

G.R.S. Form #114-B

CAUSE OF DEATH *113a*FULL NAME..... CHILDS, ~~Arthur~~ *Arthur OK.*RANK..... Sgt. *OK.* SERIAL..... 105608 *OK.*DIVISION & ORGANIZATION..... Co. C. ^{2nd} ~~1st~~ Brig. M.G. Bn. *OK. 1st Div.*DATE OF DEATH..... 7-22-18 *OK.*STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME..... *NY-*MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED..... *Cited in SO #1, 1st Div. dated Jan. 1920.*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION..... 10-3-1922 13 13 A

Date	Grave	Row	Block
10-3-1922	13	13	A

MAY 9 1922

WORLD WAR DIV.

24/292/EYS

1764
Cemetery*966-3
5/10/27*

CODE SLIP

37545
[Signature]

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Childs	3	389
	Arthur		
BURIED	CEMETERY 1764	1	4
	GRAVE 13	2	13
	ROW 13	2	13
	BLOCK A	1	1
STATE	NY	2	37
RANK	Sgt	1	2
DIVISION	1	2	01
ORGANIZATION	2	3	002
ARM	Inf Bn	1	2
MARITAL		1	
		3	
NAME		3	
STATE		2	
COUNTY		2	
CITY		3	
RELATION		1	
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY		1	
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	
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No active address available
 no record of mother or widow

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Childs, Arthur (AM)

November 29, 1932

Postmaster,

Plattsburg, New York.

Dear Sir:

This office is making an earnest endeavor to communicate with all women who may be eligible to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

It will therefore be appreciated if you will furnish, if possible, the present address of Mrs. Charles Williams, sister of the late Sergeant Arthur Childs who lost his life during the World War. It is possible that Sergeant Childs is survived by someone who is eligible to make a pilgrimage to his grave in the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery in France, and that his sister can furnish this information. However, we have been unable to communicate with his sister as correspondence sent to her at 34 Champlain St., Plattsburg, New York, her last known address, has been returned unclaimed.

It is realized that matters of this kind do not come within the province of your duties but as it is desired to obtain information from reliable and dependable sources, your assistance in this matter is solicited.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,


CHAS. W. DIETZ,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

Plattsburg, N.Y., Dec. 5, 1932.



Respectfully returned with the information that all efforts have been made to locate a Mrs. Charles Williams formerly of 34 Champlain St. She has never been at that address since present carrier has been assigned to the route, there is no forwarding order and none of the other city or rural carriers know where she is.

D. LAMARCHE, P. M.

C 37545 Childs, Arthur

Mother

Widow

Unable to locate relatives

~~get an active address -~~

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON

The Bureau has made a thorough search - failing to locate heirs of soldier, but without success. no Reply rec'd from letters to Emergency add. file 3-3-30

DATE Feb. 8, 1930.

NAME CHILDS, Arthur RANK Sgt. SERIAL 105608 ORGANIZATION Co. C 2nd MG Bn. DATE OF DEATH 7/22/18.

STATE New York CTY. NO. 1764 GRAVE 13 ROW 13 BLOCK A

	<u>Check relationship</u>	<u>Living - Deceased</u>	
	MOTHER	<i>no Record</i>	:
NAME	STEFMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:
AND	MOTHER THRU ADOPTION (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:
ADDRESS	MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:
	WIDOW <i>no Record</i> (Who has not remarried)	:	:
		:	:

Veterans Bureau Claim Number
29/156/

W-37545

902/13/30

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
~~Childs, Arthur~~

June 12, 1929.

Mrs. Charles Williams,
34 Champlain Street,
Plattsburg, N.Y.

*No uniform in folder
unable to locate claimants*

Dear Madam:

*No bonus application
9-30-29
C-37545
JEL 9/13/29*

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~~ ^{register of the} late Sergeant Arthur Childs, Co. C, 2nd M.G.Bn., whose remains are now interred in the Aisne Marne American Cemetery, Belleu, Aisne, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Childs, Arthur
1764

Aug. 22, 1929.

Mrs. Charles Williams,
34 Champlain St.,
Plattsburg, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 12, 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

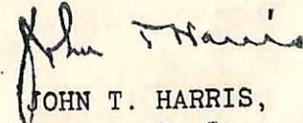
1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried? If so, give her complete address:

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,

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON, D. C.

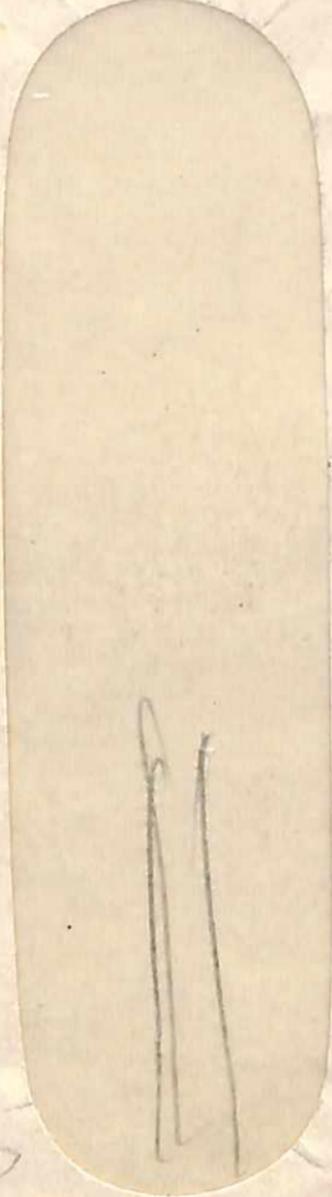
OFFICIAL BUSINESS

RETURN TO WRITER

REASON FOR NON-DELIVERY CHECKED

Unclaimed ----- Unknown -----
Deceased ----- For better address -----
Moved ----- No address ----- Refused -----
No such post office in state named -----

Oct 3



ADDRESS
PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO
YOUR MAIL
AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300
STREET AND
NUMBER

WASHINGTON D. C.
AUG 27
6-PM
1929

QM 293 A-M
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November 29, 1932

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Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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Q. M. G. M. & R.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

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1764

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress
Envelope

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

Handwritten initials and date: JTH 8/22/29

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO OM 293 A-C
Childs, Arthur

June ¹², 1929.

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Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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QM 293 A-C
Childs, Arthur

February 16, 1929.

Mrs. Chas. Williams,
34 Champlain Street,
Plattsburg, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The inclosed card gives the permanent cemetery and grave location of the late ~~Arthur Childs.~~

All American military cemeteries, both in Europe and in our own country, will be maintained by the Government forever, the graves permanently marked by headstones showing the decedent's name, rank, organization, State, and date of death, all of which will be done without the necessity of requests emanating from relatives.

Please understand that in effecting the final disposition of our heroic dead the utmost care and reverence is exercised.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

J. McCLINTOCK,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant

LEB

Incl. AM 10 53
Record card

Q. M. G. M. R. 314.

FEB 16 AM 10 53

DISPATCHED

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Oct. 2, 1922

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

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Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name CHILDS, Arthur
 2. No. 105608
 3. Rank Sgt.
 4. Org. Co. C. 1st Brig. M.G. Bn.
 5. D.D. July 22nd, 1918
 6. C.D. KIA.

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 181 Sec. X
 8. Plot 4 Row _____
 9. _____

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

18. Cemetery Aisne Marne American19. Commune or town BELLEAU20. Dept. or County Aisne21. Country France22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 176423. Disinterred (Date) 10/2/22By C.P. Keating

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Arthur Childs

Serial No. _____

Rank Sgt.Organization Co. C. 1st. Brig. M.G. Bn25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? no On body? no

Signature Junior Technical Assistant

W.D. Wall Jr.

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).

Marksman's insignia. Bottle record and metal strips, agree.27. Condition of body Decomposed. Features unrecognizable.28. Nature of burial Wrapped in burlap and in wooden box.29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? none30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Oct. 2, 1922 By C.P. Keating31. Casket sealed by C.P. Keating

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

C. P. Keating

AUDITED BY
 9/13/27
 JCB

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-31257

32. Designation of body:

Name Aruther CHILDS Serial No. 105608

Rank Sgt. Organization Co. G. 1st Brig. MG. Bn.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Aisne Marne American Cty. 1764, BELLEAU (Aisne)

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Oct. 2, 1922 By C.P. Keating

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector A. E. Dewey, 1st Lt. QMC

36. Remarks _____

None

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Oct. 2, 1922

To point of Concentration _____

(Name)

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date _____

By G.R.S. Representative _____

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Oct. 2, 1922

To Permanent Cemetery Aisne Marne Cem. 1764, Belleau (Aisne)

(Name)

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer A. E. Dewey, 1st Lt. QMC

40. Received: Date _____

G.R.S. Representative _____

41. Reinterred Oct. 3, 1922, Aisne Marne Cem. 1764, Belleau (Aisne)

(Date)

42. Grave No. 13, Blk A Section _____

43. ~~Plot~~ Block _____ Row 13

G.R.S. Representative _____

I. H. Joffe,
1st Lt. QMC

Place Belleau (Aisne)

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Oct. 2, 1922

1. REMAINS OF CHILDS, Arthur SERIAL NUMBER 105608
RANK Sgt. ORGANIZATION Co. C. 1st. Brig. M.G.Bn.

2. Disinterred (date): Oct. 2, 1922. Gr. 181, Sec. X, Pl. 4, Cem. 1764
From (give complete location):

By: Group Keating Unit Aisne Marne

3. Reburied (date): Oct. 3, 1922 In (give complete location): Gr. 13, Blk. A. Row 13

Aisne Marne Cem. 1764, Belleau (Aisne)

By: Group reburial group Unit _____ Nature of reburial metal lined casket

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

Wrapped in burlap and in wooden box.

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

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

Marksmans insignia. Bottle record and metal strips agree.

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 none visible

Quantity _____

Characteristics _____

(d) Hair on face—Color none visible

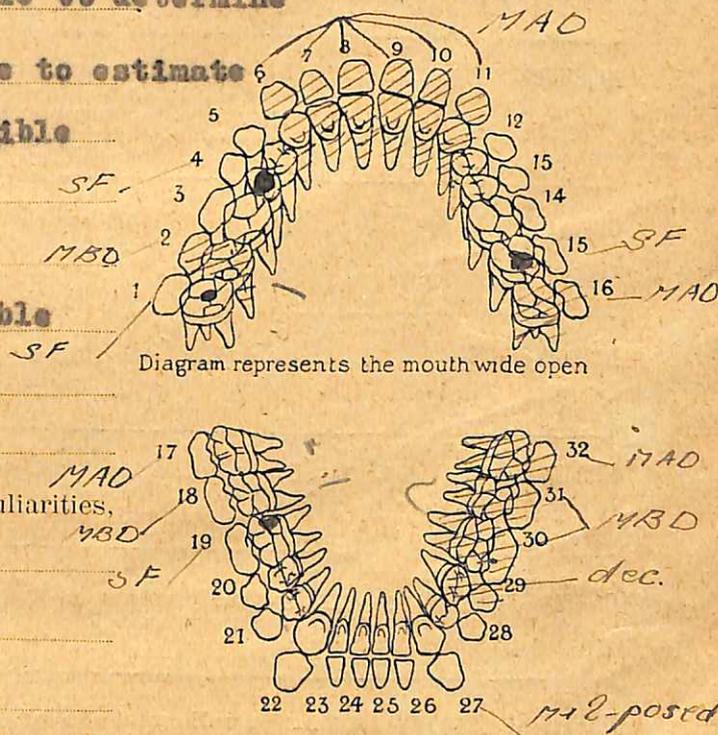
Location _____

Quantity _____

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

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

Missing parts: Right femur



W.D. Wall Jr. Checker

7. Disinterment supervised by

C. H. Keating S.S.

Approved:

A. E. Dewey
1st. Lt. QMC
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by

E. J. Roache
E. J. Roache

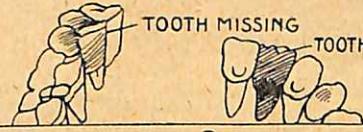
Approved:

I. H. Joffe
1st. Lt. QMC
(Title)

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

Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Question 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".
(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No 6.
6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

MISSING TEETH	All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :	
CROWNED TEETH	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :	
BRIDGE WORK	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus :	
FILLINGS	Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :	
CARIES (CAVITIES)	Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :	
DENTURES (PLATES)	Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp"	

7. Show name of person supervising the disinterment and the name and title of the person approving same.

8. Show name of person supervising the reburial and the name and title of the person approving same.

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(5117)

Claim 37545

next of kin
asset

Charles W. Wms.

34 Champlain
St

Plattsburg N.Y.

~~Friend Wms.~~

FILE UNDER NO. 293. - Childs, Arthur

Feb. 13, 1925

S.105608 - Co. C, 1st Brigade etc.

INDEX SHEET

SYNOPSIS

1st Ind. -

From - OOMG.,

To - Giving information concerning the soldiers mentioned in foregoing letter: There is a discrepancy in statement as to time of death and burial place of Hendrick Andrews (Also Hendrie E. Andrews) but this office is of the opinion that they are one man and the correct burial place is in the Woodlawn Cemetery, Ayer, Mass., and date of death Sept. 22, 1918.

Arthur Childs, S 105608-Sgt. Co. C, 1st Brigade, Mach. Gun Co.,
etc. - Aisne-Marne Amer. Cem. #1764. Nearest relative unknown.

Henry L Derous, S. 4191464, Pvt. 54th Co., Ex 13th Bn., 151st Depot Br.
etc. - report gives the name as Dorais and remains shipped to Hampton, Conn. Name of consignee not given.

DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO. 293. -

Jsw

INSTRUCTIONS.—Under "Synopsis" make brief entry showing date of communication and from whom received and synopsis sufficient to identify the papers. When these index sheets become numerous under a subject they will be entered on the consolidated index sheet and then destroyed.

3-6642

1-29-25

Re: letter of 1/19/25 from AGO, subject Deceased Soldier, file 293. A.G.
(1-29-25)

CHIEFS, Arthur- 105608- Sgt. Co. C, 1st Brigade, Machine Gun. Company
KIA 7/22/1918

Buried-~~13~~ave 13, Row 13, Block A, Aisne-Marne American Cty. # 1764

No additional information relative to nearest relatives.

Letter forwarded to May 1920 addressed to Mr. Joseph S. Valket
22 Center St., Boston, Mass. returned unclaimed with notation
"UNKNOWN".

It is requested that the above information be embraced in letter
replying to the inquiry relative to U.S. Dead.

E. Kensett Vail
Investigator.

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1/29/25

C O P Y

WAR DEPARTMENT
Washington, D.C.

AAC-LDW 1-118

A.G. 293.3(1-19-25)

January 19, 1925

Subject; Deceased Soldiers.

TO; The Quartermaster General,
Washington, D.C.

It is requested that this office be furnished with the permanent burial places and any information regarding the relatives of the following named soldiers your records may afford for the use of the Director, United States Veteran' Bureau, Washington, D.C.;

Andrews, Hendrick, serial number 4188523, private, 49th Company, 13th Battalion, 151st Depot Brigade, died September 22, 1918, Camp Devens, Massachusetts.

Childs, Arthur, serial number 105608, sergeant, Company C, 1st Brigade, Machine Gun Battalion, killed in action July 28, 1918.

Dorous, Henry L., serial number 4191464, private, 54th Company, 13th Battalion, 151st Depot Brigade, died of pneumonia, September 23, 1918, at Camp Devens, Massachusetts.

Epps, Sam, serial number 4185709, private, Company A, Casual Detachment, Service Battalion, died of broncho pneumonia, September 25, 1918, at Base Hospital, Camp Humphrey, Virginia.

Hampton, John, Serial number 1688366, Private, 52nd Company 151st Depot Brigade, died of lobar pneumonia, September 19, 1918, at Camp Devens, Massachusetts.

Krietsch, Otto K.A., serial number 2377847, sergeant, Battery D, 83rd Field Artillery, died of endocarditis September 23, 1918, at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Preno, Frank, serial number 603347, Private, 19th Field Artillery, died of ptomaine poisoning, September 22, 1918, at Saint Bernard Hospital, Chicago, Illinois.

By order of the Secretary of War.

signed Wm.A. Haverfield
Adjutant General.

Arthur Childs- 105608- Sgt. C o. C, 1st Birg.
M .G.Co. KIA 7/22/1918

Enlisted 10/9/1914 Ft. Slocum.N.Y.

W. r. 7 missing
L.R. 7 missing 8 bad
U.L. 1 missing
l.l. 6.7 missing

No record of having qualified as marksman.

per ph ne advice AGO

e.Kensett Vail

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Remains of: *Arthur*
Name: CHILDS, ~~Arthur~~

Number: 105608

Rank: Sgt.

Organization: Co.C. ² 1st ~~Brig.~~ M.G.Bn.

Disinterment and Reburial made by:

Disinterred (Date) Apr. 9, 1920.

From: (Give complete location)

Near Visigneux, Map #33 N.E. 289.4. N. & 179.6 E.

Reburied (Date) Apr. 9, 1920.

in: (Give complete location)

Section X, Plot # 4, Grave # 181, American H.F. Cemetery #1764, BELLEAU
(Aisne).

Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: Decomposed. Buried in same grave with an unknown.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? No.

What other means of identification were found upon the body?

Identified by copy of Special Order found on body.

Remarks:

20256

CONFIRMED No. D.....

Supervised by ORLIE B. WOOD.

Zone Commander

*The American Red Cross
National Headquarters
Washington, D. C.*

*With deep sympathy in your loss
The American Red Cross
sends you the photograph of the grave of
this American Soldier
who gave his life for his country*

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date June 7/21

1. REMAINS OF CHILDS, ARTHUR SERIAL NUMBER 105608

RANK Sgt. ORGANIZATION Co. C, 1st Brig. M.G.Bn.

2. Disinterred (date): June 7/21 From (give complete location):

Amer. Cty. Belleau, #1764, Gr. 181-X-4

By: Group 2 Unit Section 6

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

same date, cemetery and location

By: Group 2 Unit Nature of reburial box and burlap

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

5 ft. earthen grave, burlap and box, disintegrated, unrecognizable

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

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

Markeman pin found on body.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) "

(c) Hair—Color "

Quantity "

Characteristics "

(d) Hair on face—Color "

Location "

Quantity "

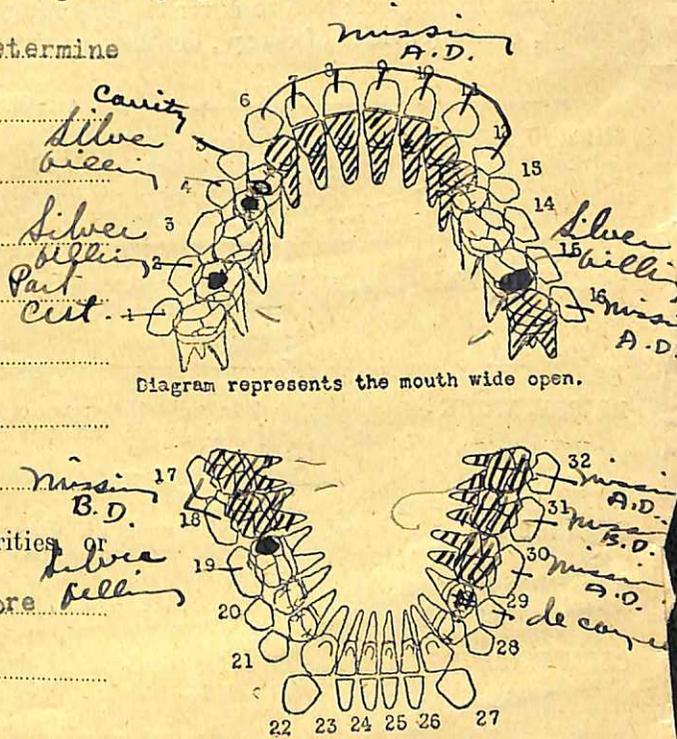
(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities or

missing parts) Teeth 17-18-31 missing before

death

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

Right femur missing, extra part: three bones of right leg



7. Disinterment supervised by P.P. Kierce Approved: R.C. Worthington, 1st Lt. QMC (Title)

8. Reburial supervised by P.P. Kierce Approved: R.C. Werthington, 1st Lt. QMC (Title)

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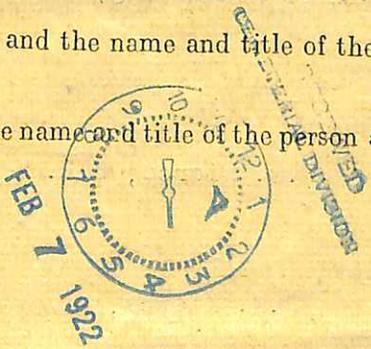
INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER COMPLETION OF G. R. S. FORM NO. 16-A

Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Question 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".
 (b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No. 6.
6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), 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.



COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #12356

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name CHILDS, ~~Arthur~~ ^{Arthur} Ser. No. 105608
(b) Rank Sgt. Organization Co. C. ~~1st. Brig.~~ ² M.G. Bn. TYP. EK
(c) Date of death 7/22/18 (d) Cause of death K/A CKR. *[Signature]*

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

(a) Grave No. 181 Row -- Plot 4 Sec. X TYP. EK
(b) Emerg. Address Joseph S. Valket (friend) 22 Center St., ^{Over.}
Boston, Mass. CKR. *[Signature]*

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases no card in file

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt no card in file

(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 *J.M.M.* Date 2-19-'21, 1920.

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

dated confirming request in Par. IV., item above, or requesting that

no correspondence

Examiner's Initials *J.M.M.* Date 2-19-'21, 1920.

VI. G. R. S. FILES, CORRESPONDENCE—shows as follows:

no request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? *Yes - J.M.M.*

Examiner's Initials *J.M.M.* Date 2-19-'21, 1920.

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 1764 SHEET No. 376

CARDED *checked*

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

H.S. 3-18-21

3-16-21

E.M.

876 H-86-21

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

Typed by _____, Checked by _____

RECEIVED

APR 28 1920

Comptrol. Division
Overseas Project Sub-Section

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 1920
letter on **MAR 10 1921**, 1920

Par. 2 Not to be returned.

(EW)

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*B.A.N.R. Mr. Joseph L. Vallet (friend)
22 Center St. Boston, Mass. 3-16-21*

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

*Please
rush -*

Harlow C.W.

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

Childs, Aruther, Sgt.

1764 - 376

2/23/21.

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

C-375-45-

105608

Co. C. 1st Brig. M.G. Bn.

Date of death - 7/22/18.

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

Copy forwarded to

Adjustment Department

Date 3-16-21 E.M.

DATE _____

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Mr. Joseph L. Valke
Address

(Friend) Cor. Address,

22 Center St. - Boston, Mass.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #12356

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

next 3-10

(a) Name CHILD, ~~Arthur~~ ^{Arthur} Ser. No. 105608 } TYP. EK
 (b) Rank Sgt. Organization Co. C. 1st. Brig. M.G.Bn. } 3A
 (c) Date of death 7/22/18 (d) Cause of death E/A

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

(a) Grave No. 181 Row --- Plot 4 Sec. X TYP. EK
 (b) Emerg. Address Joseph S. Vallet (friend) 23 Center St.,
Boston, Mass.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases --- CKR. 3A

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

No request for disposition.
 - *AP. 3-17-21.*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
 letter of transmittal on MAR 10 1921, 192
Par. 2 Not to be returned; (EW)

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., MAR 29 1921, 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., APR 28 1921, 192

COUNTRY _____ CEMETERY No. _____ SHEET No. _____

#-5. 3-18-21

INDEX SHEET

SYNOPSIS

Co. C 2nd M.G. Bn
1st Div

CHILDS, Arthur - Sgt 105608

- (A) Killed at Soissons/ Jul. 23 1918
- (b) Shell~~l~~ fire
- (D) Buried 5 kilometers S-E of Soissons

Reported by eye witness, WAGONER, 105614, Harry, Serg.
Co. C 2nd M.G. Bn

Signed: E. A. Krisdwater - Capt.
Infantry

FILE UNDER NO.

INDEX SHEET

SYNOPSIS

DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO.

INSTRUCTIONS.—Under "Synopsis" make brief entry showing date of communication and from whom received and synopsis sufficient to identify the papers. When these index sheets become numerous under a subject they will be entered on the consolidated index sheet and then destroyed.

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12356 Inquiry (Childs, Arthur, Sgt.)

From: O.Q.M.G. U.S.A. (Cemeterial Division) Munitions Bldg., Wash-
ington, D.C., May 20, 1920 - To Chief, Effects Bureau, 539 Greenwich
St., N.Y.City.

1. Forwarded.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Colonel, U.S.Army,
Chief, Cemeterial Division

elb

BY: Charles J. Wynne, Capt. Q.M.G.

G. R. S. HARRIS
MAY 20 1920
1kb

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

Date 5-19-20

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME Childs, Arthur.

Serial Number 105,608

RANK Sgt. ORGANIZATION Co. C, 1st Brig M.D. Bn.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	(1) yes
2.	Date of Death.	(2) 7-22-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	(3) K-A.
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	(4) # 237.
5.	Date buried.	(5) no record. ✓
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	(6) Grave # not given C 1016, Soissons, Aisne.
7.	Who reported burial?	Reburied: 4-9-20
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	Grave #181, Sect X, Plot #4, Amer. Cty. #1764, Bellevue, Aisne.
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	-
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	(10) no record.
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	(11) no
12.	Has been notified? (Give date)	(12) Joseph S. Valkeas (friend) 22 Center St., Boston, Mass.
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	(13) 5-10-20 - 107
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	(14) not given.
15.	Inquiry made by?	

FILE

Released by Information Control Dept.
Directory
+ Cards 5x8 ✓
Cards 4x6

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

E.S.K.
E
W.H.H.

1764

 Childs, Arthur 105,608
 (Surname.) (Christian name in full.) (Army serial number)

 Sgt Co C 1st Brig MG Bn
 (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 informa-
 tion below as to where they should be sent:

 (Name of person to receive remain's.) (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.

7 GRAVE LOCATING BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

CHILDS, 105608, Aruthera K
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Sgt. Co. C 1st Brig. MG. BN.
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Soissons Plains.

CAUSE OF DEATH: Shell fire.

DATE OF BURIAL: July 22nd 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL: about 5 K. S.E. of

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

the city of Soissons.

GRAVE NUMBER:

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? L

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 of mark should be given here.

CMME. Soissons Plains
(C-7016) 3378 COORD

NEAREST RELATIVE: Unknown.

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

Communal List No. 1016-2597
Daily Report No. _____



GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

FROM : ADJUTANT GENERAL.

TO : C.O.Co. C 1st.Brig. MG.BN.

SUBJECT : Information for Burial Register.

1. You are directed to transmit without delay to the Chief, Graves Registration Service, the information indicated on enclosed Grave Location Blank as necessary for the completion of official records.

By Command of General Pershing:

Robert C. Davis
Adjutant General.

Note:

In case this item is checked, you will note hereon:

Nearest relative of deceased:

Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Copy.

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

Harlow C.W.

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER
Childs, Aruther, Sgt.
CEMETERY NO.
1764 - 376
DATE
2/23/21.

SERIAL NUMBER
105608
ORGANIZATION
Co. C, 1st Brig., M.G. Bn.
~~Date of death - 7/22/18.~~

FILE

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

NOTED FORM 115
DATE 3-16-21 E.M.

DATE

Adjustment Made
3-19 1922

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Mr. Joseph L. Valket
Address

friend
File No. 12356

77 Center St. Boston, Mass.

S/709/LML

FROM: O.Q.M.G.
CIMITERIAL DIVISION
Munitions Building
Room

PLEASE
EXPEDITE



WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

G.R.S. Form B-W-A-0

Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 2/23/21.

File No. 12356 Requisition.

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed, Request confirmation of all information shown.

- a. Surname Childs ✓
- b. Christian name Arthur ✓
- c. Serial Number 105608 ✓
- d. Organization Co.C, 1st Brig., M.G.B. ✓
- e. Rank Sgt. ✓
- f. Date of death 7/22/18 ✓
- g. Cause of death K/A. ✓
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- i. Emergency address Joseph L Vahket 22 Centre St, Boston Mass. ✓
- j. Relationship Friend. ✓

Met

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

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

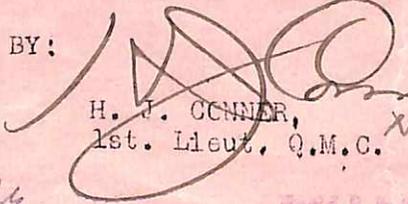
DENTAL CHARTS

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

- a. Strike out teeth missing
- 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
upper right upper left
- 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
lower right lower left

FILE

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

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

C.W. CEMETERY NO: 1764

SHEET NO: 376
TYPED BY: I.W.

S/713/LML

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Mr. Joseph S. Vallet

22 Center Street,

Boston, Mass. ~~Hobbs~~

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Mr. Joseph S. Vallet

22 Center Street,

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MASS.

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Classification _____

Adjustment _____

CEMETERIAL DIVISION
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
REGISTRATION SECTION

Date MAY 10 1920

MEMORANDUM:

To: Registration Files Sub-Section.

Subject: Adjustments made on Registration Files.

1. Changes as checked have been made in the Registration Files which will necessitate a corresponding change in the Classification Files.

	CORR.	ADD. DATA		CORR.	ADD. DATA
File Number			Date of Burial		
Name			Date of Reburial		
Serial Number			Burial Information		✓
Rank			Nearest Relative		
Organization			Notified Nearest Relative		✓
Cause of Death			Blue Card thrown out		
Date of Death			White Card set up		
Casualty Cablegram Number					

FILE

O.K. Alphabetical Files HEY 5-11-20

~~O.K. Organization Files~~ _____

~~O.K. State Files.~~ _____

✓ Card Department
Cemetery Audit Department
Investigation & Adjustment Dept.

By MEBannan

1 Cards attached.

FILE

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

May 10, 1920

received
5/15/20

To: Mr. Joseph S. Valket
22 Center Street,
Boston, Mass.

Case of: Sgt. Aruther Childs, 105608,
Company C, 1st Brigade, Machine Gun Battalion

Place of Burial: Disinterred and reburied in
Grave No. 181, Section X, Plot #4,
American Cemetery, #1764,
Bellevue, Aisne.

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

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

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

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

CCP/jad

~~MB~~

FILE

no card

SYNOPSIS OF COMMUNICATION RECEIVED AND INDORSED OUT.

DATED: April 20, 1920 DATE RECEIVED IN
FROM: Supervisor, Area #2, American G.R.S., Soissons, Aisne.
TO: Commanding Officer, Zone of France, A.G.R.S., Q.M.C. in
Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris.
Subject: Papers found on body of Sgt. Aruther Childs, Co. C., 1st. Bdg.,
M.G. Bn.

Letter enclosing paper or permit found on
body of above soldier now buried in grave 181, Sec. X, Plot 4, A.E.F.
Cty. 1764, Belleau, Aisne.

1st and 2nd. Indorsements following are just
relative to forwarding.

2nd Ind.

RHR/mt.

Hqrs., American G.R.S., Q.M.C., in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, April 28th
1920. To: Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, WASHINGTON.

1. Forwarded for disposition.

Incl:1.

H. F. RETHERS,
Lieut. Col., Q.M.C.
Chief.



Childs, Arthur 105,608
Sgt. Co. C. 1st Big M & R

Co

1. On letter r'd.

Mr. Joseph L. Vallet.
22. Center St.

Boston, Mass

2. Cas. file
Same E.A.

3. Tel. or Cores. File.
Same E.A.

encl. papers shows
same e.a.

M & R Div.

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WAR DEPARTMENT.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE, \$300.



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1919

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ADJUTANT GENERAL
MAR 19 1919



Received A & C

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Buy Savings Stamps

W. K. ...
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9-17-09

Roxbury Crossing Station
Boston, Mass.

Vertical markings and faint text on the left side of the envelope flap.

Vertical markings at the bottom of the envelope flap.

Childs, Arthur - Deceased

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

MAR 16 1919

12356
RETURNED
UNCLAIMED

Mr. Joseph L. Valket,
22 Center St.,
Boston, Mass.

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.