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Please Rush

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
GENERAL DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION.

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

Bouchelle, H.P., 2nd Lt.

418--7

9/2/20

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

C-78708

Ry. Trans. Corps

Date of Death 9/10/18

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE

Sept. 9, 1920

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Mrs. Cora Bouchelle Hendricks

Widow

Address:

805 Rosselle St., Jacksonville, Fla.

FILE  
Washington  
Mark on Form No. 115  
J.C.





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805-Russell St.

DEC 3 1920 OVERSEAS ADVISED

By proposed cable #170 not to disturb body. S.W.

Jacksonville  
Nov. 10/1920.

Major Chas C Purce

In reply to your

request of Oct 7<sup>th</sup> as to the final disposition of remains of Lt. A. P. Burchelle will pay as legal guardian of minor children of the above that it is their wish for the remains stay where it now lies. Sincerely,

(Mrs) Cora Burchelle

Lt. Genl  
Louis J. Burchelle  
and  
Edna Burchelle

enc

Copy sent to [unclear]  
Date 11-20-20

Recorded  
Cemeterial Div., O. O. M. G.  
File # 2437  
# 32-610

3350 Burchelle, D.

Noted on Form No. 118  
Date 11-20-20

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Capt. Chas. C. Pierce  
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:-

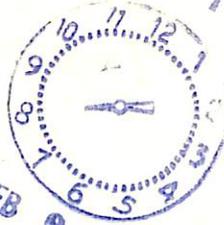
In behalf of our sons  
Louis and Edwin Burchelle  
wish to express our appreciation  
for the purchase of the last  
year's share of their father  
St. H. O. Burchelle. We shall  
always feel grateful to "The  
American Red Cross" for this  
kindness.

Respectfully

Mrs. Cora Burchelle Hendrix

855 Roselle St.  
Jacksonville  
Fla.

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FEB 9 1921  
G. H. S.

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**GRAVE LOCATION BLANK**

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bouchell H.P.  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

2nd Lieutenant, Army Transport Serv.  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL. September 12, 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL. St. Pierre Cemetery

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

Marseille (Bouches-du-Rhone)

Military Concession

Carre 4

Tranchee 117

GRAVE NUMBER. Biquet 15

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

Headboard?..... Bottle?.....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? ~~XXX~~ No

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

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

418

REPORTED BY: Francis P. Joyce, Chaplain

Francis P. Joyce,  
Chaplain, Base 6.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

18 SEP 1918

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Bouchello, H. P.

Second Lieutenant, A. T. S.

DB. 9/12/18. DD. 9/10/18

Buried: St. Pierre Cemetery,  
Marseille.

Carre 4, Tranche 117, Piquet 15

PD. Brit. Hosp. #81

4/18

391

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Beuchelle, H P

2nd Lieut A T S

Buried 9-12-18

St Pierre Cemetery Marseille

Square 4 Trench 117 Stake 15

418

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON

Sept. 15, 1925.

MEMORANDUM TO Cemeterial Div.

Please rewrite the attached letter, referring to the Lieut. first and then the Private.



VAN DUYNÉ

J. O. R.

1130

SEP 15 1925

#418

Bouchelle

(Surname.)

Horace P.

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

2d Lt.

~~7 Aviation Instr Center~~  
(Rank and organization.)

*1st Trans. Corps*

State your relationship to the deceased

*Intended Wife*

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 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:

*Bertha Moody*

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

*117 N. 20th St*

*Philadelphia*

*Pa.*

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

*Mrs Bertha Moody*  
*117 N 20th St Phila Pa.*

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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drawn by Q

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In Case # 418



DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON



The Secretary of State presents his compliments to  
the Honorable the Secretary of War and has the honor to  
transmit the enclosed commission for consideration  
and such action as may be required.



APR 23 1926



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

DATE February 8, 1930.

NAME RANK SERIAL ORGANIZATION DATE OF DEATH  
BOUCHELLE, Horace P. 2nd Lt. Officer Ry. Trans. Corps. 9/10/18.

STATE Virginia CTY. NO. 1764 GRAVE 36 ROW 7 BLOCK B

		<u>Check relationship</u>	<u>Living - Deceased</u>	
	MOTHER	:	:	<i>Wife, Re. m.</i>
	STEPMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:	<i>Gen of children</i>
NAME	MOTHER THRU ADOPTION	:	:	<i>Cora Bouchelle Hendricks</i>
AND	(For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:	<i>805 Russell St</i>
ADDRESS	MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS	:	:	<i>Jacksonville</i>
	(For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:	<i>Fla.</i>
	WIDOW	:	:	
	( <del>Who has not</del> remarried)	:	:	
	<i>married man</i>	:	:	

Veterans Bureau Claim Number                       
29/156

*C 78708*

*2/12*

ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO  
THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to  
FA-851.123311/49

July 22, 1926.

The Secretary of State presents his compliments to  
the Honorable the Secretary of War and has the honor to  
transmit the enclosed communication for consideration  
and such action as may be required.



ASSISTANT AND CHIEF CLERK  
JUL 23 1926  
WAR DEPT.

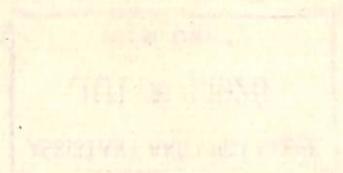
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293  
*Bonville, Honoree*

*H. C. [unclear]*



JUL 26 1926



the Secretary of State has the honor to  
acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the  
24th inst. and in reply to inform you that  
the same has been forwarded to the  
proper authorities for their consideration.



MISSOURI  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Lieut. Horace Pierre Bouc helle  
Railroad Transportation Corp  
in Marseille on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>.  
I am very anxious to get  
his remains, and as soon  
as it can be arranged.  
Will you kindly advise  
me what steps to take  
to secure same.

I am,

Very Respt  
(Mrs) Beulah Morley  
911 Reservoir St

RECEIVED  
DEC 14 1918  
MICHAEL BARR

Received A.G.O. DEC 14 1918

4  
Barrick



NOTED-C. OF S.



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OFFICE CHIEF OF STAFF  
REC'D DEC 13 1918

Wolfe, Va.

Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> 1918.

Gen. Peyton Marsh,  
Commander of N.S.A.  
So War Dept.

Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have received official  
notice of the death of 2<sup>nd</sup>

24, 293.8  
Barrick, Horace  
695  
Barrick - new letter

Letter to writer  
12-16-18

FILE  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ Sig. \_\_\_\_\_

12-9-1  
MAY

FROM: C. W. M. G.  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
Munitions Building  
Room 1131

PLEASE  
EXPEDITE

Investigation and Adjustment Department  
WAR DEPARTMENT Investigation Unit  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE  
WASHINGTON

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

3 2610  
Date August 9, 1920

File No. Registration.

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

FILE

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

- a. Surname Bouchelle ✓ f. Date of death 9-10-18 ✓  
b. Christian name Horace P. *H.P.* g. Cause of death Accidentally killed, Head struck by truck. ✓  
c. Serial number h. Authority (C.C.#) 287 ✓  
b. Organization Railway Transportation Emergency address Mrs. Bertha ✓  
Corps Moody, 306 Franklin Avenue,  
e. Rank 2nd Lieut. ✓ j. Relationship Norfolk, Va. ✓  
Friend. ✓

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

SPECIAL

H. L. ROGERS,  
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.,  
Director of Purchase and Storage.

BY:

*H. J. Conner*  
H. J. CONNER,  
Captain, Q.M.C.

Return to  
Mr. Dorsch.

8/11/20 Donnelly, M.C.K., Serv. Sec., #343 9

G.R.S. Form #114-B

CAUSE OF DEATH

*accidental death (fracture skull)*

FULL NAME.....BOUCHELLE, Horace P.....

RANK.....2nd Lt. *Py Trans Corps*.....SERIAL.....*Officers*

*OK 9806-10-27*

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION.....Railway Trans. Corps.....

*Now Divisional*

DATE OF DEATH.....9-10-18.....

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME.....*va.*.....

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED.....*None*.....

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION.....8-11-1926.....36.....7.....B.....  
Date Grave Row Block

1764

1710

Cemetery

*5/14/27*

A. G. O.  
MAY 9 1927  
WORLD WAR DIV.

27/86/-

*11522 418*  
*ADMITTED*

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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bouchell H.P.  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

2nd Lieutenant, Army Transport Serv.  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL. September 12, 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL. St. Pierre Cemetery

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

Marseille (Bouches-du-Rhone)

Military Concession

Carre 4

Tranchee 117

GRAVE NUMBER. Piquet 15

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

Headboard?..... Bottle?.....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes No

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

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

.....  
.....

Francis P. Joyce, Chaplain

REPORTED BY: Francis P. Joyce,  
Chaplain, Base 6  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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STATE DEPARTMENT  
SEP 15 1918

Received  
A. G. O.  
15 SEP 1918  
G. H. O. A. R. R.

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CENTRAL RECORDS OFFICE  
17 SEP. 1918

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
WASHINGTON

File No.

October 7, 1920.

File No. 293.8 Reg.Sec.Cem.Div.  
(BOUCHELLE, H. P. )

Mrs. Cora Bouchelle Hendricks,  
805 Rasselle St.,  
Jacksonville, Fla.

Dear Madam:-

It is requested that you secure the wishes of the legal guardian of the children of late Second Lieutenant H. P. Bouchelle, in regard to final disposition of the remains, stating whether they desire the body returned to the United States and shipped to them, buried in the National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia or remain in Europe.

It will also be necessary for the legal guardian to furnish documentary evidence of their guardianship.

Your early reply will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

BY:

*Thos G Hanson*  
THOS. G. HANSON, Jr.,  
1st Lieut., Q.M.C.

OSP:SS  
(1 Encls.)

ADDRESS ONLY TO  
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
MUNITIONS BUILDING

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
WASHINGTON

File No.

October 7, 1910.

File No. 2328 Reg. Sec. Com. Div.  
(BOONVILLE, N. P.)

Mrs. Sara Borchelle Hendricks,  
305 Casselle St.,  
Jacksonville, Fla.

Dear Madam:-

It is requested that you secure the wishes of the legal guardian of the children of late Second Lieutenant H. P. Borchelle, in regard to final disposition of the remains, stating whether they desire the body returned to the United States and shipped to them, buried in the National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia or remain in Europe.

It will also be necessary for the legal guardian to furnish documentary evidence of their guardianship.

Your early reply will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. RICHMOND,  
Major, U.S. Army,  
Chief, Comptrol Division.

BY:

NOV 15 1910  
G. H. S.



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(1 hour.)

File Number 92610

Date 11-30-20

TO: REGISTRATION BRANCH, G. R. S.

FROM: INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME: *Bouchelle, H.P.* Serial Number  
RANK: *2nd Lt.* ORGANIZATION:

No.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with records?	<i>No. - Railway Transportation Corps.</i>
2.	Date of death.	<i>(2) 9-10-18 ✓</i>
3.	Cause and place of death.	<i>(3) Accidentally killed head struck by hook ✓</i>
4.	Number of casualty cablegram.	<i>(4) 287</i>
5.	Date buried.	<i>(5) 9-12-18</i>
6.	Grave location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of cemetery or commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	<i>(6) Grave 15, Square 4, Branch 117, St. Pierre (Str. Civilian) St. #418, <del>Pierre</del> Bouches-du-Rhone. ✓</i>
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G. R. S.?	
9.	Report as to grave marker.	<i>(10) I-yes</i>
10.	Identification tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	<i>(11) Mrs. Bertha Moody (friend) 306 Franklin Ave., Norfolk, Va.</i>
11.	Complete emergency address?	
12.	Has been notified? (Give date.)	<i>(12) 2-10-19</i>
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 number?	<i>(14) M-96</i>
15.	Inquiry made by.	

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

RELEASED BY INFORMATION CONTROL DEPARTMENT. *L.H.P.*  
 Confirmed. *RIK*  
 Unconfirmed.

298,8 - Bonshelle, Horace Pierre.  
Misc. Div.

December 15, 1918.

Mrs. Bertha Needy,  
911 Reservoir Avenue,  
Norfolk, Virginia.

Dear Madam:-

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of December 9, 1918, addressed to General March, relative to the returning to the United States of the body of Horace Pierre Bonshelle, and in response, to advise you as follows:-

The bodies of our soldiers and sailors who die abroad will be brought to this country, unless otherwise requested, at Government expense, when the conditions of transportation, etc., make it possible for this work to be begun. I regret that no definite statement can be made as to just when this will be, but due announcement will be made through the press.

Arrangements have been made with the French Government for the use of certain sections of the country as military cemeteries, and organizations have been formed, known as Grave Registration Units, whose duty it is to look after the temporary burial of our deceased soldiers in France, and the preservation of identification records, so that when the time comes for the transfer of the bodies to this country, there will be no question as to identity.

It is desired to express to the family of the deceased, the deep sympathy of the Department on account of the loss of their son, and to commend them for the great sacrifice and contribution they have made to the cause for which their boy gave his life.

Very truly yours,

J. C. Ashbourn

CFB.DIG.

FILE

Adjutant General.

Date 12-16-18 Sig. *lsk*



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

AUG 26 1920 *met*  
418 - 7 vfm

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.  
TO: Mrs. Bertha Moody, 117 N. 20th St., Philadelphia, Pa.  
SUBJECT: Remains of 2nd Lt. H. P. Bouchelle, Ser. No. - - - - Ry. Trans. Corps.

*Rush Answer.*

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body be returned to the United States and shipped to:

Bertha Moody, 117 N. 20th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

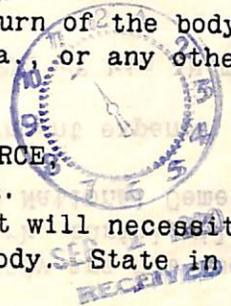
If these are not the correct instructions, please correct them. Make corrections on reverse side of this sheet.

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  
Major, U.S.A.

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			
Soldier's Children (Name oldest first)	1. 2. 3.		
Father			
Mother			
Brothers (Name oldest first)	1. 2. 3.		
Sisters (Name oldest first)	1. 2. 3.		

**DEC 3 1920 PROPOSED CABLEGRAM TO EUROPE BODY TO REMAIN Undisturbed**

*Mated on Form No. 115  
Date 9-10-20*

Date..... Signature.....

Address..... Relationship.....

IMPORTANT:- CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper. (OVER)

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 8/30 1920.

I, the undersigned, am the \_\_\_\_\_ 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).

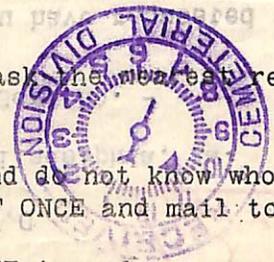
1. As stated on first page of this sheet.
2. To be returned to the U.S. and shipped to \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(R.R. Station) \_\_\_\_\_ (State)
3. To be returned to the U.S. and buried in \_\_\_\_\_ National Cemetery.
4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Signature *Bertha Murphy*

*To Remain in Europe for burial.*

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT

1. If definite instructions 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.



September 13, 1920.

File No: 293.8-Reg.Sec.Cem.Div.  
( Bouchelle, H. P.)

Mrs. Cora Bouchelle Hendricks,  
805 Roselle Street,  
Jacksonville, Fla.

Dear Madam:-

It is requested that you furnish this office with the least practicable delay the names and addresses of the nearest living relative in the following order: children, father, mother, brothers and sisters of late Second Lieutenant H. P. Bouchelle.

Your immediate reply will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

BY:

H. M. GWYNN,  
Major, Infantry.

OSP:SS  
1 Encls.

No. 1469

American Consulate

Marseille, France

Aug. 20, 1925

Subject: Graves at Marseille of Lieut. Horace P. Bouchelle and  
Pvt. Mose Roberts.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Washington.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that there exist at the St. Pierre Cty. at Marseille the graves of two former members of the American Expeditionary Forces. The grave of Lieut. Horace P. Bouchelle is recorded as being No. 15, Square 4, Tr. 117; while that of Pvt. Mose Roberts is No. 21, Square 5, Tr. 54. These graves are not in the special section of the cemetery in which the remains of British, Italian and other soldiers repose, but are set haphazard in the midst of the graves of French civilians in different parts of the poorer section of the cemetery. They are marked with plain wooden crosses whose condition promises to become unsightly in the not distant future; and they are not sodded or decorated with shrubs. In one case the earth has sunk, and in both cases there are no paths nearby so that visitors are apt to walk across the graves.

Correspondence undertaken by this Consulate with the American War Graves Registration Service at Paris, through the American Consulate General at Paris, has developed the fact that the relatives of these soldiers have released the Service from any responsibility, and have expressed the desire that the bodies be not moved. The Graves Registration Service at Paris does not possess the names and addresses of the relatives in question, but states that these names and addresses are in the possession of the Cemeterial Division of the Office of The Quartermaster General at Washington.

In view of the conditions outlined above, this Consulate would be glad to correspond with the relatives of the deceased soldiers, with a view to ascertaining what steps might be taken to provide for permanent headstones, and for such care of the graves as would insure them against presenting a discreditable appearance.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Wesley Frost  
American Consul

WF: JC

822.

Department of State  
Washington

In reply refer to  
FA-351.116 Am 32/11

Sept. 11, 1925.

The Secretary of State presents his compliments to the Honorable the Secretary of War and has the honor to enclose a copy of a despatch dated Aug. 20, 1925, from the American Consul at Marseille, France, relating to the graves of two former members of the American Expeditionary Force, Lieutenant Horace P. Bouchelle and Private Mosek Roberts, and requesting information concerning the names of the relatives of the deceased soldiers.

The Department would appreciate any information which the War Department may have in this regard, in order that the Consul at Marseille may be appropriately informed.

enclosure:

From Marseille, dated  
Aug. 20, 1925.

1st Ind.

EPM/jmn

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Hqrs. American G.R.S., Q.M.C., in Europe, 20 rue Molitor, Paris, November 19, 1924.  
To: The Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.

1. The enclosed letter dated November 4, 1924 with reference to the condition of three graves at Marseilles is forwarded, with the suggestion that relatives might be interested therein.

2. This office has record of three "Do Not Disturb" cases at Marseilles, the bodies being left in the St. Pierre (French Civilian) Cemetery #418, Marseilles, in accordance with instructions from your office. Names are as follows:

Bouchelle, H.P., 2nd Lieut., Rly. Trans. Corps,  
Roberts, Mose, Pvt., Co. D, 518th Engrs. Serv. Bn.,  
Simmons, F. Ronald, Capt., Unassd. Inf., N.A.

3. Copy of reply to writer enclosed.

1 encl.



*[Handwritten signature]*  
Wm. O. Smith,  
Chief.

293 Bouchelle, H.P.  
x 293 Roberts, Mose  
x 293 Simmons, F. Ronald

*[Handwritten scribbles]*



4-17-25  
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OO:MC

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CROSS INDEX

O. Q. M. G.

X Roberts, Mose, Pvt.

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QM 293 A-C

Bouchelle, Horace, P. Lt.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of State.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 20th, 1922, 74-351.116 in 32/11, inclosing a copy of a despatch dated August 20th, 1922, from the American Consul at Marseille, France, relating to the graves of two former members of the American Expeditionary Force, Lieutenant Horace P. Bouchelle and Private Mose Roberts, and requesting information concerning the names of the relatives of the deceased soldiers.

You are informed that Lieutenant Bouchelle is survived by a widow, Mrs. Cora Bouchelle Handricks, 832 Hennells St., Jacksonville, Florida, and Private Roberts by a father, Mr. Alex Roberts, Sterling, Georgia.

But for the insistence of these relatives to the contrary, these bodies would have been removed with those of the other American soldiers first buried there, to one of our permanent cemeteries where their graves would have had the perpetual care of this Government.

The War Department will furnish headstones for the graves of the deceased soldiers if some one in Marseille will agree to receive them at the dock if shipped by water, or freight station if shipped by rail, and properly erect them at the graves at a reasonable cost. If the American Consul will consent to supervise the work there, the stones will be gladly supplied and shipped to him.

No funds are available for the care of these graves. In connection with their request to leave the bodies where buried, the relatives were clearly advised that future care of the graves would be their charge, as is the case with burials in private, city and village cemeteries in this country.

Sincerely yours,

DEIGHT F. DAVIS,  
The Assistant Secretary of War.

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✓ X 293 Handricks, Cora Bouchelle Mrs.  
✓ X 293 Roberts, Mose

BM/jrm

November 19, 1921.

Mrs. Rene Nicolle,  
Chateau Beausejour,  
Vieille Chapelle,  
Marseille (Bouches-du-Rhone).

Dear Madam:

In reply to your letter of the 4th instant with reference to the graves of three American soldiers at Marseilles, you are informed that this office has a record of these three graves and, further, that in each case the nearest relative has requested that body be left buried where it is. As you probably know, the next of kin of each soldier who died in the World War had the option of either having the body returned to the United States, or concentrated to one of our permanent American cemeteries in Europe.

In a number of cases, however, the nearest relative decided that the remains should not be disinterred by this Service, they preferring to make private arrangements for care of the grave. In each instance they were required to formally release the United States Government from all care of the grave or responsibility therefor.

The three cases mentioned by you at Marseilles fall in the latter category.

This Service desires to thank you for your kind report on the matter and your letter has been forwarded to the office of the Quartermaster General at Washington, with request that the relatives be informed of conditions found by you.

Very truly yours,

Wm. O. Smith,  
Lieut. Col., C.M. Corps,  
Chief.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

The Honorable,

SEP 18 1925

The Secretary of State.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

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You are informed that Lieutenant Boushelle is survived by a widow, Mrs. Cora Boushelle Handricks, 805 Roselle St., Jacksonville, Florida, and Private Roberts by a father, Mr. Alex Roberts, Sterling, Georgia.

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Sincerely yours,

(Signed) DWIGHT F. DAVIS

DWIGHT F. DAVIS,  
The Assistant Secretary of War.

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COPY FOR THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to  
FA-351.116 Am 32/11

September 11, 1925.

The Secretary of State presents his compliments to the Honorable the Secretary of War and has the honor to enclose a copy of a despatch dated August 20, 1925, from the American Consul at Marseille, France, relating to the graves of two former members of the American Expeditionary Force, Lieutenant Horace P. Bouchelle and Private Mose Roberts, and requesting information concerning the names of the relatives of the deceased soldiers.

The Department would appreciate any information which the War Department may have in this regard, in order that the Consul at Marseille may be appropriately informed.



ASSISTANT AND CHIEF CLERK  
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Enclosure:  
From Marseille, dated  
August 20, 1925.

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Bouchelle, Horace P.  
Roberts, Mose

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QM 293 A-C  
Bouchelle, Horace, P.Lt.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of State.

SEP 18 1925

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Sincerely yours,

(Signed) DWIGHT F. DAVIS

DWIGHT F. DAVIS,  
The Assistant Secretary of War.

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ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO  
THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to  
FA-351.116 Am 32/13

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February 16, 1926.

ATTENTION: Graves Registration Service.

The Secretary of State presents his compliments  
to the Honorable the Secretary of War and has the  
honor to request an expression of his views upon the  
subject of the enclosed communication.

*293 Knoxville, Tenn*

ASSISTANT AND CHIEF CLERK  
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February 20, 1926.

QM 293 AC  
Bouchelle, Horace P.

Mrs. Cora B. Hendricks,  
805 Rosselle Street,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be advised that the American Consul at Marseille has transmitted a report to this office that the grave of Lieutenant Horace P. Bouchelle, in St. Pierre cemetery, Marseille, which was left undisturbed at your request, and for which you assumed the responsibility of care and maintenance, is in an area corresponding to the Potters' Field in American cemeteries and that the remains run a substantial risk of being exhumed and discarded in a few years.

The Consul further advises, that no care is being given the grave which is in a condition that provokes criticism of those responsible for the graves of our soldier dead. Under the circumstances, unless you can assure this office that immediate and effective steps will be taken to remedy the situation, the grave will be considered as abandoned by you and this office will proceed to remove the body to one of the permanent American cemeteries in France.

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Very truly yours,

L. W. REDINGTON,  
Major, Q. M. C.,  
Assistant.



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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 12, 1929.

Bouchelle, Horace P.

Mr. Edward Lee Bouchelle,  
805 Russell St.,  
Jacksonville, Fla.

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 **relative** of the late Second Lieutenant Horace P. Bouchelle, Railway Trans. Corps, whose remains are now interred in the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, Aisne, 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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Act of Congress.  
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QM 293 A-C  
(Bouchelle, Horace P)

April 23, 1926.

Mrs. Cora B. Hendricks,  
805 Rosselle Street,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be advised that no reply has been received to letter from this office, dated February 20, 1926, in which your attention was invited to the condition of the grave of the late Lieutenant Horace P. Bouchelle in the St. Pierre Cemetery, Marseille, France, which was left undisturbed at your request.

Consequently, the grave has been considered abandoned, and the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.G., in Europe, has been directed to make the necessary arrangements to recover the body of Lieutenant Bouchelle and rebury the remains in one of the permanent American cemeteries in France.

Very truly yours,

L. W. REDINGTON,  
Major, Q.M.G.,  
Assistant.

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QM 293 AC  
Bouchelle, H.P.  
Roberts, Mose

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Feb 24, 1926

The Honorable,  
The Secretary of State.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 16, 1926, (PA-351.116 Am 52/15) transmitting copy of a report from the American Consulate, Marseille, France, concerning the graves of Lieutenant Horace P. Bouchelle and Private Mose Roberts, in St. Pierre Cemetery, Marseille.

I am pleased to inform you that communications will be addressed immediately, to the nearest relatives of Lieutenant H. P. Bouchelle and Private Mose Roberts inviting their attention to conditions reported by the Consul, advising them that unless assurance can be given that proper steps will be taken, without delay, to care for and maintain the graves of these two American soldiers, this Department will consider the graves abandoned and take charge thereof, removing the burials to a suitable location in one of the permanent American Military Cemeteries in France.

In this connection, the records of this Department show a third burial, that of an American, Captain F. Ronald Simmons, Unassigned Infantry, U. S. A., in this cemetery. Any information the Consul at Marseille may be able to furnish as to the condition of this grave, will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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Secretary of War.

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QM 293 AC  
Bouchelle, H.P.  
Roberts, Mose

The Honorable,

The Secretary of State.

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Sincerely yours,

DWIGHT F. DAVIS

Secretary of War.

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The Honorable,

The Secretary of State.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 16, 1926, (74-551.116 Am 32/13) transmitting copy of a report from the American Consulate, Marseille, France, concerning the graves of Lieutenant Horace P. Bouchelle and Private Rose Roberts, in St. Pierre Cemetery, Marseille.

I am pleased to inform you that communications will be addressed immediately, to the nearest relatives of Lieutenant H. P. Bouchelle and Private Rose Roberts inviting their attention to conditions reported by the Consul, advising them that unless assurance can be given that proper steps will be taken, without delay, to care for and maintain the graves of these two American soldiers, this Department will consider the graves abandoned and take charge thereof, removing the burials to a suitable location in one of the permanent American Military Cemeteries in France.

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Sincerely yours,

DWIGHT F. DAVIS

Secretary of War.



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The Honorable,

The Secretary of State.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

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Sincerely yours,

DWIGHT F. DAVIS,

Secretary of War.

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ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO  
THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to  
FA-351.116 Am 32/13

February 16, 1926.

ATTENTION: Graves Registration Service.

The Secretary of State presents his compliments  
to the Honorable the Secretary of War and has the  
honor to request an expression of his views upon the  
subject of the enclosed communication.

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*293 Knoxville, Tennessee*



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The Honorable,

The Secretary of State.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 21, 1926, (PA-361,116 An 32/15), transmitting a communication from the American Consulate, Marseille, France, in regard to the graves of Lieutenant Horace P. Bouchelle and Private Mose Roberts in the St. Pierre Cemetery, Marseille.

I am pleased to advise you that, no reply having been received from the relatives to communications addressed to them inviting their attention to the conditions reported by the Consul, the Department considers the graves abandoned, and is this date authorizing the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.G., in Europe, to recover the bodies and rebury them in one of our permanent American cemeteries in France.

It is requested that the Consul be authorized to communicate with the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.G., in Europe, 20 rue Militaire, Paris, direct, in regard to the matter.

Sincerely yours,

DWIGHT F. DAVIS

Secretary of War.



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November 21, 1921.

295.8 G-R-32610, Bouchelle, H.P. Cty. 418-7.

**FROM:** The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Cemeterial Division).  
**TO:** Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.  
**SUBJECT:** Supplementary advice on St. Pierre (French Civilian) Cemetery, #418, Marseille, Bouches-du-Rhone, France.

1. Reference paragraph 1, office letter of August 21st, 1920 (File No. 418 Reg. Sec., Cem. Div.), also our cablegram #643 paragraph 3-3, the remains of the deceased officer named below are to be left undisturbed.

Cable  
Ref. No.

7. Bouchelle, H.P., 2nd Lieut., Ry. Trans. Corps.

2. Mrs. Cora Bouchelle Hendricks, wife, of 805 Roselle Street, Jacksonville, Fla., has formally released the United States Government from the care of said grave and accepted the same, in full, herself.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

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

#32610

November 9, 1921.

293, 8-Cem, #32610 (Bouchelle, H.P., 2nd Lt.)Cty.418-Sht.7

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

Mrs. Cora Bouchelle Hendricks, 805 Rosselle St., Jacksonville, Florida.

Acknowledgement of Release.

File 11/9/21 abs.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of Graves Registration Service Release, Form 123, executed by you under date of November 2, 1921, whereby you agree to assume the future care and maintenance of the grave of your husband, the late 2nd Lieutenant H. P. Bouchelle, Railway Transportation Corps.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

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

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Noted on Form 113  
Date 11-9-21-abb

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O. Q. M. G.

October 29, 1921.

293.8 Cem. #32610 (Bouchelle, H. P., 2nd Lieutenant) Cty. 418 - Sht. 7.

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

Mrs. Cora Bouchelle Hendricks, 805 Rosselle St., Jacksonville, Fla.

Permanent burial in France.

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1. Referring to the case of the late 2nd Lieutenant H. P. Bouchelle, Ry. Transportation Corps, it is requested that you execute and return to this office with the least possible delay the enclosed affidavit of release, thereby relieving the United States Government of the future care of the grave of this officer, inasmuch as you have requested that the body remain undisturbed in its present grave location in Grave #15, Square #4, Trench #117, St. Pierre Cemetery at Marseille, Department of Bouches, du Rhone.

2. This is in accordance with the policy adopted of requiring relatives who select a burial place outside the cemeteries designated for permanent retention to assume the future care of the grave, thus placing them in the same status as those relatives who have requested the remains returned for burial outside the national cemeteries in this country.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

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

Noted on Form 115  
Date 11-9-21 - aab

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✓ (Bouchelle, Horace P)  
+292 (Roberts, Mose)

The Honorable,

The Secretary of State.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

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I am pleased to advise you that, no reply having been received from the relatives to communications addressed to them inviting their attention to the conditions reported by the Consul, the Department considers the graves abandoned, and is this date authorizing the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe, to recover the bodies and rebury them in one of our permanent American cemeteries in France.

It is requested that the Consul be authorized to communicate with the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe, 20 rue Militair, Paris, direct, in regard to the matter.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary of War.

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B QM 293 A-C  
(Bouchelle, Horace P)  
(Roberts, Mose)

April 23, 1926.

**SUBJECT:** Reburials into permanent cemetery in France.

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

1. This office is in receipt of a complaint from the American Consul at Marseille, France, through the State Department, that the "Do Not Disturb" graves of Lieutenant Horace P. Bouchelle and Private Mose Roberts in the St. Pierre Cemetery, Marseille, are in an area corresponding to a "Pottere Field" in an American cemetery, and that there is substantial risk of the bodies being exhumed and discarded in the course of a few years.

2. This office has communicated with the relatives in regard to the conditions reported by the Consul, under date of February 20, 1926, but has received no reply. Accordingly, the Department considers the graves abandoned, and you are authorized to make the necessary arrangements to recover the bodies and rebury them in one of the permanent cemeteries in France, as soon as the funds of your allotment permit.

3. It is desired that you communicate direct with the Honorable Wesley Frost, American Consul, American Consulate, Marseille, France, in regard to the matter.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

L. W. REDINGTON,  
Major, Q.M.C.,  
Assistant.

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NAME <i>Hendricks</i>		3	
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<i>805 Russell St.</i>	COUNTY	2	
<i>Jacksonville, Fla.</i>	CITY	3	
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Bouchelle, Horace P AM

September 12, 1932.

Mrs. Cora Bouchelle Hendricks,  
805 Russell Street,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

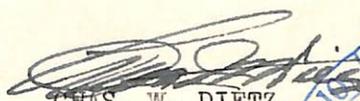
Dear Madam:

This office is making an earnest endeavor to communicate with all women who may be eligible to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

It is therefore requested that you advise whether or not the late Lieutenant Horace P. Bouchelle is survived by a stepmother, and if so, her name and address and date of her marriage to his father. In the event the father is deceased, kindly furnish the date of his death.

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

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:  
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The father of H. H. Bouchelle died during November 1918, his mother died during 1910. There were no step-parents.

Lewis H. Bouchelle

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bouchelle, Horace P. - 1764 Gdn

July 8, 1930.

Mrs. Cora Bouchelle Hendricks,  
805 Russell St.,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Madam;

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:

No

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

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:

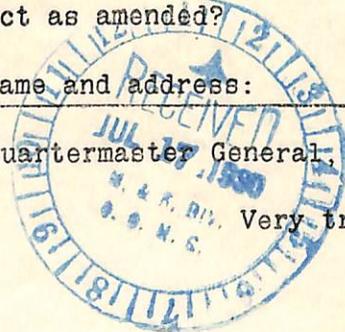
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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment

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



QM 293 A-M  
Bouchelle, Horace P AM

September 12, 1932.

Mrs. Cora Bouchelle Hendricks,  
805 Russell Street,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Madam:

This office is making an earnest endeavor to communicate with all women who may be eligible to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

It is therefore requested that you advise whether or not the late Lieutenant Horace P. Bouchelle is survived by a stepmother, and if so, her name and address and date of her marriage to his father. In the event the father is deceased, kindly furnish the date of his death.

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

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

July 8, 1930.

Bouchelle, Horace P. - 1764 Gdn

Mrs. Cora Bouchelle Hendricks,  
805 Russell St.,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 16, 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:  
Envelope  
Act  
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

Bouchelle, Horace P.  
1764

Aug. 22, 1929.

Mr. Edward Lee Bouchelle,  
805 Russell St.,  
Jacksonville, Fla.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 12, 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 12, 1929.

Bouchelle, Horace P.

Mr. Edward Lee Bouchelle,  
805 Russell St.  
Jacksonville, Fla.

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 **relative** of the late Second Lieutenant Horace P. Bouchelle, Railway Trans. Corps, whose remains are now interred in the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, Aisne, 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.  
Envelope.

HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE Q.M.C., IN EUROPE  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE SERVICE.  
20 RUE MOLITOR

IN REPLYING  
PLEASE ADDRESS:  
CHIEF, AMERICAN GRAVES  
REGISTRATION SERVICE.

FILE NO. 293 Bouchelle, Horace P.  
X-293 Roberts, Mose.

PARIS, FRANCE  
August 14, 1926.

Subject: Reburial of remains.

To: The Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.

1. Reference letter your office dated April 23, 1926, (File QM 293 A-C Bouchelle, Horace P. - Roberts, Mose), forwarded herewith are G.R.S. Forms 114-A, 16-A and 1-A covering permanent concentration of the remains of the following casualties in the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery:-

Bouchelle, Horace P., 2nd Lieut., Railway Transportation Corps  
in Grave 36, Block B, Row 7.  
Roberts, Mose, 3994717, Pvt., Co. D, 518th Engrs. Serv. Bn.  
in Grave 36, Block B, Row 6.

Encls.

2-Forms 114-A.  
2- " 16-A, 6/30/26  
2- " 1-A.



*F. W. Van Duyne*  
F. W. Van Duyne,  
Colonel, Q. M. Corps,  
Chief.

*Refer to 293 Roberts, Mose*

*293 Bouchelle Horace P.*

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

Date 8/13/20

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME Bouchelle, H. P.

Serial Number

RANK 2nd Lt.

ORGANIZATION

Railway Transportation Corps

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	1. Yes.
2.	Date of Death.	2. 9/10/18.
3.	Cause and place of death.	3. Accidentally killed. Head struck by hook.
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	4. 287.
5.	Date buried.	5. 9/12/18.
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	6. Grave #15, Square #4, Trench #117, St. Pierre French Civilian Cemetery #418, Marseilles, Bouches-du-Rhone.
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) No record. (b) Yes.
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	11. Mrs. Bertha Moody (Friend) 306 Franklin Ave., Norfolk, Va.
12.	Has been notified? (Give date)	12. Yes. 2/10/19.
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.?	
15.	Inquiry made by? Investigation ED	Released by Information Control Dept. .....Directory .....X Cards 5x8 .....Cards 4x6

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

TO: REGISTERED BRANCH, U.S. RAILWAY TRANSPORTATION BOARD

FROM: INQUIRY BRANCH

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

NAME: Hodello, H. P. Serial Number

RANK: Sgt. Pfc. ORGANIZATION: Railway Transportation Board



NO.	QUESTION	ANSWER
1.	Do participants of soldier given above agree with records?	1. Yes
2.	Date of death	2. <del>2/12/18</del>
3.	Cause and place of death	3. Accidentally killed. Head struck by hook.
4.	Number of Casualty Certificate	4. 227
5.	Date buried	5. 2/12/18
6.	Grave location (a) Complete record retained (b) Name of Cemetery or Gen- man only required. (c) Note relationships	6. Grave #12, square #4, trench #11, St. Pierre French Civilian Cemetery #18, Marcellin, Pouches-la-Panose
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by U.S.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker	9. Cross
10.	Identification tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	10. (a) No record. (b) Yes
11.	Complete emergency address?	11. Mrs. Hester Moody (friend), 302 Franklin Ave., Norfolk, Va.
12.	Has been notified? (Give date)	12. Yes. 2/10/18
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (If any inquiry cases if no information on record)	
14.	Was the program No. 1	
15.	Investigation	

Handled by Information Section  
Date: 2/10/18  
Investigator: [illegible]

Form 115 - (continued)

Ltr. 10-29-21 - Mrs. Cora Bouchelle Hendricks, (Wife)  
805 Roselle St. Jacksonville, Fla. requested to execute  
and return Form 123 enclosed. (ARS-11-9-21)

Form 123 rec'd under date 11-2-21 executed by Mrs. Cora  
Bouchelle Hendricks, whereby she assumes future care  
& upkeep of husband's grave. (ARS-11-9-21)

Ltr. 11-9-21 - Aug. acknowledges receipt of Form 123  
properly executed by Mrs. Cora Bouchelle Hendricks, (Wife)  
11-21-21 <sup>letter</sup> to Europe requesting the remains  
(ARS-11-9-21)

be left undisturbed, and advising them Mrs.  
Cora Bouchelle Hendricks, wife has  
formally released the U.S. Government from  
the care of the grave, ~~and requesting this office~~  
~~be advised when the U.S. can formally~~  
~~authorize Mrs. Hendricks to assume full~~  
~~charge and control of the grave fund~~  
11-21-21



COM P I L A T I O N O F D I S P O S I T I O N O F R E M A I N S D A T A

1. LOCATION INDEX CARD: (8-4) File # 32610

(a) Name ~~BOUCHELLE, HORACE P.~~ <sup>H.P. #Horace P.</sup> Ser. No. \_\_\_\_\_ ) TYP. HW  
(b) Rank 2nd Lt. Organization Ry. Trans. Corps. )  
(c) Date of death 9/10/18 of death Accidentally killed, Head struck by hook. ) CKR. *lett*

11. Registration Card:- (Check Reg. Card Inf. against Loc. Ind. Inf.)  
(a) Grave No. 15 Row --- Sq. #4, Trench 117 Plot --- Sect. --- ) TYP. *VFM*  
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Bertha Moody (Friend) 306 Franklin Ave., Norfolk, Va.

111. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; **NO CARD** ) CKR. *J.E.C.*

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

(a) Name *Mrs. Bertha Moody*, (b) Relationship *Intended wife*.  
(c) Address *117 N. 20th St., Phila. Pa.*  
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? *Yes*  
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at *No*

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U.S. *Bertha Moody, 117 N. 20th St., Phila. Pa.*

(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U.S., \_\_\_\_\_

SEE SUSPENSION REMARKS

Examiner's Initials *Pm* Date *8-9-* 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 *J.E.S.* Date *8-11-* 1920

VI. G.R.S. Files - Correspondence - shows as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

*no request for disposition*

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? *Yes for*  
Examiner's Initials *for* Date *8-14-* 1920

*checked by*  
*44 3-2-21*

*Release to relatives*  
*10-6-21*  
*S.M.*

*OK*  
*225*

*Received 2-9-21*  
*J.E.C.*

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, AND SHIPMENT OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records Office Chief G. R. S.

Discrepancy found upon examination of body.

1. Name Bouchelle, H.P.

10. Name \_\_\_\_\_

2. No. \_\_\_\_\_

11. No. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Rank 2nd Lt.

12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_

4. Org Ry. Trans. Corps

13. Org \_\_\_\_\_

5. D. D. 9-10-18

14. (a) D. D. \_\_\_\_\_

6. C. D. Accidentally killed, head struck by hook

15. (b) D. B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment.

7. Grave No. 15

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_

8. Plot \_\_\_\_\_

16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_

9. Sq. #4, Trench 117

17. \_\_\_\_\_

18. Cemetery St. Pierre Cem.

19. Commune or town Marseille

20. Department or county Bouches, du Rhone

21. Country France

22. G. R. S. Headquarters Code No. 418

23. Disinterred \_\_\_\_\_ (Date.)

By \_\_\_\_\_

24. Inscription on grave marker { Name \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

25. Was identification disk found on grave marker? \_\_\_\_\_

On body? \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Junior Technical Assistant.

(The following space is reserved for notations to be made by office Chief Graves Registration Service.)

PREPARATION

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

27. Condition of body.....

28. Nature of burial.....

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.) By.....

31. Casket sealed by.....

Signature of Embalmer (Supervisor).....

SHIPMENT (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. ....

32. Designation of body { Name **Bouchelle, H.P.** Serial No. ....  
Rank **2nd Lt.** Organization **Ry. Trans. Corps**

33. CONSIGNEE—Name **Bertha Moody,**  
Address **117 N. 20th St., Philadelphia, Pa.**

34. Casket boxed and marked..... (Date.) By.....

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.....

36. Remarks.....

37. Shipped from cemetery..... (Date.) To..... (Point of concentration.)

Convoyer..... Signature Shipping Officer.....

38. Received at point of concentration..... (Date.)

Signature Receiving Officer.....

39. Shipped from point of concentration..... (Date.)

To..... (Port.) Convoyer.....

Signature Shipping Officer.....

40. Received European port..... (Date.)

Signature of G. R. S. Representative.....

41. Shipped to..... (U. S. port.) On..... (Boat.)

Date..... Convoyer..... (Signature of Shipping Officer.)

42. Received..... (Date.) By G. R. S. Representative..... (Signature.)

43. Shipped to destination..... (Date.) { B/L or Express Order No.  
Convoyer..... { Shipping Officer

Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. O. M. G.  
File # 2958  
326 18

Case of 2nd Lieut. H. P. Bouchelle, deceased  
Buried Grave #15, Square #4, Trench #117, St. Pierre Cemetery,  
Marseille, Bouches, du Rhone.

State of Florida )  
County of Duval ) (SS A F F I D A V I T)

Mrs Cora Bouchelle Hendricks residing at 805 Russell St

State of Florida being duly sworn, deposes and says,  
that H. P. Bouchelle is the wife  
(relationship)

and nearest living relative of said deceased.

That she desires and hereby re-  
quests that the body of said deceased be permanently interred in  
its present grave location.

In consideration of consent by the United States to the fore-  
going request the said wife hereby  
accepts custody of the 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.

Noted by Statistical Clerk  
Date 2/22/23 RND

Mrs Cora Bouchelle Hendricks

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of  
Nov 1923, by the said Mrs Cora Bouchelle Hendricks

who is personally known to me to be the identical personshe re-  
presents her himself to be the wife and nearest  
living relative of said H. P. Bouchelle deceased.

A. M. Archibald  
Notary Public.

SEAL  
My commission expires February 7, 1923  
Notary Public, State of Florida at Large  
My commission expires February 7, 1923

Bouchelle, H. P.

Noted on Form 115  
911-9-21  
AKS.



CHÂTEAU BEAUSÉJOUR  
Vieille Chapelle  
MARSEILLE

November 4<sup>th</sup> 1924

Games Registration Bureau,  
Paris.

Dear Sirs.  
Please be kind  
enough to inform me as  
to whom is supposed to  
care for the games of the  
American soldiers left in  
Marville.

As no official recog-  
nition was made by the  
U. S. Cavalry Corps on Decem-  
ber Day because only one  
body was left (according to  
them), my mother and I

decided to place a few  
flowers thereon on Novem-  
ber 1<sup>st</sup>.

We were therefore  
quite surprised to find  
that not one but three  
bodies remain. One, a Captain,  
was fortunate enough to be  
placed in same family with  
the other two in plots  
which in a few years will  
be dug up with furthemore  
are not anywhere near  
each other. These graves  
present a sad aspect, un-  
der the name illegible with  
faded flags and bonnets  
attached to the crosses.

If these bodies are to  
remain here we think it

Time that ~~it~~ better  
permanent plots be found  
and proper care taken  
of them.

The fact that they  
remain here shows that  
either they had no family  
to claim them or perhaps  
their resources did not allow  
for a plot at home. At  
any rate the fact remains  
that as long as they are here  
the U.S. Government has pledged  
their proper care.

My mother and I,  
Americans by birth are now  
Residents of Marquette and  
would be grateful of your

enquiry into the matter  
I'm nothing is done  
I shall make a report  
to Washington.

Thanking you for  
your attention.

Truly,

Mrs. Ruth Nicolle

AMERICAN CONSULATE

Marseille, France.

August 20th, 1925.

Subject: Graves at Marseille of Lieutenant Horace P. Bouchelle and Pvt. Mose Roberts.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that there exist at the St. Pierre Cemetery at Marseille the graves of two former members of the American Expeditionary Forces. The grave of Lieutenant Horace P. Bouchelle is recorded as being No. 15, Square 4, Tr. 117; while <sup>that of</sup> Pvt. Mose Roberts is No. 21, Square 5, Tr. 54. These graves are not in the special section of the cemetery in which the remains of British, Italian and other soldiers repose, but are set haphazardly in the midst of the graves of French civilians in different parts of the poorer section of the cemetery. They are marked with plain wooden crosses whose condition promises to become unsightly in the not distant future; and they are not sodded or decorated with shrubs. In one case the earth has sunk, and in both cases there are no paths nearby so that visitors are apt to walk across the graves.

Correspondence undertaken by this Consulate with the American War Graves Registration Service at Paris, through the American Consulate General at Paris, has developed the fact that the relatives of these soldiers have released

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the Service from any responsibility, and have expressed the desire that the bodies be not moved. The Graves Registration Service at Paris does not possess the names and addresses of the relatives in question, but states that these names and addresses are in the possession of the Cemeterial Division of the Office of The Quartermaster General at Washington.

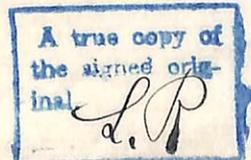
In view of the conditions outlined above, this Consulate would be glad to correspond with the relatives of the deceased soldiers, with a view to ascertaining what steps might be taken to provide for permanent tombstones, and for such care of the graves as would insure them <sup>against</sup> ~~from~~ presenting a discreditable appearance.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

WF:JC  
822.

Wesley Frost,  
American Consul.



UNITED STATES

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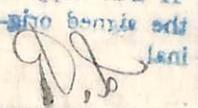
I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Wesley Frost,  
American Consul.

WE: 70  
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A true copy of  
the original  
sent



Duplicate.

No. 1555.

AMERICAN CONSULATE  
Marseille, France.  
January 26, 1926.

Subject: American War Graves at Marseille.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to this consulate despatch No. 1469, dated August 20, 1925, and to the Department's instruction in reply, dated September 26, 1925, with regard to the graves at Marseille of two former members of the American Expeditionary Forces, Lt. Horace P. Bouchelle, and Private Mose Roberts. The Department's instruction enclosed a copy of a letter addressed to the Secretary of State on September 18, 1925, by the Assistant Secretary of War giving the addresses of the relatives of Lieutenant Bouchelle and Private Roberts, and expressing the willingness of the War Department to furnish head-stones for the graves of the deceased soldiers under proper conditions.

This consulate addressed the widow of Lt. Bouchelle and the father of Private Roberts on October 13, 1925, and has received no response whatever. It appears that the two graves in question are in an area corresponding to the "potter's field" in American public cemeteries; so that the bodies run a substantial risk of being exhumed and discarded in the course of a few years. In view of this situation I should be glad to learn the view of the Graves Registration Service as well as of the Department of State as to whether

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this consulate might assume the responsibility of having the graves moved immediately into that area of the St. Pierre Cemetery which has been regularly set aside for the burial of the soldiers of foreign armies, - Italian, English, etc. This consulate does not care to assume the responsibility without an indication of the attitude usually adopted at Washington in similar cases.

With regard to head-stones for the graves I have the honor to state that I will gladly assume the responsibility of receiving the head-stones at the dock at Marseille and seeing that they are properly erected over the graves at a reasonable cost. It would appear, however, that the erection of tombstones might best await the Department's decision as to the removal of the graves, as requested above.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Wesley Frost,  
American Consul.

WF/ach

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A true copy of  
the signed original.

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No. 1591.

AMERICAN CONSULATE  
Marseille, France,  
March 30, 1926.

Subject: Requesting Information as to American War  
Graves at Marseille.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to the Department's special instruction dated March 5, 1926, (351.116Am.32/14), enclosing a copy of a letter dated February 24, 1926, addressed by the Secretary of War to the Secretary of State, with regard to the graves of Lieutenant Horace P. Bouchelle and Private Mose Roberts in the St. Pierre Cemetery, Marseille. It is noted that the War Department has communicated with the nearest relatives of Lieutenant Bouchelle and Private Roberts advising them that unless proper steps are taken to maintain the graves the War Department will consider the latter abandoned and will take charge thereof.

This consulate would greatly appreciate information as to the results of the action of the War Department in the above regard.

The Department's instruction under acknowledgment also directs this consulate to furnish information with regard to the grave of Captain F. Ronald Simmons, Unassigned Infantry, N. A., who is also buried in St. Pierre Cemetery, Marseille. Captain Simmons is interred in a handsome tomb in the principal section of the St. Pierre Cemetery, and this consulate is in regular correspondence with his relatives, Mr. F. D. Simmons, 37 Weybosset Street, Providence, R. I.,

as well

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as well as with Mr. De Witt C. Poole, Counselor of the American Embassy at Berlin, whose wife is a sister of the late Captain Simmons. The consulate acts as intermediary in remunerating the care-taker who looks after the tomb. The annual Memorial Day Services of the American Colony at Marseille are held at Captain Simmons' grave. The situation of the latter is such that no attention from the War Department is called for.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

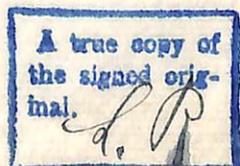
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Wesley Frost,  
American Consul.

WF/ach

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Copy placed file  
293 Simmons, F. Ronald, Capt owt



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I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Wesley Frost,  
American Consul.

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*Copy placed for  
Capt. Simmons & family*

A true copy of  
the signed original.  
*[Signature]*

Duplicate,

No. 1555.

AMERICAN CONSULATE  
Marseille, France,  
January 26, 1926.

Subject: American War Graves at Marseille.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State,  
Washington.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to this consulate despatch No. 1469, dated August 20, 1925, and to the Department's instruction in reply, dated September 26, 1925, with regard to the graves at Marseille of two former members of the American Expeditionary Forces, Lt. Horace P. Bouchelle, and Private Mose Roberts. The Department's instruction enclosed a copy of a letter addressed to the Secretary of State on September 18, 1925, by the Assistant Secretary of War giving the addresses of the relatives of Lieutenant Bouchelle and Private Roberts, and expressing the willingness of the War Department to furnish head-stones for the graves of the deceased soldiers under proper conditions.

This consulate addressed the widow of Lt. Bouchelle and the father of Private Roberts on October 13, 1925, and has received no response whatever. It appears that the two graves in question are in an area corresponding to the "potter's field" in American public cemeteries; so that the bodies run a substantial risk of being exhumed and discarded in the course of a few years. In view of this situation I should be glad to learn the view of the Graves Registration Service as well as of the Department of State as to whether  
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this consulate might assume the responsibility of having the graves moved immediately into that area of the St. Pierre Cemetery which has been regularly set aside for the burial of the soldiers of foreign armies,- Italian, English, etc. This consulate does not care to assume the responsibility without an indication of the attitude usually adopted at Washington in similar cases.

With regard to head-stones for the graves I have the honor to state that I will gladly assume the responsibility of receiving the head-stones at the dock at Marseille and seeing that they are properly erected over the graves at a reasonable cost. It would appear, however, that the erection of tombstones might best await the Department's decision as to the removal of the graves, as requested above.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Wesley Frost,  
American Consul.

WF/ach

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A true copy of  
the signed original.  
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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date June 30, 1926.

1. REMAINS OF BOUCHELLE, Horace P. SERIAL NUMBER
RANK 2nd Lieutenant. ORGANIZATION Railway Transportation Corps.

2. Disinterred (date): 6.30.26 From (give complete location): Gr. 15, Sect. 4. Row 117. (Cty. 418) French Civ. Cty. St. Pierre. Marseilles (Bder)

By: Group James McGourty. Unit Meuse-Argonne Sector.

3. Reburied (date): August 11, 1926. In (give complete location): Grave Thirty-Six (36) Row Seven, Block B., Aisne-Marne Amer. Mil. Cty. 1764.

By: Group Caretaker Unit A-11 Amer. Mil. Cty. Nature of reburial Blanket, sheet & GRS, lined casket.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: Buried six feet deep, in wooden box, wrapped in sheet, skeleton disarticulated, flesh entirely decomposed.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? NO. On grave marker? YES. T.O.C. reads: H.P. Bouchelle. 2nd Lt.

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

Inscription on cross: Bouchelle, Horace P. 2nd Lieut. Railway Trans. Corps. Died Sept, 10, 18. No. 15. Reverse side of cross: Do not disturb. No effects.

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

- (a) Height (actual measurement) 5' 10". (b) Weight (estimated) Imp. det. (c) Hair—Color None. Quantity " Characteristics " (d) Hair on face—Color " Location " Quantity " (e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) None visible. NO.

Nos. 1, 2, 18, 19, 30 and 31 MBD Nos: 7, 8, 9, 12, 14 and 20 MAD. Nos: 15, 17, and 32 SF. No. 28 Dec. (2 roots)

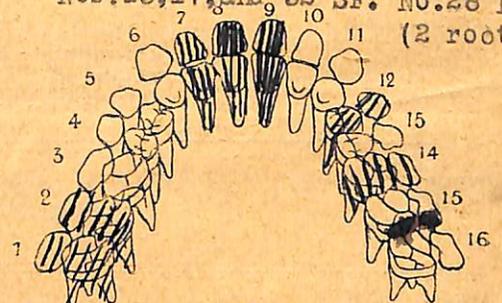
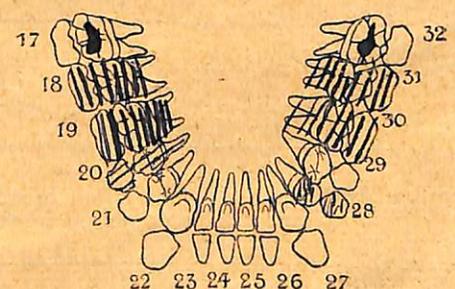


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Large hole in back of head. Left scapula, right tibia and fibula fractured.

7. Disinterment supervised by James McGourty Chief Investigator. Approved: James McGourty Chief Investigator.

8. Reburial supervised by Adolph G. Kaess Caretaker. Approved: Adolph G. Kaess Caretaker.

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

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

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.

2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.

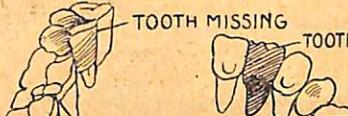
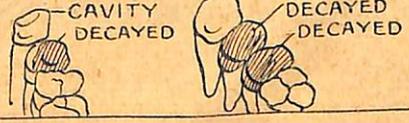
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.

4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.

5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".

(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No 6.

6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

<b>MISSING TEETH</b>	All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :	 <p style="text-align: center;">TOOTH MISSING      TOOTH MISSING</p>
<b>CROWNED TEETH</b>	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :	 <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD CROWN      PORCELAIN CROWN</p>
<b>BRIDGE WORK</b>	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus :	 <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD AND PORCELAIN BRIDGE      GOLD BRIDGE</p>
<b>FILLINGS</b>	Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :	 <p style="text-align: center;">SILVER FILLING      GOLD FILLING</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD FILLING      GOLD FILLING</p>
<b>CARIES (CAVITIES)</b>	Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :	 <p style="text-align: center;">CAVITY DECAYED      DECAYED</p>
<b>DENTURES (PLATES)</b>	Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp"	

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

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Duplicate,

No. 1639.

AMERICAN CONSULATE  
MARSEILLE, FRANCE,  
July 2, 1926.

Subject: Removal of graves of Lieutenant Bouchelle  
and Private Roberts.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State,  
Washington.

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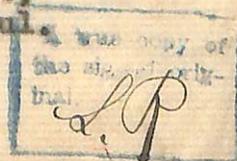
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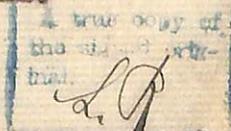
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transmitted  
by  
[Signature]

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To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE June 30, 1926.

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 BOUCHELLE, Horace P.
- 2. No. -
- 3. Rank 2nd Lieut.
- 4. Org. Railway Trans. Corps.
- 5. D.D. September 10, 1918.
- 6. C.D. accidentally killed

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- 7. Grave No. 15. Sec. 4.
- 8. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row 117.
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_

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

- 18. Cemetery (418) French. Civ. St. Pierre.
- 20. Dept. or County Marseilles (B-de-R)
- 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. \_\_\_\_\_

- 19. Commune or town Marseilles
- 21. Country France.

23. Disinterred (Date) June 30, 1926.

By James Mc. Gourty.

24. Inscription on grave marker: Bouchelle, Horace P. 2nd Lieut. Railway Trans. Corps.  
Died Sept. 10, 18. No. 15.

Name Bouchelle, Horace P.

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

Rank 2nd Lieut.

Organization Railway Trans. Corps.

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

*James Mc. Gourty*  
James Mc. Gourty.  
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).

None. No effects.

27. Condition of body Skeleton disarticulated, and flesh entirely decomposed.

28. Nature of burial Six feet deep in wooden box, wrapped in sheet.

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 June 30, 1926. By James Mc. Gourty.

Casket sealed by James Mc. Gourty.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

*James Mc. Gourty*  
James Mc. Gourty.

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SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-33119

32. Designation of body:

Name Boushelle, Horace P. Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

Rank 2nd Lieut. Organization Railway Trans. Corps.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, Belleau(Aisne)  
Aisne gare, Chateau-Thierry.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) June 30, 1926. By James Mc. Gourty.

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 James Mc. Gourty  
James Mc. Gourty.

36. Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

To point of Concentration \_\_\_\_\_

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ (Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ (Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

40. Received: Date July 3, 1926. Aisne-Marne Cemetery

G.R.S. Representative Adolph Kaess, Caretaker

41. Reinterred August 11, 1926, (Aisne-Marne Am. 1888 Military Cemetery #1764)  
(Date)

42. Grave No. Thirty-Six (36) Section Block B.

43. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row Seven (7)

G.R.S. Representative Adolph Kaess  
ADOLPH G. KAESS  
Caretaker.