

G.R.S. Form #114-B **CAUSE OF DEATH** *K9a*

✓ FULL NAME... *✓* BYRD, Otho C. *OK*

✓ RANK... *✓* Pvt. *✓* SERIAL... *✓* 1594002

✓ DIVISION & ORGANIZATION... *✓* Company A, 30th Infantry *3rd Div*

✓ DATE OF DEATH... *✓* 7/15/1918

✓ STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME... *Miss*

✓ MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED... *none*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION.	4/30/25	20	13	B
	Date	Grave	Row	Block

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A. G. O.
MAY 9 1927
WORLD WAR DIV.

... *✓* Aisne-Marne American Cemetery #. 1764

24/292/EYS

✓ Cemetery

2193
5/19/27 or 2193

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Byrd Otha C	3	2 12 8
BURIED	CEMETERY 1764	1	4
	GRAVE 20	2	20
	ROW 13	2	13
	BLOCK B	1	2
STATE	Miss	2	28
RANK	Pat	1	2
DIVISION	3	2	03
ORGANIZATION	30	3	030
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARITAL	(Father) No	1	2
NAME	Byrd Carl H. RFD 1	3	
RESIDENCE	Levirington Miss	2	
	STATE	2	
	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER	No Sm	1	
ELIGIBILITY	No Locs	1	6
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	
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AUDITED

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Byrd, Otho C 1764-F

July 8, 1930

Mr. Cail H. Byrd,
RFD #1,
Lexington, Mississippi

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:

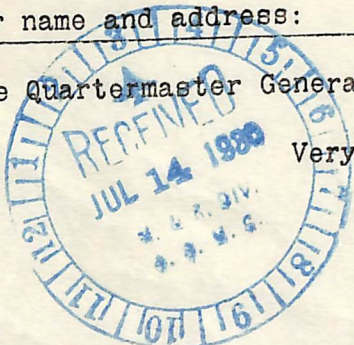
3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?

If so, give her name and address:

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:
Envelope
Act
Amendment



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

WAR DEPARTMENT

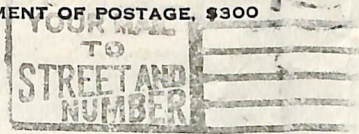
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON D. C.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID

PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300



Qm 93ae Langton miss.
Byrd Otho C. June 21, 1929.

in regard to Otho C. Byrd.

He was never married, and
his mother is dead.

Coil H. Byrd

Langton miss. R.I



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 15 1929.

Byrd, Otho C.

Mr. Carl E. Byrd,
RFD #1, Lexington, Miss.

Dear Sir:

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 father of the late Private Otho C. Byrd, Co. A. 30th Inf., 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 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.

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 13 1929.

Byrd, Otho G.

Mr. Gail H. Byrd,
RFD #1, Lexington, Miss.

Dear Sir:

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".

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G.R.S. FORM #114-A.

STATION _____

April 30th, 1925.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE _____

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

- | | |
|--|--------------------|
| 1. Name <u>BYRD, Otho C.</u> | 10. Name _____ |
| 2. No. <u>1594002</u> | 11. No. _____ |
| 3. Rank <u>Pvt.</u> | 12. Rank _____ |
| 4. Org. <u>Co.A, 30th Inf.</u> | 13. Org. _____ |
| 5. D.D. <u>July 15, 1918.</u> | 14. (a) D.D. _____ |
| 6. C.D. <u>MIA now presumed to be dead. K/A</u> | (b) D.B. _____ |

Isolated grave, open field near R.R. tracks, Com-
mune of Fossoy (Aisne). Map coord. Meaux 49 NE,
E-189.440, N-259.840.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- | | |
|--|--|
| 7. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____ | 15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____ |
| 8. Plot _____ Row _____ | 16. Plot _____ Row _____ |
| 9. _____ | 17. _____ |
| 18. Cemetery <u>---</u> | 19. Commune or town <u>Fossoy</u> |
| 20. Dept. or County <u>Aisne</u> | 21. Country <u>France</u> |
| 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. <u>---</u> | |
| 23. Disinterred (Date) <u>February 17, 1925</u> | By <u>William Penman, Investigator</u> |
| 24. Inscription on grave marker: <u>(No grave marker)</u> | |
| Name _____ | Serial No. _____ |
| Rank _____ | Organization _____ |
| 25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? <u>None</u> On body? <u>Yes</u> | |
| <i>William Penman</i>
William Penman, Investigator.
Signature Junior Technical Assistant | |

PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).
Tag on body reads Otho C. Byrd, U.S.A. 1594002.
(Watch found on remains)
27. Condition of body Flesh on body entirely decomposed (Skeleton Only)
28. Nature of burial Made grave about one foot deep.
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 Apr. 30th, 1925 By Edmo Maire
31. Casket sealed by Edmo Maire
 Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) Edmo Maire, Chief Investigator.

AUDITED BY
 \$4.13
 6/15/26

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-32948

32. Designation of body:

Name BYRD, Otho C. Serial No. 1594002

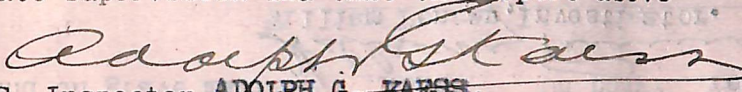
Rank Pvt. Organization Co.A, 30th (Inf. Regt.)

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Aisne-Marne American #1764, Belleau (Aisne).

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) April 30th, 1925. By Adolph G. Kaess

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 ADOLPH G. KAESS,
Caretaker.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date)

To point of Concentration

(Name)

Convoyer

Signature Shipping Officer

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery

(Name)

Convoyer

Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

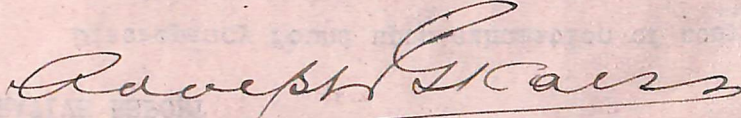
41. Reinterred: April 30th, 1925. AISNE-MARNE AMERICAN CEMETERY #1764

(Date)

42. Grave No. 20 (Twenty)

Section Block B.

43. Plot Row Thirteen (13)


G.R.S. Representative ADOLPH G. KAESS
Caretaker.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place Possey, Alsne

Date Feb. 17th, 1925

1. REMAINS OF Otho C. Byrd, SERIAL NUMBER 1594002

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. A, 10th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Feb. 17th, 1925 From (give complete location): Isolated grave, open field near the railroad tracks, Commune of Possey, Dept. of the Alsne, Map coord. Merux 43 N.E. East 189,440 North, 259,840

By: Group Portno Unit Chateau Thierry-Bouissons Sector.

3. Reburied (date): April 30th, 1925. In (give complete location): Grave Twenty (20), Row Thirteen (13) Block B, Com. 1764

By: Group Caretaker Unit Chateau Thierry-Bouissons Sector. Nature of reburial Blanket & Metallic Casket.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: Grave about one foot deep. Flesh on body entirely decomposed. skeleton only.

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

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

Tag on body reads Otho C. Byrd, U.S.A. 1594002
Watch found on body. will be sent to Paris Hdqrs by convoy.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Imp. to det.

(b) Weight (estimated) "

(c) Hair—Color "

Quantity "

Characteristics "

(d) Hair on face—Color "

Location "

Quantity "

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

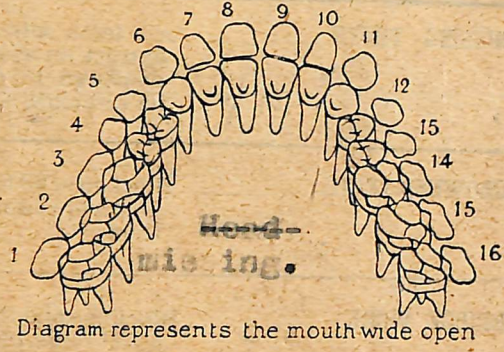
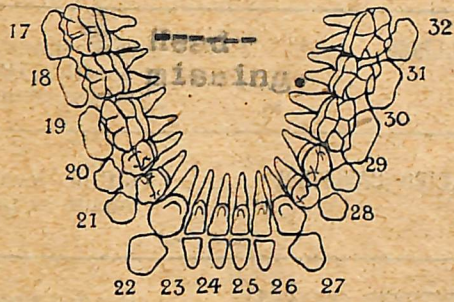


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Left Femur fracture. ~~Head missing.~~ Upper & Lower jaw missing.

7. Disinterment supervised by William Penman Investigator. Approved: Edmund Man Chief Investigator.

8. Reburial supervised by Adolph G. Kaess Caretaker. Approved: _____ (Title)



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.

QM 293 A-C
Byrd, Otho, C.

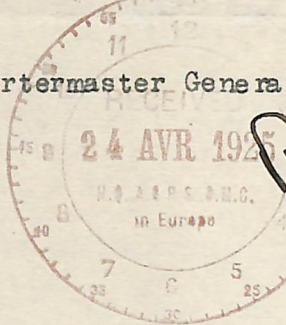
1st Ind.

War Dept., OCMG, Washington, D.C., April 9, 1925--To Chief, AGRS, QMC., in Europe.

1. Identification of the remains of the late Private Otho C. Byrd, 1594002, Co. A, 30th Inf., is confirmed by this office. The body is to remain buried in France.

2. Concentration forms will be forwarded as soon as reburial has been accomplished.

By order of The Quartermaster General:



F.P. Harbold

F.P. HARBOLD,
Major, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

✓ 293 Byrd, Otho C.

2nd Ind.

Hqrs. American G.R.S., Q.M.C., in E., 20 rue Molitor, Paris, France, May 15, 1925. To: The Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.

1. In compliance with instructions in preceding indorsement, forwarded herewith are G.R.S. Forms 114-A and 16-A covering permanent reburial of the remains of this late soldier in Grave 20, Row 13, Block B, Cemetery 1764.

2. G.R.S. Form 1-A covering this reburial forwarded by 2nd indorsement dated May 14, 1925, on letter of this office dated March 6, 1925, subject: "Recovery," reporting concentration of remains of Pvt. Pelizos Tsiotras, Co.H, 28th Inf.

3. With reference to paragraph 2 of basic letter, the skull of this late soldier, minus the jaws, was recovered on March 21, 1925. Same was placed in casket and reburied with body.



encl. 1-GRS Form 114-A
encl. 2-GRS Form 16-A.



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

QM.C.
293 Byrd, Otho C.

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE Q.M.C. IN EUROPE

IN REPLYING

PLEASE ADDRESS:

CHIEF, AMERICAN GRAVES

REGISTRATION SERVICE.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE SERVICE

20 RUE MOLITOR

FILE NO. 293 Byrd, Otho C.

PARIS, FRANCE March 7, 1925.

Subject: Recovery.

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

1. Forwarded herewith is G.R.S. Form 16-A for remains of Pvt. Otho C. Byrd, 1594202, Co.A, 30th Infantry, located by the Research personnel of this office.

2. Above remains were found by inhabitant while plowing, who reported same to local representative of this Service. Thorough search was made for the head but no trace could be found. It is thought same may have been carried away by heavy steam plow which operated in this field last year.

3. Attention is invited to tag found on body which gives serial number as 1594002, while C.R.O. card on file here shows serial number 1594202. Correct serial number is requested.

4. Watch found on body forwarded herewith.

5. These remains are being held in the Aisne-Marne mortuary pending receipt of advice from your office as to confirmation of identification and disposition.

2 encls.

encl.1-GRS Form 16-A,
encl.2-env. containing watch.



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

293 Byrd Otho C

GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE
WASHINGTON

CLAIMS DIVISION

April 25, 1925.

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE
JWR-711
777130

*293
Randy
Otho C*

Quartermaster General,
War Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sirs:

You will find enclosed copy of letter transmitting
one watch to the parents of the late Otho C. Byrd, who
was a Private, Company I, 30th Infantry.

Respectfully,

J.R. McCarl,

Comptroller General,

By

Richard

atc



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Copy

April 25, 1925.

JWR-711
777130-

Mr. & Mrs. C. H. Byrd,
R.F.D.#1,
Lexington, Miss.

Sir & Madam:

This office is in receipt of your communication of April 18, 1925 in which you make a statement that your son, Otho C. Byrd, late Private, Company I, 30th Infantry had traded for a watch.

You are advised that your son's watch has been received in this office and is being forwarded by separate registered package. You will please acknowledge receipt thereof, for which purpose an official, requiring no postage, is enclosed.

Respectfully,

J.R. McCarl,

Comptroller General,

By

744130
Q.M.G. Copy as per your
request.

If effects are sent
copy of transmittal
will be furnished for
your records J.W.P. 2/11/11

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O.M.C.

Copy

April 15, 1925.

*293
Rogers
Otho C.*

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JWB-711

Mr. C. H. and Mrs. F.W. Byrd,
R.F.D. #1,
Lexington, Miss.

Sir and Madam:

The records of this office show you to be the parents of the late Otho C. Byrd, late Private, Co. A, 30th Inf., and that settlement was made in your behalf as parents of the deceased.

You are advised that this office is in receipt of one watch found on the remains of the late soldier. The watch in question appears to have the initials "AWD". The engraved design is somewhat worn.

Information is requested showing whether or not your son possessed a watch of this description at the time of his entry into the Army, and if so, you will describe the watch in detail as near as possible. It is thought by this office that if he was not in possession of a watch of this description when leaving home he may have purchased or traded for said watch, as it has been observed by this office that many soldiers were in possession of watches evidently purchased or traded for after going overseas.

An early response is desired, giving your present post-office address if any change has been made.

Respectfully,

J.R. McCALL
Comptroller General.

By

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APR 15 1925
M. & N. BRANER
O. O. M. O.

APR 16 1925
U.S. ARMY
SERVICES
PRIVATE

QM 293 A-C

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Byrd, Otho, C.

April 9, 1925.

Mr. Gail H. Byrd,
R.F.D. 1,
Lexington, Miss.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General is pleased to inform you that a recent search over the battlefields by the field forces of the American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe, has resulted in the recovery of many of our Soldier Dead whose graves had not heretofore been found, and among others so recovered, was the body of your son, the late Private Otho C. Byrd, Co. A, 30th Inf. His body was found in an individual grave in the Commune of Foscoy, Aisne, France, and was identified by evidence found on the body in the shape of a U. S. Army uniform and his personal identification tag. The remains are now in the mortuary in the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, Belleau Wood, Aisne, France, awaiting permanent interment therein.

This cemetery is under the care and protection of the United States for all time, and you may rest assured that the grave of your son will be properly and tenderly cared for.

When the final burial has been accomplished and a report is received from the European Office, as to the permanent grave location, you will be promptly advised.

Very truly yours,

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

LN
SMS *[Signature]*
WPR



QM 293 A-C

Byrd, Otho, C.

April 9th, 1925.

General Accounting Office,
Claims Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

The Quartermaster General desires that the inclosed watch found on the remains of the late Private Otho C. Byrd, 1594002, Co. A, 30th Inf., recently recovered from an isolated grave in the Commune of Fossey, Aisne, France, be forwarded to your office for such disposition as may be deemed proper.

It will be noted that the watch has the initials "AWD", and the engraved designs are worn almost entirely away. Apparently the same is very old. In view of this, it is suggested that the father, Mr. Gail H. Byrd, R.F.D. 1, Lexington, Miss., be communicated with for a description as to the watch, before sending it to him, for it might raise a doubt in his mind as to the correctness of the identification, should this watch not belong to his son.

The records show that the soldier's personal identification tag was found on his remains.

It is requested that this office be furnished copies of any communications to the father.

Very truly yours,

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

LN
SMS
WPR

1 incl.

envelope with watch therein.

Mailed by courier 4/10/25 R


April 8, 1925

Byrd, Otho C.
Pvt. Co. A, 30 Inf.

Advise Europe of the confirmation of identification and the disposition to be made of body.

Forward the effects, consisting of a watch, which apparently is very old and the initials "AWD", and particularly the engraved design are worn almost entirely away.

Recommend to the effects depot, that the relatives of Pvt Byrd be ask about such a watch before sending it to them as ~~they might~~ ~~question it~~ it might raise a doubt in their mind as to the correctness of the identification, should this watch not belong to him.


S.W. Sechrest.

Q# 293 A-C
Byrd, Otho, C.

1st Ind.

War Dept., OCMG, Washington, D.C., April 9, 1925--To Chief, AGRS, QMC., in Europe.

1. Identification of the remains of the late Private Otho C. Byrd, 1594002, Co. A, 30th Inf., is confirmed by this office. The body is to remain buried in France.
2. Concentration forms will be forwarded as soon as reburial has been accomplished.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

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

LN
SMS
GR
WPR

Noted by Statistical Clerk
Date 4/10/25 JPH

293 Byrd, Otho C.

March 7, 1925.

Subject: Recovery.

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

1. Forwarded herewith is G.R.S. Form 16-A for remains of Pvt. Otho C. Byrd, 1594202, Co.A, 30th Infantry, located by the Research personnel of this office.

2. Above remains were found by inhabitant while plowing, who reported same to local representative of this Service. Thorough search was made for the head but no trace could be found. It is thought same may have been carried away by heavy steam plow which operated in this field last year.

3. Attention is invited to tag found on body which gives serial number as 1594002, while G.R.O. card on file here shows serial number 1594202. Correct serial number is requested.

4. Watch found on body forwarded herewith.

5. These remains are being held in the Aisne-Marne mortuary pending receipt of advice from your office as to confirmation of identification and disposition.

2 encls.

encl.1-GRS Form 16-A,
encl.2-env, containing watch.



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

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BYRD, Otha C. Ser. No. 1594002
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. A, 30th Inf. } TYP.
 (c) Date of death 7-15-18 (d) Cause of death I/A }

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

(a) Grave No. Morgue 1764 Row _____ Plot _____ Sec. _____ TYP.
 (b) Emerg. Address Gail H. Byrd (Father), R.F.D.#1, Lexington, Miss.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases CKR.

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

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

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

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

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

COUNTRY _____ CEMETERY No. _____ SHEET No. _____

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA.

I. Location Index Card

(a) Name BYRD, Otho C. Ser.No. 1594002
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. A, 30th Inf. TYP.
(c) Date of Death 7-15-18 (d) Cause of Death K/A CKR

II. Registration Card

(a) Grave No. Morgue 1764 Row Plot Sec. Block
(b) Emerg. Address Gail H. Byrd (Father), R.F.D.#1, Lexington, Miss.

III. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

(a) Name Mr. Gail H. Byrd (b) Father
(c) Address P.O. #1 - Lexington, Miss.
(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 in U.S.
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U.S.

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

Examiner's Initials P D Date 4/19/25

COUNTRY Cemetery No. Morgue 1764 Sheet No. 2893

Place Fossoy, Aisne

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Feb. 17th, 1925

1. REMAINS OF Otho C. BYRD.

SERIAL NUMBER 1594002

RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION Co. A. 30th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : Feb. 17th, 1925 From (give complete location) : Isolated grave, open field near the railroad tracks, Commune of Fossoy, Dept. of the Aisne, map coord. Meaux 49 N.E. East 189.440 North. 259.840

By : Group Penman. Unit Chateau Thierry-Soissons Sector.

3. Reburied (date) : _____ In (give complete location) : _____

HELD IN AISNE MARNE AMERICAN CEMETERY MORTUARY FOR FUTHER INSTRUCTIONS

By : Group _____ Unit _____ Nature of reburial _____

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

Made grave about one foot deep. Flesh on body entirely decompsed. skeleton only.

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

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

Tag on body reads Otho C. Byrd, U.S.A. 1594002
Watch found on body, will be sent to Paris Hdqrs by convoy.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Imp. to det.

(b) Weight (estimated) _____

(c) Hair—Color _____

Quantity _____

Characteristics _____

(d) Hair on face—Color _____

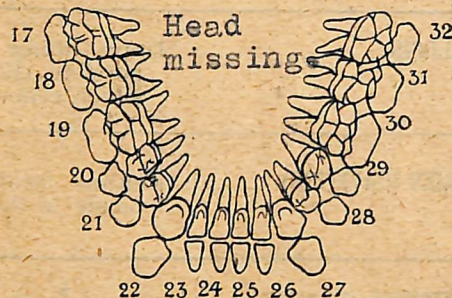
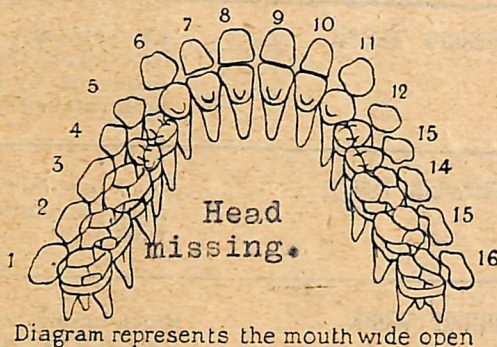
Location _____

Quantity _____

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

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

Left Femur fractured. Head missing.



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7. Disinterment

supervised by William Penman.
Investigator.

Approved Edm. Maire
(Title) Chief Investigator.

8. Reburial

Supervised by _____

Approved : _____

(Title) _____






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.

CASE OF Byrd 1594002 Otho C. Pvt. Co. A, 30 Infantry ka-7-15-18

GRAVE ~~Recovery~~ Aisne Marne Mortuary

DECISION Recovery

DENTAL CHART

Date of Enlistment		Report on Disinterment			
A.G.O.	Emergency Address	Dental Work		Miss A.D.	
Missing	Dental Work	Missing B.D.	Dental Work		
U.R. 1					
U.L. 16				H E A D	
L.R. 17				M I S S I N G	
L.L. 32					

Above discrepancies can be accounted for as follows:

BODY DESCRIPTION

A.G.O. Report	E/A Report	Report on Disinterment
Height:		Impossible to deter
Weight		
Hair		
Fractures		

IDENTIFICATION TAGS

Found on Body: Watches - Reads "Otho C. Byrd U.S.A. 1594002" none

Found on Cross: none

OTHER IDENTIFYING MARKS

Watch found on body. Make cannot be determine due to corrosion. It evidently is a very old watch.

ORIGINAL BURIAL DATA

Body in this Grave concentrated from Champagne Marne Sector. E-189.44 N-259.84
This man reported buried originally Missing July 15 in Champagne Marne defensive
Organizations of other men buried around original location 30 Inf. was with 3rd Div.
which was in the vicinity of Rossby, during July 15, 18, in the Champagne Marne defensive. S.W. Sechrest

Concur: [Signature]

APPROVED: [Signature]
Investigator

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

Date 4/1/25

SUBJECT: Information required for Cemeterial Division.

TO: The Adjutant General of the Army, World War Division, Washington, D.C.

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed:

- a. Surname Byrd ✓
- b. Christian name Etho C. ✓
- c. Serial number 1594002 ✓
- d. Organization A, 302 Inf.
- e. Rank Pvt. ✓
- f. Emergency Address Cail Byrd (father)
Lexington, miss. RFD 1
- g. Date of death 7/15/18 ✓
- h. Authority CC 534 + W.D. Determination
- i. Cause of death ICA ✓
- j. Place of death _____
- k. Place of burial _____
- l. Date of discharge _____

BODY DESCRIPTION

- a. Date of enlistment July 27, 17
- b. Age at enlistment 21 yr 10 mo
- c. Color of hair dark
- d. Height 5 ft 10 in
- e. Weight* 135
- f. Fractures or breaks none

DENTAL CHARTS

- At Camp
 - By Local Board not conducted
- | | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 | 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 |
| Upper right | Upper left | Upper right | Upper left |
| 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 | 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 |
| Lower right | Lower left | Lower right | Lower left |



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For The Quartermaster General: RPH
The Adjutant General:
By M

APR 6 1925

Dup.

1,594,002 ✓

Byrd,

(Surname.)

Otho C.

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number)

Pvt.

Co. A, 30th Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Father

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)

Mr Ceal. H. Byrd

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Ms 583-8P - 10-4-21

Mr. Cail H. Byrd

R. F. D. # 1,

Lexington, Miss.

Co A. 30th Infantry
3rd Division

BYRD, Otho C. - Pvt. 1594202

Reported missing July 15th 1918 .

Informant : Not given .

The report is not signed .

G.F.

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AUDIT DEPT

G.R.S Form No. 8-W; Central Records Liaison.

2/24/20

FILE

Memo For: G.R.S. representative, C.R.O.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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1. Items checked are to be completed:

- ✓ Surname: Byrd *O.K.*
- ✓ Number: 1594002
- ✓ First name: Otho C. *O.K.*
- ✓ Rank: Pvt *O.K.*
- ✓ Company: ~~K~~ Co. *a.*
- ✓ Organization: 30th Inf. *O.K.*
- ✓ Date of death: July 15, 1918.
- ✓ Cause: Killed in action
- Place: *a. e. f.*

Location of hospital:

Number " "
Class " "

Emergency address *Cecil W. Byrd (F.)*
R. F. D. # 1, Lexington, Miss.
Relationship: *(father)*

Authority:
Cablegram No: C-534.
Telegram from:

dated:
Reported to Washington:
C.C.Nos.

(Underscore the "official" C.C.)
Remarks: *Officially determined by W. D.*

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

NS-3404/MB
Brannen. 2/24/20
1-27-20

Rec'd World War Div
Date: 2/26/20

10-4-21
(Date)

FORM 115 has been compiled on the following case:-

~~CEMETERY NO. 1232 SECTION~~ Unconfirmed Gr. Location Unknown

FORM 115 Sheet No. 583

POP
(Initials)

293 -
Bryant, Otto E.

OSP-SS
Form No. 1011.

G.R.S.,
Byrd, Otho C.

2nd Ind.

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Graves Registration Service, Office of the Quartermaster General,
18th St. & Virginia Ave., Washington, D.C., January 5, 1920. To-
Adjutant General's Office, War Department, Washington, D.C.

1. The records of this office fail to show any grave loca-
tion registered in the case of Private Otho C. Byrd, Co. K.,
30th Inf., Serial #1594002.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

By:

CHARLES J. WYNNE,
Captain, Q.M. Corps,
Graves Registration Service.

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1st Ind.

A. G. O., 201(Byrd, Otho C.)CD
War Department, March 27, 1919.

To the Commanding General, American Expeditionary Force, for investigation in connection with the opinion of the Judge Advocate General of April 4, 1918, on presumption of death and letter from this office of March 6, 1919. CC 317-10-3 Missing in action July 15th.

By order of the Secretary of War.

Received
A.G.O.

1 2 APR 1919

C.H.C.A.F.P.

LMS

P. C. Harris,
The Adjutant General.

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SYNOPSIS OF COMMUNICATION RECEIVED AND INDORSED OUT.

DATED: March 2, 1919 DATE RECEIVED IN
FROM: Mary Byrd, Orne, Miss. (Sister)
TO: A.G.O., War Dept., Wash., D.C.

Requesting location of Private Otho C: Byrd,
Co. K., 30th Inf.
#1594002

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

Date Sept. 18, 1919.

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME Byrd, Otho C. Serial Number 15940023

RANK Private ORGANIZATION Co. K, 30th Inf.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier: given above agree with Records?	No record in directory or files
2.	Date of Death.	
3.	Cause and place of death.	No burial record on unconfirmed cards.
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	m.e.b.
5.	Date buried.	
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	<i>No Record 2nd research</i>
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	<i>1/2/20 C.F.G.</i>
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	
12.	Has above been notified? (Give date)	
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	
15.	Inquiry made by?	<i>3rd Researched 1-3-20 M.M.</i>

J.M. & W. sent 2/2/20

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

Released by Information Control
 Dept. Directory *no*
 Cards 5 x 8 *no*
 Cards 4 x 6 *no*

No Form #16 L.E.G.
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