

G.R.S. Form #114 B

FEB 10 1926

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1. NAME CHILDERS, Wilmer L. DATE  
 RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. F. 18th Inf. SERIAL No. 47032  
 GRAVE LOCATION Amer. Cemetery, Bonvillers, Oise 170  
 CTY. NAME NUMBER  
 GRAVE ROW PLOT  
 34 - A

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Gr. 48, American Cemetery, Bonvillers (Oise)  
 ( Form 1-a, dated Mar. 3rd. 1919) GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.  
 COORDINATES 21 S.E. E. 111.35, North ~~XX~~ <sup>3</sup> 325.7  
 CONCENTRATED TO Dec. 28th. 1920. 34 A  
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT  
 American Cemetery, Bonvillers (Oise) 170  
 CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Form 16-a, dated December 28th. 1920. Signed A.B. Proctor, 1st. Lt., CMC, shows the above information in addition to no tag buried with body. Name painted on box-tag on cross agrees. Paper in bottle found with body remains reads (Wilmer L. Childers Pvt. Co. F, 18th. Inf. May 10, 1918. Chaplain Dickson in charge and officiating. Disinterred from Gr. ~~XX~~ 48, Plot A.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS DATE OF DEATH May 10, 1918  
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY  
 STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY  
 Date 1921 1001 1st class honors given 1/1922

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR LOUIS R. DICE, Major GAO. bjm

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION October 18, 1922 19 Block C  
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

4 Some American Cemetery #636. Bony Aisne.

CEMETERY

4  
 FEB 10 1926  
 WORLD WAR DIV.  
 US 3/28/28

AUDITED BY

Robert C. Davis,  
 Major General,  
 The Adjutant General.  
 By CRR

FEB 12 1926

Rec'd  
 MAR 24 1926

## 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 I6, 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.



Co F 18th Inf.  
1st Division

CHILDERS, Wilmer - Pvt. 47032

Pvt. Wilmer Childers was a member of a Ration Detail on May 4th 1918, which was ordered for Rations to Villers-Tournelle. About 10:00 p.m., the town was heavily shelled with mustard gas by the enemy. The entire Ration Detail, which consisted of about forty men, was gassed. Pvt. Childers complained of soreness in the chest and was immediately sent to a hospital. He died in Field Hospital N° 12, France, May 10th 1918. He was buried at Bonvillers, France, Grave N° 48.

Statement by 1st Sgt. John Klina.

Informant : Klina, John - 1st Sgt. 47100  
Co F. 18th Inf.  
Home : Chicago, Ill.  
Signed : P. K. Kelly,  
Captain 18th Inf.  
Commanding Co F.

A/A/

C H I L D E R S, Wilmer L.,

*Entered on list*

Childers, Wilmer L.

Private, Company F, 18th Inf.

Died May 10, 1918, Amexforce, of  
wounds received in action.

In line of duty. Not the result  
of own misconduct.

Emergency Address:

T. R. Childers, father  
R. F. D. No. 5,  
Paragould, Arkansas.

A. G. O. 5/16/18.

Place Bonvillers (Oise)

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date December 25, 1920

1. REMAINS OF WILSON L. CHILDERS SERIAL NUMBER 47032

RANK Private ORGANIZATION Co. F. 18th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Dec. 25, 1920 From (give complete location):

Grave 49-Plot A-American Cemetery 170-Bonvillers (Oise).

By: Group One Unit Sec. one

3. Reburied (date): Dec. 23, 1920. In (give complete location):

Grave 34-Plot A-American Cemetery 170, Bonvillers, (Oise).

By: Group One Unit Sec. one Nature of reburial In blanket in pine box

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

In French coffin-in uniform-badly decomposed-unrecognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? No On grave marker? Yes

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

Name painted on box-tag on cross across. Paper in bottle found with

remains reads "Wilson L. Childers, Pvt. Co. F. 18th Inf., May 10, 1916. Chaplain

Dickson in charge and officiating."

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to estimate

(c) Hair—Color No hair on skull

Quantity None

Characteristics None

(d) Hair on face—Color None on face

Location None

Quantity None

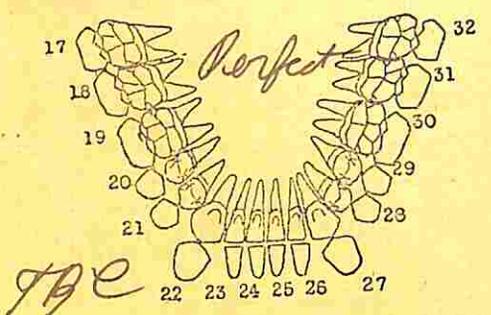
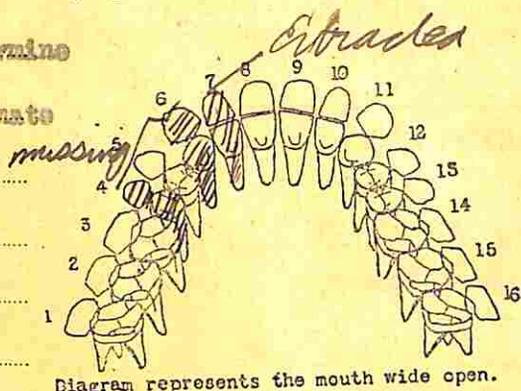
(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) Impossible to determine

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

Impossible to report.

7. Disinterment supervised by W. B. D. Approved: A. B. Proctor  
Inspector (Title) 1st Lt. Col. U.S.A.

8. Reburial supervised by W. B. D. Approved: A. B. Proctor  
Inspector (Title) 1st Lt. Col. U.S.A.

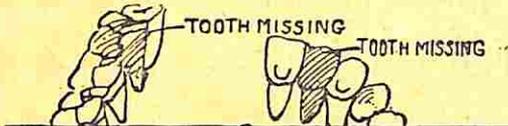
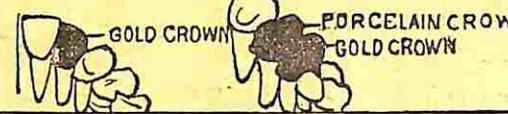


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**INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER COMPLETION OF G. R. S. FORM NO. 16-A**

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.

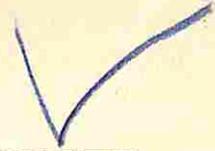
1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial 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.

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

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.



CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME Childers, Wilmer L	CHI	3	3 8 9
	CEMETERY 636	1	5
BURIED	GRAVE 14	2	14
	ROW 19	2	19
	BLOCK C	1	3
STATE	Ark	2	03
RANK	Pvt	1	2
DIVISION	1	2	01
ORGANIZATION	18	3	018
ARM	Inf.	1	1
MERIT	Single	1	2
NAME Childers		3	
TR	STATE Ark	2	03
RESIDENCE	COUNTY	2	97
Manila, Ark	CITY	3	
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY no loco	Dead	1	6
NATIVITY no SM		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	NO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

*Jan 1952*

**AUDITED**  
 SEP 19 1952  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Childers, Wilmer L. **DND** 636

July 8, 1930

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Mr. T. R. Childers  
Manila, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

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

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

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

*no*

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

If so, give her name and address:

*no*

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

If so, give her name and address:

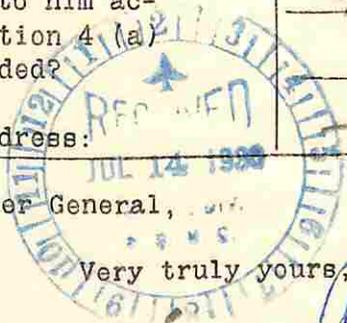
*no*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment

*Signed*  
*G. R. Childers*  
A. D. HUGHES,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

July 8, 1930

Childers, Wilmer L. MWD

Mr. T. R. Childers  
Memphis, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 18, 1930.

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

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	If so, give her name and address:
QIP	2. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not remarried?
	If so, give her name and address:
QIP	3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 110 of the enclosed Act as amended?
	If so, give her name and address:



For The Quartermaster General,  
Very truly yours,  
Captain D. W. Corpe  
Assistant

Enclosure:  
Envelope  
MWD

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-C

IN REPLY REFER TO

Childers, Wilmer L.

May 16, 1929.

Mr. T. R. Childers,  
RFD #5,  
Paragould, Ark.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Private Wilmer L. Childers, Company F, 18th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne, France.

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

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relative is a stepmother, mother through adoption, or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. If he was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

DM 223 A-C

May 17 1929

5-21-29

Mother died in Oct before he  
entered service in march.  
There is no one living at  
this time that bore the  
relation of mother to deceased

Yours

J. R. Calder

Manila and

Manila  
Miss. Co



Major J. W. ...  
Assistant

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Childers, Wilmer L. DND

July 8, 1930

Mr. T. R. Childers  
Manila, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

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

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

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

If so, give her name and address:

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

If so, give her name and address:

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 16, 1929.

Childers, Wilmer L.

Mr. T. R. Childers,  
RFD #5,  
Paragould, Ark.

Dear Sir:

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

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

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relative is a stepmother, mother through adoption, or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. If he was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

Childers

Wilmer L

170

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number)

Pvt

Co F 18th Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased.

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

(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)

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

RETURNED UNCLAIMED

Childers, Wilmer Jr 295 A-C

March 15, 1927.

Mr. T. R. Childers,  
R.F.D. #5,  
Paragould, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

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 overseas military cemetery is to be maintained by the United States for all time. The graves will be permanently marked by white headstones inscribed with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves, as soon as possible, and without necessity 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 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,

1 Incl.  
Record card.



25/560/EYS

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 2302

1. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name CHILDERS, Wilmer L. Ser. No. 47032 )  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. F, 13th Inf. ) TYP. DB  
 (c) Date of death 5-10-18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA ) CKR. ES

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

(a) Grave No. 48 Row - Plot - Sect. - ) TYP. DB  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mr. T. R. Childers, (Father) RFD #5, Paragould, Arkansas.

111. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; NO CARD ) CKR. ES

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt no card in file 8-20-EP  
 (a) Name \_\_\_\_\_ (b) Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
 (c) Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? \_\_\_\_\_  
 (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 \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ 1920

V. A.G.O. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from \_\_\_\_\_

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

no correspondence

Examiner's Initials EP Date 8-20 1920

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

no request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes. Pm

Examiner's Initials Pm Date 8-20 1920

*3/30/22 Exhumed  
for concentration  
Somme #636 att 4/17/22*

*mk*

*OK  
att  
Reviewed 4/28/21 EP*

RECEIVED

APR 15 1921

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

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_ Checked by \_\_\_\_\_ 1920

*Central Division  
Overseas Paper 34-Section*

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by-  
( cable on \_\_\_\_\_ 1920  
( letter on 8/26 1920

*Par. #2 Not to be returned (M.D.)*

IX. CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE	ACTION TAKEN
Desires body be	
Body to be shipped to	
<b>FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN - BODY TO REMAIN IN EUROPE. 5-5-21 EP.</b>	

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*Form 120 9-3-20 Father (n/k) T. R. Childers,  
Paragon, Ark. R. F. D. #5 wishes  
body to remain in Europe. 9-11-20-LT.*

*4/9/21 Hoboken advises father his  
request for body to remain in  
Europe will be complied with.  
4/28/21 EP*

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Nov. 7, 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 CHILDERS, Wilmer L.

10. Name

2. No. 47032

11. No.

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank

4. Org. Co. F. 18th Inf.

13. Org.

5. D.D. May 10th. 1918

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. D.V.R. 12A

(b) D.B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 34 Sec. -

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot A Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. No discrepancy

18. Cemetery Amer.

19. Commune or town Benvillers

20. Dept. or County Oise

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 170

23. Disinterred (Date) Nov. 7, 1921

By H. T. Geiler

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Wilmer L. Childers

Serial No. - - -

Rank Pvt.

Organization Co. F. 18th. Inf.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? yes On body? no

Henry Hoffmann  
Signature Junior Technical Assistant  
Henry Hoffmann

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).

This body previously reburied by Field Section.  
Strip found attached to blanket. . Bottle record and strips found agree with form 114-A.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features unrecog.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box and blanket.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above?

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Nov. 7, 1921 By H.T. Geiler

31. Casket sealed by H.T. Geiler

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) H.T. Geiler

AUDITED BY  
NOV 210-25

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C - 1472

32. Designation of body:

Name CHILDERS, Wilmer L. Serial No. - -  
Rank Pvt. Organization Co. F. 18th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Amer. Cemetery 636. BONY, Aisne.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Nov. 7, 1921 By T. Geiler

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 R. S. Williams, 1st Lt. QMG GS

36. Remarks Tag on cross read: " Pvt. W.S. Childers, Co. F. 18th. Inf. U.S.A. 47032."

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Nov. 7, 1921

To point of Concentration Amiens, Somme

Convoyer [Signature] Signature Shipping Officer (Name) R. S. Williams, 1st Lt. QMG

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Nov. 7, 1921

By G.R.S. Representative H. W. Beyette, Capt. QMG

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 21 NOV 1921

To Permanent Cemetery No. 636, Bony, Aisne

Convoyer [Signature] Signature Shipping Officer (Name) H. W. Beyette, Capt. QMG

40. Received: Date 25 NOV 1921

G.R.S. Representative [Signature]

41. Reinterred Oct. 18, 1922 (Date)

42. Grave No. 15 Section

43. Plot Block C Row 19

G.R.S. Representative D. E. Lowry, 1st Lt. QMG

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Nov. 7, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF CHILDERS, Wilmer L. SERIAL NUMBER 47032  
 RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. F, 1st Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Nov. 7, 1921, Gr. 54, Plot A, Amer Cem. #170, Bouvillers (Oise), France. From (give complete location):  
 By : Group 3 Unit F.S. #8

3. Reburied (date): 10/18/22 In (give complete location): Grave 15 Row 19 Block C, Somme Cem. #636, Bony (Aisne)  
 By : Group Reburial Unit Reg. Casket, Shipping Case Nature of reburial

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :  
Wooden box, blanket. Badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? No. On grave marker? Yes.

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :  
This body previously reburied by Field Section. Strip found attached to blanket. Bottle record and strips found agree with form 114-A.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to estimate

(c) Hair—Color Impossible to determine

Quantity Very little

Characteristics Impossible to determine

(d) Hair on face—Color None visible.

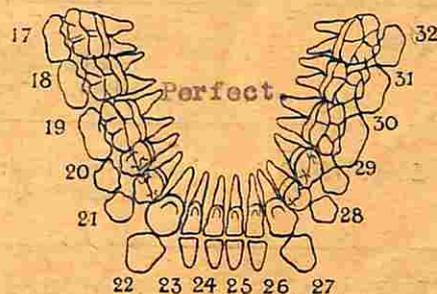
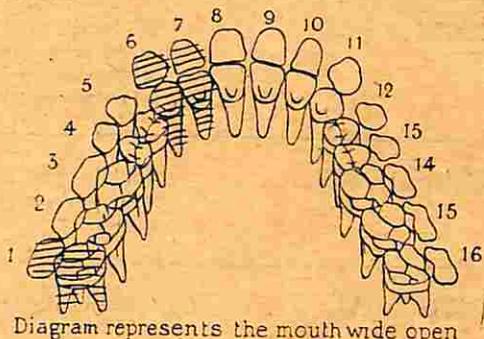
Location

Quantity

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) None discernible

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

None visible.



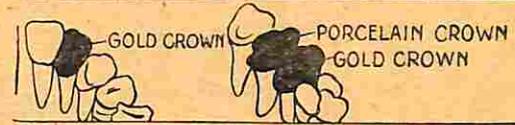
7. Disinterment supervised by A. T. Lile Approved: R. J. Williams, 1st Lt. MC

8. Reburial, Sup. BA. Bradford, S.E. Approved: D. E. Lory, 1st Lt. QMG.

## 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:	 <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 GOLD 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.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

See Form 115  
cut 4/17/22

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File # 2302

(a) Name CHILDERS, Wilmer L. Ser. No. 47032 } TYP DB  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. F, 18th Inf. } LS  
 (c) Date of death 5-10-18 Cause of death DWBIA

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

(a) Grave No. 48 Row - Plot - Sect. - TYP DB

(b) Emerg. Address Mr. T. R. Childers (father), RFD #5, Paragould, Arkansas.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases No Card CKR LS #5

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

*No request for disposition*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 192)  
 (letter of transmittal on 8/26, 1920) #5

Par. # 2 Not to be returned.

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. SEP 18 1920 SEP 9 1920 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken

VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. 4-15-21 192

COUNTRY France CEMETERY NO. 170 SHEET NO. 57  
 G.R.S. FORM 115-A  
 August, 1920

S-666/MB

RETURN TO OSP-SS

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

CHILDERS - 47032 - Wilmore S  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)  
Pr Co F, + 8 Inf 502  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL May 10 - 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL Bonville, (Oise)

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

US Cemetery with  
military honors

GRAVE NUMBER 48

HOW MARKED : Name Peg?  Cross?

Headboard? yes Bottle? yes

IDENTIFICATION TAGS : yes

Was one buried with body? yes

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

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

REPORTED BY :

Thomas J Dickson  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Chaplain 6 Ad 18-18

CEMETERY DIVISION  
REGISTRATION SECTION

**FILE** File No. 2502

September 16, 1921

MEMO FOR:

Cards Department.

1.

CASE OF:

Co. F 18th Inf.

ORGANIZATION (Old)

CHILDERS 47032 Wilmer L.

(Name)

Pvt.

**FILE**

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.			D-
2nd Reb.	12/28/20	170	D- 30183
3rd Reb.			D-

(Note: In the above spaces below double line fill in ONLY the new data 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 [Signature]

S/1105/LML

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

April 11, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div.Cor.Br.

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

SUBJECT: Return of Record - Cemetery #170.  
Transmittal Memorandum Number H - 3056.

1. The records pertaining to the following case is returned herewith, it having been definitely determined that the body is to remain in Europe:

REFERENCE NO:

57 ✓ Childers, Wilmer L., Private, Serial Number  
47032, Company F., 18th Infantry.

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

BY:

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

1 Incl.

*R- 4-18-21 mt*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
QUARTERMASTER CORPS  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
PETER S. ROBERTSON, M. A.

April 11, 1921

File No. 288.5 cm. div. 60. 11.

RECEIVED FOR: Chief, Memorial Division, U.S.M.A.,  
Washington, D. C.

Copy of record - Serial 1170.  
Transmittal Memorandum Number 11 - 2000.

1. The records pertaining to the following  
cases in returned herewith, in which case  
definitely determined that the body in  
question is buried:

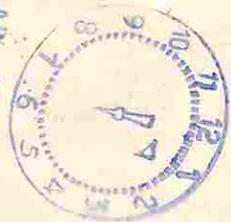
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April 11, 1921.

File No. 295.8 Gen.Div.Cor.Br.

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

SUBJECT: Return of Record - Cemetery #170.  
Transmittal Memorandum Number H - 3056.

1. The records pertaining to the following case is returned herewith, it having been definitely determined that the body is to remain in Europe:

REFERENCE NO:

57 Childers, Wilmer L., Private, Serial Number  
47032, Company F., 18th Infantry.

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

BY:

*[Handwritten signature]*

P. C. PALIAS,  
Executive Assistant.  
*[Handwritten initials]*

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Cemeterial Division  
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April 11, 1921.

File No. 2928 Gen. Div. Gov. Br.

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, General Division, O. S. M. G. Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT: Return of Record - Cemetery #170. Transmitted Memorandum Number H - 3088.

1. The records pertaining to the following case is returned herewith, it having been definitely determined that the body is to remain in Europe:

REFERENCE NO:

Officers, Wilcox Co., Private, Serial Number 47022, Company No. 1888 Infantry.

BY

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

F. C. WALLER, Executive Assistant.

BY:

W. E. SHANNON

Central Division  
Special Field Sub-Section

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April 9th, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cam. Div., Corr. Br.  
(CHILDERS, Wilmer L. )

Mr. T. R. Childers,  
R. F. D. #5,  
Paragould, Ark.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt of shipping inquiry dated September 3d, 1920, relative to the remains of your son, the late Private Wilmer L. Childers, Serial Number 47032, Company F, 16th Infantry, is acknowledged.

In accordance with your desire, the remains will be left in France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery. You are assured that the grave site will always be maintained as a fitting memorial of the late soldier's sacrifice.

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

Mailed-O.F.D.

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BY: )

F. C. PALLAS,  
Executive Assistant.

Date 4/28/21

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April 16, 1921

File No. 282-3 Gen. Div., War. Br.  
(CHILDERS, Walter L.)

Mr. T. R. Childers,  
R. F. D. #8,  
Paragon, Ark.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt of shipping invoice dated September 26,  
1920, relative to the remains of your son, the late Private  
Walter L. Childers, Serial Number 47082, Company 7, 18th Infantry,  
is acknowledged.

In accordance with your desire, the remains  
will be left in France for burial in a Government American  
Cemetery. You are assured that the grave site will always be  
maintained as a fitting memorial of the late soldier's sacrifice.

The Department wishes to convey to you renewed  
assurances of its sympathy in your bereavement.

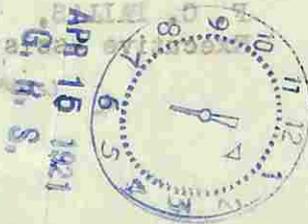
By authority of the Quartermaster General:

E. H. SHAWNEE,  
Captain, Col. Corps,  
Officer in Charge.

Central Division  
Overseas Field Office Sub-Section

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MAILED - O. R. D.  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON

*Rush Answer*

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C.  
To: **Mr. T. R. Childers, R.F.D. #5, Paragould, Ark.**  
SUBJECT: Remains of **Pvt. Wilmer L. Childers, Co. F, 18th Inf.**  
**Ser. No. 47032**

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body  
have not expressed your wish as to the disposition of the remains.

*Remain in Europe. u.s.*

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

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

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



NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Father	<i>T. R. Childers</i>		
Mother	<i>Dead</i>		
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1 <i>Robert Childers</i>	<i>Rfd #5</i>	<i>Paragould Ark</i>
	2 <i>Herbert</i>	<i>u. S. Army</i>	<i>Camp Taylor Ark</i>
	3 <i>Edgar</i>	<i>Rfd #5</i>	<i>Paragould, Ark</i>
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1 <i>Marjorie</i>		
	2 <i>Blattie Halland</i>		<i>Paragould, Ark</i>
	3 <i>Ruthie Childers</i>	<i>Rfd 5</i>	<i>Paragould, Ark</i>

Witness to mark: *Wm R. Gardner*

Date *9/3/20*

Signature *T. R. Childers*  
*mark*

Address *Rfd 5, Paragould, Ark*

Relationship *Father*

9/2/20, 1920.

I, the undersigned, am the Father and nearest living relative of the within-named soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:  
(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
(R. R. station.) \_\_\_\_\_  
(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.

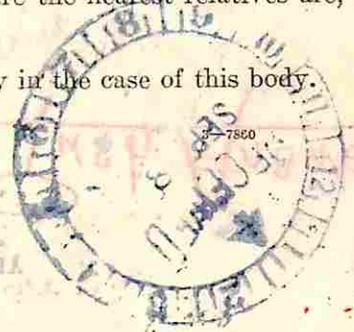
Witness to mark  
Mrs R. L. Gardner

Signature J. R. Childers  
mark

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

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

WASHINGTON  
SERVICES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNMENT GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WAR DEPARTMENT



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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

CHILDERS 41032 - Nebraska

(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

1st Lt Co F 1st Inf (Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL

PLACE OF BURIAL

FILE

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

US Cemetery with military honors

GRAVE NUMBER

48

HOW MARKED : Name Peg?  Cross?

Headboard?  Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS :

Was one buried with body?

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

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

REPORTED BY :

Thomas J. Dickson

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Chaplain 6 FA

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U.S. DEPT. OF COMMERCE  
18 MAY 1918

Childers, Wilbur L.  
Pvt. Co F 18 Inf.

C.A.

1. On letter ret'd.

Mr. J. R. Childers

P. F. D # 5-

Paragould, Ark.

Unclaimed

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2. Cas file.

Same C.A.

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3. Corres file.

Same C.A.

P. F. D # 5-

Paragould, Ark.

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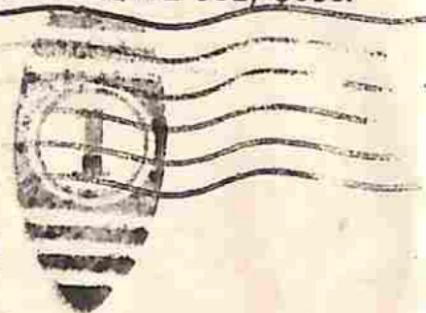
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WAR DEPARTMENT,  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
WASHINGTON.

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Mr T. R. Childers,  
R.F.D. #5,  
Paragould, Ark.

Dear Sir:

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.