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DATE 6/21/22.

1. NAME BREEN, William E. SERIAL No. 2661449  
 RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. I. 28th Inf.  
 & DIVISION 14  
 GRAVE LOCATION Amer. Cty. ALLERBY, (Saone-et-Loire) 1 AW (12-3-26)  
 CTY. NAME NUMBER 84

271  
 GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 271 ALLERBY (SAONE & Loire)  
 GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES E.163.2 N.198.5 (Lambert Zone Sud)

CONCENTRATED TO Nothing of record  
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

~~DATE OF DEATH~~ Oct 31-18

~~STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME~~ Ill

~~MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED~~ None

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS Nothing of record  
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR W. H. Quarterman  
 W. H. QUARTERMAN, CAPT. F.A., Supervisor Area N°4

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 6/21/22. 36 8 A.  
 DATE GRAVE ROW Block RECT

St. Mihiel Amer. Cty. #1233 Thiaucourt (M-et-M)  
 CEMETERY

Robert C. Davis,  
 Major General,  
 The Adjutant General.  
 by mew

AUDITED BY: W. J. N. - 5/19/22  
mew

REC'D MAY 13 1925  
 H. & R. BRANCH  
 O. O. M.  
 Received A. G. O. MAY 14 1925  
 MAY 16 1925

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.

2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.

3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file, in his office.

4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form 16, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.

**GRAVE LOCATION BLANK**

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Breen*.....*2661449*.....*William*.....  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

*Pvt*.....*Co. D*.....*28<sup>th</sup>*.....*Infantry*.....  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: *B. H. 56*.....

CAUSE OF DEATH: *Pneumonia*.....

DATE OF BURIAL: *Apr 2, 1918*.....

PLACE OF BURIAL: *C. E. T. cemetery #84*.....

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

*Albany*.....

*St. Louis*.....

GRAVE NUMBER: *Sec 1 27*.....

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

Headboard?..... 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: *N. Breen*.....

ADDRESS: *Cassman, Ill*.....

RELATIONSHIP: *Father*.....

REPORTED BY:

*J. Bascham*.....*C. Chaplain B.A. 25*.....  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Breen	3	2 8 5
BURIED	CEMETERY 1233	1	3
	GRAVE 36	2	36
	ROW 8	2	08
	BLOCK A	1	1
STATE	Ill	2	13
RANK	Priv	1	2
DIVISION	1	2	01
ORGANIZATION	28	3	028
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARITAL	Adm No	1	2
NAME	Breen	3	
RESIDENCE	John T Sr. Montmouth, Ill.	2	
	STATE	2	
	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Head	1	6
NATIVITY	Head 4-10-28	1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
. TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

**AUDITED**  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Breen, William E. 1233 Adm

July 8, 1930

Mr. John T. Breen, Sr.  
Montmouth, Illinois

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:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

DATE February 8, 1930

NAME	RANK	SERIAL	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
Breen William E	Pvt	2661449	Co I 28th Inf	Oct 31 1918

STATE	ILLINOIS	CTY. NO.	1233	GRAVE	36	ROW	8	BLOCK	A
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	<u>Check relationship</u>	<u>Living - Deceased</u>	
	MOTHER	:	:
	STEPMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:
NAME	MOTHER THRU ADOPTION	:	:
AND	(For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:
ADDRESS	MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:
	WIDOW (Who has not remarried)	:	:
	<i>Single man</i>	:	:

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*4-10-28*  
*2/13 W*  
*Adm. of veterans*  
*estate -*  
*John T. Breen, Sr.*  
*Monmouth*  
*JL*

Veterans Bureau Claim Number 29/156

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Breen, William E.

May 28 1929.

Mr. John T. Breen,  
Stronghurst,  
Ill.

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 William E. Breen, whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, 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.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Breen, William E. 1233 Adp

July 8, 1930

Mr. John T. Breen, Sr.  
Montmouth, Illinois

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:  
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

August 28, 1929.

Breen, William E.  
1233

Mr. John F. Breen,  
Stronghurst,  
Ill.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 26, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased serviceman 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  
Breen, William E.

May 26, 1929.

Mr. John T. Breen,  
Stronghurst,  
Ill.

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 William E. Breen, Co. F, 28th Inf., who is now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, 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.  
Envelope.

April 2, 1924

BREEN, William E., Pvt.

Mr. John T. Breen,  
Stronghurst,  
Illinois.

The Quartermaster General desires to invite your attention to the inclosed card which gives the permanent cemetery location of the Soldier's grave in which you are interested.

This American military cemetery is one of those to be maintained by the United States for all time in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of dignified design, with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

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

Very truly yours,

Assistant.

1-Incl.  
Record card.

R. P. HARBOLD

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Central Mail & Files Bldg.



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Breen,

Wiblian E.

2,661,449

(Surname.)  
Pvt.

(Christian name in full.)  
Co I, 28th Inf.

(Army serial number.)

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Father

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

No  
(Yes or no.)

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

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

John T. Breen  
R.R. #1 Carman Ill.

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by PF

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Checked by *MS* *MS*  
10/1/50

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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Breen 2661449 William  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Pvt Co I 28th Infantry  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: BH 56

CAUSE OF DEATH: Pneumonia

DATE OF BURIAL: Nov 2, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: P.C.F. cemetery # 84

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

Alley

St. Louis

GRAVE NUMBER: Sect # 271

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? yes Cross?

Headboard? 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: J. Breen

ADDRESS: Carman, Ill

RELATIONSHIP: Father

REPORTED BY:

J.B. Cochran Chaplain Co 25  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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



	(A)		(B)		(C)	
Allotment Number	QMPJ PM					
Commodity						
Specification Number						
Quantity						
Package						
List of Bidders	Price, F.O.B.	Fr. Rate	Price, F.O.B.	Fr. Rate	Price, F.O.B.	Fr. Ra

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G. R. S. Form No 115

COUNTRY FRANCE

Cemetery No. 84

Sheet No. 35

File No. 49376

COMPILATION N/R REQUESTS

*1-12-22 Examined for concentration Sl-Mitteil 1233 att 7/2/22*

I. DATA COMPILATION

A. Location Index Card:-

(1) Name BREEN, William E. Ser. No. 2661449 )  
 (2) Rank Pvt Organization Co. I, 28th Inf. ) TYP. JS  
 (3) Date of death 10/31/18 ) CKR. m.c.H.

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

(4) Cause of death Lobar Pneumonia ) TYP. FR  
 (5) Grave No. 271 Row --- Plot --- Sect. --- ) CKR [Signature]

II. FILES EXAMINATION

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

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

(6) Relationship Father  
 (7) Name John T. Breen  
 (8) Address R. R. #1, Carman, Ill.  
 (9) Desires remains brought to U. S.? No  
 (10) Desires remains brought to U. S. and interred in National Cemetery at \_\_\_\_\_  
 (11) If brought back, what shipping instructions? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

No Correspondence

(13) A. G. O. Files EXAMINED by [Signature] (Date) 5-28-20

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

No request for disposition

(15) G. R. S. Files EXAMINED by M.H.S (Date) 5/29/20

*Checked by m.H. 10/11/20*

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JAN 14 1921

III FINAL ACTION



MEMORANDUM to D. M. O. in E. made (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

Removal of Remains (within custody of G.R.S.) to \_\_\_\_\_

OCT 18) 20 Instructions that remains be left undisturbed

(18) Typed by \_\_\_\_\_ Checked by \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

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

(19) Typed by \_\_\_\_\_ Checked by \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

C. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*Form # 120 request that body be not re-  
turned to U.S. by father's widow and child (son)  
10/22/20 (L. S. Stronghurst, widow and child (son))  
11/2/20 letter to Mr. John T. Breen, A.P., Carmichael,  
requesting name & address of widow or children; also  
final disposition desired. B.*

D. Dispatched (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ (Let. Trans. no. \_\_\_\_\_)

*9/30/20*

*Par. # 2 NOT to be returned (OJK)*

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_

(Date) \_\_\_\_\_

*John T. Breen, Stronghurst, Ill.*

*12-13-20 Form # 120 Father, N. K. wishes body  
left in France 12-23-20 W.C.A.*

**FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN - BODY**

**TO REMAIN IN EUROPE. JAN 13 1921**

*Hw*

GENERAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
SPECIAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
LIFE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Nov. 8, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF BREEN, William <sup>6</sup> SERIAL NUMBER 2661449  
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. I, 28th. Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Nov. 8, 1921. From (give complete location): Gr. 271  
Amer. Mil. Cem. # 84. Alleray ( Saone et Loire)

By : Group 2. Unit 4.

3. Reburied (date): June 21 1922 In (give complete location): Gr. 36 Bk. A Row 8

By : Group Reburial Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial Casket & shipping case

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :  
Buried in sheet and in wooden box. Badly decomposed, recognition  
impossible.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes. On grave marker? Yes.

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :  
No effects found.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Unable to determine.

(b) Weigh, (estimated) Unable to determine.

(c) Hair—Color Apparently dark brown.

Quantity Unable to determine.

Characteristics None.

(d) Hair on face—Color None.

Location Unable to determine.

Quantity Unable to determine.

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) None.

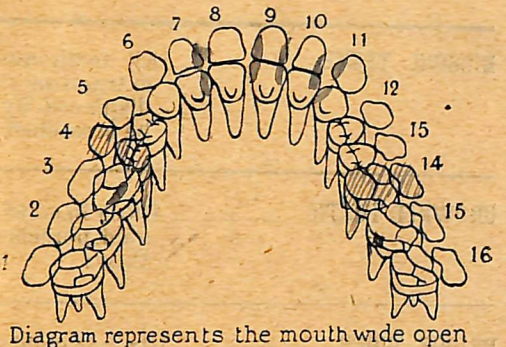
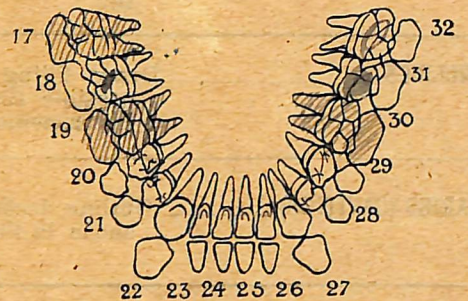


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) No. 3, 18, 31, S.F.  
No. 4, MAD. No. 7, GF.  
No. 9, 10, 11, G.F.  
No. 14, 17, MBD. No. 19, 30,  
extracted. No. 32, decayed.

Autopsy on head.

7. Disinterment supervised by J. E. BENSON.

Approved: D. E. Lowry  
THC. (Title) 1st. Lt. QMC.

8. Reburial Supervised by H. L. Kramer

Approved: A. E. Dewey  
(Title) 1st. Lt. QMC.






## 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 Questions 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".

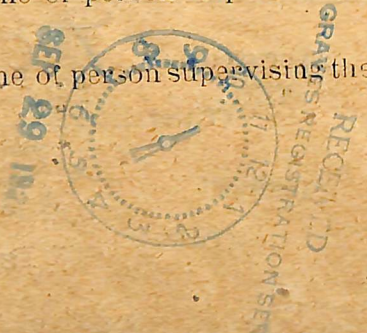
(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying 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.

MISSING TEETH	All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :	
CROWNED TEETH	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :	
BRIDGE WORK	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus :	
FILLINGS	Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :	
CARIES (CAVITIES)	Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :	
DENTURES (PLATES)	Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp"	

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

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



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Nov. 8, 1921.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT jc.

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BREEN, William E.

10. Name

2. No. 2661449

11. No.

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank

4. Org. Co. I. 28th Inf.

13. Org.

5. D.D. 10-31-

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. Lobar pneumonia

(b) D.B. None.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 271 Sec.

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. None.

18. Cemetery American Cemetery

19. Commune or town ALLEREY

20. Dept. or County Saone-et-Loire

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. # 84

23. Disinterred (Date) Nov. 8, 1921.

By J. E. Benson.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name BREEN, William.

Serial No.

Rank Pvt.

Organization Co. I, 28th. Inf. Gr. 271

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes. On body? Yes.

T. H. CHUNN.  
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).

No effects found. Form 16a accomplished.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, recognition impossible.

28. Nature of burial Buried in sheet and in wooden box.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? No.

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Nov. 8, 1921. By J. E. Benson.

31. Casket sealed by J. E. Benson.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

J. E. BENSON.

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-15513

32. Designation of body:

Name BREEN, William Serial No. 2661449

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. I. 28th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery St. MIHIEL, Amer. Cty. THIAUCOURT, (M-et-M.) #1233

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Nov. 8, 1921. By J. E. Benson.

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 D. E. Lowry  
D. E. LOWRY, 1st. Lt., QMC.

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

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

To point of Concentration Beaune (Cote d'Or) France.  
(Name)

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer Capt. G.M.C.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_

By G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Nov 16 1921 Michael Plotkin

To Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel, (#1233) Thiaucourt, M-et-M.  
(Name)

Convoyer Michael Plotkin Signature Shipping Office W. R. BUCKLEY, CAPT. QMC.

40. Received: Date Nov. 19, 1921.

G.R.S. Representative F. B. Daniel, Capt., 2MC.

41. Reinterred June 21 1922  
(Date)

42. Grave No 36 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot Bk. A Row 8

G.R.S. Representative A. E. Dewey  
A. E. Dewey 1st. Lt. QMC

AUDITED BY

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

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

TO: Mr. John T. Breen, RFD # 1, ~~Carman~~, Ill.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. William E. Breen

*Rush Answer  
Stronghurst Ill*

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

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.

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
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Soldier's Widow

Soldier's Children	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
	3.		

*(over)*

Father

*John T. Breen*

Mother

*Rose Mary Breen*

Brothers	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2.		

*John T., Joseph Bernard*

Sisters

*Mary Maude Breen*

Date *Dec. 13, 1920*

Signature

*John T. Breen*

Address

*Stronghurst, Ill*

Relationship

*Father*

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

(OVER) rg

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

*Noted 7/15  
1223-20 ECL  
Noted in  
9/20/20  
(B)*

Dec 13, 1920

R. E. Shannon  
 Captain Quartermaster Corps  
 Hoboken, N. J.

Dear Sir: In reply to your letter of Dec 7  
 I wish to state that my son, the late William E.  
 Brew, Private, Serial No. 2661449, Company I, 28<sup>th</sup>  
 Infantry, was unmarried and that it is our  
 desire that his body remain in the National  
 Cemetery in France.

Signed

John P. Brew  
 Present address Stronghurst, Ill  
 Former address Carman, Ill

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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 name 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.

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QUARTERMASTER CORPS

CEMETERIAL DIVISION, GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, Q. M. C.

ROOM 350, PIER 2, HOBOKEN, N. J.

December 7, 1920.

FILE NO. 293.8 Cem.Div., Cor.Branch.  
(BREEN, William E.)

Postmaster,  
Carman,  
Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Please endeavor to locate Mr. John T. Breen, whose address at one time was R. R. No. 1, Carman, Illinois, and secure a signed statement from him as to whether his son, the late William E. Breen, Private, Serial No. 2661449, Company 1, 28th Infantry, is survived by widow or children, giving the name and address of each.

If the deceased is not survived by the above mentioned persons, he is requested to state in writing whether he desires the remains of his son left in France for burial in a permanent National Cemetery, returned to the United States and shipped to him, or interred in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia.

Your early attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

BY:



F. C. PALLAS,  
Executive Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT

QUARTERMASTER CORPS

GENERAL DIVISION, GRADES REGISTRATION SERVICE, O. M. C.

Room 130, Park 2, Hokeken H. A.

December 7, 1920

File No. 285.8 Gen. Div., Quartermaster  
(Larkin, William S.)

The Quartermaster,  
General,  
Illinois.



When endeavor to locate Mr. John L. Mason, whose  
address at one time was M. A. Co. 1, Cavalry, Illinois, and  
secure a signed statement from him as to whether his son,  
the late William S. Mason, Private, Serial No. 285142,  
Company 1, 28th Infantry, is survived by widow or children,  
giving the name and address of each.

If the deceased is not survived by the above men-  
tioned persons, he is requested to state in writing whether  
or he desires the remains of his son left in France for bur-  
ial in a permanent national cemetery, returned to the United  
States and shipped to him, or interred in the national ceme-  
tery at Arlington, Virginia.

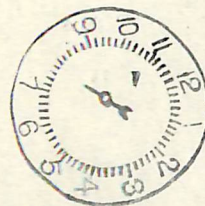
Your early attention to this matter will be greatly  
appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

J. H. Larkin,  
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,  
Officer in charge.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
J. C. Larkin,  
Executive Assistant.

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GENERAL DIVISION

December 7, 1920.

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(BREEN, William E.)

Postmaster,  
Carman,  
Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Please endeavor to locate Mr. John T. Breen, whose address at one time was R. R. No. 1, Carman, Illinois, and secure a signed statement from him as to whether his son, the late William E. Breen, Private, Serial No. 2661449, Company 1, 28th Infantry, is survived by widow or children, giving the name and address of each.

If the deceased is not survived by the above mentioned persons, he is requested to state in writing whether he desires the remains of his son left in France for burial in a permanent National Cemetery, returned to the United States and shipped to him, or interred in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia.

Your early attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

FW:LLK

BY:

F. U. PALLAS,  
Executive Assistant.

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Mailed-O.P.D.  
DEC 7 1920

*Original  
L. U. ref*

*Suspended Rec. 2/20*

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November 12th, 1920.

File No. 293.8 Cor. Br. Cem. Div.  
(BREEN, WILLIAM E.)

Mr. John T. Breen,  
R.R. #1,  
Carman, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Under date of October 22nd. 1920, you were requested to inform this office, if the late Private William E. Breen, Serial No. 2661449, Co. I. 28th. Infantry, is survived by a widow and children; and if so to furnish name and address of each. To date, no reply has been received from you.

The above information is necessary due to the fact that instructions for the disposition of remains will be issued by this office only upon properly executed authority of the legal next of kin; and in this case, if the soldier is married, the widow (and if she has remarried, the children of the late soldier) would be the legal next of kin.

If the deceased is not survived by any of the above mentioned persons, it is requested that you inform this office definitely if you wish the body of the late soldier left in France for burial in an American National Cemetery, or returned to the U.S. and shipped to you, or interred in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Va.

Your early attention to this matter, will be appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

By:

CLAY S. WORICK,  
Capt. A.G.

Mailed-O.F.D.

NOV 13 1920

*Accepted 11/15/20*  
FF:DW

*Mailed on 11/15/20*

October 23rd, 1920.

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File No. 295.8 Cor. Br. Com. Div.  
( Breen, William, E. )

Mr. John T. Breen,  
R.R. #1,  
Carman, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

It is requested that you inform this office without delay whether the late Private Wm. E. Breen, Co. I. 28th Inf. Serial No. 2861449, is survived by a widow or children and if so, kindly furnish name and address of each.

It is also requested that you advise whether you still wish the remains of your late son left in France in a permanent American Cemetery or whether you wish the body returned to the United States and delivered to you, or interred in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia.

Your early reply, using the enclosed penalty envelope which requires no postage, will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

BYE

*hmm*  
CLAY S. WORICK,  
Captain, A.G.D.

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Mailed-O.P.D.

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

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

TO: Mr. John T. Broen, RFD # 1, Carman, Ill.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. William E. Broen

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By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow			
Soldier's Children	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
	3.		
Father			
Mother			
Brothers	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
Sisters			

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Use the enclosed envelope - pay no postage.

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

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT

CHARLES C. BIRCH  
Colonel, U.S. Army

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow			
Soldier's Children			
(None eldest first)			
Father			
Mother			
Brothers			
(None eldest first)			
Sisters			
Other			
Signature			

Relationship  
Instructions on the reverse side of this sheet should be carefully read before filling out this paper.

COMPLETION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

See Form 115  
att 2/22

File# 49376

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name Breen, William E. Ser. No. 2661449 TYP. JS  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. I, 28th Inf. MCH  
 (c) Date of death 10-31-18 Cause of death Lobar Pneumonia

*MB*

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

(a) Grave No. 271 Row --- Plot --- Sect. --- TYP. FR  
 (b) Emerg. Address

EML

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

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

*G.O. card. John J Breen (Father)  
 RR #1 Carman. Ill. requests body not  
 returned. R.F.E 10-15-20*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by - (cable on ..... 192  
 (letter of transmittal on 9-30-1920 .....

*Par. #2 Not to be returned (PJR)*

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. OCT 15 1920 ..... 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source.....	Relationship and name.....	Desires.....	Action taken.....

VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. JAN 14 1921 ..... 192

COUNTRY France  
 G.R.S. FORM 115-A  
 August , 1920

CEMETERY NO. 84

SHEET NO. 35

*ll 10-15-20*