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G.R.S. Form #114-B

To The A. G. O.

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JAN 7 1926

FULL NAME CHURCO, Benjamin J.

RANK Private, First Class SERIAL 210140

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION Head. Troop, 1st Division, Cavalry

DIV-1ST.

DATE OF DEATH July 18, 1919

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME n.y.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED. none

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Date Grave Row Block

608

Cemetery

Robert O. Davis, Major General, The Adjutant General.

RWD

AUDITED BY ZDT 7-29-24

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Repts as Benj J. Churco SP42
GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

cc 307 1713/18 RSD
LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF
Churco 210140 Benj. J.

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

Pvt. 1st Div. Hdqrs. Troop P.
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL July 20, 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL On field of battle.

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

Map. Vic. Som. Oisne 169.5
293.04
Oisne
Cetry, Dept. Oise, France.

GRAVE NUMBER None.

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? Yes

Headboard? Bottle? Yes

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

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: Roberts Williams,
Chaplain 26th Infantry.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Copy for 1st Div. Hdqrs.
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Hdgers Troop 1st Div.

Churco Benjamin J. Pvt 1st Cl.
210140

Missing in action July 18th 1918.

I was with Headquarters Co. July 18th and know that Benjamin J. Churco was killed at five o'clock in the afternoon of that date. He was struck in head by shell and died instantly. We buried him at twelve o'clock that night. This was ~~xxxx~~ the Soissons drive. We carried him back to division headquarters and buried him just outside the village on top of the hill. The name of the town was Cumes about five kilometres from Mort Fontaine.

Informant intelligent.

Informant: Moosley Stephen Pvt. 210204.
Co. B. 16th Inf.
Home Address ; Lake wood Ohio.
21st March 1919.

Harriett P. Byrnes. Searcher.

L.C.

Enquirer Mrs Jennie M. Churco
421 Centre Street
New Jersey Nuthey N.J.

Hdqs Troop 1st Div.

CHURCO, Benjamin J. Pvt. 1 cl. 210140.

Missing July 18th 1918.

Benjamin Churco reported missing, Soissons, July 18th. Believed killed, buried by French. No information could be gotten.

In Soissons fighting July 18th 1918, was reported missing and never found. He is believed to have been killed and been buried by the French. No information could be obtained by his company.

W.R. FAY - 2nd Lieut. A.R.C.

M.C.

Enquirer: Mrs Jennie M. Churco.
421, Centre St. Nutley. New Jersey.

Hdcs. Troops. 1st Div.

CHURCO, Benjamin J. Pvt. Icl. 210140.

Missing July 18th 1918.

Benjamin J. Charco head QR troop first div. Reference I208; killed July 19th battle Soissons ; full details have been sent by Churcos Comdgg Officer in letter to Mrs. Churcos.

Telegram - Jan. 4th 1919.

M.C.

Enquirer: Mrs. Jennie M. Churco,
421, Centre St. Nutley. New Jersey.

Hqns. Troop, 1st Div.

CHURCO, JIM Benjamin J.

Missing July 18, 1918.

Reported as killed July 19, 1918, during battle Soissons. I have read the letter dated Jan. 1, 1919 written by the Captain of the company, to W Churco's mother giving the details of his death. I won't repeat them here as they take up a full typewritten page.

Informant: FAY, W. R.
 2nd Lt. A. R. C.
 Searcher.
 Jan. 3, 1919.

A. S.

Hq Tr., 1st Division.

SMRN CHURCO, Benjamin J Pfc 210140

I. Killed by shell fire while on mounted messenger on duty on July 18, 1918 at Couvres Valsery Aisne, France. He was buried July 20, 1918 on Field of Battle. Vic sur Aisne. 169-5/293-4 Cutry Dept Aisne France.

Signed; E. S. Murphy,
~~Sakin~~ Captain F.A., U.S.A.,
Commanding Troop.,

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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Church	3	381
BENJAMIN	CEMETERY	1	2
	GRAVE	2	08
	ROW	2	20
	BLOCK	1	2
STATE	NY	2	37
RANK	Private	1	2
DIVISION	1st Div.	2	01
ORGANIZATION	X	3	XX
ARM	X	1	X
MARITAL	Remarried	1	3
NAME	Church	3	381
MRS HENRY	STATE	2	37
RESIDENCE	COUNTY	2	17
	CITY	3	151
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER	Father	1	1
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	Yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Good	1	1
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	NO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	No	1	2
29/514/EAB	Age		60

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STATE	N.Y.	2	37
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ORGANIZATION	X X X	3	X X X
AFM	X	1	X
MARITAL	Remarried	1	3
NAME		3	
Mrs. Lynne C. Krowaver	STATE	2	
Rt 1, Box 58	COUNTY	2	
Ypsilata Texas	CITY	3	
RELATION	Widow	1	5
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	No	1	2
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Churco, Benjamin J. (OA)

July 11, 1932.

Mrs. Henry Churco,
Tupper Lake,
New York.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries of Europe during the years 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933 for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces who were lost or buried at sea or whose remains are interred in Europe.

Your attention is particularly invited to the fact that this is the last opportunity you will have to make the pilgrimage under the provisions of the above mentioned Act. Unless you take advantage of this LAST chance to make a trip in 1933 you will receive no benefit from the Act. There is no provision of law which will permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow who does not choose to make the pilgrimage.


IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU GIVE THE MATTER YOUR MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BEFORE REACHING A DECISION, BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE TRIP AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

In order to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations for the mothers and widows making the journey in 1933, reservations for steamship transportation must be made by this office several months in advance. It is requested that you answer the questions below by writing "Yes" or "No" or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question. When you have answered the question, sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. PLEASE DO NOT DELAY, as it is essential that the information be in this office promptly.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make the pilgrimage during the years 1930, 1931 or 1932. There is enclosed a circular of information WHICH YOU SHOULD READ VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING YOUR DECISION.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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

2 Encls.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933?

Yes
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Mrs. Henry Churco

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Churco, Benjamin J. (O-A) M-

September 29, 1931 ed

Mrs. Henry Churco,
Tupper Lake,
New York.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

In order that the records may be complete, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name, and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

~~Office of Quartermaster General~~ ^{QM-293-AM} lcl (OA) M-

July 13, 1931

Mrs. Henry Chureo,
Tupper Lake,
New York.

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,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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

Write answer here

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Churco, Benjamin J 608-M

June 18, 1930

Mrs. Henry Churco,
Tupper Lake,
New York

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required 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 are not making the pilgrimage in 1930, 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)

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Right Letter
Washington, D. C. April 28, 1930

MRS. HENRY CHURCO,
TUPPER LAKE, N. Y.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL JUNE TWENTY FIRST NOT RECEIVED STOP
DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WINE ANSWER 5286SM

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

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QM 293 A-C Churco, Benjamin J.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Church, Benjamin J. 608-M

April 11, 1930

Mrs. Henry Church,
Tupper Lake,
N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "Roosevelt" on June 21, 1930.

In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you complete the card enclosed with the invitation signifying whether or not you accept the invitation and return the same to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before May 3, 1930, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

Should you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you advise this office to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Churco, Benjamin J. 608 M

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Henry Churco,
Tupper Lake, N. Y.

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) <i>yes</i> (No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <i>yes</i> (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) <i>No</i> (No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <i>60</i> Health (Years) (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No) Other language <i>French</i> (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Churco, Benjamin J.

August 6, 1929.

**Mrs. Henry Churco,
Tupper Lake, N. Y.**

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 **Pvt. 1st class Benjamin J. Churco, Hq., Tr., 1st Div., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.**

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

Write answers in space below:

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

no

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

yes

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

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Churco, Benjamin J.

June 24, 1929.

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Mrs. Line R. Churco,
423 N. Oregon St.,
El Paso, Texas.

M. & F/
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Churco
Tupper Lake, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

RT 1 Box 58

Widow: Mrs. Linne C. Kronaver (remarried Ysleta, Tex.)

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 widow of the late Pvt. 1st class Benjamin J. Churco, Hq., Tr., 1st Div., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

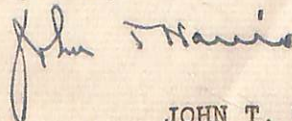
Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish her full name and address in order that action may be taken to extend an invitation to her to make the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

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relationship is that of a stepmother, mother through adoption or a woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. In case you have remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO GM 822 A-2
Chicago, Benjamin L.

JUNE 25, 1929

XC 125 711

Mrs. Jane B. Gurnee,
433 N. Oregon St.,
El Paso, Texas.

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Gurnee
Ft. Worth, Tex.

201 1 Box 50

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 widow of the late Pvt. 1st class Benjamin L. Gurnee, No. 1st Div., whose remains are now interred in the Alsace-Army American Cemetery, Sarriges-et-Maxias, Alsace, France.

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother 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.

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow" in the relation of a mother through adoption or a woman who is the widow of the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. In case you have furnished it is also requested that a statement be furnished to this office.

Very truly yours,
Quartermaster General



JOHN B. HARRIS
Major, U. S. Army
Adjutant General

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Churco, Benjamin J. (OA)

July 11, 1932.

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Tupper Lake,
New York.

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This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make the pilgrimage during the years 1930, 1931 or 1932. There is enclosed a circular of information WHICH YOU SHOULD READ VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING YOUR DECISION.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933?

_____ (Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Churco, Benjamin J. (O-A) M-

September 29, 1931 ed

Mrs. Henry Churco,
Tupper Lake,
New York.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

In order that the records may be complete, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name, and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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-AM
Churco, Benjamin S. Pvt 1st (OA) M-

July 13, 1931

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Tupper Lake,
New York.

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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.

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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
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Churco, Benjamin J. Pvt.1cl. (O-A) M

April 8, 1931.

Mrs. Henry Churco,
Tupper Lake, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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, 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.

4. Do you speak English?

5. What other language do you speak?

Age
Condition of Health

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-M
Churco, Benj. J. Pvt 1 Cl 608 M

October 13, 1930

Mrs. Henry Churco
Tupper Lake
New York

Dear Madam:

A reply has not been received to office letter of recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cometeries 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.

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For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

Churco, Benjamin J 608-M

June 18, 1930

Mrs. Henry Churco,
Tupper Lake,
New York

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required 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 are not making the pilgrimage in 1930, 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)

Night Letter
Washington, D. C. April 28, 1930

MRS. HENRY CHURCO,
TUPPER LAKE, N. Y.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL JUNE TWENTY FIRST NOT RECEIVED STOP
DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIFE ANSWER 22098M

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QM 205 A-C *B* Churco, Benjamin J.



Night Letter
Washington, D. C. April 28, 1950

MRS. HENRY CRUNO,
KUPPER LAKE, N. Y.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL JUNE TWENTY FIRST NOT RECEIVED STOP
DO YOU ACCEPT OR ENCLINE WIRE ANSWER 380634

DeWITT
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

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QM 295 A-C Churoo, Benjamin J.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Churco, Benjamin J. 608-M

April 11, 1930

Mrs. Henry Churco,
Tupper Lake,
N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "Roosevelt" on June 21, 1930.

In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you complete the card enclosed with the invitation signifying whether or not you accept the invitation and return the same to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before May 3, 1930, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

Should you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you advise this office to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

Churco, Benjamin J. 608-M

March 24, 1930

Mrs. Henry Churco,
Tupper Lake, New York

Dear Madam:

This letter, which contains general information regarding the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, is being sent to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during the calendar year 1930. The general plan for the conduct of the pilgrimage is shown in the Pilgrimage Regulations, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. In addition to the information shown in the regulations, the following explains in detail some of the most important things connected with the pilgrimage.

Formal invitations are being extended to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during 1930. In so far as practicable, these invitations are being extended with a view to keeping the women from each state together and the order in which the invitations to the women from the several states are issued is based on a drawing by lot which was held about one month ago. Inclosed with each invitation is a card for acknowledgment and it is quite important that you accept or decline this invitation promptly in order that the necessary railroad, steamship and hotel reservations may be arranged. The government will defray all the necessary expenses of the pilgrimage, including railroad fare, hotel accommodations, steamship fare and all other incidental expenses. It will not provide anything other than the necessary expenses so that you should bring with you such funds as you may desire to use for making small purchases and for other uses distinctly of a personal nature.

Arrangements have been made with the American Railroad Association which assures us the united support and cooperation of all of the railroads in the United States in handling the movement to and from New York City. The local ticket agent will secure your railroad and sleeper ticket and will make the necessary pullman reservations. Before your departure from your home we will mail you a check, sufficient to pay for your meals and other travelling expenses while enroute to New York. Your railroad ticket will provide for a round trip from your home to New York and upon arrival in New York the army officer in charge of the New York office will collect the return trip stub and hold it until your return to New York from Europe.

Upon arrival in New York, you will be met by an army officer

and escorted to a first class hotel where reservations have been made. The duration of your stay in New York will be from 24 to 48 hours. At the proper time, you will be escorted to the steamship upon which passage has been engaged for Europe. All of the women making this trip will be provided with cabin class accommodations aboard steamers which means that from two to four will be quartered in the same stateroom. If you have any friend that you would like to be quartered with we will endeavor to arrange it if you will communicate with this office.

The ocean voyage will last about 3 days and when the ship docks at Cherbourg, France, each party will be met by officers especially detailed for the purpose and taken in a special train to Paris where first class hotel accommodations have been reserved. The first day in Paris will be a day of rest. On the 2d day, the women of each party will place a wreath on the tomb of the French unknown soldier. In the afternoon there will be a reception in which the French war mothers, government officials, and prominent civilians will participate. The following morning the groups going to the different cemeteries will leave Paris, travelling in motor busses, and proceed to the cemeteries where they will remain for about 7 days. Twenty-five women will be assigned to each bus and an army officer will have charge of the bus. The itineraries to and from the cemeteries and the daily itineraries while at the cemeteries have been varied so as to take in points of historical interest as well as some parts of the battlefields where American troops were engaged. Upon return to Paris, each party will remain for about 5 days and during this time an opportunity will be given to see the points of historical interest in Paris and vicinity. The entire duration of your stay in Europe will be 14 days, and the itineraries have been so arranged that each day will be provided for. Except in case of illness or other unavoidable cause it will not be possible for any woman making the pilgrimage to remain in Europe for a longer period than 14 days nor to leave the party with which she is travelling unless she is prepared to pay all of her expenses after leaving the party since the Act of Congress authorizing the pilgrimage specifically states that the government shall not pay the expenses of any woman who willfully leaves her party.

Upon return to the United States each ship will be met in New York City by army officers who will escort the mothers and widows to the trains which will take them home. Before leaving New York each woman will be provided with her return railroad ticket, a sleeping car ticket and funds to cover the cost of meals and other travelling expenses.

Army officers are being used as guides and escorts throughout this entire movement and care has been taken to select officers who will see that proper care is taken of the women who are entrusted to their charge. Arrangements have been made for taking care of women who may be taken sick during the pilgrimage and also to care for the remains of any who may die and provision has been made for returning the remains of any who may die to their homes. It is essential that each woman making the pilgrimage furnish The Quartermaster General with an emergency address of some relative or friend to be notified in the event of an emergency. Medical care will be provided by civilian agencies. If such care is needed in New York City it will be furnished by the hotel physicians or

by local hospitals. Aboard ship, medical care will be provided by the ship's doctors and in Paris arrangements have been made with the American Hospital for the hospitalization and treatment of any women who may need it. In addition to this, six doctors of the regular army will be on duty throughout the pilgrimage.

Baggage will be limited to not to exceed two pieces of hand baggage and the articles taken should be such as will be required for a trip of about one month. Laundry service can be obtained in New York and Paris. Since the climate of Europe is much colder than that of the United States, each woman should provide herself with sufficient warm clothing to stand the motor bus trip and the visit to the cemeteries.

Since it is necessary for this office to make all reservations for your accommodations throughout this pilgrimage, it will be greatly appreciated if you will make prompt reply to any communications received from this office.

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.
Regulation.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Churco, Benjamin J. 608 M

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Henry Churco,
Tupper Lake, N. Y.

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 (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

Churco, Benjamin J.

August 6, 1929.

Mrs. Henry Churco,
Tupper Lake, N. Y.

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 Pvt. 1st class Benjamin J. Churco, Hq., Tr., 1st Div., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Churco, Benjamin J.

June 24, 1929.

Mrs. Lina R. Churco,
423 N. Oregon St.,
El Paso, Texas.

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 widow of the late Pvt. 1st class Benjamin J. Churco, Hq., Tr., 1st Div., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother 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 invitation to her 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 relationship is that of a stepmother, mother through adoption or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. In case you have 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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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-C

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CHUREO, Benjamin J. - Pvt. 1cl

November 4, 1925

Mrs. Lino R. Chureo,
423 North Oregon St.,
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires to invite your attention to the inclosed card which gives the permanent cemetery location of the soldier's grave in which you are interested.

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

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

Very truly yours,

1 Incl.
Record card.

L. W. REDINGTON,
Major, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-C

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Very truly yours,

L.W. HEDINGTON,
Major, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

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Record card.

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

RUSH

Harlow C.W.

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

Churco, Benjamine J., Pvt. 1/c.

608 - 3838

2/16/21.

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

210140

Hq., 1st Div. Cav.

Date of death - 7/18/18.

C-125-911

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE _____

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Mrs Lina R. Churco

(Wife)

Address

#423 - N Oregon St. El Paso, Texas.

(Ems Address)

S/709/LML

April 11, 1921.

608 Reg.Sec., Gen.Div.

FROM: The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army, (Cemeterial Division).
TO: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.
SUBJECT: Additional advice on American Cemetery, #608, Seringes-et-Neales, Aisne, France.

1. Transmitted herewith are Forms #114 pertaining to the remains of the following American Dead, interred in American Cemetery, #608, Seringes-et-Neales, Aisne, France, which are to be returned to the United States:

CABLE
REF.NO.

ARMY DEAD

3826. Clark, Leroy G.	Corporal	8191	Sec.5, 25th Amb.Service
3827. Foster, Clifton R.	Corporal	2222015	Co.M, 39th Infantry

2. The remains of the following, also buried in this cemetery, are not to be returned to the United States:

ARMY DEAD

3838. Church, Benjamin J. Private 1/c 210140 Hq.1st Division Cavalry

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

THOS. G. HANSON, Jr.,
Capt., Q. M. Corps.

OSP:SS
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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Chureco 210140 Benj. J.

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

Vt. 1st Div. Hdqrs. Troop P.

(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL July 20, 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL on field of battl.

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

Map. Vic-Sur-Aisne E 169.5
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Aisne
Entr., Dept. Aisne, France.

GRAVE NUMBER None.

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? Yes

Headboard? Bottle? Yes

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

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:

Row C. 4 @ Entry (Aisne)

33 N.W.

REPORTED BY:

Roberts Williams

Chaplain 26th Infantry.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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Communal List No. 40-525

Daily Report No. _____

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

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Harlow C.W.

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

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Churco, Benjamin J., Pvt. 1/c.

608 - 3838

2/16/21.

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ORGANIZATION

210140

Hq., 1st Div. Cav.

Date of death - 7/18/18.

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

Original Attached to
Form 115

DATE

Date 4-18-21 MMS

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Mrs Lina R. Churco

Adjustment Made
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Address

423 - N. Oregon St., El Paso, Texas

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Om Address

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FROM. O.Q.M.C.
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
Munitions Building
Room

PLEASE
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File No. 17951 WAR. DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the
Washington

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-0
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 2/16/21.

File No. Requisition.

(SPECIAL)

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.

NOTED FORM 115
DATE 6-10-21
RF

a. Surname Churco

f. Date of death about 7/19/18.

b. Christian name Benjamin J.
~~or (Benjamin J.)~~

g. Cause of death K/A.

c. Serial Number 210140

h. Authority (C.O.#)

d. Organization Hq., 1st Div., Cav.
or (Hq. Tr., 1st Div., Cav.)

i. Emergency address Henry Churco
Tupper Lake, N.Y.

e. Rank Pvt. 1/c

j. Relationship Father.

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

World War Div.

Date JAN 17 1921

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

BY: H. J. Conner

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

C.W.
CEMETERY NO: 608

SHEET NO: 3838
TYPED BY: I.W.

Donnelly EME
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Adjustment Made

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WAR DEPARTMENT

Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

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(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

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b. Color of eyes

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upper right upper left

c. Color of hair

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
lower right lower left

d. Height

e. Weight

f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

FILE

Recd World War Div.

Date FEB 17 1921

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

BY: H. J. Conner

H. J. CONNER,
1st. Lieut. Q.M.G.

C.W.
CEMETERY NO: 608

SHEET NO: 3838
TYPED BY: I.W.

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Donnelly EME
EPS - 2/18/21

FEB 17 1921

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WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

Information requested by A.O.D.
Date 2/18/21

(SPECIAL)

Subject: Information requested for O.H.S.
To: The Quartermaster General of the Army, 5th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.
From: The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army, (Dental Division)

It is requested that the items checked below be completed. Request
is submitted for all information shown.

1. Date of death 11/18

2. Cause of death A

3. Authority (A.O.D.)

4. Emergency address

5. Relationship

6. Service Number 210140

7. Organization

8. Rank

9. Date of birth

10. Color of eyes

11. Color of hair

12. Height

13. Weight

14. Complexion

15. Birth date

16. Place of birth

17. Education

18. Occupation

19. Service record

20. Physical findings at
examination (old treatment or present)

DENTAL CHART
(See Physical report of
examination prior to enlistment)

1. Birth and teeth missing

2. Upper right upper left

3. Lower right lower left

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HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, Q.M.C. IN EUROPE
8, Avenue d'Iena,
PARIS.

Recorded, Cemeterial Div., Q.M.C.
File # 4938 #17951

File No. 293-f. Cem #608.

December 22nd. 1920.

FROM: Chief.
TO: Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, WASHINGTON, D.C.
SUBJECT: G.R.S. Forms #1-A. and #16-A.

1. Attached herewith is G.R.S. Form #1-A and G.R.S. Form #16-A covering disinterment and reburial from Isolated Grave into Cemetery #608, SERINGES-et-NEYLES, (Aisne) of the following soldier :

CHURCO, #210140, Benjamin J. Pvt.1/cl.
Hq.Trp. 1st. Div. Cav.
Grave #335, Sect. G. Plot #7.

Churco, Benj. J.

H. F. RETHERS,
Colonel, Q.M.C.

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TO: THE DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF REVENUE, WASHINGTON, D. C.

FROM: THE DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF REVENUE, WASHINGTON, D. C.

RE: [Illegible text]

DATE: [Illegible text]

BY: [Illegible text]

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AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE.

March 10, 1919.

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.
TO: Miss Eugenie M. Churco, U. S. General Hospital #4, Fort Porter,
Buffalo, New York.
SUBJECT: Private 1/c. Benjamin J. Churco, Hdq. Troop 1st Div.(210140)

In reply to your letter of inquiry, with reference to the regretted death of this soldier, according to the records at these headquarters he is buried in the COMMUNE of COTRY, in the DEPARTMENT of the AISNE. This information has not as yet been confirmed by my inspecting officers, but there is very little doubt that the burial took place in the commune above named. As these headquarters obtain only burial information, I have written to the Chaplain of Private Churco's company, and you will doubtless hear from him, in due course, relative to the circumstances surrounding the death of your brave brother.

By direction

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

Per MAURICE B. DIX
Captain, American Red Cross
Representative assigned to
Graves Registration Service.

MBD/im.

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AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE.

March 10, 1919.

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.
TO: Home Communication Section, American Red Cross, Paris-France.
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By direction

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

Per MAURICE B. DIX
Captain, American Red Cross
Representative assigned to
Graves Registration Service.

MBD/iml

1-13-19

17957

AMERICAN RED CROSS

(CROIX-ROUGE AMÉRICAINÉ)

1208



January 2, 1919

From Home Communication Section
To Captain M B Dix, Graves Reg. Bureau, A P O 717

Subject Pvt Benjamin J Chure o, 210140, Hdq Troop, 1st Div

The above soldier is carried on our list as missing in action July 18. We are advised by our Division Searcher that he was believed to have been killed at Soissons and buried by the French. Will you please advise if Graves Registration Bureau has any record of his death and the location of the grave?

WMS
Home Communication Section
Bureau of Homs and Hospital Service

LP/KCK

727/19

U.S. General Hospital #4,
Fort Porter, Buffalo, N.Y.,
January 1, 1919.

Graves Registration Service,
American Expeditionary Forces,
France.

Messrs:- My brother was
killed at Chateau Thierry on
July nineteenth, nineteen hundred
eighteen. We received a
letter from his sergeant,
R Hutchins, in which no
details were given. He
was a member of Headquarters
Troop, First Division, Am. Exp.
Forces. His name was Benjamin

J. Churo and he was listed
as being from El Paso, Texas.

If you know anything
concerning his death and
burial and so forth, won't
you kindly write me an
account of it?

Sincerely yours,
Eugene M. Churo.



drawn by M.H.
808-3858
2-14-21
checked 2-15-21
O.M.C.

17951

FILE

no card

U.S. General Hospital #4
Fort Porter, Buffalo, N.Y.
June 16, 1919.

The Adjutant General,
Washington, D.C.

Sir: In reply to A G
293.8 Burial Records, 7th +
10 Sts, would state that
Private First Class B. J.
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of Headquarters Sloop
First Division
killed on July 19, 1918

Rec'd Cas. Div.

AUG 4 1919

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AUG 6 1919

file
M.H.

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Churco - B.J.
293.8 - Churco, B.J.

2/20

Soissons, Hindley send
me blank card which
is issued to be filled
for the disposition of
remains of our soldiers.

Respectfully yours,
Jennie M. Church.

Received Enlisted Division

AUG 5 1919

Received Enlisted Division

AUG 9 1919

JUL 1 1919

JUL 29 1919

Index Number

INDEX SHEET

Show classification number and date of communication on first line, drop two spaces, show source of communication and to whom addressed, then drop two spaces again and give a brief synopsis of subject matter sufficient to identify the document.

DO NOT USE SMALL SLIPS.

c 3-6556

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

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THIS SPACE FOR OFFICE MEMORANDA.

Burial Records Section

Records show.

Pvt. 1st. cl. Benjamin J. Churco # 210,140
Hdq Troops 1 Div.
Cavalry.

July 18/18 M. I. A. cc 243-21-5 9/15/18
Now reptd K. I. A. about July 18/18
cc 307-79-72-3 1/18/18

Ed. - Mrs. B. J. Churco
1214 Wyoming St
El Paso, Texas

Also - Henry Churco (Father)
Tupper Lake, NY

8/8/17

Accepted Enlisted Division
AUG 14 1918

Col. Div.
E. O. S. Newland

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c 3-6856

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

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THIS SPACE FOR OFFICE MEMORANDA.

Casualty:

report.

For full

Armed-
Burial Records

8/6/19

Rec'd Cas. Div.

AUG 6 1919

293.8 (Churco, B. J.)
Burial Records, 7th & B Sts.

amh

August 15, 1919.

Jennie M. Churco,
U. S. General Hospital #4,
Fort Porter, Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of June 16th, relative to the final disposition of the remains of B. J. Churco, I beg to advise you that a card which was filled out by the father of this soldier has been placed on file in this office.

Permit me to express to you the deep sympathy of the Department on account of the loss you have sustained in the death of this soldier.

Very respectfully,

R. B. Barrett,

The Adjutant General.
per



*File
amh
8/15/19*

BACKING SHEET.

Pres. Harding

5-17-33

OA

Churco, Benjamin J. Pvt 1 cl

I Decline the invitation extended
(Accept or decline)

me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of
the Government of the United States under the pro-
visions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Henry Churco,

(Name)

Tupper Lake, Franklin County, New York.

(Town or City)

(State)



RECEIVED
JAN 14 1933

N. & R. DIV.
O.Q.M.G.

Churco,

(Surname.)

Benjaman J

(Christian name in full.)

210,140

(Army serial number.)

Pvt 1cl

(Rank and organization.)

Hq Tr 1st Div Cavalry

State your relationship to the deceased *Father*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? *Yes*

(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery? *No*

(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:

Henry Churoc, American Express, Western Union
(Name of person to receive remains.) (Express office.) (Telegraph office.)

X
(Number and street.) *Upper Lake, N.Y.*
(City or town.) (State.)

(Sign here) *Henry Churoc*

(Number and street or rural route.) *Upper Lake, N.Y.*
(City, town, or post office.) (State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Miss



Quill
10956
K. H. H. H. H.

drawn by M.H.
608-3838
2-14-21

Roosevelt
6/21/30
608

Church, Benjamin

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(Accept or decline)
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the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

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(Town or City)

(State)

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE January 23, 1928

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 CHURCO, Benjamin J. *n.y.*

10. Name

2. No. 210140

11. No.

3. Rank Pvt. 1/cl.

12. Rank

4. Org. Hq. Troop 1st Div. Cav.

13. Org.

5. D.D. July 18, 1918

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. K.I.A.

(b) D.B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 8 Sec.

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot Block B Row 20

16. Plot Row

9.

17.

18. Cemetery Oise-Aisne

19. Commune or town Seringes-et-Nesles

20. Dept. or County Aisne

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 608

23. Disinterred (Date) January 23, 1928 By P. N. McCabe

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name CHURCO, Benjamin J.

Serial No. 210140

Rank Pvt. 1st cl.

Organization Hq. Troop 1st Div. Cav.

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

Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

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

27. Condition of body

28. Nature of burial Pine box and burlap

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date January 23, 1928 By P. N. McCabe

31. Casket sealed by P. N. McCabe

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) P. N. McCabe

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. _____

32. Designation of body:

Name CHURCO, Benjamin J. Serial No. 210140

Rank Pvt. 1/cl. Organization Hq. Troop 1st Div. Cav.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne Cty., Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) January 23, 1928 By C. E. Spahn

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

C. E. Spahn

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector C. E. Spahn

36. Remarks _____

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) _____

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 _____

To Permanent Cemetery _____

(Name)

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____

40. Received: Date _____

G.R.S. Representative _____

41. Reinterred January 23, 1928, Oise-Aisne American Cty.

(Date)

42. Grave No. 8

Section _____

43. Plot Block B

Row 20

G.R.S. Representative William E. Moore

William E. Moore, Superintendent

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date January 23, 1928.

1. REMAINS OF CHURCO, Benjamin J. SERIAL NUMBER 210140
RANK Private 1st Class ORGANIZATION Hq. Troop, 1st Div. Cavalry.

2. Disinterred (date): January 23, 1928 From (give complete location):
Grave 8, Block B, Row 20.

By: Group Cty. Unit _____

3. Reburied (date): January 23, 1928. In (give complete location):
Grave 8, Block B, Row 20.

By: Group Cty. Unit _____ Nature of Reburial Box.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
Pine box & burlap.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? T.O.B. On grave marker? Il. Strip.

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

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) _____

7,8,9 & 10 MAD

(b) Weight (estimated) _____

(c) Hair—Color _____

Quantity 4 SF

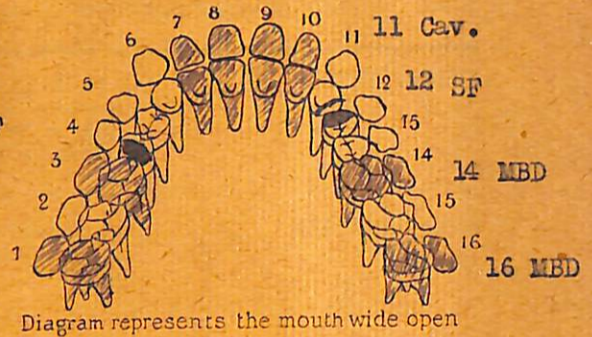
Characteristics 3 MBD

(d) Hair on face—Color _____

Location 1 MBD

Quantity _____

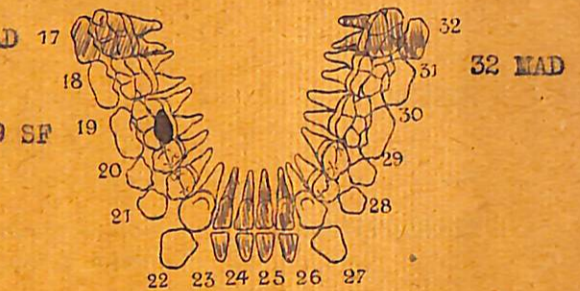
(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) _____



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

23,24,25 & 26 MAD

Right femur lower third fractured.



7. Disinterment supervised by J. H. Cole Approved: _____

(Title) W. E. Moon

8. Reburial supervised by Charles E. Spahr Approved: _____

(Title) _____

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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 #17951

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name CHURCO, Benjamin J. Ser. No. 210140
(b) Rank Pvt. 1/c Organization Hdq. 1st. Division Cavalry. TYP. EK
(c) Date of death 7/18/18 (d) Cause of death K/A CKR. L

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

(a) Grave No. 335 Row -- Plot 7 Sec. G TYP. EK
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. B. J. Churco (wife) 1307 Arizona St. El Paso, Texas.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

(a) Name Henry Churco (b) Relationship Father
(c) Address Tupper Lake, N.Y.
(d) Remains to be brought to U.S.? Yes
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U.S. at No
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U.S. Henry Churco
Tupper Lake, N.Y.
After Exp - Western Union Tele
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U.S.

Examiner's Initials MH Date 2-14-21, 1920.

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

Jennie M. Churco
U.S. Gen. Hosp #4 Fort Porter, Buffalo, N.Y. dated June 16, 1919
confirming request in Par. IV., item blank card
for the disposition of the remains of our
soldiers

Examiner's Initials MH Date 2-14-21, 1920.

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

sister Eugenie M. Churco
U.S. Gen. Hospital #4, Fort Porter, Buffalo, N.Y. 1/1/19
no request for disposition
(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes PF

Examiner's Initials PF Date 2-15-21, 1920.

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 608 SHEET No. 3838

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

H.S. 4-14-21

Checked MH
4-19-21

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 _____, 1920

4-11-21 Add. advice: Not to be returned, 4-13/21 aH

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: *W.A. E.A. Mrs. Lina R. Chirco (Wife)*
#423 - N. Oregon St. El Paso Texas
(E.M. Address)
mt 8 4/19/21

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #17951

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name *MHS 4/14/21* CHURCO, Benjamin J. Ser. No. 210140 } TYP. _____
 (b) Rank _____ Organization _____ } EK _____
 (c) Date of death *about 7/18/18* Pvt. 1/c (d) Cause of death *K/A* Hdq. 1st. Division Cavalry. } *[Signature]*

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

(a) Grave No. _____ Row _____ Plot _____ Sec. _____ TYP. _____
 (b) Emerg. Address *335 a.g. O. Miss Henry Churco Upper Lake, N.Y. Father CF-10-21* Mrs. B. J. Churco(wife) 1307 Arizona St. } EK _____

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases _____ El Paso, Texas. } CKR. *[Signature]*
Per 8-WA-2-16-21 (CF 6-10-21)

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

Made no case pending advice from wife.
AP. 4-14-21.

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
 { letter of transmittal on _____, 192
4-11-21. Add. advice: Not to be returned. 4-13-21 aH

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., _____, 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. _____, 192

COUNTRY _____ CEMETERY No. _____ SHEET No. *3835*

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

FILE NUMBER 17951

From: -

AKS

Date:

4/27/19

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME *CHURCO, BENJAMIN J.* NUMBER

RANK

ORGANIZATION

HQ RS. TROOP, 1ST Div.

No	Question	Reply
✓ 1	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	1- Churco, 210140, Benjamine J. Pvt.1/c. HQ. 1st Div. Cavalry
✓ 2	Date of Death	2- 7-18-18
✓ 3	Cause and place of death	3- k/a.
4	Number of Casualty Cablegram	4- 307. Sub. Par. 71.
✓ 5	Date buried	⑥ No burial information.
✓ 6	Grave Location (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required	⑥
7	Who reported burial	
✓ 8	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	8 no
✓ 9	Report as to Identification Tags	
11	Who is nearest relative?	
✓ 12	Has N/R 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?	

In Reply, all Proper names to be printed in UPPER BLOCK LETTERS.

E-1

RA
4/27/19

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

FILE NUMBER 17951

From: - *A.R.C*

Date: 1-13-19

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME *Churco, Benjamin J*

NUMBER 210140

RANK ORGANIZATION *Hdq Group, 1st Div.*

No	Question	Reply
1	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	1- Churco, 210140, Benjamine J. Pvt. 1/c. Hqrs, 1st Div.
2	Date of Death	2- 7-18-18
3	Cause and place of death	3- k/a.
4	Number of Casualty Cablegram	4- CC#307.
5	Date buried	
6	Grave Location (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required	6- No burial information.
7	Who reported burial	
8	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	<i>(S) - JW</i>
9	Report as to Identification Tags	
11	Who is nearest relative?	
12	Has N/R been notified? (Give date)	
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E-1 *[Signature]*

1/29/19
[Signature]

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

FILE NUMBER 17951

FROM:- A. R. C.

DATE: 2/24/1919

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME CHURCO, BENJAMIN J

NUMBER

RANK

ORGANIZATION

Hdq. Troop. 1st Div.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	① Pvt 1/c. 210140
2.	Date of Death.	② 7-18-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	③ NA
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	④ C.C. 307 Sub-Par
5.	Date buried.	⑤ 7-20-18
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	⑥ C-40, Cutry (AISME) 71. 33 N.W. E 169.5 N 293.04
7.	Who reported burial.	C.H. 40-525
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	⑦
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	⑧ - NO
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	⑨ CROSS and BOTTLE
11.	Who is nearest relative?	⑩ tag buried with Body. tag attached to Gravemarker.
12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	⑪ not given.
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	⑫ no
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	⑬ no

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

Place VAUXBIN, Aisne.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Dec. 10, 1920.

1. REMAINS OF CHURCO, Benjamin J. SERIAL NUMBER 210140

RANK..... ORGANIZATION Hqrs. Troop, 1st Division.

2. Disinterred (date): Dec. 9, 1920 From (give complete location): Cutry, Aisne.

Coordinates: East 169.75 North 293. MAP 33 N.W.

By: Group Etat-Civil Unit Francais.

3. Reburied (date): Dec. 10, 1920 In (give complete location):

Grave 335, Section G, Plot 7, Cemetery No. 608, SERINGES-ET-NESLES.

By: Group Area No. 2 Unit A.G.R.S. Nature of reburial Box and blanket.

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

Was Buried in uniform, wrapped in shelter half. German cross marked grave.

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

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

1st Cl. Benjamin J. CHURCO, 1st Div., Hqrs., Troop 210140. Wore high leather boots.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine.

(b) Weight (estimated) do.

(c) Hair—Color do.

Quantity do.

Characteristics do.

(d) Hair on face—Color do.

Location do.

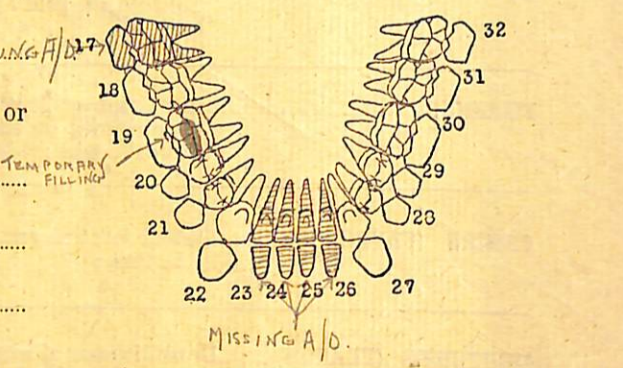
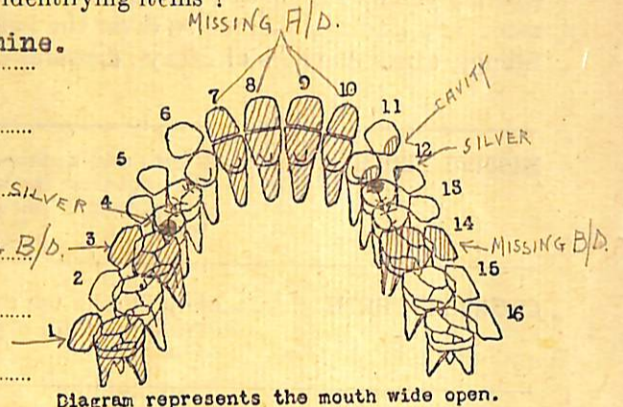
Quantity do.

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

missing parts) None found.

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

Leg broken above knee.



CONFIRMED No. D 21265

7. Disinterment supervised by W H Maris
Supervisor, Area #2.

Approved: W H Maris
Supervisor, Area #2.
(Title)






8. Reburial supervised by W H Maris
Supervisor, Area #2.

Approved: W H Maris
1st Lieut., F.A.
Supervisor, Area #2.
(Title)

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Place Serings, et Nesles (Aisne)
CTY 608

Date 5.11.21

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF CHURCO, BENJAMIN J. SERIAL NUMBER 210140

RANK PFC ORGANIZATION HQ. Tr. 1st. Div. Cav.

2. Disinterred (date): 5.11.21 From (give complete location): Gr. 335 Sec. G. Pt. 7

By: Group Kelly Unit FIELD SECTION 47

3. Reburied (date): 5.11.21 In (give complete location): Given new gr. location for purpose of concentration Gr. 138 Sec. B Pt. 3

By: Group Kelly Unit FIELD SECTION 47 Nature of reburial PINE BOX & BURLAP

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :
BADLY DECOMPOSED FEATURES UNRECOGNIZABLE
Pine box, blanket and uniform and shelter half.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :
Wore high leather boots.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement)

(b) Weight (estimated)

(c) Hair—Color

Quantity

Characteristics

(d) Hair on face—Color

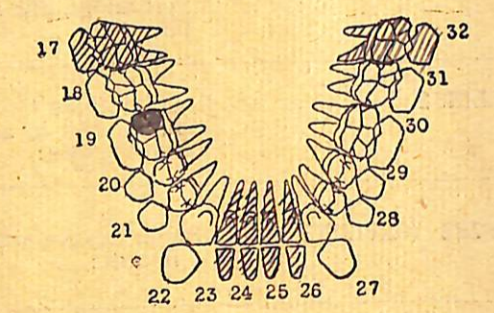
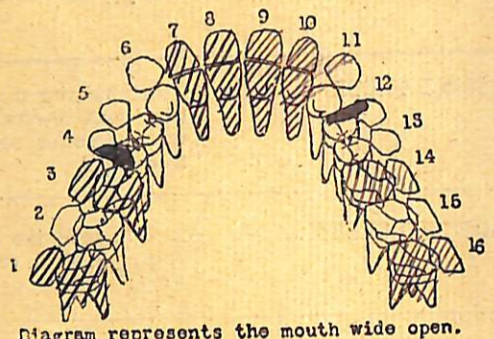
Location

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(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

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

Bullet hole in lft. hip. Left leg fractured above the knee.



1,16,17,32,7 - 10 incl, 23 - 26 incl, mis.a.d; 3,14,ext; 4,12,19 al.fil; 11 sav.

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7. Disinterment supervised by F. G. KELLY, SUP. EMB.

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






8. Reburial supervised by F. G. KELLY, SUP. EMB.

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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.

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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.
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.
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