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G.R.S. Form #114-B

FULL NAME BOSBYSELL, William L. ✓

RANK Sergt. ✓ SERIAL 1252154 ✓

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION Bty. D, 108 Field Art. 28 Div. ✓

DATE OF DEATH Oct. 25, 1918 ✓

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *Penn'a*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED.

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION.....	5-20-29	32	6	C
	Date	Grave	Row	Block

..... SURESNES AMERICAN CEMETERY #34

Cemetery

Rec'd World War Div!

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

1252154
Bosbyshell, 1252154 William L.
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Sgt., Cand. Det. F.A. Replacement Div. A.P.O. 7
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL October 26th, 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL Nantilly Cemetery, Saumur, Fr.

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

Carte de l'Etat Major, Sheet 119.

Coordinates of Cemetery:

X = 217125

Y = 233520

GRAVE NUMBER 4116 (four one one six)

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Yes Cross? No

Headboard? No Bottle? No

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker? No

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

REPORTED BY:

C. F. Coleman
Capt., SAC.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Boshyshell	3	259
	William F	1	6
BURIED	CEMETERY 34	2	32
	GRAVE 32	2	06
	ROW 6	1	3
	BLOCK C	2	44
STATE	Penn	1	2
RANK	Sgt	2	28
DIVISION	28	3	108
ORGANIZATION	108	1	3
ARM	FA	1	2
MARTIAL	(Nephew) No	3	
NAME	Boshyshell,	2	
	James R	2	
RESIDENCE	214 Lynbrook Rd.	2	
	Springfield, Pa.	3	
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER	No son	1	
ELIGIBILITY	No how Dead	1	6
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	SEP 22 1932
DATE OF	MO.	1	RS
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

AUDITED

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bosbyshell, William L. - 34 Nephew

July 8, 1930.

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If so, give her name and address:

No

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If so, give her name and address:

No

3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?

If so, give her name and address:

No

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:
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The parents of this man are both dead. Also he was a bachelor.

James R. Bosbyshell

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

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No.

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

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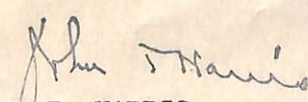
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To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE May 21, 1929.

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 BOSBYSHELL, William L.
2. No. 1252154
3. Rank Sergeant
4. Org. Bty. D, 108th Field Artillery
5. D.D. October 25, 1918.
6. C.D. Died of wounds

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 4116 Sec.
8. Plot Row
9.

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

18. Cemetery Civilian
20. Dept. or County M-et-L
22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. #24

19. Commune or town Saumur
21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) May 6, 1929

By Russell H. Dutcher, Investigator.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Bosbyshell, William L.
Rank Sergeant

Serial No. 1252154
Organization Bty. D, 108th F.A.

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

Signature Russell H. Dutcher
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

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

27. Condition of body

28. Nature of burial Reburial box, ODUS uniform and field shoes size 8.

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date May 6, 1929 By Russell H. Dutcher

31. Casket sealed by Russell H. Dutcher, Investigator.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor Russell H. Dutcher)

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-33371

32. Designation of body :
Name BOSBYSELL, William L Serial No. 1252154
Rank Sergeant Organization Bty.D, 108th Field Artillery

33. Consigned to :
Name of Permanent Cemetery Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) May 6, 1929 By Russell H. Dutcher

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 Russell H. Dutcher

36. Remarks _____

37. Shipped from point of Operation : (Date) _____
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 _____
To Permanent Cemetery _____ (Name)
Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____

40. Received: Date _____ May 20, 1929
G.R.S. Representative James H. Duncan, Supt. Suresnes American Cemetery.

41. Reinterred _____ May 20, 1929

42. Grave No. 32 _____ (Date) _____ Section _____

43. Plot Block C _____ Row 6

James H. Duncan
G.R.S. Representative James H. Duncan, Supt., Suresnes American Ctry.

Place Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine.

Date May 21, 1929.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF BOSBYSHELL, William L. SERIAL NUMBER 1252154

RANK Sergeant ORGANIZATION Bty. D, 108th Field Artillery.

2. Disinterred (date) : May 6, 1929 From (give complete location) : Grave 4116, Civilian Cemetery, Saumur, M-et-L.

By : Group Russell H. Dutcher, Unit Investigator.

3. Reburied (date) : May 20, 1929 In (give complete location) : Grave 32, Row 6, Block C, Suresnes American Cemetery.

By : Group James H. Duncan, Supt. Unit Cty. Nature of reburial Metallic casket and shipping case.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment : Buried in made grave about 1m.50 deep, in reburial box, ODUS uniform and field shoes size 8.

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 entirely corroded impossible to read. Collar ornaments. - Cross rifles - 108. Cross reads William L. Bosbyshell, Sgt. Bty. D, 108th F.A. Died Oct. 25, 1918. Stone grave marker reads, Sergeant William L. Bosbyshell, Battery D, 108th U.S.F.A., Died Oct. 25, 1918.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to determine

(c) Hair—Color " " "

Quantity " " "

Characteristics " " "

(d) Hair on face—Color " " "

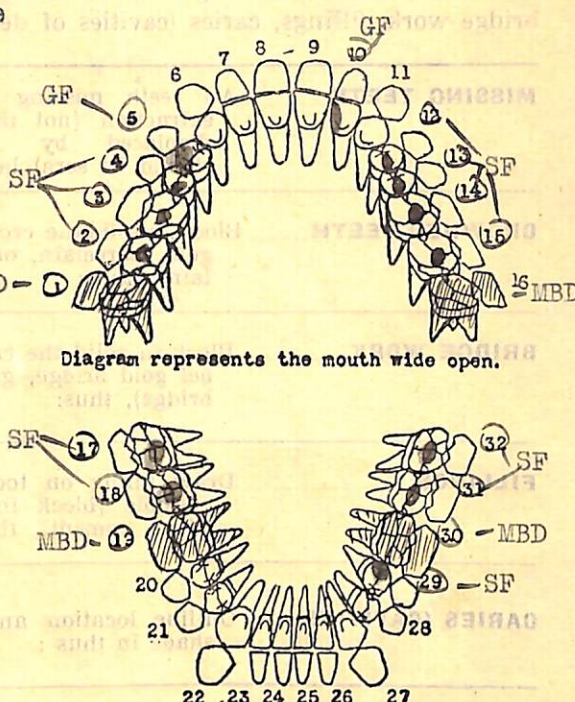
Location " " "

Quantity " " "

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

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

Impossible to determine



7. Disinterment supervised by Russell H. Dutcher, Investigator. Approved : Russell H. Dutcher, Investigator
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by James H. Duncan, Supt. Approved : James H. Duncan, Supt.
3-7832 (Title) Suresnes American Cty.

QM 293 A-C
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December 4, 1928.

Mr. H. K. Remington,
Constitution Indemnity Company,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that receipt be acknowledged of your letter of November 14th, 1928, advising of the consent of Mrs. Oliver M. Bosbyshell, to the removal of the body of the late Sergeant William L. Bosbyshell, to one of the permanent American cemeteries in Europe, which will be perpetually maintained by this Government. The Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C., in Europe has been advised of such decision and requested to effect the proposed change at an early date. Upon receipt of report that such action has been taken, you will be advised as to the name of the cemetery in which interment is made, and the number of the grave. All expense incident to accomplishing this change will be borne by the Government.

C Very truly yours,

J. McCLINTOCK,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
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Constitution Indemnity Company of Philadelphia

November 14th, 1928

J. McClintock, Major
Q. M. Corps
War Department
Washington, D. C.

Re: QM 295 A-C
William L. Bosbyshell

Dear Sir:

Referring to yours under the above caption dated October 10th;
I regret to advise that Oliver M. Bosbyshell died on September 30th,
1928.

I have communicated with his wife and she will be glad to give
her consent in any form you desire for the removal of the body of
William L. Bosbyshell to one of the American cemeteries, provided
there be no expense in connection therewith.

The next nearest relative of William L. Bosbyshell is James R.
Bosbyshell, his nephew, 214 Lynbrook Road, Springfield, Penna.

If I can be of any further service in this matter, command me.

Yours very truly,

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QM 295 A-C
(Bosbyshell, William L.)

October 10, 1926.

Mr. Oliver M. Bosbyshell,
Aetna Bldg., 312 Walnut St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

In view of the fact that the work on the American Cemeteries in Europe will be completed by the end of the present year and the bodies of the World War dead, remaining overseas, will be practically all concentrated in these cemeteries. The Quartermaster General desires to ascertain your wishes in connection with the body of your brother, the late Sergeant William L. Bosbyshell. On April 19th, 1921 your father advised this office that it was his wish that his son's grave be not disturbed, and he relieved the Government of all responsibility for the care and upkeep thereof. However, before the final work in the cemeteries is completed, it is again desired to call attention to this matter, as it is thought that the relatives may have changed their mind and may now desire to have your brother re-buried in one of these permanent cemeteries where his grave may be assured of perpetual care.

These cemeteries, eight in number, which will be perpetually maintained by this Government are located in France, England and Belgium and have been beautified with trees, shrubs, lawns and walks, making them a fitting final resting place for our soldier dead. Each grave will be permanently marked with an appropriate white marble headstone, inscribed with the name of the soldier, his rank, regiment, division, date of death and the State from which he came, these headstones being erected without necessity for any special action or request on the part of relatives.

This inquiry is made at this time, inasmuch as it has been brought to the attention of this office, that in many cases these undisturbed isolated graves are not being properly cared for and that the crosses on some are either illegibly marked or in poor condition. In view of the fact that the Government has been relieved of the responsibility for these graves, this office is unable to rectify this condition unless permission is given to remove the bodies to the permanent cemeteries. If you are desirous of availing yourself of this opportunity to have your brother's body placed among his comrades and where his grave will always receive reverential care, kindly advise this office to that effect at an early date, as upon completion of the present work the Government employees now in Europe will be withdrawn and it will not be possible to undertake the action suggested.

Sincerely yours,

J. McGLINTOCK,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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Brother -

Oliver M. Bashysell,

Aetna Bldg.,

312 Walnut St.,

Phila., Pa

Father deceased

Grave in Cemetery at French Military School, Saumur, France.

William L. Bosbyshell, Sgt. Bat.D., 108th Inf.

All arrangements for burial this soldier made by Lt. Jno F. Joline who saw to the erection of a headstone at the grave. Father appears to have been a retired General and a friend of Col. Pierce who assured him that this grave would not be disturbed. Would seem to be in the same status as any foreign military cemetery and as such assured of perpetual care by the allied governments.

No letter recommended.

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VEB

Bosbyshell,

(Surname.)

William L.

(Christian name in full.)

1,252,154

(Army number.)

Sgt.

Btry D, 108 FA

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Father

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 or no.)

If you desire the remains interred at the home of the deceased, give full information below as to where they should be sent:

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

4648 Chestnut St.

Oliver C. Bosbyshell

Philadelphia

Penn

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

COMPILATION N/R REQUESTS

I. DATA COMPILATION

A. Location Index Card:-

(1) Name BOSBYSHELL, William L. Ser. No. 1252154)
 (2) Rank Sgt Organization Bty D, 108th F.A.) TYP. JS
 (3) Date of death 10/25/18) CKR. 74

B. Registration Card:- (Check Reg. Card Inf. against Loc. Ind. Inf.)

(4) Cause of death DWRIA) TYP. BSW
 (5) Grave No. 4116 Row --- Plot --- Sect. ---) CKR. 74

II. FILES EXAMINATION

A. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; No card.

B. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD Date of receipt None

(6) Relationship Father
 (7) Name Oliver C. Bosbysell
 (8) Address 4048 Chestnut St, Philadelphia, Pa
 (9) Desires remains brought to U. S.? No
 (10) Desires remains brought to U. S. and interred in National Cemetery at
 (11) If brought back, what shipping instructions?

SEE SUSPENSION REMARKS

att 3/19/20

C. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE Date of communication

(12) Does correspondence Change or qualify request as made on A.G.O. card? If so, specify such information.

No correspondence

(13) A. G. O. Files EXAMINED by (Date) 3-19-20

D. (14) G R. S Files - Correspondence. (Has reference been made to File No. Cancellation memos.? Does such correspondence, if containing request for disposition, reconcile with that of A. G. O.? (Specify "Yes or "No".) If "No", give date of communication, the name, address, and relationship and substance of request.

O.C. Bosbysell (father) 4048 Chestnut St
 (2-1-19) wishes his home address be added to inscription of monument
 O.C. Bosbysell (father) 5-27-19 asks for photo of grave and of cemetery.

(15) G. R. S. Files EXAMINED by (Date) 3-20-

(5-27-20) from father states that he is awaiting instructions to be placed in France. (over) P.S. 5-24-20

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Drawn by J.W.

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III. FINAL ACTION

A. MEMORANDUM to D. M. O. in E. made (Date) _____

(16) Removal of Remains (within custody of G.R.S.) to _____

(17) Instructions that remains be left undisturbed _____

(18) Typed by _____ Checked by _____ (Date) _____

B. G. R. S. FORM NO. 114 made (Date) _____

(19) Typed by _____ Checked by _____ (Date) _____

C. SUSPENSION REMARKS: Form 120 7-29-20 Oliver C. Bosbyshell, father, n/k, 4049 Chestnut St. Philadelphia, Pa. requests body remain in France where now buried in small cemetery at French Military School, Saumur France. H 8-26-20

D. Dispatched (Date) _____ (Let. Trans. No. APR 27 1920)

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Approved by _____

(Date) _____

9-7-20 Memo to Col Reithers, Chief, Graves Reg. Service France signed by Chas C Pierce, Chief Service in U. S. requests note be made that relatives of Bosbyshell n/k requests that body remain where buried in France. P/S - 9-13-20.

Letter 4/16/21 to Father enclosing #123 7/2/21 Europe advised remains to be left undisturbed. Form 123 executed by father 8-5-21

Let. 12-7-21 from Europe states remains will not be disturbed & govt. relieved of care of grave. (Pm 2-10-22)

Let. 2-11-22 - formal release to Mr. Oliver Bosbyshell, father, of care of grave. (Pm 2-10-22)

CASE OF : BOSBYSHELL, William L., Sgt. Cty. 24 - Sheet 3.

A.G.O. DIS. CARD. - Father, Oliver C. Bosbyshell, 4048 Chestnut St.,
Phila., Pa., requests that body remain in France.

G.R.S. Files.

Letter 5/27/20 from father states that he is awaiting information from abroad
& wishes to delay instruction until he can determine whether to have remains
placed in one of the Nat. Cemeteries.

Form # 120, July 29, 1920, father (same Add.) requests body to remain where
it is in Small Cty. at French Military School, Saumur, France. (father n/k)

Form # 123 executed by father.

Europe advised Sept. 7, 1920, to leave body where now buried.

Saumur - Fr. Civ. Cty m-et-L.

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Cty. 24
Sheet 3

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September 7, 1920.

MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel Rother, Chief, Graves Registration Service, G.M.C. in Europe, 8 Avenue d' Iena, Paris, France.

Case of Sargeant William L. Besbyshell. Buried at Soumur, France. Next of kin requests that the body be left permanently interred in the country where it now lies and where it is marked with a stone erected by the comrades of the deceased. Please make due note of this request.

Note

- CHARLES G. PIERCE, -
Major, U. S. Army,
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

September 7, 1920.

General O. C. Bosbyshell,
4029 Walnut St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear General:

I have your letter of September 3, concerning the permanent retention of your son's body in the French Cemetery at Saumur where it is now buried and have made note of same. The rule established for our guidance is that in cases where permanent interment is made abroad in other than the established cemeteries of the government the matter of charges for permanent space and for future maintenance (in case such charges should be made) is left for arrangement between the local authorities and the relatives of the dead.

Upon investigation I find that photographs of graves in this cemetery were received but the negatives when developed were unsatisfactory for the Red Cross Section of this office to send out. An order was given that these photographs should be retaken and I am informed that they are expected within the next week. I will have note made that my attention is to be called to the matter as soon as the photograph in which you are interested reaches Washington.

With good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Charles C. Pierce,
Major, U. S. Army,
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

File No 2938
Gen. 6076
(Bosbyphree, William L. S.)

Phila Septua, Pa.
4029 Walnut Street
September 3d 1920.

Major Charles G. Pierce, U.S.A.
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

Rev. and Dear Sir: Replying to your exceedingly kind letter of August 11th last, relative to the removal of the remains of my son, Sergeant William L. Bosbyphree, from his resting place in the small cemetery at Saumur France, grave (No. 4116, I think) I beg to state that after giving the matter much thought, and upon consulting a number of good friends, have concluded to allow him to rest just where his comrades, Lieutenants John F. Joline and Newbold Drayton of Battery D, 108th Field Arty, U.S.A., have laid him.

2) Learning through a letter from
or your department, sent a Washing-
ton gentleman inquiring as to where
Serg't Rosbyshell was buried, that
you intended sending me a copy
of a photograph the Government's
officials were making of this grave
I have been hoping it might
reach me before finally deciding -
However, let my decision as
havein stand.

Again on the rear of a large
stone marking my wife's grave,
and where my body is to be buried
I have had placed a fine bronze
tablet bearing the names of two
sons (Will's is one) who died and
are buried elsewhere - in Will's

3) Case the number of his grave in the Saumur Cemetery is given - in the case of the removal of his body this would require correction.

I trust I may be especially favored, in receiving a copy of any photos that may be made of the Saumur Cemetery.

Please note change of my address.

Thanking you sincerely for your kindness and great courtesy in this matter, which I very greatly appreciate, I am with very best wishes
Cordially yours
O. C. Byrd

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

Rush Answer

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.

TO: *Col* Mr. Oliver C. Bosbyshell, 4048 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.

SUBJECT: Remains of Sgt. William L. Bosbyshell,

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body
NOT returned to U.S.

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE, *Noted on Form No. 115*
Major, U.S.A. *6-26-20*

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

NAME OF NO. & STREET TOWN STATE

Soldier's Widow

Not married

Soldier's Children
(Name oldest first)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

None

Father

Mother

Brothers
(Name oldest first)

- 1.
- 2.

Sisters
(Name oldest first)

Please refer to Major Charles C. Pierce in charge of the Graves Registration Service, a personal friend, obliging father of decedent.

Date

July 29th 1920

Signature

Oliver C. Bosbyshell

Address

4048 Chestnut St. Philadelphia

Relationship

Father

IMPORTANT: CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.

(OVER)

29 July

1920.

I, the undersigned, am the Fisher and nearest living relative of the within
(Relationship)

named soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:
(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired).

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

*Remain in France where now
buried in small cemetery at French
Military School Saumur, France*

2. To be returned to the U.S. and shipped to _____

(Name)

(R.R. Station)

(State)

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

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

Signature

Oliver Crosby

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT

1. If definite instruction as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative within 2 weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9. ~~Use~~ the enclosed envelope - pay no postage.

File #60076
24-3

July 2, 1921.

FILE NO: 24, Reg. Sec., Gen. Div.
FROM: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Cometarial Division).
TO: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q. M. G., in Europe.
SUBJECT: Supplementary advice on French Civilian Cemetery, #24, Saumur,
N-st-L, France.

1. Reference paragraph 2, office letter of April 27, 1920,
(File No. 24, Reg. Sec., Gen. Div.), the remains of the deceased soldier
named below are to be left undisturbed:

CABLE
REF. NO.

S. Bosbyshell, William L., Sgt., 1252154, Bty. D, 108th F. A.

2. Mr. Oliver C. Bosbyshell, father of this soldier, has formally
released the United States Government from the care of said grave and
accepted the same, in full, himself.

3. It is requested that this office be advised when the
operations in this area have progressed to a point where the United States
can formally authorize Mr. Bosbyshell to assume full charge and control of
the grave.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

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C. & C. Dept.

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Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. O. M. G.
File # 293.8
60076

Case of Sgt. William L. Bosbyshell, deceased
Buried Saumur, Main-et-Loire, France

State of Pennsylvania
County of Philadelphia (SS AFFIDAVIT)

O. C. Bosbyshell residing at 4020 Walnut St., Philadelphia

State of Pennsylvania being duly sworn, deposes and says,
that he is the father
(relationship)

and nearest living relative of said deceased.

That he desires and hereby re-
quests that the body of said deceased Sgt. William L. Bosbyshell
remain where now buried.

In consideration of consent by the United States to the fore-
going request the said O. C. Bosbyshell hereby
accepts custody of the ^{in France} grave and assumes all responsibility for the
future care and maintenance thereof, and for compliance with any
and all local laws, rules, regulations, etc. and for the payment
of all tolls, taxes, fees, or charges of whatever nature, releas-
ing the Government of the United States forever from any and all
obligations of whatever kind or nature in any way relating or
pertaining to said grave.

Oliver C. Bosbyshell

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of April

1920, by the said Oliver C. Bosbyshell

who is personally known to me to be the identical person he re-
presents himself to be the father and nearest
living relative of said William L. Bosbyshell deceased.

Oliver C. Bosbyshell
Notary Public,
only surviving brother.

Noted by Statistical Clerk
Date 2/11/23 OTD

My commission expires July 21, 1923



Bosbyshell, William L.

60076
GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bosbyshell, 1252154 William L.
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Sgt., Cand. Det. F. A. Replacement Div. A. P. O. 718
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL. October 26th, 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL Nantilly Cemetery, Saumur, Fr.

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

*Carte de l'Etat Major, Sheet 119

Coordinates of Cemetery:

X = 217125

Y = 233520

GRAVE NUMBER. 1276 (Count one one six)

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Yes Cross? No

Headboard? No Bottle? No

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? No

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker? No

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

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REPORTED BY:

C. F. Columbian
Capt., GACV

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

April 16, 1921.

293.8 Reg. Sec., Cem. Div.
 (BOBYSHELL, William L., Sgt.).
From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division).
To: Mr. O. C. Bosbyshell, 4029 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Subject: Disposition of Remains - Sergeant William L. Bosbyshell, Serial #1252154, Battery D, 108th Field Artillery.

1. With reference to your request that the body of your son, the late Sergeant William L. Bosbyshell, remain in the cemetery at Saumur, Main-et-Loire, France, you are advised that requests of this nature are granted providing the Government is relieved from further care of the grave and the nearest of kin agrees to assume all responsibility for its future care. The Government has been obliged to take this action so as to place the isolated graves in Europe on the same footing with the private graves in the United States. It will be seen that it will be next to impossible to care for the vast number of graves that are scattered about over Europe.

2. Inasmuch as the records of this office indicate your desire to have the body remain in its present grave, it is requested that you accomplish and return to this office the enclosed Graves Registration Service Form #123.

3. However, should you prefer the remains removed to one of the permanent American cemeteries in France, you are informed that the grave site therein will be perpetually cared for by this Government as a fitting memorial of the late soldier's sacrifice.

4. Your prompt decision will be greatly appreciated, and a self addressed envelope, which requires no postage, is enclosed for your use.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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THOS. G. HANSON, JR.,
Captain, Q.M. Corps.

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C. & C. DEPT.

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Overseas Proj. Sec.
Cemeterial Division

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE
WAR DEPARTMENT

DEPT. OF PURCHASE & STORAGE

60076

February 11, 1922.

293.8 C-R #60076 (Bosbyshell, William L., Sgt.) Cty. 24-Sht. 3

The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army.

Mr. Oliver C. Bosbyshell, 4029 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Formal Release of Grave.

FILE
Om 10-22

Oliver C. Bosbyshell, nearest living relative of Sergeant William L. Bosbyshell, Battery D, 108th Field Artillery, having under date of April 19, 1921, formally released (executed Graves Registration Service Form #123 Release) the United States Government from the future responsibility for the care of this soldier's grave, #4116, French Civilian Cemetery, Saumur, Department of Maine-et-Loire, and the custody of his body, the further responsibilities attached thereto are hereby transferred to the said legal next of kin, subject to local laws and regulations.

The transfer of the custody of the remains being thus completed, the said Oliver C. Bosbyshell is entitled, in so far as concerns the United States, to make such disposition of the remains or take such action as may be desired in connection with the further disposition thereof or the further upkeep of the grave:

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

GEORGE H. PENROSE,
Colonel, Q. M. C.,
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

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CEMETERIAL DIV.
O. Q. M. G.

Noted on Form No. 115
Date Om 2-10-22

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February 11, 1922.

293.8 C-R #60076 (Bosbyshell, William L., Sgt.) Cty. 24-Sht. 3

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By authority of the Quartermaster General:

GEORGE H. PENROSE,
Colonel, Q. M. C.,
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

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Noted on Form No. 115

Bm 210-22

Headquarters

COPY

American Graves Registration Service, OMC., In Europe

8 Avenue D'iena

Paris. December 7th 1921.

FROM: Chief.

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

SUBJECT: Abandonment of French Civil Cemetery #24,
SAUMUR (Maine-et-Loire).

1. ~~XXXXX~~

2. ~~XXXXX~~

3. The following burials in French Civil Cemetery #24, SAUMUR (Maine-et-Loire) are "DO NOT DISTURB" cases and this service has been relieved of all further responsibility for the care of these graves:

ANDERSON, Adolph R., 346522, Pvt. Ord. Det. on duty at Saumur.
Date of Death: February 10th 1919.
Grave 43.

BOSBYSELL, William L., 1252154, Sgt., Btry. D., 108th F.A.
Date of Death: October 25th 1918.
Grave 4116.

SCHMITT, Peter D., 2303271, Pvt. Bty. F., 120th F.A.
Date of Death: November 19th 1918.
Grave 4150.

4. Operations were completed in this Cemetery, October 26th 1921. Clearance Certificate has not been received from the Mayor to date.

5. ~~XXXXX~~

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H. F. RETHERS
Colonel, OMC.

Noted on Form No. 115

Date Dec 10 1921

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

PARIS Aug. 10th, 1921.

✓ 293.9 Disp. Cem. 92. 24.

FROM : Chief.
TO : The Quartermaster General, Munitions Building,
Washington, D. C.
SUBJECT : Case of Sgt. William L. Bosbyshell.

1. Acknowledgment is made of your letter File #24, Reg. Sec., Cem. Div., dated July 2nd, 1921, advising that the remains of Sgt. William L. Bosbyshell, Btry. D. 108th FA., buried in Grave #4116, Cty. #24, Saumur, (M-et-L), are to be left undisturbed.

2. These instructions have been made of record in this office and an aluminum strip will be placed on the reverse side of the cross bearing the words "Do not disturb".

3. In compliance with instructions contained in paragraph #3 of the letter referred to above, your office will be advised at a later date when operations in this area have progressed to a point where the Government may formally authorize Mr. Bosbyshell to assume full charge and control of the grave.

HH/rme.

F. C. Johnson
F. C. JOHNSON,
Lieut. Col., Q. M. C.,
Acting Chief.

File. H.C. 7.
Inquiry 9/8/21.

Recorded, Cemeterial Div., Q. M. C.
File # 293.9
60076

Bosbyshell, William L.

File #60076
24-3

July 2, 1921.

FILE NO: 24, Reg. Sec., Com. Div.
FROM: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Cometarial Division).
TO: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C., in Europe.
SUBJECT: Supplementary advice on French Civilian Cemetery, #24, Sannur, E-et-L, France.

1. Reference paragraph 2, office letter of April 27, 1920, (File No. 24, Reg. Sec., Com. Div.), the remains of the deceased soldier named below are to be left undisturbed:

CABLE
REF. NO.

S. Bosbyshell, William L., Sgt., 1252154, Bty. D, 108th F. A.

2. Mr. Oliver C. Bosbyshell, father of this soldier, has formally released the United States Government from the care of said grave and accepted the same, in full, himself.

3. It is requested that this office be advised when the operations in this area have progressed to a point where the United States can formally authorize Mr. Bosbyshell to assume full charge and control of the grave.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

OSP: 33
C. & G. Dept.

COPY FOR ADM. FILES

293.8 Cem. 60076 (Bosbyshell, William L Sgt)

FILE FILE
REVIEWED

August 11, 1920.

Colonel O. C. Bosbyshell,
4048 Chestnut Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Colonel:

Your recent correspondence has been called to my personal attention and I am glad to tell you that there is no difficulty in relation to the retention of the body of your son, Sergeant William L. Bosbyshell, in France.

As you will see by the inclosed marked bulletin certain cemeteries have been designated as permanent cemeteries in France, but the transfer of bodies to these cemeteries will have to be delayed until rail transportation into the interior can be furnished us.

My advice to you would be to request the transfer of this body to the cemetery at Suresnes on the outskirts of Paris. This is a beautiful place, at the base of Mont Valerien and overlooking the Seine and the Bois de Boulogne, down into the heart of Paris.

After you have thought the matter over, if you will send me a personal letter, I will give my own attention to the matter of record.

With very best wishes to you and yours, I am

Faithfully yours,

Charles C. Pierce,
Major, U. S. Army,
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

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August 11, 1920.

No: 293.8 Cem, File #60076 (Bosbyshell, William M. Sgt.)
From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cometerial Division)
To: Mr. Charles Moore, Chairman, Commission of Fine Arts,
1729 New York Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C.
Subject: Photographs of Grave #4116 - Sgt. Wm. M. Bosbyshell.

1. Reply to your letter of August 1, 1920 has been delayed due to the fact that I have been absent from this city.

2. You are advised that the remains of Sergeant William L. Bosbyshell, Battery D, 108th Field Artillery, are buried in Grave 4116, French Civilian Cemetery #24, Saumur, Department of the Maine-et-Loire.

3. You are further advised that it will be necessary to retake the photograph of this grave, and a set of photographs will be sent to the next of kin, Oliver C. Bosbyshell, 4048 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Penna., just as soon as photographs come from Paris.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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Charles C. Pierce,
Major, U. S. Army,
Chief, Cometerial Division.

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L-7921 - William L. Osbyshell - is on the Re-take list, and a set of the Photos will be sent to the next of kin, Oliver C. Bosbyshell, 4048 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.; just as soon as Photos come from Paris.

I thought it was understood that all orders for photos, other than the set sent to the next of kin, should come direct from Col. Pierce. If we have a written order from Col. Pierce for a photo for Mr. Moore, an extra photo will be made and sent to him.

Photo Section, A.R.C.

M.A.J.

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June 3, 1920.

60076-Inquiry (Bosbyshell, William L., Sgt.)

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

Mr. O. C. Bosbyshell, 4048 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Disposition of Remains.

1. In reply to your letter of May 27, 1920, you are advised that as yet this office has not received definite information when operations will commence for the removal of our soldier dead in the Civilian Cemetery at Saumur, Maine-et-Loire.

2. This Cemetery lies within the Zone of the Interior and actual operations are in progress at several points in this Zone for the removal of our soldier dead.

3. The records of this office show you requested the remains of your son, Sergeant William L. Bosbyshell, #1252154, 1st Battalion, Battery D, 108th U. S. Field Artillery, to be permanently interred in France. This request will be respected and further instructions regarding burial will be held in abeyance until advices are received from you.

4. Colonel Pierce has asked the writer to convey to you his kind regards.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

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

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY 1729 NEW YORK AVENUE WASHINGTON D.C.

August 1, 1920

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Dear Colonel Pierce:

Can you locate, and have you a
photograph of, the grave of

William L. Bosbyshell, Sergeant Battery D,
108th Regt. Field Artillery, A. E. F.

Very truly yours,

Charles Moore

Col. G. B. Pierce.

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Dobyschell, Wm L. Sqf.

May 27-1920.

Captain Charles J. Wynne

D. M. C.

Director of Purchase & Storage

Mountain Building

War Dept. Washington, D.C.

My dear Sir:

Replying to your favor
of 18th inst in re the permanent
burial of my son Sergeant William
L. Dobyschell, Bat. D, 108th U.S.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.
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S. P. M.

Field Atty I beg to state that
I am awaiting information from
abroad in this matter before I
can determine whether to have his
remains removed from Saumur
& placed in one of the National
Cemeteries about to be established
in France, and trust that I will
be permitted to delay instructions
until such information reaches me.

Very respectfully

I may add that
the Rev. D. C. C.
Pierce, Col. U.S. Army
is a warm personal
friend.

O. B. Byrnes
4048 Chestnut St
Philadelphia

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

Date 3/12/24

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME *Bosbyshell, William D.* Serial Number

RANK *Sgt.* ORGANIZATION

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	1 - No. Bly W. 108 th F.A.
2.	Date of Death.	1252, 154
3.	Cause and place of death.	2 - 10-25-18
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	3 - 10 W R 1 a
5.	Date buried.	4 - CC - 331
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	5 - 10-26-18 6 - Grave 4116, French Catholic Ch., 24. Saumer Name at Lorie ✓
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	10a - Yes 10b - No word -
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	11 - Gen'l O.C. Bosbyshell 4048 Chestnut Phila, Pa
12.	Has been notified? (Give date)	12 - 12-29-18
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	14 - L-7921 - E.S.L.
15.	Inquiry made by?	Released by Information Control Dept. Directory Cards 5x8 Cards 4x6 E.S.L. E.S.L.

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60076-Inquiry, (Bosbyshell, William L., Sgt.)

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

Mr. Oliver C. Bosbyshell, 4048 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Penna.

Permanent Interment in France.

1. Properly executed Form #120 signed by you has been received in this office. Instructions thereon that the remains of your son, Sergeant William L. Bosbyshell be permanently interred in France will be complied with.

2. You are further advised that it is the intention of the Government to concentrate these bodies, which are to remain permanently buried in France into one of several permanent American cemeteries to be established for the better care and maintenance of the graves. In those cases where bodies are to be left in French cemeteries at the specific request of the legal next of kin relatives will be required to assume the future care and maintenance of the graves and the responsibility thereof. In the event bodies are not to remain in French cemeteries they will be reburied in American cemeteries and the Government will bear the entire expense of the transfer and their future care and maintenance.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

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By:

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

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GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
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FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.G.
TO: MR. OLIVER C. BOSBYSHELL, 4048 CHESTNUT ST., PHILADELPHIA, PA.
SUBJECT: Disposition of remains of SGT. WILLIAM H. BOSBYSHELL

Records of this office show your request to be as follows:

Remains to be NOT RETURNED TO U.S. ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Correct
~~XXXXXXXX~~ Desire his body to remain No 4116 American
Section French Cemetery Saumur, France

If any modifications of the foregoing are desired please write same fully on the other side of this sheet.
The nearest living relative may choose between, (1) return of remains to homes for burial; (2) interment in Arlington, Va., National Cemetery; or (3) remain in France.

You are requested to fill out the following without delay and return in enclosed penalty envelope, which does not require postage.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:
CHARLES C. PIERCE
Colonel, U.S. Army.

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Widow			
Children (Name oldest first)			
Father			
Mother			
Brothers			
Sisters			

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Date 30 April 1920
Address 4048 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Signature O.C. Bosbyshell
Relationship Father

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

4048 Chestnut Str.

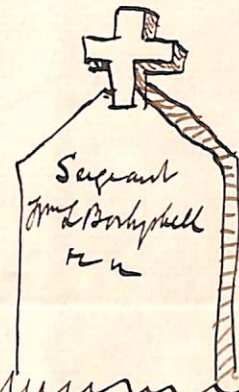
Philadelphia, May 27, 1919.

My dear Colonel Pearce:

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I have about given up the idea of going abroad - Your letter satisfying me that my son's grave will have all the attention I could give, and talks I have had with returning soldiers convincing me that his body is properly interred and will undoubtedly be taken care of. Lieut. Jew. F. Joline of the 108th F. A. has just returned home, and become a citizen once more - He was with my son at the time of his death at Summer Artillery School and attended to his burial - He had a stone erected on the grave, with inscription on them indicating his rank, date of death & where he belonged. The stone is a white one, the kind quarried in the neighborhood

and the port used in building the
large castle at Saumur. I submit
a side sketch:-



Sergeant
John D. Dobyshell
R. U.

No 4116
American Section
French Cemetery
Saumur, Fr.

This is in the Cemetery at Saumur in
the portion set aside for American sol-
diers. I am exceedingly de-
sirous of securing a photograph of the
Cemetery and one of my sons grave -
Can you secure these for me? Of course
any expense attending the same I will
bear. If any postal cards are
to be had of news in & about Saumur
or the Military School I should like some.

Apologizing for giving you this trouble
and thanking you for your kind letter and all
you do I am with great respect
Most cordially yours

Wm. Pearce

J. D. Dobyshell

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.
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February 21st, 1919.

My Dear Col. Bosbyshell:

Your letter of February 1st has just reached me and I am hastening to give to you the assurance you desire and also to make some personal expression of my sympathy.

It happens often that amid the many thousands of letters which daily go out from my office there are cases like yours, to which I desire to add some personal expression, and would do so if I dared to take the time to single out my own friends from among the great crowd needing to be served.

Plans for permanent interments in France have not yet been completed, and the French government is not ready as yet to have examinations made. Conferences of various sorts are being held and you may believe that such permanent arrangements as are finally agreed upon will be of such dignity as to do fitting honor to heroic dead and also to meet the wishes of those who love them most.

Nothing is at present permitted in the way of permanent monuments, nor can such arrangements be made until the entire project has been suitably worked out. The grave of your son is in absolutely no danger of being lost....you do not need to worry about it in the least. The Service of which I am in charge retains the custody of every grave and I can give to you my personal assurance that whatever may be done in the future will be as carefully attended to as if you were personally present.

Please do not subject yourself to the fatigue of travel, on the sole ground of your anxiety in this matter. Should you decide to come, I would want you to let me know so that I may place myself and my associates at your disposal for whatever we can do, but I think you can feel sure that your confidence will not be misplaced if you trust us to serve you as faithfully as we desire.

With most cordial regards for those who suffer with you, and also for my good friend, Dr. Johnston, I am

Faithfully yours,

CHARLES C. PIERCE
Lieut.-Colonel, G.M.C., U.S.A.
Chief, G.R.S.

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Mr. O. C. Bosbyshell,
4048 Chestnut St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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June 27th, 1919.

Colonel G.C. Bosbyshell, 4048 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa., U.S.A.

Your letter of May 27th .

My dear Colonel Bosbyshell,

Your letter duly reached me and I shall take pleasure in trying to procure for you some postal cards of the views in and about Saumur.

Photographs of all graves in France are being taken and will be sent to relatives of the dead through the General Headquarters of the National Red Cross in Washington, D.C. A project is also on foot to have photographs of all the cemeteries taken, with a view to their being furnished also to relatives. If this project is realized, you will of course be supplied.

I hope to be at home in the near future and after so long a strain, it will be more than delightful to enjoy the restfulness of my suburban home at Ridley Park. One of these days I shall hope to see you, and in the meantime I wish to assure you of my high regard.

Faithfully yours,

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2048 Chestnut Street,

Philadelphia, Pa. U.S.A.

February 1, 1918

Sir

Colonel Charles C. Pierce

2nd Lt., U.S.A., Chief G.R.I.

A.P.O. 717, American E.F. France.

My dear Colonel;

I trust you will remember me, as I certainly do you. Can you not recall my having you address the people of the Church of the Saviour, 38th Street above Chestnut, relative to some of your experiences in the Philippine Islands. You may recall me as Superintendent of the Sunday School of my Church for many years, and a present vestryman with Rev. Dr. Robert Johnston as Rector. So much for introduction.

My son William L. Bosbyshage as Sergeant in Battery "D" 108th Regiment Field Artillery, Col. E. H. Goble, was sent by his Colonel, September 1st last to the French Artillery School at Saumur, France, to study for a Commission. While in the School, he died on the 25th October 1918, and is buried in the American Section of the French Cemetery at Saumur, the grave marked with a Cross numbered 4116.

If it is the United States Government's

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intention to acquire ground in France for the
burial of her soldier boys I should be perfectly
content to have my son's body so disposed of,
provided that a suitable marker be placed over
it with his name, rank, Company and Regiment,
as well as home (Philadelphia) inscribed thereon.

What I desire to know is will such
course be taken by our Government and will
the expense be borne by the same?

I have been planning to go over to
France, possibly in June, with a view of per-
manently marking the grave, so that the body
may remain where it is. I am seeking
information to determine whether it is best for
me to undergo the fatigues of the journey at my
age (80) which I feel perfectly sure I can, or
rest satisfied that the Government will do all
I could do by going.

I am writing you for a personal reply,
and trust I am not imposing.

Thanking you, and with sincere respect
and esteem, I am

Cordially yours

O. C. Osbyshell