in 1933, reservations for steamship transportation must be made by this office several months in advance. It is requested that you answer the questions below by writing "Yes" or "No" or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question. When you have answered the question, sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. PLEASE DO NOT DELAY, as it is essential that the information be in this office promptly.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make the pilgrimage during the years 1930, 1931 or 1932. There is enclosed a circular of information WHICH YOU SHOULD READ VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING YOUR DECISION.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

Yes
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Mrs. Rebecca E. Bitgood

I forgot to sign
so tore it open
so sorry X

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bitgood, Charles E.(MA)LP

January 13, 1932

Mrs. Rebecca E. Bitgood,
Moosup,
Connecticut.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

Competent personnel will be provided to care for the mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York until their return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities will be arranged for and in the event you decide to make a pilgrimage, you are assured everything possible will be done for your care and welfare. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 many mothers of advanced age and in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited therefrom.

Your name is being placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make a pilgrimage in 1933. However, should you change your mind in view of the above, and desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, it is requested you advise this office in order that arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Bitgood, Charles E. (MA)

December 19, 1931

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In view of the fact that steamship reservations must be made several months in advance, it is essential that this office know how many mothers and widows must be arranged for. It is possible that you may have made your decision by this time. It is therefore requested that you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name, and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage. In the event you state you desire to make the journey in 1932 and circumstances prevent your making the pilgrimage, it is requested you notify this office as promptly as possible.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	<u>No.</u>
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: <u>84</u> Health: <u>poor</u>
3. Do you speak English?	<u>yes</u>
4. What other language do you speak?	<u>None</u>

Mrs. Rebecca E. Bitgood
Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
Env.



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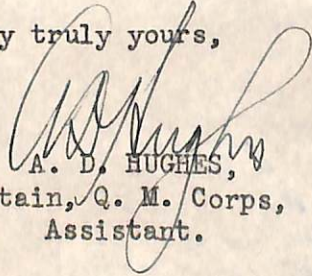
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Your attention is invited to the fact that all necessary expenses of the pilgrimage from your home to the cemetery in Europe and return are borne by the Government. Personnel to care for the comfort and needs of the women making the journey will be provided, and doctors and nurses will be available. A number of women of advanced age and in poor health have made the pilgrimage during the past two years and appear to have benefited thereby.

In order that proper arrangements may be made, it is requested the questionnaire enclosed herewith be completed and returned to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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

Encl:
Qn.
Env.

Miss Boyd

See Capt Hughes decision,

Please tell Grandmother
(Rebecca E)
she is elig and ask
her again if she wants
to go. KPS

LOCO PARENTIS

Bitgood, Charles E. - 1232

12-15-31

Mrs Ruth:

Veteran was given legally to the
Grandmother at age of 2 by the Norwich
Probate Court.

Father dead

Mother deserted Veteran - still
living.

Shall we make Grandmother eligible
and mother ineligible on strength of this
information, without affidavits?

KPG

OK
AMK

Bitgood, Charles E. Pvt. Batty B. 15 F.A. (New Hampshire

single

Is Grand-Mother a Loco?

B. Oct 19-1896

incl Aug 1917

~~yes~~ getting depen Comp
C - 55-18

12/14

Set was given to I at
age 2 by the Norwich
Probate Court

Mother living (deserted w/ father) ⁵⁸ died

Mrs Victor Holmerson

49 Elm St Putnam Conn

KPG

DEC 15 1917

Moosup, Conn.

January 19/31

WAR DEPT.

Office of the Quartermaster General;

Dear Sir;

Private CHARLES E. Bitgood was not married at the time of his
decease.

Not known by me if his Mother is living or not. His Mother.

His Grandmother raised him after his Mother deserted him.

His Grandmother is Rebecca E. Bitgood

Moosup, Conn.

Truly yours,

Mrs. Chas. E. Benson,

Moosup, Conn.

Windham County



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

January 15, 1931

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bitgood, Charles E. 1232 L. R.

Mrs. C. E. Benson,
Moosup,
Windham, Conn.

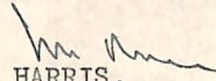
Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested that you advise whether or not the late Private Charles E. Bitgood is survived by his natural mother or widow, and if so, her name and address.

For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed, herewith, a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,


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

Enclosure:
Envelope.

January 15, 1931

OM 293 A-M
Bitgood, Charles E. 1232

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Moosup, Conn.

JULY 10/1929

QM 293 A C

Bitgood, Charles E.

20 ¹⁰/₁₂ yrs
Enl 9-2-17

John T. Harris,

Major, Q. M. Corps

Assistant;

Dear Sir:

Private Charles E. Bitgood, Battery B 15th. F. A. has a Foster
Mother Mrs. Rebecca E. Bitgood (his Grandmother) who is eighty
one years of age and I wish to advise will not be able to go
on the Pilgrimage to FRANCE.



Resp. Yours

Mrs. Charles E. Benson

Moosup, Conn.

Do not follow up
AB

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bitgood, Charles E.

June 29, 1929.

Mrs. C. E. Benson,
Moosup,
Windham, Conn.

Dear Madam:

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Act of Congress.
Envelope.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

X
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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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1932 JAN - 13 - 11 13 AM
OQMG M & F
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QM 293 A-M
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December 19, 1931

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Assistant.

Encl:
Qn.
Env.
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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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Encl:
Env.

A. D. HUGHES,
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Assistant.

January 16, 1931

QM 293 A-M
Bitgood, Charles E. 1232

Mrs. C. W. Benson,
Moosup,
Windham, Conn.

Dear Madam:

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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:
Envelope.
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29, 1929.

Bitgood, Charles E.

Mrs. C. E. Benson,
Moosup,
Windham, Conn.

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".

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Bitgood,
(Surname.)

Charles E.
(Christian name in full.)

Now assigned
(Army serial number.)

Pvt

Batty B, 15 Field Artillery
(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased.

None

Friend.

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

No

(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you
wish them interred in a national cemetery?

yes

(Yes or no.)

If ☐ desire the remains interred at the home of the deceased, give full informa-
tion 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)

Mrs Edna Feinamer

mc
Derry Village N H Box 113
(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by R L N

38-17

11-3-20

Checked
Jas 11/6/20

In reply refer to:
293.8 G-4 #74

January 10, 1923

Mrs. C. E. Benson,
Moosup, Windham,
Conn.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of the late Pvt. Charles E. Bitgood, Battery B., 15th. P. A., is Grave 22, Row 41, Block E, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, at Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of 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 a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, 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.

MAILED

Very truly yours,

JAN 11 1923

H. J. Conner,
Assistant.

G.R.S.

hch

22/1423/ARK

DATE 4/27/221. NAME Bitgood, Charles E SERIAL No. _____RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Batt.B 15th FAGRAVE LOCATION Amer.Cem. Le Valdahon - Doubs 38

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

9

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL ~~BATTLE AREA~~ GRAVE LOCATION 9 Le Valdahon Doubs

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES E.266.15.N.224.05 Map Ornans N.W. 127CONCENTRATED TO Nothing 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.

Nothing of RecordSUBSEQUENT REBURIALS None

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR Stanley J. Grogan

STANLEY J. GROGAN, Capt. Inf. U.S.A.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 4/27/22 22 41 E

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

~~PLOT~~

Block

Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty 1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

CEMETERY

261 83 29 192

RECEIVED
11 12 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

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

Place Valdahon (Doubs) France.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date August 22, 1921.1. REMAINS OF BITGOOD, Charles E. SERIAL NUMBER -----RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Bat. B., 15th. F. A.2. Disinterred (date) : August 22, 1921. From (give complete location) : Grave No. 9
American Military Cemetery No. 38. La Valdahon (Doubs) France.By : Group 3 Unit Section No. 43. Reburied (date) : April 27th, 1922 In (give complete location) : Meuse-Argonne Cemetery #1232 Gr 22, Block E, Row 41By : Group ----- Unit ----- Nature of reburial -----4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :
Buried in uniform and in wooden box. Body badly decomposed, recognition impossible.5. (a) Identification tags : Buried with body ? Yes. On grave marker ? No.

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

Bottle record found on body giving name, rank, and organization.No effects found.

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

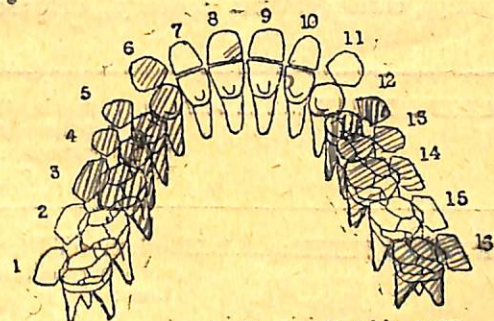
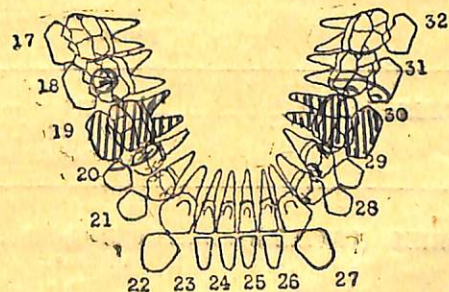
(a) Height (actual measurement) Unable to determine.(b) Weight (estimated) "(c) Hair—Color "Quantity "Characteristics "(d) Hair on face—Color "Location "Quantity "(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) ""(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) "

Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



No.s 3, 4, 5, 6, 16, M.A.D. No.s 8, broken. No.s 10, 18, 20, 29, 31, cavities. No.s 12, 13, 14, 19, 30, M.B.D. No. 32 not grown.

7. Disinterment supervised by Theo Miller Approved : R. L. FAIN,
THEO MILLER. 1st Lt., C.M.C.8. Reburial supervised by W. H. Fain Approved : W. H. Fain
W. H. FAIN 1st Lt., C.M.C.

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

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

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

MISSING TEETH.....All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus:



CROWNED TEETH.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:



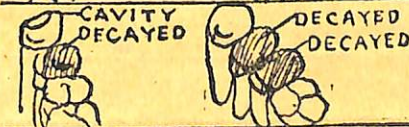
BRIDGE WORK.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus:



FILLINGS.....Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:



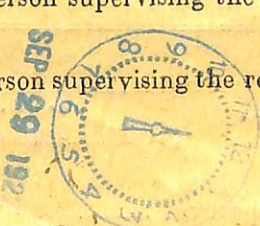
CARIES (CAVITIES).....Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:



DENTURES (PLATES).....Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp."

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

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



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE August 22nd 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 Bitgood, Charles E

10. Name _____

2. No. _____

11. No. _____

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank _____

4. Org. Bat. B 15th F.A.

13. Org. _____

5. D.D. 2-3

14. (a) D.D. _____

6. C.D. DOD(b) D.B. No Discrepancies.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 9 Sec. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____

8. Plot _____ Row _____

16. Plot _____ Row _____

9. _____

17. No Discrepancies.18. Cemetery American19. Commune or town Le Valdahon20. Dept. or County Doubs21. Country France22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 3823. Disinterred (Date) August 22nd 1921.By THEO. MILLER.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name CHARLES E. BITGOOD.

Serial No. _____

Rank Pvt.Organization Bat. B 15th F.A. Grave 9,25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes. On body? Yes.Signature Glenn C. Dorsey

GLENN C. DORSEY.

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).

Bottle record found on body giving name, rank and organization. No effects found. Form 16a accomplished.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? No.30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date August 22nd 1921. By THEO. MILLER.31. Casket sealed by THEO. MILLER.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

THEO. MILLER.

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.)

Box No. **C-4885**

32. Designation of body:

Name **Bitgood, Charles E**

Rank **Pvt.**

Organization **Bat.B 15th F.A.**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **Argonne Amer.Cem.#1232 - Romagne-sous-Montfaucon**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **August 22nd 1921.** By **THEO. MILLER.**

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,
Capt. Q.M.C.

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36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) **August 22nd 1921.**

To point of Concentration **Besancon, (Doubs) France.**

(Name)

Convoyer

Signature Shipping Officer

Capt. Q.M.C.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date **AUGUST 26TH 1921.**

To Permanent Cemetery **Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, (Meuse) France.**

(Name)

Convoyer **M. Plotkin.**

Signature Shipping Officer

W.R. Buckley,
Capt. Q.M.C.

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred

Meuse-Argonne Cemetery #1232

April 11-27th, 1932
(Date)

42. Grave No.

22

Section

43. Plot

Block E

Row

41

e1

G.R.S. Representative

I. H. JOFFEE
1st Lieut., OMC

inf

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BITGOOD, Charles E. Ser. No. ---
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Battery B, 15th F.A.
 (c) Date of death 2/3/18 (d) Cause of death Pneumonia.

TYPE EK

CKR 11-13

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

(a) Grave No. 9 Row -- Plot -- Sec. -- TYP. EK
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Edna Fierbauer (friend) P.O. Box. 113,
Derry, New Hampshire.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

CKR 11-13

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none.

(a) Name Mrs. Edna Fierbauer (b) Relationship friend.
 (c) Address Derry Village, New Hampshire Box 113.
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at yes
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. ---
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. ---

Examiner's Initials R L N Date 11-3-, 1920.

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

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

Examiner's Initials R L N Date 11-3-, 1920.

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

No request for disposition
 (a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes PF

Examiner's Initials PF Date 11-5-, 1920.

COUNTRY France

CEMETERY No. 38

SHEET No. 17

G. R. S. Form No. 115
 Amended April 6, 1920

3-7729

Make Form No. 114

CARDED

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

54 12-7-20

checked by
 11-15-20

10-7-21 - Instructions
 concentration memo
 gone 12-3-21

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made

11-10-

RECEIVED BY
MAIL UNIT
1920.

Typed by

Checked by

JUN 24 1921

11-10-

1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by

cable on

Cemeterial Division
Overseas Project Sub-Section

1920

letter on

NOV 26 1920

1920

PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED (4/S.)

IX.

CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE.

ACTION TAKEN.

Desires body be

Body to be shipped to

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

4/4/21 Letter from Mrs Edna J. Teinamer
Derry Village N.H. (friend) Charles E. Butgood has a
mother living, she gave him away when he was one
year old, she lost her address. An Aunt Mrs C.E. Benson
Moosup Conn might say if they want body back
For her part she wants body rest in La Vallahon Cemetery
Jt 5/7/21

WAR DEPARTMENT
Quartermaster Corps,
Graves Registration Service
Pier 2, Hoboken, N.J.

June 16, 1921.

FILE NO. 293.8 Cem. Div. Cor. Br.

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

SUBJECT: Return of Records - Cemetery # 38
Transmittal Memorandum Number H- 302

1. The records pertaining to the following cases are returned herewith, it having been definitely determined that the bodies are to remain in Europe.

REFERENCE NO:

17	BITGOOD, Charles E. Private, Battery B, 15th Field Artillery.
52	COREY, Benjamin, Private, Serial Number 2594379, Company E, 5th Ammunition Train.
127	LINDLIN, Telief, Saddler, Serial Number 1298932, Sp. Co. 3rd Field Artillery.
132	LYNN, Simon P. Private, Serial Number 2594422, Company F, 6th Ammunition Train.
169	RATLIFF, James C. Private, Serial Number 2998635, Company E, 306th Ammunition Train.

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q.M. Corps,
Officer in Charge.

BY:


F. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

5 encl.

R-6-27-21 m

March 23, 1921

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div. Ger. Br.
(BITGOOD, Charles E.)

Mrs. Edna Feinauer,
Box 113,
Derry, New Hampshire.

Dear Madam:-

Kindly inform this office at your earliest convenience whether or not the late Charles E. Bitgood, Private, Battery B. 15th. Field Artillery is survived by widow, children, father, mother, brothers or sisters and if so, furnish the name and address of each.

This information is desired in order that the Department may be assured that the proper person to determine the disposition of remains of the late soldier is given an opportunity of expressing his or her wishes.

If the late soldier is not survived by any of the above mentioned relatives, please state whether you still desire the body to remain in France or prefer it returned to the United States and shipped to you for burial or interred in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia.

The Department desires to convey to you assurance of sympathy in your bereavement.

Your early reply giving the desired information will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General;

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

By-

J. F. BUTLER,
1st. Lieut. Infantry.

Mailed-O.F.D.

MAR 26 1921

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

See 115
10-24-20

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File # 74
Enlistment - *Wt. Sloane, N.Y.*
Sept. 2, 1917.
(a) Name BITGOOD, Charles E. Ser. No. ---
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Battery B, 15th F.A. TYP EX
(c) Date of death 2/3/18 Cause of death Pneumonia. *V.B.B.*

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

(a) Grave No. 9 Row -- Plot -- Sect. -- TYP EX
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Edna Feinauer (friend) P.O. Box 113.
Derry, New Hampshire. *ex (11-15)*

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases --- CKR *V.B.B.*

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

*A. G. O. Card: Mrs Edna Feinauer, Derry Village,
New Hampshire, Box 113, request body be
not returned to U.S. (H.S. 12-2-20)*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 192
(Letter of transmittal on NOV 26 1920)

PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED (H.S.)

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S.Hoboken, N.J. DEC 17 1920 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken

VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. 6-24 1921

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK ✓

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bitgood

(Surname.)

(Number.)

Charles E.

(First Name and Initials.)

Private

(Rank.)

*{ Battery B,
15th F. I.*

(Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL

Feb. 4, 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL

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

*American Cemetery,
Camp Valdaahon,
Valdaahon,*

Doubs.

GRAVE NUMBER

Nine (9)^x

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?

No.

Cross?

Yes

Headboard?

Cross

Bottle?

Yes

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

Yes

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:

*X Note on grave number.
I have inquired how this soldier who died
earliest and was buried earliest than soldier
in grave number 9 - came later in
order of marking. That is correct. That burial
party in case of Charles E. Bitgood - from
no. 9 - placed body one space too far.
Absolutely correct: number
and corpse.*

REPORTED BY:

*David H. Fleming,
Chaplain Second Cavalry, A.E.F.*

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

20 JUN 1918

Lynn N. H. Apr. 4th 1921

38-17

Mr. R. E. Shannon

Captain Quartermaster Corp.

Dear Sir: *noted on 11/5
JH 5/21/25*

Charles E. Bitgood 15th

Field Artillery has a Mother living
but she gave him away when he
was about one year old. In morning
I have lost or misplaced her address
I wrote to his Grandmother but
she couldn't make up her
mind what to have done.

An Aunt Mrs. C. E. Benson

of Mossup's Corp., I think might say
if they care to have his body brought
on. For my part I would rather
his body staid at rest in La Valdehor
Cemetery.

Yours truly

Mrs. Edward J. Fenner

Levin Village

N.H.

B. 113.

FROM: O.Q.M.G.
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
Munitions Building
Room 1128

PLEASE
EXPEDITE

WAR DEPARTMENT

Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington.

G.R.S. Form 8-A-2
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 11/9/20.

File No. 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 Bitgood,

f. Date of death 2/3/18.

b. Christian name Charles E.

g. Cause of death Pneumonia.

c. Serial Number -- None shown.

h. Authority (C.C.#)

d. Organization Baty B, 15th FA.

i. Emergency address Mrs. Edna Feinauer,
1301 113, Derby, N.Y.

e. Rank Pvt.

j. Relationship friend.

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

a. Age of enlistment

b. Color of eyes

c. Color of hair

d. Height

e. Weight

f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

DENTAL CHARTS

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

a. Strike out teeth missing

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
upper right upper left

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
lower right lower left

Emb. Sept 2/1917 at Ft.
Loomis, N.Y.

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

CEMETERY NO: 38. E. P. Sect 11-10-20. BY:

SHEET NO: 17.
TYPED BY: rln.

H. J. CONNER,
1st Lieut. QMC.

8-713/MB

Rec'd World War Div.
Date: 11.13.20

Rec'd World War Div.
Date: 11.10.20

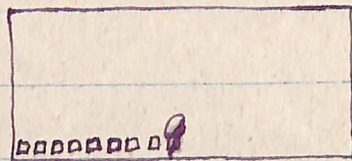
Ser. numbers had not been assigned
at time of this man's death.

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NOV 10 1920

Private Charles E. Nitgood age 22 years B. Battery 15th Field Artillery died in the Military Hospital Wadsworth February 3rd 1918 from Bronchial Pneumonia. The nearest of kin is Mrs Edna Fierman (a friend) P.O. Box 113. Derry New Hampshire U.S.A. The deceased was buried in the Military Cemetery Wadsworth February 17th 1918. The witnesses being: Charles G. Helmick, Lieut John W. Kelly and Lieut Raymond J. Walsh. The location of grave is No 9. in the following diagram.



Fred J. Mitchell

Chaplain 15th Field Artillery



Camp Hospital No. 12 A.E.F. France
February 7th, 1918.

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From: The Commanding Officer.
To: Surgeon, Advance Section, A P O No. 709.
Subject: Reports of deaths.

1. Report the deaths of the following enlisted men:

Roy I. Swanson, Private, Battery "D" - 15th Field Artillery.
Died February 3rd, 1918.

Cause of death as determined by autopsy:

Acute dilatation of stomach.

Autopsy findings:

Diaphragmatic hernia, left side - stomach, omentum and part of
transverse colon entering left pleural cavity.

Place of burial - Post Cemetery Grave No. 7.

✓ Charles E. Bitgood, Private, Battery "B" 15th Field Artillery.
Died February 3rd, 1918.

Cause of death - Broncho-pneumonia, all lobes with complication of measles.

No autopsy performed.

Place of burial - Post Cemetery, Grave No. 9.

✓ Vern T. BETZ, Private, Battery "C" 17th Field Artillery.
Died February 4th, 1918.

Cause of death as determined by autopsy - Acute yellow atrophy of the liver.

Place of burial - Post Cemetery, Grave No. 10.

✓ Calvin J. Sidebottom, Private, Battery "B" 12th Field Artillery.
Died February 5th, 1918.

Cause of death as determined by autopsy - Broncho-pneumonia, acute, all lobes.

Place of burial - Post Cemetery, Grave No. 8.

John J. Catlin
John J. Catlin
1st Lieutenant, MRC

FEB 13 1918

WAR DEPARTMENT.

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$ 300.

BITGOOD Charles E.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.



ALEX E. BITGROO
PVT
B. BTRY.
15. E. A.