

To The A. G. O.

G.R.S. Form #114-B

FEB 11 1926

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FULL NAME *BROWN, James W.* *Soldier*

RANK *Cpl.* SERIAL *53148*

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION *Co. D, 26th Infantry* *1 Div.*

DATE OF DEATH *5/28/1918*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *Ala*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED *Cited in G.O. 1st Div. Jan 1/20*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION *10/24/22* *4* *25* *D*  
Date Grave Row Block

*Somme American Cemetery # 636*

Cemetery

*Robert O. Davis*  
*Major General*

*The Adjutant General*

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*SRP*  
*3/24/26*

Rec'd World War Div.

*3* MAR 23 1926

FEB 16 1926

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WORLD WAR DIV.

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M. & R. BRANCH

C. Q. M. G.

~~Please add available data.~~  
**GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.**

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*W. R.*  
Brown 53140 James  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Corporal Co. "D", 26th Infantry  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL... May 31, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL... Bois Pontaine

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

Map reference? PLAINVILLE, N.E. REGION

D'ARRAS, Co. ORD. 1285-32975

Dept. Somme, France.

GRAVE NUMBER... I.

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? *YES.*  
*NAME - CUT. ON CROSS.*

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? *YES.*

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:

*Reported by Stephen Williams*

REPORTED BY:

*(SIGNED) V. EVANS CAPT. M.C.B.N.*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Co. "D" 26th. Infantry.  
1st. Division.

53148

BROWN, James W., Corpl: -53148  
HOME: No address given.

Corporal Everett BARGER says:- "He was killed May 28th, 1918 near Mesnil Saint Firmin. He was struck by an aeroplane bomb and killed instantly. His men buried him just outside the trench there. Grave location: Bois Fontaine; Dept. OISE, France. Map reference: Prainville N.E. Region ARRAS 12-35-32975 Grave No. 1.

INFORMANT: BARGER, Everett F., Corporal  
(No number given)  
Co. "D" 26th. Infantry.  
HOME: No address given.

Signed: B. Currey, Captain.  
26th. Infantry.

Next of kin:  
No name nor address given.

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BOSTON 20 18 -  
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CANCELED

Brown, James W.

Corpl Co. D, 26th Inf.

Killed in action May 28, 1918.

Not yet identified for emergency  
address.

A.G.O. 6/13/18

TBS-26

REC'D

JUN 13 1918

O.Q.M.G.

.....  
Write nothing below this line.

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	BROWN	3	285
BURIED	CEMETERY 636	1	5
	GRAVE 3	2	03
	ROW 25	2	25
	BLOCK D	1	4
STATE	Alabama	2	01
RANK	Cpl	1	2
DIVISION	1	2	01
ORGANIZATION	26	3	026
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARITAL	Remarried	1	3
NAME	Brown - C. J.	3	
RESIDENCE	STATE Ala.	2	
	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER	(no loco no SM)	1	
ELIGIBILITY	Dead (11-24-29)	1	6
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	MB
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

**AUDITED**  
SEP 18 1932

CO 29/514/

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

DATE Aug. 15, 1930

NAME	RANK	SERIAL	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
<b>Brown, James W.</b>	<b>Cpl.</b>	<b>53150</b>	<b>Co. D, 26th Inf.</b>	<b>May 30, 1918</b>

STATE	CITY. NO.	GRAVE	ROW	BLOCK
<b>Ala.</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>D</b>

	<u>Check relationship</u>	<u>Living - Deceased</u>	
	MOTHER	: : <u>11-24-29</u> :	<i>XC-19014 8-22Bm</i>  <u>Sycamore</u> <u>Ala.</u>
	STEPMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)	: : : :	
NAME	MOTHER THRU ADOPTION	: : : :	
AND	(For the year prior to commencement of service)	: : : (Bro-)	
ADDRESS		: : : C-L-Brown	
	MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS (For the year prior to commencement of service)	: : : : :	
	WIDOW (Who has <del>not</del> remarried)	: : : : :	
		: : : : :	

Veterans Bureau Claim Number 29/156/

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

WASHINGTON, D. C.

SEP 11 1900

Mr. J. B. ...  
C. I. ...  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Brown, James W. 636 M

June 5, 1930

Mrs. Minnie Cummins  
Route # 2  
Goodwater, Ala.

*Received*

*May 30-18  
53750*

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank space following the question.

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope, which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all mothers and widows who are not making the pilgrimage in 1930, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*A. D. Hughes*

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? \_\_\_\_\_

(Write answer here)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON D. C.  
OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID

NOTIFY  
YOUR  
CORRESPONDENTS  
OF CHANGE  
OF ADDRESS

WASHINGTON, D. C.  
JUN 5  
7-PM  
1930

RECEIVED  
JUN 17 1930  
U. S. A. R. C.

GOOD WATER  
JUN 16  
7 PM  
1930  
ALA.

RETURN TO WRITER  
Unclassified  
Date  
Month  
No such post office in state named  
Office in state named

*Discontinue*



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Brown, James W.

May 16, 1929.

Mrs. Minnie Cummins,  
Route #2,  
Goodwater, Ala.

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 Corporal James W. Brown, Company D, 26th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne, 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 remarried 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.

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DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Write answer here)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Brown, James W.  
636

August 27, 1929.

Mrs. Minnie Cummins,  
Route #2,  
Goodwater, Ala.

Dear Madam: The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 16, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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Assistant.

*MC*  
QM 293 A-C  
Brown, James, W. Cpl.

1st Ind.

War Dept., OCMG, Washington, D.C., Aug. 24, 1925--To Chief, AGRS, QMC., in Europe.

1. These are two distinct casualties. The correct name of the soldier buried in Grave 5, Row 9, Block C, Somme American Cemetery, is Pvt. James M. Brown, 53150, Co. D, 26th Inf. Died of wounds received in action, May 30th, 1918.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

D.K. MITCHELL,  
Major, Q.M.C.,  
Assistant.

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CS *co*  
WPR *WPR*

MAILED  
AUG 24 1925  
M. & P. BRANCH  
P. O. M. G.

✓ X 293 Brown James M

293 Brown, James W.

July 30, 1925.

Subject: Case of Cpl. James W. Brown, Co.D, 26th Inf.

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

1. Reference your letter of June 19, 1925 (file QM 293 A-C, Brown, James W., Cpl.), replied to by 1st indorsement of this office dated July 21, 1925, stating that Unknown U.S.Soldier U-264 had been identified as the body of Cpl. James W. Brown, 53148, Co.D, 26th Inf., attention is invited to body in Grave 5, Row 9, Block C, Cemetery 636, carried as same name, same rank and organization, serial number 53150.

2. While it would appear these are two different casualties, confirmation thereof is requested.



Wm. O. Smith  
Lieut. Col. U.S. Corps,  
Chief.

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July 30, 1925

393 Brown, James W.

To: The Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.  
Subject: Case of Gpl. James W. Brown, Co. D, 28th Inf.

1. Reference your letter of June 19, 1925 (file of 393 1-0, Brown, James W., Gpl.), replied to by last indorsement of this office dated July 21, 1925, stating that Unknown U.S. Soldier I-284 had been identified as the body of Gpl. James W. Brown, 28th Inf., attention is invited to body in grave 5, Row 9, Block C, Cemetery 285, carried on same name, same rank and organization, serial number 23150.

2. While it would appear these are two different casualties, confirmation thereof is requested.



Wm. O. Smith  
Lieut. Col. A. C. Jones  
Chief  
AUG 20 1925



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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Brown, James, W. Cpl.

June 19, 1925.

SUBJECT: Identification and Disposition.

TO: Chief, AGRS, QMC., in Europe.

1. Unknown U. S. Soldier, U-264, recovered from an isolated grave, Fontaine-sous-Montdidier, Somme, and now buried in Grave 4, Row 25, Block D, Somme American Cemetery 636, has been identified as the late Corporal James W. Brown, 53148, Company D, 26th Infantry.

2. The body is to remain buried in France.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

*R.P. Harbold*  
RECEIVED  
6 JUL 1925  
H.Q. A.G.S. in Europe  
R. P. HARBOLD,  
Major, Q.M.C.,  
Assistant.

293 Brown, James W.

1st Ind.

Hqrs. American G.R.S., Q.M.C., in E., 20 rue Molitor, Paris, France, July 21, 1925. To: The Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.

1. In compliance with above instructions, inscription on grave marker, and all records have been changed to read Cpl. James W. Brown, 53148, Co.D, 26th Inf.

REC'D  
AUG 5 1925  
M.A. G.S.

*Wm. O. Smith*  
Wm. O. Smith,  
Lieut. Col., Q.M. Corps,  
Chief.

AUG-6 1925

GRAVE  
MUNITIONS BUILDING  
WASHINGTON

*293 - Brown, James W.*

*Noted  
8/10/25  
G.P.O.*

295 Brown, James W.

1st Inf.

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Assistant.

LN  
CS  
GR  
WPR

Noted by Statistical Clerk.

Date 6/22/25 RT



CASE OF JAMES W. BROWN, 53148,  
Cpl. Co. D, 28th Inf.

Let. Apr. 6/25 to mother, Mrs. Minnie Cummins,  
Route 2, Goodwater, Ala., advising of the  
identification and requesting information whether  
she still desired the body returned to the U.S.

Over two months have elapsed and no reply re-  
ceived.

RECOMMEND that Europe be advised of the identi-  
fication and that body will REMAIN.

*Lu*

L. Nicholson.

6/19/45  
OK  
MS

Final return to L. Nicholson.

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*g*  
*K*  
*H.*

1. NAME Brown James W. ~~UNKNOWN U.S. SOLDIER~~ U-264 DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
 SERIAL No. 53148  
 RANK Cpl ORGANIZATION @ D 26 Inf  
 GRAVE LOCATION Isolated Grave, Fontaine-ss-Montdidier, Somme  
 CTY. NAME \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

Isolated

GRAVE \_\_\_\_\_ ROW \_\_\_\_\_ PLOT \_\_\_\_\_

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Isolated Fontaine-ss-Montdidier Somme  
 GRAVE \_\_\_\_\_ COMMUNE \_\_\_\_\_ DEPT. \_\_\_\_\_

COORDINATES Unknown

CONCENTRATED TO Original grave location

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.

3 tags found on body " One tag reads: "Brown James W. Co. D. 26 Inf. U.S.A.- 5148". One tag reads: "Brown, James W., Co. D, 26 Inf. U.S.A. 53148" and the third tag reads: "Aleri-um.- U. pul-inen, P-t. Co. F, 4 Inf. U.S.A." on one side and 1st Co., M.G. Bn.-st Div. Pvt. V. Kumpulanien, U.S.A. on the other.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ GRAVE \_\_\_\_\_ ROW \_\_\_\_\_ PLOT \_\_\_\_\_ CEMETERY \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ GRAVE \_\_\_\_\_ ROW \_\_\_\_\_ PLOT \_\_\_\_\_ CEMETERY \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_

R. P. HARBOLD,  
Major, Q.M.C.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 10/24/22 4 25 Block D  
 DATE \_\_\_\_\_ GRAVE \_\_\_\_\_ ROW \_\_\_\_\_ PLOT \_\_\_\_\_

Somme American Cemetery #636, Bony, Aisne.

CEMETERY

AUDITED BY

(Duplicate)

# 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.

Brown,  
(Surname.)

James W.  
(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Corp

Co D 26 Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Mother

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?

No

(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:

Mrs Minnie O Cummins

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

Goodwater

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mrs Minnie Cummins

Route #2  
(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

No. 127

QM 293 A-C

Brown, James, W. Cpl.

April 6, 1925.

Mrs. Minnie Cummins,  
Route 2,  
Goodwater, Ala.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General is pleased to inform you that the investigation which has been conducted with a view towards locating the grave of your son, the late Corporal James W. Brown, Co. D, 26th Inf., has proved successful. The body has been identified in Grave 4, Row 25, Block D, Somme American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne, France. Your son was identified by evidence found on the body in the shape of a U. S. Army uniform and his personal identification tags.

There is on file your request for the return of the body to this country for private interment. As some time has elapsed since you made the request, this letter is to inquire whether it is still your desire that this action be taken. If you still wish the return of the body, it will be brought back on the first available Shipping Board vessel sailing from a channel port. This should be within the next two or three months.

Please understand, it is not the policy of the Department to attempt to influence relatives as to the disposition of their dead, but to endeavor to carry out their wishes so far as is humanly possible. On the other hand the Department is honored when relatives entrust the remains to its care and intends to administer that trust in a manner befitting the service the soldier rendered his country and humanity. If agreeable to you, this office will be glad to receive your permission for burial of the remains of your gallant son among his comrades in Europe, and where his grave will be tenderly cared for by a grateful Nation.

As action is suspended pending your decision, it is requested that you kindly reply as soon as possible, using the inclosed envelope which requires no postage.

The Department trusts that your knowledge of the recovery and identification of your son's body will afford you some measure of comfort and lessen the sorrow incident to the soldier's death.

Very truly yours,

R. P. Harbold,  
Major, Q. M. C.,  
Assistant.

LN  
CS  
WPR

1 incl.

envelope.



x 293 Cummins

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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 James M. Brown  
~~UNKNOWN AMERICAN SOLDIER U-264~~

2. No. 53148

3. Rank cpl.

4. Org. C.D. 264 Inf.

5. D.D. 5/28/28

6. C.D. KIA

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Exhumed from Isolated Grave, Fontaine-ss-Montdidier, Somme)

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_

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

9. \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

18. Cemetery Somme American

19. Commune or town Bony

20. Dept. or County Aisne

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 4 636 (Morgue)

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

By \_\_\_\_\_

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

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

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 \_\_\_\_\_

28. Nature of burial \_\_\_\_\_

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? \_\_\_\_\_

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

31. Casket sealed by \_\_\_\_\_

*5413 5/9/25*

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) \_\_\_\_\_

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-32284

32. Designation of body:

Name UNKNOWN AMERICAN SOLDIER U-264 Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Some American City #635, Bony, Alsace.

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

35. I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

(Name)

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

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

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

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_

To Permanent Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_

(Name)

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

40. Received: Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

41. Reinterred Oct 24, 1922 (Date)

42. Grave No. 4 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot Block D Row 25

G.R.S. Representative D. E. Lowry

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

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA.

I. Location Index Card

(a) Name Brown, James W. Ser.No. 53148  
**Cpl.**  
(b) Rank Cpl. Organization Co. D, 26th Inf. TYP. -----  
(c) Date of Death 5-28-18 (d) Cause of Death K/A CKR -----

II. Registration Card

(a) Grave No. Morgue 636 Row ----- Plot ----- Sec. ----- Block -----  
(b) -----  
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Minnie Cummings (Mother), Phoenix City, Ala.

III. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

(a) Name Mrs. Minnie Cummings (b) Mother  
(c) Address Route # 2, Goodwater, Ala  
(d) Remains to be brought to U.S.? Yes  
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U.S. at No

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival in U.S. Mrs. Minnie V. Cummings  
(Mother) Goodwater, Ala.

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

IV. G.R.S. Files, Correspondence-shows as follows

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Examiner's Initials PD Date 4/2/24<sup>5</sup>

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COUNTRY ----- Cemetery No. Morgue 636 Sheet No. 7

V. Final Action:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by letter on \_\_\_\_\_

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VI.

REMARKS

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# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

## I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name Brown, James W. Ser. No. 53148  
(b) Rank Cpl. Organization Co. D, 26th Inf. } TYP. ....  
(c) Date of death 5-28-18 (d) Cause of death K/A } .....

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

(a) Grave No. Morgue 636 Row \_\_\_\_\_ Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_ TYP. ....  
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Mimie Connings (Mother), Phoenix City, Ala.

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

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

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V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
letter of transmittal on \_\_\_\_\_, 192

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., \_\_\_\_\_, 192

## VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.
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VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J. \_\_\_\_\_, 192

COUNTRY

CEMETERY No. ....

SHEET No. ....

CASE OF Cpl. James W. Brown, Co D 26 Inf. 53148 .....

GRAVE isolated Commune Fontaine sous Montdidier .....

DECISION is Brown .....

DENTAL CHART

Date of Enlistment		Report on Disinterment			
A.G.O.		Emergency Address			
Missing	Dental Work	Dental Work	Missing B.D.	Dental Work	Miss A.D.
U.R.					
U.L.					
	teeth ok			head missing	
L.R.					
L.L.					

Above discrepancies can ..... be accounted for as follows: .....

BODY DESCRIPTION

A.G.O. Report	E/A Report	Report on Disinterment
Height: .....		xxxxxxx
Weight .....		
Hair .....		
Fractures .....		

IDENTIFICATION TAGS

Found on Body .....

Found on Cross .....

~~3 tags, 2 bearing name rank etc of Brown~~  
1- Valerium Kumpulanien, Co F 4th Inf. ....

OTHER IDENTIFYING MARKS

Found on Body .....

ORIGINAL BURIAL DATA

Body in this Grave concentrated from Fontaine Mt. Didier .....

This man reported buried originally .....

Organizations of other men buried around original location .....

This body was found at the place where reported buried.  
Comrade states badly mutilated, scarcely recognizable.  
Kumpulanien has a confirmed grave in 636.

*Scott*  
Investigator

Concur: .....

APPROVED: .....

*RRS*

Co D 26 Inf

BROWN James W Cpl

Killed in action May 28-1918

"We had but one James Brown in the outfit and he was a corporal He came from the south , somewhere at least, he had a Southern accent. He was killed at Catigny about 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the day before the attack in May, about the 27th- I was in the same trench when it happened There were alot of machine guns in the trench where we were and after getting arial observation on this place, the Germans opened up in severe fire which killed many machine gunners, Brown being among the number He was badly mutilated and we could hardly recognize the body. He died instantly. He was buried the next day, a short distance from this position We moved from this place and the detail took care of the body so I do not know the later particulars. Hewas heavy set, about 5ft 6 in. light complected , sharp featured blue eyes He was very quiet- He was a very good man, well thought of by every me in the company- He was not married He came to us February 7th asa replacement at Boivio France-

Enquirer: Lanett War service  
station Ala-

Informant: Nevin Vincent C Sgt 53291  
Pontanezen Barracks  
Co D 26th Inf  
Hce : Virginia City Nev.  
Feb 6-1919

F/N. Boulah Whitney Searcher

Co D 26 Inf.

BROWN James W Cpl

Killed in action May 28-1918

De Sota states that Private Brown was wounded in July and was taken to a hospital where he died. He was buried back of Cantigny and De Sota has been to see his grave.

Informant: De Sota Eugene Pvt 53181  
Base hospital 218  
Co D 26th Inf.

Home : 2033 Chestnut St., Oakley California  
Jan. 5-1919

F/N.

Mary N Clark Searcher.

Enquirer:

Lanette, War Service Station Ala.

26 Inf. C<sup>o</sup>.D.

Brown James W. Col.

Killed in action May 28th, 18.

Infermant saw Brown's grave near P. Hospital 12. Grave is marked with a cross and identification tag. Is situated in the US. Army Cemetery. Infermant was told that Brown was wounded on the way to the front line trenches about 2 A.M. on May 28th.

Infermant: Geseling Frank 1st, Pvt.  
Camp 'I'

26 Inf. C<sup>o</sup>.D.

Home Address: Wordland California,  
Jan..22nd. 1919.

E.D.Woodbridge, Searcher.

Enq: Lanett War Service Station, Ala.

Co.D. 26 Inf.

Brown, James W. Col.

Killed 28th May 1918.

Wounded 29th May at Cantigny by shell fire, died in Field Hospital on May 30th.  
No other details known.

Informant: W.R. Fay, Searcher.

Inquirer: Lanett, War Service Station. Afa.

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# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place Somme Cemetery, #636, Bony (Aisne)

Date Aug. 9th 1922

1. REMAINS OF James W. Brown SERIAL NUMBER no. U-264-53148

RANK 1st Lt. ORGANIZATION Co. D 26 Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): April 4, 1922 From (give complete location): Isolated grave

Fontaine-sa-Montdidier, Somme Dep reference, Montdidier, 21 S.E., East 121.9 North 329.8

By: Group G.O. Somme Cemetery Unit (Capt W. R. Buckley)

3. Reburied (date): Oct. 24, 1922 In (give complete location):

Grave 4, Row 25, Block D, Somme Am. Cty. 656, Bony (Aisne)

By: Group Reburial Unit Reg. Casket & shipping case  
Nature of reburial Uniform, Overcoat

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

Slicker. Badly decomposed, recognition impossible.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes (3) On grave marker? None

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: One tag reads: "BROWN, James W. Co. D, 26 Inf. U.S.A. -3148". One tag reads: "BROWN, James W. Co. D, 26 Inf. U.S.A., 53148", and the third tag reads: "Meri-an Ungul-inen, P-t. Co. F, 4 Inf. U.S.A." on one side and 1st Co., M.G. Sn. -st Div. Pvt. V. Kampulanien, U.S.A. on the other.

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

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

(b) Weight (estimated) None visible.

(c) Hair—Color None visible.

Quantity None visible.

Characteristics None visible.

(d) Hair on face—Color None visible.

Location None visible.

Quantity None visible.

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

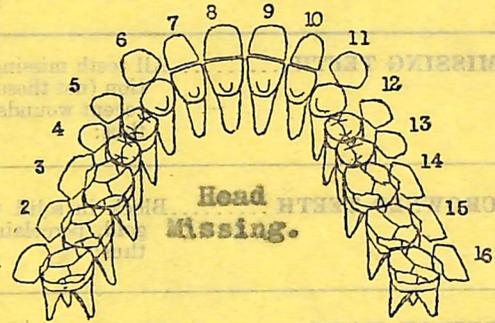
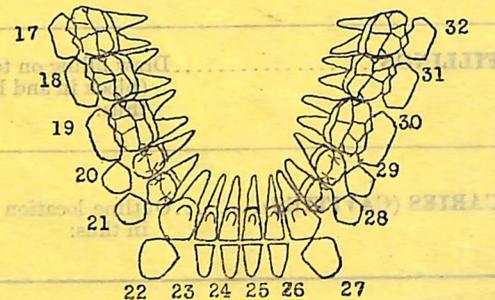


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) All of the upper part of body

except portions of the Vertebra, Ribs and one Radius and Coxcyx, all bones of lower part of body shattered.

7. Disinterment supervised by Ben A. Bradford Approved: R. L. Fain

Ben A. Bradford (Title) Capt. G.M.C., Commanding.

8. Reburial supervised by Ben A. Bradford Approved: D. E. Lowry

Ben A. Bradford (Title) 1st Lt. G.M.C.

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

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

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No."  
 (b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No. 6.

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

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

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

Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 10-12-20.

File No. 2848 Registration.

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

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

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

FILE

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

- a. Surname **BROWN,** ✓
- b. Christian name **James W.** ✓
- c. Serial number **53148** ✓
- d. Organization **Co. D, 26th Inf.** ✓
- e. Rank **Cpl.** ✓
- f. Date of death **5-28-18.** ✓
- g. Cause of death **K/A.** ✓
- h. Authority (C.C.#) **150** ✓
- i. Emergency address **Mrs. Minnie Cummings Commings, Phoenix, Ala.** ✓
- j. Relationship **Mother.** ✓

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age at enlistment **19 yrs 9 mos**
- b. Color of eyes **Blue**
- c. Color of hair **D. Brown**
- d. Height **5 ft 8 in**
- e. Weight **130 lbs**
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment. (Old fractures or breaks)

DENTAL CHARTS

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

- a. Strike out teeth missing
- 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
upper right **OK** upper left **OK**
- 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
lower right **OK** lower left **OK**
- no teeth missing**

S.M.

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

BY: *[Signature]* **Donnelly DM**  
**Quartermaster**  
**8/309 10/14/20**

Rec'd World War Div.

Date..... **10.13.20**.....

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

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

Date 10-15-30.

File No. 2848 Registration.

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Cometarial 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.

- a. Surname BROWN
- b. Christian name James W.
- c. Serial number 52148
- d. Organization Co. D, 28th Inf.
- e. Rank Cpl.
- f. Date of death 5-22-18.
- g. Cause of death K/A.
- h. Authority (G.C.#) 150
- i. Emergency address Mrs. Minnie Cummings, Phoenix, Ala.
- j. Relationship Mother.

**BODY DESCRIPTION**  
(See page #2 of the Service Record)

**DENTAL CHARTS**  
(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

a. Age at enlistment

b. Color of eyes

c. Color of hair

d. Height

e. Weight

f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment. (Old fractures or breaks)

a. Strike out teeth missing

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upper right upper left

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lower right lower left

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

H. J. CONNER  
1st Lieut. U.S.A.

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GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
DIRECTION TICKET

Date 11/10/19

✓ TO: Capt Wynne  
CHIEF; G. R. S.  
Major Lemly  
Captain Conner  
Captain Smith  
1st Lieut. Noetzel

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2 Cases  
Date 7848

PRINCIPAL CLERK  
Mr. Saxton (Cemeterial Branch, Dir. of P. & S.)

- AUDIT DEPARTMENT
- A.G.O. LIASON
- CARD DEPARTMENT
- FILES DEPARTMENT
- IDENTIFICATION DEPT.
- INFORMATION CONTROL DEPT.
- LOCATION INDEX DEPARTMENT
- PHOTOGRAPH CONTROL DEPT.
- PREPARATION OF DATA DEPT.

Advising  
Mrs Winnie Cummings  
(mother) Phoenix City Ark

FOR:

- File
- Record
- Coding
- Cross Reference

that letter sent 6/11/18 advising that  
CPL. JAMES W. BROWN, 53148 Co. D  
26 INF - K/A 5/28/18 was in error.

SUSPENSION

- Necessary adjustment
- Investigation and report
- Copy
- Papers on case
- Note and return information
- Action as noted
- Necessary reply
- Personal conference
- ~~Draft of letter endorsement~~
- Signature
- Translation

The location - City # 170 - Amv. City  
Bennetts, Ark belongs to  
CPL. JAMES M. BROWN, 53150 Co. D  
26 Inf. The similarity of name  
number rank & org was cause  
of error.

RETURN TO \_\_\_\_\_

FROM Omig

FILE

File papers

Please add available data.  
GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Brown 53148 James W  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name & Initials.)

Corporal Co. "D", 26th Inf.  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL... May 31, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL... Bois Fontaine

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

Map reference? PLAINVILLE N.E. REGION

DARRAS. Co. Ord. - 1285 - 32975

Dept. Somme, France.

GRAVE NUMBER... I.

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? *yes*  
NAME CUT ON CROSS.

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? *yes.*

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:

*Chime - #*

REPORTED BY:

(SIGNED) V. EVANS - CAPT. M.C.B.N.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Brown 53148 James W.

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

corporal co. D. 26th Infantry

(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL May 31, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL Bois Fontaine

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

Plainville - NE - Region

Darras 128.5 329.15

Dept. Somme France

GRAVE NUMBER 1

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? yes

name cut on cross

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? yes

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:

JK

REPORTED BY: Reported to Chaplain Williams 26th Inf.

(Signed) W. Evans - Capt. M.S. Co.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

