

To The A. G. O.

12787

OCT 6 - 1926

DATE 10/10/21

1. NAME *Soldiers Reg* Brown, James Albert ✓  
 RANK *OK* Pvt. *Mag.* ✓  
 ORGANIZATION & DIVISION *OK* Co. C 308th Amm Train ✓  
 GRAVE LOCATION American Cemetery, Souilly, Meuse *83 Div.* ✓  
 CTY. NAME NUMBER  
 183 Sec. B 4  
 GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION *nothing of record*  
 GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.  
 COORDINATES *not known*  
 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. 17, 1918*  
 STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *Ohio*  
 MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED *none*

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS *not known*  
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY  
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SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR *Wm Cline* Wm M. CLINE  
 Captain Q.M.C.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 10/10/21 39 10 Block H.  
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery #1232. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon. Meuse.

AUDITED BY M.M.G. 1-26-23

MM

OCT 6 1926 WORLD WAR DIV.

Robert G. Davis, Major General, The Adjutant General.

F.A. Burpals of 83rd Amm in action

# 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 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

*Brown 195655 James*

(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

*Pvt. Ord 308 A.J.*

(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: *Grac Hosp # 7*

CAUSE OF DEATH: *Pneumonia*

DATE OF BURIAL: *10/15/18*

PLACE OF DEATH: *Amer. Cem*

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

*Somily (Mense)*

GRAVE NUMBER: *B-IV-183*

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

Headboard? .....

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: .....

ADDRESS: .....

RELATIONSHIP: .....

REPORTED BY: *Chaplain Grac Hosp # 6*

(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	<i>Brown</i>		
	<i>James Albert</i>		
	<i>B R O</i>	3	<i>2 0 0</i>
	<i>1 2 3 2</i>	1	<i>8 3-</i>
BURIED	CEMETERY	1	<i>1</i>
	GRAVE	2	<i>3 9</i>
	ROW	2	<i>1 0</i>
	BLOCK	1	<i>H</i>
STATE	<i>Ohio</i>	2	<i>4 1</i>
PANK	<i>Wagoner</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>8 3</i>	2	<i>8 3</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>3 0 8</i>	3	<i>3 0 8</i>
ARM	<i>Amv. Sv.</i>	1	<i>8</i>
MARTIAL	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME		5	
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	
	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	<i>Step mother</i>	1	<i>3</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Dead - 2-13-30</i>	1	<i>6</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

AUDITED

APR 14 1932  
*RS*

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CODE SLIP

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	<i>Jas. Albert</i>		
BURIED	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	
	GRAVE	2	
	ROW	2	
	BLOCK	1	
STATE		2	
RANK		1	
DIVISION		2	
ORGANIZATION		3	
AFM		1	
MARITAL		1	
NAME		3	
	<i>S.M. Dead 2-13-30</i>		
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	
	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	<i>no loco. Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Dead-1904</i>	1	<i>6</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
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NO. OF SONS			
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	
29/514			

AUDITED

APR 14 1939

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The Quartermaster General :-  
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir.

In reply to your request, for information concerning the natural mother of the late Wagoner James Albert Brown - 1232. D.M. 293-A-M. Will say she died in Emporia Kansas in December 1904, and he is not survived by either Natural Mother or step Mother; <sup>he is survived</sup> only by his father, Harry M. Brown.

Very Truly yours,

Mrs J. L. Hunt  
1329 Rowland  
Kansas City  
Kansas



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Brown, James Albert Wagoner 1232

December 26, 1930.

Mrs. J. L. Hunt,  
1329 Rowland Avenue,  
Kansas City, Kansas.

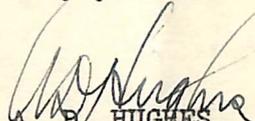
Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested you advise whether or not the late Wagoner James Albert Brown is survived by a natural mother, and if so, her name and address.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

~~Handwritten mark~~

Encl.  
Env.

Dear Sir:-

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

RE NEWLY RECORDED ON 228 A-M

December 26, 1880.

Brown, James Albert Wagoner 1288

Mrs. J. L. Hunt,  
1289 Rowland Avenue,  
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested you advise whether or not the late Wagoner James Albert Brown is survived by a natural mother, and if so, her name and address. A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For the Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

W. B. HUBBARD,  
Captain & Adjutant  
Assistant

Recd.  
Nov.

America

8/27/30

1232

Mr. Elsie Brown passed away  
Feb. 13 - 1930

Mrs. J. L. Hunt  
1329 Rowland.

Brown, James Albert  
the invitation extended

I deceased

(Accept or decline)

me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of the  
Government of the United States under the provisions of  
the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Elsie M. Brown,

(Name)

2712-N. 21st St., Kansas City, ~~Barton~~ <sup>Wyandotte</sup> County,

(Town or City)

Kansas.

(State)



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Brown, James Albert 1232-SM

October 7, 1929.

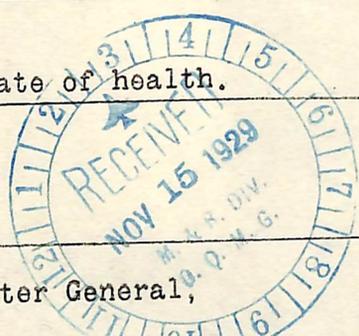
Mrs. Elsie M. Brown,  
~~1126 Argentine Blvd.,~~ *2712 N. 21 St*  
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress not later than December 15, 1929. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

In order that the report referred to may be made and plans completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested that you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office by return mail in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes) <u>yes</u> (No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <u>yes</u> (No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes) <u>No</u> (No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <u>52</u> (Years) Health <u>(Good)</u> (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <u>yes</u> (No) Other language _____ (Specify language spoken)



For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*John T. Harris*  
JOHN T. HARRIS,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Brown, James Albert  
1232

October 22, 1929.

Mrs. Elsie M. Brown,  
1126 Argentine Blvd.,  
Kansas City, Kansas.

*letter 10-7-29  
sent 11-4-29*

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, enabling the mothers and widows of the members of the military and naval forces of the United States now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries.

The records of this office indicate that you were the step-mother of the late James Albert Brown, Wagoner, and in order to determine your eligibility under the Act to make the pilgrimage to his grave it will be appreciated if you will furnish the following information:

- (1) Date of your marriage to the father of James Albert Brown.
- (2) Were you married to Mr. Brown at the time his son entered the military service?
- (3) Were you married to Mr. Brown at the time of his son's death?
- (4) If not, give date of your separation from him, or of his death.

*Aug 30 1906*

*yes.*

*yes*

For the Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

*A. D. Hughes*

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

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Act.  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Brown, James Albert  
1232

Sept. 4, 1929.

Mrs. Elsie M. Brown,  
1126 Argentine Blvd.,  
Kansas City, Kans.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 29, 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:

No

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.

Mrs Elsie May Brown  
Step mother.

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

Yes.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29, 1929.

Brown, James Albert

Mrs. Elsie M. Brown,  
1186 Argentine Blvd.,  
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

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 mother of the late James Albert Brown, Wagoner, Co.C, 508th Am.Train whose remains are interred in the Meuse Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since re-married it is 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,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

QM 293 A-M  
Brown, James Albert Wagoner 1232

December 26, 1930.

Mrs. J. L. Hunt,  
1329 Rowland Avenue,  
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested you advise whether or not the late Wagoner James Albert Brown is survived by a natural mother, and if so, her name and address.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

Brown, James Albert 1232-M

May 8, 1930

Mrs. Elsie M. Brown,  
2712 N. 21 St.,  
Kansas City, Kansas

This letter, which contains general information regarding the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, is being sent to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during the calendar year 1930. The general plan for the conduct of the pilgrimage is shown in the Pilgrimage Regulations, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. In addition to the information shown in the regulations, the following explains in detail some of the most important things connected with the pilgrimage.

Formal invitations are being extended to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during 1930. In so far as practicable, these invitations are being extended with a view to keeping the women from each state together and the order in which the invitations to the women from the several states are issued is based on a drawing by lot which was held about one month ago. Inclosed with each invitation is a card for acknowledgment and it is quite important that you accept or decline this invitation promptly in order that the necessary railroad, steamship and hotel reservations may be arranged. The government will defray all the necessary expenses of the pilgrimage, including railroad fare, hotel accommodations, steamship fare and all other incidental expenses. It will not provide anything other than the necessary expenses so that you should bring with you such funds as you may desire to use for making small purchases and for other uses distinctly of a personal nature.

Arrangements have been made with the American Railroad Association which assures us the united support and cooperation of all of the railroads in the United States in handling the movement to and from New York City. The local ticket agent will secure your railroad and sleeper ticket and will make the necessary pullman reservations. Before your departure from your home we will mail you a check, sufficient to pay for your meals and other travelling expenses while enroute to New York. Your railroad ticket will provide for a round trip from your home to New York and upon arrival in New York the army officer in charge of the New York office will collect the return trip stub and hold it until your return to New York from Europe.

Upon arrival in New York, you will be met by an army officer

and escorted to a first class hotel where reservations have been made. The duration of your stay in New York will be from 24 to 48 hours. At the proper time, you will be escorted to the steamship upon which passage has been engaged for Europe. All of the women making this trip will be provided with cabin class accommodations aboard steamers which means that from two to four will be quartered in the same stateroom. If you have any friend that you would like to be quartered with we will endeavor to arrange it if you will communicate with this office.

The ocean voyage will last about 8 days and when the ship docks at Cherbourg, France, each party will be met by officers especially detailed for the purpose and taken in a special train to Paris where first class hotel accommodations have been reserved. The first day in Paris will be a day of rest. On the 2d day, the women of each party will place a wreath on the tomb of the French unknown soldier. In the afternoon there will be a reception in which the French war mothers, government officials, and prominent civilians will participate. The following morning the groups going to the different cemeteries will leave Paris, travelling in motor busses, and proceed to the cemeteries where they will remain for about 7 days. Twenty-five women will be assigned to each bus and an army officer will have charge of the bus. The itineraries to and from the cemeteries and the daily itineraries while at the cemeteries have been varied so as to take in points of historical interest as well as some parts of the battlefields where American troops were engaged. Upon return to Paris, each party will remain for about 5 days and during this time an opportunity will be given to see the points of historical interest in Paris and vicinity. The entire duration of your stay in Europe will be 14 days, and the itineraries have been so arranged that each day will be provided for. Except in case of illness or other unavoidable cause it will not be possible for any woman making the pilgrimage to remain in Europe for a longer period than 14 days nor to leave the party with which she is travelling unless she is prepared to pay all of her expenses after leaving the party since the Act of Congress authorizing the pilgrimage specifically states that the government shall not pay the expenses of any woman who willfully leaves her party.

Upon return to the United States each ship will be met in New York City by army officers who will escort the mothers and widows to the trains which will take them home. Before leaving New York each woman will be provided with her return railroad ticket, a sleeping car ticket and funds to cover the cost of meals and other travelling expenses.

Army officers are being used as guides and escorts throughout this entire movement and care has been taken to select officers who will see that proper care is taken of the women who are entrusted to their charge. Arrangements have been made for taking care of women who may be taken sick during the pilgrimage and also to care for the remains of any who may die and provision has been made for returning the remains of any who may die to their homes. It is essential that each woman making the pilgrimage furnish The Quartermaster General with an emergency address of some relative or friend to be notified in the event of an emergency. Medical care will be provided by civilian agencies. If such care is needed in New York City it will be furnished by the hotel physicians or

by local hospitals. Aboard ship, medical care will be provided by the ship's doctors and in Paris arrangements have been made with the American Hospital for the hospitalization and treatment of any women who may need it. In addition to this, six doctors of the regular army will be on duty throughout the pilgrimage.

Baggage will be limited to not to exceed two pieces of hand baggage and the articles taken should be such as will be required for a trip of about one month. Laundry service can be obtained in New York and Paris. Since the climate of Europe is much colder than that of the United States, each woman should provide herself with sufficient warm clothing to stand the motor bus trip and the visit to the cemeteries.

Since it is necessary for this office to make all reservations for your accommodations throughout this pilgrimage, it will be greatly appreciated if you will make prompt reply to any communications received from this office.

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.  
Regulation.

O. Q. M. G. M. C. R. DIV.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

May 1, 1930.

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C  
Brown, James Albert -1232 M

Mrs. Elsie M. Brown,  
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Kansas City, Kansas.

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

1 Enclosure.  
Regulation.

BQM 393 A-C  
Brown, James Albert  
1232

October 22, 1929.

Mrs. Elsie M. Brown,  
1126 Argentine Blvd.,  
Kansas City, Kansas.

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- (2) Were you married to Mr. Brown at the time his son entered the military service?
- (3) Were you married to Mr. Brown at the time of his son's death?
- (4) If not, give date of your separation from him, or of his death.

For the Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

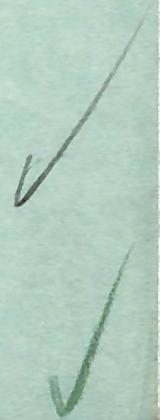
A. D. HUGHES,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Brown, James Albert 1232-SM

Mrs. Elsie M. Brown,  
1126 Argentine Blvd.,  
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress not later than December 15, 1929. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

In order that the report referred to may be made and plans completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested that you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office by return mail in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	(No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age (Years)	Health (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English -- (Yes) (No) Other language (Specify language spoken)	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Brown, James Albert  
1252

Sept. 4, 1929.

Mrs. Elsie M. Brown,  
1126 Argentine Blvd.,  
Kansas City, Kans.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated **June 29, 1929** making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage?

Write answers in space below

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried? If so, give her complete address:

2. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29, 1929.

Brown, James Albert

Mrs. Elsie M. Brown,  
1126 Argentine Blvd.,  
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

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 mother of the late James Albert Brown, Wagoner, Co.C, 308th Am.Train whose remains are interred in the Meuse Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since re-married it is 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,

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

In reply refer to:  
293.8 C-r #57022

February 26, 1923.

Mrs. Elsie M. Brown,  
1126 Argentine Blvd.,  
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of the late Wagoner James Albert Brown, Company C, 309th Ammunition Train, is Grave 39, Row 10, Block H, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse, France.

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

In effecting removal, the utmost care and reverence were exacted and more than willingly accorded by those performing this sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

H. J. Conner,  
Assistant.

MAILED

FEB 26 1923

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Place Libilly, Meuse.,

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Sept 28-21

1. REMAINS OF Brown, James Albert SERIAL NUMBER 1956555

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. C. 308th Amm. Train.

2. Disinterred (date) : Sept 28-21 From (give complete location) : Gr. 183 Sec. B. plot 4 Cem. 534.

By : Group 2 Unit Field section # 3.

3. Reburied (date) : Oct. 10, 1921. Meuse Argonne Cem. #1233. Row 10 Block H Gr. 39. In (give complete location) : Unlined Casket.

By : Group Reburial Sec. Unit  Nature of reburial

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :

Blanket and Pine 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 :

None.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items ? Metal filling 18

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine MBD 19 32 MAD 20 23 24 25 28

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to estimate Gold Crown 30

(c) Hair—Color None visible

Quantity None.

Characteristics None visible

(d) Hair on face—Color None visible.

Location None visible.

Quantity None

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

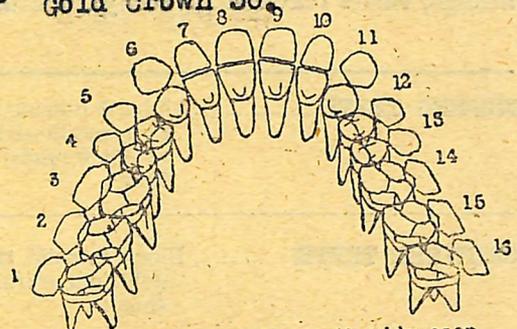
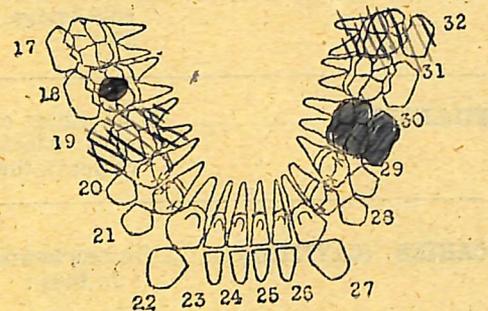


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



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

None.

7. Disinterment supervised by H. L. H. [Signature] Approved : W. H. R. [Signature], 1st Lt. MC.

(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by W. B. SHEILD [Signature] Approved : JAMES W. YOUNGER, [Signature]

(Title) CAPT., 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 Question 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

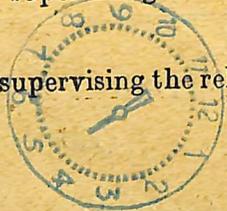
1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial 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.

<p><b>MISSING TEETH</b>.....All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :</p>	
<p><b>CROWNED TEETH</b>.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :</p>	
<p><b>BRIDGE WORK</b>.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :</p>	
<p><b>FILLINGS</b>.....Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :</p>	
<p><b>CARIES (CAVITIES)</b>.....Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :</p>	
<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."</p>	

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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To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept 28-21

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 Brown, James Albert 10. Name \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. No. 1956555 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Rank Pvt. 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Org. Co. C 308th Amn Train 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. D.D. 10-17-18 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. C.D. Lobar Pneumonia (b) D.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- 7. Grave No. 183 Sec. B 15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Plot 4 Row \_\_\_\_\_ 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_ 17. None.

- 18. Cemetery American Cty. 19. Commune or town Souilly
- 20. Dept. or County Meuse 21. Country France
- 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 534
- 23. Disinterred (Date) Sept 28-21 By H. L. Harbut

24. Inscription on grave marker:

- Name James A. Brown Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_
- Rank Pvt. Organization Co. C. 308th Amn. Train.

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

Signature H. L. Harbut  
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

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

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed recognition impossible.

28. Nature of burial Blanket and pine box.

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 Sept 28-21 By H. L. Harbut

31. Casket sealed by \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) H. L. Harbut

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-9492

32. Designation of body:

Name Brown, James A. Serial No. 05956555

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. C 308th Amm Train

33. Consigned to: Officer in Charge Operations.,  
Meuse Argonne Amer. Cty. 1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon

Name of Permanent Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Sept 28-21 By H. L. Hurlbut

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 W. H. Reach, 1st Lt. QMC.

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

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Sept 28-21

To point of Concentration Romagne sous Montfaucon, Meuse.,

Convoyer R. H. Cronin Signature Shipping Officer W. H. Reach, 1st Lt. QMC

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 \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

40. Received: Date Sept 29, 1921 (P) D'B

G.R.S. Representative [Signature]

41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cem. #1232 Oct. 10, 1921

42. Grave No. Row 10 Block H Gr. 39 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_

G.R.S. Representative JAMES W. YOUNGER  
CAPT., QMC.

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WAR DEPARTMENT

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

CEMETERIAL DIVISION

WASHINGTON

APR 9 1921

FROM: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. G.

To: Mrs Elsie May Brown, 1126 Argentine Blvd., Kansas City, Kansas

SUBJECT: Remains of Wag. James Albert Brown, Ser.No. 1956555, Co.C 308th AmTr

The records of this office show that ~~you have requested that the body of the above-named no request has been made for the disposition of his remains~~

*Remains in Europe*

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

GEORGE H. PENROSE,  
Colonel, Q. M. C.

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 or not these relatives are STILL LIVING.

Was soldier married? *No*

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow	<i>Noted 115</i>		
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1 <i>7-16-21</i>		
	2 <i>MKS</i>		
	3		
Father <i>Harry M. Brown</i>	<i>1126 Arg Blvd</i>	<i>Kansas City</i>	<i>Kansas</i>
Mother <i>Lloyd Brown</i>	<i>dead</i>		
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1 <i>Mrs Hazel Gafferty</i>	<i>700 Jefferson</i>	<i>Kansas City Missouri</i>
	2 <i>Mrs Ethel Jones</i>	<i>1126 Arg Blvd</i>	<i>Kansas City Kansas</i>
	3		

Date *April 25 1921*

Signature *Mrs Elsie M Brown*

Address *1126 Arg Blvd KCMO*

Relationship *Step Mother*

I, the undersigned, am the Step-mother (Relationship.) and nearest living next of kin 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.) \_\_\_\_\_ (State.)~~  
~~(R. R. station.)~~

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 Wm. Elsie May Brown

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OFFICE OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instructions for the disposition of a body are not received from the next of kin 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 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 next of kin 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 next of kin, please ask the nearest next of kin, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
7. If YOU are not the nearest living next of kin 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.

NOTE.—INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DISPOSITION OF REMAINS will be issued by this office upon the properly executed authority of the legal next of kin in each case. The widow is the first person having disposition of the remains of her husband. Should there be no widow or children, the father and, in turn (upon his decease), the mother, is the proper authority. The brothers, in order of seniority, and then the sisters in order of seniority, if there are no brothers, rank next in authority to decide. Under an opinion rendered by the Judge Advocate General of the Army, if a widow has remarried she forfeits her right, and the next of kin as given above will make decision.

WAR DEPARTMENT

Kansas City Kans.

April 25-1921

Graves registration service

Hoboken N. J. Pier 2.

Dear sir; - As we have decided  
to let your boys remains  
rest in Europe, would it  
be possible for you to  
inform us in what  
cemetery his remains  
will be buried in case  
we should at some future  
time we may go to see  
his last resting place.

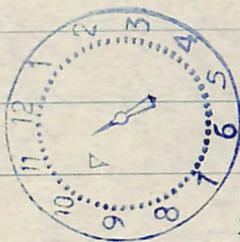
Respectfully

Mrs Elsie May Brown

1126 Arg. Blvd

Kansas City Kans

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Central Division  
Overseas Project Sub-Section

# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

## I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File # 57022

(a) Name BROWN, James A. *Albert (2-25-21) 'M'* Ser. No. 1956555  
 (b) Rank ~~Pvt.~~ *Mag. (2-25-21) 'M'* Organization Co. C, 308th Amn. Train TYP. egp  
 (c) Date of death 10-17-18 (d) Cause of death Lobar pneumonia CKR. ASU



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

(a) Grave No. 183 Row - Plot 4 Sec. B TYP. egp  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. *H. also (2-25-21) 'M'* Elsie M. Brown (step-mother) 926 S. 12th St., (over) Kansas City, Kans.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases NO CARD CKR. ASU

## IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt no card in file L-9, 1-17-21

(a) Name \_\_\_\_\_ (b) Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
 (c) Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? \_\_\_\_\_  
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at \_\_\_\_\_  
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. \_\_\_\_\_

Examiner's Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

## V. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_, confirming request in Par. IV., item \_\_\_\_\_, above, or requesting that \_\_\_\_\_  
no correspondence

Examiner's Initials L-9 Date 1-17, 1920.

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

no request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes PF  
 Examiner's Initials PF Date 1-18-, 1920.

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COUNTRY France

CEMETERY No. 534

SHEET No. 68

Make Form No. 114

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

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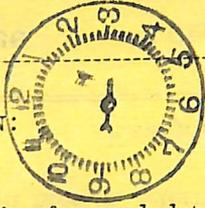
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*checked M  
2-25-21*

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, checked by \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:



MAR 10 1921

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on **JAN 27 1921**, 1920

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Criminal Project Section

Par. 2 Not to be returned. (L.S.)

IX.

CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE.	ACTION TAKEN.
Desires body be _____	
Body to be shipped to _____	
_____	
_____	
_____	

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*B. A. H. Q. - Mrs. Elsie May Brown  
(Step-Mother) 1126 Argentine Blvd.  
Kansas City, Kansas. (2-25-21) "M"  
\$1.20 + letter - 4/25/21 - Mrs. Elsie M. Brown - stepmother -  
1126 Arg. Blvd. - Kansas City, Kan - home in France - 3/7/21*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
QUARTERMASTER CORPS  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
PIER 2, HOBOKEN, N. J.

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Recd  
File # 293.8  
57022

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div.,Cor. Br. August 10th, 1921.  
(BROWN, James Albert)

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Chief, Cemeterial Division,  
O.Q.M.G., Washington, D.C.

SUBJECT: Return of Records. Cemetery No.534,  
Cable Reference No. 68, Transmittal  
Memorandum No. H-891.

1. Returned herewith is communication dated April 25th, 1921, from Mrs. Elsie May Brown, and records pertaining to the case of the late James Albert Brown, Wagoner, Serial Number 1956555, Company C. 308th Ammunition Train, no request having been made for the return of the remains to the United States.

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

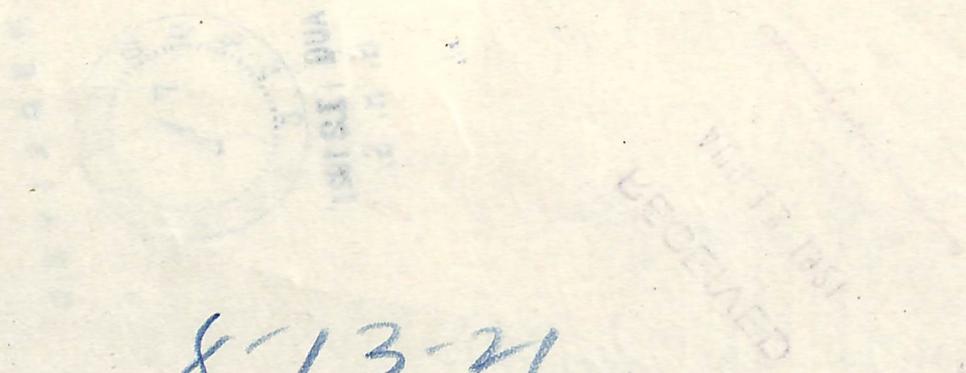
BY:

*F. C. Pallas*  
F. C. PALLAS,  
Executive Assistant.

Incl(records)

*Brown, James Albert*

8-13-21  
*mm*



WAR DEPARTMENT  
QUARTERMASTER CORPS  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
PIER 2, HOBOKEN, N. J.

Mr. [Name], [Address], [City], [State], [Zip]

Dear Sir:  
[Faded text]

[Faded text]

[Faded text]

[Signature]

(Enclosure)

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File No. 293.8 Com.Div., Cor. Br.  
(BROWN, James Albert)

August 10th, 1921.

Mrs. Elsie M. Brown,  
1126 Argentine Blvd.,  
Kansas City, Kansas.

Wagoner, James Albert Brown,  
re: Serial Number 1956555, Co.  
C. 308th Ann. Train.

Dear Madam:

Your communication and Shipping Inquiry Form #120, dated April 25th, 1921, requesting that the remains of the deceased soldier named above be left in France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery have been forwarded to the Cemeterial Division, Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington, D.C., for necessary action.

The Cemeterial Division, Washington, D.C. will furnish you the grave location in the permanent American Cemetery as soon as possible after the body has been placed therein.

The Department desires to renew its previous expression of sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

F. C. PALIAS,  
Executive Assistant.

COR. BR. G. R. S. BY:



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Quartermaster General  
Executive Assistant  
Division

August 1921, 1921.

File No. 237.8 Gen. Div. Gen. Div. (ARROW, James Albert)

Request, James Albert Brown, for burial number 12222, Co. 103rd Am. Troop.

Mrs. Elsie M. Brown, 1122 Argonne Blvd., Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Your communication was shipping inquiry form #122, dated April 28th, 1921, requesting that the remains of the deceased soldier named above be left in France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery have been forwarded to the General Division, Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington, D.C., for necessary action.

The General Division, Washington, D.C., will transfer you the grave location in the permanent American Cemetery as soon as possible after the body has been placed therein.

The Department desires to renew its previous expression of sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General,

H. M. SHERRILL, Captain, U.S.A., Office in Charge.

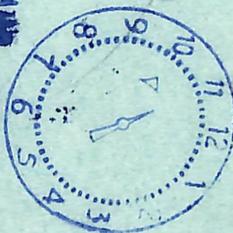
A. O. FAIRBANKS, Executive Assistant.

Central Division Overseas Project Sub-Section

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File # 57022

(a) Name BROWN, James A. <sup>Albert</sup> (2-25-21) M Ser. No. 1956555  
 (b) Rank Pvt. <sup>Mag. (2-25-21) M</sup> Organization Co. C, 308th Amn. Train TYP. osp  
 (c) Date of death 10-17-18 Cause of death Lobar pneumonia A.G.M.

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

(a) Grave No. 183 Row 4 Plot H. M. Sect. 4 TYP. osp  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Elsie M. Brown (step-mother) 926 S. 12th St., Kansas City, Kans.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases NO CARD CKR A.G.M.

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

A.G.O. - No card in file  
A.G.O. - No correspondence  
G.R.S. - No request for disposition 3/2/21 GP

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by - (cable on 192)  
 (letter of transmittal JAN 27 1921)

Par. 2 Not to be returned. (L.S.)

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. MAR 8 - 1921 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of Relationship Desires Action taken  
 and Source and name

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

MAR 3 1921 88

*Inquiries  
about  
soldiers  
#22*

*Cemetery*

May 2, 1919.

Mrs. Elsie Brown,  
926 S. 12th St.,  
Kansas City, Kansas.

My dear Mrs. Brown:-

After writing you under date of March 25th, I took up the matter of your son's burial place and find that he was buried in Grave #83, Section B, Plot 3, American Cemetery at Souilly, Department of the Meuse. If you are familiar with the map of France and draw a line from Verdun to Bar-le-due you will find Souilly about two-fifths of the way down the line some ten miles from the river Meuse. It is a town which is very small and would only be on the more detailed maps but it was a place of great importance on account of the concentration of hospitals there.

With renewed assurances of our profound sympathy, we are, my dear Madam,

Sincerely and respectfully yours,

PDM/rm  
1 Encl.

Paul D. Moody,  
G.H.Q. Chaplain.

P.S. I enclose for your information the letter received from Lieutenant Colonel Pierce in charge of the Graves Registration Service.

*Brown, James A.  
P.O., 308 Commonwealth Ave.*



*other file with  
his papers  
5/27/24*

G.H.Q. CHAPLAINS' OFFICE

March 25, 1919.

Mrs. Elsie Brown,  
926 S. 12th St.,  
Kansas City, Kansas.

My dear Madam:-

We imagine that ere you receive this you will have learned through the official channels of the cause of the silence of your son. Your letter is dated Nov. 25th and it never reached this office until after having wandered about over France until March 19th and we have only just received the information. I imagine that he was detached from the 83rd Division, but the records of the Statistical Office show that he died of Lobar Pneumonia on the 17th of October last year.

Allow me to express our profound sympathy. If you do not know, I hope you will read the splendid words which our great President, Abraham Lincoln, wrote to a bereaved mother in the Civil War. You, like her, have laid a costly gift upon the altar of freedom.

I am, my dear madam,

Sincerely and respectfully yours,

Paul D. Moody,  
G.H.Q. Chaplain.

PDM/RM



Kansas City, Kans.

Nov 25 1918

To the chaplain of 83rd division,  
Kind friend:- Can you  
give me any information  
as to the whereabouts of my son  
Private James A. Brown 1956535  
Co C. 308 Ammunition train. <sup>83rd div</sup>  
I have not heard from him  
since Sept 2 last.

If he is wounded, how bad,  
or sick, if dead where did  
he die & what caused his  
death. From his heartbroken

Mother Mrs Elsie Brown

926 S. 12th St  
Kansas City  
Kansas

Died of Lobar  
pneumonia

10/17/18

Organization

SUPPER

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BILL OR CARE

INGREDIENTS

From Bill

Date

57022

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Brown 195655 James

(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Pvt. Ord 308 a.7

(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Grav Hosp # 7

CAUSE OF DEATH: Pneumonia

DATE OF BURIAL: 10/15/18

PLACE OF BURIAL: Amer. Cem

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

Southern (muse)

GRAVE NUMBER: B-IV-183

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?  Cross?

Headboard?  Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY: Lt. Craig Stewart

Chaplain Grav Hosp # 6

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

25 OCT 1918

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

57022

1. G. R. S. Form No. 1. Hq. G. R. S. File

2. Soldier's No. 1956555

3. Brown James  
Surname (In Block Letters) First Name and Initials

4. Pvt C Am Train  
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. Oct 17th 1918  
Date of Death Cause, if known

6. Oct 18th 1918 A E C  
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. Souilly Meuse  
Town or Commune (In Block Letters) Department

8. 183 Sect. B Plot 3  
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

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

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

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

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12. Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

Map 51 N 249 -45 E 320 -81

13. Give name of Chaplin or Burial Officer

Signed J. H. Butcher

Group 1 Unit 301 G. R. S.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-0

Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 2/14/21.

File No. **57024** Requisition.

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.

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

- M*
- |                                                        |                                                                                     |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| a. Surname <b>Brown</b> <i>SK</i>                      | f. Date of death <b>10/17/18.</b> <i>OK</i>                                         |
| b. Christian name <b>James A. Albert</b>               | g. Cause of death <b>L. Pneumonia.</b> <i>OK</i>                                    |
| c. Serial Number <b>1956555</b> <i>OK</i>              | h. Authority (C.O.#)                                                                |
| d. Organization <b>Co. C, 308th Amm. Tn.</b> <i>OK</i> | i. Emergency address <b>Mrs. H. M. Brown, 926 So. 12th St., Kansas City, Kansas</b> |
| e. Rank <b>Pvt. Wag.</b>                               | j. Relationship <b>step mother</b>                                                  |

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age of 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)

*Donnelly MSM  
Snd Pl Sec 8-307  
Feb 18/21*

DENTAL CHARTS

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

- a. Strike out teeth missing
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H. L. ROGERS,  
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.

BY: *H. J. Conner*

H. J. CONNER,  
1st. Lieut., Q.M.C.

*Rec'd S & S Div., A.G.O.*

C.W. 534  
CEMETERY NO: 534

SHEET NO: 68  
TYPED BY: I.W.

S/713/LML

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

Harlow C.W.

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

Brown, James A., Pvt.

534 - 68

*1/18/21*

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

1956555

Co. C, 308th Amm. Tn.

*Adjustment made*

*5-8 1922*

*57022*

Date of death - 10/17/18.

*File No. ....*

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

*Original attached to 3115*

DATE

*(2-25-21) "A"*

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

*Mrs. Elsie May Brown Step. Mother*

Address

*1126 Argentine Blvd., Kansas City Kansas.*

S/709/LML

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AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE.

Reference - 57022.

April 17th, 1919.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.  
TO : Chaplain Paul D. Moody, G.H.Q., Chaplain's Office, A.P.O. 706,  
FRANCE.  
SUBJECT : James A. Brown, Co. C, Ammunition Train, 508th, 85rd Division,  
American E.F.

In reply to your letter of inquiry, with reference to the re-  
gretted death of this soldier, according to the records at these headquarters  
he is buried in Grave #85, Section B, Plot 3, American Cemetery at SOUILLY,  
Department of the MEUSE.

By direction

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Lieut.-Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.

(Enclosures - G.R.S.:)  
(10-B. .004.5)

MBD-85.

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

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

FILE NUMBER 57022

FROM:-

DATE 3/29/19.

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME BROWN JAMES A.

NUMBER 1956555.

RANK ORGANIZATION CO. C. AMMT TR.308th. 83, Div.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	① yes
2.	Date of Death.	② 10-17-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	③ Fatal Pneumonia
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	④ CC # 318
5.	Date buried.	⑤ 10-18-18
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	⑥ Cty # 534 Row 183 Sec B. Plot 3. Cty Ames (SOUILLY). MEUSE.
7.	Who reported burial.	⑦ K. CRAIG STEWART Camp Evac # 6
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	⑧ yes
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	⑨ cross
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	⑩ Not buried with body one attached to Grave marker.
11.	Who is nearest relative?	⑪ Mrs. Eldon Brown (step mother)
12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	926 12th St Kansas City, KANS.
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.?? N.B. All Proper names to be printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.	⑫ 12-13-18



GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

57022  
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March 25, 1919.

From: G.H.Q. Chaplains' Office, G.H.Q., A.P.O. 706.  
To: Graves Registration Bureau, Tours.  
Subject: Burial Place of Jas. A. Brown (#1956555).

1. Information is requested as to the burial place of James A. Brown, #1956555.

2. He was listed as belonging to Co. C of the 308th Ammunition Train, 83rd Division, but this office imagines that since the 83rd Division was a replacement Division that he had been transferred at the time of his death, which occurred Oct. 17, 1918.

*Paul D. Moody*

Paul D. Moody,  
G.H.Q. Chaplain.

PDM/RM

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