

Boswell

(Surname.)

Ephram

(Christian name in full.)

4,016,644

(Army serial number.)

Pvt

Co C, 543 Engrs.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased *Father*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? *yes*

(Yes or no.)

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

(Yes or no.)

If  desire the remains interred at the home of the deceased, give full 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)

John L Boswell
Bagleys Mill Va.

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by PF

25-46

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Checked by jon

10-18-20

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G.R.S. Form #114-B

FULL NAME BOSWELL, Ephram

RANK Pvt.

SERIAL 4016644

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION Co.C, 543rd Engrs.

not Dir.

DATE OF DEATH *Oct 5/18* *7* *auth Agt 201-4-2-28*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *ja*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED:

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION

Date 23 Grave 12 Row A Block

Suresnes, #34
Cemetery

REC'D WORLD WAR DIV.
1 AUG 28

1 V-1g-1-217

AG 201 Boswell, Ephram (WW)

April 2, 1928

Date of death

The Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

An investigation recently completed by this office in the case of Ephram Boswell, Army serial number 4,016,644, Private, Company C, 543rd Engineers, who was reported to have died October 5, 1918, from broncho pneumonia, shows that the report is erroneous and that this soldier died October 7, 1918, of broncho pneumonia.

By order of the Secretary of War:

J. N. Dalton

Adjutant General.

AG DIV
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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Doswell
Boswell, **4016644**, **Ephran**
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Pvt. Co. C, 543rd Engineers
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: **Base Hospital No. 6**

CAUSE OF DEATH: **Broncho Pneumonia**

DATE OF BURIAL: **October 8, 1918**

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

Cemetery No. 25, Talence, France

Section B

GRAVE NUMBER: **258**

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?.....Cross?.....

Headboard? **yes**..... Bottle?.....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?..... **yes**.....

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: **John Boswell**

ADDRESS: **Sagloy Mills, Virginia**

RELATIONSHIP: **Father**

REPORTED BY: *G. W. Everberg*
and Lieut. G. W. Everberg, Q.M., U.S.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

This portion to be forwarded to Central Records Office, A. G. O., A. E. F.

GRAVE

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ADDRESS: Bagley Mills, Virginia

RELATIONSHIP: Father

REPORTED BY:

2nd Lieut. G. W. Everberg, Q.M., U.S.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

12 OCT 1918

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

File

FILE: 293.8 C-R

Sept. 22, 1922.

#30593

SUBJECT: Permanent Grave Location of

Pvt. Ephram Boswell,
Company C, 543rd Engineers.

TO:

Mr. John Boswell, Bagleys Mills, Va.

1. The permanent grave of this soldier is No. Row
23, 12,
Block
A, Suresnes American Cemetery at Suresnes, Department of
Seine, France. .
2. This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries
to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be
marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name,
rank, organization and date of soldier's death. The headstones will
be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in
progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action
or request on the part of relatives.
3. In effecting removal, the utmost care and reverence were
exacted and more than willingly accorded by those performing this
sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually main-
tained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting
place of our heroes.

For the Quartermaster General:

MAILED

SEP 22 1922
GEORGE H. PENROSE,
Assistant.

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G.R.S.

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DATE 10/25/21

1. NAME Boswell, Ephram SERIAL No. 4016644

RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Co.C.543rd Engrs.

GRAVE LOCATION Talence (Gironde) 25
CTY. NAME NUMBER

258 - Sec.B

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 258 Sect. B Talence Gironde
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES

CONCENTRATED TO Oct. 8, 1918 258 Sect. B
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Talence 258 (Section)
CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR W. R. Nichols W. R. NICHOLS
Major, C. A. C.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 10/25/21 23 12 A
DATE GRAVE ROW Block PLOT

Suresnes American Cty # 34 Suresnes Seine
CEMETERY

AUDITED BY
SIB 8/29/27
FR

Place Talence # 25,
Date Sept. 8, 1921.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF BOSWELL, Ephram SERIAL NUMBER 4016644
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. C, 543rd Eng.

2. Disinterred (date): Sept. 8, 1921 From (give complete location): Gr. 258., Sec. B.
By: Group 3 Unit Sec. 7.

3. Reburied (date): October 25th, 1921. In (give complete location): Suresnes Cemetery. - Block A - Row 12 - Grave 23.
By: Group Field Operations Branch Unit Metal Casket Nature of reburial and Blanket.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
Wooden box. Uniform. Badly decomposed.
Features not recognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? Yes
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
Body tag reads: "BOSWELL, Ephram", rest checks.

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

- (a) Height (actual measurement) Indiscernable
- (b) Weight (estimated) due to decomposition.
- (c) Hair—Color None visible.
Quantity None.
Characteristics None.
- (d) Hair on face—Color None visible.
Location None.
Quantity None.
- (e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) None.

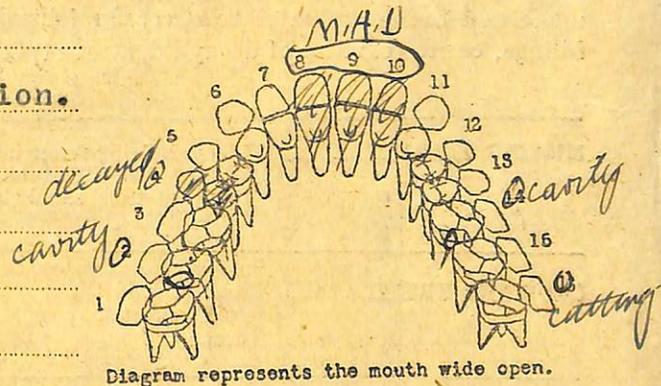
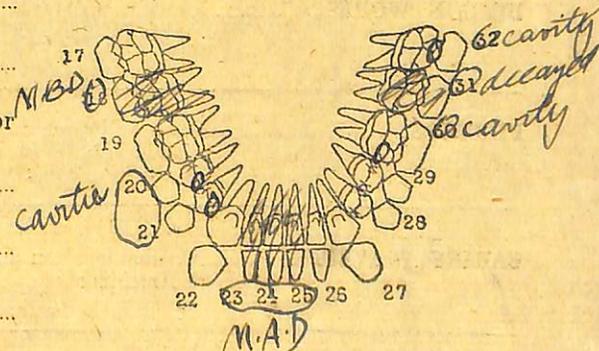


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) None.

I. R. Knasin, Checker.

7. Disinterment supervised by B. F. Fair Approved: O. E. Davis
llw B. F. FAIR, Sup. Emb. (Title) O. E. DAVIS,

8. Reburial supervised by R. G. Richards Approved: R. P. Harbold
R. G. RICHARDS, (Title) R. P. HARBOLD,
1st Lieut. Q.M.C. Major, Q.M.C.

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EPHRAM

BOSWELL

4016644

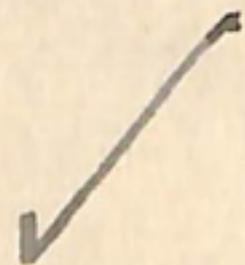
Pvt. Co. C

543rd

ENG.

BLOCK

A



Row 12

GR

23

1387

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-1856

32. Designation of body:

Name Boswell, Ephrem Serial No. 4016644
Rank Pvt Organization Co.C.543rd Eng.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery SURESNES AMERICAN CEMETERY #34

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Sept. 8, 1921 By B.F. FAIR

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 O.E. DAVIS, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

36. Remarks None.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Sept. 8, 1921.

To point of Concentration Bassens, (Gironde)

Convoyer Jack Roberts Signature Shipping Officer S.D. CAMPBELL, Capt., Q.M.C.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date SEPT 19 21

By G.R.S. Representative W.R. NICHOLS Major C. A. C.

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Oct 14 1921

39 (a) Received ^{at} from Paris Morgue, October 17, 1921. H. L. WARD, Major, Q.M.C.

Shipped from Paris Morgue, 25 OCT 1921 1921. To Permanent Cemetery No. 34, American, Suresnes (Seine) by Shipping Officer, H. L. WARD, Major, Q.M.C. Convoyed by:

43. P Block A. Row 12.

G.R.S. Representative R. G. RICHARDS, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **C-1856**

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Name **Boswell, Ephrem** Serial No. **4016644**
Rank **Pvt** Organization **Co. C. 543rd Eng.**

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Signature of G.R.S. Inspector *O. E. Davis*
O. E. DAVIS, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

36. Remarks **None.**

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) **Sept. 8, 1921.**

To point of Concentration **Bassens, (Gironde)**

Convoyer **Jack Roberts** Signature Shipping Officer *S. D. Campbell*
S. D. CAMPBELL, Capt., Q.M.C.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date **SEPT 19 21**

By G.R.S. Representative *W. R. Nichols*
W. R. NICHOLS
Major C. A. C.

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date **Oct 14 1921**

Permanent Cemetery **Paris Morgue**

Convoyer **Jack Roberts** Signature Shipping Officer *W. R. Nichols*

Received: Date **October 25th, 1921.**

G.R.S. Representative *R. G. Richards*
R. G. RICHARDS, 1st Lieut. Q.M.C.

Interred **Suresnes Cemetery.** **October 25th, 1921.**

Grave No. **23.** (Date) Section

43. ~~Block~~ **Block** **A.** Row **12.**

G.R.S. Representative *R. G. Richards*
R. G. RICHARDS,
1st Lieut. Q.M.C.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File No. 30593

1. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BOSWELL, Ephram Ser. No. 4016644) TYP. EMI
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. C. 543rd Engrs.) CKR. EM
 (d) Cause)
 (c) Date of death 10-5-18 of death Broncho Pneumonia)

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

(a) Grave No. 258 Row - - Plot - - Sect. "B") TYP. HDP
 (b) Emerg. Address John Boswell, (Father) Bagley Mills, Va.

111. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; No Card) CKR W.D.

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD: Date of receipt none

(a) Name John L. Boswell (b) Relationship Father
 (c) Address Bagley's Mill, Va
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? yes
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at yes
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U.S. -

SEE SUSPENSION REMARKS

(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U.S. -

Examiner's Initials _____ Date _____ 1920

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

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

No correspondence

Examiner's Initials ewe Date 4-26- 1920

VI. G.R.S. Files - Correspondence - shows as follows: No request

for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes - aa

Examiner's Initials aa Date 4-26- 1920

Checked by John
10-18-20

*3/14/22 Examined
22 Examined
For Centralization
Surrendered 34
a.g. 3/3/22*

X

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To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept. 8, 1921.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT, AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name Boswell, Ephram 10. Name BOSWELL, Ephram
 2. No. 4016644 11. No. _____
 3. Rank Pvt. 12. Rank _____
 4. Org. Co. C. 543rd Eng 13. Org. _____
 5. D.D. 10.5 14. (a) D.D. _____
 6. C.D. DOD (b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 258 Sec. B 15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
 8. Plot _____ Row _____ 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 9. _____ 17. No discrepancy;

18. Cemetery American 19. Commune or town Talence20. Dept. or County Gironde 21. Country _____22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 2523. Disinterred (Date) Sept. 8, 1921 By B. F. FAIR

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name BOSWELL, Ephram Serial No. 4016644Rank Pvt. Organization Co. C., 543rd Eng.25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes On body? Yes

L. R. Knasien
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant

L. R. KNAS IEN.

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).

Body tag discrepancies, noted.27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features not recognizable.28. Nature of burial Wooden box. Uniform.29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? Body tag read: - Boswell, Ephram30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Sept. 8, 1921 By B. F. FAIR31. Casket sealed by B. F. FAIR

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

B. F. FAIR.

VII. G. R. S. FORM No. 114 made April 27th, 1920

Typed by HJM, Checked by HD, April 27th 1920

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by- (cable on _____, 1920
(letter on MAY 7, 1920

Par. #1 To be returned. MB 10-19-20

IX. CORRECTIONS

| CHANGE OF ADVICE | ACTION TAKEN |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Desires body be | |
| Body to be shipped to | |
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X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*Form 120, 5-18-20, from John L. Bonnell, ^{father} nearest
of kin, requests body to remain in Europe.
Cable 6/5/20 - France - Body to remain. ^{CS.} 6/11/20 S.
Cable "468, Par #2, 6/7/20, "Do not return." ^{JP.} 4/25/21
_{act.}*

2.6-9-20

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

25--46

MAY 4 1920

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.
TO: John Boswell, Bagley Mills, Va.
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Ephram Boswell

Rush Answer

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body be returned to the U. S.

Shipped to- Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia

Remain in Europe

body to remain
6/5/20
STB

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

*Mother
7/11/20
6/1/20*

| NAME OF | NO. & STREET | TOWN | STATE |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-------|
| Ephram | Boswell | | Va |
| Soldier's Widow | no | | |
| Soldier's Children | 1. | | |
| (Name oldest first) | 2. no | | |
| | 3. | | |
| Father | John L. Boswell | | |
| Mother | Nancy Boswell | | |
| Brothers | 1. | | |
| (Name oldest first) | 2. John W. Boswell | | |
| Sisters | Gertie L. Taylor | | |
| Date | May 13 th 19.20. | Signature | |
| Address | | Relationship | |

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

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

Dear Sir.

in answer to this I did tell you that you could bring my son Ephraim Boswell to the Cemetery you perchast in the U. S. as I understood you was planning to bring all the dead bodies over, but really I am not particular about the body being taken from France this is from John G. Boswell, father of Ephraim Boswell.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT

1. This paper MUST be signed by the person who is the NEXT of kin in the order shown in the square on other side of this sheet.
2. This paper must be returned showing the names and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
3. 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.
4. If YOU are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
5. 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.
6. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
7. Use the enclosed envelope - pay no postage.

1. G.R.S. Form 1.

Hq. G.R.S. File

2. Soldier's No.

30573
4016644

3. Surname

First Name and Initials

4. Rank

Company

Regt. or Corps

5. Date of Death

Cause, if known

6. Date of Burial

Cemetery

7. Town or Commune

Department

8. Grave No.

Plot No. or Letter

9. Name Peg? Cross? Headboard? Bottle?
Check Method of Marking

10. Buried with Body? Attached to Grave Marker?
Identification Tags

11. If name unknown and tags missing, give marks and description

12. Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

13. Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed

Group Unit A G.R.S.

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29 Oct 1918

Boswell Ephraim

Private E 543 Aug

Oct-7-1918

Oct-8-1918 A&E 7, 25

Salame Giroude

258 - Section B

Sgt E E Morris

CODE SLIP



| HEADING | SUB-HEADING | NO. OF COLS | CODE |
|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------|------------|
| NAME <i>Boswell</i> | <i>BOS</i> | 3 | <i>259</i> |
| <i>Ephram</i> | CEMETERY <i>34</i> | 1 | <i>6</i> |
| BURIED | GRAVE <i>23</i> | 2 | <i>23</i> |
| | ROW <i>12</i> | 2 | <i>12</i> |
| | BLOCK <i>6</i> | 1 | <i>1</i> |
| STATE | <i>Va</i> | 2 | <i>54</i> |
| RANK | <i>Pvt</i> | 1 | <i>2</i> |
| DIVISION | <i>Engns</i> | 2 | <i>49</i> |
| ORGANIZATION | <i>543</i> | 3 | <i>543</i> |
| ARM | <i>Engns Regt</i> | 1 | <i>1</i> |
| MARTIAL (<i>Father</i>) | <i>No</i> | 1 | <i>2</i> |
| NAME <i>Boswell,</i> | | 3 | |
| <i>John</i> | STATE | 2 | |
| <i>Bagley Mills, Va.</i> | COUNTY | 2 | |
| RESIDENCE | CITY | 3 | |
| RELATION <i>no son</i> | <i>mother</i> | 1 | <i>1</i> |
| OTHER <i>no</i> | | 1 | |
| ELIGIBILITY | <i>Head</i> | 1 | <i>6</i> |
| NATIVITY | | 1 | |
| RACE | <i>BLACK</i> | 1 | <i>2</i> |
| ENGLISH | | 1 | |
| ATTENDANT | | 1 | |
| HEALTH | | 1 | |
| NO. OF SONS | | 1 | |
| DATE OF | MO. | 1 | |
| TRIP | YR. | 1 | |
| ACCEPTANCE | | 1 | |

AUDITED

SEP 22 1932

RB

RM

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Boswell, Ephram - 34 F

July 8, 1930.

Mr. John Boswell,
Bagleys Mills, Virginia.

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Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

This office has no record of any person entitled under the Act mentioned to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe as the mother or widow of the above named deceased service man. To complete the list of eligibles and to assure that, if the above named man is survived by a mother or widow entitled to make a pilgrimage she receive an invitation to do so, it is requested you answer the following questions in the space provided on this letter and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

| | |
|---|------------------|
| 1. Is the deceased survived by a mother? If so, give her name and address: | <i>no Mother</i> |
| 2. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not remarried? If so, give her name and address: | <i>no widow</i> |
| 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: | <i>no woman</i> |

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:
Envelope
Act
Amendment

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Boswell, Ephram
34

August 9, 1929

Mr. John Boswell,
Bagleys Mills,
Virginia.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated **May 6, 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:

*He was never
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.

*His mother is dead
no mother at all.*

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 P. Harris
JOHN P. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Boswell, Ephram

May 6, 1929.

Mr. John Boswell,
Bagleys Mills,
Virginia.

Dear Sir:

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 father of the late Private Ephram Boswell, Company C, 543rd Engineers, whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Sein, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Boswell, Ephram - 34 F

July 8, 1930.

Mr. John Boswell,
Bagleys Mills, Virginia.

Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

This office has no record of any person entitled under the Act mentioned to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe as the mother or widow of the above named deceased service man. To complete the list of eligibles and to assure that, if the above named man is survived by a mother or widow entitled to make a pilgrimage she receive an invitation to do so, it is requested you answer the following questions in the space provided on this letter and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

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

If so, give her name and address:

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:

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:
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Amendment

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Boswell, Ephram
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August 9, 1929

Mr. John Boswell,
Bagleys Mills,
Virginia.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated ^{May 6, 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,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Boswell, Ephraim

May 6, 1929.

Mr. John Boswell,
Bagleys Mills,
Virginia.

Dear Sir:

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 father of the late Private Ephraim Boswell, Company C, 543rd Engineers, whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Sein, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QI 293 A-C
(Europe)

April 19, 1928.

Subject: Change date of death.

To: The Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe, 20 rue Molitor, Paris, France.

1. It is requested that the headstone listing be changed and the inscription recut on the following case:

Ephram Boswell - Pvt. - 548 Ingrs. - Virginia -
Oct. 7, 1918. Grave 23, Row 12, Block A, Cty. 54.

2. Adjust all records accordingly.

By order of The Quartermaster General:



K. J. HAMPTON
Lt. Colonel, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

293.68 Suresnes Cemetery. 1st Ind.
Hdqs., American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe, 20, rue Molitor,
Paris, France, May 12, 1928. To: The Quartermaster General of the Army,
Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

Receipt acknowledged and above instructions will be complied with.



[Signature]
F. W. Van Dyne,
Colonel, Q.M. Corps,
Chief.

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293 Boswell, Ephram

QM 293 A-C (Boswell, Ephram) 1st Ind.
War Department, OQMG, Washington, March 9, 1928 - To Director, U. S.
Veterans Bureau, Washington, D. C.

1. The records of this office show that the remains of the late Private Ephram Boswell, Company C, 543rd Engineers, who died in France on October 5, 1918, were permanently interred in Grave #23, Row #12, Block #4, American Cemetery at Suresnes, Seine, France, on October 25, 1921. All expenses in connection therewith were borne by the War Department.

For The Quartermaster General:

K. J. HAMPTON,
Lt. Col., Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON

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IN REPLY
REFER TO

AG 201 Boswell, Ephram (WW)

April 2, 1928

SUBJECT: Date of death

To:

The Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

An investigation recently completed by this office in the case of Ephram Boswell, Army serial number 4,016,644, Private, Company C, 543rd Engineers, who was reported to have died October 5, 1918, from broncho pneumonia, shows that the report is erroneous and that this soldier died October 7, 1918, of broncho pneumonia.

By order of the Secretary of War:

Joe M. Dalton
Adjutant General.

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February 29, 1928.

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Chief Clerk's Division, Index Sub-Division
Quarter Master General's Office, Cemeterial Division
BOSWELL, Ephram XC-102 720 (Deceased) Pvt. Co. C, 543rd Engrs.

Records on file in this office contain the information that the above named man enlisted July 30, 1918, was assigned serial number 4,016,644 and that his death occurred October 7, 1918, in France. It is requested that this office be furnished a report which sets forth the facts regarding the return of the body of this deceased veteran.



W. C. BLACK,
Chief Clerk.