

MAR 10 1926

DATE 12/1/21

1. NAME **BROWN, Paul R.** SERIAL No. **1447544**

RANK **Sgt.** ORGANIZATION **Co.B., 137th Inf.**

GRAVE LOCATION **Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse) 1232 Sec. 33**

GRAVE **40** Sec. **33** ROW **1** PLOT **1**

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION **3 BAG** **Apremont** **Ardennes**

GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES **Verdun 35SE** **278.5N** **301.7E**

CONCENTRATED TO **4/29/19** **40** **Sec 33** **1**

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

**Meuse Argonne 1232**

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on body and cross data f-1/pfb

DATE OF DEATH **Sept 27, 1918**

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME **Kans**

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

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SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR **M. B. BIRDSEYE** **1st Lt., Q. M. Corps, U.S. Army**

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION **12/1/21** **32** **35** **Block B.**

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

**Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. 1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.**

CEMETERY

AUDITED BY **B.W. 3-28-23.**

MAR 17 AGO 1926 WORLD WAR

Robert S. Davis, Major General, The Adjutant General, Lva

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

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

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

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

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



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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

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

.....  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL.....

PLACE OF BURIAL.....

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

GRAVE NUMBER.....

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:

REPORTED BY:

.....  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

BROWN Paul.R. - Cpl. I447544.

28th 1918.

of Apremfont, Meuse. Grave 3.  
rdun S.E. 35. - 250 yds. N. of road

ilton. Group 2.  
Unit 305.

Kans., 1003 Kansas Ave.

Plot

M.C.

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C° B. 137th Inf.

BROWN Paul.R. - Cpl. I447544.

Missing September 28th 1918.

Battle Aero Ceme. 1-1/2 Kilom. E. of Apremont, Meuse. Grave 3.  
Plot A.- Sketch 64. 301.8 E. 278.6 N - Verdun S.E. 35. - 250 yds. N. of road

By Orville Hamilton, Group 2.  
Unit 305.

No informant  
No date given.

M.C.  
Enquirer:

rs. Florence L. Brown (Mother) Holton; Kans., 1003 Kansas Ave.

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Brown</i>	<i>BRO</i>	3	<i>285-</i>
Paul R BURIED	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
	GRAVE <i>32</i>	2	<i>32</i>
	ROW <i>35-</i>	2	<i>35-</i>
	BLOCK <i>B</i>	1	<i>2</i>
STATE	<i>Kansas</i>	2	<i>18</i>
RANK	<i>Sgt</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>35-</i>	2	<i>35-</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>137</i>	3	<i>137</i>
AFM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Brown</i>	<i>BRO</i>	3	<i>285-</i>
Mrs. Florence L RESIDENCE	STATE <i>Kansas</i>	2	<i>18</i>
	COUNTY <i>Jackson</i>	2	<i>43</i>
	CITY <i>Walton</i>	3	<i>031</i>
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Bad</i>	1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>no</i>	1	

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Brown Paul R (MA)

July 8 1932

Mrs Florence L Brown  
1003 Kansas Ave  
Holton Kan

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries Of Europe during the years 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933 for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces who were lost or buried at sea or whose remains are interred in Europe.

Your attention is particularly invited to the fact that this is the last opportunity you will have to make the pilgrimage under the provisions of the above mentioned Act. Unless you take advantage of this LAST chance to make a trip in 1933 you will receive no benefit from the Act. There is no provision of law which will permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow who does not choose to make the pilgrimage.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU GIVE THE MATTER YOUR MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BEFORE REACHING A DECISION, BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE TRIP AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

In order to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations for the mothers and widows making the journey in 1933, reservations for steamship transportation must be made by this office several months in advance. It is requested that you answer the questions below by writing "Yes" or "No" or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question. When you have answered the question, sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. PLEASE DO NOT DELAY, as it is essential that the information be in this office promptly.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make the pilgrimage during the years 1930, 1931 or 1932. There is enclosed a circular of information WHICH YOU SHOULD READ VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING YOUR DECISION.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933? No

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) Mrs. Florence L. Brown

QM 295 A-M  
Brown, Paul R. (MA) M

January 11, 1932.

Mrs. Florence L. Brown,  
1003 Kansas Avenue,  
Holton, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Sergeant Paul R. Brown. In reply to a questionnaire you advised that you did not desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer of 1932.

It is noted you previously stated your health was poor, and in this connection you are advised that personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided, and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years many mothers who were in poor health and of advanced age made the pilgrimage and appeared to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

In the event you change your mind and desire to visit your son's grave during the coming summer, it is requested that you so notify this office. Should you make a pilgrimage you are assured that the journey will not only be made at the expense of the Government but that everything possible for your comfort and welfare will be provided.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Brown, Paul R. Sgt. (M-A) M

June 11, 1931.

Mrs. Florence L. Brown,  
1003 Kansas Ave.,  
Holton, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1932 to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 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 either of the words "Yes", "No", or "Undecided" 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 eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? No.  
Write answer here

*Mrs. Florence L. Brown*  
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 7, 1930.

**Brown, Paul R. - 1232 M**

**Mrs. Florence L. Brown,  
1003 Kansas Ave.,  
Holton, Kansas.**

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, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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

No. ✓  
(Write answer here)

*Mrs. Florence L. Brown*  
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Brown, Paul R. 1232 M

October 7 , 1929.

Mrs. Florence L. Brown,  
1003 Kansas Avenue,  
Holton, 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?	<del>(Yes)</del>	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	<del>(Yes)</del>	(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?	<del>(Yes)</del>	(No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <u>72</u> Health (Years) <del>(Good)</del> (Poor)	
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <del>(No)</del> Other language (Specify language spoken)	



For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Brown, Paul R.  
1232

Sept. 4, 1929.

Mrs. Florence L. Brown,  
1003 Kansas Ave.,  
Holton, 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.

*Mother*

*Mrs. Florence L. Brown*

*1003 Kansas Ave*

3. If survived by a widow or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage? *No.*

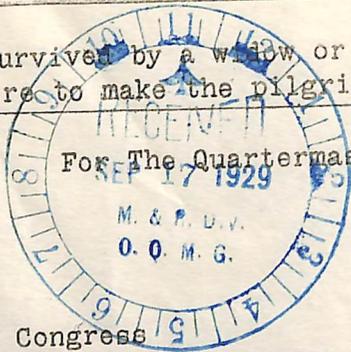
*Holton, Kansas.*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Brown, Paul R.

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Dear Madam:

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The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Sergeant Paul R. Brown, Co. B, 157th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty., 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 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,

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Brown Paul R (MA)

July 8 1932

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1003 Kansas Ave  
Holton Kan

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Assistant.

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DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933? \_\_\_\_\_

(Write answer here)

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

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QM 293 A-M  
Brown, Paul R. (MA) M

January 11, 1932.

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1003 Kansas Avenue,  
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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM  
Brown, Paul R. Sgt. (M-A) M

June 11, 1931.

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Assistant.

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

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Assistant.

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(Write answer here)

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
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October 7, 1929.

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Dear Madam:

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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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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

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Sept. 4, 1929.

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Dear Madam:

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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  
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June 29 1929.

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The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Sergeant Paul R. Brown, Co. B, 137th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty., 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.

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

In reply refer to:  
293 C-R

July 6, 1923.

Mrs. Florence L. Brown,  
1003 Kansas Ave.,  
Holton, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that  
Sergeant Paul R. Brown, Company B, 137th  
the permanent grave of  
Infantry, is Grave 32, Row 35, Block B, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery,  
Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (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, division, 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 main-  
tained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting  
place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

H. J. Canner,  
Assistant.

RD

L  
23/236/ARK



~~Brown~~ *Brown* (Surname.) ~~Paul Russell~~ *Paul Russell* (Christian name in full.) ~~1,447,544~~ *1,447,544* (Army serial number.)

~~Spl~~ *Sgt.* (Rank and organization.) ~~Co B, 137th Inf.~~ *Co B, 137th Inf.* (Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased *Mother*

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

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

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

(Name of person to receive remains.) (Express office.) (Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.) (City or town.) (State.)

(Sign here) *Mrs Florence L. Brown*

*1003 Kansas Ave* *Holton* *Kansas.*  
(Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

drawn by ~~MMH~~  
1232-See 33-25  
4-28-21

checked  
10/8/01  
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Location Index

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

*Hughes*

A. G. O. Card & Corr.

*4-28*

Discrepancies

Name ✓

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

G. R. S. Corr

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

Checkers

Discrepancies

Name

Rank ✓

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

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7/28/24  
SH*

# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File 85580

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD: *(at 8.4.28.21)*

(a) Name BROWN, Paul R. Ser. No. 1447544  
 (b) Rank Sgt. *(at 8.4.28.21)* Organization Co. B, 137th Inf. } TYP. B  
 (c) Date of death 9-28-18 (d) Cause of death K/A } *CP*

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

(a) Grave No. 40 Row - Plot 1 Sec. 33 TYP. B  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Florence L. Brown (mother) 1003 Kansas Ave.,  
A.S. 9. 201 - May 10, 1921 confusion (at 8.4.28.21) Holton, Kans.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases ||||| CKR. *CP*

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  
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*Sec. 33. PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED - AP*

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. \_\_\_\_\_

Place Romagne 1232.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Dec 1, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF BROWN, Paul R. SERIAL NUMBER 1447544  
RANK Sgt. ORGANIZATION Co. B. 137th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : Dec 1, 1921 From (give complete location) : gr 404 sec 33, plot 1

By : Group 1 Unit sec 1

3. Reburied (date) : Dec. 1, 1921, Meuse-Argonne Cty. # 1232, Gr. 32, Block B, Row 35  
In (give complete location) :

By : Group Reburial S Unit  Nature of reburial Unlined Casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :  
wooden box and burlap and uniform, badly decomposed, features not recognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags : Buried with body ? yes. On grave marker ? no

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :  
Tag on body reads Paul R. Brown.

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

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

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

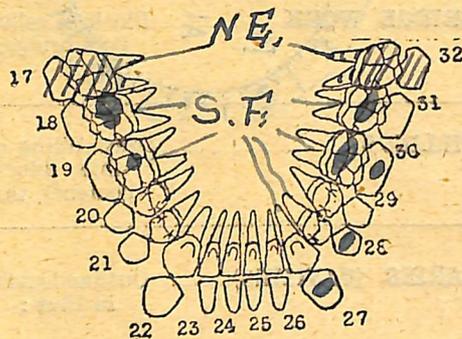
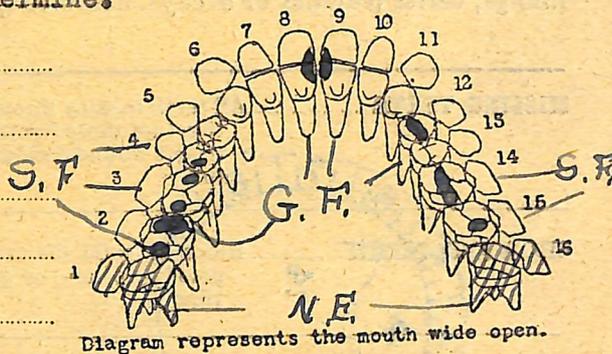
(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

Quantity do

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) do

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



7. Disinterment supervised by H. H. Foster

Approved : H. C. Worthington, 1st Lt. QMC.  
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Dufault

Approved : James W. Younger  
(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.

**MISSING TEETH**.....All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus:



**CROWNED TEETH**.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:



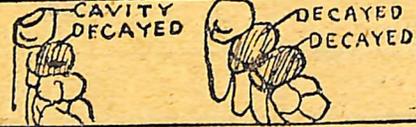
**BRIDGE WORK**.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus:



**FILLINGS**.....Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:



**CARIES (CAVITIES)**.....Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:



**DENTURES (PLATES)**.....Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp."

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

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

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Dec 1 1921

## 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 <u>BROWN, Paul R.</u>	10. Name _____
2. No. <u>1447544</u>	11. No. _____
3. Rank <u>Sgt.</u>	12. Rank _____
4. Org. <u>Co.B., 137th Inf.</u>	13. Org. _____
5. D.D. <u>Bt. Sept. 26th &amp; Oct. 1st.</u>	14. (a) D.D. _____
6. C.D. <u>KIA</u>	(b) D.B. <u>None</u>

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. <u>40</u> Sec. <u>33</u>	15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
8. Plot <u>1</u> Row _____	16. Plot _____ Row _____
9. _____	17. <u>None</u>

18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne American19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon20. Dept. or County Meuse21. Country France.22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232.Sec.3323. Disinterred (Date) Dec 1 1921By H H Foster.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Paul R BrownSerial No. 1447544Rank Sgt.Organization Co B 137 Inf25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? No On body? Yes

*John H. Crawford*  
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

John H Crawford

## 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).

None27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable28. Nature of burial Uniform, burlap and box.29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Dec 1 1921 By H H Foster.31. Casket sealed by H H Foster.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

*H. H. Foster*

AUDITED BY

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-18036

32. Designation of body:

Name Paul R. BROWN Serial No. 1447544

Rank Sgt. Organization Co.B., 137th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse-Arg.Amer.Cty.# 1232 Romagne-sous-Montfaucon. Meuse.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Dec 1 1921 By H H Foster.

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector R C Worthington 1st Lt. QMC

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Dec 1 1921 cc

To point of Concentration Morgue Romagne

Convoyer W J Royed. Signature Shipping Officer J. Gerald Cole  
(Name J. Gerald Cole  
Captain, C. A. C.)

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

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred Dec. 1, 1921, Meuse-Argonne Cemetery, # 1232.  
(Date)

42. Grave No. 32 Section

43. ~~Plot~~ Block. B Row 35

G.R.S. Representative James W. Younger,  
James W. Younger,  
Capt. QMC.



Place NEUFCHA TEAU

Date 4th, June 1919.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

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Remains of:

Name: BROWN, Paul R.

Number: 1447544

Rank: Unkn

Organization: Unkn

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

29th, April 1919.

Amer. B/A Cemetery Grave # 3

APREMONT ARDENNES

35 SE E 301.7 N 278.5

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

29th, April 1919

v Grave # 40 Sec. # 33 Plot # 1

1232

ARGONNE AMER. CEMETERY #1252

ROMAGNE MEUSE

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

Burial good; body buried in uniform; body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

What other means of identification were found on the body? None

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Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct as is required by G.O. 170, G.H. 2, 1918., after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Lt. Hanes

R. H. ROSENTHAL  
2nd Lieut. Q.M.C.U.S.A.  
C.O. Group Unit

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Note:

What other means of identification were found on the body? None

What other means of identification were found on the body? None

What other means of identification were found on the body? None

IDENTIFICATION

IDENTIFICATION

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Date)

(Date)

IDENTIFICATION

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Date)

(Date)

Identification and description of \_\_\_\_\_

Date

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of:

RECORD OF IDENTIFICATION AND DESCRIPTION

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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1 G.R.S. FORM NO. 1

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2 # 47544

3 NAME BROWN PAUL R.

4 RANK X X

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5 X

6 X BATTLE AREA CEMETERY

7 1 1/2 KILO. E. OF APREMONT. MEUSE

8 GRAVE NO. 3

PLOT A

Sketch 64

9 CROSS

10 TAG ATTACHED TO CROSS

11 X

12 301.8 E. 278.6 N. VERDUN S.E. 35  
230 yds. N. of road.

13 X

SIGNED.....

*Mill Hamilton*

GROUP 2

G.R.S. 305

*[Handwritten signature]*



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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

..... **BROWN**, ..... **1447544** ..... **Paul R.**  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).  
..... **Sgt.** ..... **Co.B.** ..... **137th inf.**  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: .....

CAUSE OF DEATH: .....

DATE OF BURIAL: .....

PLACE OF BURIAL: .....

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

GRAVE NUMBER: .....

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: .....

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

FILE

G. R. S.  
O. C. O. M.  
14 MAY 1919  
RECEIVED

G.R.S. Form No. 8; Central Records Liaison.  
 Memo For: G.R.S. representative, C.R.O.  
 SUBJECT: Information required for G.R.S.

1. Items checked are to be completed:

( ) Surname: BROWN  
 ( ) Number: 1447544  
 ( ) First name: Paul R.  
 ( ) Rank: Corporal  
 ( ) Company: "B"  
 ( ) Organization: 137th. Infantry  
 ( ) Date of death:  
 ( ) Cause:  
 ( ) Place:

Location of hospital:

Number " "

Class " "

( ) Relative: *Mrs. Florence L. Brown*

( ) Relationship: *mother*

( ) Address: *Holton, Kansas*

( ) Authority:

Cablegram No:

Telegram from:

dated:

( ) Reported to Washington:

C.C. Nos:

(UnderSCORE the "official" C.C.)

( ) Remarks:

( ) Show present status on reverse side.

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

Initials of Reporter: *EP*

RECEIVED  
 1 - JUL 1919  
 O. C. Q. M.  
 G. R. S.

MAJOR  
 COLONEL  
 LIEUTENANT  
 CAPTAIN  
 MAJOR GENERAL  
 LIEUTENANT GENERAL  
 GENERAL

REGIMENT  
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Soldiers N 1447544

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BROWN... .. PAUL..R.....

Rank .. Co. Regt. Corps

Date death .. Cause ..

.. .. American..  
Date burial .. Cemetery

EXERMONT... .. ARDENNES..  
Town .. Department

..12... .. 16...  
Grave No. .. Plot No.

..Cross... ..  
Grave Markings

.. .. yes...  
Body Identification tags Grave

Sketch No. 25

278.7.N. 301.9.E. Lambert (35) S.E.  
Map reference

Southedge of woods, 1/4K. NW. of Chaudron  
Fme. 2K. S. of Exermont, 3/4K. NE. Fleville  
Varenes road.

CMME. Exermont (Ardenne)  
(C-193) SIF. 355 S.E. COORD. E 301.9  
N 278.7

730

C.M. Daugherty

Groupe 2 Unit 306 G.R.S.

RB 11/37

Graves & Sons, Ltd.,

10, N. 1st Street,

Richmond, Va.

Received of Mr. J. M. ... of ...

for ...

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RECEIVED  
JAN 30 1891  
O. C. O. R.

Body and ...

Graves

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Graves No. ... ..

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G.R.S. FORM NO. 12

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

FROM : ADJUTANT GENERAL.

TO : C.O. Company B, 137th Infantry

SUBJECT : Information for burial Register.

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

By Command of General Pershing:

Robert C. Davis  
Adjutant General.

Note:

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

Nearest relative of deceased:

Relationship:

Address:



WAR DEPARTMENT,  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
WASHINGTON,

IN REPLY  
REFER TO

201(Brown, Paul R)WW

March 10, 1921.

From: The Adjutant General of the Army.

To: The Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Date of death of Sergeant Paul R. Brown, 1,447,544,  
Company B, 137th Infantry.

Adjustment Made

MAR 18 1921

File No. 83380

1. Upon investigation, it has been ascertained that the date of death of the above man heretofore communicated to you, is erroneous, and that he was killed in action September 28, 1918.

2. For purposes of identification, you are advised that the records show that the deceased was enlisted April 7, 1917, and the name of the person to be notified in case of emergency was given as: Florence L. Brown, (mother), 1003 - Kansas Ave., Holton, Kans.

By order of the Secretary of War:

*P. C. Harris*  
The Adjutant General.  
per *L. M. → K*

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*11/21*

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FILE

File No. 293.8 - Cem. Div. #85580 (Brown, Paul R.)  
From: O.Q.M.G. Cemeterial Division, January 27, 1921. To: The  
Adjutant General, U. S. Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.

1. Returned. There is on file in this office an  
American Red Cross Searcher's report -- Private John Cameron,  
#1447622, Co. B, 137th Infantry, Informant -- which states:

" I saw Sgt. Brown killed by shrapnel on  
Sept. 28, 1918, near Montrebeau Woods, north  
of Baulny. He was hit in the face and forehead  
and died instantaneously. He laid about 300  
yards south of the woods.

" This occurred during the attack on the woods."

2. The records of this office show Corporal Paul R. Brown,  
to have been buried (date not given) in Grave 3, B/A Cemetery 740,  
Apremont, Ardennes, and to have been disinterred and reburied April  
29, 1919, in Grave 40, Section 33, Plot 1, Argonne American Cemetery  
1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

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

By:

Inv. S.S.  
Inv. & Adj.

SS

H. N. GREELEY,  
Captain, Q.M.C.

*H.N.G.*  
FVW

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MAILED

JAN 31 1921

G.R.S.

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201(Brown, Paul R)WW

WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, January 22, 1921.  
Date and place of burial.  
WASHINGTON.

The Quartermaster General of the Army,  
Washington, D. C.

1. For report as to the date and place of burial, and if reburied, the place of original burial of Sergeant Paul R. Brown, 1,447,544, Company B, 137th Infantry, or any additional information which will be of assistance to this office in ascertaining the correct date of death.

By order of the Secretary of War:

*L. Brown*

Adjutant General.



SOI (Brown, Paul R) MW

WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON.  
Date and place of burial.  
January 22, 1921.

The Quartermaster General of the Army,  
Washington, D. C.

For report as to the date and place of burial, and if reported, the place of original burial of Sergeant Paul R. Brown, I, 447, 644, Company B, 137th Infantry, or any additional information which will be of assistance to this office in ascertaining the correct date of death.

By order of the Secretary of War:

*[Signature]*

Adjutant General.



APR 24 1921  
G. H. S.



RECEIVED

Co. B. 137th Inf.

<sup>R</sup>  
BROWN, Paul R. - Sgt. 1447544  
Home: Holton, Kansas.

I saw Sgt. Brown killed by shrapnel on Sept. 28, 1918, near Montrebeau Woods, north of Baulny. He was hit in the face and forehead and died instantaneously. He laid about 300 yards south of the woods. This occurred during the attack on the woods.

Informant: Cameron, John - Pvt. 1447622  
Co. B. 137th Inf.  
Home: Effingham, Kansas

Emergency address:  
Mrs. Florence Brown (Mother)  
Holton, Kansas.

Searcher: Black, George M. - 1st Lt.  
137th Inf.

K.E.

**FILE**

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Co. B. 137th Inf.

BROWN. Paul R. Cpl. I447544.

Missing Sept. 28th.

Cpl. Brown had been made a Sergeant just before his death. He was killed by shrapnel the 28th or 29th of September. He was buried in Montrebeau woods on high ground, about a half mile north of Baulny. The grave is officially plotted and registered

Informant: Binney Lt. 137th Inf.  
Informant at Camp Pentanezen Brest  
en route U.S.A.

April 9th.

Searcher: Helen Deane.

Enquirer: Mrs. Florence L. Brown (Wether) Helton Kans 1008  
Kansas. Ave.

M.J.C.

FILE

File 85-580

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June 27th. 1919.

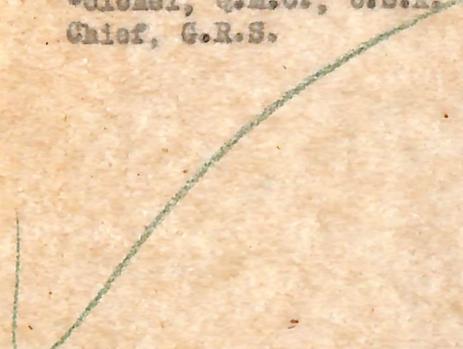
Mrs. Florence L. Brown, 1103 Kansas Avenue, Holton, Kansas.

Corporal Paul R. Brown, #1447544, Company B. 137th. Infantry.

1. In accordance with a request from the American Red Cross, the following information is sent you concerning the above mentioned soldier.
2. This soldier is shown to be buried in Grave #3, of the American Battle Area Cemetery at APREMONT-SUB-AIRE, department of the ARDENNES. The grave is marked by a regulation cross with identification tag attached.
3. It is regretted that this information was not forwarded to you at an earlier date, but, owing to the fact that this soldier's records contained no emergency address, it was not known until this time to whom such information should be sent.

HEH/ma.

CHARLES C. PIERCE.  
Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.  
Chief, G.R.S.



85580  
G.R.S. FORM NO. 1 Request referred to  
Chaplain.

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY  
OFFICE OF THE C.Q.M., A.E.F.  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE.

June 11, 1919.

FROM: The Chief, G.R.S.

TO: Chaplain Company B, 137th Inf. Am. E.F.  
Sub-inspector, G.R.S.

SUBJECT: Information for relatives.

1. Information as to the circum-  
stances connected with the death of  
Cpl. Paul R. Brown, Co. B, 137th Inf.

which are not of record in this of-  
fice, is desired by- his Mother,

Mrs Florence L. Brown,  
1903 Kansas Avenue,  
Holton, Kansas,  
U.S.A.

2. I am sure it will be your plea-  
sure to give what comfort you can in  
writing directly to the above address,  
and I deeply regret that the desired  
information is not available for me to  
use, without the delay involved in  
this request for your aid.

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

Copy furnished for the information  
of the family of the deceased.

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

June 11. 1919.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.  
TO : Mrs. Florence L. Brown, 1003 Kansas Avenue, Holton, Kansas, U.S.A.  
SUBJECT : Cpl. Paul R. Brown, Co. B. 137th Inf. Am.E.F.

With an assurance of very deep sympathy, and in reply to your letter of enquiry, you are advised that information has been filed in this office by the burial officer concerned, to the effect that the above named soldier is buried in Grave #12, Plot #16,

American Battle Area Cemetery, APREMONT-SUR-AIRE, in the Department of ARDENNES. His grave is marked with Regulation Cross with Identification Tag attached.

As these Headquarters obtain only burial information, I have written the Chaplain of Cpl. Brown's Company, from whom you will doubtless learn the circumstances surrounding the death of your Son.

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

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# AMERICAN RED CROSS

(CROIX-ROUGE AMÉRICAINÉ)



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File 24581

May 28, 1919.

From Home Communication Section

To Capt. M. B. Dix, Graves Registration Service.

Subject Corp. Paul R. Brown, Co. B, 137th Inf.

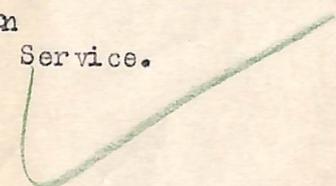
We are in receipt of the following information regarding the burial of the above named soldier.

"Battle Area Cem.  $1\frac{1}{2}$  kilom. E. of Apremont Meuse, Grave 3, Plot A - Sketch 64 - 301.8 E. 278.6 N - Verdun S. E. 35 - 250 yds. N. of road."

If correct will you kindly forward same to Mrs. Florence L. Brown, 1103 Kansas Avenue, Holton, Kansas.

Home Communication Section  
Bureau of Home & Hospital Service.

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File 24581



May 15, 1919.

From: Home Communication Section  
To: Graves Registration Service, APO 717.  
Subject: Corp. Paul R. BROWN, Co. B, 137th Inf.-1447544.

Please forward death and burial report on the  
above named soldier to his mother,

Mrs. Florence L. Brown,  
1003 Kansas Avenue,  
Holton, Kansas.

FS:SH

<sup>F. H.</sup>  
Home Communication Section,  
Bureau Home & Hospital Service.

201. Brown, Paul R.

CENTRAL RECORDS OFFICE  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT  
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
A.P.O. 902  
FRANCE

CGR/cm.

85580  
April 22, 1919.

From : Officer-in-Charge.  
To ; Chief, Graves Registration Service, Hq., S.O.S.,  
A.P.O. 717.  
Subject : Corporal Paul R. Brown.

1. On April 3, 1919 a communication from Z.E. Brown, requesting place of burial of Corporal Paul R. Brown, was forwarded to your office by our 1st indorsement. Our records fail to disclose that any reply has been received.

2. The Commander-in-Chief directs that all papers together with report be immediately returned to this office.

WM. A. WOODLIEF  
Adjutant General.

ACL\*NWA.

1st Ind.

Chief, Graves Registration Service, Hq., S.O.S. A.E.F. April 25, 1919 - TO:  
Officer-in-Charge, Central Records Office, A.G.D. A.P.O. 902, Am.E.F. RETURNED.

Your 1st Ind. Dated April 3, 1919 was answered from this office by 2nd Ind. dated April 10, 1919, as follows:

"Corporal Paul R. Brown, Co. B, 137th Infantry, was buried in Grave "12, Plot #16, American Battle Area Cemetery, Apremont-sur-Aize, Dept. Ardennes. Grave location was reported by Graves Registration Officer. No date of burial is on record."

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

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CENTRAL RECORDS OFFICE  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT  
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE  
FRANCE  
A.F.O. 202

201. Brown, Paul R.

April 22, 1919.

From : Officer-in-Charge.  
To : Chief, Graves Registration Service, No. 202, A.F.O. 717.  
Subject : Corporal Paul R. Brown.

1. On April 2, 1919 a communication from E.E. Brown, requesting place of burial of Corporal Paul R. Brown was forwarded to your office by our last indorsement. Our records fail to disclose that any reply has been received.

2. The Commander-in-Chief directs that all reports together with report be immediately returned to this office.

WM. A. WOODLIE  
Adjutant General.

ACKNOWLEDGED  
1st Ind.

Chief, Graves Registration Service, No. 202, A.F.O. 717, April 22, 1919 - 201  
Officer-in-Charge, Central Records Office, A.F.O. 202, Am. Exp. Force, France

Your last ind. dated April 8, 1919 was received in this office by 2nd ind. dated April 20, 1919, as follows:



"Corporal Paul R. Brown, Co. B, 1st Infantry, was buried in Grave '12, Plot 11, Am. Cemetery, Government-sanctioned, France. Grave location was reported by 2nd ind. dated April 8, 1919. No data of burial is on record."

CHARLES C. BROWN  
Lieut. Colonel, G.M.C. U.S.A.

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TO: - REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S

File Number 85580

FROM:-

Date: April 9, 1919.

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME BROWN, Paul R.

NUMBER 1447544.

RANK Cpl.

ORGANIZATION Co.B. 137th Inf.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	① yes
2.	Date of Death.	② -0
3.	Cause and place of death.	③ -0-
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	④ # 458 Sub. P. #1
5.	Date buried.	⑤ -0
6.	Grave Location (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required	⑥ CTY #730 Lane #12 Plot 16 CTY. (Amer B/A) APREMONT - SUR AIRE (ARDENNES)
7.	Who reported burial;	⑦ GRS officer
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 on on marker
11.	Who is nearest relative?	
12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	
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.

201. Brov Paul R.

1st Ind. (4.18.19)

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Central Records Office, A.G.D., A.P.O. 902, American E.F., April 3, 1919.  
To Chief, Graves Registration Service, A.P.O. 717, American E.F. for  
report as to the place of burial of Corporal Paul R. Brown,  
1447544, Company B, 137th Infantry.

The records of this office show this soldier to have died on  
February 24, 1919.

By command of General Pershing :

Wm. A. Woodlief.  
Adjutant General.

2nd. Ind.

ACL/RH

Chief, Graves Registration Service, Hq., S.O.S., Amer. E.F. April 10. 1919.  
To : Central Records Office. A.G.D. A.P.O. 902. A.E.F. Returned.

Corporal Paul R. Brown, Co., "B", 137th. Infantry,  
was buried in Grave #12, Plot #16, American Battle Area Cemetery, Apremont-  
sur-Aire, Dept. Ardennes.

Grave location was reported by Graves Registration Officer.  
No date of burial is on record.

CHARLES G. PIERCE.  
Lieut. Colonel. Q.M.C., USA.





STAMP: O.C.O.M. G.R.S.

TO THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

WASHINGTON, D.C.

DATE: APR 19 1954

BY: [Signature]

TELEPHONE: [Number]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF

DATE: APR 19 1954

THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

WASHINGTON, D.C.

BY: [Signature]

DATE: APR 19 1954

TELEPHONE: [Number]

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Office in charge of Burial

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Mar 6, 1919.

Central Records Office  
Bourges

Re tel CROKS 2581 period Burial Sgt Paul R Brown 1447544 Co B 137th Inf reported by GRS Officer period No other information on record this office.

O. B.

CARSON.

C.M. NOETZEL  
2nd Lieut., QMC.  
ACL/ WK  
4:30 PM

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**Signal Corps, United States Army.**  
**Telegram.**

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C R O K S 2581 WIRE NAME AND ORGANIZATION BURIAL OFFICER IN CASE SGT  
PAUL R BROWN 1447544 COMPANY B 137 INFANTRY ALSO IF BURIED ON FIELD  
OR FROM HOSPITAL

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Holton, Kansas Nov. 19 1918.

Central Records Officer,  
A.E.F. Bourges. France.

My dear Sir:-

I am writing to you hoping to receive information about  
the whereabouts of my nephew Sergt. Paul. R. BROWN who was with Co. B. 137  
Inft. 35th Div.

We have not heard from him since Sept. 24th 1918.

Any information furnished will be greatly appreciated

Sincerely.

J.E. BROWN.

