

FEB 18 1926

DATE 10/20/21

1. NAME COFFIELD, Joseph W.

SERIAL No. 1518375

RANK Sgt.

ORGANIZATION Co. F., 145th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION Argonne Amer. Cty. ROMAGNE-sous-MONTFAUCON(Meuse) 1232.-Sec.95

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

188

95

4

GRAVE

Sec.

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

Isolated

Montfaucon. (Meuse).

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES

35-S.E.

E-310.37

N-279.22.

CONCENTRATED TO

6.13.19.

188

95

4.

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

Meuse Argonne Cemetery 1232.

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on body. Gold watch with initials

J.G. or S.

DATE OF DEATH

Oct 4, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Ohio

Data form 1.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

W. B. Birdseye

W. B. BIRDSEYE

1st Lt., Q. M. Corps, U. S. Army

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION

10/20/21

5

46

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

Block A PLOT

AUDITED BY
L. M. C.
4-30-23

Meuse Argonne American Cty. # 1232 Romagne sous Montfaucon

CEMETERY

FEB 19 1926
WORLD WAR DIV.

Robert C. Davis,
Major General,

The Adjutant General.

FEB 28 1926

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.
2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.
3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.
4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form I6, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.



GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Coffield 1518375 Joseph W
(Name) (Number) (First Name and Initials)

Private G F 145th Inf
(Rank) (Organization)

PLACE OF DEATH: Near Montfaucon

CAUSE OF DEATH: Shell fire

DATE OF BURIAL: Oct 4th 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: Near Montfaucon (N.W. of Verdun)
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department). Map reference must specify clearly what maps used.

Hillside 500 m north of town
100 m west of road

GRAVE NUMBER:

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?
Rifle 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:

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY: J. M. O'Reilly draftsman
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

This portion to be forwarded to Central Records Office, A. G. O., A. E. F.

RECEIVED
29 OCT 1918

Date June 26, 1919.REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL:

Remains of:

Name COFFIELD, Joseph W.Number: 1518375Rank Unkn organization: Unkn

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group: _____ Unit: _____

Disinterred (Date) _____ From: (Give complete location) _____

13th June 1919.Grave ISOLATED? MONTFUCON MEUSEMap 35 SE E 310.1 N 279.31

Reburied (Date) _____ in: (Give complete location) _____

13th June 1919.Grave #188, Sec. 95, Plot 4.ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY No. 1232ROMAGNE MEUSE

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

Burial good Buried in uniform Body badly decomposedWas one identification tag found upon the body? YesWhat other means of identification were found upon the body? None

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon the bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct, as is required by G. O. 170, G. H. O., 1918. after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by Lt. Berger
H.O'KR. H. ROSENTHAL
2nd Lieut. O.M.G.U.S.A.

C.O. Group _____ Unit _____

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Coffield</i>	<i>caf</i>	3	<i>3-5-6</i>
<i>Joseph 24</i>	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>5</i>	2	<i>05</i>
	ROW <i>46</i>	2	<i>46</i>
	BLOCK <i>A</i>	1	<i>1</i>
STATE	<i>Ohio</i>	2	<i>41</i>
RANK	<i>Sgt.</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>3</i>	2	<i>03</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>145</i>	3	<i>145</i>
AFM	<i>Inf.</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>MD</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Coffield</i>	<i>caf</i>	3	<i>3-5-6</i>
<i>William</i>	STATE <i>Ohio</i>	2	<i>41</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Cuyahoga</i>	2	<i>18</i>
	CITY <i>Shelby</i>	3	<i>125</i>
RELATION	<i>mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>dead (since 19131)</i>	6	<i>6</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>good</i>	1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

AUDITED
 JAN 21 1982 *pmo*

m. l. n. 29/514/PJ.

pm

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Coffield Joseph W (MA)

July 9 1932

Mrs Wm Coffield
13314 Mann Ave
E Cleveland Ohio

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? Deceased.
(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

August 17, 1931

Coffield, Joseph W. Sgt. (MA) M

Mrs. William Coffield,
13314 Mann Ave.,
E. Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

Competent personnel will be provided to care for the mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York until their return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities will be arranged for and in the event you decide to make a pilgrimage, you are assured everything possible will be done for your care and welfare. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 many mothers of advanced age and in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited therefrom.

Your name is being placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make a pilgrimage in 1933. However, should you change your mind in view of the above, and desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, it is requested you advise this office in order that arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Coffield, Joseph W. Sgt. (M-A) M

June 16, 1931.

Mrs. Wm. Coffield,
13314 Mann Avenue,
E. Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



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

Can't go on account of Ben's sick

Write answer here

Mrs William Coffield
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Coffield, Joseph W. - 1232 M

June 7, 1930.

Mrs. Wm Coffield,
13314 Mann Avenue,
E. Cleveland, Ohio.

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,

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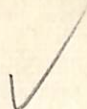


DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931?

(Write answer here)

No I am Not Well Enough
Mrs. Wm Coffield
(Sign here)

Many thanks



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Coffield, Joseph W 1232 -M

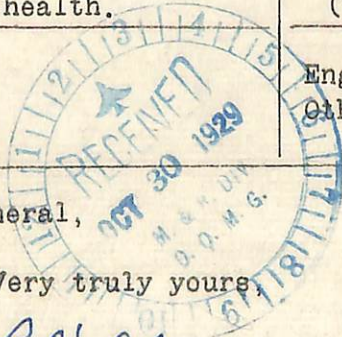
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In order that the report referred to may be made and plans completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested that you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office by return mail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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <u>72</u> Health <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(Years) (Good) (Poor) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. What language do you speak?	English <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (No)	Other language (Specify language spoken)



For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*Mrs Wm Coffield
13314 Mann Ave
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John T. Harris
JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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Cleveland Ohio July 24/29

Quartermaster General

Dear Sir:

Many Thanks for your
Kind Invitation to Visit my Son's
Grave in France But I am
Venereal as I am not well and
Over 70 yrs Old. he was Not
Married: he was Single.

I remain As Ever yours

Mrs Wm Caffield

13314 Mann Ave

E Cleveland

Formily

8412 Medina Ave



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 27, 1929.

Coffield, Joseph W.

Mrs. Wm. Coffield,
~~6412 Madison Ave.~~
Cleveland, Ohio.

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".

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

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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

August 17, 1931

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

June 16, 1931.

Coffield, Joseph W. Sgt. (M-A) M
IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Mrs. Wm. Coffield,
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DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932?

Write answer here

Sign here

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DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? _____
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

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

Coffield, Joseph W.

June 27, 1929.

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9412 Madina Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

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

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

Coffield Joseph W.

1,518,375 ✓

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Sgt

Co F 145th Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased *Father*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? *No*

(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery? } (Yes or no.)

If you desire the remains interred at the home of the deceased, give full information below as to where they should be sent:

We prefer to let dead rest where they die

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mr & Mrs Wm Coffield

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

(over)

(over)

We could not see
him and so thought
it Best not to bring
our trouble all
Back again as his
Father is not very
Well we are pleased
to know they will
take care of his grave
and that is all that
is necessary

Mrs Anna
Coffield
8412 Medina
Cleveland Ohio

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Wm. H. Murray

QM 293 C-R

October 5, 1923.

Mr. Wm. Coffield,
6412 Madina Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the permanent grave of **Sergeant Joseph W. Coffield, Company F, 145th Infantry,** is Grave 5, Row 46, Block A, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, 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.

You are assured in effecting removal of the remains, the utmost care and reverence were exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed this sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

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

H.H. CHEAL
Assistant.



OCT 5 1923
H.H.

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 79033

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name COFFIELD, Joseph W. Ser. No. 1518375
(b) Rank Sgt. Organization Co. F. 145 th Inf.
(c) Date of death 10-4-18 (d) Cause of death k/a
TYP. hmp
CKR. 30

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

(a) Grave No. 188 Row ---- Plot 4 Sec. 95 TYP. hmp
(b) Emerg. Address Mr. Wm. Coffield (father) 8412 Madina Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases / CKR. 30

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt

(a) Name Mr & Mrs Wm Coffield (b) Relationship Father
(c) Address 8412 Madina Ave, Cleveland, Ohio
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S.
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S.

Examiner's Initials M.H. Date 5/12, 1920

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

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

Examiner's Initials Date, 1920.

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to?

Examiner's Initials M.H. Date 5/12, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232 Sec. 95 SHEET No. 36

JUN 6 1921

H.S.

check 5-14-21

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept 13, 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name COFFIELD; Joseph W.

10. Name _____

2. No. 1518375

11. No. _____

3. Rank Sgt.

12. Rank _____

4. Org. Co.F., 145th Inf.

13. Org. _____

5. D.D. 10-4-18

14. (a) D.D. _____

6. C.D. KIA

(b) D.B. no discrepancy

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 188 Sec. 95

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____

8. Plot 4 Row _____

16. Plot _____ Row _____

9. _____

17. no discrepancy

18. Cemetery Argonne American Cemetery

19. Commune or town ROMAGNE-sous-MONTEFAUCON

20. Dept. or County Meuse

21. Country France.

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232.-Sec.95

23. Disinterred (Date) Sept 13, 1921

By J.C.Van Mater

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Joseph W.Coffield

Serial No. _____

Rank Sgt.

Organization Co.F, 145 Inf.

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

R.E. Hensburg
Signature Junior Technical Assistant
R.E. Hensburg

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).

Tag on body reads "Joseph W. Coffield, U.S.A., ---375". Gold watch initialed

J G or S/

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

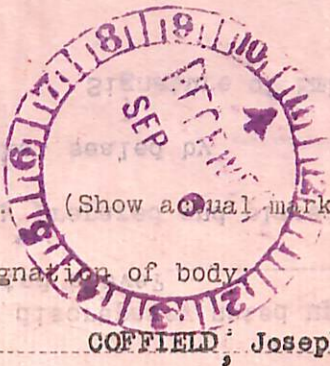
28. Nature of burial Wooden box, uniform and burlap.

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Sept 13, 1921 By J.C.Van Mater

31. Casket sealed by J.C.Van Mater

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) J.C.Van Mater
J.C.Van Mater



SHIPMENT (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **C-3333**

32. Designation of body

Name **COFFIELD, Joseph W.** Serial No. **1518375**

Rank **Sgt.** Organization **Co.F., 145th Inf.**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **Argonne American Cty. #1232 ROMAGNE-sous-MONTEAUCON (Meuse)**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **Sept 13, 1921** By **J.C. Van Meter**

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 *G.B. Kidwell*
G.B. Kidwell, 1st Lt. OMC

36. Remarks **none**

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) **Sept 13, 1921**

To point of Concentration **Morgue at Romagne**

Convoyer **W.J. Royed** Signature Shipping Officer *Albert M. Jackson*

Albert M. Jackson, Capt., CAC

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

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date **Sept 13, 1921**

G.R.S. Representative *Alfred M. Morque*

41. Reinterred **Meuse Argonne Cemetery # 1232 Oct 20th 1921**

42. Grave No. **5** Section

43. ~~Plot~~ **block A** Row **46**

G.R.S. Representative *James W. Younger*

James W. Younger, Capt OMC.

jt.

Place Monogno Cem. 1232

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Sept 13, 1921

1. REMAINS OF COFFIELD?, JOSEPH W. SERIAL NUMBER 1518375

RANK Sgt. ORGANIZATION Co. F. 145th. Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : Sept. 13, 1921 From (give complete location) : Gr. 188, Sec. 95, Pl. 4, Cem. 1232

By : Group 6 Unit Sec 2.

3. Reburied (date) : Oct 20th 1921 In (give complete location) : Meuse Argonne Cemetery # 1232 gr 5 block A row 46

By : Group re-burial 8 Unit Nature of reburial unlined casket

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

Fine box, uniform and burlap.
Body 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 :

Tag on body reads "Joseph W. Coffield, U.S.A., # 375" Small gold watch
initials "J.C. or S."

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Imp 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

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

Right ulna broken

4, 19, 30 MBD
6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

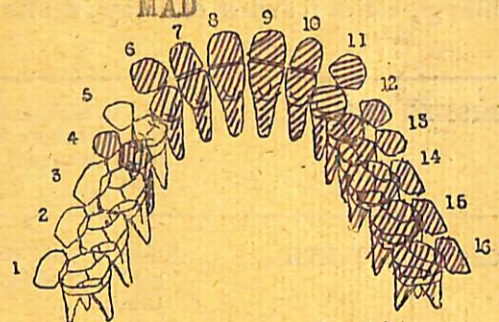
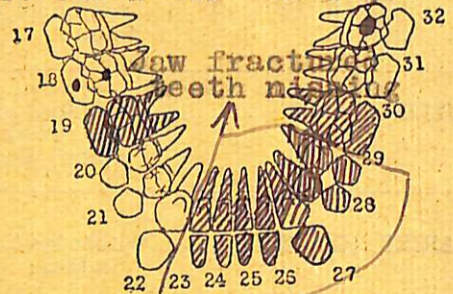


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.

not cut 1 Sil Pil 18, 32



7. Disinterment supervised by J. C. Van Mater

Approved : A. B. Kidwell

J. C. Van Mater

(Title) Kidwell, 1st. Lt. MC

8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Dufault

Approved : James W. Younger

(Title) James W. Younger, Capt QMC

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

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
Sec #95 { letter of transmittal on MAY 25 1921, 192

Par. #2. Not To Be Returned

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

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.
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VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., _____, 192

COUNTRY _____ CEMETERY No. _____ SHEET No. _____

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GRAV LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Coffield 1518375 Joseph W.
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Private
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF BURIAL: near Montfaucon

CAUSE OF DEATH: shell fire

DATE OF BURIAL: Oct. 4th 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: Near Montfaucon (N.W.)
of Verdun
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department). Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

Hillside 500 m. north of town
100 m. west of road

GRAVE NUMBER:

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

rifle 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:

CMME Montfaucon (Ause)
(438) LT 358E COOR 5-311.5

NEAREST RELATIVE: M-278.6

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

J.M. O'Reilly Chaplain
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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Isolated Burial.

Soldier's No. 1518375

Soldier's Name- Coffield Joseph W

Rank, Unknown, Co, Regt, Corp, Unknown

Date of Death, Date of Burial, Cause of

Death all unknown

Town or commune, Montfaucon, State, Meuse

Isolated Burial

Grave isolated and located about 3/4 kilos N.
W. fr Montfaucon and on the Cierges road going
to Cierges fr Montfaucon and West of the
Cierges Road and about 300 M off road. 278 N
by 311.4 E Map Verdun S E 35

Signed. Pvt Jay Bell, Group 1, GDS 306

MMME. Montfaucon (Meuse)
(0238) SHT. 355. E. COORD 1 E 310.8
N 278.6

R. B. Bell
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