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G.R.S. Form #114-B

CAUSE OF DEATH

*D.O.D.*

*Soldier's Log*

FULL NAME.....*BROWN, Walter E.*.....

RANK.....*Pvt. 1/cl.* SERIAL.....*1664487*.....

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION.....*Bty. B, 303rd F. A. 76 Div.*.....

DATE OF DEATH.....*9-7-18*.....

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME.....*Mass*.....

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED.....*None*.....

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION.....

*61478-519*

**RECORDED  
MAY 9 1927  
A.G.O.**

Date Grave Row Block

.....*1764*.....

Cemetery

27/86/-

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*1843*  
*3/16/27*

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Brown - 1664487 - Walter E.  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Private, 1st Class; 303rd Field Artillery  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Base Hospital No. 30

CAUSE OF DEATH: Streptococcic cerebral meningitis

DATE OF BURIAL: Sept. 8th 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL: Clermont-Ferrand

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

American Cemetery, Clermont-Fer. Puy-de-Dome. Located according to map furnished by Q.M., Depot, Clermont-Fer.

GRAVE NUMBER: Line 1, Plot 4, Row 1, Grave 3

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Yes Cross? Yes

Headboard? No Bottle? Yes

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: Mrs. Ida B. Brown

Leominster Road, Lunenburg, Mass.  
ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP: Mother

REPORTED BY:

Joseph H. Turichell

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

Chaplain 303 F.A.

This portion to be forwarded to Central Records Office, A. G. O., A. E. F.

Place Clermont-Ferrand, France.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Mar 7. 1921.

1. REMAINS OF Walter E. Brown. SERIAL NUMBER 1664487.  
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Bty. "B" 303 rd F.A.

2. Disinterred (date): Mar 7. 1921 From (give complete location): Grave 50. Cem 519

By: Group 2 Unit 1

3. Reburied (date): Mar 7. 1921 In (give complete location): Grave 52. Cem 519.

By: Group 2 Unit 1 Nature of reburial Pine box and uniform and wrapped in burlap.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Buried in pine box and uniform. Body badly decomposed.

Features not recognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? Yes

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:  
Bottle with record found on body reads Walter E. Brown No 1664487. Pvt Co "B" 303- F. A. Home address (Mother) Mrs. Ida B Brown 4th Taft ave Vicksburg. Miss. Disc on body partially disintegrated reads Walter E. B---- 64487. Body found in grave No. 50, but grave marker reads grave No. 52.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) 5' - 8"

(b) Weight (estimated) 150 lbs.

(c) Hair—Color Apparently light brown.

Quantity Moderate.

Characteristics \_\_\_\_\_

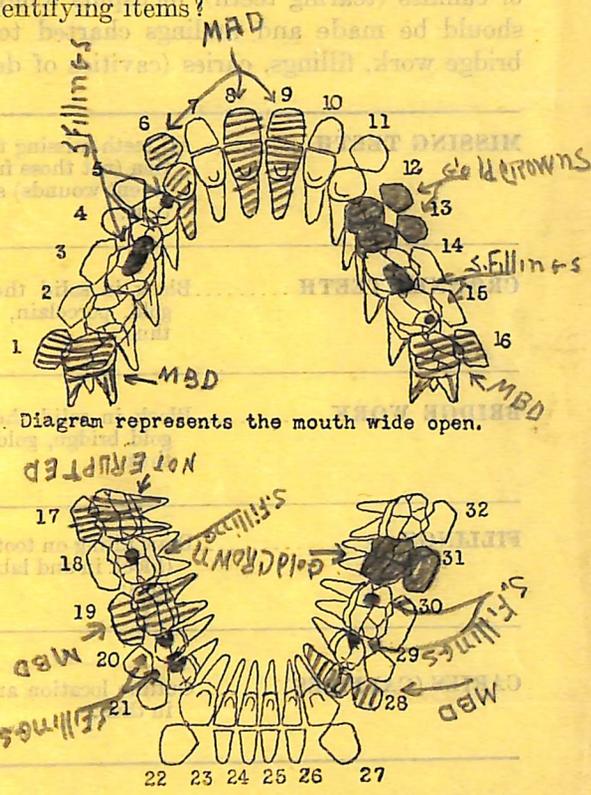
(d) Hair on face—Color None visible.

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

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

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



7. Disinterment supervised by Hellak sbl ad Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Remarks: Grave marker reads Walter Brown, Pvt  
l/c Bat "B" 303rd F.A. No. 52. Organization chan- (Title) \_\_\_\_\_  
ged to read from "co to Bty" H.P.B.  
8. Reburial supervised by Hellak sbl ad Approved: W.P. Buckley  
 (Title) Cap One!

**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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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	<i>Brown, Walter E.</i>	3	<i>2 8 5</i>
	<i>Bris</i>		
	CEMETERY <i>1764</i>	1	<i>4</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>1</i>	2	<i>01</i>
	ROW <i>9</i>	2	<i>09</i>
	BLOCK <i>B</i>	1	<i>2</i>
STATE	<i>Mass</i>	2	<i>25</i>
RANK	<i>Pvt i/c</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>76</i>	2	<i>76</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>303</i>	3	<i>303</i>
AFM	<i>7. Art.</i>	1	<i>3</i>
MARITAL	<i>No.</i>	1	<i>5</i>
NAME		3	
	STATE	2	
RESIDENCE	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Dead - 1930</i>	1	<i>6</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	<i>AUG 18 1992</i>
DATE OF	MO.	1	<i>RS</i>
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	
29/514			

AUDITED

QM 293 AM  
Brown, Walter E. 1764 M

March 13, 1931.

Miss Mattie E. Brown,  
61 Clinton Street,  
Fitchburg, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 28, 1931, advising this office of the death of your mother, and expressing appreciation for the pictures you have received of your brother's grave.

Sincerest sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Brown in its bereavement. It is deeply regretted that your mother was not spared long enough to realize her desire to visit the last resting place of her son.

It is suggested that you communicate with the office of The Chief, Signal Corps, U. S. Army, Munitions Building, Washington, D. C., relative to your desire to secure a picture of the cemetery in which your brother's remains are interred. However, it is not possible for that office to furnish a photograph of the entire cemetery, but it is believed a picture can be furnished for a nominal sum, of that part of the cemetery which contains the grave of your brother.

The inclosed card shows the exact location of the grave of the late Private, first class, Walter E. Brown.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Referring to  
L. M. 293 a-M  
Brown, Walter E.

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Warrenter Co.†

61 Clinton St.  
Fitchburg, Mass.  
Feb. 28, 1931.

Mr. C. D. Hughes,  
Captain, L. M. Corps,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear sir,

As my mother, Mrs. Ida B. Brown  
has passed away, I wish to thank you  
for the pictures of my brother's grave, in  
the Aisne-Marne <sup>American</sup> cemetery in France,  
which you so kindly sent.

I am very glad to get them and  
I wish it were possible for me to get a  
picture of the cemetery as a whole  
and then by finding out the number  
of his grave get some idea of where  
it is located in the cemetery. Do you  
know if I could get such a picture?  
I would be only too glad to pay

for one if I could get it.

Thanking you for any  
information you can give me,

Yours very truly,

Mattie E. Brown.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 7, 1930.

**Brown, Walter E. - 1764 M**

**Mrs. Ida B. Brown,  
4 Taft St.,  
Fitchburg, Mass.**

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) Ida B. Brown*  
(Sign here) (m.13)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Brown, Walter E. 1764-M

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Ida B. Brown,  
4 Taft St.,  
Fitchburg, Mass.

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.

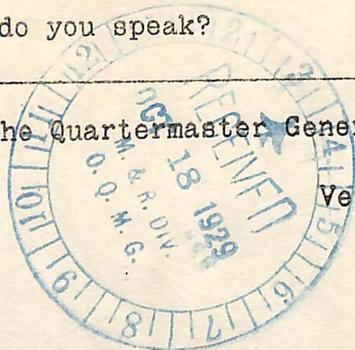
1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	<del>(Yes)</del>	(No) X
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	<del>(Yes)</del>	(No) X
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	<del>(Yes)</del>	(No) X
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age 68 (Years)	Health <del>(Good)</del> (Poor) X
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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Fitchburg, Mass.,

Aug. 10, 1929.

John T. Harris,  
Major, 2. M. Corps,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,

Replying to your letter  
of June 12 - my son, the late  
Private, first class Walter E. Brown,  
Bat. B, 303<sup>rd</sup> F. A. is not survived  
by a widow. He was never married.

Yours very truly,

Ida B. Brown.  
(M. B.)

Chg. Beese  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 12, 1929.

Brown, Walter E.

Mrs Ida B. Brown,  
4 Taft St.,  
Fitchburg, Mass.

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 Private, first class Walter E. Brown, Bat. B. 305 rd F.A., whose remains are now interred in the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, 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 invitation to her to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since re-married it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Envelope.

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

QM 293 AM  
Brown, Walter E. 1764 M

March 15, 1931.

Miss Mattie E. Brown,  
61 Clinton Street,  
Fitchburg, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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Sincerest sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Brown in its bereavement. It is deeply regretted that your mother was not spared long enough to realize her desire to visit the last resting place of her son.

It is suggested that you communicate with the office of The Chief, Signal Corps, U. S. Army, Munitions Building, Washington, D. C., relative to your desire to secure a picture of the cemetery in which your brother's remains are interred. However, it is not possible for that office to furnish a photograph of the entire cemetery, but it is believed a picture can be furnished for a nominal sum, of that part of the cemetery which contains the grave of your brother.

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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M  
Brown, Walter E.

February 3, 1931.

Mrs. Ida B. Brown,  
61 Clinton Street,  
Fitchburg, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Supplementing my letter of June 17, 1930,  
I am enclosing herewith, in compliance with your request,  
two prints of a photograph of the grave of your son, the  
late Private, first class Walter E. Brown, in the Aisne-  
Marne American Cemetery in France.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

U.S. QUARTERMASTER DIV.

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2 Encls.  
Photographs.

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HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE IN EUROPE  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE SERVICE  
20 RUE MOLITOR

IN REPLYING  
PLEASE ADDRESS  
CHIEF, AMERICAN GRAVES  
REGISTRATION SERVICE.

FILE NO 293.BROWN, Walter E., Private 1st Class.

PARIS, FRANCE  
January 14, 1931.

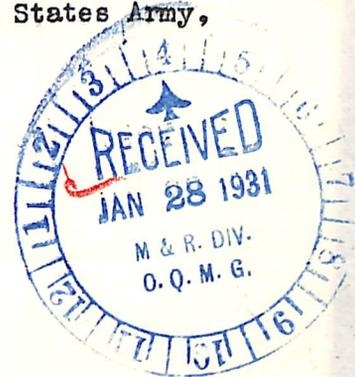
Subject: Photograph of Grave.

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

1. Reference letter dated June 17, 1930, file QM 293 A-M, Brown, Walter E., there are forwarded herewith two prints of photograph of the grave of Private 1st Class Walter E. Brown, 303 Field Artillery, 76 Division, buried in Grave 1, Block B, Row 9, Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, Belleau (Aisne), France.

Encls. 2:  
Photographs.

*Richard T. Ellis*  
*for Capt. Ellis*  
Richard T. Ellis,  
Colonel, United States Army,  
Chief.



QM 293 A-M  
Brown, Walter B.

June 17, 1930.

SUBJECT: Photographs.

TO: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, in  
Europe, 20 rue Melitor, Paris, France.

1. It is requested that the grave of the late Private,  
first class Walter B. Brown, Battery B, 305rd Field Artillery,  
be photographed and two prints furnished this office for de-  
livery to his mother, Mrs. Ida B. Brown, 61 Clinton Street,  
Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

For The Quartermaster General:

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

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QM 293 A-M  
Brown, Walter E.

June 17, 1930.

Mrs. Ida B. Brown,  
61 Clinton Street,  
Fitchburg, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 13, 1930, in which request is made for a photograph of the grave of your son, the late Private, first class Walter E. Brown, in the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery in France.

The European office has been requested to photograph your son's grave and to furnish two prints for delivery to you. Upon receipt of same in this office they will be immediately forwarded.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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61 Clinton St.  
Fitchburg, Mass.,  
June 13, 1930.

A. D. Hughes, Capt. 2. M. Corps,  
Office of the Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear sir,

Will you kindly advise me if  
it is possible to obtain pictures of  
my son's grave and if so where?

His name is - Private 1st class  
Walter E. Brown, Battery B, 303<sup>rd</sup> Heavy  
Field Artillery.

Thanking you for this information,

Yours very truly,

Ida B. Brown.  
(m. B.)

Post 11/1  
Btry A.  
303 Ave. - name  
Gr 1 Row 9  
Bl. B

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 7, 1930.

Brown, Walter E. - 1764 M

Mrs. Ida B. Brown,  
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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,  
Captain, Q. 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

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

**Brown, Walter E. 1764-M**

**Mrs. Ida B. Brown,  
4 Taft St.,  
Fitchburg, Mass.**

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.

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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,  
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 12, 1929.

Brown, Walter E.

Mrs Ida B. Brown,  
4 Taft St.,  
Fitchburg, Mass.

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 **Private, first class Walter E. Brown, Bat. B. 303 rd P.A.,** whose remains are now interred in the **Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, 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 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*  
JOHN T. HARRIS,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Brown,

(Surname.)

Walter E.

(Christian name in full.)

1,664,487

(Army serial num)

Pvt 1st Cl

~~Bty. Co~~ B, 303 ~~Infantry~~

(Rank and organization.)

*H. J. Miller*  
*per Casualty*

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:

*James L. Farrar.*

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

*Townsend, Massachusetts.*

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

*Idaw B. Brown.*

*4 Taft St.*

*Fitchburg, Massachusetts.*

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by D. G. S.

5-19-27

11-10-20

**REVIEWED  
OSP SS.**

cb 11-12-20

Dec 15 1920  
 11-10-21

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BROWN, Walter E. (11-18) Ser. No. 1664487 TYP vbb  
 (b) Rank Pvt. 1st cl. Organization Bty. B, 303rd P. A. Co. 11-18  
 (c) Date of death 9-7-18 Cause of death Streptococci (11-18) Cerebral Meningitis TYP vbb  
 CKR JEM.

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

(a) Grave No. 54 Row - Plot 4 Sect. - TYP vbb  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Ida B. Brown (mother) 4 Taft St., Fitchburg, Mass.

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

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

Ida B. Brown (mother) 4 Taft St. Fitchburg Mass.  
requests remains shipped to Jas. L. Farrar,  
Townsend Mass. A GO Card 12/8/20 LPW

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 192)  
 (Letter of transmittal on Nov. 29 1920)

Part I To be returned  
Brown, Walter E.

DEC 15 1920

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
<u>Jan. 24, 1921</u>	<u>Mother (1-16-21)</u>	<u>Remain in France</u>	<u>Europe advised 2-1-21</u>
<u>Form 129</u>	<u>Mrs. Ida B. Brown</u>	<u>France</u>	<u>not to return body. M.G.</u>

VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. JAN 28 1921 192

WB 12-13-20

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BROWN, Walter E. (11-18) Ser. No. 1664487 TYP. vbb  
 (b) Rank Pvt. 1st cl. Organization Bty. B, 303rd F. A. (11-18) CKR. 11-10-21  
 (c) Date of death 9-7-18 (d) Cause of death Streptococci Cerebral Meningitis

EXHUMED FOR CONCENTRATION

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

(a) Grave No. 54 Row - Plot 4 Sec. - TYP. vbb  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Ida B. Brown (mother) 4 Taft St., Fitchburg, Mass.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases -- CARD CKR. 11-10-21

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt None

(a) Name Ida B. Brown (b) Relationship Mother  
 (c) Address 4 Taft St., Fitchburg, Mass.  
 (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. Jas. L. Townsend  
Townsend & Sons  
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. -

W. H. K. Pension

Examiner's Initials A. C. G. Date 11-10-, 1920.

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

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

no copies

Examiner's Initials D. L. H. Date 11-10-, 1920.

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

Mrs. Ida B. Brown  
(mother) 4 Taft St. Fitchburg Mass. 3/10/19  
requests 2 photographs of sons if possible  
 (a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes. P.F.

Examiner's Initials P.F. Date 11-11-, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE

CEMETERY No. 519

SHEET No. 27

checked by M. 11-27-20

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made 11-16, 1920.

Typed by meb, Checked by DTP, 11-16, 1920.

RECEIVED.

JAN 28 1921

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on November 29, 1920

Par. I To be returned LPW  
Brown, Walter E.

REGISTRATION DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT OFFICE

IX. CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: 1-16-21 #120 Mrs Ida Brown mother  
n. h. 4 Taft St, Fitchburg Mass. now wishes  
body left in Europe 1-24-21 Ecd.

FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN - BODY  
TO REMAIN IN EUROPE. /K

JAN 24 1921

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON



FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C.

To: Mrs. Ida B. Brown, 4 Taft St., Fitchburg, Mass.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. 1st Class Walter E. Brown, Serial No. 1,664,487 -

Bty. B., 303rd F.A.

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body ~~be returned to the United States and shipped to James L. Farrar, Townsend, Mass.~~

*Remain in Europe*

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Major, U. S. A.

If all blank spaces below are not filled out, it will necessitate a return of this paper and a **SERIOUS DELAY** in the shipment of this body. State in each case WHETHER these relatives are STILL LIVING.

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Was soldier married? <i>No</i>			
Soldier's widow			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Father	<i>Deceased</i>		
Mother	<i>Mrs. Ida B. Brown</i>	<i>4 Taft St.</i>	<i>Fitchburg, Mass.</i>
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1	<i>Alice G. Brown</i>	<i>4 Taft St. Fitchburg, Mass.</i>
	2	<i>Mattie E. Brown</i>	<i>4 Taft St. Fitchburg, Mass.</i>
	3		

Date *January 16 - 1921*

Signature *Mrs. Ida B. Brown*

Address *Fitchburg, Mass. 4 Taft St.*

Relationship *Mother*

IMPORTANT.—CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.

....., 1920.

I, the undersigned, am the Mother and nearest living relative of the within-named  
(Relationship.)

soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:  
(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

- ~~1. As stated on first page of this sheet.~~
- ~~2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to (Name) (State)~~
- ~~3. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to (Name) (State)~~

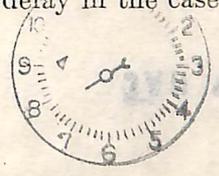
4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.  
*4 To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.*

Signature Mrs. Ida B. Brown.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instruction as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.
2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.
3. This paper **MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT OF KIN IN THE ORDER** shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.
4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.
6. If YOU are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
7. If YOU are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.
8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

CORRESPONDENCE BRANCH



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WASHINGTON  
 CIVILIAN REGISTRATION SERVICE  
 OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
 WAR DEPARTMENT  
 JAN 21 1921

Station..... Date....., 192

## REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, AND SHIPMENT OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

## COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records Office Chief G. R. S.

Discrepancy found upon examination of body.

1. Name	<b>BROWN, Walter</b>	10. Name	.....
2. No.	<b>1664487</b>	11. No.	.....
3. Rank	<b>Pvt. 1/c</b>	12. Rank	.....
4. Org	<b>Bty. B, 303rd F .A.</b>	13. Org	.....
5. D. D.	<b>9-7-18</b>	14. (a) D. D.	.....
6. C. D.	<b>Cerebral Meningitis</b>	15. (b) D. B.	.....

Discrepancy found upon disinterment.

7. Grave No.	<b>54</b>	Sec.	<b>-</b>	15. Grave No.	.....	Sec.	.....
8. Plot	<b>4</b>	Row	<b>-</b>	16. Plot	.....	Row	.....
9.	<b>-</b>			17.	.....		

18. Cemetery **American Cty.,**

19. Commune or town **Clermont-Ferrand**

20. Department or county **Puy-de-Dome**

21. Country **France**

22. G. R. S. Headquarters Code No. **519**

23. Disinterred ..... (Date.) By .....

24. Inscription on grave marker { Name ..... Serial No. ....  
Rank ..... Organization .....

25. Was identification disk found on grave marker? ..... On body? .....

Signature of Junior Technical Assistant.

(The following space is reserved for notations to be made by office Chief Graves Registration Service.)

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PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disk or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail)-----  
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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?  
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30. Body prepared and placed in casket----- (Date.)----- By-----
31. Casket sealed by -----

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JAN 28 1921

CEMETERIAL DISTRICT  
OVERSEER

Signature of Embalmer (Supervisor)-----

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

32. Designation of body { Name BROWN, Walter Serial No. 1664487  
Rank Pvt. 1/c Organization Bty. B, 303rd F.A.
33. CONSIGNEE—Name Jas. L. Farrar,  
Address Townsend, Mass.
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-----  
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37. Shipped from cemetery----- (Date.)----- To----- (Point of concentration.)  
Convoyer----- Signature Shipping Officer-----

38. Received at point of concentration----- (Date.)  
Signature Receiving Officer-----

39. Shipped from point of concentration----- (Date.)  
To----- (Port.)----- Convoyer-----  
Signature Shipping Officer-----

40. Received European port----- (Date.)  
Signature of G. R. S. Representative-----

41. Shipped to----- (U. S. port.)----- On----- (Boat.)  
Date----- Convoyer-----  
(Signature of Shipping Officer.)

42. Received----- (Date.)----- By G. R. S. Representative----- (Signature.)

43. Shipped to destination----- (Date.)----- { B/L or Express Order No.  
Convoyer----- { Shipping Officer-----

February 1, 1921.

519 Reg. Sec., Gen. Div.

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

TO: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.

SUBJECT: Supplementary advice on American Cemetery, #519, Clermont Ferrand, Puy-de-Dome, France.

Reference paragraph 1, office letter of November 29th, 1920 (File No. 519 Reg. Sec., Gen. Div.), you are advised that it is the desire of the next of kin that this body be not returned to the United States:

Cable  
Ref. No.

27. Brown, Walter E., Private 1/c, 1654487, Battery S, 303rd Field Artillery.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

THOS. G. HANSON, Jr.,  
1st Lieut., Q.M. Corps.

JRF:SS  
C & S Dept.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
Hoboken, N.J.

Jan. 24, 1921.

From: Graves Registration Service Officer, Hoboken, N.J.  
To: Cemeterial Division (Overseas Project Sub-Section)  
Subject: Supplementary advice concerning:

Name Brown, Walter E. Ser.No. 1664487  
Rank Pvt.1/c Organization Bty.B, 303rd F. A.  
Cemetery No. 519 Cable Reference No. (Sheet No.) 27

Request shown below dated Jan. 16, 1921 is latest in this case;

<u>Name of Relative</u>	<u>Return to</u>	<u>Remain in</u>	<u>Special</u>
Widow <u>None</u>		<u>France</u>	
Children _____			
Guardian _____			
Father <u>dead</u>			
Mother <u>Mrs. Ida B. Brown - 4 Taft Street, Fitchburg, Massachusetts.</u>			
Brother _____			
Sister _____			
Others _____			

Body ~~to be shipped to,~~ or for interment in: a permanent American cty.,  
France .

(glb)

R. E. SHANNON,  
GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER,  
Capt., Quartermaster Corps,

~~Cable~~ Letter Feb. 1, 1921 forwarding advice to Europe dispatched \_\_\_\_\_ 1921

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Recd 1/28/21

WAR DEPARTMENT  
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GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
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Children			
Guardian			
Father <u>dead</u>			
Mother <u>Mrs. Ida B. Brown - 4 Taft Street, Fitchburg, Massachusetts.</u>			
Brother			
Sister			
Others			

Body ~~to be shipped to, or~~ for interment in: a permanent American cty.,  
France .

(glb)

SUSPEND UNTIL  
FEB 7 1921  
FOR

R. E. SHANNON,  
GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER,  
Capt., Quartermaster Corps,

Cable Letter 1921 forwarding advice to Europe dispatched 1921

WAR DEPARTMENT  
 CEMETERY DIVISION, GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE,  
 Room 350, Pier 2, Hoboken, N. J.

January 25th, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div., Cor. Branch.  
 (BROWN, Walter E.)

Mrs. Ida B. Brown,  
 4 Taft Street,  
 Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

Dear Madam:

Receipt of shipping inquiry dated January 16th, 1921, relative to the remains of your son, the late Walter E. Brown, Private 1st Cl., Serial Number 1664487, Battery B, 303rd Field Artillery, is acknowledged.

Instructions have been issued that your request that the remains be left in France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery, be complied with. You are assured that the grave site shall always be maintained as a fitting memorial of the late soldier's sacrifice.

The Department desires to convey to you renewed assurance of its sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. E. SHANNON,  
 Captain, Quartermaster Corps,  
 Officer in Charge.

BY:

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

*Bl*  
*77/tlm*

Mailed-O.R.D.  
 JAN 27 1921

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
 CEMETERY DIVISION, GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE,  
 Room 350, Pier 2, Hoboken, N. J.

January 25th, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div., Cor.Branch.  
 (BROWN, Walter E.)

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By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. E. SHANNON,  
 Captain, Quartermaster Corps,  
 Officer in Charge.

BY:

F. C. PALLAS,  
 Executive Assistant.

FF/tlm



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WAR DEPARTMENT  
GENERAL DIVISION, GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
Room 350, Pier 2, Hoboken, N. J.

January 28th, 1921.

File No. 393.8 Gen. Div., Cor. Branch.  
(BROWN, Walter E.)

Mrs. Ida B. Brown,  
4 East Street,  
Pittsburg, Massachusetts.

Dear Madam:

Receipt of shipping inquiry dated Jan-  
uary 15th, 1921, relative to the remains of your  
son, the late Walter E. Brown, Private 1st Cl.,  
Serial Number 164487, Battery B, 303rd Field  
Artillery, is acknowledged.

Instructions have been issued that your  
request that the remains be left in France for bur-  
ial in a permanent American Cemetery, be complied  
with. You are assured that the grave site shall  
always be maintained as a fitting memorial of the  
late soldier's sacrifice.

The Department desires to convey to you  
renewed assurance of its sympathy in your bereave-  
ment.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,  
Officer in Charge.

BY:

F. C. FALLAS,  
Executive Assistant.



REC'D

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To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Oct 5th 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 Walter E  
 2. No. 1664487  
 3. Rank PFC  
 4. Org. Bat B 303rd FA  
 5. D.D. Sept 7, 1918  
 6. C.D. Serebral Meningitis

10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_  
 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) D.B. none

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 52 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 17. none

18. Cemetery American  
 20. Dept. or County Puy-de-Dome  
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 519

19. Commune or town Clermont-Ferrand  
 21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) Oct 5th 1921

By E.T. Anderson

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Walter E. Brown  
 Rank Pvt 1/c

Serial No. ))))  
 Organization Bat. B. 303rd F.A.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? yes On body? yes (partly corroded)

J. A. Dougherty  
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant  
J.A. Dougherty

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).

Bottle record agrees with form 114-A.

27. Condition of body badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial wooden box and uniform.

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 Oct 5th 1921 By E.T. Anderson

31. Casket sealed by E.T. Anderson

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) E.T. Anderson  
E.T. Anderson

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **C-11532**

32. Designation of body:

Name **BROWN Walter E** Serial No. **1664487**

Rank **PFC** Organization **Bat B 303rd FA**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **Aisne Marne American Cemetery 1764 Belleau Aisne**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **Oct 5th 1921** By **E.T. Anderson**

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 *F. Overheiser*  
**F. Overheiser, 1st Lt. QMC**

36. Remarks **none**

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date)

To point of Concentration

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_ (Name)

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date **October 14 1921.**

To Permanent Cemetery **Aisne Marne American Cemetery 1764**

Convoyer **H F Tebeau** Signature Shipping Officer *F. Overheiser*  
**F. Overheiser 1st Lieut QMC** (Name)

40. Received: Date **October 18, 1921.**

G.R.S. Representative *G.F. Waugh*  
**G.F. WAUGH, Major, Infantry.**

41. Reinterred **Dec. 21, 1922,** **Aisne-Marne Cem. 1764.**

42. Grave No. **1** (Date) Section

43. Plot **BLOCK B** Row **9**

G.R.S. Representative *W.D. Cleary*  
**W.D. CLEARY, Lt. Chaplain USA.**

Place Clermont-Ferrand

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date October 5 1921.

1. REMAINS OF Brown, Walter E. SERIAL NUMBER 1664487

RANK Pvt 1 cl. ORGANIZATION Bat B 303rd FA

2. Disinterred (date): October 5, 1921. From (give complete location): Gr. 52 Cemetery 519

By: Group \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

3. Reburied (date): \_\_\_\_\_ In (give complete location): \_\_\_\_\_

Dec. 21, 1922. Grave 1, Row 9, Block B, Cem. 1764, Belleau (Aisne)

By: Group re-burial group Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial lined casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: unrecognizable, badly decomposed, in pine box, in uniform

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? yes, partly corroded On grave marker? yes

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:

bottle record agrees with form 114-A

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items MBD 1 16 alloy fil. 3, 4, 14, 15

(a) Height (actual measurement) unable to report MAD 6 8 9 gold crown 12 13

(b) Weight (estimated) unable to report

(c) Hair—Color none

Quantity none

Characteristics none

(d) Hair on face—Color none

Location none

Quantity none

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) unable to report

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

impossible to determine

Checker—J.A. Dougherty

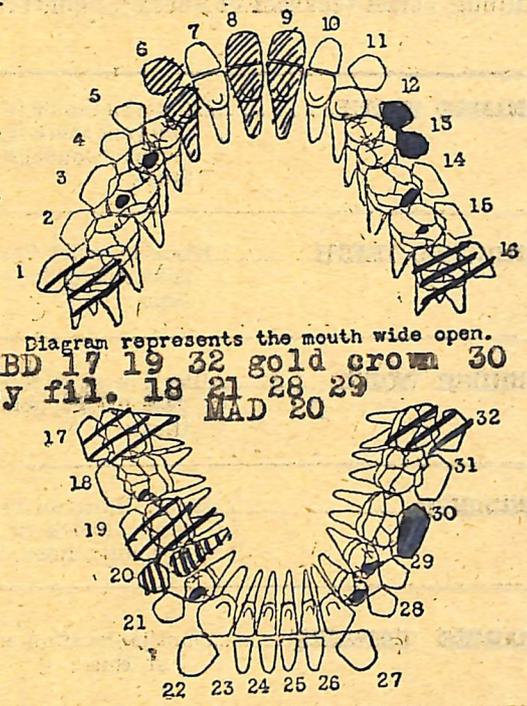
7. Disinterment supervised by E. T. Anderson  
E T Anderson, Sup Emb

Approved: [Signature]  
F Overheiser  
(Title) 1st Lieut OMC

8. Reburial supervised by [Signature]

Approved: [Signature]  
(Title) D. Cleary, Lt, Chaplain USA.

L. D. HAYS



## 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.

**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.

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

1. NAME BROWN Walter E SERIAL No. 1664487

RANK PFC ORGANIZATION Bat B 303rd FA

GRAVE LOCATION Amer. Cty Clermont-Ferrand Puy-de-Dome 519  
CTY. NAME NUMBER

52

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL ~~BATTLE AREA~~ GRAVE LOCATION 50 Clermont-Ferrand Puy-de-Dome  
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES \_\_\_\_\_

CONCENTRATED TO Mar. 7th. 1921. 52  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Amer. Cty. Clermont-Ferrand Puy-de-Dome 519  
CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

~~Bottle with record found on body reads "Walter E. Brown No. 1664487, Pvt. C. B. 303 F.A. Home address (Mother) Mrs. Ida B. Brown 4th Taft Ave. Vicksburg, Miss. Disc on body partially disintegrated reads "Walter E. B. 64487." Body found in grave No. 50 but grave marker reads grave No. 52."~~

Exhumed for Identification.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS Mar. 7th. 1921. 52 Clermont-Ferrand 519.  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

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SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR Tom Ward  
Tom Ward, Captain, Q.M. Corps.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Dec. 21, 1922 1 9 Block B,  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Aisne-Marne American Cem. #1764, Belleau (Aisne)  
CEMETERY

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

L.G.-ml-1-217

WASHINGTON

IN REPLY  
REFER TO

AG 201, Brown, Walter E. (WW)

October 9, 1926.

SUBJECT: Date of death.

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

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By order of the Secretary of War:

*John Dalton*  
Adjutant General.



*OK.*

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COL*

*293  
Brown, Walter E.*

O.P.M.G.  
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Adjustment Made

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WAR DEPARTMENT

Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington.

G.R.S. Form S-W-A-O.  
Information Requested of A.G.O.

Date Nov. 13, 1920

File No. 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.

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

- a. Surname Brown ✓
- b. Christian name Walter or Walter E. ✓
- c. Serial Number 1664487 ✓
- d. Organization Bty. B. 303rd F.A. ✓  
or Co. B. 303 Inf.
- e. Rank Pvt. 1/cl. ✓
- f. Date of death 9-7-18 ✓
- g. Cause of death Streptococcic meningitis  
Cerebral Meningitis
- h. Authority (C.C.#)
- i. Emergency address
- j. Relationship

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

- a. Age of enlistment
- b. Color of eyes
- c. Color of hair
- d. Height
- e. Weight
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

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

- a. Strike out teeth missing
- |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |   |            |   |
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Donnelly msm  
and Pl. Sec 8/307  
Nov. 16, 1920

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

CEMETERY NO: 519

BY:

SHEET NO: 27  
TYPED BY: FFD

*H. J. Conner*  
H. J. CONNER  
1st Lieut. Q. M. C.

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Information Department of A.S.P.  
The Hon.

The Hon. The Secretary of the Department of Agriculture  
Washington, D.C.  
Subject: Information regarding the A.S.P.  
I am pleased to inform you that the information you requested is being furnished to you as follows:

- a. General information
- b. Information regarding the A.S.P. in the United States
- c. Information regarding the A.S.P. in other countries
- d. Information regarding the A.S.P. in the District of Columbia
- e. Information regarding the A.S.P. in the various States

Very truly yours,  
The Secretary

- a. Age of subject
- b. Color of eyes
- c. Color of hair
- d. Height
- e. Weight

(Information regarding the A.S.P. in the various States)

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BROWN Walter E 1664487

Pvt 1/c

Grave No 54

U.S. Cem Clermont-Ferrand

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Above corrections per Capt,

J.A.Cummings, letter Oct 24th,

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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

**Brown - 1664487 - Walter E.**  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

**Private, 1st Class; 303rd Field Artillery**  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: **Base Hospital No. 30**

CAUSE OF DEATH: **Streptococcus cerebral meningitis**

DATE OF BURIAL: **Sept. 8th 1918.**

PLACE OF BURIAL: **Clermont-Ferrand**

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

**American Cemetery, Clermont-Fer. Puy-de-Dome. Located according to map furnished by Q.M., Depot, Clermont-Fer.**

GRAVE NUMBER: **Line 1, Plot 4, Row 1, Grave 3**

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? **Yes** Cross? **Yes**  
Headboard? **No** Bottle? **Yes**

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? **Yes**

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: **Mrs. Ida B. Brown**  
**Leominster Road, Lunenburg, Mass**

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP: **Mother**

REPORTED BY:

**Joseph H. Twichell P SS**  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

**Chaplain 303 F.A.**

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

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BROWN, WALTER E. #1664483

Pvt. 1/cl Batt. B, 303 FF A.

Plot #4, Grave #54

Amer Cem #519 at Clermont-Ferrand



B 556

4 Taft St. Fitchburg, Mass.

March 10-1919.

Chief, Graves Registration Service A.E.F.

Dear Sir.

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I would like if possible two  
photographs of the grave of my son.

1st class Pvt. Walter E. Brown 1664487.

Baty. "B". 303 F.A. who died September 7th

1918. Buried in the American Cemetery

Clermont-Ferrand, France. on Lineal

Plot 4. Row 1, Grave 3.

Yours respectfully,

Mrs Ida B. Brown.

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From Ida B. Brown.  
H Taft St. Fitchburg.

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Office of the Chief Quartermaster, A. C. F.  
Graves Registration Service,  
France.

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O.C.Q.M.

G.R.S.

**FILE**  
 CEMETERY DIVISION  
 REGISTRATION SECTION

January 30

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MEMO FOR:

Cards Department.

1.

CASE OF:

Bat., B., 303rd. F. A.

ORGANIZATION (Old)

BROWN 1664487 Walter E., Pvt. 1/cl.

(Name)

Correction or additional data changes as shown below have been made on the Registration Card of the above-mentioned soldier and a corresponding change will be necessary on the Organization Card:

ORGANIZATION (New)

FILE NO.

SURNAME

SERIAL NUMBER

FIRST NAME AND INITIALS

RANK

DATE OF DEATH

CAUSE OF DEATH

	Date	Place	F-1A No.
Orig.			D-
1st. Reb.	3/7/21	519	D- 30204
2nd Reb.			D-
3rd Reb.			D-

(Note: In the above spaces below double line fill in ONLY the new date and data correcting previous information)

BY: Miss Lannon

Card.  
 (Department)

5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made  
 on Organization  
 File Card:

By B  
S/3324/LML

Address reply to

WAR DEPARTMENT  
PURCHASE, STORAGE, AND TRAFFIC DIVISION  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE  
WASHINGTON

DIVISION  
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Munitions Building

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AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
A.P.O. 902 - FRANCE.

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FEBRUARY 14, 1919.

FROM : Central Records Office, A.G.D. A.P.O. 902.  
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1661982

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Co. B 303rd F.A.

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