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DATE August 24, 1922

1. NAME CHIMA, Sessia SERIAL No. 1852075

RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Co. A. 601st Engrs.

GRAVE LOCATION Amer.E.F. Cty. Rolanpont, Hte Marne. 93

CTY. NAME NUMBER

50

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 50 ROIAMPONT (Haute-Marne)

GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES E. 317.47 N. 131.25

CONCENTRATED TO March 28, 1921, 50

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

ABF. Cem. Rolanpont (Haute-Marne), 93

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag found with body (From data on form 16-A). No other data.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS Not of record

DATE OF DEATH Jan 19, 1919

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Paris

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR WALTER F. BROWN, CAPT. QMC., Supervisor Area N° 4

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION August 24, 1922 24 9 Block B

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

St-Mihiel American Cty 1233, THIAUCOURT (Meurthe-&-Moselle)

CEMETERY

REC'D NOV 7 1922 BY AUDIT

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Robert C. Major C. The Adjutant General. By CLK NOV 8 1922



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.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF CHINA, Sessia SERIAL NUMBER 1852075
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. A, 601st Engrs.

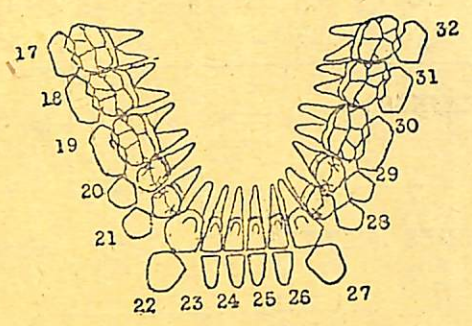
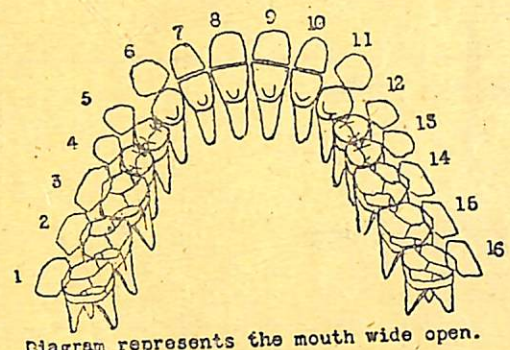
2. Disinterred (date): March 28th, 1921 From (give complete location): Gr. 50, Cem. 93, Rolampont,
By: Group 5 Unit Sec. 8,

3. Reburied (date): March 28th, 1921 In (give complete location): Gr. 50, Cem. 93, Rolampont,
By: Group 5 Unit Sec. 8 Nature of reburial Pine box & blanket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
Pine box and uniform, body badly decomposed, features not recognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? Yes
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
None

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items?
(a) Height (actual measurement) 5 ft 8 in
(b) Weight (estimated) 160 lbs.
(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) Impossible to determine
(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Impossible to determine



W. N. Tucker, checker

7. Disinterment supervised by Approved:
(Title).....






8. Reburial supervised by Frederic R. Whipple, 1st Lt. QMC, Inspector Approved: Samuel J. Heidner, Maj. Inf
(Title) Mas. of Sec. No. 8

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

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2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
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BRIDGE WORKBlock in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :	
FILLINGSDraw 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.

OCT 13 1921

 RECEIVED
 CEMETERY DIVISION

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	CHIMA	3	389
	<i>Sessia</i>		
BURIED	CEMETERY	1	3
	1233		
	GRAVE	2	24
	24		
	ROW	2	09
	9		
	BLOCK	1	2
	B		
STATE	Penn	2	44
RANK	Det.	1	2
DIVISION	Engrs.	2	49
ORGANIZATION	601	3	601
ARM	Engr.	1	1
MARITAL	no	1	2
NAME	Pizini	3	
RESIDENCE	Olivia Lima in	2	
	Sister - Italy	2	
RELATION	Mother	3	
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Strad	1	6
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	APR 5 1932
NO. OF SONS		1	02
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	
	29/514/		

AUDITED

APR 5 1932

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*Parents died before 1918
ward of loco
or SM*

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Chima, Sess
Pvt., Co. A, 601st Engrs.

Penna. 1253 A. L.

Born 5-16-94 and 2/25/18 C. 15-3-819

Date of mother's death ?

Stepmother ?

Parents died before 1918

Loco ?

no record of L.M. or loco.

ins to S.

Olivia Cina in Pizini
Italy

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WAR DEPARTMENT
 OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
 WASHINGTON

DATE 8-24-31

NAME	RANK	SERIAL	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
Chima, Sessia	Pvt.	1852075	Co. A, 601st Engrs.	1-19-19

STATE	CITY. NO.	GRAVE	ROW	BLOCK
	1233	24	9	B

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

Sister
Olivia Cima in Orzini
Gastro dei Volsci
Prov. di Frosinone
Italy

Veterans Bureau Claim Number C 153819

29/156

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

Single

DATE February 8, 1930

NAME	RANK	SERIAL	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
<u>Chima Sessia</u>	<u>Pvt</u>	<u>1852075</u>	<u>Co A 601st Engrs</u>	<u>Jan 19 1919</u>

STATE	Pennsylvania	CTY. NO.	1233	GRAVE	24	ROW	9	BLOCK	B
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	<u>Check relationship</u>	<u>Living - Deceased</u>
	MOTHER <u>No Record</u>	: : :
	STEPMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)	: : :
NAME	MOTHER THRU ADOPTION	: : : (Sister)
AND	(For the year prior to commencement of service)	: : : Oliva Cima in Pizini,
ADDRESS	service)	: : : <u>Gastro dsi Volsci,</u>
	MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS	: : : <u>Prov di Frosinone,</u>
	(For the year prior to commencement of service)	: : : <u>Italy.</u>
	WIDOW	: : :
	(Who has not remarried)	: : :
		: : :

Veterans Bureau Claim Number C - 153819
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-C

IN REPLY REFER TO
Chima, Sessia

May 31, 1929.

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Mr. Andrew Chima,
N-442 South St.,
Steubenville, Ohio.

S. Olivia Cima Pizini
Gastro dsi Volsci
Provincia di Frosenone, Italy.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the brother of the late Private Sessia Chima, 601st Engineers, Co. A, whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

January 2, 1924

Mr. Andre Chima,
North 442 South St.,
Steubenville, Ohio.

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 military cemetery is one of those to be maintained by the United States for all time in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of dignified design, with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

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

Very truly yours,

R. L. Foster

R. L. FOSTER
Assistant.

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Record card.

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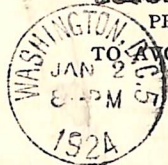
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Soldier's  Overseas
Grave

Name CHIMA, Sessia

Rank Private

Organization Company A, 601st Engineers

Grave No. 24 Row 9 Block B

Cemetery St. Mihiel American Cemetery

Location Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France

QM 293 A-C

January 2, 1924

Mr. Vincenzo China,
351 South St.,
Detroit, Mich.

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R.L. FOSTER
Assistant.

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SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-26512

32. Designation of body:

Name Sessia CHIMA. Serial No. 1852075

Rank Pvt Organization Co.A. 601st Engrs.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery St.Mihiel Amer.1233,Thiaucourt, M-et-M.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Jan 26 1922 By A R Cheney

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 L Thin, Capt. QMC

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Jan 26 1922

To point of Concentration Chaumont, Ht. Marne

Convoyer (Name) Signature Shipping Officer

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel (1233) Thiaucourt, M et M

Convoyer Michael Plotkin Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date 23 FEB 1922

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred August 24th 1922. (Date) G. O. GAMBLE, Captain, Q. M. C.,

42. Grave No. 24 Section

43. Plot Block B Row 9

G.R.S. Representative A.E. DEWEY, 1st Lt. QMC.

AUDITED BY

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Jan 26 1922



REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name CHIMA, Sessia
 2. No. 1852075
 3. Rank Pvt.
 4. Org. Co. A. 601st Engrs.
 5. D.D. Jan. 19/19
 6. C.D. Drowned. Body recovered

10. Name _____
 11. No. _____
 12. Rank _____
 13. Org. _____
 14. (a) D.D. _____
 (b) D.B. None

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 50 Sec. _____
 8. Plot _____ Row _____
 9. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 17. None

18. Cemetery Amer.E.F.

19. Commune or town Rolanpont

20. Dept. or County Hte Marne

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 93

23. Disinterred (Date) Jan 26 1922

By A R Cheney

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name CHIMA, Sessia
 Rank Pvt

Serial No. 1852075
 Organization Co. A. 601 Engrs.
Gr. 50

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? No On body? Yes

Glenn C Dorsey
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant
 Glenn C Dorsey

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).
No effects found, Bottle containing reburial record found on body.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, recognition impossible.

28. Nature of burial Uniform, blanket and wooden box.

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 Jan 26 1922 By A R Cheney

31. Casket sealed by A R Cheney

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor A R Cheney)

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AEF Cem. No. 93 Rolanpont, Ht. Marne

By: Group 3 Unit 4

3. Reburied (date): August 24th 1922. In (give complete location): Grave 24, Row 9, Block B, Cem 1233.

By: Group Reburial Unit Casket & Shipping Case. Nature of reburial.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :
Uniform, blanket and wooden box. Body badly decomposed, recognition impossible.

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Quantity Unable to determine

Characteristics Unable to determine

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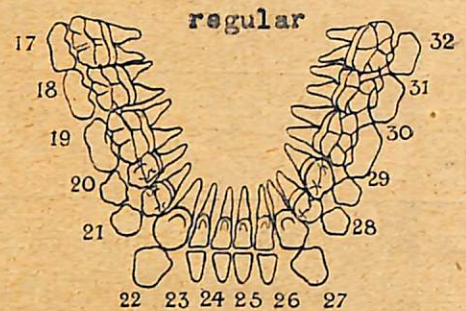
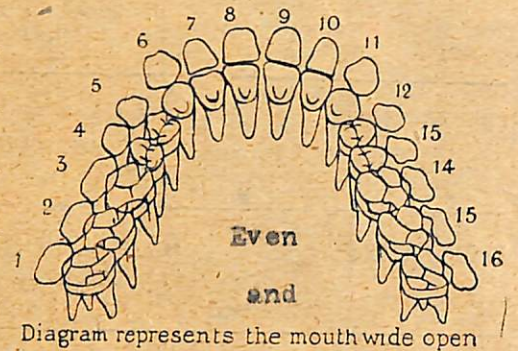
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Quantity None

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None



7. Disinterment

supervised by A R Cheney

Approved: R L Fain
GCD (Title) R L Fain Capt. QMC

8. Reburial






Supervised by H. D. Kramer

Approved: A E Dewey
(Title) A. E. DEWEY, 1st Lt. QMC.

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BRIDGE WORK	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>
FILLINGS	Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :	 <p style="text-align: center;">SILVER FILLING GOLD FILLING</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING</p>
CARIES (CAVITIES)	Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :	 <p style="text-align: center;">CAVITY DECAYED DECAYED DECAYED</p>
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.



China

(Surname)

Sessia

(Christian name in full.)

1,852,075

(Army serial number.)

Pvt

Co. A, 601st Engrs

(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.

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*5/6/22 Exhumed
for Concentration
Sil. Michiel 1233
att 5/24/22*

COMPILATION N/R REQUESTS

I. DATA COMPILATION

A. Location Index Card:-

(1) Name CHIMA, Sessia Ser. No. 1852075)
(2) Rank Pvt. Organization 601st Engrs.) TYP. FLR
(3) Date of death 1/19/19) CKR. JS

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

(4) Cause of death Drowned, body recovered) TYP. FLR
(5) Grave No. 50 Row --- Plot --- Sect. ---) CKR. H/L

II. FILES EXAMINATION

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

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

(6) Relationship no card in file - e.g. 4-17-20
(7) Name _____
(8) Address _____
(9) Desires remains brought to U. S.? _____
(10) Desires remains brought to U. S. and interred in National Cemetery at _____
(11) If brought back, what shipping instructions? _____

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

(12) Does correspondence Change or qualify request as made on A.G.O. card? If so, specify such information. _____

No correspondence

(13) A. G. O. Files EXAMINED by WWE (Date) 4-17-20

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

*No request for disposition
Grave Registration Location Blank*

(15) G. R. S. Files EXAMINED by MHS (Date) 4-26-20

4/13/21

*Rechecked
MHS 11-2*

III. FINAL ACTION

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

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

(17) Instructions that remains be left undisturbed _____

(18) Typed by _____ Checked by _____ (Date) _____

B. G. R. S. FORM NO. 114 made (Date) 8-12-20

(19) Typed by MEB Checked by _____ (Date) _____

C. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

9/23/20 Vincenzo China, 237 South St. Detroit, Mich. (brother) requests body remains in Europe.

11/23/20 Letter from Vincenzo China, asks to be informed where remains are presently placed - where body is lying. 10-2-20 J.R.

10/4/20 Let. to Andrew China to secure his concurrence

10/21/20 Letter to Vincenzo China for father's concurrence in his request. 10/21/20

D. Dispatched (Date) _____ (Let. Trans. No. DEC 31 1920)

Par. 2 Not to be returned. (R. S.)

Approved by _____

(Date) _____

9/10/20 MR J. G. ...

Vincenzo China, brother
237 South St. Detroit, Mich.

in holder's request or advice as to disposition of body 10-2-20
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M/R - Mr. Andrew China (Brother)
109. Jefferson, Detroit, Mich.

October 21, 1920.

File No. 293.8 Reg. Sec. Com. Div.
(CHIMA, Sessia)

Vincenzo Chima,
351 South St.,
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Sir:-

In order to complete records of this office in regard to the final disposition of the remains of your late brother, Private Sessia Chima, it is requested that you secure the signed consent of your brother, Andrew Chima, nearest of kin, to your request that the body remain in France, or advise whether he desires the body returned to the United States and shipped to him or buried in the National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

Your early reply will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

Noted on Form No. 115
Date 10/21 - 20 J

BY:

T.G.H.J.
THOS. G. HANSON, Jr.,
1st Lieut., Q.M.C.

OSP:SS
(1 Encls.)

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OVERSEAS PROJ. SEC.
CEMETERIAL DIVISION.

October 4, 1920

File No. 293.8 Reg. Sec. Com. Div.
(CHIMA, Sessia)

Andrew Chima,
N-442 South St.,
Steubenville, Ohio.

Dear Sir:-

Vincenzo Chima, brother of late Private Sessia Chima, has requested that the body remain in Europe.

Before this office can comply with his request, it will be necessary for you, as oldest brother and legal next of kin, to forward your concurrence in his request or advise whether you desire the body returned to the United States and shipped to you or buried in the National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

Your early reply will be greatly appreciated, using the enclosed penalty envelope.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

BY:

T. B. W. Jr.
THOS. G. HANSON, Jr.,
1st Lieut., Q.M.C.

T. C.

b GC/r

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OCT 4 1920

**OVERSEAS PROJ. SEC.
CEMETERIAL DIVISION.**

Noted on Form No. 115
Date 10-5-20 TH. G.

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

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NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

Chima, Sessia, Pvt.

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8/30/20

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

1852075

601st Engrs.

Date of Death 1/19/18

EC
WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE Sept. 13, 1920

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Mr. Vincenzo Chima

Brother

Address: 351-South St., Detroit, Michigan

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

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q. M. G.
TO: Mr. Vincenzo Chima, 351 South St., Detroit, Mich.
SUBJECT: Remains of Private Sessia Chima, - 601st Engrs.



The records of this office show that ~~you have requested that his body~~ no request has been
in the matter of disposition of remains.

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.
<i>Was soldier married?</i>			
Soldier's widow	<i>No widow</i>	<i>soldier was not married</i>	
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2	<i>None</i>	
	3		
Father	<i>Father died</i>	<i>over seventeen years ago</i>	
Mother	<i>Mother</i>	<i>living</i>	
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1	<i>Andrew Chima</i>	<i>Staubenville, Ohio</i>
	2	<i>Vincenzo Chima</i>	<i>351 South St. Detroit, Mich.</i>
	3		
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1	<i>Oliva Chima</i>	<i>Castro De Volche, Italy</i>
	2		
	3		

Date *Sept 23, 1920*

Signature *Vincenzo Chima*

Address *351 South St Detroit Mich*

Relationship *Brother*

IMPORTANT.—CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.

*Noted on 11/13/20
10-2-20 H.C.*

Sept 23, 1920

I, the undersigned, am the brother and nearest living relative of the within-named

(Relationship.)

soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:

(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

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.

Signature Vincent G. Lima

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
GENERAL INVESTIGATION SERVICE
OFFICE OF THE SUPERVISOR GENERAL OF THE BUREAU
GENERAL INVESTIGATION

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351 South St,
Detroit, Mich.
Sept 23, 1920

War Department,
Graves Registration Service,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

I have expressed my desire that my brother, Mr. Vincenzo China, 601st Engrs., remains be left permanently in an American Cemetery in Europe.

Will you please inform me when permanently placed to rest where he is lying? Thanking you in advance, I am,

Yours truly,

Yours truly,

Vincenzo China

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April, 2 1919

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: **Chima**
 - () Number: - 1852075
 - () First Name: **Sessia**
 - () Rank: **Pvt**
 - () Company:
 - () Organization: **601st Engineers.**
 - () Date of Death: **Jan, 19th 1919**
 - () Cause:
 - () Place:

Location of hospital:

- Number " "
- Class " "
- () Relative: **Mr. Andre Chima**
- () Relationship: **brother**
- () Address: **109 Jefferson, St., Detroit, Mich.**
- () Authority:
- Cablegram No.:
- Telegram from:

dated:

- () Reported to Washington:
- C.C. Nos: **437**

(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:

Burial notification was sent to this address
and returned, advise correct address,



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American Expeditionary Forces

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109 Jefferson St.,

Detroit, Mich.

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COMPANY "A", 601ST ENGINEERS,
JORQUENAY, HAUTE MARNE, FRANCE.
A.P.O. 714, AMERICAN E. F. FRANCE.
21 January 1919.

From: Commanding Officer, Company "A", 601st Engineers.
To: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.
Subject: Report of burial of Private Chima, 1852075, Sessia,
Company "A", 601st Engineers.

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1. The following report of burial is made:-

Private Chima, 1852075, Sessia, Company "A", 601st Engineers, who was accidentally drowned in the Marne Canal, about one fourth mile north of Jorquenay, Haute Marne, at about 6 P.M. January 19, 1919, was buried in the cemetery at Rolampont, Haute Marne, Plot Number Forty-nine, at 3 P. M. January 21, 1919. 1st Lieut. Peter A.J. Crumbley, Chaplain, 601st Engineers, officiated at the funeral.

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COMPANY "A", 601ST ENGINEERS,
JORQUENAY, HAUTE MARNE, FRANCE.
A.P.O.714, AMERICAN E. F. FRANCE.
21 January 1919.

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PROCEEDINGS OF A BOARD OF OFFICERS CONVENED
PURSUANT TO THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

Regimental Order No. 4, Headquarters 601st Engineers, A.P.O.714, American E.F., January 20, 1919; 1. Under the provisions of Par.162¹/₂, Army Regulations, a board of officers to consist of Captain G.L. Guthrie, Engineers, Captain John M. Duthie, Engineers, Captain T.O. Darby, M.C. and 1st Lieutenant R.E. Bell, Engineers, is appointed to meet at the call of the senior officer, to investigate the death of Private Chima, 1852075, Sessia, Company "A", this Regiment.

By order of Major Moses,

M.D.Munn,
Captain, Engineers,
Adjutant.

Jorquenay, Haute Marne, France.
January 20, 1919.

The Board met pursuant to the above order at 11 A.M. today.

Present: All of the members.

The Proceedings of the Board were as follows:-

(a) Upon examination of the body, the board decided that deceased met death by drowning and not by violence.

(b) Sergeant Choutka, 2065808, James D. Company "A", 601st Engineers, having been duly sworn, testified that he was walking down along the Marne Canal, about one fourth of a mile from Jorquenay, on the road to Humes, on Sunday evening, January 19, 1919, at about 6 o'clock with Private first class Reed, 1851964, Stephen T. Company "A", 601st Engineers. They were attracted by two American soldiers and two French civilians on the opposite side of the canal, along the railroad track. The French civilians had notified the soldiers that an American soldier had just fallen in the canal on the opposite side, and that they had been called to the scene by the cries of the soldier. Sgt. Choutka stated that they made a search but could find no one. They succeeded however, in locating a box floating upon the water. This was pulled out with a pole which they cut from the roadside. It was found to be an accordeon. They brought it back to their billet. After securing several search lights and lanterns they went back with ten or twelve other enlisted men to make a further search. Nothing could be found. Sgt. Choutka stated that he was called to the Orderly Room about twenty minutes later, where he was confronted by four enlisted men who inquired for the accordeon. These men stated that they had been at Rolampont during the afternoon with Private Chima, 1852075, Sessia, Co. "A", 601st Engrs., and that they had given him an accordeon to bring back. Private Chima left them at Rolampont at about five o'clock, and started back alone, on a bicycle which he had borrowed from a French civilian in Jorquenay. The other four men started shortly afterwards. After finding out definitely that Pvt Chima had not returned and that the bicycle had not been returned another party went out to search for him. Sgt. Choutka stated that he was present on Monday morning when the body was dragged out of the canal.

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(c) Private First Class Reed, 1851964, Stephen T. Company "A", 601st Engineers, having been duly sworn confirmed the testimony of Sergeant Choutka.

(d) Sergeant McCharen, 2237869, James B. Company "A", 601st Engrs. duly sworn testified that he had gone with the other enlisted men to search for the deceased on Sunday evening. He also stated that he and Sergeant Allgier, 2715200, George J. Company "A", 601st Engineers, went down along the canal about 7:30 A.M. Monday morning, January 20, 1919, in order to ascertain from the French civilians who lived across the canal the exact particulars regarding the accident. On the way, near the spot where the accordeon had been found he saw the body, which appeared in the water, about eight feet or ten feet from the canal wall; it was standing erect, with the feet touching the bottom of the canal, and the head was about two feet underneath the surface of the water. Sgt. McCharen stated that he assisted in dragging out the body. Fresh marks were discovered on the curb stone which evidently were made by the pedals of the bicycle as it hit the curb. He located the bicycle in the canal, and pulled it out. It was found about ten feet from the body, and was turned in the opposite direction from the way it had been going.

(e) Sergeant Allgier, 2715200, George J. Company "A", 601st Engrs. duly sworn confirmed the testimony of Sgt. McCharen.

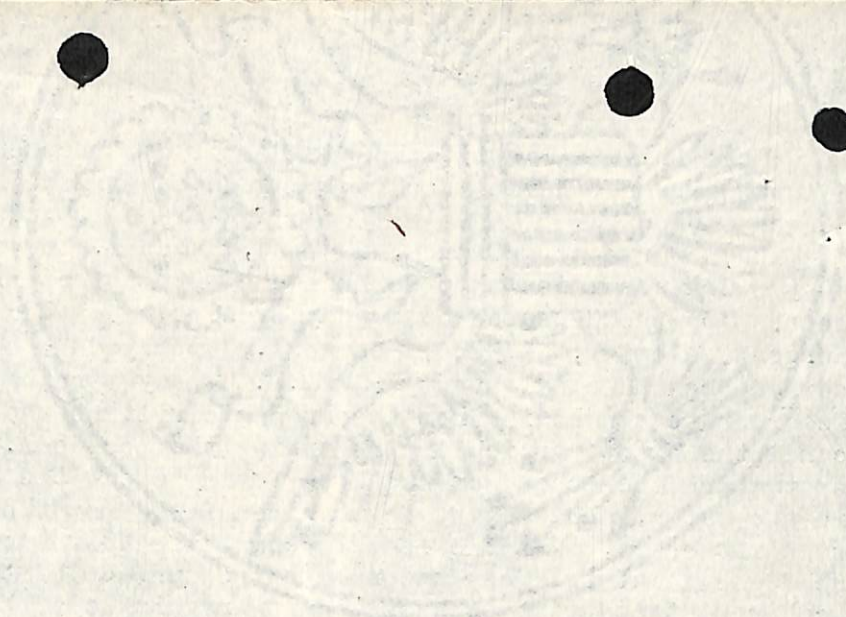
(f) 1st Sergeant Weldon, 2065805, Richard J. Company "A", 601st Engineers, having been duly sworn, testified that he had seen the deceased at Rolampont about three o'clock on Sunday afternoon, and that he was absent from the Company on pass. He stated that the deceased did not appear intoxicated. He also stated that he and Stable Sergeant Hueffmeier had searched the body in the presence of the Board and had found seventy one francs and a book of post cards, also identification tags bearing the name, "Sessia Chima, U.S.A. 1852075"

(g) Private first class Di Bwardini, 1853043, Tom Company "A", 601st Engineers, having been duly sworn, testified that he was at Rolampont with Private Chima, Privaté Adverso, 1852048, Joe, Private Di Pangrazio, 1848608, Gustio, Private Bilancini, 1850495, Sugusto, all of Company "A", 601st Engineers, on Sunday afternoon, January 19, 1919, on pass. He stated that they had bought an accordeon for Private Chima, the deceased. They had been drinking light wines but were not drunk. Private Chima took the accordeon with him and started back to Jorquenay alone on the bicycle about five o'clock. It was growing dark when he left. The rest of the crowd started back shortly afterwards. When they returned to Jorquenay they looked for the deceased at the Y.M.C.A. but could not find him. Thwn they heard that an accordeon had been found they went to the Orderly Room immediately, and after identifying the accordeon which Sgt. Choutka showed them, they all went on another search, but could find no one.

(h) Private Di Pangrazia 1848608, Gustio, Company "A", 601st Engrs. duly sworn confirmed the testimony of Pvt lcl Di Bwardini.

(i) Private Bilancini, 2466714, Augusto, Company "A", 601st Engrs. duly sworn confirmed the testimony of Pvt lcl Di Bwardini.

(j) Private Adverso, 1852048, Joe, Company "A", 601st Engineers duly sworn confirmed the testimony of Pvt lcl Di Bwardini.



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Finding

After careful consideration of the above testimony, together with the personal knowledge that the members of the board have of the scene of the tragedy, the Board finds that Private China, 1852075, Sessia Company "A", 601st Engineers, met death by drowning in the Marne Canal, in the vicinity of Jorquenay, Haute Marne, France, about 6 P.M. January 19, 1919, and that the deceased met death by accident.

In the opinion of the Board Private China's death was in line of duty, and was not the result of his own misconduct.

G.L. Guthrie,
Captain, Engineers, U.S.A.

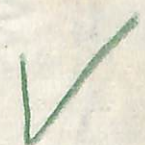
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WAR DEPARTMENT,
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON.

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Mr. Andre Chima,
109 Jefferson St.,
Detroit, Mich.

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,

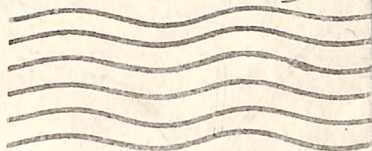
P. C. HARRIS,
The Adjutant General.

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