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1772 DATE

1. NAME BRITTON, Joe SERIAL No. 1453175

RANK Sgt ORGANIZATION Co. I 138th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION Amer. Cty. Langres, Haute Marne 516
CTY. NAME NUMBER

4 GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 4 LANGRES (Haute-Marne)
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES E.322.33 N.120.35

CONCENTRATED TO Not 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 8/19
mo.

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

not of record

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS Not of record

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

S. H. HUNSICKER

S. H. HUNSICKER, 1st Lt. QMC., Supervisor Area N° 4

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Aug. 24, 1922 21 21 Block B
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT



15 Received A. G. O. OCT 27 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.G.A. 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 I6, 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

Britton *1453173* *Joe*
(Surname). (Number): (First Name and Initials).

Sgt *Co. 9* *138 Inf*
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: *B. H. 53*

CAUSE OF DEATH: *Pneumonia*

DATE OF BURIAL: *Oct 10, 1918*
~~*Cemetery 13, Oct 9, 1918*~~

PLACE OF BURIAL: *New Cemetery*

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

U.S. Army School & PO #44
E. of Langres

GRAVE NUMBER: *#*

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: *Marie Britton*

ADDRESS: *3208 William Place St. Louis Mo.*

RELATIONSHIP: *Mother*

REPORTED BY: *J. A. Nesbitt Chaplain*
B. H. 53

(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	Britton	3	289
BURIED	CEMETERY	1	3
	GRAVE	2	21
	ROW	2	21
	BLOCK	1	2
STATE	Mo.	2	29
RANK	Sgt.	1	2
DIVISION	35th	2	35
ORGANIZATION	138th	3	138
ARM	Inf.	1	1
MARITAL	Father	1	2
NAME	Britton	3	289
RESIDENCE	Richard L. 4704 Wren Ave. St. Louis, Mo.	2	29
	COUNTY	2	97
	CITY	3	053
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	1
ELIGIBILITY	Head	1	6
NATIVITY	Head 6-2-20	1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	NO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	Head	1	3

AUDITED

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at

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Britton, Joe 1233 F

July 8, 1930

Mr. Richard L. Britton
4704 Wren Avenue
St. Louis, Mo.

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:

Mother Deceased June 1920

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

If so, give her name and address:

none

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?

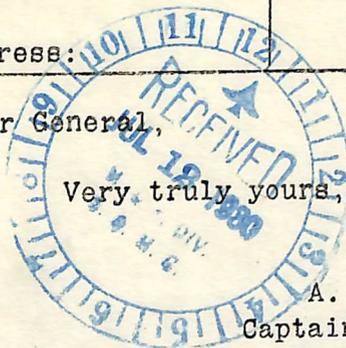
If so, give her name and address:

none

For The Quartermaster General,

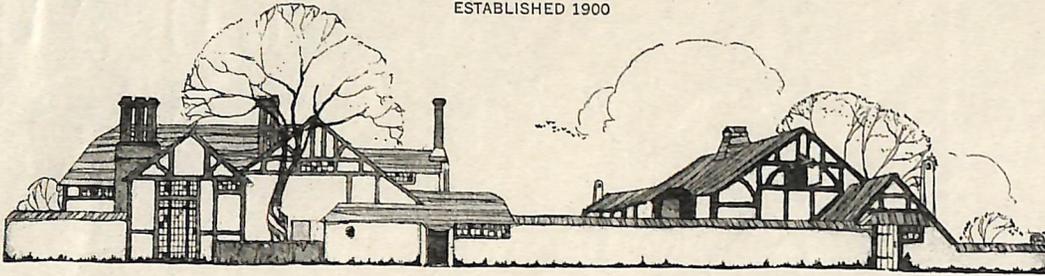
Very truly yours,

Enclosures:
Envelope
Act
Amendment



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

*Richard Lee Britton - 4704 Wren Ave
St. Louis, Mo*



OHMEYER REALTY COMPANY

REALTORS

REAL-ESTATE-LOANS-INSURANCE

UNION AND FLORISSANT AVENUES

ST. LOUIS, MO.

July 3, 1929

The Quartermaster General
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In re:--QM 293 A-C, Britton, Joe

Replying to your letter in reference to the pilgrimage trip to the cemeteries of Europe, I regret to advise that Mrs. Mary E. Britton, mother of Sergeant Joe Britton, died June 2, 1920. He left no widow having never been married.

Yours very truly,

Richard L. Britton

Richard L. Britton
4704 Wren Ave.
St. Louis, Mo.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Britton, Joe

June 20, 1929.

Richard L.
Mr. ~~James~~ Britton,
4704 Wren Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

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 Sargeant Joe Britton, Co. I, 138th Inf., 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.

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Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Britton, Joe 1235 F

July 8, 1930

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:
Envelope
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A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Britton, Joe

June 20, 1929.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C Mr. James L. Britton, (Father)
Britton, Joe 4704 Wren Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

May 27, 1929.

XC- 78 005

Mr. Richard L. Britton, ✓ Mother dead
3308 William Place,
St. Louis, Mo.

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".

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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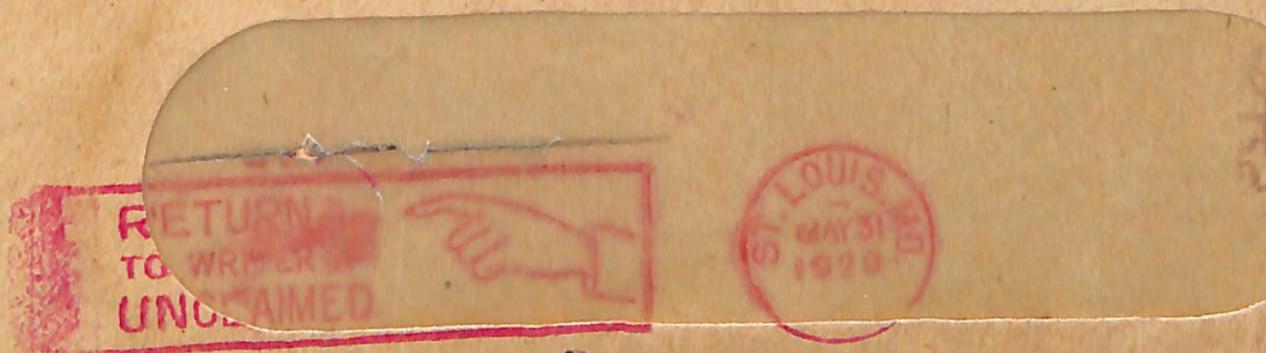
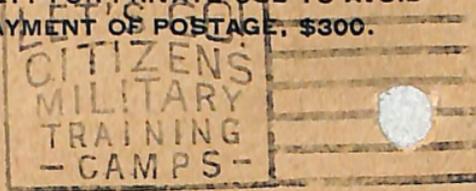


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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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



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WILLIAM BERTON GYON
Saint Louis, Mo., Searcher No. 17.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Britton, Joe

May 27, 1929.

Mr. Richard L. Britton,
3303 William Place,
St. Louis, Mo.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C

Britton, Joe Sgt.

Nov. 7, 1923.

Mr. Richard L. Britton,
3308 William Place,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires the inclosed photographs of the grave of your son, the late Sergeant Joe Britton, Company I, 138th Infantry, be transmitted to you. These photographs were just received from the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q. M. G., in Europe.

This office is gratified with being able to furnish you this memento of your gallant son, who gave his life to his country.

Very truly yours,

H. L. FOSTER,
Assistant.

1 incl
envelope with 2 photos.

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O.Q.M.G.
Central Mail & Files Bldg



NOV 8 1923

RECORDED, A.G.R.S., Q.M.C., IN EUROPE
FILE No. 004.511

QM 293 C-R
Britton, Joe Sgt.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

Aug. 13, 1923.

SUBJECT: Photograph of grave.

TO: Chief, AGRS, QMC in Europe.

1. It is requested that a photograph be made of the grave of the late Sergeant Joe Britton, #1453175, Co. I, 138th Inf., viz: Grave 21, Row 21, Block B, St. Mihiel American Cemetery, if found practicable, and forwarded to this office, for distribution to the father.

By order of the Quartermaster General:

LN

H. J. Conner
H. J. CONNER,
Assistant.



293 Britton

File No. 004.511

1st Ind.

GC.

Hq., A.G.R.S., Q.M.C. in E., 20 rue Molitor, PARIS, FRANCE, October 11th, 1923. --
To: The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army, WASHINGTON, D.C.

1. In compliance with instructions contained in basic communication, there are enclosed herewith two pictures of the grave of Sergeant Joe Britton, Co. I, 138th Infantry, Grave #21, Block B, Row #21, St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, (Meurthe-et-Moselle).

(2 Encls.)



R. P. Harbold
R. P. HARBOLD,
Chief.

QM 293 C-R
Britton, Joe, Sergeant

WAR DEPARTMENT,
WASHINGTON.

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AUG 16 1923

Mr. Richard L. Britton,
3308 Villines Place,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 3rd instant, you are advised that the remains of your late son, Sergeant Joe Britton, Company I, 138th Infantry, have been permanently buried in Grave 21, Row 21, Block B, St. Mihiel American Cemetery, at Thioncourt, Department of Meurthe-et-Moselle, France. This removal was necessary as the American Cemetery at Longres, Haute-Marne, wherein the remains were originally buried, was abandoned, and those bodies not ordered returned at the request of relatives, were concentrated into the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, where the graves will be perpetually maintained by this Government in a reverent manner, and marked by suitable headstones of white marble.

There is no appropriation by the Government for photographing permanent graves, but the Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe, has been requested to make a photograph of the grave of your late son. This photograph, when received, will be forwarded to you.

Yours very truly,

JOHN W. ~~WEEKS~~

Secretary of War.



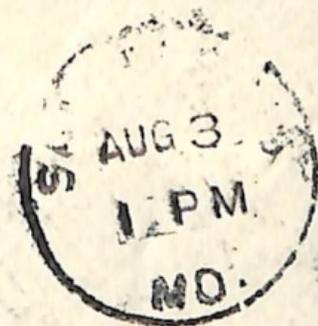
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COPY FOR SECRETARY OF WAR

Recorded, M. & R. Div., W. D.

MAILED M. & R. DIV., W. D.
AUG 17 1923

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To - The Secretary of War,
Lt. Wight M. Davis,
Washington,
D. C.

6591
R. L. Britton

330 8 Williams, Pl.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Britton Joe 1,453,175
(Surname.) (Christian name in full.) (Army number.)

Sgt Co I 138 Inf
(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased Father R L Britton

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? Yes
(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery? Yes
(Yes or no.)

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

Richard L Britton Father
(Name of person to receive remains.) (Express office.) (Telegraph office.)

Mary Britton mother
(Number and street.) (City or town.) (State.)

3308 St Louis Missouri
(Sign here) (City or town, or post office.) (State.)

Mary Britton mother
(Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by MKS

516-23

11-16-20

**REVIEWED
OSP SS.**

GLE 11-17-20

DO NOT DETACH THIS SLIP

Return accompanying papers to
ROOM 242, STATE, WAR, AND NAVY BUILDING

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR

Date August 6, 1923.

Subject: Letter from Richard L. Britton re grave of son

To: Quartermaster General

Approved.

Disapproved.

FOR-

1 Reference to
for

2 Necessary action and direct reply.

3 Nec. action and prep. of reply for sig. of The Asst. Secy. of War.

4 Remark and recommendation.

5 Notation and filing or return.

6 Investigation and report.

7 Correction.



By order of The Assistant Secretary of War.

GEO. S. GIBBS,
Colonel, S. C.

15939

Records of Soldiers
names etc, # 45

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St. Louis, Mo.
Aug. 3, 1923.

Asst Secretary of War. Dept.,
Dear Mr. He-Wight W. Davis

As the Father of Sgt.

Joe Britton of "A" Company
of the 138th Infantry of St.
Louis, Capt. Skinner's Co.,

I wish to know if my son
Joe is still buried in the
little church garden Lengres,
France. The grave registration
body told me they would
keep me in touch of any
removal of my son over 3
years ago and I haven't heard
from them since that time

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Recorded, M. & K. Div., W. D.

AUG 11 1923



The boy's Mother is now gone
and I think of that boy
all the time and wish to
know if he is still there.
The reason why I did not
bring that boy home, a
French lady that know
what he done in saving her
and the lives of 50 little boys
in her school house up near
Varrennes, has adopted his
grave. He was also the
1st boy to enter Varrennes
with 32 men and captured
prisoners. I know you
know my son well.

(over)

would like very much to
hear from you as soon
as possible,

Yours Truly,
Richard J. Britton
3308 Williams, Pl.,
St. Louis, Mo.

P.S. Would it be possible
for you to send me a
picture of his grave.
I am self and not able to
go to France to see his grave.



QM 293 C-R
Britton, Joe, Sergeant

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~~38786~~

Mr. Richard L. Britton,
3308 Williams Place,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 3rd instant, you are advised that the remains of your late son, Sergeant Joe Britton, Company I, 138th Infantry, have been permanently buried in Grave 21, Row 21, Block B, St. Mihiel American Cemetery, at Thiaucourt, Department of Meurthe-et-Moselle, France. This removal was necessary as the American Cemetery at Langres, Haute-Marne, wherein the remains were originally buried, was abandoned, and those bodies not ordered returned at the request of relatives, were concentrated into the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, where the graves will be perpetually maintained by this Government in a reverent manner, and marked by suitable headstones of white marble.

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Yours very truly,

O.Q.M.G.
Central Mail & Files Br.

Secretary of War.



AUG 15 1923

H.B.

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St. Louis, Mo.

Aug. 3, 1923

Ass't. Secretary of War Dept.

Dear Mr. DeWight M. Davis,

As the Father of Sgt. Joe Britton of D. Company of the 138th Infantry of St. Louis, Capt. Skinkers Co., I wish to know if my son Joe is still buried in the little church yard in Lengren, France. The grave registration body told me they would keep me in touch of any removal of my son over 3 years ago and I haven't heard from them since that time.

The boys mother is now gone and I think of that boy all the time and wish to know if he is still there. The reason why I did not bring that boy home, a French Lady that knew what he done in saving her and the lives of 50 little boys in her school house up near Varrennes, has adopted his grave. He was also the 1st boy to enter Varennes with 32 men and captured prisoners. I know you know my son well. I'd like very much to hear from you as soon as possible,

Yours truly

Richard L. Britton
3308 Williams Pl.
St. Louis, Mo.

PS. Would it be possible for you to send me a picture of his grave I am old and not able to go to France to see his grave.

3613

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

5/16/21
Exhumed for Concentration
St. Michael, #1233
Dec 6-8-21

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File 30706

(a) Name BRITTON, Joe Ser. No. 1453175
 (b) Rank Sgt. Organization Co. I, 138th Inf.
 (c) Date of death 10/8/18 (d) Cause of death Lobar Pneumonia

TYP. EK

CKR. MB

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

(a) Grave No. 4 Row -- Plot -- Sec. -- TYP. EK
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. M. Britton (mother) 3308 William Pl. St.
Louis, Mo.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

NO CARD

CKR. AOY

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Richard L + Mary Britton (b) Relationship Parents
 (c) Address 3308 William Place - St Louis - Mo.
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? Yes
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at Yes
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. -

See Supplement

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

Examiner's Initials mk 2 Date 11-16, 1920.

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

_____, dated _____

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

No corresp

Examiner's Initials mk 5 Date 11-16, 1920.

VI. G. R. S. FILES, CORRESPONDENCE—shows as follows:

Mother Mrs. Maria Britton
3308 William Place, St. Louis, Mo. 4-30-20
cancel request decides to have remains

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes mom
 Examiner's Initials mom Date 11-17, 1920.

Reviewed 4/15/31 EO

COUNTRY France

CEMETERY No. 516 SHEET No. 26

G. R. S. Form No. 115
Amended April 6, 1920

3-7729

FORM 115 A COMPLETED

Make Form No. 114

CARDED

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1/3/21

*checked
DEC 11-17-20*

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made _____, 1920.

Typed by _____, Checked by _____

RECEIVED

FEB 10 1921, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____
letter on 12/13, 1920

CEMETERIAL DIVISION
SEP 1920 PROJECT SUB-SEC.

Par # 2 Not to be returned HA

IX.

CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE.

ACTION TAKEN.

Desires body be _____

Body to be shipped to _____

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

see France

1/17/21. Form # 120, Mr. Richard L. Button, Father and next of kin, wishes
body remain in Europe. H-1/25/21. ap

FORM 115 RETURNED BY ROBERTSON-227
TO REMAIN IN EUROPE.

2-10-21 MW

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMAS-TER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
NOBOKEN, N.J.

JAN 11 1927

no change

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, C.M.C.
TO: Mr. Richard L. Britton, 3308 William Place, St. Louis, Mo.
SUBJECT: Remains of .Sgt. Joe Britton, Ser. No. 1453175, Co. I., 138th Inf.

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body ..
Remain in Europe.

yes

If these are not the correct instructions, please correct them. Make corrections on second page.

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 (either place at Government expense); or (3) remain in Europe.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Lieut. Colonel, 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. AND STREET	TOWN	STATE
<i>Richard Britton</i>	<i>3308 William Pl.</i>	<i>St. Louis</i>	<i>Mo</i>
Was soldier married?	<i>no</i>		
Soldier's widow	<i>no noted \$115</i>		
Soldier's children (1)	<i>no</i>		
Soldier's children (2)	<i>1/25/21 - ap</i>		
(Name oldest first) (3)			
Father	<i>Richard Britton 3308 William Pl.</i>		
Mother	<i>Mary Britton deast</i>		
Brothers (1)	<i>James Britton 3308 William Pl.</i>		
(Name oldest first) (2)	<i>Tom Britton 3308 William Pl.</i>		
(3)			
Sisters (1)	<i>no sisters</i>		
(Name oldest first) (2)			
(3)			

Date *Jan. 17* Signature *Richard Britton*
Address *3308 William Pl.* Relationship *father*

Important. - CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.

I, ~~the undersigned, on the~~ (relationship) and nearest living relative of the within-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 *Richard Bitter*...

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instructions as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative within two 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 NEAREST 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.

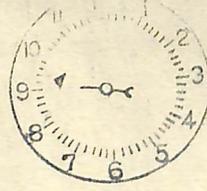
9. Use the inclosed envelope--pay no postage.

CEMETERY DIVISION



JAN 12 1921

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
CORRESPONDENCE BRANCH



JAN 19 1921

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To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE JANUARY 31, 1922.

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 BRITTON, Joe

10. Name

2. No. 1453175

11. No.

3. Rank Sgt

12. Rank

4. Org. Co. I 138th Inf.

13. Org.

5. D.D. 10-8-18

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. Pneumonia(b) D.B. None

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 4 Sec. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____

8. Plot _____ Row _____

16. Plot _____ Row _____

9. _____

17. None18. Cemetery Am r.19. Commune or town Langres20. Dept. or County Haute Marne21. Country France22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 51623. Disinterred (Date) Jan. 31, 1922. By E.G. SCOTT

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name JOE BRITTON

Serial No. _____

Rank Sgt.Organization Co. I. 138th Inf.Gr. No. 4.25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes On body? YesSignature Ray Brown Junior Technical AssistantRAY BROWN

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.27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Recognition impossible.28. Nature of burial In uniform and wooden box.29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Jan 31, 1922. By E.G. SCOTT31. Casket sealed by E.G. SCOTTSignature of Embalmer, (Supervisor E. G. Scott)E.G. SCOTT

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SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C - 26425

32. Designation of body:
Name Joe BRITTON Serial No. 1453175
Rank Sgt Organization Co, I 138th Inf.

33. Consigned to:
Name of Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel Amer. Cty. Thiaucourt, M-et-M 1233

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) January 31, 1922. By E.G. SCOTT

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 *R.L. Fain*
R.L. FAIN. CAPT. QMC

36. Remarks
Cross checks. G.R.S strip checks. Disc on body checks.
Disc on cross checks.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) January 31, 1922.
To point of Concentration Chaumont, (Hte. Mayne)
(Name)
Convoyer *Raymond E. Hall* Signature Shipping Officer *Walter F. Brown*
WALTER F. BROWN

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Captain, Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army
By G.R.S. Representative *A. Blake*

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 10 FEB 1922
18 JAN 1922
To Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel Amer Cty 1233, Thiaucourt, (M et M)
gbr (Name)
Convoyer Michael Plotkin Signature Shipping Officer *Walter F. Brown*
WALTER F. BROWN
Captain, Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

40. Received: Date 23 FEB 1922
G.R.S. Representative *G.D. Gamble*
G. D. GAMBLE, Captain, Q. M. C.,

41. Reinterred Aug. 24 1922 (Date)

42. Grave No. 21 Section

43. ~~Row~~ Bk. B Row 21

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

Place LANGRES. (HTE. MARNE)

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date JANUARY 31, 1922.

1. REMAINS OF BRITTON, Joe SERIAL NUMBER 1453175
RANK Sgt. ORGANIZATION Co. I . 158th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : Jan 31, 1922. From (give complete location) :
Grave No. 4, American Cemetery No. 516, Langres, (Hte. Marne)
By : Group 1 Unit Section 4.

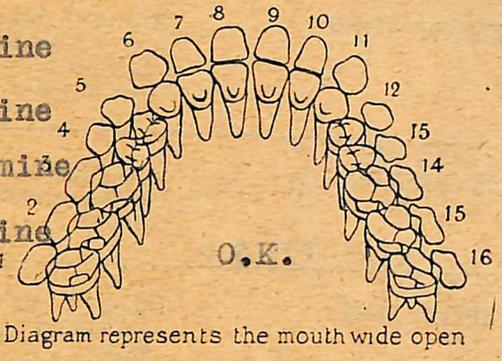
3. Reburied (date) : Aug. 24 1922 In (give complete location) : Gr. 21 Bk. D Row 21
Cty. 1233
By : Group Reburial Unit Casket & shipping case
Nature of reburial

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :
In uniform and wooden box.
Badly decomposed. Recognition impossible.

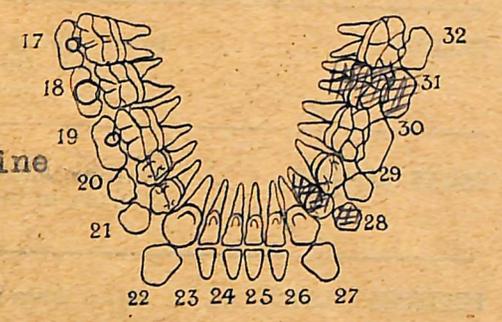
5. (a) Identification tags : Buried with body ? Yes On grave marker ? Yes
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :
No effects found.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Unable to determine
(b) Weight (estimated) Unable to determine
(c) Hair—Color Unable to determine
Quantity Unable to determine
Characteristics Unable to determine
(d) Hair on face—Color None
Location None
Quantity None



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



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) None
CAVITY- 17-18-19.
DECA YED- 28-31.

7. Disinterment supervised by E. G. Scott Approved : R. L. Fain
gbt E. G. SCOTT RB (Title) CAPT. OMC

8. Reburial supervised by H. L. Kramer Approved : A. E. Dewey
H. L. Kramer A. E. Dewey 1st. Lt. OMC (Title)

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), bicuspid (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.

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QM 293 C-R
Britton, Joe Sgt.

Aug. 13, 1923.

SUBJECT: Photograph of grave.

TO: Chief, AGRS, QMC in Europe.

1. It is requested that a photograph be made of the grave of the late Sergeant Joe Britton, #1453175, Co. I, 136th Inf., viz: Grave 21, Row 21, Block B, St. Mihiel American Cemetery, if found practicable, and forwarded to this office, for distribution to the father.

By order of the Quartermaster General:

LN

H. J. CONNER,
Assistant.

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ESM *com*

O. Q. M. G.
Central Mail & File D.



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B. O. C.

30706-Inquiry (Britton, Joe, Sgt.)

May 6th, 1920.

FILE

Honorable William L. Igoe,
House of Representatives.

My dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 3rd instant, I beg to advise that the cancellation of the former request of Mrs. Mary Britton, 3308 Williams Place, St. Louis, Missouri, has been noted and the necessary instructions will be forwarded to the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.G., in Europe.

Instructions had previously been forwarded to Europe for the return of the remains of Sergeant Joe Britton, serial number 1453173, Company I, 138th Infantry, now buried in grave #4, American Cemetery, Langres, Department of Haute-et-Marne, but cable instructions will be forwarded to cancel these instructions and the remains of this soldier will be permanently interred in France.

Very truly yours,

AMS

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

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WILLIAM I. IGOE
MISSOURI

MAY 4 1920

House of Representatives U. S.
Washington, D. C.

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Received - - Inq. Dept.

May 3, 1920.

Graves Registration Service,
Quartermaster General's Office,
War Department,
City.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing you a letter that I have received from Mrs. Mary Britton, 3308 Williams Place, St. Louis, Missouri, in which you will note that she desires to recall her previous request to have her son's body sent to this country and is now willing that it remain in France. Her son was Sergeant Joe Britton, Company I, 138th Infantry. I will thank you to acknowledge receipt of this letter and that the desired action is taken.

Very truly yours,

W. I. Igoe

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WILLIAM H. ...

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C.

city 5-16

Division of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing you a letter that I have re-

ceived from Mrs. Mary ...

of ... in which she will ...

desires to recall her previous report to have ...

and a copy sent to the ... and is now ...

that it remains in ... her son was ...

written, Company I, ... I will ...

to acknowledge receipt of this letter and ...

Respectfully,
Special Agent in Charge

Very truly yours,



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American Expeditionary Forces
Headquarters Service of Supplies,
Office of the Chief Quartermaster - American E.F.
Graves Registration Service
France.

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January 21, 1919.

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E. F.
TO: Mrs. Mary Britton, 3308 William Place, St. Louis, Missouri.
SUBJECT: Sergeant Joe Britton, Co. I., 138th Inf.

1. In reply to your letter of December 18th, 1918, in respect of place of burial of the above mentioned soldier, information has been received here to the effect that your son's body was interred in the AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY, at LANGRES, in the DEPARTMENT of the HAUTE MARNE.

2. This information has not as yet been confirmed by my inspecting officers, but there is very little doubt that the burial took place in the cemetery above named.

3. Your request for a photograph has been turned over to our photography bureau, and, as the graves in this particular cemetery will be photographed within a few weeks, the negatives will shortly be sent to the American Red Cross Headquarters at Washington, D. C., to whom you should make all further applications regarding the picture.

By direction CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Lieut.-Colonel, Q.M.C., A.E.F.

per MAURICE B. DIX,
Captain, American Red Cross,
Representative assigned to
Graves Registration Service.

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St. Louis April 30th

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Mr Igoe

I wish to ask
you to do me a favor
some time ago the
war department sent me
a card to fill out in
regards to having my
Son's Body brought back
I told them to send it
back. Now my husband
and myself have decided
to let the Body remain
France so please have
that card canceled and
have the war department
to leave my son's body
in the cemetery at Langres
France now Mr Igoe excuse

me for all this trouble
I am asking of you but
the war department is
so slow and not always
reliable, thanking you
in advance and praying
God to Bless you
for the many kind
favours you have done
for me in past and for
this in particular I
remain yours
Respectfully

Mrs Mary Britton
3308 William Place
St-Louis Mo

we think it is much
better ~~to~~ leave the body
rest-where he died

My son was

Sergeant Joe Barton
Company I 138th Infantry

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St-Louis Jan 23 1919
~~Postcard~~

Chief Graves Registration Service

Dear Sir I would like a photograph
of the grave of my son who
died in the service Oct eight-
1918. my son was

Sergeant Joe Britton

Comp. I. 138th Infantry I have
been notified that he is buried
in the American Cemetery
of Langres, Haute Marne.

Yours Respectfully Mrs Mary Britton
3308 William Place St Louis Mo

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St Louis Dec 18th

4/15/19

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Mr Charles C Peirce

Dear Sir

as head of
the Graves registration
service I would like
to ask you to let me know
how my son's grave is
is situated and where if
he is buried in a
military cemetery it was
his wish to be interred
in a military cemetery
so I would like to respect
his wishes that he may
rest in a soldier's grave
he died a brave soldier
from the report

Extract
F. P. B.

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by his superior Officer
 Major Traub my son
 was Sergeant Joe Britton
Company I 138th Infantry
 he died Oct the eight of
Tobar Pneumonia according
 to the official report sent
 me by the war department
 I would also like to have
 a Photograph of his grave
 if you would kindly send
 one to me. Yours Respectfully
 a sorrowing but proud
 mother of a brave soldier.

(Mrs Mary Britton
 830 1/2 William Place
 St Louis mo

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Britton *1453173* *Joe*
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Sgt. *Co. 9* *138 Inf.*
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: *B. H. 53*

CAUSE OF DEATH: *Pneumonia*

DATE OF BURIAL: *Oct 9 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL: *Cemetery 13*

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

U. S. Army Schools A. P. O. 714

GRAVE NUMBER:

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: *Marie Britton*

ADDRESS: *3208 William Place St. Louis Mo*

RELATIONSHIP: *Mother*

REPORTED BY: *J. A. Nesbitt, Chaplain*

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

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

28 OCT 1918

G.R.S. #106
DISPOSITION OF BODY

30704

War Department
Office of the Quartermaster General,
Graves Registration Service
Washington, D.C.

May 6, 1920.

For information of:

- (a) The Adjutant General of the Army
- (b) G.R.S., Paris, France.
- (c) Office Files.
- (d) Photographic Section.

Case of: Sgt. Joe Britton, #1453175,
Co. I, 138th Inf.

Grave Location: Grave #4, Amer. Cty.
Langres-Haute-et-Marne

Request for action checked below:

- (a) Return of Body to the U.S.
- (b) Permanent Burial in France.
- (c) Cancellation of former requests.
- (d) Change of address.
- (e) Photograph of grave.

has been made by: Hon. William L. Igoe,
House of Representatives
for Mrs. Mary Britton (mother)
3308 Williams Place,
St. Louis, Mo.

By authority of the Quartermaster General

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.
Chief, Graves Registration Service.
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G.R.S. FORM NO. 12.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

FROM : ADJUTANT GENERAL.
TO : C.O., Co. "M", 307th Infantry
SUBJECT : Information for burial Register

1. You are directed to transmit without delay to the Chief, Graves Registration Service, the information indicated on enclosed Grave Location Blank as necessary for the completion of official records.

By Command of General Pershing:

Robert C. Davis
Adjutant General.

Note:

In case this item is checked, you will note hereon:

Nearest relative of deceased:

Relationship: _____

Address: _____

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O. C. O. M.
G. R. S.

CAF

TO: - REGISTRATION BRANCH C.R.S.

File Number

From: - ARC

Date: 1/15/19

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME BRITTON, JOE

NUMBER

RANK

SGT. ORGANIZATION Co. I, 138 INF.

No.	Question	Reply
✓ 1	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	(1) Britton Joe #1453175 Sgt. Co. I. 138th Infantry
✓ 2	Date of Death	(2) 10-8-18
✓ 3	Cause and place of death	(3) Lobar-Pneumonia
4	Number of Casualty Cablegram	(4) C.C.#281
✓ 5	Date buried	(5) 10-9-18
✓ 6	Grave Location (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required	(6) No. Cemetery 13 (Amer) Langres (Hte Marne)
7	Who reported burial	
✓ 8	Has report been confirmed by C.R.S.	⑧ - NO
✓ 9	Report as to Grave Marker	(9) Name Plate
✓ 10	Report as to Identification Tags	10) One buried with body One attached to grave marker
11	Who is nearest relative?	
✓ 12	Has N/R been notified? (Give date)	(12) 12-30-18
13	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply on all cases if no information on record)	
14	What is Photograph No?	

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IN REPLY, all PROPER names to be printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

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