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Apr 27 1921

DATE Nov. 19 1921.

1. NAME BYERS, William M. SERIAL No. 2560166  
 RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. I, 138th Inf. & DIVISION 35th Div.  
 GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne, Amer. Cty. ROMAGNE-sous-MONTFAUCON #1232 sec 49.  
 CTY. NAME (Meuse) NUMBER

169

49

4

GRAVE

Sec ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Brabant en Argonne, Meuse #1678  
 GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES Verdun 35 SE 261.79 N 310.64 E

CONCENTRATED TO 5/8/19 169 Sec 49 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.

DATE OF DEATH Tag on cross and body. Sept 26, 1918.

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME North Dakota

MEALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED  
data F-1.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

CCG DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

M. B. BIRDSEYE1st Lt., Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Nov. 19, 1921. 27 41 C  
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT BLOCK

Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.  
 CEMETERY

AUDITED BY  
 2824-12-43

Robert O. Davis,  
 The Adjutant General  
 By A

MAY 4 1926

APR 30 1926

WORLD WAR DIV.



## 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.





# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Byers* *2560166* *Wm. M.*  
 (Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)  
*Pvt.* *Co. I. 138 Inf.*  
 (Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *Sept. 27, 1918.*

PLACE OF BURIAL *Brabant France.*

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

*N. E. cor. French Cemetery*  
*in Amer. Plot.*

GRAVE NUMBER *730*

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? *X* Cross? *Yes.*

Headboard? *X* Bottle? *X*

## 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:

*Died of wounds received*  
*in Battle.*

*Died in 562 F. Hosp.*

## REPORTED BY:

*C. A. Reynolds, 1st Lt. M.S.*

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

*Chaplain & B.O. 316 San. B.*

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

BYERS, William J -Pvt 2560166

n in the Argonne Meuse offensive  
 y wounded by shrapnel one half mile  
 to a first aid station where he

rmant: BESSLER, Charles J Pvt 2141863  
 Co. I 138th Infantry

cher: Chap Edwin A. Shearer  
 138th infantry



Co. I 138th Infantry  
35th Div

BYERS, William J -Pvt 2560166

Pvt Byers was killed in action in the Argonne Meuse offensive  
Sept 26 1918 He was mortally wounded by shrapnel one half mile  
south of Cheppy He was moved to a first aid station where he  
died a few hours later.

Informant: BESSLER, Charles J Pvt 2141863  
Co. I 138th Infantry

XXXX:

Searcher: Chap Edwin A. Shearer  
138th infantry

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# CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Byers</i>	<i>BYE</i>	3	<i>2-12-5</i>
<i>William M</i>	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>27</i>	2	<i>27</i>
	ROW <i>41</i>	2	<i>41</i>
	BLOCK <i>C</i>	1	<i>3</i>
STATE	<i>N. Dak</i>	2	<i>40</i>
RANK	<i>Priv.</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>35</i>	2	<i>35</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>138</i>	3	<i>138</i>
ARM	<i>Inf.</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>no.</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Button</i>		3	
<i>Mr. Lester (Other)</i>	STATE	2	
<i>(Employer)</i>	COUNTY	2	
RESIDENCE <i>Bradley, S. Dak</i>	CITY	3	
RELATION <i>Mother</i>		1	<i>1</i>
OTHER <i>Relatives unknown</i>		1	
ELIGIBILITY <i>Head</i>		1	<i>6</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

**AUDITED**  
APR 15 1932  
*RB*



Born 7/1/88

Enl - 3-29-18

Byers, William M. C 68 541 Pvt. Co. I, 138th Inf. N. Dak.

Date of mother's death? no record

SM? } no record. As left to estate  
Loco? }

Seebode has never been paid because  
no rel. in this the permitted  
class have now been located

Single



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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Byers, William M 1232-0

July 8, 1930

Mr. Lester Button,  
Bradley,  
South Dakota

Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

This office has no record of any person entitled under the Act mentioned to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe as the mother or widow of the above named deceased service man. To complete the list of eligibles and to assure that, if the above named man is survived by a mother or widow entitled to make a pilgrimage she receive an invitation to do so, it is requested you answer the following questions in the space provided on this letter and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

2. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not remarried?

If so, give her name and address:

3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?

If so, give her name and address:

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment

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



# WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

(Cousin)  
Mr. Lester Button  
Bradley, S. Dak. (old add.)

DATE 9-24-29

NAME	RANK	SERIAL	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
Byers, William M. (single)	Pvt.	2560166	Co. I, 138th Inf.	

STATE	CTY. NO.	GRAVE	ROW	BLOCK
	1232			

Check relationship

Living - Deceased

✓ MOTHER

: : ✓ :

✓ STEPMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)

: : :  
: no record :  
: : :

NAME

✓ MOTHER THRU ADOPTION (For the year prior to commencement of service)

: : :  
: no record :  
: : :

AND

ADDRESS

✓ MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS (For the year prior to commencement of service)

: : :  
: no record :  
: : :

WIDOW

(Who has not remarried)

: : :  
: single :  
: : :

No one found as yet for insurance.

Veterans Bureau Claim Number

29/156/

6-68541

9/28 B



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Byers, William M.  
1232

Sept. 4, 1929

Mr. Lester Button,  
Bradley, S. D.

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:

*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.

*I do not know.*

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

For The Quartermaster General,

*As William Byers was no relation to me and had only worked for me a short time before enlisting,*  
Very truly yours,  
2 Incls. *I know nothing of his relatives.*  
Act of Congress  
Envelope  
*L. W. Button.*

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



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

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Bradley, S. D.

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The records of this office show that you are the cousin of the late Private William H. Byers, Co. I, 138th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France. 2560166

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,

2 incs.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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



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Assistant.



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



Byers, William M

2,560,166

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(my serial number.)

Pvt. Co I 138th Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased No relation

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 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) Lester Button

Bradley

S.D.

(Number and street, or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

3-6713

by Mrs. Lester Button



Frank Button is in  
France, a soldier in the  
88<sup>th</sup> division. This is  
killed and by his wife  
Mrs. Frank Button.

noted by G. C.  
4-20-24  
1232 Sec. 49-28

Shuck & Hov  
4-21-21



In reply refer to:  
QM - 293 C-R

August 3, 1923.

Mr. Lester Button,  
Bradley,  
S.D.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of

Private William M. Byers, Company I, 138th Infantry, is Grave 27, Row 41, Block C, 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.

✓  
C.Q.M.G.  
Central Mail & Files Bt.



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L  
AUG 14 1923  
H. J.



Place UFCHATEAUDate JUNE 11 1919REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Remains of:

Name: BYERS WilliamNumber 2560161Rank: PvtOrganization Co C 138th Inf

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group:

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From (Give complete location)

6 8 MAY 1919Grave 730 FRENCH MILITARY CTYBRABANT EN ARGONNE MEUSE35 SE E 310.64 N 261 .79

Reburied (Date)

In: (Give complete location)

8 MAY 1919Grave # 169 Sec # 49 Plot #4ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY # 1232ROMAGNE MEUSE

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

Body buried in Balnket Body badly decomposed, Burial good,Was one identification tag found upon the body? YesWhat other means of identification were found on the body? None

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found on 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 of identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Lt HanesR. H. ROSENTHAL2nd Lieut. Q.M.C.U.S.A.

SCW

G.O. Group

Unit

30899

1232

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1911-1912

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# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #30899

## I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BYERS, William M. Ser. No. 2560166  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. I, 136th Inf. TYP. als  
 (c) Date of death 9/26/18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA. CKR. 30

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

(a) Grave No. 169 Row -- Plot 4 Sec. 49 TYP. als  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mr. Lester Button, (Cousin) Bradley, N.D. AP (4-27-21) E.V.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases / on file 9-1-21 CKR. 30

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

Date of receipt None

(a) Name Lester Button (b) Relationship None  
 (c) Address Bradley, S. Dakota  
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S. ? No  
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at \_\_\_\_\_

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. \_\_\_\_\_

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

Examiner's Initials G. C. Date 4-20-21, 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: \_\_\_\_\_

No request for disposition.

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? \_\_\_\_\_

Examiner's Initials G. C. Date 4-20-21, 1920.

COUNTRY

FRANCE

CEMETERY No. 1232-Sec. 49

SHEET No. 28

checked  
9-1-21  
J.T.V.

44 7/12/21

checked  
7-1-21  
L

No Case



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

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on 4-29-, 1920

*Section -49*  
*Pak. 2. Not to be returned (JEN)*

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*W. R. E. A.: Lester Button, (Cousin) Bradley S. Dak.*  
*(J.T. 9-1-21)*



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Nov. 18, 1921

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

## DISINTERMENT

## COMPARATIVE REPORT

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Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BYERS, William M.

10. Name

2. No. 2560166

11. No.

3. Rank Pvt

12. Rank

4. Org. Co. I, 138th Inf.

13. Org.

5. D.D. Sept 26th

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. DOW

(b) D.B.

no discrepancy

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 169 Sec. 49

15. Grave No.

Sec.

8. Plot 4 Row

16. Plot

Row

9.

17.

no discrepancy18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne, Amer.19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon20. Dept. or County Meuse21. Country France22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. #1232 sec 4923. Disinterred (Date) Nov. 18, 1921By C. V. Russell

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name William M. ByersSerial No. 2560166Rank Pvt.Organization Co. I, 138th. Inf.25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? no On body? yes

Signature Junior Technical Assistant

C. Smyth Omeara

## 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 unrecognizable.28. Nature of burial Pine box, hurlap and US uniform.29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? no30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Nov. 18, 1921 By C. V. Russell31. Casket sealed by C. V. Russell

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

C. V. Russell



SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **C-15751**

32. Designation of body:

Name **William M. BYERS**

Serial No. **2560166**

Rank **Pvt.** Organization **Co. I, 138th Inf.**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **Meuse-Argonne, Amer. Cty #1232, ROMAGNE-sous-MONTFAUCON (Meuse)**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **Nov. 18, 1921** By **C. V. Russell**

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 Lt. QMC**

36. Remarks **none**

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) **Nov. 18, 1921**

To point of Concentration

**Morgue at Romagne**

(Name)

Convoyer **W. J. Royed**

Signature Shipping Officer

**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

(Name)

Convoyer

Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred **Meuse Argonne Cemetery # 1232** **Nov 19th 1921**

42. Grave No. **27**

(Date)

Section

43. ~~Plot~~ Block **C**

Row

**41**

G.R.S. Representative

**James W. Younger, Capt QMC.**

jt.



## REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place ..... Romagne 1232.

Date ..... Nov 18, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF BYERS, William M. SERIAL NUMBER 2560166RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. I, 138th Inf.2. Disinterred (date): Nov 18, 1921 From (give complete location): gr 169, sec 49, plot 4.By: Group Russell. Unit sec 13. Reburied (date): Nov 19th 1921 In (give complete location): Meuse Argonne Cemetery # 1232 Gr 27 block C row 41By: Group re-burial Unit S Nature of reburial unlined casket4. 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

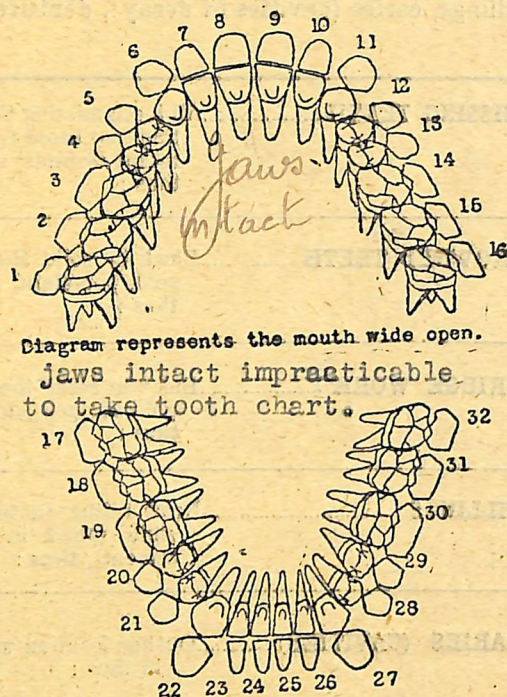
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:

body tag reads: "William M. <sup>B</sup>ayers, 2560166.auth

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 doQuantity doCharacteristics do(d) Hair on face—Color doLocation doQuantity do(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) do

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

none visible.7. Disinterment supervised by C.V. Russell  
C.V. Russell.Approved: A.E. Dewey 1st Lt. Q.M.C.  
(Title)8. Reburial supervised by A. Ul DufaultApproved: James W. Younger, Capt QMC  
(Title)

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## 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 #30899

(a) Name BYERS, William M. Ser. No. 2560166  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. I, 136th Inf. *138th (Dr. 89-1-21)* } TYP. als  
 (c) Date of death 9/26/18 (d) Cause of death DWR1A. } 30

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

(a) Grave No. 169 Row -- Plot 4 Sec. 49 TYP. als  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mr. Lester Button, (Cousin) Bradley, N.D. *ok (4-27-21) E. 1st*

III. ~~Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases~~ CKR. 30

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

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
*Section 49* letter of transmittal on 4-29-, 192 *F*  
*Par. 2. Not to be returned (J&N)*

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

4232-Sec. 49

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*checked  
9-1-21  
J.T.*



OSP-SS  
Form No. 1009

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERY DIVISION  
Adjustment Made  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION

SEP 1 1921

Harlow C.W.  
NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER  
File No. 30899 CEMETERY NO. \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Byers, William M., Pvt.  
SERIAL NUMBER ORGANIZATION 1232-Sec. 49 - 28 4/22/21.  
DATE OF DEATH  
2560166 Co. I, 136th Inf. 9/26/18.

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE C-68541

Mr Lester Button (Cousin)  
PERSON NAMED BY SOLDIER TO BE BENEFICIARY OF INSURANCE RELATIONSHIP

Bradley, South Dakota  
ADDRESS No address

NO PLATE

PERSON RECEIVING DEATH COMPENSATION

RELATIONSHIP

S/1868/LML



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Byers* *2560166* *William M.*  
 (Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)  
*Pvt.* *Co. I 138 Inf.*  
 (Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *Sept. 27, 1918.*

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

*N. E. Cor. Cemetery,*  
*French.*  
*In Amer. Plot.*

GRAVE NUMBER *730.*

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? *X* Cross? *yes.*  
 Headboard? *X* Bottle? *X*

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:

*Died in 362 F. Hosp.*  
*of wounds recd. in battle.*  
*Brabant-en-Argonne (France)*

*841* *3556.* *6.311*  
 REPORTED BY: *Chapman & P.O. 316 San. Co.*  
*Chapman & P.O. 316 San. Co.*  
 (Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)  
 This portion to be sent to Chief of Graves Registration Service.



Communal List No. \_\_\_\_\_

Daily Report No. \_\_\_\_\_

847-1892 ✓



CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
REGISTRATION SECTION

June 1st 1921

MEMO FOR:

Cards Department.

1.

CASE OF:

Company I, 136th Infantry.ORGANIZATION (Old)BYERS, #2560166, William M. -- Private.(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) Co. I, 138th Infantry.

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.			D-
2nd Reb.			D-
3rd Reb.			D-

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

BY: Muriel D. Towne.

Investigation & Adjustment.  
(Department)

5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made  
on Organization  
File Card:

By MJG

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington

G.R.S. Form 8-W-Adjustment Made  
Information requested of AGO

Date 4/22/21.

File No.

Requisition

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

(SPECIAL)

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 Byers @.K

f. Date of death 9/26/18. @.K

b. Christian name William M. @.K

g. Cause of death DWRIA. @.K

c. Serial Number 2560166 @.K

h. Authority (C.O.#)

~~d. Organization Co. I, 136th Inf.~~

~~i. Emergency address~~

e. Rank Pvt. or (Co. I, 138th Inf.) @.K

~~j. Relationship~~ Lester Button  
Bradley  
Cousin  
N. Dakota

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

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
upper right upper left

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
lower right lower left

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

BY:

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

CEMETERY NO:

C.W.

1232-Sec. 49

SHEET NO:

28

TYPED BY:

I.W. Rec'd World War Div.

Date APR 23 1921

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Rec'd B & B Div., A.G.O.

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(see page 23 of the Service Record)

FOOD DESCRIPTION

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Information of all information known.

If it is requested that the items checked below be completed, please

Subject: Information reported for C.H.S.

To: The Assistant Secretary of the V.I.A. (see page 23 of the Service Record)

From: The Assistant Secretary of the V.I.A. (see page 23 of the Service Record)

File No.

Information reported for C.H.S.

C.H.S. Form 8-A

Office of the Assistant Secretary of the V.I.A.



## INVESTIGATION AND ADJUSTMENT DEPARTMENT

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

## WAR DEPARTMENT

SEP 1 1921 OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

File No. 30899

Date August 25, 1921

File No. 30899 Registration.

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, Sixth and B Streets NW., 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. BYERS ✓ Q.K. ✓ f. Date of death. 9-26-18 ✓ Q.K.
- ✓ b. Christian name. William M. ✓ Q.K. ✓ g. Cause of death. DWRIA ✓ Q.K.
- ✓ c. Serial number. 2560166 ✓ Q.K. ✓ h. Authority (C. C. No.) 278 ✓ Q.K.
- ✓ d. Organization. Co 2 138 Inf ✓ i. Emergency address. Mr. Lester Button  
Bradley, N. D. ✓ Q.K.
- ✓ e. Rank. Pvt. ✓ Q.K. ✓ j. Relationship. Cousin ✓ Q.K.

## BODY DESCRIPTION.

(See page 2 of the Service Record.)

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

## DENTAL CHARTS.

(See physical report of examination prior to enlistment.)

- a. Strike out teeth missing:

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Upper right.								Upper left.							

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Lower right.								Lower left.							

H. L. ROGERS,

Quartermaster General, U. S. A.,

REC'D MAIL SECTION,  
By  
W. W. Div., A. G. O.

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1st Lt Captain, Q. M. C.Donnelly (2013)  
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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

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