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1. NAME **BLACK, Ralph C.** DATE **JAN 21 1926** SERIAL No. **77730**

RANK **Pvt.** ORGANIZATION **Co L 28th Inf.**

GRAVE LOCATION **Amer. Cty. PLOISY (Aisne) #593**
CTY. NAME NUMBER

200 sec E. 4
GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION **1 Berzy-le-Sec. (Aisne)**
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES

CONCENTRATED TO **200 Sec. E. 4**
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT
American #593.
CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Information in paragraph 2 taken from Form 1.

DATE OF DEATH **July 20, 1918**

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME **Cal.**

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY
MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED **No rec.**

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR *[Signature]*
C.F. WAUGH, Major, Inf., Supervisor, Area 82.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION **August 2, 1922 12 26 Block D**
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

**2 A. G. O.
JAN 22 1926
WORLD WAR DIV.**

Oise-Aisne American Cemetery #608, Seringes-et-Nesles (Aisne),
CEMETERY

**Robert C. Davis,
The (Aisne) General.
By A**

JAN 26 1926

ADMITTED BY

BLACK, Ralph C.

Place Ploisy Aisne

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date 3/22/21

1. REMAINS OF Unknown U.S. Soldier SERIAL NUMBER U 697 77130
RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Co. L. 28th Inf

2. Disinterred (date) : 3/22/21 From (give complete location) : gr. 200 sec E, Pt. 4
American Cem. Ploisy Aisne #593
By : Group Howell Unit _____

3. Reburied (date) : same In (give complete location) : same grave
American Cem. Ploisy Aisne #593
By : Group Howell Unit _____ Nature of reburial box & blanket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :
5 ft earthen grave w/ uniform burlap disintegrated
unrecognizable

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :
tag on body partly corroded ^{appears to} read - alph. C. - ack.
Pvt. Co. L - inf. No. 75730

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

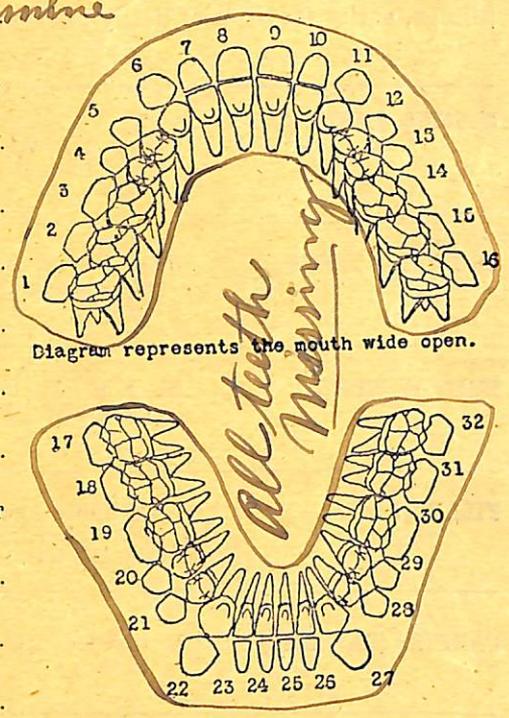
Characteristics do

(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) _____

Head and left leg missing

7. Disinterment supervised by _____

Approved : _____

(Title) M. S. Grissy
Major C.A.C.

8. Reburial supervised by _____

Approved : _____

(Title) _____

CONFIRMED No. D

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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place Ploisy, Aisne

Date March 22/21

1. REMAINS OF Black, Ralph C. UNKNOWN, U.S. SOLDIER, U 697 SERIAL NUMBER 77730

RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Co L. 28th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : March 22/21 From (give complete location) :
Amer. Cty. Ploisy, Aisne. #593, Gr. 200-E-4

By : Group Howell Unit _____

3. Reburied (date) : _____ In (give complete location) :
same date, cemetery and location

By : Group Howell Unit _____ Nature of reburial box & blanket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :
5 ft earthen grave, U.S. Uniform, burlap, disintegrated, unrecognizable

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

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

Tag on body partly corroded appears to read: -ALPH. C. -ACK, Pvt. Co. A, 2--
Inf. No. 75730

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) _____

(c) Hair—Color _____

Quantity _____

Characteristics _____

(d) Hair on face—Color _____

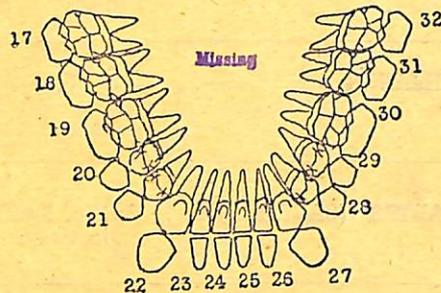
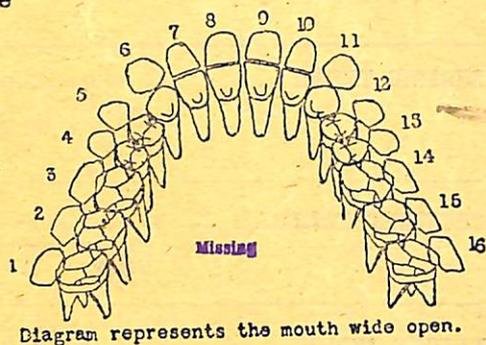
Location _____

Quantity _____

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

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

Head and left leg missing



CONFIRMED No. D

7. Disinterment supervised by _____

Approved : _____
(Title) _____

8. Reburial supervised by _____

Approved : _____
(Title) _____

W.C. Hurst
W.C. Hurst, 2nd Lt. QMC.

M.S. Crissey
Major C.A.C.

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16-A **BLACK, Ralph C.**
REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place Floisy, Aisne

Date March 22/21

REMAINS OF UNKNOWN, U.S. SOLDIER, U 697 SERIAL NUMBER 77730

RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Co. L. 28th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): March 22/21 From (give complete location):

Amer. Cty. Floisy, Aisne. #593, Gr. 200-L-4

By: Group Howell Unit

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

same date, cemetery and location

By: Group Howell Unit Nature of reburial box & blanket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:

5 ft earthen grave, U.S. Uniform, burlap, disintegrated, unrecognizable

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

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

Tag on body partly corroded appears to read: ALPH, C. ACK, Pvt. Co. A, 2--
Inf. No. 75730

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible 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) Head and left leg missing

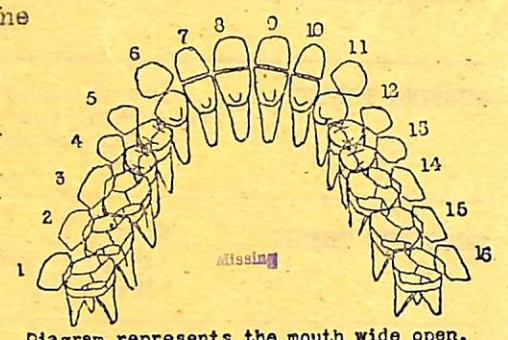
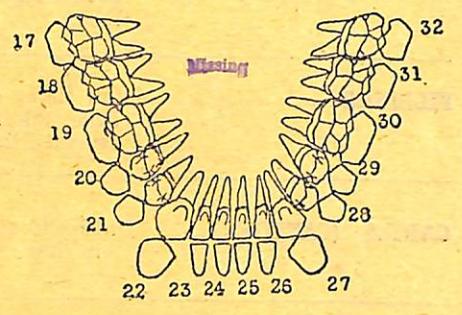


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



7. Disinterment supervised by W.C. Hurst, 2nd Lt. QMC.

Approved: M.S. Crissy
(Title) Major C.A.C.

8. Reburial supervised by

Approved:
(Title)

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CODE SLIP

| HEADING | SUB-HEADING | NO. OF COLS | CODE |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|------|
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| | B L A | 3 | 221 |
| Ralph C | CEMETERY | 1 | 2 |
| BURIED | GRAVE | 2 | 12 |
| | ROW | 2 | 26 |
| | BLOCK | 1 | 4 |
| STATE | Calif | 2 | 04 |
| BANK | Pott | 1 | 2 |
| DIVISION | 1 | 2 | 01 |
| ORGANIZATION | 28 | 3 | 028 |
| ARM | Inf | 1 | 1 |
| MARTIAL | no | 1 | 2 |
| NAME | Black | | |
| | B l a | 3 | 221 |
| Mrs Louisa | STATE | 2 | 04 |
| J. | COUNTY | 2 | 38 |
| 1701 Judah St. | CITY | 2 | 075 |
| | RELATION | 1 | 1 |
| | OTHER | 1 | |
| | ELIGIBILITY | 1 | 1 |
| | NATIVITY | 1 | |
| | RACE | 1 | |
| | ENGLISH | 1 | 1 |
| | ATTENDANT | 1 | |
| | HEALTH | 1 | 2 |
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Q. M. GENERAL
(NAME OF SENDER)

*Street and Number,
or Post Office Box,* _____

**Black, Ralph C. O.A. MUNITIONS BUILDING,
WASHINGTON,**

D. C.

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

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| <p>NOTIFY YOUR CORRESPONDENTS OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS</p> | POSTMARK OF DELIVERING |
| | OFFICE |
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| AND DATE OF DELIVERY | |

RETURN RECEIPT

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

Louisa J. Black

(Signature or name of addressee)

Mabel C. Koenig

(Signature of addressee's agent)

1709 - 7th St. Daughter,
1-9-33, 19

Date of delivery _____

Form 5311

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

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IN REPLY
REFER TO

QM 293 A-M

Black, Ralph C. OA

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

January 5, 1933

Mrs. Louisa J. Black,
1701 Judah Street
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Madam:

During the past three years, numerous communications have been forwarded you relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

Under the law, 1933 is the last year you may make the pilgrimage at the expense of the Government, and it is imperative that this office have an expression from you as to whether or not you desire to take advantage of the opportunity afforded you.

It is requested therefore you answer the following inquiry, sign your name, and return this letter to this office.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE IN 1933?

No.

(Yes) or (No)

Louisa J. Black

Sign here

Mabel E. Koenig

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



Encl.:
Env.

QM 293 A-M
Black Ralph C (OA)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

October 13, 1932

Mrs Louisa J Black
1701 Judah St
San Francisco, Calif

Dear Madam:

Your Government has provided an opportunity for all Mothers and Widows of deceased members of the American Forces who were lost, buried at sea, or whose remains are now interred in Europe, to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. This was done in the hope that all who may make the pilgrimage will derive a measure of comfort and solace from the visit.

You are numbered among those who are privileged to make this pilgrimage.

During July and September of this year, inquiries were addressed to you as to whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage to Europe. To these inquiries no reply has been received from you.

You probably do not realize how important it is that a reply be received from you. If we do not receive replies, it becomes very difficult to make the necessary and proper arrangements for those who are to make the trip, as everything must be arranged in advance. Consequently, it is just as important for the Government to know the names of those who do not desire to take advantage of its offer as it is to know the names of those who do.

Will you please devote a few moments of your time to write either the word "YES" or "NO" in the following space_____, thus indicating whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage during 1933 and sign your name here_____. Use the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage, and return this sheet.

This reply will assure your Government that no worthy Mother or Widow has failed to receive its offer in commemoration of a loved one departed, and will greatly assist in making the necessary preparations for those of them who wish to take advantage of the privilege.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Black, Ralph C. OA

September 6, 1932.

Mrs. Louisa J. Black,
1701 Judah Street,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

In order that your desires may be of record, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested 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.

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|---|-----------------|
| 1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No") | |
| 2. Please state your age and condition of health: | Age: Health: |
| 3. Do you speak English? | |
| 4. What other language do you speak? | |

Sign here

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Black, Ralph C. (OA)

July 11, 1932.

Mrs. Louisa J. Black,
1701 Judah St.,
San Francisco, Calif.

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.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

QM 293 A-M
Black, Ralph C. (OA)

January 4, 1932.

Mrs. Louisa J. Black,
1701 Judah Street,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence with this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Ralph C. Black. In reply to a questionnaire you advised that you did not desire to visit your son's grave next summer.

It is noted you previously stated your health was poor and in this connection you are advised that personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided, and doctors and nurses will be available. Arrangements have been made with the railroad companies that special attention be given the pilgrims enroute to New York. During the past two years a number of mothers and widows in poor health and of advanced age made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

It is believed you should feel no hesitancy in making the journey, and should you later decide to visit your son's grave next summer, it is requested you so notify this office. Should you make the trip, you are assured that the pilgrimage will not only be made at the expense of the United States but that everything possible for your comfort and welfare will be provided.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM
Black, Ralph C. Pvt.(OA) M

June 20, 1931

Mrs. Louisa J. Black,
1701 Judah St.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1932 to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

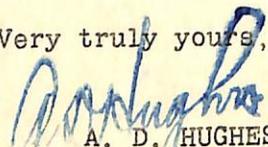
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question.

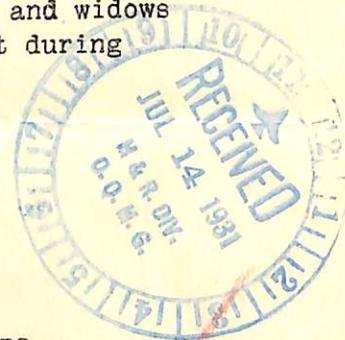
As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? No.
Write answer here

Mrs Louisa J. Black
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

October 10, 1930

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Black, Ralph C. Pvt 608 M

Mrs. Louisa J. Black
1701 Judah Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Madam:

A reply has not been received to office letter of recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages in 1931, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

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| 1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage? | No |
| 2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931? | No |
| 3. Please give your age and state your health. | Age 84 years very Condition of health |
| 4. Do you speak English? <i>yes</i> | <i>poor Health</i> |
| 5. What other language do you speak? | <i>No other language</i> |

For The Quartermaster General:



Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Black, Ralph C. 608 M

June 7, 1930

Mrs. Louisa J. Black
1701 Judah Street
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank space following the question.

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope, which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all mothers and widows who are not making the pilgrimage in 1930, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? _____
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Black, Ralph C. 608 M

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Louisa J. Black,
1701 Judah St.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress not later than December 15, 1929. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

In order that the report referred to may be made and plans completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested that you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office by return mail in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

| | | | |
|---|-------------------|------------------|---|
| 1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible? | (Yes) | (No) | X |
| 2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930? <i>No</i> | (Yes) | (No) | X |
| 3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested? | (Yes) | (No) | X |
| 4. Please give your age and state of health. <i>81</i> | Age (Years) | Health (Good) | (Poor) X |
| 5. What language do you speak? <i>English</i> | English - (Yes) X | (No) | Other language (Specify language spoken) |

For The Quartermaster General, *M. & R. DIV.*

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Black, Ralph C.
608

Aug. 28, 1929.

Mrs. L. J. Black,
1701 Judah St.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 21, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return the letter 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? If so, give her complete address:

Not married

2. 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.

*Mrs Loria G. Black
1701 Judah Street
San Francisco Calif*

3. If survived by a widow or mother, does she desire to make the pilgrimage?

No too old to make trip

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 21, 1929.

Black, Ralph G.

Mrs. L. J. Black,
1701 Judah St.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, entitled an Act "To enable the mothers and widows of the deceased soldiers, sailors and marines of the American forces now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries".

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late **Private Ralph G. Black, Co. L. 28th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.**

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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Black, Ralph C. OA

September 6, 1932.

Mrs. Louisa J. Black,
1701 Judah Street,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

In order that your desires may be of record, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested 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.

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| 1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No") | |
| 2. Please state your age and condition of health: | Age: Health: |
| 3. Do you speak English? | |
| 4. What other language do you speak? | |

Sign here

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Black, Ralph C. (CA)

July 11, 1932.

Mrs. Louisa J. Black,
1701 Judah St.,
San Francisco, Calif.

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? _____

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

QM 293 A-M
Black, Ralph C. (OA)

January 4, 1932.

Mrs. Louisa J. Black,
1701 Judah Street,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence with this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Ralph C. Black. In reply to a questionnaire you advised that you did not desire to visit your son's grave next summer.

It is noted you previously stated your health was poor and in this connection you are advised that personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided, and doctors and nurses will be available. Arrangements have been made with the railroad companies that special attention be given the pilgrims enroute to New York. During the past two years a number of mothers and widows in poor health and of advanced age made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

It is believed you should feel no hesitancy in making the journey, and should you later decide to visit your son's grave next summer, it is requested you so notify this office. Should you make the trip, you are assured that the pilgrimage will not only be made at the expense of the United States but that everything possible for your comfort and welfare will be provided.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

June 20, 1931

Black, Ralph C. Pvt.(OA) M

Mrs. Louisa J. Black,
1701 Judah St.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1932 to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question.

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? _____
Write answer here

Sign here

QM 293 A-M

October 10, 1930

Black, Ralph C. Pvt 608 M

Mrs. Louisa J. Black
1701 Judah Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Madam:

A reply has not been received to office letter of recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages in 1931, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

| | |
|--|----------------------------|
| 1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage? | |
| 2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931? | |
| 3. Please give your age and state your health. | Age Condition of health |
| 4. Do you speak English? | |
| 5. What other language do you speak? | |

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

Encls:
Act
Amendment
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Black, Ralph C. 608 M

June 7, 1930

Mrs. Louisa J. Black
1701 Judah Street
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank space following the question.

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope, which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all mothers and widows who are not making the pilgrimage in 1930, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? _____
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Black, Ralph C. 608 M

October 7, 1929.

**Mrs. Louisa J. Black,
1701 Judah St.,
San Francisco, Calif.**

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress not later than December 15, 1929. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

In order that the report referred to may be made and plans completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested that you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office by return mail in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

| | | |
|---|---|-------------------------|
| 1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible? | (Yes) | (No) |
| 2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930? | (Yes) | (No) |
| 3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested? | (Yes) | (No) |
| 4. Please give your age and state of health. | Age (Years) | Health (Good) (Poor) |
| 5. What language do you speak? | English - (Yes) (No) Other language (Specify language spoken) | |

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl.
Act
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Black, Ralph C.
608

Aug. 28, 1929.

Mrs. L. J. Black,
1701 Judah St.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 21, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return the letter 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? If so, give her complete address:

2. 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.

3. If survived by a widow or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 21, 1929.

Black, Ralph G.

Mrs. L.J. Black,
1701 Judah St.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, entitled an Act "To enable the mothers and widows of the deceased soldiers, sailors and marines of the American forces now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries".

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Ralph G. Black, Co. L, 28th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

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QM 293 A-C (Black, Ralph C)

1st Ind.

War Department, OQMG, Washington, December 22, 1925 - To Director, U. S. Veterans' Bureau, Washington, D. C.

1. The records of this office show that Ralph C. Black, Private, Company L, 28th Infantry, was killed in action in France on July 20, 1918.

2. His remains were prepared and permanently interred, at Government expense, in Grave #12, Row #26, Block D, Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes et Nesles, France.

For The Quartermaster General:

L. W. REDINGTON,
Major, G.H.C.,
Assistant.

RK *cy*

WPR *mb*



UNITED STATES VETERANS BUREAU

MEMORANDUM

Date ~~December 18, 1925.~~

From Index Sub-division

To Quartermaster General - Munitions Building

Subject BLACK, Ralph G. C-244, 197 Pvt. Co. 1. 28th Inf. Serial 77730

c2-11626 GPO

Enlisted Nov. 3, 1917. Died July 20/18, Fr.

Kindly furnish this office with information concerning the receipt of the remains of the above from overseas:

Address Reply for the attention of Miss Revitt, Index Sub-division.



E. A. GOLDEN,
Acting Chief

AS'am

Black, Ralph C - 77730 - Co. L, 28 Inf.

File

113287

8-5-24

Case of

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|---|-------------|
| ✓ 2nd Lt. Wilson S. Keller- IRO. att. to Co. D, 16th Inf. | KIA 7/19/18 |
| Pvt. Reed C. Bryson -42441(runner) Co. D, 16th Inf. | KIA 7/19/18 |
| Pvt. Francis L. Prichard 42551(runner) Co. D, 16th Inf. | KIA 7/19/18 |

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19 Jack Ralph C
each name

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U698; U736; 737; 738; 849; 851; 853; 854

As the investigator has been unable to get sufficient data to date to identify any of the above unknown soldiers as the above known soldiers

There fore

ACTION REQUESTED.

Request letter of 4/3/24 from Europe, file 295- KELLER, Wilson S.; subject-Unlocated dead, by indorsement, advising them

Grave of

2nd Lt. Wilson S. KELLER, IRO att. to Co. D, 16th Inf. KIA 7/19/18
 Pvt. Reed C. Bryson 42441(runner) Co. D, 16th Inf. KIA 7/19/18
 Pvt. Francis L. Prichard 42551(runner) Co. D, 16th Inf. KIA 7/19/18
 STILL UNLOCATED.

Gr. 15, Sec. G, Cty 595, from Gr. 11 Sk 1, Bery-le-Sec. 176.45E-287.04N conc. as U-726 into Gr. 4, Row 40, Blk. C, Cty 608. Unidentified.

Gr. 16, Sec. G, Cty 595, fr. Gr. 13, Sk. Imberay-le-Sec. 176.47E-289.82 conc. as U-737 into Gr. 34, Row 42 Blk. C, Cty 608- Unidentified.

Gravel 17, Sec. G, Cty 595, fr. Gr. 4, Sk 13A, Courmelle, E176.77-N291.09 conc. as U-738 into Gr. 33, Row 42, Blk. C, Cty 608, UNIDENTIFIED.

Grave. 184, Sec. K, Cty 595, fr. Gr. 12, sk. 21B, Bery-le-Sec, E177.42-N269.11 Reb. into Gr. 178, Sec. D, Cty 595, conc. as U-849 into Gr. 20, Row 33, Blk. C Cty 608, UNIDENTIFIED

Grave 191, Sec. K, Cty 595, fr. Gr. 11 Sk 21B, Bery-le-Sec. 177.42E-269.11N reb. into Gr. 185, Sec. D Cty 595, conc. as U-851 into Gr. 32, Row 31, Blk. C Cty 608, UNIDENTIFIED

Grave 195, Sec. K, Cty 595, fr. Gr. 19, Sk, 21B, Bery-le-Sec, E176.87-N269.69 Reb. into Gr. 189, Sec. D, Cty 595; Conc. as U-853 into Gr. 9, Row 34, Blk. C, Cty 608, UNIDENTIFIED

Grave 196, Sec. K, Cty 595, fr. Gr. 10, Sk 21B, Bery-le-Sec. E177.42-N269.11N Reb. into Gr. 190, Sec. D, Cty 595; Conc. as U-854 into Gr. 11, Row 34, Blk. C, Cty 608, UNIDENTIFIED

Grave 201, Sec. E, Cty 595, fr. Iso. #1, sk. 22, Bery-le-Sec., 176.82E-292.16N conc. as U-698, into Gr. 6, Row 40, Blk C, Cty 608, UNIDENTIFIED.

Body in Grave 200, Sec. E, Cty 595, fr. gr #1, sk 22, Bery le-Sec. 176.82E-292.16 N conc. into Gr. 12, Row 26, Block D, Cty 608 was identified as

Pvt. Ralph C. Black. 77730, Co. L, 28th Inf. KIA 7/20/18 and is so reported on for, 1-1 of 6-30-21 50,000 series for Cty 595, and on P-16 A of 0/2/22 for exhumation from Cty 595, and concentration into Cty 608.

orig on case of Lt. Wilson S. Keller Co D 16 Inf. etc.

E. Kensett Vail investigator.

FILE

8-5-24

GM 293 A-C
BLACK, Ralph C., Pvt.

May 22, 1924

Mrs. L. J. Black,
1701 Judah Street,
San Francisco, Calif.

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.

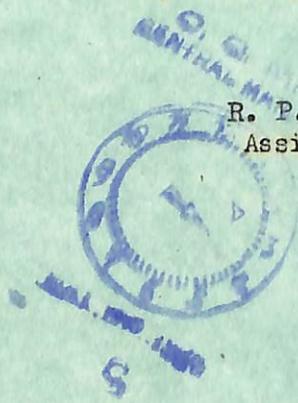
Please be assured that in effecting removal of the dead, the utmost reverential care was exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed this sacred duty. For the future, these graves will be perpetually maintained by the Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our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

Very truly yours,

R. P. HARBOLD
Assistant.

✓ 1-Incl.
Record card.

MPK
TDL



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Dec. 23, 1921.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

ml DISINTERMENT COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BLACK, Ralph C.
 2. No. 77730
 3. Rank Pvt
 4. Org. Co L 28th Inf *OK*
 5. D.D. July-18th *7-20-18*
 6. C.D. ME:-- *K/A*

10. Name Ralph
 11. No. _____
 12. Rank _____
 13. Org. Co. A, 162 Inf.
 14. (a) D.D. _____
 (b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 200 Sec. E
 8. Plot 4 Row _____
 9. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 17. No discrepancy

18. Cemetery Amer
 20. Dept. or County Aisne
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. #595

19. Commune or town PLOISY
 21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) Dec. 23, 1921

By J.A.Lee

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name BLACK, Ralph C.
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. _____
 Organization Co.L, 28 Inf.

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

Signature Junior Technical Assistant

W.N. Tucker, Checker.

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).

None.

27. Condition of body Decomposed.

28. Nature of burial Pine box and blanket.

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 Dec. 23, 1921 By J.A.Lee

31. Casket sealed by J.A.Lee

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor J.A.Lee)

J.A.Lee

8/25/21

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-19288

32. Designation of body:

Name Ralph C. BLACK Serial No. 77730

Rank Pvt Organization Co L 28th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne, Amer. Cty#608, Seringes-et-Nesles (aisne)

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Dec. 23, 1921 By J.A. Lee

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector J.J. Powers, 1st Lt. QMC

36. Remarks None.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Dec. 23, 1921.

To point of Concentration _____ (Name)

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date _____

By G.R.S. Representative _____

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Dec. 23, 1921.

To Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes-et-Nesles (Aisne)

Convoyer Frank Atwell Signature Shipping Officer Hubert W. Bayette, Capt. QMC

40. Received: Date 24 DEC 1921

G.R.S. Representative G. F. WAUGH

41. Reinterred Aug. 2, 1922. Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes-et-Nesles, (Aisne)

(Date) _____

42. Grave No. 12, Blk. D Section _____

43. Plot _____ Row 26

G.R.S. Representative C. J. Blake

Capt. QMC

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place Ploisy (Aisne)

Date Dec. 23, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF BLACK, Ralph G. SERIAL NUMBER 77730
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. L, 28 Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : Dec. 23, 1921, Gr. 20, Sec. B, Pl. 4, Cem. 593, Ploisy (Aisne)
From (give complete location):

By : Group 5 Unit F.S.8

3. Reburied (date) Aug. 2, 1922, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes-et-Nesles, (Aisne)
(give complete location):

By : Group _____ Unit _____ Nature of reburial Blanket and metallic casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :
Pine box and blanket. Body decomposed. Skeleton disarticulated.

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

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

None.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to ascertain

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to estimate

(c) Hair—Color None visible

Quantity _____

Characteristics _____

(d) Hair on face—Color None.

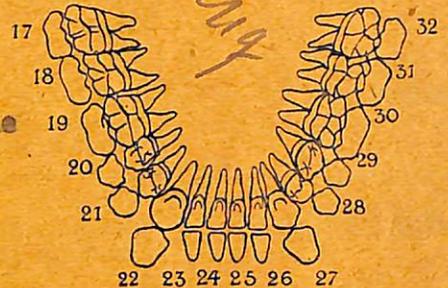
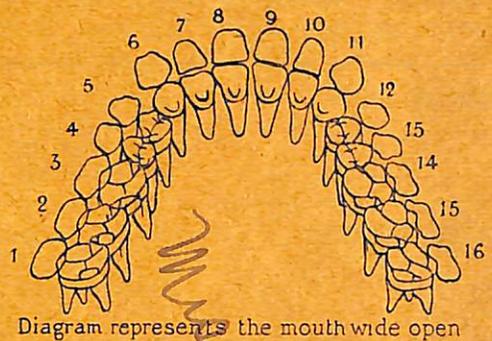
Location _____

Quantity _____

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

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

skull, both jaws and left arm missing.



7. Disinterment supervised by J.A. Lee Approved : J.J. Powers

J.A. Lee, Sup. Sub. (Title) J.J. Powers, 1st Lt. OMC

8. Reburial supervised by L.D. Hays Approved : C.J. Blake

(Title) Capt. OMC

Verify soldiers organization

Cty 593

BLACK, 77730, Ralph C.

Pvt. Co. L, 28th Infantry - *OK*.

also ask a Go for EA
AGO-3/25/24.

Org. Co., L, 28th Inf.

EA- same as given on card. *Rev.*

D-60926

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File 113287

(a) Name Black, Ralph C Ser. No. 77730
(b) Rank Pvt Organization Co L 28th Inf
(c) Date of death 7-20-18 (d) Cause of death k/a

TYP. cs
CKR. mes

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

(a) Grave No. 200 Row _____ Plot 4 Sec. E TYP. cs

(b) Emerg. Address ~~mother~~ Mrs L.J. Black, 1701 Judah St. San Francisco Calif

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases _____ CKR. mes

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

no card in file
Date of receipt _____

(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: _____

no request for disposition
(a) Cancellation memos referred to? _____

Examiner's Initials mes Date 11/7/21, 192

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 593 SHEET No. 1722

*Checked
11/17/21
mes*

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 _____, 192

ADJUSTMENT RECORD - 12/6/20 - Letter of Transmittal - Europe advised grave 200, Plot 4, Sec. E contains the body of an UNKNOWN SOLDIER. 10/6/21 AUDIT DEPARTMENT amended records to show that UNKNOWN recorded in grave 200, Plot 4, Sec. E. is now identified as RALPH C. BLACK. 11/21/21 - Form 115 covering UNKNOWN SOLDIER was cancelled and filed. 11/21/21 GMF. *11/21/21 12125*

IX.

REMARKS

11-25-21 Europe advised of above adjustment. Body not to be returned. Form 11-25-21

Statement No. 513.
 October 6, 1921.

CEMETERY

BURIALS

| <u>W/C</u> | | <u>B/C</u> | | |
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| Con. | Uncon. | Unk. | Con. | Uncon. |

REVISED REPORT ON CTY. #593.

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|--|----------|-------|---------|--------|-------|
| #593 - American Cty., Ploisy, Aisne, Last report 10-4-21 (With 8 suspensions) | 1661 | 0 | 263 | 41 | 0 |
| 10-6-21 "Unknown" in Gr. 200 Sec.E, identi- fied as Ralph C. Black. | 1 | | 1 | | |
| #Unknown" in Gr. 67-Sec.E, identified as Henry C. Richman. | 1 | | 1 | | |
| <i>not</i> B/C case "Isidio" idnetified as Ginsidio Funbruno. | 1 | | | 1 | |
| B/C case "Egee Theron" not identified-Gr.164, Sec. E, marked "Unknown". | | | 1 | 1 | |
| Upon disinterment-W/C case Frank Gregor was not identified Gr. 173 Sec. G, marked "Unknown" | 1 | | 1 | | |
| Frank Gregor held without grave location. | | | | | |
| Cemetery #593 now reads (With 8 suspensions) | 1663 | 0 | 263 | 39 | 0 |

November 25, 1921.

293.8 C-R-115267, BLACK, Ralph G., Cty. 593-1722.

FROM: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Cemeterial Division).
TO: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.
SUBJECT: Supplementary advice on American Cemetery, #593, Fleisy, Aisne, France.

1. Reference paragraph 5, office letter of December 6th, 1920 (File No. 593 Reg. Sec., Gen. Div.), the records of this office have been amended to show the remains buried in Grave #200, Plot 4, Section E, reported as those of an UNKNOWN SOLDIER, are now identified as those of the deceased soldier named below. This body is not to be returned to the United States.

Cable
Ref. No.

1722. Black, Ralph G., Private, 77730, Company L, 28th Infantry.

2. It is requested that the records of your office be revised accordingly.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

CHARLES J. WYNNES,
Captain, Q.M. Corps.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File 113287

(a) Name Bla ck, Ralph G Ser. No. 77730 } TYP. cs
 (b) Rank Pvt Organization Co. I. 28th Inf } DRB
 (c) Date of death 7-20-18 (d) Cause of death r/a

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

(a) Grave No. 200 Row _____ Plot 4 Sec. E TYP. cs
 (b) Emerg. Address ~~father~~ Mrs L. J. Black, 1701 Judah St San Francisco Calif

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases _____ CKR. DRB

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

ADJUSTMENT RECORD - 12/6/20 - Letter of Transmittal - Europe advised grave 200, Plot 4, Sec. E contains the body of an UNKNOWN SOLDIER. 10/6/21 AUDIT DEPARTMENT amended records to show that UNKNOWN recorded in grave 200, Plot 4, Sec. E. is now identified as RALPH G. BLACK. 11/21/21 - Form 115 covering UNKNOWN SOLDIER was cancelled and filed. 11/21/21 GMF. 11/21/21 DRB

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

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. |
|--|------------------------|----------|---------------|
| <div style="text-align: right; color: red; font-family: cursive;"> <p>11-25-21 Europe advised by above adjustment. Body not to be returned. Form 11-25-21</p> </div> | | | |

VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J. _____, 192

COUNTRY _____ CEMETERY No. _____ SHEET No. _____

November 25, 1921.

293.8 G-R-113267, BLACK, Ralph G., Cty. 593-1722.

FROM: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Cemeterial Division).
TO: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.G., in Europe.
SUBJECT: Supplementary advice on American Cemetery, #593, Ploisy, Aisne, France.

1. Reference paragraph 5, office letter of December 6th, 1920 (File No. 593 Reg. Sec., Cem. Div.), the records of this office have been amended to show the remains buried in Grave #200, Plot 4, Section E, reported as those of an UNKNOWN SOLDIER, are now identified as those of the deceased soldier named below. This body is not to be returned to the United States.

Cable
Ref. No.

1722. Black, Ralph G., Private, 77730, Company L, 28th Infantry.

2. It is requested that the records of your office be revised accordingly.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

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Overseas Proj. Sec.
Cemeterial Division

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

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HBC.

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COPY FOR ADM. FILES

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, Q.M.C. IN EUROPE
8. AVENUE D'IENA, PARIS

File No. 113 287

October 31, 1921.

From: Chief,

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

Subject: Acknowledgment of Correspondence.

Receipt this date is acknowledged of the following
correspondence from your office:

~~Letter~~)
dated: Oct. 10, 1921.
1st Indorsement)

File No. 293.83 Cem.Div. # 113287 (Black, Ralph C.)

Subject: G.R.S. Forms # 16-A.
Cemetery # 593, Ploisy (Aisne)

Name: Pvt. Ralph C. Black.
Pvt. Henry C. Richman
Pvt. Ginsidio Funbrono

SL/

H. F. BETHERS,
Colonel, Q.M.C.

Black, 747730 Ralph C,

Co L. 28th Inf. 113287

Co A 162nd Inf.

K. A. 7-20-18,

E. A. Mrs. L. J. Black,

1701 Judah St.,

San Francisco, Calif

FILE UNDER NO. 113287, Black, Ralph G.

INDEX SHEET

SYNOPSIS

FILE

See Cty. Corr. for letter from France and also Indorsement to France.

DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO.

ECC

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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1st Ind.

FILE

FILE NO. 293.8 Com. Div. - #113287 - (BLACK, Ralph C.)
From: O. Q. M. G., Cemeterial Division, October 10, 1921 - To: Chief,
American Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C. in Europe, 8 Avenue
d'Iena, Paris, France.

1. Returned. It is the decision of this office that the following named soldiers are buried in American Battle Area Cemetery #593, Poissy (Aisne) :

Private Ralph C. BLACK, #77730,
Company L, 28th Infantry,
Buried in Grave #200, Plot #4, Sect. E, Cty. #593.

6893

Private Henry C. RICHMAN, #52301,
Company M, 23rd Infantry,
Buried in Grave #67, Plot #2, Sect. E, Cty. #593.

16352

Private Ginsidio FUNBRONO, #1948131,
Company B, 26th Infantry,
Buried in Grave #183, Plot #4, Sect. A, Cty. #593.

and the records of your office and the inscriptions on the markers erected over these soldiers' graves should be adjusted accordingly.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General :

Inv & Adj

CHARLES J. WYHIE,
Captain, Q. M. Corps.

BG:FVW

[Handwritten signature]
8/3/26

MAILED

OCT 18 1921

G.R.S.

CROSS REFERENCE

X 6893
X 16352

Cty. Corr.

October 4, 1921.

M E M O R A N D U M

It is requested that indorsement be forwarded to France in reply to letter of June 23, 1921, stating that our records have now been adjusted to show:

Black, #77730, Ralph C., Pvt., Co. L, 28th Infantry buried in Grave #200, Plot #4, Section E, American B/A Cemetery #593, Ploisy, Aisne. DD 7/20/18.

Richman, #52301, Henry C., Pvt., Co. M, 23rd Infantry, buried in Grave #67, Section E, Plot #2, Cty. #593. DD 7/18/18.

Funbrono, Ginsidio, #1948131, Pvt., Co. B, 26th Infantry, buried in Grave #183, Plot #4, Section A, Cty. #593. DD 7/20/18. (Previously reported under name of Gunside, Lumbraus.)

ccc
Ethel C. Gawley.

File Number 113287

TO: REGISTRATION BRANCH, G. R. S.

Date 10/4/21

FROM: INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME: Black, Ralph G. Serial Number 77730
RANK: Pvt. ORGANIZATION: Co. L, 28th Infantry

| No. | QUESTION | REPLY |
|-----|--|--|
| 1. | Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with records? | 1. Yes. |
| 2. | Date of death. | 2. 7/20/18. |
| 3. | Cause and place of death. | 3. K/A. |
| 4. | Number of casualty cablegram. | 4. W.D. Det. |
| 5. | Date buried. | 5. No record. |
| 6. | Grave location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of cemetery or commune only required. (c) Note reinterments. | 6. Isolated Grave #1, Commune. Berzy-Le-Sec, C-36, Aisne. Disinterred and reburied 6/17/19 in Grave #200, Plot #4, Section E, American B/A Cemetery #593, Ploisy, Aisne. |
| 7. | Who reported burial? | |
| 8. | Confirmed by G. R. S.? | |
| 9. | Report as to grave marker. | 9. Cross. |
| 10. | Identification tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker? | 10. (a) Yes. (b) No. |
| 11. | Complete emergency address? | 11. Mrs. L. J. Black (Mother) 1701 Judah St., San Francisco, Cal. |
| 12. | Has been notified? (Give date.) | 12. No. |
| 13. | Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record.) | 14. No record. |
| 14. | What is the photograph number? | |
| 15. | Inquiry made by. ECC | |

RELEASED BY INFORMATION CONTROL DEPARTMENT.

Confirmed.

Inv. & Adj. Dept. Unconfirmed.

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

OPINION

CASE OF Black, Ralph C., 77730, Post Co. 28th Inf. 8-11-1921
 GRAVE 200, Sec F, Plot 4, City 593, 1 of 1-7-20-15
 DECISION The body of above man is in this grave.

DENTAL CHART

| Date of Enlistment | | Emergency Address | | Report on Disinterment | |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------|
| A.G.O. Missing | Dental Work | Dental Work | Missing B.D. | Dental Work | Miss A.D. |
| U.R. | 4 | | | head | skull |
| U.L. | | | | | jaws missing |
| L.R. | | | | | |
| L.L. | | | | | |

Above discrepancies can be accounted for as follows:

BODY DESCRIPTION

| A.G.O. Report | E/A Report | Report on Disinterment |
|---------------|------------|------------------------|
| Height 5' 6" | | |
| Weight 136 | | impossible |
| Hair black | | determine |
| Fractures | | |

IDENTIFICATION TAGS

Found on Body yes, corroded, - alpha C. - - acco, Post Co A, 2- Inf. 75730 - Found on Cross no

OTHER IDENTIFYING MARKS

Found on Body none

ORIGINAL BURIAL DATA

Body in this Grave concentrated from 971- 8th St, Currier Perry Co Sec, Asheville
 This man reported buried originally there were no papers on this man
 Organizations of other men buried around original location many men, some organ.

Concur:

[Signature]

Helena M. Garbraugh
Investigator

APPROVED:

[Signature]

FROM: O. Q. M. G.
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
Munitions Building
Room 2009

Was Under Board

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EXPEDITE

Board

INVESTIGATION AND ADJUSTMENT DEPARTMENT.

ADJUSTMENT.

G. R. S. Fe S-W-A
Information req. d of A. G. O.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

AUG 1 1 1921

Date July 29, 1921.

File No. 113287

Registration. 113287

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, Sixth and B Streets NW., Washington, D. C.

Subject: Information required for G. R. S.

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

a. Surname. **BLACK**

f. Date of death. 7/20/18

b. Christian name. **Ralph C.**

g. Cause of death. K/A

c. Serial number. **77730**

h. Authority (C. C. No.)

d. Organization. *Co L. 28 Inf.*

i. Emergency address.

e. Rank. *Pvt.*

j. Relationship. *mother*

determined by WSD
**Mrs. L. J. Black,
1701 Judah St.,
San Francisco, Calif.**

BODY DESCRIPTION.

(See page 2 of the Service Record.)

a. Age at enlistment.

b. Color of eyes.

c. Color of hair.

d. Height.

e. Weight.

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

DENTAL CHARTS.

(See physical report of examination prior to enlistment.)

a. Strike out teeth missing:

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

REVIEWED
OSP SS.

*Honnelly, GOR
Enl Per Sec. 8-8-21*

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

By

H. J. Conner

H. J. CONNER,
1st Lieut. ~~Quartermaster~~, Q. M. C.

~~mkn~~/Miss Knight

Rec'd v. ...

AUG 6 1921

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

Room

*2009
War Trade Board*

PLEASE

EXPEDITE

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

Date 7/25/21

File No. Registration.

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, Sixth and B Streets NW., Washington, D. C.

Subject: Information required for G. R. S.

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

a. Surname. Black
b. Christian name. Ralph G.
c. Serial number. 77730
d. Organization. Co. L, 28th Inf.
e. Rank. Pvt.

f. Date of death. July 20/18
g. Cause of death. Killed in action
h. Authority (C. C. No.). determined by War Dept. missing in action July 20/18
i. Emergency address. Mrs L. G. Black 230 1701 Judah St, San Francisco Cal
j. Relationship. Mother

BODY DESCRIPTION.

(See page 2 of the Service Record.)

a. Age at enlistment. 27 yrs 5 mo
b. Color of eyes. Grey
c. Color of hair. Black
d. Height. 5 ft 6 inches
e. Weight. 136 lbs
f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment. (Old fractures or breaks.) none shown

DENTAL CHARTS.

(See physical report of examination prior to enlistment.)

a. Strike out teeth missing:
Upper right 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
Upper left
Lower right 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
Lower left

REVIEWED
OSP SS.

Stoumelly GWR
Encl Rec Sec
7-27-21

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

By

H. J. Conner

H. J. CONNER,
Captain, Q. M. C.
1st Lieut.,

Rec'd World War Division
JUL 27 1921

REC'D MAIL SECTION
W. W. Div., A. G. O.

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File No.

June 23rd. 1921.

FROM: Chief.

TO: Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, WASHINGTON, D.C.

SUBJECT: G.R.S. Forms #16-A.
Cemetery #593. FLOISY, (Aisne).

1. Attached herewith are G.R.S. Forms #16-A. covering disinterment and reburial of soldiers buried in Grave #200, Sect. E. Plot #4; Grave #67, Sect. E. Plot #2; and Grave #183, Sect. A. Plot #4.

2. The records of this Office have always shown UNKNOWN American Soldiers buried in these graves. However, in view of information contained in paragraph #5, attached Forms #16-A. the records of this Office have been corrected to show :

BLACK, #77730, Ralph C. Pvt. Co.L. 28th. Inf.
Grave #200, Sect. E. Plot #4.

RICHMAN, #52301, Henry C. Pvt. Co.M. 23rd. Inf.
Grave #67, Sect. E. Plot #2.

GUNSIDE, #1948121, Lumbrans, Pvt. Co.B. 26th. Inf.
Grave #183, Sect. A. Plot #4.

pending receipt of further instructions from your Office.

G.V.S. QUACKENBUSH.

H. F. RETHERS,
Colonel, Q.M.C.

HV/am.

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