

FULL NAME ..... CARPEN, Joe ✓

RANK ..... Pvt. ✓ SERIAL ..... 1518463 ✓

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION ..... Co. F, 145th Inf. ✓ 37th Div. ✓

DATE OF DEATH ..... 11-4-18 ✓

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME ..... Ohio

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED ..... None

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION, .....	6-23-22	21	1	D
	Date	Grave	Row	Block

..... 1252 - Flanders Field Cemetery

Foreign

Co. F. 145th. Infantry

CARPEN, Joe. Pvt. 1518463  
Home address: Cleveland, Ohio.

Killed October 31st 1918.

Pvt. Joe Carpen was killed in action by an enemy machine gun bullet on October 31st, 1918, while advancing on the Ypres Lys drive. Private Carpen was hit in the stomach and died instantly.

Informant: STAINBROOK, Wren, L. Pvt. 1518450  
Co. F. 145th. Infantry  
Home address: Jamestown, N.Y.

Next of Kin:  
Nisk Carpen (Brother)  
Willeonio, RUSSIA.

Searcher: Fred Parnhouse  
Captain 145th. Infantry

MJM

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name CARPEN, Joe

Number: 1518463

Rank unknown

Organization: unknown.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group 3 Unit 302

Disinterred (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ From: (give complete location)

6-11-19

Isolated Grave 1. Sketch 77, Gruyshautem, East Flanders, Belgium. B.M. 1/40,000 Sheet ~~21-W-25-c-3-5~~

Reburied (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

in: (Give complete location)

6-11-19

Grave 28, Plot A, American Mil. Cem., Waereghem, West Flanders, Belgium. B.M. 1/40,000 Sheet 29-D-28-d-6-9.5

*WFW*

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

Body buried in uniform, badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? no

What other means of identification were found upon the body? none

Note:

**CONFIRMED** No. 11528

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

Supervised by: Sgt. E.H. Engel

H.E. Felter, 2nd Lt., G.M.C.S.A.

G.O. Group 3

Unit 302

Case No. 100-100000-100000  
Date: 10/10/1918

Organization: UNKNOWN  
Maintenance and Referral made by Group 2  
Disturbance (Date):

Isolated Grave I. Sketch IV, Syracuse, New York  
Belgium. A.M. 1,400,000 Street 11-11-1918

Isolated (Date):  
Grave I, 1100 St. Martin St., Belgium  
Belgium, Belgium. A.M. 1,400,000 Street 11-11-1918

Report as to nature of original burial and location of body  
Body buried in unknown, body decomposed.

Has one identification tag found upon the body  
That other means of identification were found upon the body

CONFIRMED  
11-11-1918  
O.C.C. G.R.S.  
RECEIVED  
11-11-1918  
O.C.C. G.R.S.

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>CARPEN</i>	<i>CAR</i>	3	3 1 8
<i>Joe</i>	CEMETERY <i>1252</i>	1	8
BURIED	GRAVE <i>21</i>	2	21
	ROW <i>1</i>	2	01
	BLOCK <i>D</i>	1	4
STATE	<i>Ohio</i>	2	41
RANK	<i>Pvt</i>	1	2
DIVISION	<i>37</i>	2	37
ORGANIZATION	<i>145</i>	3	145
AFM	<i>Inf</i>	1	1
MARITAL	<i>gias (Foreign)</i>	1	1
NAME <i>Karpinska</i>	<i>KAR</i>	3	9 1 8
<i>marja</i>	STATE	2	
RESIDENCE <i>mother in Soviet Russia</i>	COUNTY	2	
<i>(add: unknown)</i>	CITY	3	
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	1
OTHER <i>No loco</i>		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Foreign</i>	1	4
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	
29/514			

Widow in Poland

AUDITED  
 25 1955  
 Rtm

Country *Soviet Russia* 2 02

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

DATE 8/22/31

NAME	RANK	SERIAL	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
Carpen, Joe	Pvt.	1518463	Co F 145th Inf	Nov 4, 1918

STATE	Ohio	CTY. NO.	1252	GRAVE	21	ROW	1	BLOCK	D
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	<u>Check relationship</u>	<u>Living - Deceased</u>	<u>m</u>
<u>MOTHER</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	marja Karpinska
<u>STEMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>In Soviet Russia</u> add. unknown
<u>MOTHER THRU ADOPTION (For the year prior to commencement of service)</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>no later inf</u> <u>2-14-33</u>
<u>WIDOW (Who has not remarried)</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>widow in</u> <u>marja Karpinska</u> <u>ulica 3-go Maja</u> <u>39a - Brzesc</u> <u>ul. Bugrem,</u> <u>voj. Poleskie</u> <u>Poland</u>

Veterans Bureau Claim Number XC 129931  
29/156

QM 293 A-M  
Carpen, Joe (FF)

September 11, 1931

Mrs. Marja Karpinska,  
Ulica 3-go Maja Nr. 43,  
Brzesc N/Bugiem,  
woj. Poleskie, Poland.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 24, relative to your desire to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your husband, the late Private Joe Carpen, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

It has been held that section 2 (g) of the Act mentioned limits the mothers and widows eligible to make a pilgrimage to those who are residents of the United States. In view of the fact that you do not live in this country, it is regretted to advise that you are not eligible to visit the grave of your husband at the expense of this Government.

Your desire to make the journey is understood and appreciated. However, I am sure you will realize the War Department has no alternative other than to carry out the law as passed by Congress.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

KL

Enclosure:  
Act-Amendment.

Marja Karpińska  
Brześć n/Bugiem  
ul.3-go Maja Nr.43

Brześć n/B, the 24-th august 1931

*Carpin, Joe*  
*7.7.*

*MS*

To

The Department of War of the United States of  
America

in Washington

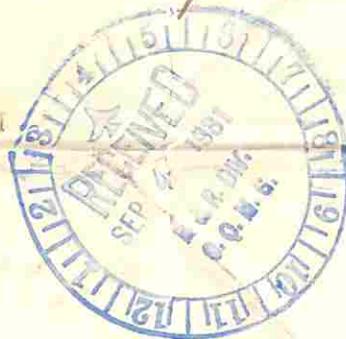
Taking just now information that on the resolution of the  
Congress of United States of America the womans of the american  
soldiers who died on the war can make a traveling to the tomb of  
there died husbands for account of the United States,

I request Jou very much kindly let me make the traveling for  
French in the matter of vesite the tomb of my dear died husband  
Joe Carpin C.-129,931 PWT.Co...who died at French the 4 Nowember  
1918.

*M Karpińska*

*Carpin - Joe*  
*1252*

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT  
SEP - 3 1931  
2 WAR DEPT.



*JMS*

*293*  
*Carpin, Joe*

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

DATE April 30, 1929.

NAME	RANK	SERIAL	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
<del>CARPEN, Joe</del>	<del>Pvt.</del>	<del>1518433</del>	<del>Co. F, 145th Inf.</del>	<del>11-4-18</del>
STATE	CTY. NO.	GRAVE	ROW	BLOCK
<u>Ohio</u>	<u>1262</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>D</u>

	<u>Check relationship</u>	<u>Living</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>Deceased</u>	
	MOTHER	:	:	:	
	STEPMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:	:	
NAME	MOTHER THRU ADOPTION	:	:	:	
AND	(For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:	:	
ADDRESS	MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS	:	:	:	
	(For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:	:	
	WIDOW	:	:	:	
	(Who has not remarried)	:	:	:	
		:	:	:	

Foreign

File 533

Veterans Bureau Claim Number \_\_\_\_\_  
29/156

Soldier's  Overseas  
Grave

Name CARPEN, Joe

Rank Private

Organization Company F, 145th Infantry

Grave No. 21 Row 1 Block D

Cemetery Flanders Field American Cemetery

Location Waereghem, Belgium

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

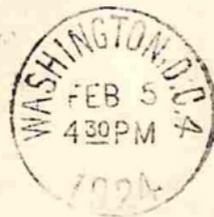
WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS



*Not known*  
*517 509*

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID  
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300.



Mrs. Mary Carpen,

Union and Broadway,

Cleveland, Ohio.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
CARPEN, Joe Pvt.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

February 5, 1924

Mrs. Mary Carpen,  
Union and Broadway,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires to invite your attention to the inclosed card which gives the permanent cemetery location of the soldier's grave in which you are interested.

This American military cemetery is one of those to be maintained by the United States for all time in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of dignified design, with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. 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.

Please be assured that in effecting removal of the dead, the utmost reverential care was exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed this sacred duty. For the future, these graves will be perpetually maintained by the Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

*R. L. Foster*

R. L. FOSTER  
Assistant.

1-Incl.  
Record card.

129931

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O. Q. M. G.  
CENTRAL MAIL ROOM,  
Assistant.



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FEB 5 1924

B. O. G.

COMPILATION N/R REQUESTS

I. DATA COMPILATION

A. Location Index Card:-

(1) Name CARPEN, Joe Ser. No. 1518463 )  
 (2) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. 4, 145th Inf. ) TYP. OJB  
 (3) Date of death 11-4-18 ) CKR. JS

B. Registration Card:- (Check Reg. Card Inf. against Loc. Ind. Inf.)

(4) Cause of death K/A ) TYP. JS  
 (5) Grave No. 28 Row ----- Plot A Sect. ----- ) CKR. McH

II. FILES EXAMINATION

A. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; No card

B. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD Date of receipt -----

(6) Relationship no card in file  
 (7) Name -----  
 (8) Address -----  
 (9) Desires remains brought to U. S.? -----  
 (10) Desires remains brought to U. S. and interred in National Cemetery at -----  
 (11) If brought back, what shipping instructions? -----

C. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE Date of communication -----

(12) Does correspondence Change or qualify request as made on A.G.O. card?  
 If so, specify such information. No correspondence

(13) A. G. O. Files EXAMINED by ALL (Date) 3-29-20

D. (14) G. R. S Files - Correspondence. (Has reference been made to File No. Cancellation memos.? yes-mch Does such correspondence, if containing request for disposition, reconcile with that of A. G. O.? -mch  
 (Specify "Yes or "No".) If "No", give date of communication, the name, address, and relationship and substance of request.

no correspondence in files

(15) G. R. S. Files EXAMINED by McH (Date) 3-31-20

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED (over)

CARDED

AP 12/21/20

checked  
RES



**II. FINAL ACTION**

A. MEMORANDUM to D. M. O. in E. made (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

(16) Removal of Remains (within custody of G.R.S.) to \_\_\_\_\_

DEC 27 1921

(17) Instructions that remains be left undisturbed \_\_\_\_\_

(18) Typed by \_\_\_\_\_ Checked b/ \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

B. G. R. S. FORM NO. 114 made (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

(19) Typed by \_\_\_\_\_ Checked by \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

**C. SUSPENSION REMARKS:**

1-19-21 P. M. Cleveland, Ohio - advises Mrs. Mary Carpen is not known. (1-1-25-21-28)

APR 29 1921

RECEIVED

D. Dispatched (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ (Let. Trans. No. 12-3-70)

HA

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_

(Date) \_\_\_\_\_

*Mark Carpen  
Waltham, Mass*

*B.W.R gives Beneficiary  
Mrs. Mary Carpen (widow)  
Union + Broadway - Cleveland Ohio*

*Investigation made by this office and  
grave location shown on Form 115 is correct*

*DB 3/13/22*



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE June 23, 1922.

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 CARPEN, JOE.  
 2. No. 1518463  
 3. Rank Pvt.  
 4. Org. Co. F 145th Inf.  
 5. D.D. 11-4-18  
 6. C.D. KIA

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 161 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. Plot D Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

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

18. Cemetery AMERICAN

19. Commune or town WAEREGHEM

20. Dept. or County \_\_\_\_\_

21. Country BELGIUM

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1252

23. Disinterred (Date) June 23, 1922

By A.W. Taggart.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Joe Carpen  
 Rank Pvt

Serial No. 1518463  
 Organization Co. F. 145th Inf.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? yes. On body? yes.

R. L. de Montozon  
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant  
R.L. de Montozon.

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).

partly corroded body tag reads: Joe Carpen 15-----. bottle record on body checks

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 June 23, 1922 By A.W. Taggart.

31. Casket sealed by A.W. Taggart.

AUDITED BY  
1825-17-23  
 C.R.82 Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

A.W. Taggart  
 A.W. Taggart.

6/23/22  
SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-836

32. Designation of body:

Name CARPEN, JOE Serial No. 1518463  
Rank Pvt. Organization Cg. F 45th Inf.



33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Flanders Field American Cemetery #1252, Waereghem, Belgium.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) June 23, 1922 By A.W. Taggart.

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 J. J. Powers, 1st Lt. U.S. Army

36. Remarks  
  
none.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) June 23, 1922.

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 Flanders Field Amer. Cty. 1252, Waereghem, Belgium.  
Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ (Name)  
Signature Shipping Officer J. J. Powers, 1st Lt. U.S. Army

40. Received: Date June 23, 1922.

G.R.S. Representative W.D. Cleary, W.D. Cleary, Chaplain.

41. Reinterred June 23, 1922. (Date)

42. Grave No. 21 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot E10 D Row 1

G.R.S. Representative W.D. Cleary, W.D. Cleary, Chaplain U.S. Army.

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Place Waereghe, Belgium.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date June 23, 1922.

1. REMAINS OF CARPEN, Joe. SERIAL NUMBER 1518463  
RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Co. F. 145th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : June 23, 1922 From (give complete location) : Gr 161, plot D. Cty. 1252.  
By : Group 2 Unit sec 2.

3. Reburied (date) : June 23, 1922. In (give complete location) : Gr. 21, Block D, Row 1, Flanders Field Amer. Cty. 1252. Waereghem, Belgium. In regulation metallic casket and shipping case. bottle record placed with body.  
By : Group Reburial. Unit Section 2. Nature of reburial \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :  
partly corroded body tag reads: Joe Carpen 15/----- Bottle record on body checks

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

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

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

Quantity do

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) none visible.

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty)  
none visible.

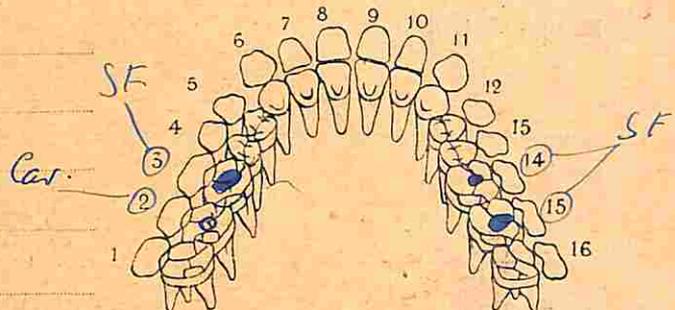
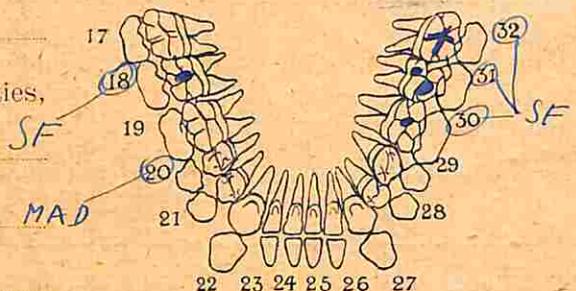


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



7. Disinterment supervised by A. W. Taggart  
A. W. Taggart.

Approved: J. S. Powers  
J. S. Powers, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.  
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by J. S. Pantelis  
J. S. Pantelis.

Approved: W. D. Cleary  
W. D. Cleary,  
(Title) Chaplain U.S. Army.

## 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.

<b>MISSING TEETH</b>	All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :	 <p style="text-align: center;">TOOTH MISSING      TOOTH MISSING</p>
<b>CROWNED TEETH</b>	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :	 <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD CROWN      PORCELAIN CROWN</p>
<b>BRIDGE WORK</b>	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus :	 <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD AND PORCELAIN BRIDGE      GOLD BRIDGE</p>
<b>FILLINGS</b>	Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :	 <p style="text-align: center;">SILVER FILLING      GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING      GOLD FILLING</p>
<b>CARIES (CAVITIES)</b>	Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :	 <p style="text-align: center;">CAVITY DECAYED      DECAYED DECAYED</p>
<b>DENTURES (PLATES)</b>	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.



Place Waereghem, Belgium.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date 3/8/21.

1. REMAINS OF JOE CARPEN. SERIAL NUMBER 1518463.

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. F 145th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): 3/8/21. From (give complete location): Grave 28, Plot A, American cemetery 1252, Waereghem, Belgium.

By: Group 3 Section 4.

3. Reburied (date): 3/8/21. In (give complete location): Grave 161, Plot D, American cemetery 1252, Waereghem, Belgium.

By: Group 3 Section 4. Nature of reburial In burlap, wooden box, with bottle

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: metal strip.  
In uniform a burlap and wooden box. Body badly decomposed, recognition impossible.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:  
Cross reads: Joe Carpen, Pvt. Co. F 145 Inf. Grave 28. Tag on cross reads: Joe Carpen, U.S.A., 1518463. G.R.S. Strip reads: Carpen, Joe 1518463, Pvt. Co. F 145 Inf. 28-A-1252. Tag on body reads: Joe Carpen U.S.A., 1518463, No effects found.

Body disinterred for identification purposes.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items? Nos. 3, 14, 15, 18, 30, 31  
32 Silver fillings.

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

(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) -

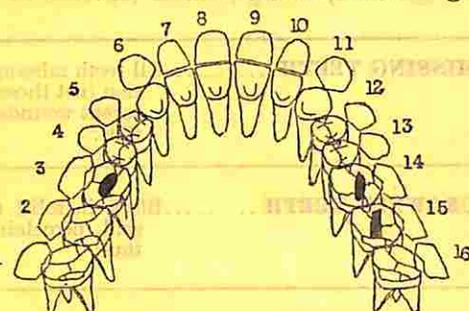
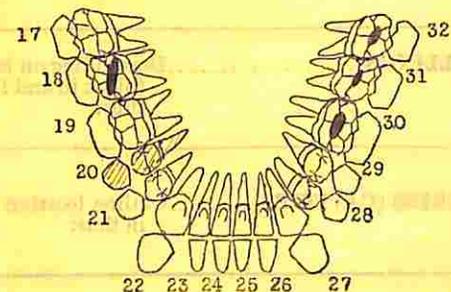


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



Nos. 20 Missing before death.

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

7. Disinterment supervised by F. A. JORGENSEN

Approved: G. B. KIDWELL  
(Title) 2nd Lt. Q.M.C.

8. Reburial supervised by F. A. JORGENSEN

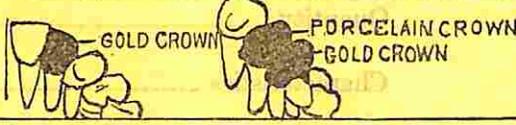
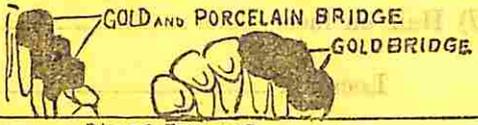
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(Title) 2nd Lt. Q.M.C.

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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), 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.

CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
REGISTRATION SECTION



January 30 1922

MEMO FOR:  
Cards Department.

1.  
CASE OF:

Co. F., 145th Infantry.,  
ORGANIZATION (Old)  
CARPEN 1518463 Joe., Pvt.,  
(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.	3/8/21	1252	D- 30146
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 A.B.  
S/3324/LML

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
QUARTERMASTER CORPS  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION, GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, Q.M.C.  
Room 357, Pier #3, Hoboken, NJ

Jan. 14th, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div., Cor. Branch.  
(Carpen, Joe)

The Postmaster,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Sir:-

Please endeavor to locate Mrs. Mary Carpen, whose address at one time was Union and Broadway, Cleveland, Ohio, and have her state in writing if she wishes the remains of her husband, the late Joe Carpen, Private, Serial No. 1518463, Co. F, 145th Infantry, interred in a permanent National Cemetery in France, returned to the United States and shipped to her, or interred in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Va.

Your cooperation in this connection will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R.E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q.M. Corps,  
Officer in Charge.

By:

*J. F. Butler*  
J. F. BUTLER,  
1st Lieut., Infantry.

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NOTED ON FORM #115  
#1-25-20-28

Person named not known to our Carriers in that vicinity.

Undoubtedly the name has been abbreviated by man who enlisted.

*J. F. Hanley*  
*Supv. Staff*



*not known*  
*159*  
*85*

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INTERNATIONAL DIVISION  
Room 327, 112 N. Broadway, St. Louis, Mo.

Jan. 14th 1921

File No. 402 - 101 - Div. of Consular Affairs  
(Carter, F.C.)

The Postmaster,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Sir:

Enclosed herewith for you are two copies of a letter from the Bureau of Consular Affairs, Cleveland, Ohio, dated January 12, 1921, in which it is stated that the late Mrs. Carter, nee [Name], of [Address], is the widow of [Name], who was born [Date] at [Place]. It is requested that you advise the Bureau of any information you may have regarding the above-named individual.

Very respectfully,  
[Signature]

By authority of the Postmaster General:

F. W. [Name]  
Director in Charge

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OVERSEAS PHONE SUB-SEC.



GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
CORRESPONDENCE BRANCH

[Handwritten signature]

Unhappily the name has been abbreviated by you who [Name] person named not known to our Office in that vicinity

44-2-50-27

WAR DEPARTMENT  
 QUARTERMASTER CORPS  
 CEMETERY DIVISION, GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, Q.M.C.  
 Room 357, Pier #2, Hoboken, NJ

Jan. 14th, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div., Cor. Branch.  
 (Carpen, Joe)

The Postmaster,  
 Cleveland, Ohio.

Sir:-

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By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R.E. SHANNON,  
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By:

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QUARTERMASTER CORPS  
GENERAL DIVISION, GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, U.S.A.  
Room 237, War Bldg., Hoboken, N.J.

Jan. 14th, 1921.

File No. 203.8 Com. Div., Graves Branch.  
(Garden, Joe)

The Postmaster,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Sir:-

Please endeavor to locate Mrs. Mary  
Garden, whose address at one time was Union  
and Broadway, Cleveland, Ohio, and have her  
state in writing if she wishes the remains  
of her husband, the late Joe Garden, Private,  
Serial No. 141045, Co. B, 148th Infantry,  
interred in a permanent National Cemetery  
in France, returned to the United States  
and shipped to her, or interred in the Nat-  
ional Cemetery at Arlington, Va.

Your cooperation in this connection  
will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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Captain, U.S. Corps,  
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By:

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION

*Please Rush*

Davidson

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

*C 129931*

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

CARPEN, Joe, Pvt.

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11-24-20

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

1518463

Co. F, 145th Infantry

Date of death 11/4/18

*Copy sent to Adj. Dept:  
12-21-20-HD*

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE Dec. 3, 1920

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Mrs. Mary Carpen

Widow

Address

Union & Broadway, Cleveland, Ohio.

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*This Bureau has never been able to locate the relatives of this soldier. R.A. Waller by E.H.L.*



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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
WAR DEPARTMENT  
~~OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL PURCHASE AND STORAGE~~  
WASHINGTON

FILE

June 30, 1920.

MEMORANDUM TO A.G.O. World War Division, Corresp. Section,  
Miss Scully, Branch 1388.

Confirming telephonic conversation of June 30, 1920,  
re. case of Pvt. Joe Carpen, Co.F. 145th Inf., Ser.#1518463,  
the records of this office show that Pvt. Joe Carpen, Co.F. 145th  
Infantry, Ser.#1518463, is reburied in;

Grave #28, Plot A,  
American Military Cemetery #1252,  
Waereghem, West Flanders.

Original burial Isolated Grave #1, Commune of Cruyshautem, Belgium  
C-849.

Date of original burial No record

Date of reburial 6/11/19

Date of death 11/4/18

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES G. PIERCE,  
Colonel, U. S. Army,  
Chief, Graves Registration Service.  
By:

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G. E. S. MAILED

JUN 30 1920

CHARLES J. WYNNE,  
Captain, C.M.C.,  
Graves Registration Service.

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

Date 6/30/20.

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME Carpen, Joe

Serial Number 1518463.

RANK Plt.

ORGANIZATION

Co. F, 145<sup>th</sup> Int.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	(1). Yes.
2.	Date of Death.	(2). 11/4/18.
3.	Cause and place of death.	(3). K/A.
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	(4). #327.
5.	Date buried.	(5). no record.
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	(6). Grave #1, Isolated Grave, Omme, Cruyshautem, Belgium, C-849
7.	Who reported burial?	Re: - 6/11/19.
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	Grave 28, Plot A,
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	Amer. Mil. Cty. #1252, Waereghem,
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	West Flanders.
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	10-a. no.
12.	Has been notified? (Give date)	10-b. yes.
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	(11). Nick Carpen, Brother Wilkonio, Russia.
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	(12). 11/5/19.
15.	Inquiry made by? <u>Miss Scully, Br-1388</u> <u>Ans 6/30/20 - 2mcs.</u>	(14). B-10028.

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

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November 25, 1919.

Mr. Nick Carpen,  
Willhonio, Russia.

Dear Sir:-

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The War Department desires to ascertain the wishes of the families of officers, enlisted men, and civilian employees regarding the permanent disposition of the bodies of those who have died overseas.

The original plan of the Department was to deliver the body in every case at the home address of the deceased to the person legally entitled to dispose of the remains. A desire has been expressed, however, in numerous instances to have the body remain abroad, and General Pershing is likely soon to enter into negotiations with the French and Allied Governments with the view of establishing permanent cemeteries for members of the American Expeditionary Forces. Marshal Petain in a most courteous letter has informed General Pershing that "France would be happy and proud to retain the bodies of the American victims who have fallen upon her soil."

A bill is now before Congress for the establishment of "Fields of Honor" abroad, which will insure future care by the United States Government as national cemeteries are now cared for. Burials have been made heretofore in cemeteries of the Allied nations or at or near the battle field in land set apart for this purpose as a cemetery, and religious services in accordance with the rites of the Protestant, Catholic, or Hebrew faith have been held at the grave.

In case the remains of a deceased soldier are returned to the United States they will be interred either at the former home of the deceased or at a national cemetery, according to the wishes of the one authorized to direct the disposition of the remains, and all expenses, including transportation, casket, shipping case, flag, and the preparation of the remains for shipment, will be paid by the United States. Hire of a hearse and other burial expenses incurred at the home of the deceased may be paid, on application by the relatives, by the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, Treasury Department.

In order that the proper disposition of the remains may be made, and that such disposition be directed by the person entitled to do so, the War Department will recognize the right to direct the disposition of remains in the following order:

In the case of an unmarried man—

- (1) Father; (2) mother, if father is dead; (3) brother, if both parents are dead; (4) sister, if both parents are dead and there are no brothers.

In the case of a married man—

- (1) Wife; (2) parents or children and other relatives in order set forth above.

It is desired that the information indicated on the inclosed card be furnished concerning the person named thereon at the earliest practicable date. If the card is received by some one not authorized to direct the disposition to be made of the remains, please deliver this circular and the card to the person who is entitled to do so.

The Department is unable to state when it will be possible to begin the removal of the remains of the soldiers, but the information requested is being collected at this time in order that there may be no delay when the time comes for such removal.

In returning the card please use the inclosed addressed penalty envelope, which requires no postage.

Very respectfully,

P. C. HARRIS,  
*The Adjutant General.*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Nov. 5, 1919

TO: Nick Carpen,  
Wilkonio, Russia.

Case of: Private Joe Carpen, 1518463  
Company F. 145th Infantry.

Plot A  
Place of Burial: Disinterred and Reburied in  
Grave #28, American Military  
Cemetery #1252, Waereghem, West Flanders.

1.- It would be likely to involve further delay if we should write personal letters in each of the many cases of notification of relatives as to the present resting places of their noble dead who glorify the nation's roll of honor.

2.- Will you therefore, please accept this letter as being the best we can do, just now? And will you also accept the sympathy of those who have been working hard for many months to render worthy service to tens of thousands of sorrowing people, in the care of their dead?

3.- Many delays in notification have resulted from our ignorance of proper addresses, shortage of clerical personnel, incomplete and imperfect information, or non-delivery and return of former letters.

4.- Thousands of bodies have been transferred to larger and better cemeteries, for reasons which were deemed imperative by the military authorities of all the Allied Nations, and the great task of improving these cemeteries is well under way. The most diligent care has been exercised to insure accuracy, and this immense project is being carried through as an unquestionable service to the friends of our dead.

5.- In serving you and others, we have been hampered by conditions and consequences of such a war as we hope may never involve our country again.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Colonel, Q. M. Corps,  
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

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Mr. Nick Carpen,  
Willhonio, Russia.



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American Expeditionary Forces

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PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$ 300.



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Mr. Nick Carpen

Willkonio, Russia.

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Wilkonio, Russia.

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*Meister am 20. 8. 20*

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