

FULL NAME CLEAR, Francis J.

RANK Pvt. SERIAL 1205284

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION Co. K, 105th Inf. 27th Div.

DATE OF DEATH Sept. 1/18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME New York

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED. None shown

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION	19	1	B.
	Date	Grave	Row Block
	Flander's Field Cty. 1252.		
	Cemetery		

27/18



Co K. 105th Infantry  
27th Division

CLEAR Francis J. Pvt. I205284  
Home : I24 Maple St. Glens Falls  
N.Y.

" It was during ~~the~~ a severe shelling on September 1st 1918 at about 2 P.M. in the Dickibusch Sector that Private Clear was killed . He was struck by fragments of a large shell and died shortly afterwards .

He was an excellent soldier .

He is buried among his Comrades with whom he fought and fell , at Abeele , Belgium . "

Informant : Hall ; Robert S. Capt.  
Co K. 105th Infantry

Home : 7 Marion Ave, Glens Falls , N.Y.

Searcher : Not given .

Emergency Address :-

Mrs Patrick Clear ,  
I24 Maple St. Glens Falls , N.Y.

N.Y.

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Clear* 1205284 *H. J.*  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

*Private* 105 *Inf Co "K"*  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *Sept 2, 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL *Abele Aerodrome Military Cem*  
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

*Sheet 27 L 31 9, 8, 1*

GRAVE NUMBER *No 5 Row "E"*

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? *Peg* Cross?   
Headboard?  Bottle?

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:

*Peter J. Kroll Chaplain 105 Inf*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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



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(Rank.) (Organization.)

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Sheet 27 L 31 b central

Plot 3 Row E

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REPORTED BY:

Royal K Tucker

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

Chaplain 105 Inf

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RECEIVED  
STATISTICAL

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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Clear Francis</i>	<i>CLE</i>	3	<i>325</i>
BURIED <i>J</i>	CEMETERY <i>1252</i>	1	<i>8</i>
	GRAVE <i>19</i>	2	<i>19</i>
	ROW <i>1</i>	2	<i>01</i>
	BLOCK <i>B</i>	1	<i>2</i>
STATE	<i>ny</i>	2	<i>37</i>
RANK	<i>prnt</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>27</i>	2	<i>27</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>105</i>	3	<i>105</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARITAL	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Clear Agnes</i>	<i>CLE</i>	3	<i>325</i>
<i>(Patrick)</i>	STATE <i>ny</i>	2	<i>37</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Warren</i>	2	<i>57</i>
<i>124 Maple St</i>	CITY <i>Glen Falls</i>	3	<i>053</i>
RELATION	<i>mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Good</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	NO.	1	<i>Arbitrated</i> <i>FEB 5 1932</i>
ACCEPTANCE	YR.	1	
<i>29/514/EAB</i>	<i>no</i> <i>Acc</i>	1	<i>2</i> <i>60 (1929)</i>

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Clear, Francis J. (FF)

July 12, 1932

Mrs. Agnes Clear,  
124 Maple St.,  
Elens Falls, N. Y.

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,

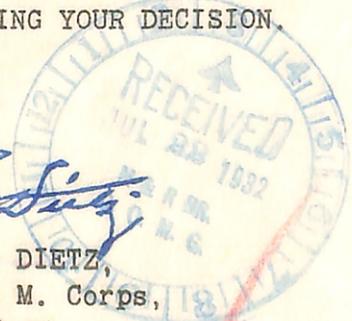


CHAS. W. DIETZ,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

2 Encls.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933? no  
(Write answer here)

(Sign here) Agnes Clear



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IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Clear, Francis J. Pvt. (F.F.) M

June 23, 1931

Mrs. Patrick Clear,  
124 Maple Street,  
Glens Falls, N. Y.

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.

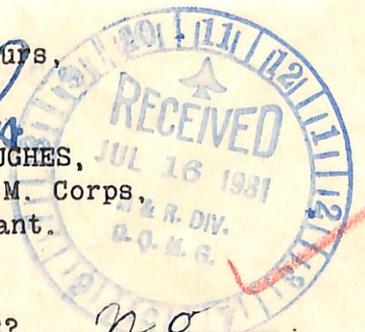
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This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? no

Write answer here

*Mrs. Agnes Clear*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Sign here

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Clear, Francis J. - 1252 M

June 7, 1930.

Mrs. Patrick Clear,  
124 Maple Street,  
Glens Falls, N. Y.

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? No  
(Write answer here)

May Patric Clear  
(Sign here)

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Clear, Francis J. 1252 M

October 7, 1929.

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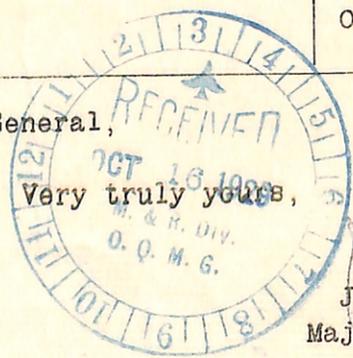
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In order that the report referred to may be made and plans completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested that you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office by return mail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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No)	<i>No</i>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No)	<i>No</i>
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)	<i>No</i>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age Health (Years) <i>60</i> (Good) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Poor)		
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (No) Other language _____ (Specify language spoken)		

For The Quartermaster General,



Very truly yours,  
O. Q. M. G.

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

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Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Clear, Francis J.  
1252

August 8, 1929.

Mrs. Patrick Clear,  
124 Maple Street,  
Glens Falls, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated April 23, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

no

2. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

Mother  
Mrs Agnes Clear

124 Maple St  
Glens Falls, N. Y.

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

no

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Clear, Francis J.

April 23, 1929.

Mrs. Patrick Clear,  
124 Maple Street,  
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Dear Madam:

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The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Francis J. Clear, Company K, 105th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Flanders Field American Cemetery, Waereghem, Belgium.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Clear, Francis J. (FF)

July 12, 1932

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2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) \_\_\_\_\_

WAR DEPARTMENT  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

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(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

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5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No) Other language (Specify language spoken)	

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JOHN T. HARRIS,  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QU 208 A-G  
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DISPATCHED  
APR 24 AM 10 06  
M.G.-M. & R. DIV.

Clear,

(Surname.)

Francis J.

(Christian name in full.)

1,205,284

(Army serial number.)

Pvt.

Co. K, 105th Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

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:

Patrick G. Clear National Western Union

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

124 Maple St.

Glens Falls

N.Y.

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Patrick G. Clear

124 Maple St.

Glens Falls

N.Y.

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by Jm

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Checked by Jm

10-4-20

CLEAR, Francis J. - Pvt.

January 8, 1924

Mr. Patrick G. Clear,  
124 Maple St.,  
Glens Falls, N.Y.

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,

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Record card.

O.Q.M.G.  
Central Mail & Files B.



JAN 8, 1924  
H.B.

✓ Assistant. RD  
R.L. FOSTER

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Place Abeele Cty. 372.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date June 20, 1922.

1. REMAINS OF CLEAR, Francis J. SERIAL NUMBER 1205284  
RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Co. K. 105th Inf

2. Disinterred (date) : June 20, 1922 From (give complete location) :  
Gr 5, plot 3, Row E. Cty. 372.

By : Group 1 Unit Sec 2.

3. Reburied (date) June 20, 1922. In (give complete location) : Gr. 19 Plot B Row 1  
Flanders Field Cemetery No. 1202 Waereghem, Belgium.  
In regulation metallic casket and shipping case.

By : Group Reburial Unit Section 2. Nature of reburial  
Bottle record placed with body.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :  
burlap and U.S. uniform, badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

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

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

body tag checks 1

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) impossible to determine.

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

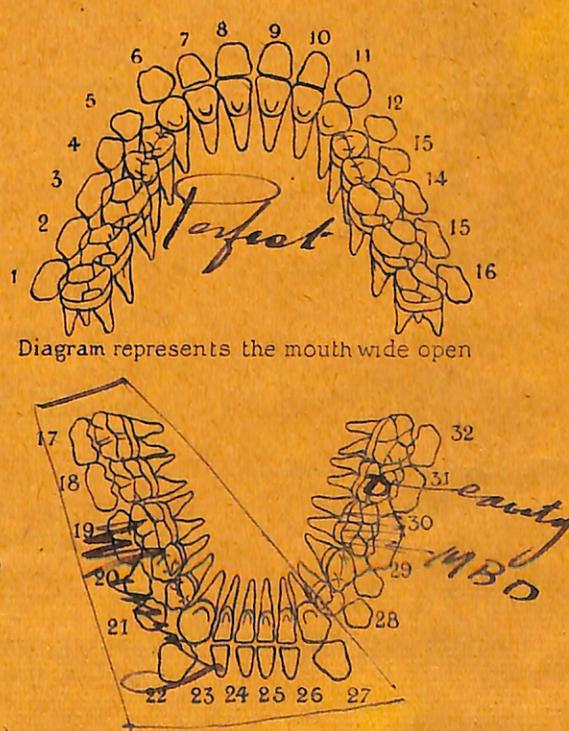
skull completely shattered.

7. Disinterment supervised by C. V. Russell  
C. V. Russell

Approved : J. J. Powers  
J. J. Powers, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.  
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by J. S. Pantelis  
J. S. Pantelis

Approved : W. D. Cleary  
(Title) W. D. Cleary  
Chaplain, U. S. Ar



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

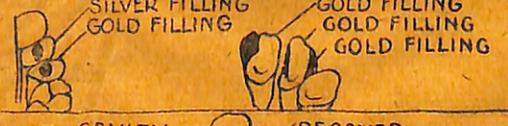
Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Question 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.

5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".

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

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

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

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

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

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE June 20, 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 Clear, Francis J  
 2. No. 1205284  
 3. Rank Pvt.  
 4. Org. Co. K. 105th Inf  
 5. D.D. 9.1.18  
 6. C.D. KIA

10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_  
 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) D.B. none.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 5 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. Plot 3 Row E  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 17. none.

18. Cemetery Abeele Brit. Mil

19. Commune or town Poperinghe

20. Dept. or County \_\_\_\_\_

21. Country Belgium

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 372

23. Disinterred (Date) June 20, 1922

By C.V. Russell

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Francis J. Clear.  
 Rank Pvt

Serial No. 1205284  
 Organization Co. K. 105th Inf.

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

J. T. White  
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant  
J.T. White.

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).

none.

27. Condition of body badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial burial and U.S. uniform.

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 June 20, 1922 By C.V. Russell

31. Casket sealed by C.V. Russell

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

C.V. Russell

C.R.#10

FR

828 7/14/22

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-1196

32. Designation of body:

Name Clear, Francis J Serial No. 1205284

Rank Pvt Organization Co.K.105th Inf

33. Consigned to:

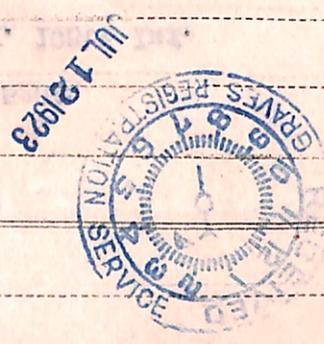
Name of Permanent Cemetery Flanders Field American Cty 1252, Waereghem, Belgium

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) June 20, 1922 By G.V. Russell

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector J.J. Powers, 1st Lt. C.M.C.

36. Remarks  
none.



37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) June 20, 1922.

To point of Concentration \_\_\_\_\_

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_ (Name)

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 Flanders Field Amer. Cty. 1252, Waereghem, Belgium.

Convoyer H. N. de Barnardi Signature Shipping Officer J.J. Powers, 1st Lt. C.M.C. (Name)

40. Received: Date June 20, 1922.

G.R.S. Representative W.D. Cleary

41. Reinterred June 20, 1922. (Date) W. D. Cleary  
Chaplain, U. S. Army

42. Grave No. 19 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot Block B Row 1

G.R.S. Representative W.D. Cleary  
W. D. Cleary  
Chaplain, U. S. Army

COMPILATION N/R REQUESTS

I. DATA COMPILATION

A. Location Index Card:-

(1) Name CLEAR, Francis J., Ser. No. 1205284 )  
 ) TYP. IB  
 (2) Rank Pvt. Organization Co., K., 105th Inf. )  
 ) CKR. m.c.  
 (3) Date of death 9-1-18 )

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

(4) Cause of death Killed in Action. ) TYP. ALB.  
 )  
 (5) Grave No. 5. Row E. Plot 3. Sect. --- ) CKR. M.E.S.

II. FILES EXAMINATION

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

B. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD Date of receipt None

(6) Relationship Father  
 (7) Name Patrick G. Clear  
 (8) Address 124 - Maple St., Glen Falls New York  
 (9) Desires remains brought to U. S.? Yes  
 (10) Desires remains brought to U. S. and interred in National Cemetery at No.

(11) If brought back, what shipping instructions? Patrick G. Clear  
 National Express Office Glen Falls N.Y. 124 - Maple St.  
 Western Union Telegraph Office Glen Falls N.Y. Glen Falls N.Y.

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 J.A.B. (Date) Jan 29, 1920

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

No request for disposition L.L. 2/10/20

(15) G. R. S. Files EXAMINED by (Date)

Rechecked by J.A.B. 10-4-20

SA B Jan. 29 - 1920

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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) Feb. 12-1920

(19) Typed by JMC Checked by B. G. L. (Date) Feb. 12-1920

C. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*Form 120 5/13/20 Patrick Clear, Father, requests body remain in Europe. G.C. 5/25/20*

*1/24/21 Hoboken acknowledges Father's communication of 1/14/21 - G.P. 1/31/21*

D. Dispatched (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ (Let. Trans. No. 12/11/20)

*Par. # 2. Not to be returned. F. G.*

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_

(Date) \_\_\_\_\_

*Letter 4-2-20 - from Father, W/R - Patrick Clear, 124 Maple St, Glen Falls, N.Y. changes request, and wishes remains left in Europe - 10-4-20 - JCR.*

*H - 1/11/21 - Let. from this office 1/10/21 to Father, Patrick Clear, 124 Maple St, Glen Falls, N.Y. returned with note on it from him, stating soldier had no wife or children & that body is to be left in France - G.H.*

JAN 19 1921 FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN - BODY TO REMAIN IN EUROPE. *K*

*Let. 3/16/22 from Mabel E. Wood, A.R.C. Schenectady, N.Y. requests location of deceased grave, also inf. whether body has been ret'd to this country.*

*Let. 3/23/22 to Mabel E. Wood advising of gl. & that our records contain the father's req. that the body be permanently interred in Europe & that had been issued that his wishes be complied with. (A.S. 3-23-22)*

G.R.S. Form No. 114

STATION \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, AND SHIPMENT OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records Office Chief G.R.S.

Discrepancy found upon examination of body.

1. Name Glear, Francis J.

2. No. 1205284

3. Rank Pvt.,

4. Org. Co.K.105th.Inf.,

5. D.D. 9/1/18.

6. C.D. Killed in Action

10. Name \_\_\_\_\_

11. No. \_\_\_\_\_

12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_

13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_

14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_

15. (b) D.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 5 Sect. ---

8. Plot 3 Row E

9. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sect. \_\_\_\_\_

16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_

17. \_\_\_\_\_

18. Cemetery Abeele British Military

19. (Commune or Town) Poperinghe.,

20. (Dept. or County) ---

21. (Country) Belgium.

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 372

23. Disinterred (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

BY \_\_\_\_\_

24. Inscription (NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SERIAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

on ( \_\_\_\_\_  
Grave Marker (RANK \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_

25. Was Identification Disc found on Grave Marker? \_\_\_\_\_

On Body? \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Junior Technical Assistant.

(The following space is reserved for notations to be made by office Chief Graves Re Registration Service.)

Cable Ref. No.

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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) \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

31. Casket sealed by \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Embalmer (Supervisor) \_\_\_\_\_

SHIPMENT (Show actual marking of box) Box No. \_\_\_\_\_

32. DESIGNATION (Name Clear, Francis J. Serial No. 1205284)

OF (Rank Pvt. Organization Co. K. 105th. Inf.,  
BODY (Natl. Exp. Office & W.U. Telg. - Glens Falls, N.Y.)

33. CONSIGNEE - Name Patrick G. Clear,

Address 124 Maple St., Glens Falls, N.Y.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

36. Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

37. Shipped from Cemetery (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ To (Port) \_\_\_\_\_

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shpg. Officer \_\_\_\_\_

38. Received European Port (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

39. Shipped to (U.S., Port) \_\_\_\_\_ On (Boat) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ (Sig. Shpg. Officer \_\_\_\_\_)

40. Received (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ By G.R.S. Rep. \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature) \_\_\_\_\_

41. Shipped to Destination (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ ) B/L or Express Order No. \_\_\_\_\_

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ ) Shpg. Officer. \_\_\_\_\_

March 23, 1922.

293.8 C-R #14790-(Clear, Francis J. Pvt.)Cty.372,Sht.10.

The Quartermaster General,U.S.Army,(Graves Registration Service)

Mabel E. Wood, American Red Cross, Home Service Section,  
State Armory, Schenectady, N.Y.

Pvt. Francis J. Clear.

File 3/23/22  
AKS

1. In reply to your letter of March 16, 1922, referred to this office by the American Red Cross, Washington, D.C., you are advised that the records of this office indicate that the remains of the late Private Francis J. Clear, Company K, 105th Infantry, are buried in Grave 5, Plot 3, Row E, Abeele British Military Cemetery of Poperinghe, Belgium.

2. The records of this office contain a request of the father of the deceased that the remains of his son be permanently interred in Europe and instructions have been issued that his wishes be complied with.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES J. WYNNE,  
Captain, Q.M.C.

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FILE

MAILED  
MAR 23 1922  
CEMETERIAL DIV.  
O. Q. M. G.

Noted on Form 115  
Date 3/28/22 -AKS

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VICE-CHAIRMAN  
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# American Red Cross



## Schenectady County Chapter

HOME SERVICE SECTION, CIVILIAN RELIEF

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CHAIRMAN, MR. FRANK E. CASE

March 16, 1922.

Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. O. M. G.  
File # 293.8  
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MAR 18 1922  
P. M.

Bureau of Information,  
National Headquarters,  
American Red Cross,  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen;

We have been requested to attempt to ascertain where Private Francis J. Clear, formerly of Company K, 105th U. S. Infantry, who was killed in action, is buried. His address at time of enlistment was 37 Montcalm Street, Glens Falls, N. Y.

Can you inform us as to whether his body has been returned to this country, and if not, in which cemetery in France, he is buried.

Yours very truly,

HOME SERVICE SECTION  
AMERICAN RED CROSS

By Mabel E Wood

Clear, Francis J.

FILE

Noted on Form 115  
Date 3/23/22 - AXB

SERVICES  
Prev. Corr. ....

RECD. MAR 18 1922 M

To ..... for reply report note

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MAR 22 1922

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WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT, CINCINNATI, OHIO

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION, GRAV'S REGISTRATION SERVICE, Q.M.C.

Jan. 24th, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div., Cor. Branch.  
(Clear, Francis J.)

Mr. Patrick Clear,  
124 Maple Street,  
Glens Falls, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt of your communication of recent date relative to the remains of your son, the late Francis J. Clear, Private, Serial No. 1205284, Co. K, 105th Infantry, is acknowledged.

You are advised that your request that the remains of your son be interred in a permanent American Cemetery in France will be complied with. The Department desires to assure you that the grave site will always be maintained as a fitting memorial of the late soldier's sacrifice.

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

By:

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

ff/hk

Mailed - O.F.D.  
JAN 25 1921

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
QUARTERMASTER CORPS  
CEMETERY DIVISION; GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, Q.M.C.  
Room 359, Pier 3, Hoboken, N.J.

January 10, 1921

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div. Cor. Br.  
(CLEAR, Francis J.)

Mr. Patrick Clear,  
124 Maple St.,  
Glens Falls, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

Before this office can determine final disposition of the remains of the late Francis J. Clear, Serial No. 1205284, Private, Co. K. 105th. Infantry, it is necessary that you inform this office whether the late soldier is survived by a widow or children and if so, furnish the name and address of each.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain Quartermaster Corps,  
OFFICER IN CHARGE.

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

*Noted on 115  
1-17-21 E.H.  
Noted in  
Hob.*

*Dear Sir,*  
My son, Francis J. Clear, left no wife, or children, as he was never married. It was my choice to leave the body in France.

*Yours truly,  
Patrick Clear*

For any further information regarding  
the grave please communicate with  
his brother, Maurice J. Clear, 14 W. 128<sup>th</sup>  
Street, New York City

File No. 555.8. Div. 5. (128th Street, New York City)

Mr. Maurice J. Clear  
14 W. 128th Street  
New York City

Dear Sir:

Before this office can determine the location of the remains of the late Maurice J. Clear, Serial No. 1803884, Private, Co. K, 105th Infantry, it is necessary that you inform this office whether the late soldier is survived by a widow or children and if so, furnish the name and address of each.

By authority of the Adjutant General:

W. B. SHULTZ  
Captain Adjutant General's Corps  
Overseas Branch

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CEMETERY DIVISION

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CEMETERY DIVISION

372-10  
3-1/26/21

January 10, 1921

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div. Cor. Br.  
(CLEAR, Francis J.)

Mr. Patrick Cleary  
124 Maple St.,  
Glens Falls, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

Before this office can determine final disposition of the remains of the late Francis J. Clear, Serial No. 1205284, Private, Co. K. 105th. Infantry, it is necessary that you inform this office whether the late soldier is survived by a widow or children and if so, furnish the name and address of each.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain Quartermaster Corps,  
OFFICER IN CHARGE.

By-

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

RR. DWH

Mailed-C.F.D.  
*SPJ*

JAN 10 1921

G.R.S. Form #120  
Shipping Inquiry.

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

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MAY 11 1920

*Rush Answer*

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

TO: Patrick G. Clear, 124-Maple St. Glens Falls, New York,

SUBJECT: Disposition of remains of Private, Francis J. Clear.

Records of this office show your request to be as follows:

Remains to be returned to United States ~~interred~~

Shipped to Patrick G. Clear, 124-Maple St. Glen Falls, New York,

*Remain  
in  
Europe  
7*

If any modifications of the foregoing are desired please write same fully on the other side of this sheet.

The nearest living relative may choose between, (1) return of remains to homes for burial; (2) interment in Arlington, Va., National Cemetery; or (3) remain in ~~xxxxx~~ Europe

You are requested to fill out the following without delay and return in enclosed penalty envelope, which does not require postage.

*noted on Form 15  
rec. 5/25/20*

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE  
Colonel, U.S. Army.

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Widow			
Children (Name oldest first)			
Father	Patrick Clear 124 Maple St	Glens Falls	New York
Mother	Agnes Clear 124 Maple St	Glens Falls	New York
Brothers	James; John; Maurice; Edward;		
Sisters	Thomas; Bernard; Theresa Pattee Rachel Torpy		

Date May 13, 1920

Signature Patrick Clear

Address 124 Maple St Glens Falls, N.Y.

Relationship Father

F.B.

NS-7154/MB

The transfer of bodies will be made entirely at government expense.

*(mark)*

MAY 11 1950

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

U.S. Army  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, D.C.

TO:

Dear Sir:

I wish to have the body of Francis J. Clear left in Europe, if he is buried with U.S. soldiers.

Patrick Clear



NAME OF	NO. & STREET	CITY
Patrick Clear	124 Maple St.	Glens Falls, N.Y.
Francis J. Clear	124 Maple St.	Glens Falls, N.Y.

The location of bodies will be made unless at government expense.



Name ..... Clear, F. J. 1205284

Rank ..... Pvt. Co. ..... K { Corps } 102nd Inf  
Regt. }

Date of Death ..... Sept. 1, 1918

Place .....

Cause ..... Killed in action

Date of Burial ..... Sept. 2, 1918

Grave No. .... 5, Row E, Plot 3

Cemetery ..... Abeele Aerodrome, Belgium

Identified by { Tag }  
{ Papers }  
{ Clothing } .....

List of Effects .....

Field Record Made by ..... *Charles W. ...*  
1st Lt., Inf., U.S.A.,

Company ..... 302 Graves Registration Service

For additional data use reverse side

19 SEP Row ✓

14790  
GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF GRAVE OF

Clear 1205-284 Francis  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt Co K 105 Inf  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL Sept 2/18

PLACE OF BURIAL Abele Mill. Cem

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

Sh 27 L 31 b central

Plot 3 Row 2

GRAVE NUMBER 5

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? yes Cross? yes

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? yes

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

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

REPORTED BY:

Royal K. Tucker

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

19 SEP Rep.

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File No:.....

CLEAR (1205284) F. J.

Pvt. 105th Inf.

Date of Death: September 1st, 1918.

File No:.....

Date Buried:.....

Cemetery: ~~Abeele~~ Aerodrome Military Cemetery

Waton

Grave No: 5 ~~Seat~~ Plot 3, row E

Company (No:.....)

Dep't \_\_\_\_\_ Map: \_\_\_\_\_

Coordinates: \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

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Sketch No: \_\_\_\_\_

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CLEAR, 1205284, F J

Pvt 105 Inf

Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

File No:.....

Date Buried: \_\_\_\_\_

Cemetery: Abeele Aerodrome Mil. Cem.

Grave No: 5 Sect: \_\_\_\_\_

Company (No:.....) \_\_\_\_\_

Dep't \_\_\_\_\_ Plot 3 Row "E"

Coordinates: \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

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Authority: \_\_\_\_\_

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CLEAR

P. 7 1205284

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Pvt 105th Inf USA

Pl-3

Row -E

Buried 9/1/18

Grave No 5

Cross Erected

Abeelee Aerodrome, Mil Cem

Map Reference Sheet

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Office Memorandum of Training

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April 9, 1919.

Central Records Office  
Bourges.

Retel CROKS 7344 period      Records show Pvt Francis J Clear 1205294 Co K 105th Inf  
killed in action Sept 1st comma 1918 and buried Sept 2nd in grave 5 Row E Plot 3  
British Military Cemetery Abeele (Belgium) burial reported by Chaplain Royal K Tucker  
105rd Inf.

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CARSON.

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G R S  
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C.M. NORTZEL  
1st Lieut., QMC.  
ACL/ WK  
5:35 PM

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# SIGNAL CORPS, UNITED STATES ARMY 577 TELEGRAM

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CRO KS 7344 WIRE DATE PLACE DEATH BURIAL, BURIAL OFFICER PRIVATE  
MAURICE J CLEAR 1205285 COMPANY K 105 INFANTRY

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TO: - REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S

File Number

14790

FROM:-

Date:

4/9/17

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME

Clear, Maurice J.

NUMBER

1205285

RANK

Pvt.

ORGANIZATION

Co K 105 Inf

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	① CLEAR, FRANCIS J. 1205284
2.	Date of Death.	PVT, CO, K, 105 <sup>TH</sup> INF
3.	Cause and place of death.	
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	② - 9/1/18
5.	Date buried.	③ - 12/17
6.	Grave Location (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required	④ - 259
7.	Who reported burial;	⑤ - 9/2/18
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	⑥ - C TY. 572, GRAVES, ROW E, PL. 3, C TY, ABEL AERO DROM (BELGIUM)
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	
11.	Who is nearest relative?	⑦ ROYAL K. TUCKER Chap 103 Inf
12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	⑧ yes
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record.)	⑨ - NP & @ ROSS
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	⑩ - One tag buried with body

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

⑪ - MRS. PATRICK CLEAR  
(MOTHER)  
124 MAPLE ST.  
GLENS FALLS  
N.Y.

⑫ - yes 11/2/18

G.R.S. #106

DISPOSITION BODY

War Department  
Office of the Quartermaster General.  
Graves Registration Service  
Washington, D.C.

April 9, 1920

For information of:

- (a) The Adjutant General of the Army
- (b) G.R.S., Paris, France.
- ~~(c)~~ Office Files.
- (d) Photographic Section.

Case of:

Pvt. Francis Joseph Clear,  
Co.K.105th Infantry,

Grave Location:

Buried in Abeelee British Military Cty  
Poperinghe Belgium. Grave #5  
Plot 3. Row E.

Request for actions checked below:

- (a) Return of Body to the U.S.
- ~~(b)~~ Permanent Burial in France.
- (c) Cancellation of former requests.
- (d) Change of address.
- (e) Photograph of grave.

has been made by:

Mr. Patrick Clear,  
124 Maple St,  
Glens Falls, N.Y.

By authority of the Quartermaster General

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Colonel, Q.M.C. U.S.A.  
Chief, Graves Registration Service.  
NS-2992/L

RS

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
WASHINGTON

April 9, 1920.

No: 14790 Inq.Br. (Pvt. Francis Joseph Clear)  
To: Mr. Patrick Clear, 124 Maple St. Glens Falls N.Y.  
From: The Quartermaster General U.S. Army (Cemeterial Division)  
Subject: Grave Location:

1. In reply to your inquiry we beg to say that the records of the Cemeterial Division contain the following information as to grave location of Private Francis Joseph Clear, Co. E. 105th Infantry, Buried in Abeelee British Military Cemetery, Poperinghe, Belgium, Grave #5, Plot 3, Row E.

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

3. Your request for permanent burial of your Son in France has been noted and the necessary instructions will be forwarded to the Chief American Graves Registration Service / Q.M.C. in Europe.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

By:  
CHARLES J. VINNE  
Captain Q.M.C.

RS

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APR 7 1920

Received - - Insp. Dept.

124 Maple Street.  
Glens Falls, N.Y.  
April 2, 1920

Adjutant-General  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have concluded to leave the remains of  
the late Private Francis Joseph Clear, 1<sup>st</sup> class,  
K company, 105<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 27<sup>th</sup> Division, serial  
number 1205284, in France. You will be obliging  
to let me know if you receive this letter as  
I am anxious he stay in France.

Patrick Clear  
Agnes Clear

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

Date 4/8/20

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME *Clear, Francis Joseph* Serial NumberRANK *Put. 1/c* ORGANIZATION *Co. K, 105<sup>th</sup> Inf.*

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	(1) No (Put. Ser. # 1205284)
2.	Date of Death.	(2) 9/1/18.
3.	Cause and place of death.	(3) K/A.
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	(4) *25-9.
5.	Date buried	(5) 9/2/18.
6.	Grave Location (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	(6) Grave 5, Plot 3, Row E, Abeele British Military PoPerringhe, # 372 Belgium. ✓
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker	(10) - a. Yes. (10) - b. - Yes.
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	(11) Mrs. Patrick Clear (mother,) 124 Maple St., Glens Falls, N.Y.
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	
12.	Has above been notified? (Give date)	
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	(12) 11/21/18.
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	
15.	Inquiry made by?	

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12.	Index code by	
14.	What is the photograph No.? Information on record? (Specify in all cases if the year, season, or date given) Report the exact position of (Give date)	
15.	Has above been notified?	
11.	Complete emergency requirements (a) Attached to grave markers? (b) Attached to grave markers?	
10.	Identification tags: (a) Attached to body? Report as to Grave Marker	
9.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
7.	Who reported burial? (a) Name of informant (b) Name of cemetery (c) Complete record number (d) Complete record number Grave location	
5.	Date buried	
4.	Number of Casualty Captions	
3.	Cause and place of death.	
2.	Date of Death.	
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	
NO.	QUESTION	ANSWER

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NAME  
 ORGANIZATION

Social Number

Please furnish information as checked (X) below regarding the following soldiers:

FROM: INQUIRY BRANCH

TO: INVESTIGATION BRANCH, G.R.S.

Date

G.R.S. Form No. 101-A (Instruction Blank)

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