

Castle, John R. ²⁴⁻¹⁶ 855,777

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt. Hq. Det. 31st. Ingrs.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased *Mother*

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) *See other side for sig.*

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

I have already sent Card
filled out & this is

drawn by JW

24-16

2-18-21

Margaret J. Castle
Mother of John R

Ottawa, Kans

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G.R.S. Form #114-B

FULL NAME CASTLE, John R.

RANK Sgt. ~~Pvt.~~ SERIAL 855177

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION Hq. Det. 31st Engrs.

DATE OF DEATH May 12 1919

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Kansas

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED: *None*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 14 4 C
Date Grave Row Block

Suresnes, #34

Cemetery

Received A. G. O. SEP 5 1924

REC'D WORKS DIV. SEP 5 24

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

Location of the Grave of

CASTLE, JOHN R.

SERGEANT

Date of Burial May 12, 1919

Place of Burial Saumur Cemetery

Town Saumur (Maine-et-Loire)
France

Grave Number 117

Marked: Name Peg? Yes.
Cross, No.

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

One buried with body? Yes.

One fastened to name
peg or stake used as
Grave marker? Yes.

REPORTED BY:
Richard P. Hart
Richard P. Hart
Capt. T.C., U.S.A.

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CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	CASTLE	3	319
BURIED	CAS	1	6
	CEMETERY 34	2	14
	GRAVE 14	2	04
	ROW 4	1	3
	BLOCK C	2	18
STATE	Kansas	1	2
RANK	Sgt.	2	49
DIVISION	Edg.	3	031
ORGANIZATION	31	1	1
ARM	Eng. Regt.	1	2
MARITAL	no	3	
NAME		2	
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	
	COUNTY	3	
	CITY	1	
RELATION	mother	1	6
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Dead - since war	1	
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	SEP 22 1932
DATE OF	MO.	1	RB
. TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

no

no dm
no loco

AUDITED

SEP 22 1932

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Castle P. R. 2 2 + 878

single ~~34~~

M. Mrs Margaret F. Castle

M. Dead

Woodland Park
Cal.

≡ Mrs Anna A. Kurneth
Philomath, Oregon

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RECEIVED

MAY 13 1930

Examining Section No. 4
AWARDS DIVISION

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Castle, John R.
34

September 13, 1929.

Mr. Albert L. Brownsley,
940 N. 27th Ave.,
Albia, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated Aug. 30, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

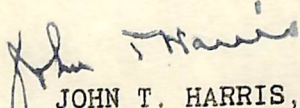
1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried? If so, give her complete address:

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

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

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, D. C.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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

WASHINGTON, D. C.
SEP 14
5-PM
1929

ADDRESS
YOUR MAIL
TO
STREET AND
NUMBER

RETURN TO WRITER
REASON FOR NON-DELIVERY CHECKED
Unclaimed. ----- Unknown
Delayed. ----- For better address
Moved, Left no address. ----- Refused
No such post office in state named.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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The records of this office show that you are the brother-in-law of the late Private John R. Castle, Hdqrs. Det., 31st Engrs., whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

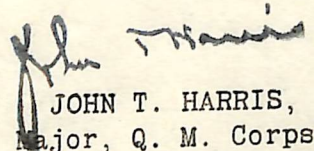
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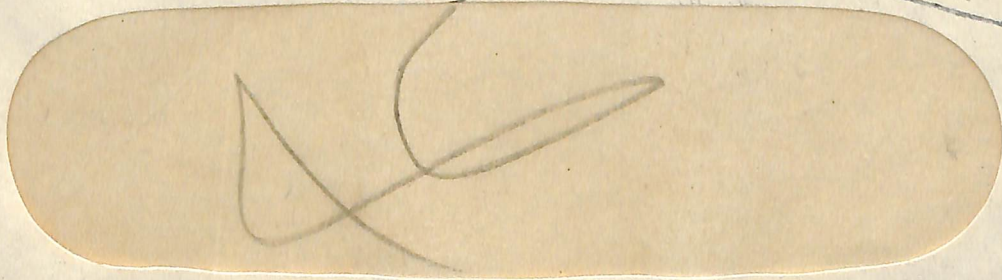
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PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO
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LET'S GO!
CITIZENS
MILITARY
TRAINING
-CAMPS-

RETURN TO WRITER
REASON FOR NON-DELIVERY CHECKED.
Unclaimed ----- Unknown -----
Deceased ----- For better address -----
Moved, Left no address ----- Refused -----
No such post office in state named -----

ALBIA TOWA
SEP 1 1929
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Castle, John R.

Aug. 5, 1929.

Mrs. Margaret F. Castle,
Woodland Park, Colo.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, entitled an Act "To enable the mothers and widows of the deceased soldiers, sailors and marines of the American forces now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries".

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private John R. Castle, Hdqs. Det., 31st Engrs., whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, France.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return 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?

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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

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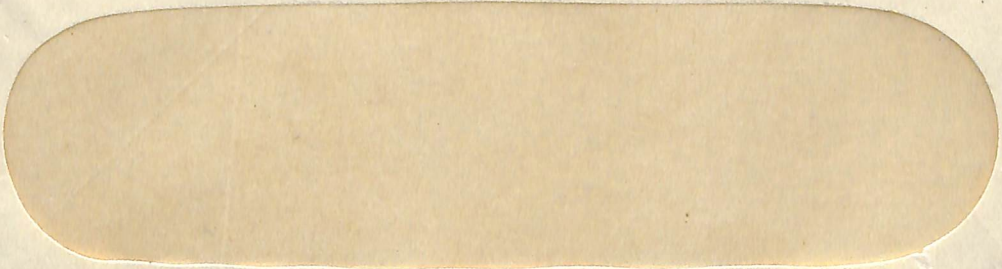
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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WORLD WAR DIVISION
PERSONNEL RECORDS SECTION

.....1929

TO

No application received.

Albert L. Brownsley, brother-in-law,
940 N. 27th Ave., Albia, Iowa.

address also shown as

R.F.D. Ottawa, Kans.

MIM # 53

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Castle, John R.

May 31, 1929.
XC 224 870

Mrs. Anna Abernathy,
R.F.D. #5,
Ottawa, Kansas. (M) Mrs Margaret F. Castle
Woodland Park, Colo.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, entitled an Act "To enable the mothers and widows of the deceased soldiers, sailors and marines of the American forces now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries".

The records of this office show that you are the sister of the late Private John R. Castle, Headquarters Det., 31st Engineers, whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, 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.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO
QM 293 A-C
Castle, John F.

MAY 21 1929
XC 224 870

Mrs. Anna Abernathy,
R.F.D. #81,
Ottawa, Kansas.
(M) Mrs. Margaret F. Castle
Woodland Park, Colo.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, entitled an Act "to enable the mothers and widows of the deceased soldiers, sailors and marines of the American forces now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries."

The records of this office show that you are the sister of the late Private John R. Castle, Headquarters Det., 31st Engineers, whose remains are now interred in the Swanton American Cemetery, Swanton, Maine, France.

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

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For The Quartermaster General,

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Major, U. S. Corps
Assistant



WAR DEPARTMENT



WASHINGTON, D. C.

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JUN 19 1929
M. A. R.
Q. M. G.

RETURN TO WRITER
Reason for non-delivery stated
Unknow. For better address
Address changed
No such address in state named
Deceased
Mailed Let no address
No such address in state named

OTTAWA
JUL 1
1894

In reply refer to:
293.8 C-R #105091.

File

SUBJECT: Disposition of Monument.

October 5, 1922.

TO: Mrs. Margaret F. Castle, Woodland Park, Colorado.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 29, 1922, relative to the case of your late son, Private John R. Castle, Headquarters Detachment, 51st Engineers. Same has been referred to our European office for notation relative to your wishes regarding the disposition of the monument formerly erected over the grave of the deceased.
2. With reference to the removal of your son's body from the French Civilian Cemetery at Maine-et-Loire, Department of Sarthe, France to the Suresnes American Cemetery at Suresnes, Department of Seine, you are advised that this action was taken in view of the fact that you failed to execute and return to this office the Affidavit of Release furnished you, which would relieve this Government of the future care and responsibility of the grave, and comply with varying and various local laws and regulations. You are not probably aware of the French custom of removing remains after a period, and depositing the bones in a common pit, making the grave available for a new burial. Therefore, only those burials were left when relatives specifically requested and definitely relieved the Government from responsibility and future care. All others not to be returned were transferred to one of our permanent cemeteries.
3. Already criticisms of the appearance of graves, left in local cemeteries at request of relatives, are being received from visitors who are shocked at their condition and do not understand it is due to the insistence of relatives to whose sentiment the Government has yielded.
4. In view of the above, the body of your son was removed to the permanent American Cemetery at Suresnes, and you are assured that the grave will be marked by an appropriate headstone and will be perpetually cared for by the United States Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our soldier dead.

For the Quartermaster General:

E. E. DAVIS,
Executive Assistant, G.R.S.

MAILED

OCT 5 - 1922

G.R.S.

293.8 C-R #105091,
Castle, John R., Pvt.

File

1st Ind.

W.D., O.Q.M.G., Washington, D.C., October 5, 1922. To: Chief, American
Graves Registration Service, O.M.C., in Europe.

1. Returned, inviting attention to enclosed letter from Mrs. M.F.
Castle, relative to her wishes regarding final disposition of the headstone
referred to in basic communication.

2. A copy of our reply to Mrs. Castle's letter is enclosed herewith.
Further information received from her regarding disposition of headstone
will be promptly communicated to your office.

By order of the Quartermaster General:

3 encls.

H. J. CONNER,
Assistant.

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W.S.

MAILED

OCT 5 - 1922

G.R.S.

Woodland Park, Colorado,

September 29, 1922.

Sub: Concerning disposition of Monument.

My son, John R. Castle

The monument was put by some French people who were his particular friends (I never knew why they did it). I got the address of Capt. Hart from the Department at Washington and wrote to him and got the name and address of those people and before I got to write to them my home was burned and most of the contents so all the letters were burned and I never could remember the name so as I had returned and to the request I did not wish his remains disturbed. I thought that was sufficient so I did not know till this came (thats attached) now I have no claim to the stone and have no place in the U.S. to put it and I got a French lady to write to Saumur and get the secretary to find the people and tell them it is my wish that they should keep the monument and have them write to me since my wishes have been disregarded by the U.S. officials. What more could I do, so I don't feel like I have any right to relinquish to America till I hear from them who were so kind to erect it I feel very much hurt that my wishes were not carried out. There is so much cruelty.

My address: M. F. Castle (as above)

(Copy)

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Form Letter "A".

September 14, 1922.

Subject: Disposition of Monument.

To: Mrs. Margaret F. Castle, Woodland Park, Colo.

1. The remains of Pvt. John R. CASTLE, 855777, Hq. Det., 31st Engineers, formerly buried in Grave #119, French Civilian Cemetery #24, SAUMUR (M-et-L) have been reburied in Grave #14, Block C, Row 4, Suresnes American Cemetery #34, SURESNES (Seine).

2. The Monument which was on this grave in French Civ. Cemetery #24, SAUMUR (M-et-L) is now held in storage at St. Ouen, Paris (Seine).

3. As the nearest of kin, you are requested to inform this office what disposition you desire made of this monument. A questionnaire is attached, and an addressed penalty envelope is enclosed for the prompt forwarding of your reply.

4. Description of monument:

<u>Material:</u>	<u>Cement.</u>	<u>Approximate weight:</u>	<u>Dimensions.</u>
		286 lbs.	2'6" x 1'6" x 1'
		* { 213 lbs.	2'6" x 1'6" x 9"
		15 lbs.	2' x 4" x 4"
		* 228 lbs.	(these 2 stones in one crate)

Inscription thereon: "Sgt. John H. Castle
Hqrs, Det. Trans Corps
Born May 1883, Albia, Iowa
Died May 12, 1919, Saumur,
In the service of his country."

Practicability of monument withstanding shipment: Can be safely crated and shipped.

5. The cost of crating, handling and shipping this monument to any designated point will be at the expense of the consignee who will make all necessary arrangements with an express company or any other agency, advising such agency to call upon the American Graves Registration Service, St. Ouen, Paris (Seine) for the monument that is to be crated and shipped.

6. Should no disposition be indicated by you, it is requested that the clearance certificate on the questionnaire be duly accomplished and mailed to this office.

For the Quartermaster General:


E. E. DAVIS,

Executive Assistant, G.R.S.

2 encls.

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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For the Quartermaster General:

MAILED
SEP 14 1922

E. E. DAVIS,
Executive Assistant, G.R.S.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

August 30, 1922.

FILE: 293.8 C-R #105091-

SUBJECT: Permanent Grave Location of Pvt. John R. Castle,
Headquarter Detachment, 31st Engrs.

TO: Mrs. Margaret F. Castle, Woodland Park, Colo.

1. The permanent grave of this soldier is No. 14 Row 4,
Block C, Suresnes American cemetery at Suresnes, Department of
Seine, France.

2. This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries
to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be
marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name,
rank, organization and date of soldier's death. 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.

3. 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 main-
tained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting
place of our heroes,

For the Quartermaster General:

MAILED

AUG 30 1922

GEORGE H. PENROSE,
Assistant.

G.R.S.

DS

DATE May 12th 1922

1. NAME CASTLE, John R. SERIAL No. 855777

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Hq. Det. 31st Engrs.

GRAVE LOCATION French Civil Cemetery 24, SAUMUR, (Maine et Loire), France
CTY. NAME NUMBER

119

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 119 SAUMUR Maine-et-Loire.

GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES French Civil Cemetery #24, Saumur, Maine-et-Loire. No coordinates given on copy of Form 1-A from which data is taken, or on blud print of cemetery. Data taken from Form 1-A (copy) dated Aug. 12, 1920.

CONCENTRATED TO Not concentrated.

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

None, as this is an original burial.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS None

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

I. A. LUKE,
Capt. F.A., Supervisor, Areas 6-8.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION May 12/22 14 4 C
DATE GRAVE ROW Block PLOT

Suresnes American Cty # 34. Suresnes Seine
CEMETERY

AUDITED BY
SAB 6/20/22

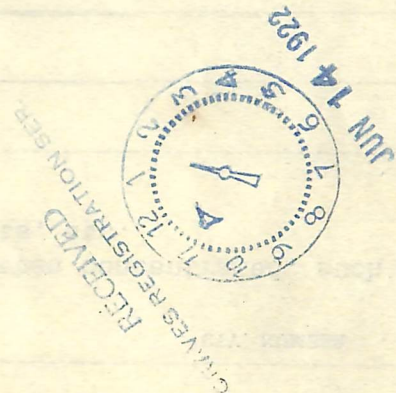
INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

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.



[Faint, mostly illegible text from the reverse side of the document is visible through the paper. Some words like "COORDINATES" and "REGISTRATION" can be discerned.]

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Oct. 26th, 1921

1. REMAINS OF CASTLE, John R. SERIAL NUMBER 855777

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Hdq. Det. 31st Engrs.

2. Disinterred (date): From (give complete location):

Oct. 26th, 1921 Gr. 119, Cem. 24

By: Group 1 Unit Sec. 7

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

May 12, 1922. Grave 14, Row 4, Block C. Qty 34, Suresnes.

By: Group _____ Unit _____ Nature of reburial _____

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

Pine box (Slate lined) and uniform. Badly decomposed, features not recognizable.

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

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

Collar insignia of: "Engr. Corps" on blouse.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible estimate

(c) Hair—Color None

Quantity _____

Characteristics _____

(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location _____

Quantity _____

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities,

or missing parts) None

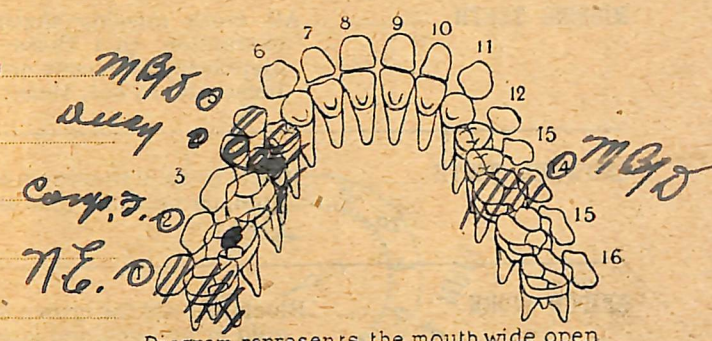
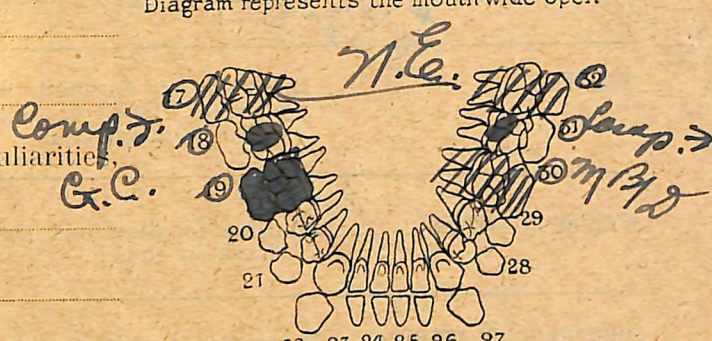


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



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

skull fractured.

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E. S. Parker, checker.

7. Disinterment supervised by Ben A. Bradford
Ben A. Bradford, Sup. Emb.

Approved: F. L. Herron
F. L. Herron, Capt., QMC.
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by P. G. Dwyre

Approved: H. S. Smith
(Title) H. S. SMITH, Chaplin.

P. G. DWYRE.

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.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE

Oct. 26th, 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name CASLE, John R.
 2. No. 855777
 3. Rank Pvt.
 4. Org. Hq. Det. 31st Engrs.
 5. D.D. May 12th
 6. C.D. Accidentally killed on rail-
road.

10. Name _____
 11. No. _____
 12. Rank _____
 13. Org. _____
 14. (a) D.D. _____
 (b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 119 Sec. _____
 8. Plot _____ Row _____
 9. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 17. No discrep.

18. Cemetery French Civil Cemetery
 20. Dept. or County Maine et Loire
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 24

19. Commune or town SAUMUR
 21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) Oct. 26th, 1921

By Ben A. Bradford

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name John R. Castle
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. _____
 Organization Hq. Det. 31st Engrs.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes

On body? Yes

E. S. Parker.

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).

"Engr. Corps" collar insignia on blouse.

27. Condition of body badly decomposed, features not recognizable.

28. Nature of burial Pine box (slate lined) and uniform.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? No discrep.

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Oct. 26th, 1921

By Ben A. Bradford

31. Casket sealed by Ben A. Bradford

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

Ben A. Bradford

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-2811

32. Designation of body:

Name CASTLE, John R. Serial No. 855777

Rank Pvt. Organization Hq. Det. 31st Engrs.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Suresnes American Cty. 34, France.

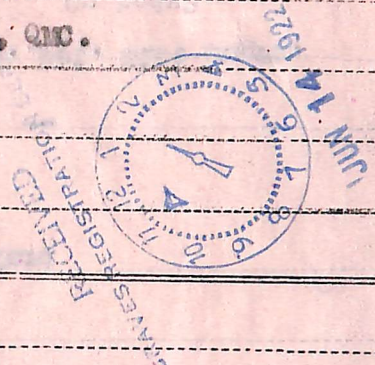
34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Oct. 26th, 1921 By Ben A. Bradford

35. I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector F. L. Herron, Capt., QMC.

36. Remarks

F. L. Herron, Capt., QMC.



37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date)

To point of Concentration

Convoyer Pierre de Montozon Paris Morgue (Seine) (Name)

Signature Shipping Officer [Signature]

38. Received at ~~Railhead~~ or Point of Concentration: Date S. D. Campbell, Capt., QMC.
Paris Morgue, Nov. 2nd, 1921

By G.R.S. Representative [Signature] H.L. WARD, Major Q.M.C.

39. Shipped from ~~Railhead~~ or Point of Concentration: Date Paris Morgue, May 12, 1922.

To Permanent Cemetery SURESNES Amer. Cty. No. 34, Suresnes, Seine

Convoyer Arthur De Wasch (Name) H.L. WARD, Major Q.M.C.
Signature Shipping Officer E.P. DOYLE, Capt. Q.M.C.

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred May 12, 1922. (Date)

42. Grave No. 14. Section

43. Plot Block C. Row 4. Qty 34, Suresnes.

G.R.S. Representative [Signature]

H.S. SMITH, Chaplin.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 105091

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name Castle, John R. Ser. No. 855777)
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Hdq. Det. 31st Engineers) TYP. EW
 (c) Date of death 5-12-19 of death Accidentally killed on railroad) CKR. EW

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

(a) Grave No. 119 Row -- Plot -- Sect. --) TYP. EW
 (b) Emerg. Address Margaret F. Castle (Mother) Abolard Park,

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; (6/20/22)) CKR. EW

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt None

(a) Name Margaret F. Castle (b) Relationship Mother
 (c) Address Ottawa, Kansas
 (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 att Date 7-16- 1920

V. A.G.O. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from Margaret F. Castle,
Kansas City, Mo., dated 7-24-19

confirmed request in Par. IV. item --, above, or requesting that
Corroborates the request on card

Examiner's Initials att Date 7-17- 1920

VI. G.R.S. Files - Correspondence - shows as follows:

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes att

Examiner's Initials att Date 7-17- 1920

COUNTRY FRANCE
G.R.S. Form #115
Amended April 6, 1920

CEMETERY NO. 2416

MAILED

SHEET NO. 3A 16

Make Form #114

Concentrated into P.A.C. #

Checked by EW
2-19-21

Returned for
Due Classy 608
1/1/22
concentration

See suspension
OK
PM

5, 4-6-21

COMPLETED

RECEIVED BY
MAIL UNIT

VII. G. R. S. FORM No. 114 made _____, 1920

Typed by _____

Checked by _____

MAY 20 1921

1920

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Cemeterial Division

(cable on _____ 1920

(letter on _____ 1920

Following advice forwarded to Europe by-

12-22-20. Add adv. Not to be returned yes - 12-22-20

IX. CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: W. P. E. A. - 3-25-21

Mrs. Anna Abernathy, Sister
P.F.D. # 5, Ottawa, Kansas.

4/28/21 #120 Margaret E Castle mother n. k. requests body remain in Europe where now buried Changes address to Woodland Park Colo. Encloses letter she received from Richard Hart Capt who furnished her with information re burial of soldiers States she would like address of Capt Richard Hart. Wishes letter returned
 Letter - 5/18/21 - Not to work - Acknowledge F. 120 and advise case has been referred to Wash. D.C. also return letter of Capt. Hart advising his add. maybe obtained this ago.
 Letter 5-27-21 - Sup. advise mother in order for body to remain where now buried in French Mil. Co. it will be necessary to execute

Form 115 continued.

The enclosed 4. 12 3. Advise they may be transferred
to pen. Amer. City. MMB 8. 21-21

6-25-21 - Ins. advises Mottier that unless
request for final disposition is received
with a reasonable length of time
body will be removed to one of the
pen permanent Amer. City - via France
HP # 9 - Cas. Div. Bulletin - # 7/2/01

Concentrate per office memo 11 Sept 1 1921

WAR DEPARTMENT

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
WASHINGTON

APR 18 1921

FROM: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. G.

To: Mrs Margaret F. Castle, ~~Ottawa, Kansas~~ *Woodland Park Colorado*

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. John R. Castle, Ser. No. 855777, Hdq Det 31st Engrs

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above-named
soldier remain in Europe *where now buried.*

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

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

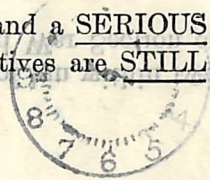
By authority of the Quartermaster General.

GEORGE H. PENROSE,
Colonel, Q. M. G.

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

Was soldier married? *No*

*Noted 5/15/21
+ 5-6-21*



NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow <i>none</i>	<i>none</i>	<i>none</i>	<i>none</i>
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)			
1 <i>none</i>			
2 <i>none</i>			
3 <i>none</i>			
Father <i>not living</i>			
Mother			
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)			
1 <i>Living</i> <i>Newton J. Castle</i>	<i>P.O. Box 482.</i>	<i>Douglas</i>	<i>Wyoming.</i>
2 <i>Charles A. Castle</i>	<i>Floresian</i>	<i>Floresian</i>	<i>Colorado.</i>
3			
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)			
1 <i>all living</i> <i>Lulu M. Townsley</i>	<i>Woodland Park</i>		<i>Colorado.</i>
2 <i>anna L. Abernathy</i>	<i>R.F.D #</i>	<i>Ottawa</i>	<i>Kansas.</i>
3			

Date *April 28-1921.*

Signature *Margaret F. Castle*

Address *Woodland Park Colorado,* Relationship *Mother*

RECEIVED *Apr 28th*, 1921
MAIL UNIT

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

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

Cemeterial Division
Overseas Project Sub-Section

1. ~~As stated on first page of this sheet.~~

2. ~~To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to~~

RECEIVED
INS BRANCH

(Name.)

(R. R. station.)

MAY 23 1921

(State.)

3. ~~To be returned to the U. S. and buried in~~

National Cemetery.

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

CEMETERIAL
DIVISION
U. S. A.

In Saumur Cimetiere Saumur Maine-et-Loire, France, an appropriate head stone has been erected by his personal friends in France. Grave No 117.

Signature *Margaret A. Castle*

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

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

NOTE.—INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DISPOSITION OF REMAINS will be issued by this office upon the properly executed authority of the legal next of kin in each case. The widow is the first person having disposition of the remains of her husband. Should there be no widow or children, the father and, in turn (upon his decease), the mother, is the proper authority. The brothers, in order of seniority, and then the sisters in order of seniority, if there are no brothers, rank next in authority to decide. Under an opinion rendered by the Judge Advocate General of the Army, if a widow has remarried she forfeits her right, and the next of kin as given above will make decision.

1921

Woodland Park Colorado Apr 28

This is my address now was
Ottawa Kansas when my son
left for France so that's why
everything is sent there my
daughter lives there & she
forwards all my mail as
it comes there so it makes
sense so this explains all
Mrs M G Cestle

Woodland Park

Colorado

I am the Mother of John
B Cestle

RECEIVED BY
MAIL UNIT

RECEIVED MAY 20 1921
INQ. BRANCH

Cemeterial Division

MAY 23 1921

Overseas Project Sub-Section

CEMETERIAL
DIV. C. M. G.

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

Please rush

Harlow

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

C 224870

Castle, John R. Pvt.

24 - 16

3/3/21

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

855777

Hdq. Det. 31st Engineers

Date of Death 5/12/19

Copy forwarded to WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION
Adjustment Department

Date 3/31/21 M.H.S.

DATE March 25, 1921.

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Mrs. Anna Abernathy,

Sister

Address

RFD #5, Ottawa, Kansas.

S/709/LML

WAR DEPARTMENT
QUARTERMASTER CORPS
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
PIER 2, HOBOKEN, N. J.

May 18th, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div., Cor.Br.
(CASTLE, John R.)

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O.Q.M.G.,
Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT: Return of Records - Cemetery #24, Ref.
#16. Transmittal Memorandum H-3037.

1. Returned herewith are records pertaining
to the case of the late John R. Castle, Private, Serial
Number 855777, Headquarters Detachment, 31st Engineers.

2. Attention is invited to notation on back
of Form 120, to which no reply has been made.

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

BY:

J. F. Butler
J. F. BUTLER,
Captain, Infantry.

encls.

Record... Cemeterial Div., O. Q. M. G.
File # 293.8-105091

Castle, John R.

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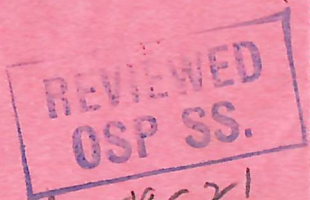
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2-19-21

RECEPTION ROOM

DR. O. A. JOHNSON
CANCER SPECIALIST
1320 MAIN STREET

Address me at Ottawa, Kansas
KANSAS CITY, MO., July 24 1919

Adjutant General's Office
Washington
295 (26) Castle John R. E. Co.
Burial Records Section

will say I never saw the Card
sent and to fill I was not where
it was sent My daughter sent
it to me while I was on the way
to her, so my son took the liberty
to send it filled by him alone
Considering every thing it is not
my wish to have the Body of
my son disturbed, after getting
all the particulars of his
Burial & in voice the sentiment
of the majority of the family
& I hope by John R. Castle

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Rec'd Cas. Div.
JUL 31 1919

Received Enlisted Division
JUL 30 1919

Received Enlisted Division
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Margaret J. Castle Ottawa Kan

JUL 29 1919

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O. A. - 293.8 - Castle John R.

1320 MAIN STREET

KANSAS CITY, MO., *July 24* 1919

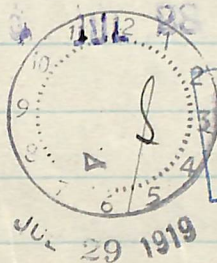
Auditor for war Department
Treasury Department Washington DC

I Margaret H Castle mother of
Sgt John R Castle killed in
France, what is his Back Pay

Margaret H Castle
Ottawa Kans
Care of L P Cshernathy

P.S. I am here doctoring for cancer

Rec'd Cas. Div
JUL 31 1919



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ed Division
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AUG 1 1919

Handwritten notes on the right edge of the paper:
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9. 9. - 293. 8 - Castle John R

293.6 (Castle, John R.,) Enl.
Burial Records Section

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August 2, 1919

Mrs. Margaret F. Castle,
Ottawa, Kansas.

c/o L. T. Abernethy.

Dear Madam:

Referring to your letter relative to the final disposition of your son, John R. Castle, Private, Headquarters Detachment, 31st Engineers, I beg to inclose herewith the card which was sent in by your son, together with a new one. Since you are the mother of Private Castle, your wishes will be given precedence over those of the brother, and it is requested that you fill out the inclosed card showing your wishes and return it to this office in the inclosed envelope, which requires no postage, so that this may be made a matter of record.

The attached Memorandum of Information will advise you as to back pay.

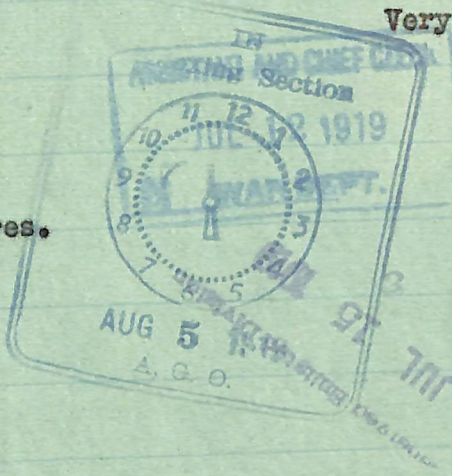
It is desired to express to you the deep sympathy of the Department on account of the great loss you have sustained, and to commend you for the contribution you have made to the cause for which your son gave his life.

Very sincerely,

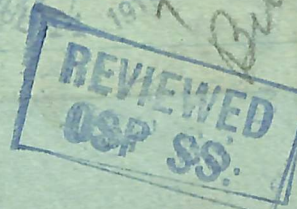
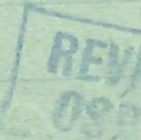
The Adjutant General.

Per

4 Inclosures.



Received A. G. O.



107 files
Per Per Sen
8-2-19

Copy for file
4th Div
7-15-19

293.6 Castle, John R.

RECEIVED JUL 12 1919
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF WAR

Ottawa Kansas July 8th 1919

To the War Department at
Washington DC I have been notified
my son John R Castle Co B 31st
Engns Sanner 718 APO France
was killed his Serial no is 8551177
I ask for Information what to do
I dont ask to have his Body
brot over but anything else
Mrs Mother of John R Castle
Margaret R Castle
Ottawa

293.8 Castle, John R

ASSISTANT AND CHIEF CLERK
JUL 12 1919
WAR DEPT.

Kansas

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ENLISTED

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Received A G O.

JUL 13 1919

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JUL 14 1919

JUL 15 1919
RECEIVED DISTRICT DIVISION

File
Rec. Sec.
1st Div.
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293.8 (Castle, John R.) Enl.
Burial Records Section.

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July 15, 1919.

Mrs. Margaret F. Castle,
Ottawa, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Referring to your letter of July 6, it is requested that you fill out the card formerly sent you in regard to the disposition of the remains of your son, John R. Castle, and return it to this office, that your wishes may be placed on file for reference when the transfer of the bodies is begun.

A Memorandum of Information is herewith inclosed which will perhaps prove of interest to you. As shown by that inquiries concerning personal effects should be addressed, Effects Bureau, Port of Embarkation, Hoboken, New Jersey. Those concerning Insurance, Director, Bureau of War Risk Insurance, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

It is desired to express to you the deep sympathy of the Department on account of the great loss you have sustained, and to commend you for the contribution you have made to the cause for which your son gave his life.

Very respectfully,

The Adjutant General

Per

James N. Peala

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OSP SS.

*File per Sec.
Per 7-15-19 + B. J. Wing
Bdg 7-15-19*

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

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Location of the Grave of

CASTLE, JOHN R.

SERGEANT

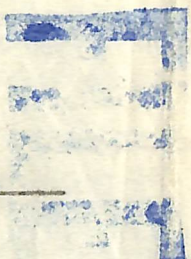
Date of Burial May 12, 1919

Place of Burial Saumur Cemetery

Town Saumur (Maine-et-Loire)
France

Grave Number 117

Marked: Name Peg? Yes.
Cross, No.



IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

One buried with body? Yes.

One fastened to name
peg or stake used as
Grave marker? Yes.

REPORTED BY:

Richard P. Hart
Richard P. Hart
Capt. T.C., U.S.A.



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RECEIVED
16 Mai 1944
M. O. C. O. S.
O. C. R. S.

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

CLASS: _____ NO: _____
SERIAL: _____

PLACE OF ORIGIN: _____

DATE OF ORIGIN: _____

REMARKS: _____

CLASS: _____

SERIAL: _____

DATE OF ORIGIN: _____

REMARKS: _____

File O. S. P.
7/2/21 *JD*

June 25, 1921.

293,8-Cem. File #105091 (Castle, John R., Pvt.)

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

Mrs. Margaret F. Castle, Woodland Park, Colo.

Disposition of Remains.

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1. The records of this office indicate that no reply has been received to the enclosed copy of communication addressed to you under date of May 27, 1921, with reference to the final disposition of the remains of the late Private John R. Castle, Headquarters Detachment, 31st Engineers. In the event no reply is received to this communication within a reasonable length of time, the body of the deceased will be removed to one of the permanent American Cemeteries in France referred to in paragraph #9 of the enclosed Cemeterial Division Bulletin, No. 10-G-W.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

JF CHARLES J. WYNN, Captain, C. M. C. HW

FILE

FORWARD TO O S P

Noted on Form No. 115

Date 7/2/21 *JD*

MAILED

JUN 27 1921

G.R.S.

RECEIVED BY MAIL UNIT

JUN 28 1921

Cemeterial Division
Overseas Project Sub-Section

Copy filed in O. S. P.

24-16
May 27, 1921.

293.8-Cem.#105091-(Castle, John R. Pvt.)

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

Mrs. Margaret F. Castle, Woodland Park, Colorado.

Disposition of remains.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of G.R.S. Form 120, under date of April 18th 1921 and notation attached thereto, referred to this office by our branch office at Hoboken, New Jersey.

2. It is noted that you desire the remains of the late Private John R. Castle, Headquarters Detachment, 31st Engineers, permanently interred in their present resting place, in the French Civilian Cemetery, Saumur, Department of Maine-et-Loire. As this is a French Civilian Cemetery, it will not be permanently maintained by the Government. Therefore, it will be necessary for you to execute and return to this office the inclosed G.R.S. Form 123, which relieves the Government of the responsibility for the future care and maintenance of the grave site.

3. You are further advised that the remains of our soldier dead buried in Europe and whose legal next of kin desire interment in permanent American Cemeteries, will be removed to the permanent American Cemeteries referred to in paragraph 9, of the inclosed Cemeterial Division Bulletin No. 10-G-W. These cemeteries will be perpetually maintained by the Government in the most careful and reverent manner.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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CHARLES J. WYNNE,
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(CASTLE, John R.)

Mrs. Margaret F. Castle,
Woodland Park, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

Receipt of Shipping Inquiry dated April 28th, 1921, relative to the remains of your son, the late John R. Castle, Private, Serial Number 665777, Headquarters Detachment, 51st Engineers, is acknowledged. Same has been referred to the Cemeterial Division, Washington, D.C., for further action.

Returned herewith is communication from Captain Richard P. Hart. It is recommended that you communicate with the Adjutant General of the Army, Washington, D. C., relative to securing the address of Captain Hart.

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

Cemeterial Division

BY:

J. F. BURIER,
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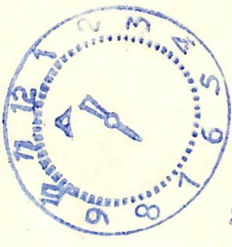
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HEADQUARTERS
U. S. TROOPS, SAUMUR, FRANCE
AND
CAMP STRATHCONA AND MT. ROYAL
Saumur France, A. P. O. #718

May 13, 1919.

From C. O. Camp Strathcona & Mt. Royal, A.P.O.#718,

To Central Records Office, A. P. O. #902
Graves Registration Service, A.P.O. #717 ✓
Effects Depot, A. P. O. #701

Subject Report of Burial of Sergeant John R. Castle, Hq. Det. Trans. Corps.
at Large, Camp Strathcona and Mount Royal, Saumur France.

1. Attached herewith is Grave Location Blank for above named Soldier
who was accidentally killed by being hit by a train at this Station at 6:20
A. M. May 12th 1919. Body buried in Grave No. 117 at the Saumur Cemetery,
Saumur (Maine-et-Loire) France May 12th 1919.

Thomas S. Newman

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Capt. T. C., U. S. A.

For and in absence of J. R. Fairman

Major T. C., U. S. A.

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Savoy France, A. P. O. 4718

May 18, 1919

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From G. O. Camp Stratton & Mt. Royal, A. P. O. 4718

To Central Records Office, A. P. O. 4702
Graves Registration Service, A. P. O. 4717
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Subject Report of burial of Sergeant John R. Castle, Mt. Royal, Savoy, France, at large, Camp Stratton and Mount Royal, Savoy, France.

1. Attached herewith is grave location blank for above named soldier who was accidentally killed by being hit by a train at this station at 8:30 A. M. May 18th 1919. Body buried in Grave No. 117 at the Savoy Cemetery, Savoy (Haute-Savoie) France May 18th 1919.

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For and in absence of J. H. Harrison
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Castle, John R.
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September 13, 1929.

Mr. Albert L. Brownsley,
940 N. 27th Ave.,
Albia, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated Aug. 30, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Castle, John R.

August 30, 1929.

Mr. Albert L. Brownsley,
940 N. 27th Ave.,
Albia, Iowa.

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 **brother-in-law of the late Private John R. Castle, Hdqrs. Det., 31st Engrs., whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, France.**

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

Write answers in space below:

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| 1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried? | |
| 2. If so, give her complete address. | |
| 3. 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. | |

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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JOHN T. HARRIS,
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Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Castle, John R.

Aug. 5, 1929.

Mrs. Margaret F. Castle,
Woodland Park, Colo.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, entitled an Act "To enable the mothers and widows of the deceased soldiers, sailors and marines of the American forces now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries".

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late **Private John R. Castle, Hdqs. Det., 31st Engrs., whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, France.**

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return 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?

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Castle, John R.

May 31, 1929.

Mrs. Anna Abernathy,
R.F.D. #5,
Ottawa, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, entitled an Act "To enable the mothers and widows of the deceased soldiers, sailors and marines of the American forces now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries".

The records of this office show that you are the ^{sister of the} late Private John R. Castle, Headquarters Det., 51st Engineers, whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, 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,
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Castle, John R.

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Sister, Mrs. Anna Abernathy
R.F.D. 5, Ottawa, Kansas.

No widow.

Mrs. Margaret F. Castle
Woodland Park
Colo.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, entitled an Act "To enable the mothers and widows of the deceased soldiers, sailors and marines of the American forces now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries".

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private John R. Castle, Headquarters Detachment 31st Engineers, whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, France.

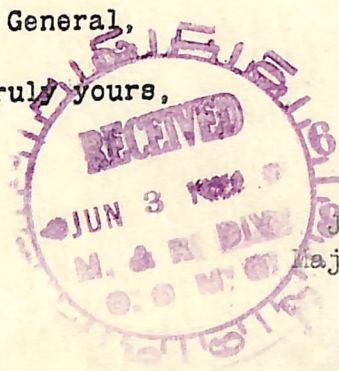
Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish her full name and address in order that action may be taken to extend an invitation to her to make the pilgrimage.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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



John T. Harris
JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
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~~Castle, John R.~~

Mrs. Margaret F. Castle
Woodland Park
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Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish her full name and address in order that action may be taken to extend an invitation to her to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

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For The Quartermaster General,

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AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE. Q.M.C. IN EUROPE.
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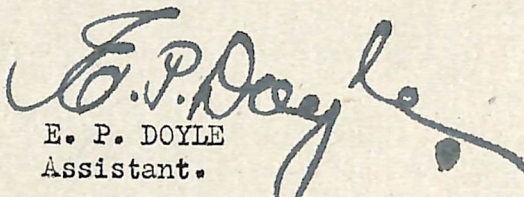
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I CERTIFY that I have this date personally witnessed the destruction
of the headstone formerly over the grave of

293 CASTLE, John R. Sgt. Hqrs. Det.

The following discrepancies were noted: None.

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E. P. DOYLE
Assistant.