

Samuel A. OK ✓
 FULL NAME **CHILDS, Samuel A.**

OK ✓
 RANK **Cook,** SERIAL **1956182**

OK ✓
 DIVISION & ORGANIZATION **308th Trench Mortar Battery**

OK ✓
 DATE OF DEATH **Nov. 2, 1918**

OK ✓
 STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME **Ohio**

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED.
None

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION **12** **3** **B**
 Date Grave Row Block

Suresnes, #34

Cemetery

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

.... **Childs, #1956182, Samuel.**
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

.... **Cook, 308. Bat. Trench Artillery.**
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL... **November 4th, 1918.**

PLACE OF BURIAL... **Cimetiere Nouveau, Orleans**

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

.... **Map: Cimetiere Nouveau, Orleans: on file**

.... **at Chief of Graves Registration Service**

.... **A. P. O. 717.**

GRAVE NUMBER... **102**

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?.... **Yes**... Cross?.... **Yes**...

Headboard? **Cross.** Bottle?.....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: **#1956182**

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:

.... **Leslie B. Briggs, Chaplain.**
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place Orleans (Loiret)Date Sept. 8, 1921.1. REMAINS OF CHILDS, Samuel A. SERIAL NUMBER 1956182RANK Pvt. Cook ORGANIZATION 1st. Mort. Bty. #308 French Art2. Disinterred (date): Sept. 8, 1921. From (give complete location): Gr. 102Nouveau Cem. 384, Orleans (Loiret)By: Group McGourty Unit Hqrs. Det.

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

October 12th, 1921. - Suresnes Cemetery. - Block B - Row 3 - Grave 12.By: Group Field Operations Branch Unit Nature of reburial Metallic Casket & Blanket

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

5ft. earthen grave, metallic casket, wooden box and uniform.Metallic casket leaky, unfit to ship.Decomposed Recognizable.5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? Yes
Tag on body reads "Childs, Samuel A. 1956182 U.S.A."

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

Metal plaque on box reads "Sam Childs Soldat U.S.A. 1e 29 Octobre 1918, Age de 24 Ans." Hosp. Record with body Childs, 1956182 Samuel Age 24, Cook 308th. Bty. French Art. Religion Protestant. Names and address of nearest relative Mrs. Rhodes Heights, West Virginia - Cause of death Broncho Pneumonia 5:55 a.m. Nov. 2, 1918

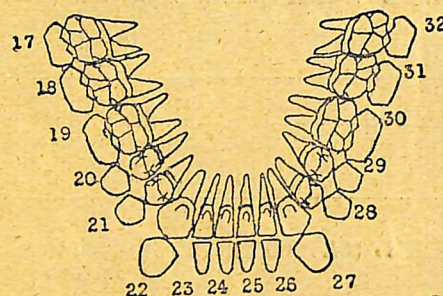
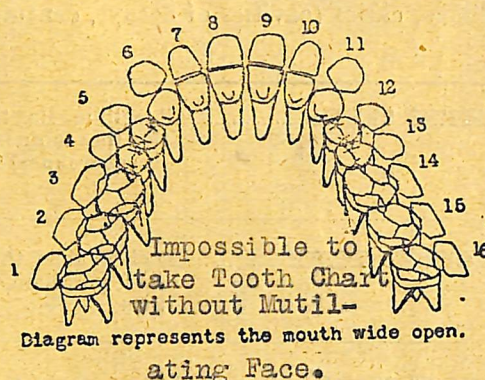
6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items?

(a) Height (actual measurement) 6ft.(b) Weight (estimated) 170 lbs.(c) Hair—Color BrownQuantity Full headCharacteristics straight(d) Hair on face—Color NoneLocation Impossible to determineQuantity Impossible to determine

(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 determine7. Disinterment supervised by James McGourty Approved: J.J. Powers, 1st. Lt. QMCJames McGourty, S.E.

(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by R. R. HARBOLD Approved: R. P. HARBOLD,1st Lieut. Q.M.C.(Title) Major, Q.M.C.

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

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

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".

(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No. 6.

6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspid (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

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.



CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Childs, Samuel	CH9	389
BURIED	CEMETERY	34	6
	GRAVE	12	12
	ROW	3	03
	BLOCK	13	2
STATE	Va.	2	54
RANK	Cook	1	2
DIVISION	83	2	83
ORGANIZATION	308	3	308
ARM	Trench mortar B'n	1	X
MARITAL	no	1	2
NAME	Childs, Hughes	CH3	389
RESIDENCE	Heights, w. Ernest	STATE W. Va.	41
		COUNTY	27
		CITY	226
RELATION	no son	mother	1
OTHER	no		
ELIGIBILITY	Dead - 12-7-30	1	to
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	NO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Childs, Samuel (Sur.) M

July 9, 1931

Mrs. Roda Childs,
Heights,
W. Va.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1932 to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question.

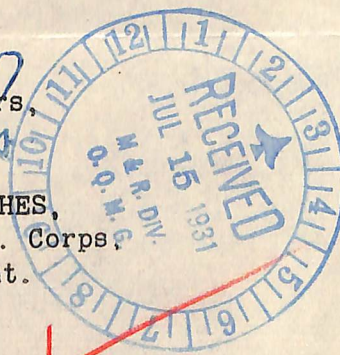
As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932?

Write answer here

Mr. Hugh Ernest Childs
Sign here

Mother Died Dec 7 1930

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Childs, Samuel Cook (Sur) M

June 18, 1931

Mrs. Rhoda Childs,
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? _____
Write answer here

Sign here

QM 293 A-M
Childs, Samuel, Cook 34 M

November 6, 1930

SUBJECT: Compensation.

TO: Director, U. S. Veterans Bureau, Washington, D. C.

1. There is enclosed, herewith, a letter received in this office from Mrs. Rhoda Childs, Columbus, Ohio, as this is a matter which comes within the jurisdiction of your department.

For The Quartermaster General.

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

Enclosure:
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-M

IN REPLY REFER TO

Childs, Samuel Cook 34-M

October 16, 1930

Mrs. Rhoda Childs,
Heights,
W. Va.

Columbus, Ohio

Dear Madam:

A reply has not been received to office letter of recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the Mother of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages in 1931, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	<i>No</i>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	<i>No</i>
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age <i>64</i> Condition of health <i>Bad</i>
4. Do you speak English?	<i>yes</i>
5. What other language do you speak?	<i>None</i>

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Childs, Sam 34 M

October 8, 1929.

Mrs. Rhoda Childs,
Heights,
W. Va.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress not later than December 15, 1929. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

In order that the report referred to may be made and plans completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested that you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office by return mail in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes) (No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) (No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes) (No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age 62 Health (Years) (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No) Other language (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Childs, Sam
34

August 9, 1929.

Mrs. Rhoda Childs,
Heights, West Va.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 3, 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:

*Mrs Rhoda Childs
Heights West Va*

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.

Single
*Mother, Mrs Rhoda
Childs, Heights West Va*

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

No

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

May 3, 1929.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 292 A-C
Childs, Sam

Mrs. Rhoda Childs,
Heights,
W. Va.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Sam Childs, Cook, 308th Trench Artillery, whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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CORRECT NAME

CHILDS, Sam 1956182 Cook 308th Trench Art.

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CHILDS, Samuel A.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Childs, Samuel Cook (Sur) M

June 18, 1931

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Dear Madam:

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This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? _____

Write answer here

Sign here

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Childs, Samuel A (Sur.) M

July 9, 1931

Mrs. Roda Childs,
Heights,
W. Va.

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Assistant.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932?

Write answer here

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QM 293 A-M
Childs, Samuel, Cook 34 M

November 6, 1930

SUBJECT: Compensation.

TO: Director, U. S. Veterans Bureau, Washington, D. C.

1. There is enclosed, herewith, a letter received in this office from Mrs. Rhoda Childs, Columbus, Ohio, as this is a matter which comes within the jurisdiction of your department.

For The Quartermaster General.

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

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Letter re: Compensation only.

QM 293 A-M

Childs, Samuel Cook 34-M

October 16, 1930

Mrs. Rhoda Childs,
Heights,
W. Va.

Dear Madam:

A reply has not been received to office letter of recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages in 1931, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age Condition of health
4. Do you speak English?	
5. What other language do you speak?	

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 10, 1930

Childs, Samuel

34-M

Mrs. Rhoda Childs
Heights, W. Va.

Dear Madam:

The Act of March 2, 1929 excluded from its benefits those mothers and widows who had made former visits to the graves of their loved ones in Europe. On May 15, 1930 that Act was amended to remove this restriction. Therefore, you are now eligible to make the pilgrimage at the expense of the Government.

arrangements are being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, and to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is, therefore, desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank space following the question.

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all mothers and widows who have previously visited their sons' or husbands' graves, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? _____

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Childs, Sam 34 M

October 8, 1929.

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Heights,
W. Va.

Dear Madam:

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3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	(No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age (Years)	Health (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No)	Other language (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Childs, Sam
34

August 9, 1929.

Mrs. Rhoda Childs,
Heights, West Va.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 3, 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

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| 1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried? If so, give her complete address: | |
| 2. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite. | |
| 3. If survived by a widow or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage? | |

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

May 3, 1929.

IN REPLY REFER TO ~~QM 292 A-C~~
Childs, Sam

Mrs. Rhoda Childs,
Heights,
W. Va.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Sam Childs, Cook, 308th Trench Artillery, whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, France.

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

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Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

May 9th, 1922.

FILE: 293.8 C-R 50832 (Childs, Sam, Cook)
FROM: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army.
TO: Mrs. Rhoda Childs, Heights, W. Va.
SUBJECT: Permanent Grave Location of Cook Sam Childs,
308th Trench Artillery.

1. The permanent grave of this soldier is No. 12, Row 3,
Block B, The American Cemetery of Suresnes (near Paris, Department
of Seine, France.

2. This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries
to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be
marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name,
rank, organization and date of soldier's death. The headstones will
be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in
progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action
or request on the part of relatives.

3. In effecting removal, the utmost care and reverence were
exacted and more than willingly accorded by those performing this
sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually main-
tained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting
place of our heroes.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

MAILED

MAY - 9 1922

G.R.S.

GEORGE H. PENROSE,
Colonel, Q. M. Corps,
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

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G.R.S. Form #114 B

DATE _____

1. NAME CHILDS, Samuel A. SERIAL No. 1956182
 RANK Pvt. Cook ORGANIZATION Tr. Mort. Btry. 208 French Art. Cr.
 GRAVE LOCATION Nouveau, Orleans, CTY. NAME 384 NUMBER

102

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 102 Orleans Loiret
 GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES Unknown.CONCENTRATED TO Has not been exhumed. Remains are still in original grave.

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

Orleans

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CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

TOM WARD, Capt., Q.M.C.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 10-12-21. 12 3 B
 DATE GRAVE ROW ~~Block~~ Block
 Suresnes American Cemetery #34, Suresnes, (Seine).

10-12-21

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AUDITED BY
 SK-8-7-22

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.
 2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.
 3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.
 4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form 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.
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G.R.S. FORM #114-A.

STATION Orleans (Loiret)

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept. 8, 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 CHILDS, Samuel A.

10. Name None

2. No. 1956182

11. No. "

3. Rank Pvt. Cook

12. Rank "

4. Org. T. Mort. Btry. 308 French Art.

13. Org. "

5. D.D. Nov. 2nd

14. (a) D.D. "

6. C.D. KIA

(b) D.B. "

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 102 Sec. "

15. Grave No. None Sec. "

8. Plot " Row "

16. Plot " Row "

9. "

17. "

18. Cemetery Nouveau

19. Commune or town Orleans

20. Dept. or County Loiret

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 384

23. Disinterred (Date) Sept. 8, 1921.

By James McGourty, S.E.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name CHILDS, Samuel A.

Serial No. 1956182

Rank Pvt.

Organization T. Mort. Btry. 308.

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

Signature James McGourty Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).

Metal plaque on box reads "Sam Childs Soldat U.S.A. le 29 Octobre 1918. Age de 24 ans."

27. Condition of body Decomposed Recognizable.

28. Nature of burial 5ft. earthen grave, metallic casket, wooden box and Uniform.
Metallic Casket leaky, unfit to ship.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Sept. 8, 1921 By James McGourty.

31. Casket sealed by James McGourty

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

James McGourty, S.E.

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.)

Box No. C-7374

32. Designation of body:

Name CHILDS, Samuel A.

Serial No. 1956182

Rank Pvt. Cook

Organization Tr. Mort. Btry. 308 French Art. Bty. 3/12/22

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Suresnes American Cemetery #34

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Sept. 8, 1921.

By James McGourty

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector

J.J. Powers, 1st Lt. QMC

36. Remarks Hospital Record: Childs 1956182 Samuel Age 24, Cook 308th. Btry. French Art. Religion Protestant. Name and address of nearest relative Mrs. Rhodes Childs, Hights, West Virginia. Cause of death Broncho Pneumonia, 5:55 a.m. Nov. 2, 1918.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Sept. 9, 1921.

To point of Concentration Paris Morgue, St. Denis (Seine).

(Name)

Convoyer James C. Wood

Signature Shipping Officer

J.J. Powers, 1st Lt. QMC

38. Received at ~~Railhead~~ Point of Concentration: Date Sept. 10, 1921, at Paris Morgue

By G.R.S. Representative

H.L. WARD, Major Q.M.C.

39. Shipped from ~~Railhead~~ Point of Concentration: Date Paris Morgue. Oct. 12, 1921.

To Permanent Cemetery

SURESNES Amer. Cty. No. 34

(Name)

Convoyer

Signature Shipping Officer

Wm. C. BALL, Lieut. Col. QMC

40. Received: Date

October 12th, 1921.

G.R.S. Representative

R. G. RICHARDS, 1st Lieut. Q.M.C.

41. Reinterred

Suresnes Cemetery.

October 12th, 1921.

(Date)

42. Grave No.

12.

Section

43. ~~Rxat~~ Block

B.

Row

3.

G.R.S. Representative

R. G. RICHARDS,
1st Lieut. Q.M.C.

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

1. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name Childs, Sam Ser. No. 1956182)
 (b) Rank Cook Organization 308th Trench Artillery.) TYP. VEM
 (c) Date of death 11/2/18 of death Broncho Pneumonia) CKR. 10/27/21

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

(a) Grave No. 102 Row --- Plot Amer. Sect. ---) TYP. VEM
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Rhoda Childs, (Mother) Heights, W.Va.

111. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; NO CARD) CKR. 7

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt 7-8-20

(a) Name No card in file (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 Mother, Mrs Rhoda Childs, Heights, W. Va., dated 8-19-19, confirmed request in Par. IV. item, above, or requesting that

Does not wish body shipped back

Examiner's Initials HNK Date 7-8-1920

VI. G.R.S. Files - Correspondence - shows as follows: Mother, Mrs Rhoda Childs, Heights, W. Va., 8-19-19, Does not wish body shipped home

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes HNK

Examiner's Initials HNK Date 7-9-1920

COUNTRY France

CEMETERY NO. 384

SHEET NO.

23

G.R.S. Form #115

Amended April 6, 1920.

CARDED

Make Form #114

EXHIBIT FOR
CONCENTRATION

SEE SUSPENSION REMARKS

CONCENTRATED
INTO PAC #34

checked
by
12-20-20

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

Typed by _____ Checked by _____ 1920



VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by- (cable on _____ 1920
(letter on 8/3 1920

*Par. #2. not to be returned (MacB)
AP. 12/22/20.*

IX. CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE	ACTION TAKEN
Desires body be	RECEIVED. DEC 30 1920
Body to be shipped to	CEMETERY DIVISION OVERSEAS PROJECT SECTION

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*Form 120-8-5-20, Mrs Rhoda Childs, mother, 208 K.
Heights, N. Va. requests body of son be not
returned. H.S. 8-25-20. H*

FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOSOKEN - BODY
TO REMAIN IN EUROPE.

DEC 30 1920

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RECEIVED
CEMETERY DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SECTION

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
WASHINGTON

JUL 30 1920

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FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.

TO: Mrs. Rhoda Childs, Heights, W. Va.

SUBJECT: Remains of Cook, Sam Childs.

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body
be not returned to 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. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow	Was single		
Soldier's Children (Name oldest first)	1. None 2. 3.		
Father	Dead		
Mother	Mrs. Mrs. Rhoda Childs,	Heights,	West Va.
Brothers	1. Herbert Childs 2. Hugh Childs 3. (Name oldest first)	Heights, Heights,	West Va. West Va.
Sisters	1. 2. None 3. (Name oldest first)		

Date August 5, 1920

Signature

Address Heights, West Va.

Relationship Mother

IMPORTANT: CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.

(OVER)

August 5, 1920.

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

1. As stated on first page of this sheet. **DO NOT MOVE HIM**

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.~~

Signature

Rhoda Childs

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6. H. S.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT

1. If definite instruction as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative within 2 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 enclosed envelope - pay no postage.

Drawn by Tm

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Aug. 29. 1919

Nav Department.
The Adjutant General's
office Washington.

Heights. wva
Aug 19. 1919.

Dear Sir.....

I received the letter
that was sent here to my son Samuel
A. Childs ~~who~~ who was in the
83th Division Artillery. A. E. F.
in France that he was discharged
from the army. If my son is dead
I don't want him sent back to the U.S.A.
~~if~~ I trust in God that my poor
boy is living. If you know any
news about my poor boy I trust
in God that you will write to me and
tell me good news.

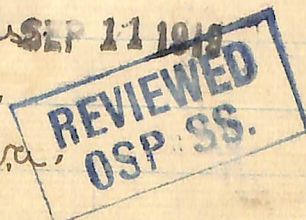
Rec'd Cons. Div.

Mrs. O. Loda Childs

Heights.

Write to me soon

wva.



Childs, Samuel A.

Full
copy
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October 10, 1919.

293.8 (Childs, Samuel A.) DR.

FROM The Adjutant General of the Army

TO Mrs. Rhoda Childs, Heights, West Virginia.

SUBJECT Samuel A. Childs, Private, Trench Mortar Bn., 308.

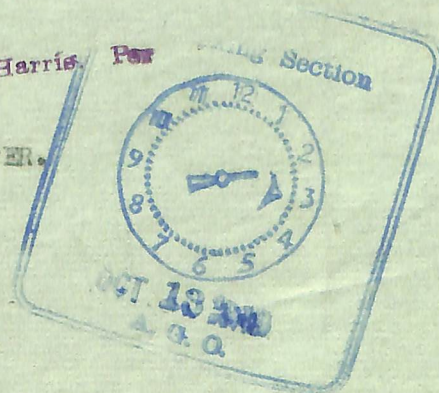
1. In response to your letter of August 19, 1919, in which you desire to learn any particulars in regard to the above named soldier, you are advised that Private Childs died of Pneumonia, November 2, 1918.
2. In an effort to obtain a location of the grave of your son, your letter is this day being referred to the Chief, Graves Registration Service, Washington, D. C. with the request that you be advised direct in regard to this matter.
3. It is desired to express to you the deep and sincere sympathy of the Department on account of the loss you have sustained, and to commend you for the contribution you have made to the cause for which your son gave his life.

P.C. Harris

Per

Section

PER.

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War Department, A.G.O. October 11, 1919-To the Chief, Graves Registration Service, Washington, D. C.

1. For the location of the grave of Samuel A. Childs, Private, Trench Mortar Battalion 308, who died of Broncho-Pneumonia, November 2, 1918.

2. It is requested that you make reply direct to writer. Writer Has been advised of this reference.

By the order of the Secretary of War:

L. Erwin.

Adjutant General

(synopsis made).

*Bill
and
10/11/19*

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{ Each clerk will sign his surname to steps
taken by him, adding his room number.
Indicate dates thus: 4-8-18. }

DO NOT USE SMALL SLIPS.

THIS SPACE FOR OFFICE MEMORANDA.

Dem. Rec. Div.

Bldg. F, 1st Wing, 2nd Floor

Our records show;

Childs Samuel A. Det. 1956/82

Trendi Martar Batt. 308

A407-52-subp. 157-1-recd. 1/6/19-
Ypth. died Nov. 2, 1918. Car. 310-Death
verified in Car. 401-

340-44-9. Died of Broncho Pneumonia
Nov. 2, 1918. recd. Nov. 18, 1918. 401-81
Correctly Ypth. in 310- Buried 11/4/18.

Car. Div.

C.H.

C.H.

9-15-19.

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Each clerk will sign his surname to steps
taken by him, adding his room number.
Indicate dates thus: 4-8-18.

DO NOT USE SMALL SLIPS.

THIS SPACE FOR OFFICE MEMORANDA.

Casualty Div.

Please furnish full
report as to the date
Cause of death and
rank, S No. and organ-
ization of Samuel A.
Childs, 83rd Div. Artillery.

276. S. R. S.
1st Wing - 2nd floor
" 7 " Bldg
9-9-19.

E. A. Mrs. Rhoda Childs
Heights W. Va.

Rec'd Cas. Div.

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Childs, #1956182, Samuel.
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Cook, 308 Bat. Trench Artillery.
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL. November 4th, 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL. Cimetiere Nouveau, Orlean.

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

Map: Cimetiere Nouveau, Orleans: on file

at Chief of Graves Registration Service

A. P. O. 717.

GRAVE NUMBER. 102

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Yes Cross? Yes

Headboard? Cross Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: #1956182

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 map should be given here:



REPORTED BY:

Leslie B. Briggs
Leslie B. Briggs, Chaplain.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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



G.R.S. Form No. 8; Central Records Liaison.
Memo For: G.R.S. representative, C.R.O.
SUBJECT: Information required for G.R.S.

1. Items checked are to be completed:

() Surname: Childs
() Number: 1956182
() First name: Samuel A.
() Rank: Cook
() Company:
() Organization: 308th Trench Art.
() Date of death:
() Cause:
() Place:

Location of hospital:

Number " "
Class " "
() Relative: Mrs. Rhoda Childs,
() Relationship: Mother.
() Address: Heights, West Va.
() Authority:
Cablegram No:
Telegram from:

dated:

() Reported to Washington:
C.C. Nos:
(UnderSCORE the "official" C.C.)
() Remarks:
() Show present status on reverse side.

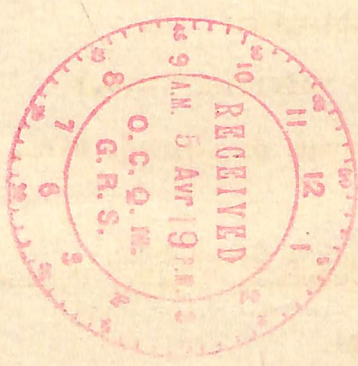
CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Lieut.-Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.

Initials of Reporter:

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G.R.S. Form No. 113
Reply to G. L. Inquiry.

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

October 28, 1919.

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FILES.

(Handwritten red circle around the word FILES.)

Mrs. Rhoda Childs,
Heights,
W. Va.

1. In reply to your inquiry we beg to say that the records of the Graves Registration Service contain the following information as to grave location:

Case of: **Private Samuel A. Childs,
Trench Mortar Battalion 308**

Place of burial: **Neauveau Cemetery, (American Plot)
Orleans, Department of Loiret,
Grave 102.**

2. The grave has been registered and suitably marked for present purposes, pending the adoption of a more permanent monument by the National Fine Arts Commission, which now has the matter under consideration.

3. While it is a sad duty on our part to convey information concerning the burial of men who were our valient comrades, it is a satisfaction to answer the queries of those who suffer so grievously by the casualties of War.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

G. R. S. MAILED
OCT 29 1919

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

Date 10-28-19

FROM: - INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME *Childs, Samuel A.*

Serial Number

RANK *Pvt.*

ORGANIZATION

Trench Mortar Battalion
308

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	(1) #1956182
2.	Date of Death.	
3.	Cause and place of death.	
4.	Number of Casualty VCablegram.	
5.	Date buried.	
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	(6) ✓ Grave #102 Orleans. Plot City. #384 Nouveau Orleans Loiret.
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	
12.	Has above been notified? (Give date)	
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	
15.	Inquiry made by?	



Released by Information Control

Dept.
Directory

Cards 5 x 8

Cards 4 x 6

N.B. All Proper names to be
typewritten, or printed in
PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.*Information from
Directory -
M.H.H.*

1st Ind.

War Department, A.G.O. October 11, 1919-To the Chief, Graves Registration Service, Washington, D. C.

1. For the location of the grave of Samuel A. Childs, Private, Trench Mortar Battalion 308, who died of Broncho-Pneumonia, November 2, 1918.

2. It is requested that you make reply direct to writer. Writer Has been advised of this reference.

By the order of the Secretary of War:



Adjutant General

(synopsis made).

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