

MAR 10 1926

DATE 12/16/21

1. NAME BROWN, Ralph SERIAL No. 2847188

RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Hq Co. 355th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne/s/Montfaucon 1232 Sec. 38

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

175

Sec. 38

4

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION bac. 48 Cheppy, Meuse

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES Verdun 35 SE 274.1 N 305.4 E

CONCENTRATED TO 4/29/19 175 Sec 38 4

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

Meuse Argonne Cemetery

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.
DATE OF DEATH Nov 5 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Neb

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

data F-1.
SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

ccg. DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR M. B. BIRDSEYE

1st Lt., Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 12/16/21 30 30 R

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

Block

Meuse-Argonne American Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse) 1232
CEMETERY

4
MAR 11 1926
WORLD WAR DIV.

AUDITED BY
M.J.D. 4-4-23

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.



22,330-12/12
GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF *R*

Brown, 2847138 Ralph
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt. Hq. Co. 355 Infantry
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL.....Nov. 7, 1918.....

PLACE OF BURIAL.....American Cemetery
Cheppy.....
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference
must specify clearly what map is used.

American Cemetery, 1 kilo N.E.
of Cheppy, Verdun S.E. # 55 map.
North 274-east 305.35

GRAVE NUMBER.....

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?..... Cross?.....
Headboard?..... Bottle?.....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?.....es.....

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

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

REPORTED BY:

K. A. Bras, Chaplain
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

WN, Ralph A, - Pvt 2847138
Home : Not given

Nov. 5th, 1918, at Boclair, France.
by minutes after wound was received and

hes, Captain,
antry.

Co Hqs, 355th Infantry
89th Division

BROWN, Ralph A, - Pvt 2847138
Home : Not given

Severely wounded by shell fire from enemy, Nov. 5th, 1918, at Beclair, France.
Was in semi-unconscious state for about thirty minutes after wound was received and
then died.

Informant : Not given

Signed : Dan H. Hughes, Captain,
355th Infantry.

HH.

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB- HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME BROWN.	B R O	3	2 8 5 ^{0 0}
<i>Ralph A.</i>	CEMETERY 1232	1	1
BURIED	GRAVE 30	2	30
	ROW 30	2	30
	BLOCK B	1	2
STATE	<i>Nebr.</i>	2	32
RANK	<i>Pvt</i>	1	2
DIVISION	89	2	89
ORGANIZATION	355	3	355
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	1
MARTIAL	<i>Mar</i>	1	2
NAME <i>Brown</i>	B R O	5	2 8 5 ^{0 0}
<i>Mrs. Emma</i>	STATE <i>Nebr.</i>	2	32
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Knox</i>	2	54
	CITY <i>Crofton</i>	3	+++
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>No</i>	1	2

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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

July 8 1932

Mrs Emma Brown
Crofton
Neb

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.

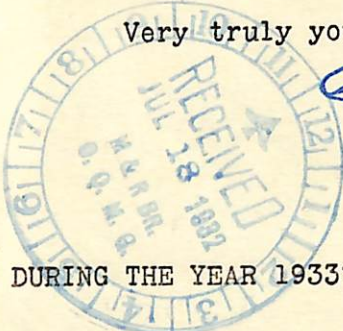
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This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make the pilgrimage during the years 1930, 1931 or 1932. There is enclosed a circular of information WHICH YOU SHOULD READ VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING YOUR DECISION.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

2 Encls.

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

No
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Mrs Emma Brown

✓

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Brown, Ralph A. Pvt. (M*A) M

June 11, 1931.

Mrs. Emma Brown,
Crofton, Nebr.

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? Yes

Write answer here

Mrs Emma Brown
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Brown, Ralph A. 1232 M

January 19, 1931

Mrs. Emma Brown,
Crofton,
Nebraska.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested that you advise whether or not the late Private Ralph A. Brown is survived by a widow, and if so, her name and address.

For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed, herewith, a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. E. Shannon

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

Enclosure
Envelope

No. He never was married.

Mrs Emma Brown.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 7, 1930.

Brown, Ralph A. - 1232 M

Mrs. Emma Brown,
Crofton, Nebr.

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 Emma Brown

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Brown, Ralph
1232

Sept. 4, 1929.

Mr. Charley H. Brown,
Crofton, Nebr.

Dear Sir:

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

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

Mrs Emma Brown

Crofton

Nebr.

No

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WASHINGTON

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

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relative is a stepmother, mother through adoption or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. If he was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

For your reply, you may use the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Neb

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

June 11, 1931.

Brown, Ralph A. Pvt. (M-A) M

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Write answer here

Sign here

QM 293 A-M
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January 19, 1931

Mrs. Emma Brown,
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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 7, 1930.

Brown, Ralph A. - 1232 M

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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

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Brown, Ralph 1232 M

Mrs. Emma Brown,
Crofton, Nebraska.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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Brown,

(Surname.)

Ralph Albert

(Christian name in full.)

2,847,188

(Army serial number.)

Pvt

Hq Co 355 Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Father

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:

Charles H Brown

(Name of person to receive remains.)

Crofton

(Express office.)

Crofton

(Telegraph office.)

Nebraska

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Charles H Brown

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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Drawn by MB

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In reply refer to:
QM - 293 C-R

July 19, 1923.

Mr. Charley H. Brown,
Crofton,
Nebr.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of Private Ralph Brown, Headquarters Company, 355th Infantry, is Grave 30, Row 30, 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 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 maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

H. J. Conner,
Assistant.



JUL 19 1923
C.E.B.

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Place NEUFCHATEAUDate 3rd, June 1919.REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: BROWN, Ralph A.Number: 2847188Rank: UnknOrganization: Unkn

60546

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group _____ Unit _____

Disinterred (Date) _____

From: (Give complete location) _____

29th, April 1919.Grave #48 Plot B B/A CemeteryCHEPPY, MEUSE.35 S E 305.4 E 274.1 N

Reburied (Date) _____

in: (Give complete location) _____

29th, April 1919.Grave #175 Sec. #38 Plot #4.ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY No. 1232.ROMAGNE, MEUSE.

1232

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

Burial good. Buried in uniform; body badly decomposed.Was one identification tag found upon the body? YesWhat other means of identification were found on the body? None

10538

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. Armitage.R. H. ROSENTHAL2nd Lieut. Q.M.C.U.S.A.

C.O. Group _____ Unit _____

HLW

Date 3rd June 1919

REPORT OF DISTINCTION AND REBURIAL

Remains of:

Name: BROWN, Ralph A.

Number: 2847188

Rank: Unknown

Organization: Unknown

Unit

Distinction and Reburial made by Group

Disinterred (Date)

From:

(Give complete location)

29th April 1919

Grave #48 Plot B R.A. Cemetery

CHERRY, MURDER

35 2 2 305.4 E 274.1 N

Reburied (Date)

in:

(Give complete location)

29th April 1919

Grave #175 Sec. #38 Plot #4

ARGENTINE AMERICAN CEMETERY NO. 1232

CHERRY, MURDER

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Supervised by: Lt. Ambridge.

2nd Lieut G.M.C.U.S.A.

C.O. Group Unit

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #60546

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BROWN, Ralph Ser. No. 2847188
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Hdq. Co., 355th Inf.
 (c) Date of death 11-5-18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA

TYP. IBM
 CKR. B. J.

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

(a) Grave No. 175 Row -- Plot 4 Sec. 38 TYP. IBM
 (b) Emerg. Address Mr. Charley H. Brown (father), Crofton, Neb.

III. Files of soldiers dying from ~~non-combat~~ non-combat CKR. B. J.

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Charles H. Brown (b) Relationship Father
 (c) Address Omitted
 (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 of body in U. S. Charles H. Brown,
Crofton, Nebraska.
(Exp. & Tel. Crofton.)
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. _____

Examiner's Initials mb Date 4-30-21, 1920.

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

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

Examiner's Initials _____ Date _____, 1920.

VI. G. R. S. FILES, CORRESPONDENCE—shows as follows: 2-10-20 Charles H. Brown

(father) Crofton, Neb. Cancels former request, now
desires body not to be disturbed.
 (a) Cancellation memos referred to? _____

Examiner's Initials mb Date 4-30-21, 1920.

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 1232-Sec. 38 SHEET No. 18

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Dec. 15, 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 BROWN, Ralph
 2. No. 2847188
 3. Rank Pvt
 4. Org. Hq. Co. 355th Inf.
 5. D.D. 11-5-18
 6. C.D. D.O.W.

10. Name _____
 11. No. _____
 12. Rank _____
 13. Org. _____
 14. (a) D.D. _____
 (b) D.B. None.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 175 Sec. 38
 8. Plot 4 Row _____
 9. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 17. None.

18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer.19. Commune or town Romagne/s/Montfaucon20. Dept. or County Meuse21. Country France22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232 Sec. 3823. Disinterred (Date) Dec. 15, 1921. By Edmo Maire.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Ralph BrownSerial No. 2847188Rank Pvt.Organization Hq. Co. 355th Inf.25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes On body? Yes

C. Smyth O'Meara
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant
C. Smyth O'Meara.

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).

None.27. Condition of body Badly decomposed; features unrecognizable.28. Nature of burial Blanket, burlap and box.29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None.30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Dec. 15, 1921. By Edmo Maire.31. Casket sealed by Edmo Maire.Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor Edmo Maire.

RECORDED AS "DO NOT DISTURB" CASE

MMB

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box) Box No. C-18543

32. Designation of body:

Name Ralph BROWN Serial No. 2847188

Rank Pvt Organization Hq. Co. 355th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne/s/Montfaucon 1232

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Dec. 15, 1921. By Edmo Maire.

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 A. E. Dewey, 1st Lieut. QMC.

36. Remarks None.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Dec. 15, 1921. d

To point of Concentration Morgue, Romagne.

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

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. 16, 1921, Meuse-Argonne Cemetery, # 1232
(Date)

42. Grave No. 30 Section

43. ~~Block~~ B Row 30

G.R.S. Representative James W. Younger
CAPT. QMC

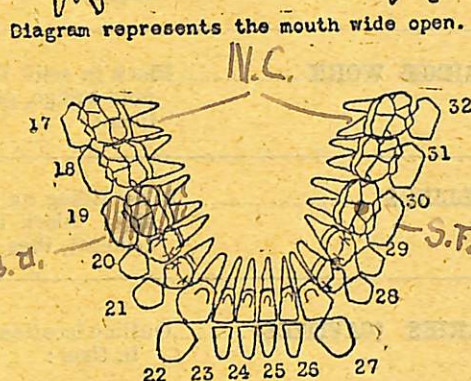
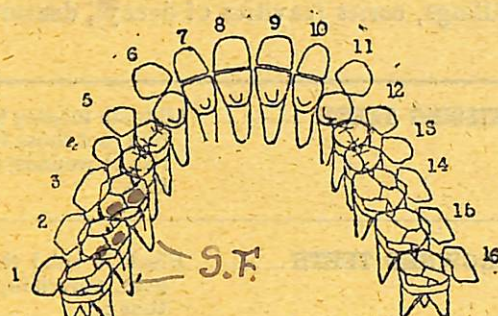
REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place Montfaucon
Date Dec. 15, 1921.1. REMAINS OF BROWN RALPH SERIAL NUMBER 2847188
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Hq. Co., 355th Inf.2. Disinterred (date): Dec. 15, 1921. From (give complete location):
Gr. 175 sec 38 pt 4 com., #1232.By: Group Maire Unit Sec. 13. Reburied (date): Dec. 16, 1921, Meuse-Argonne Cty. #1232, Gr. 30, Blk. B. Row 30.
In (give complete location):By: Group Reburial S Unit Unlined Casket Nature of reburial4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
wrapping and pine box, and blanket. body badly decomposed features unrecognizable.5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? Yes(b) Body tag agrees.
Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
None

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Imp. to det.(b) Weight (estimated) do(c) Hair—Color doQuantity doCharacteristics do(d) Hair on face—Color doLocation doQuantity do(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) None visible

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

7. Disinterment supervised by E. Maire Approved: A. E. D.

E. Maire

A. (Title) Jewey 1st. Lt. OMC8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Dufault Approved: James W. Younger

A. U. Dufault

(Title) CAPT. OMC

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 :



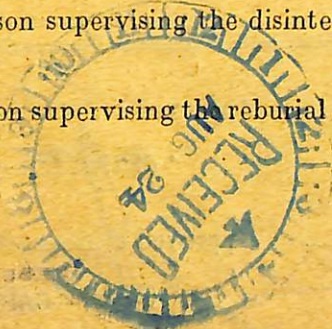
CARIES (CAVITIES).....Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :



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.



COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #60546

(a) Name BROWN, Ralph Ser. No. 2847188
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Hdq. Co., 355th Inf.
 (c) Date of death 11-5-18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA

TYP. IBM
 13. 7.

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

(a) Grave No. 175 Row -- Plot 4 Sec. 3A TYP. IBM
 (b) Emerg. Address Mr. Charley H. Brown (father), Crofton, Neb.

III. File of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

CKR. 13. 7.

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

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
 letter of transmittal on MAY 11 1921, 192
Sec. 38.
Par. 3. Undisturbed. (acc)

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.

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

COUNTRY

CEMETERY No.

SHEET No.

G. R. S. Form 115-A
 August, 1920

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France

1232-Sec. 38

18

60546
GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Brown, 2847188 Ralph
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt. Hq. Co. 355 Infantry
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL Nov. 7, 1918

American Cemetery
PLACE OF BURIAL Cheppy

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

American Cemetery, 1 kilo N.E.

of Cheppy. Verdun S.E. # 35 map.

North 274-east 305.85

GRAVE NUMBER

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes

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

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

REPORTED BY:

Ka Bray Chaplain
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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



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REGISTRATION CARD

"B"

MEMO FOR : G.R.S. representative, C.R.O.

SUBJECT : Information required for G R S.

I. Items checked are to be completed :

- () Surname : Brown
- () Number : 2847188
- () First name : Ralph
- () Rank : Private
- () Company : Hdq.
- () Organization : 355th. Inf.
- () Date of death : 11-5-18
- () Cause : w/a
- () Place :

Location of hospital :

Number » »
Class » »

- () Relative :
- () Relationship :
- () Address :

- () Authority :
- Cablegram No :
- Telegram from :

- (✓) dated : 12-~~2~~-18 (12-30-18)
- (✓) Reported to Washington :
- C.C. Nos : CC 332 & CC 386

- (✓) (Underscore the "official" C.C.)
- (✓) Remarks :

Duplicate Cards

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

Initials of reporter :

FPW



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Soldier's No. 2847188

Name BROWN, RALPH A.

Rank Pvt. Co. Hq. (Regt.)
(Corps) 355 Inf

Nov. 5, 1918 Wounds
Date of Death Cause

Nov. 7, 1918 American
Date of Burial Cemetery

CHEPPY

MEUSE

Town or Commune Dept.

Map VERDUN S.E. 35, N 274. E 304.3

Grave No. 161 Plot 4 Sec. L

Tag buried with body

Tag attached to Peg

Kenneth A. Bray M.H. 4

Chaplain - ~~Burial Officer~~ (which?)

D. H. Davis, Q.M. Sgt. Sr. Gr.
Signature Rank

Group 5 Unit 310 G.R.S.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
WASHINGTON

February 17, 1920.

Mr. Charles H. Brown,
Grofton, Nebraska.

1. Replying to your letter of February 10, 1920.
you are advised that notation has been made of your desire as to
final disposition of the remains of

**Pvt. Ralph Brown, Hdqrs. Co, 355th. Infantry.
(Permanent burial in France)**

2. In regard to the above, your attention is in-
vited to paragraph twelve on G. O. S. bulletin attached.

**Reburied: , Grave #175, Sect. 38, Plot #4, Argonne American
Cemetery-Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.**

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Colonel, U. S. Army,
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

By:

CHARLES J. WYNNIE,
Captain, Q. M. C.,
Graves Registration Service.

**Your request for permanent burial of
your son in France has been noted.**

NS-6686/L

LMD

Crofton Feb

2-10-20

The Adjutant General of Army
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

I am writing in regard to
the case of

Private Ralph Brown #2847188

Headquarters Company 353d Infantry

Disintegrated & Reburied in Grave

No 175 Section 38 Plot 4

Argonne American Cemetery

1232

Romagne-sous-Montfaucon

Meuse.

I made the request to have
the body sent back to the
U.S. but after due consideration

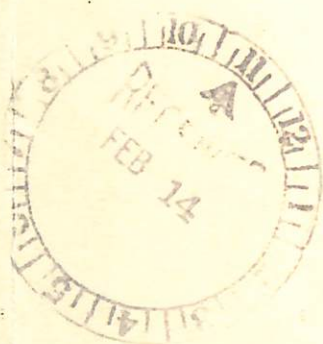


-think better of it and
would rather leave his
body in Trance where it
lies now in grave 173.

If it is not too late
please see to it and
let me know if can be
done.

Yours Resp't.

Charles H Brown



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

Date 2-16-20

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

Please furnish information as checked (✓) below regarding the following soldier:

NAME *Brown, Ralph*Serial Number *2847188*RANK *Pvt*

ORGANIZATION

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	① Yes Hdy. Co - 355th Inf.
2.	Date of Death.	② 11-5-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	③ DWRIA
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	④ 332 + 386
5.	Date buried	⑤ 11-7-18
6.	Grave Location (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	⑥ Grave 48 - Plot B - Amer. City 764 Cheppy (neuse) Neuse Reburied 4-29-19 Grave 175 Section 38 Plot 4 Argonne Amer. City #1232 - Boulogne-sous- Montfaucon (neuse)
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker	
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	⑩ yes yes
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	⑪ Mr. Charley H. Brown (father) Crofton (nebr)
12.	Has above been notified? (Give date)	⑫ 12-31-18 11-10-19
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.?	
15.	Inquiry made by?	

V

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Dept.
Directory
✓ Cards 5 x 8
Cards 4 x 6

N.B. All Proper names to be typewritten, or printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

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